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# Orbital Mechanics

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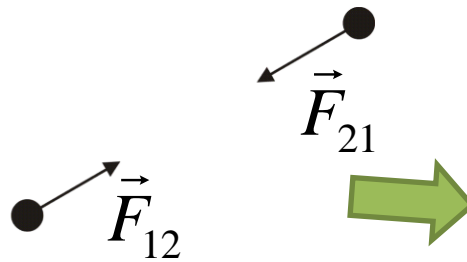
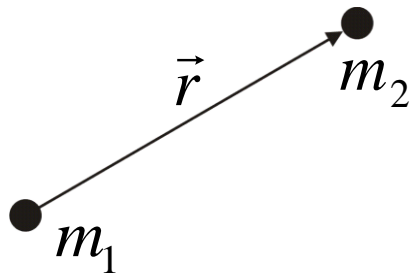
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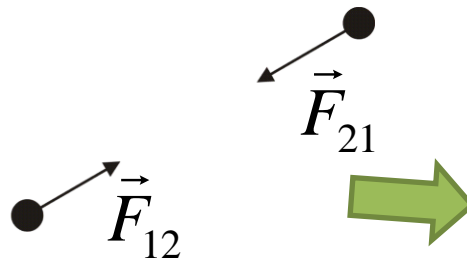
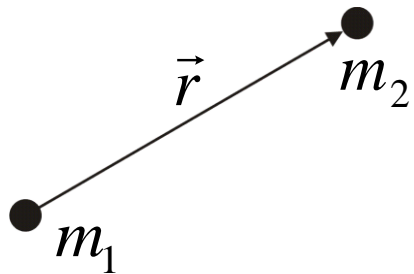
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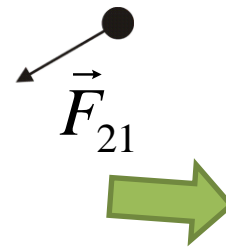
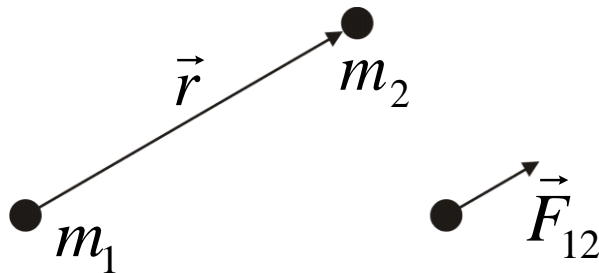
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conservative force can be expressed by potential energy

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Central body	$\mu$ [m <sup>3</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ]
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Moon	$4.90279888 \times 10^{12}$
Mars	$4.2871 \times 10^{13}$
Sun	$1.327124 \times 10^{20}$



$\mu$  can be measured with considerable precision by astronomical observation

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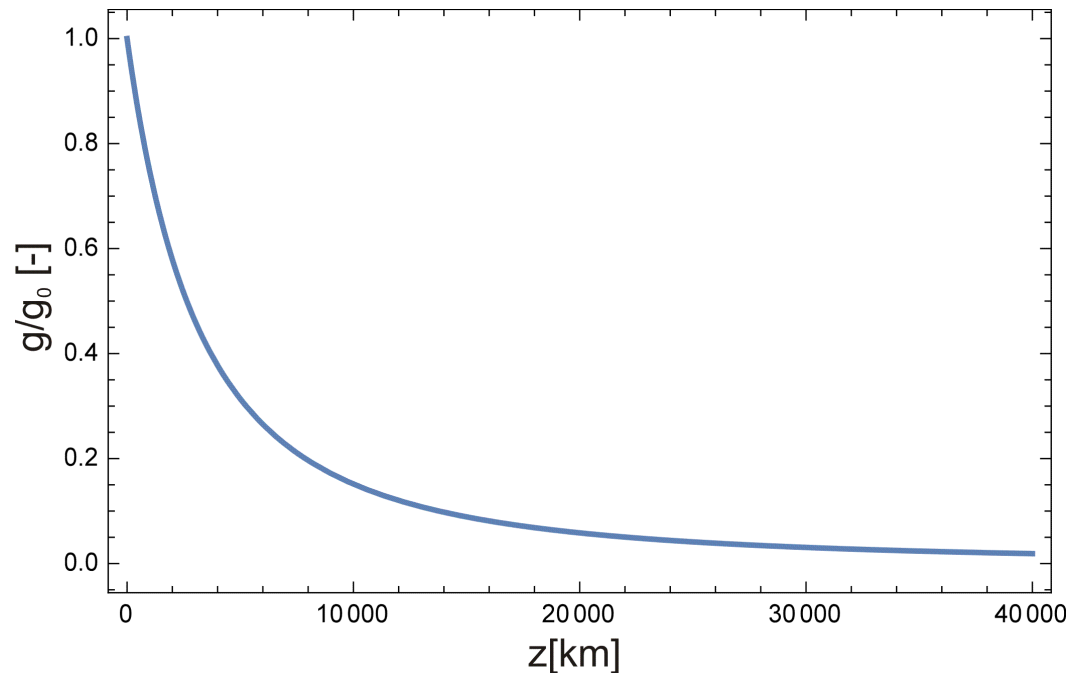


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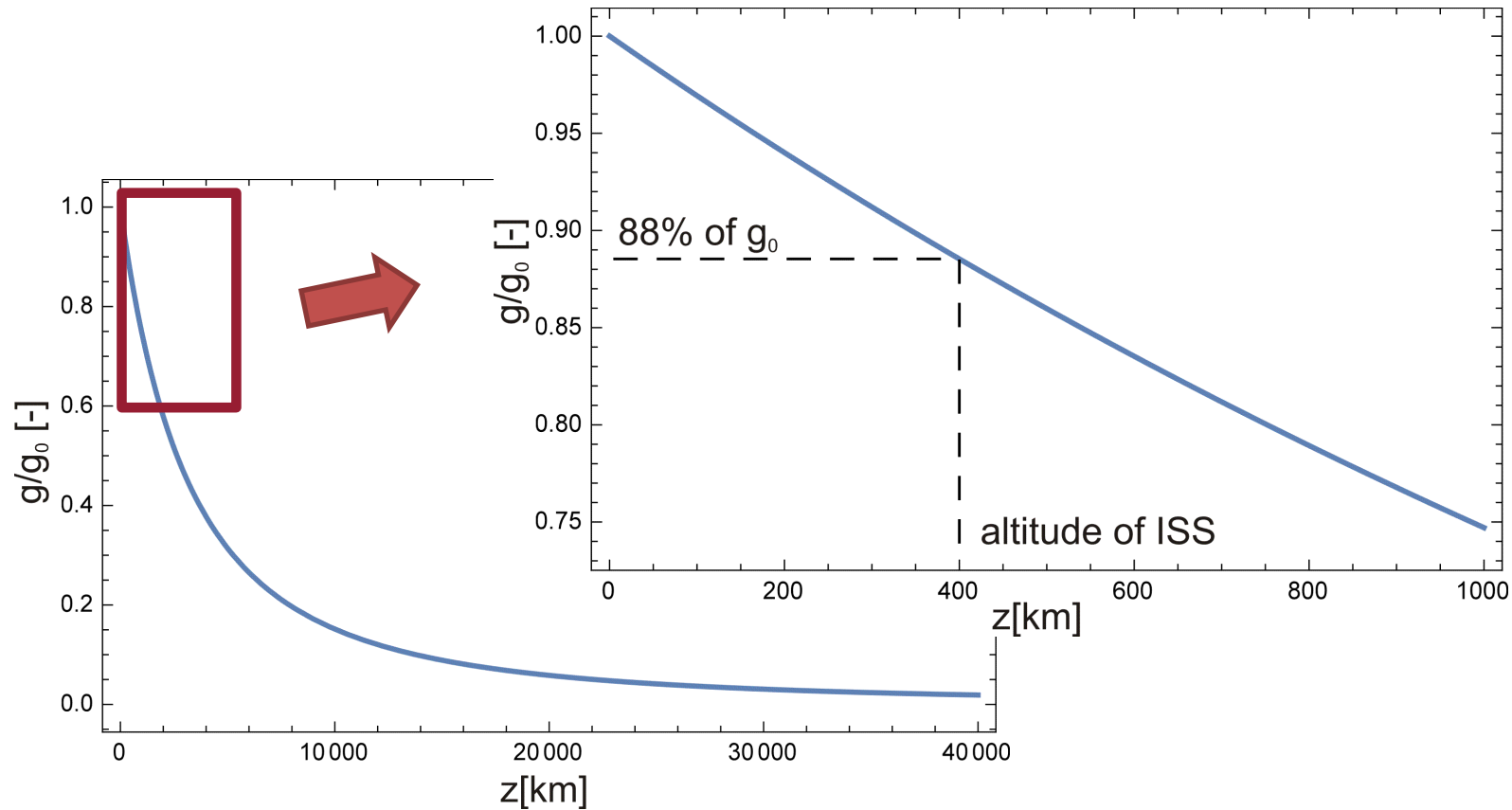
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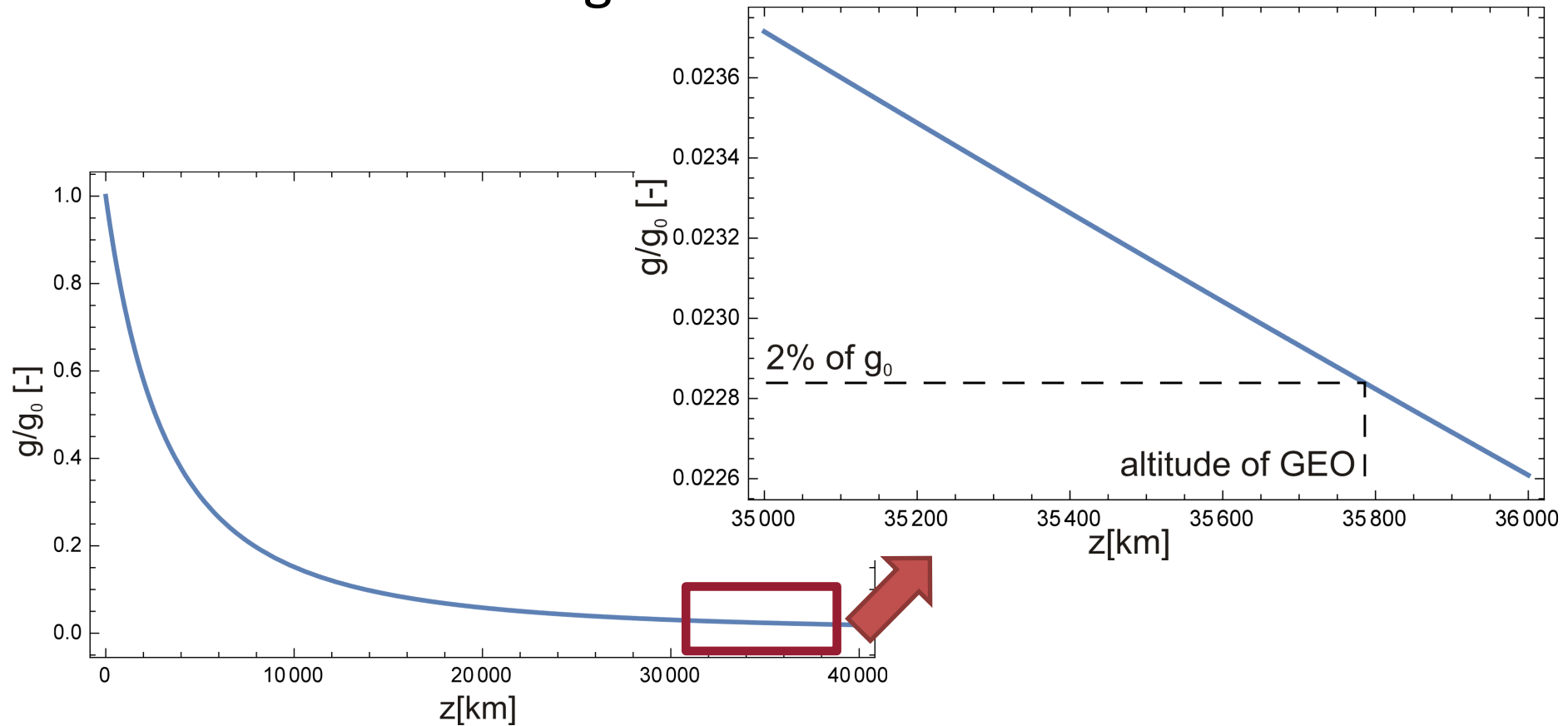
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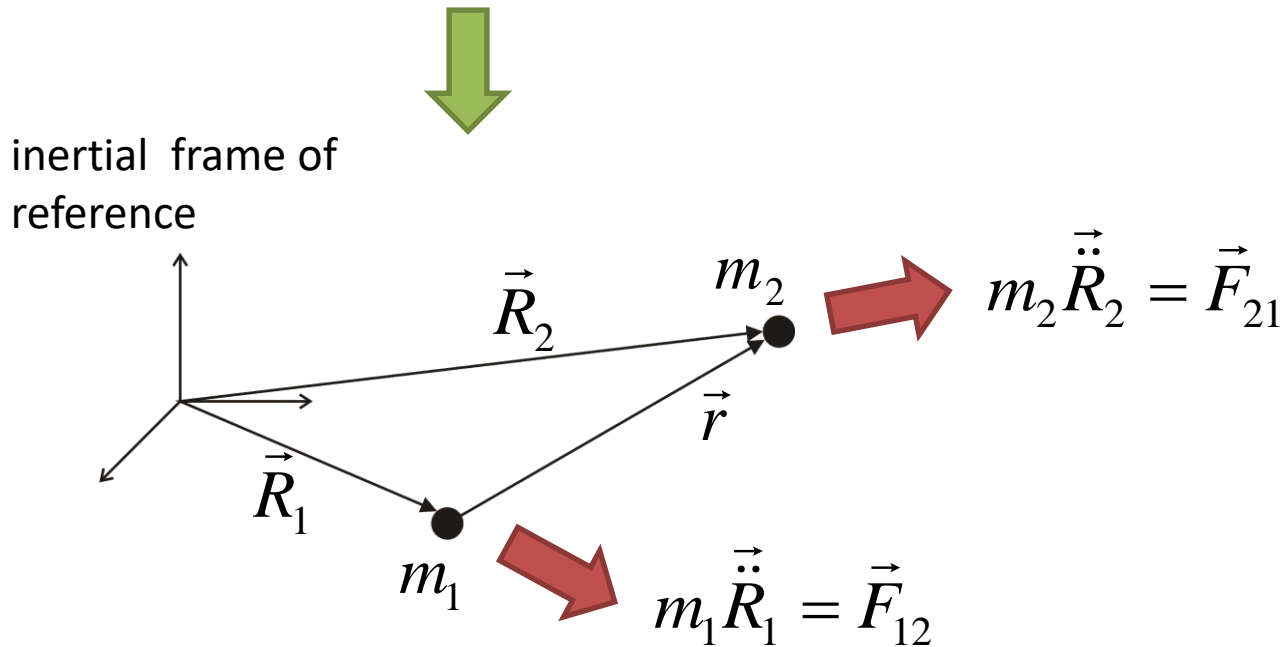


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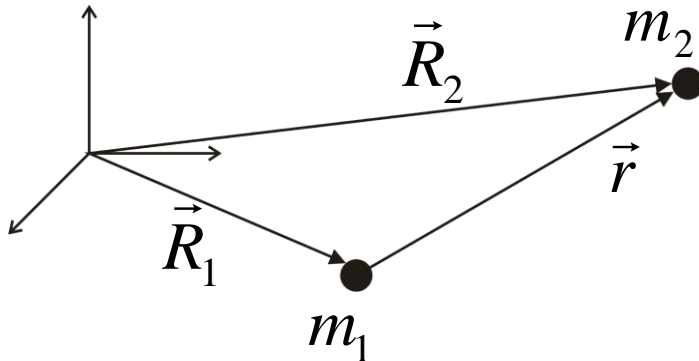
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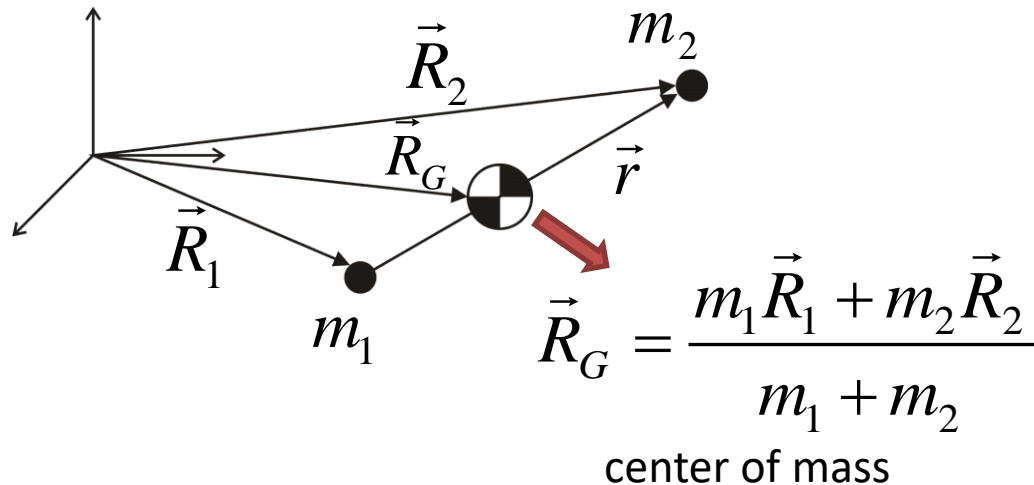
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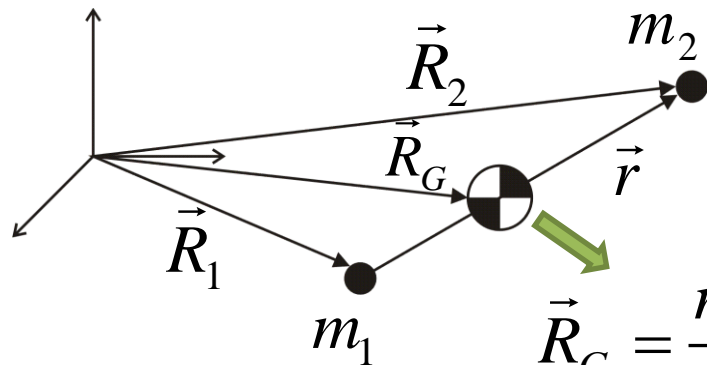
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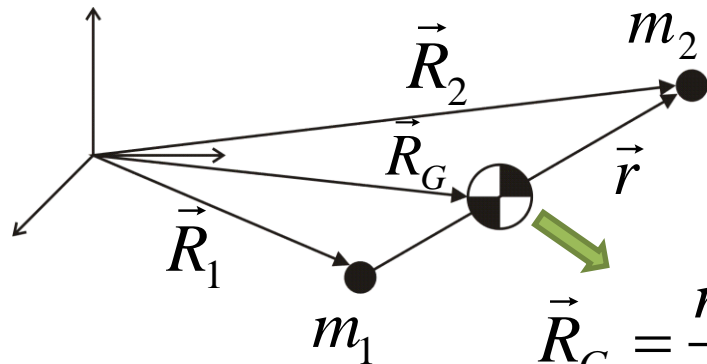
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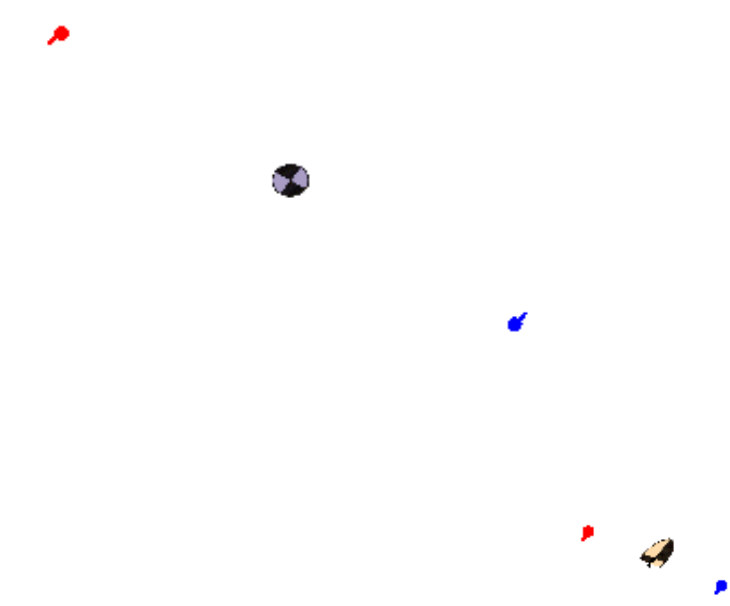
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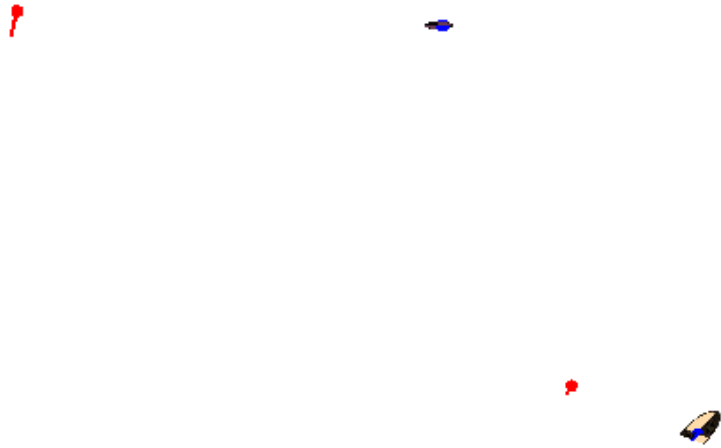
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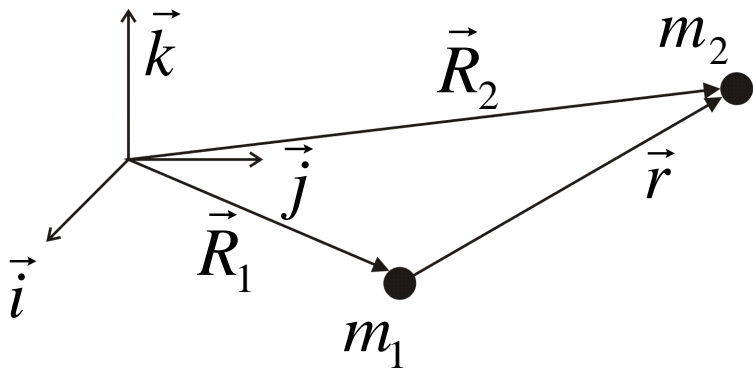
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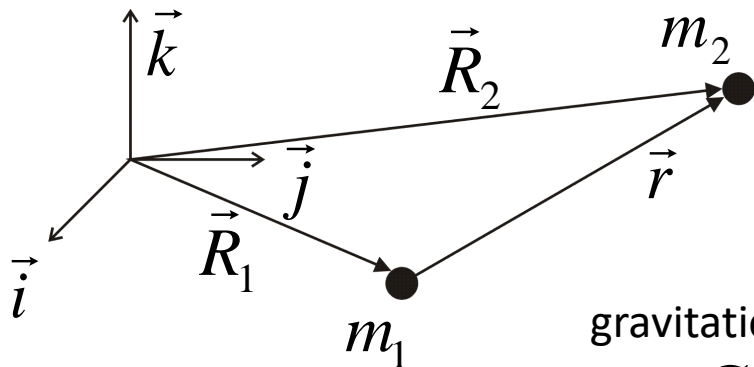
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modification of equations

gravitational parameter

$$\mu = G(m_1 + m_2)$$

if:  $m_1 \gg m_2$

$$\mu = Gm_1$$

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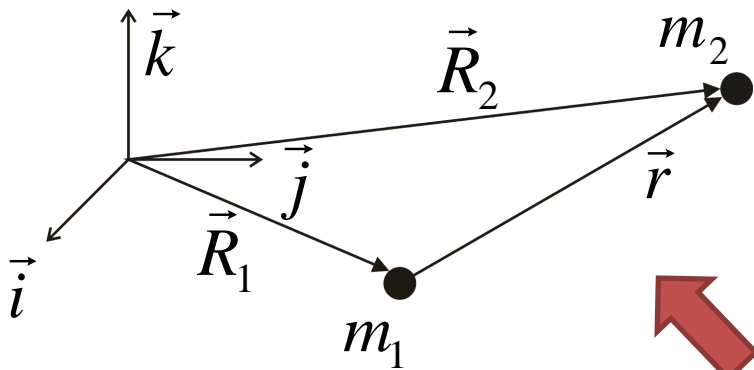
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vector  $\vec{r}$  defined in inertial frame of reference expressed in coord. system  $\vec{i}\vec{j}\vec{k}$



$$\vec{r} = (x_2 - x_1)\vec{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\vec{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\vec{k}$$

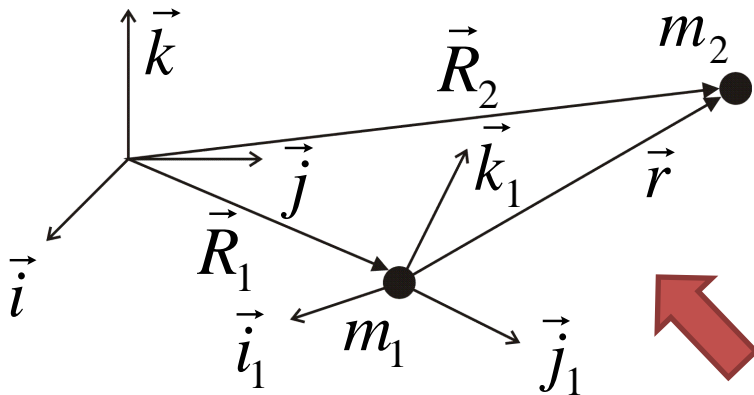
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vector  $\vec{r}$  can be expressed in coord. system  $\vec{i}_1, \vec{j}_1, \vec{k}_1$ , that rotates about inertial coord. system with instant angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$  and instant angular acceleration  $\vec{\alpha}$

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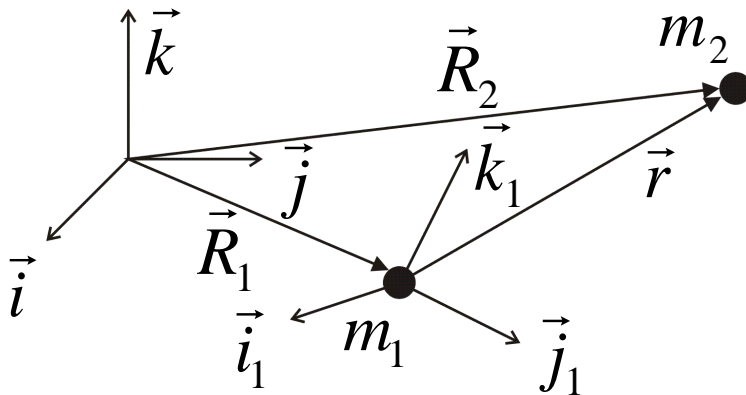
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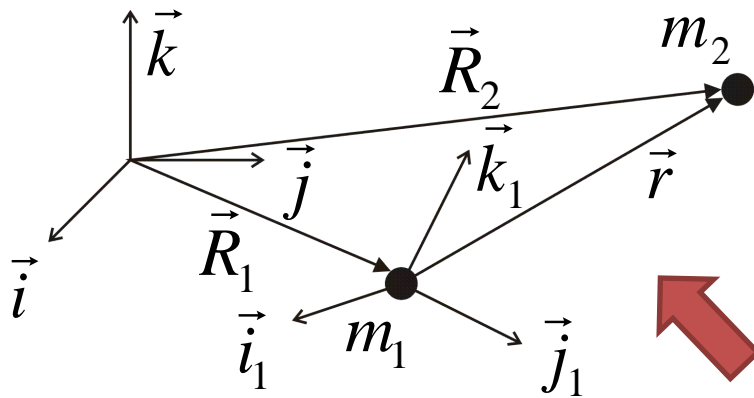
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$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = \ddot{\vec{r}}_{rel}$$



if  $\vec{i}_1, \vec{j}_1, \vec{k}_1$  is not rotating coord. system

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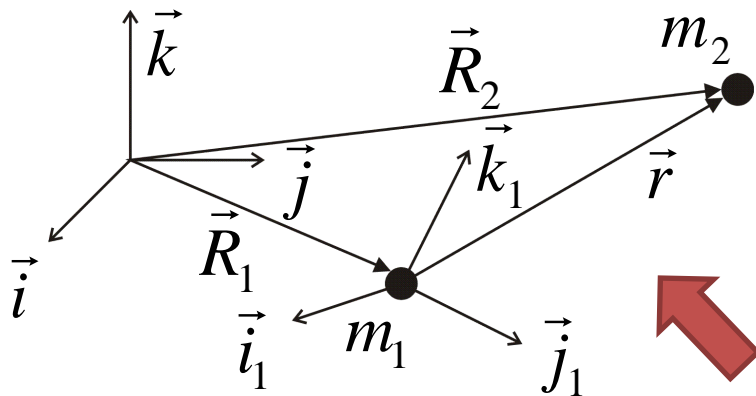
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$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = \ddot{\vec{r}}_{rel}$$

relative acceleration of moving (non-rotating) frame of reference in coord. components

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$$\ddot{y}_{21} = -\frac{\mu}{r^3} y_{21}$$

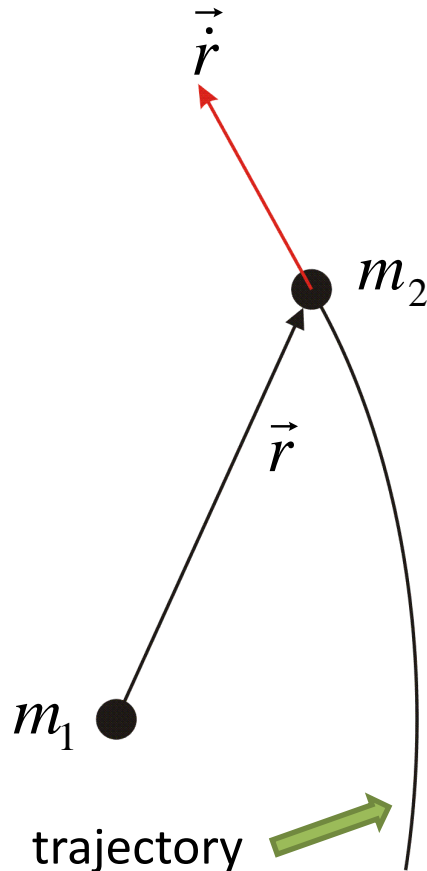
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+ 6 initial conditions

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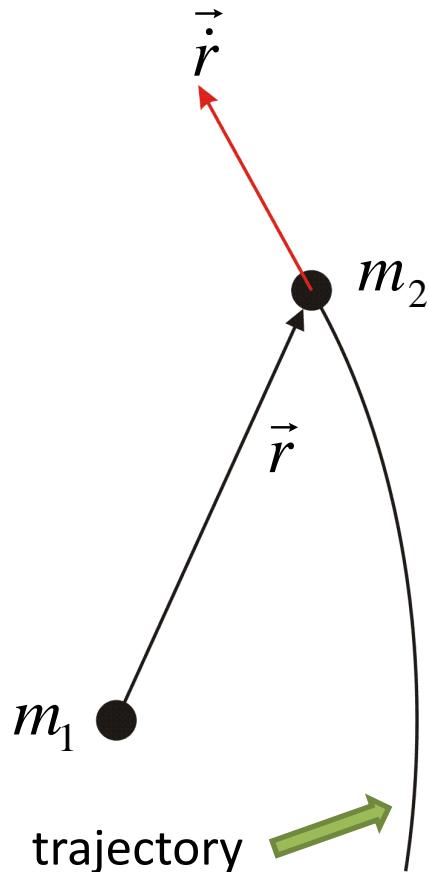
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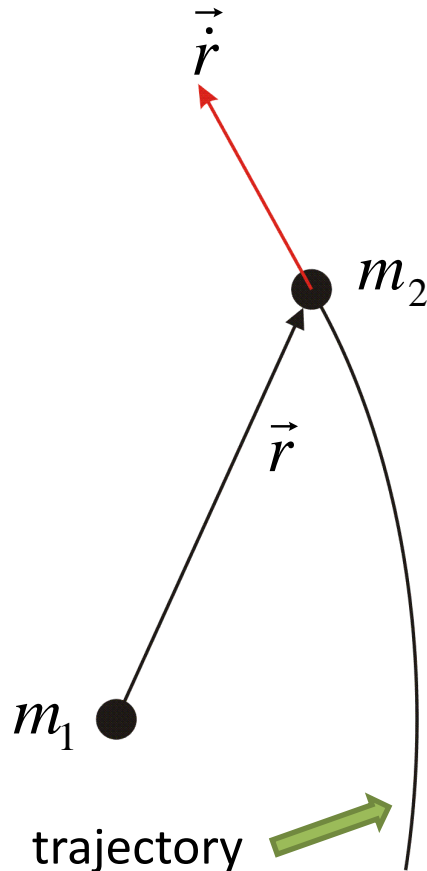


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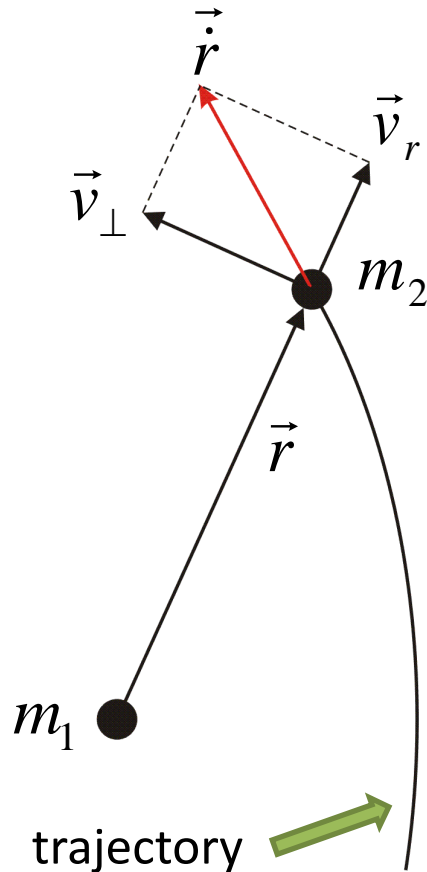
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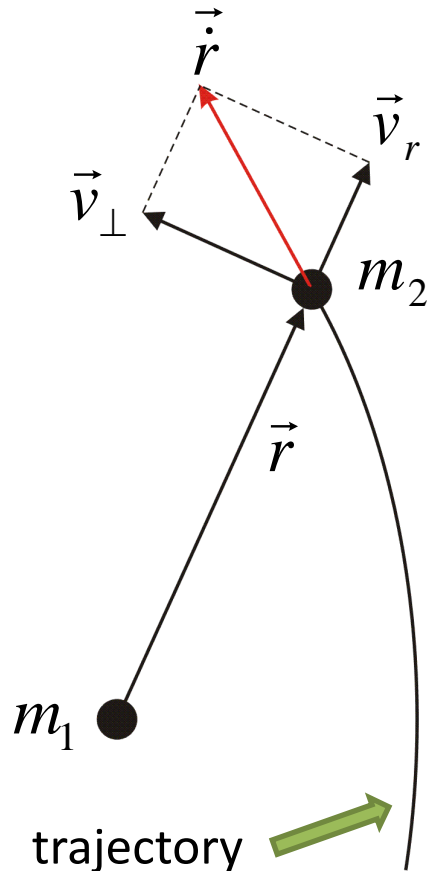
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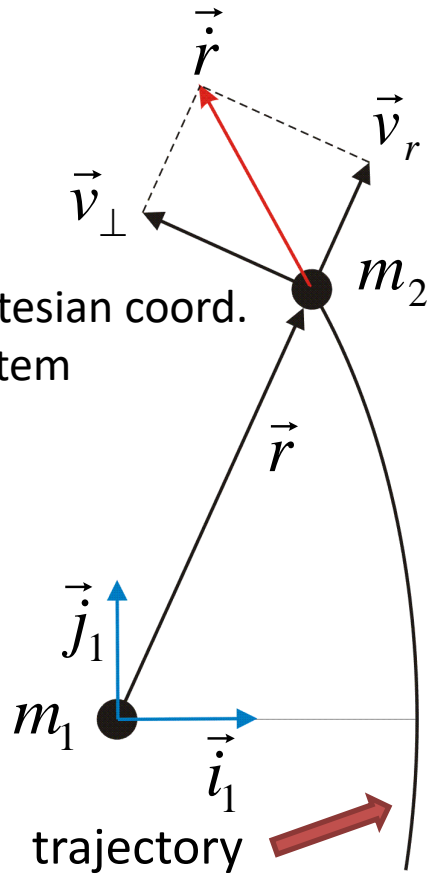
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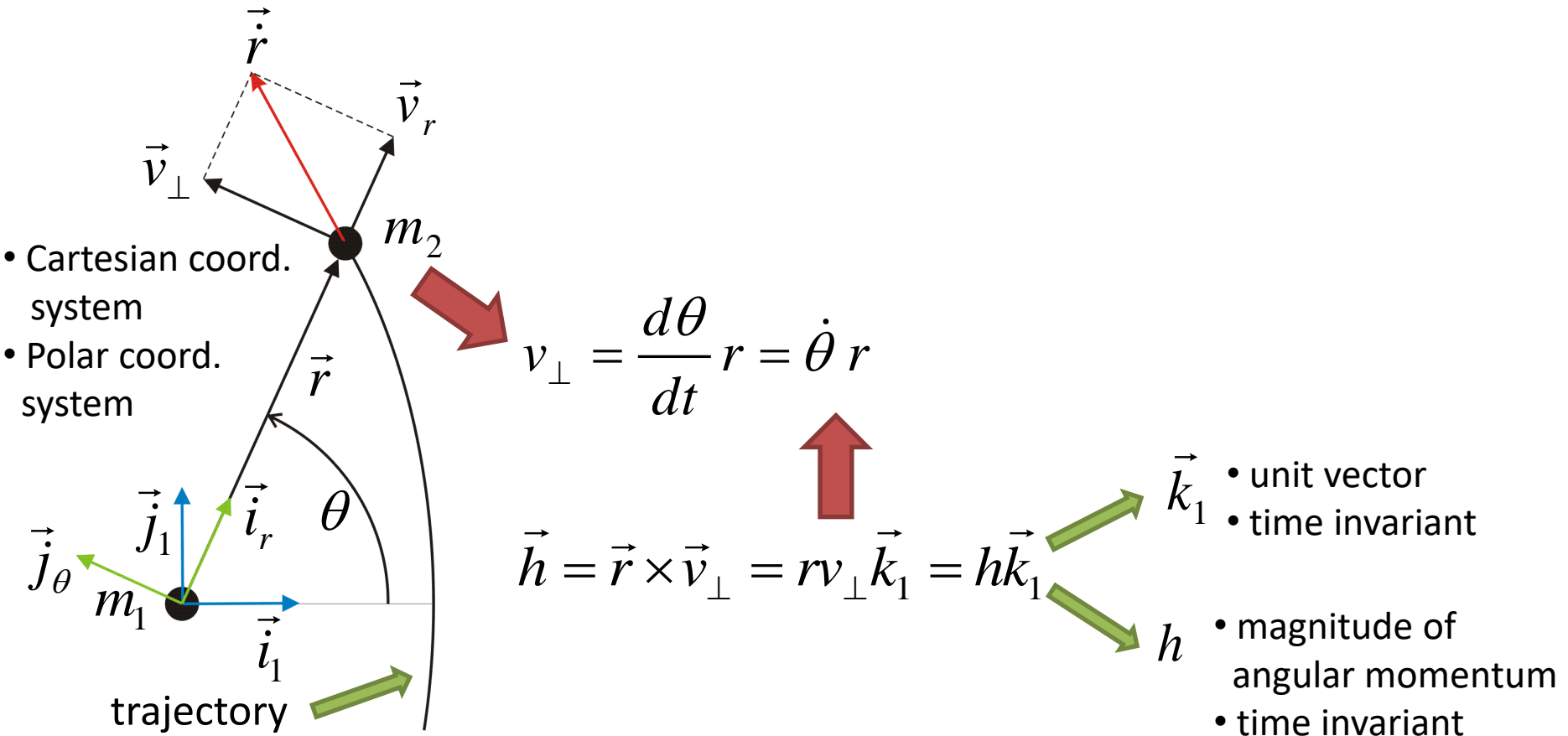
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 • Polar coord. system

$\vec{h} = r (\dot{\theta} r) \vec{k}_1 = \dot{\theta} r^2 \vec{k}_1 = h \vec{k}_1$

$\vec{h} = \vec{r} \times \vec{v}_\perp = r v_\perp \vec{k}_1 = h \vec{k}_1$

$v_\perp = \frac{d\theta}{dt} r = \dot{\theta} r$

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trajectory

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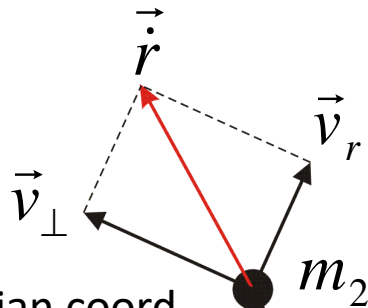
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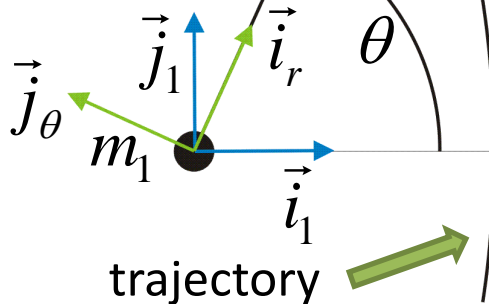
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cross product with  $\vec{h}$

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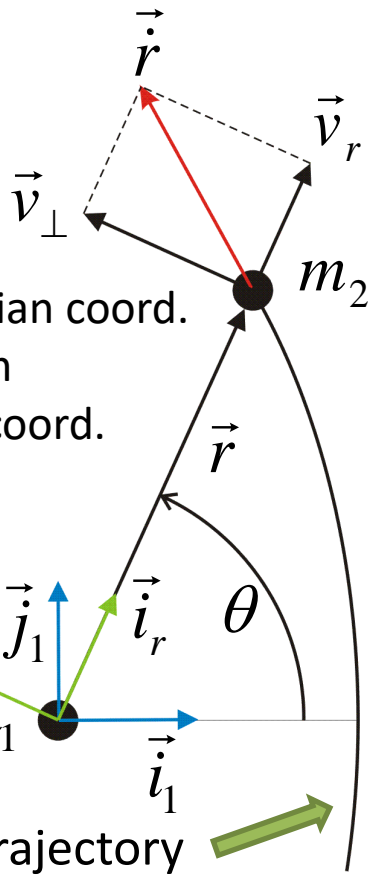
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$\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{h}$  expressed by polar coordinates

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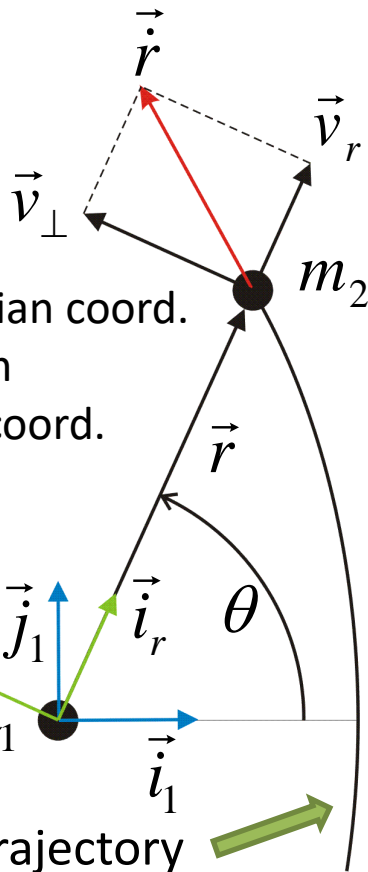
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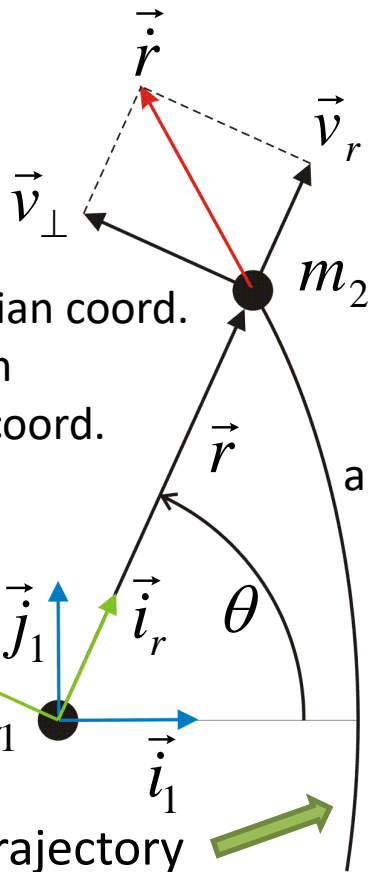
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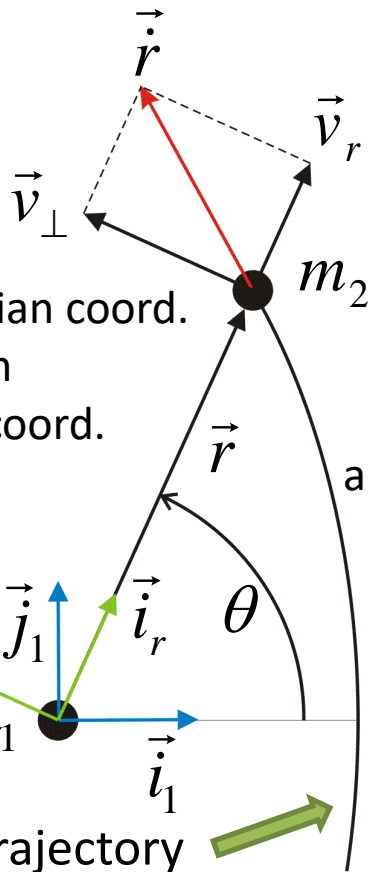
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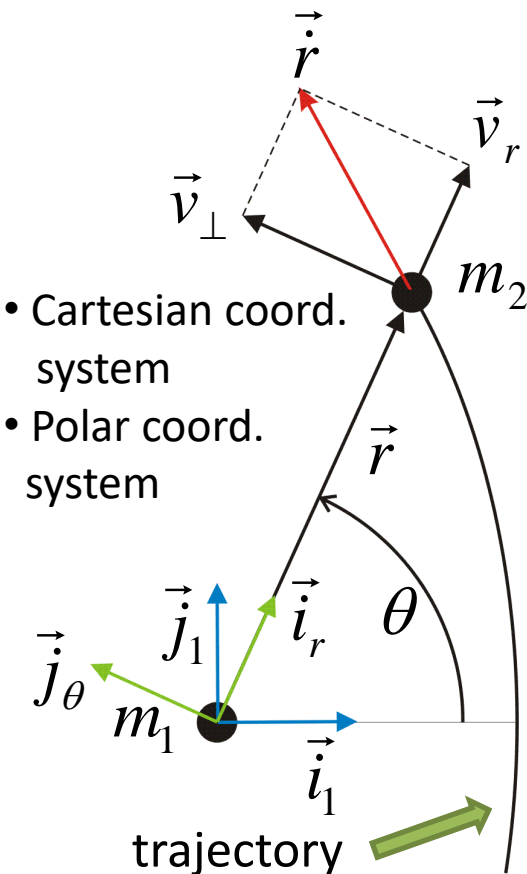
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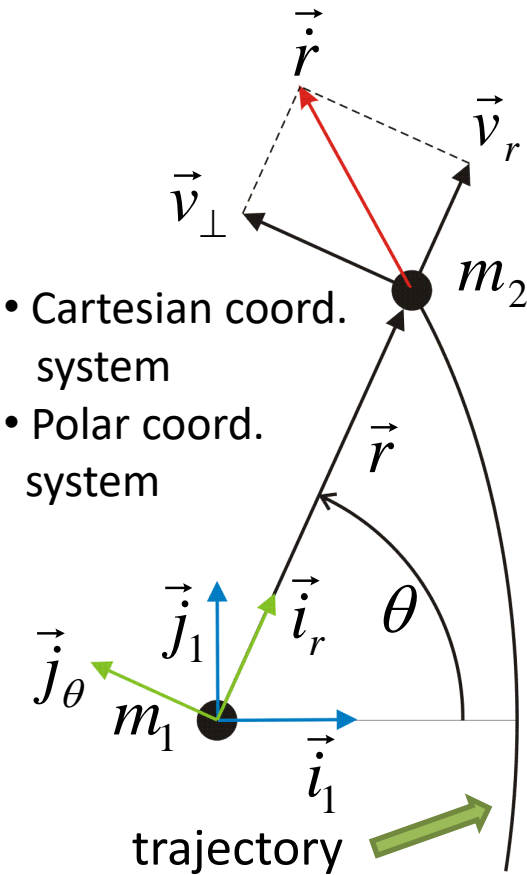
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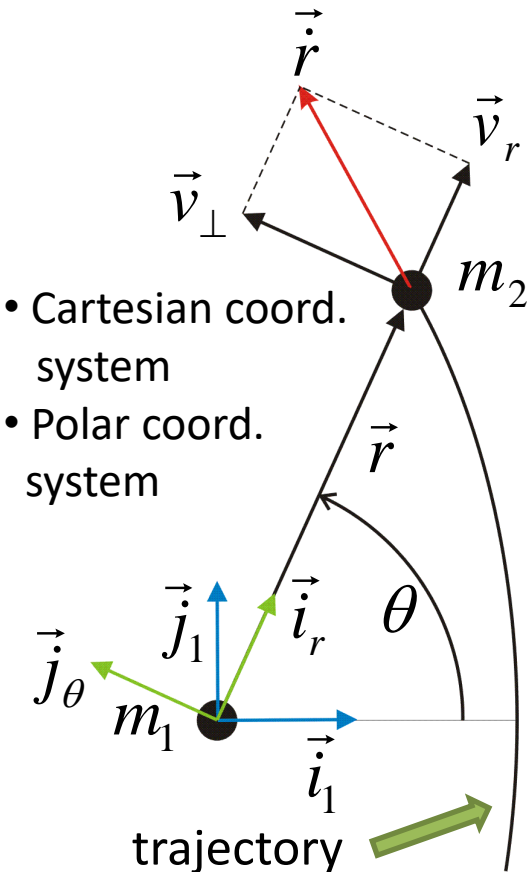
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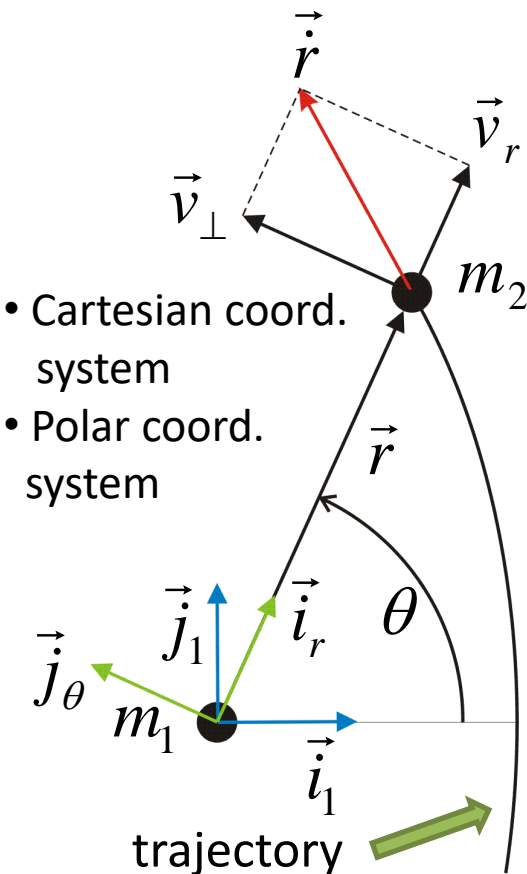
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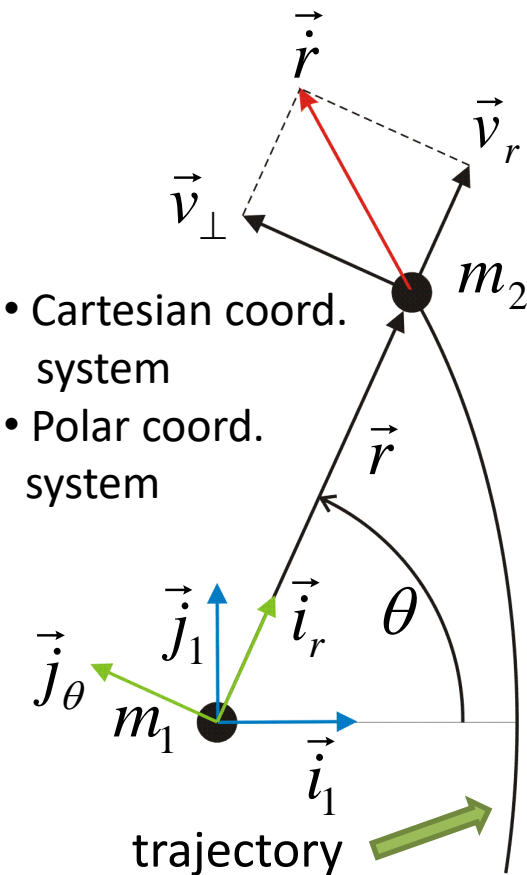
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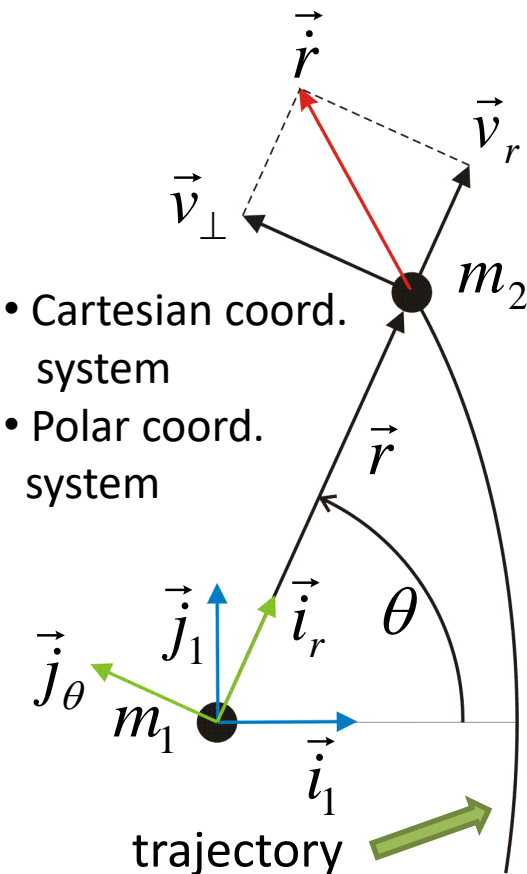
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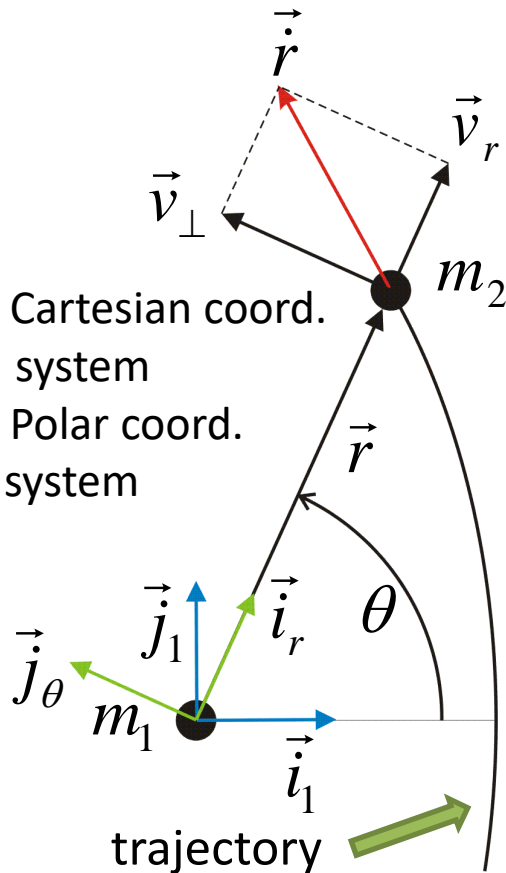
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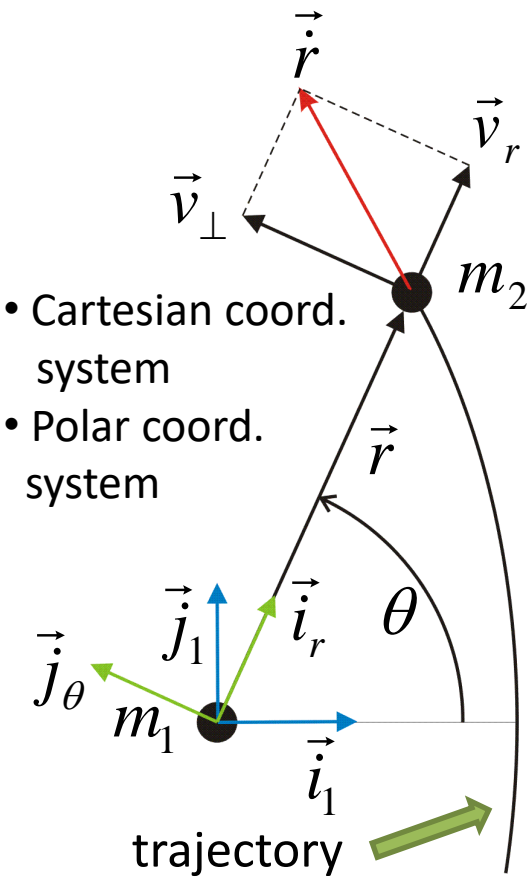
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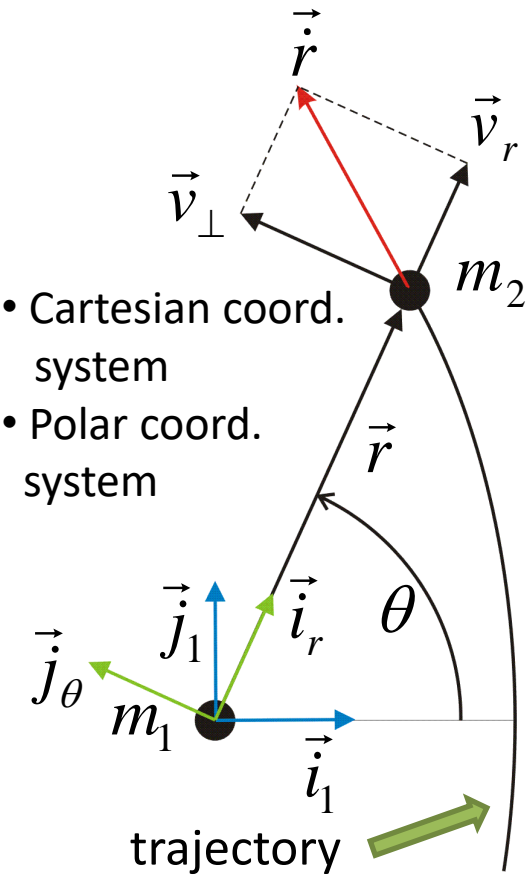
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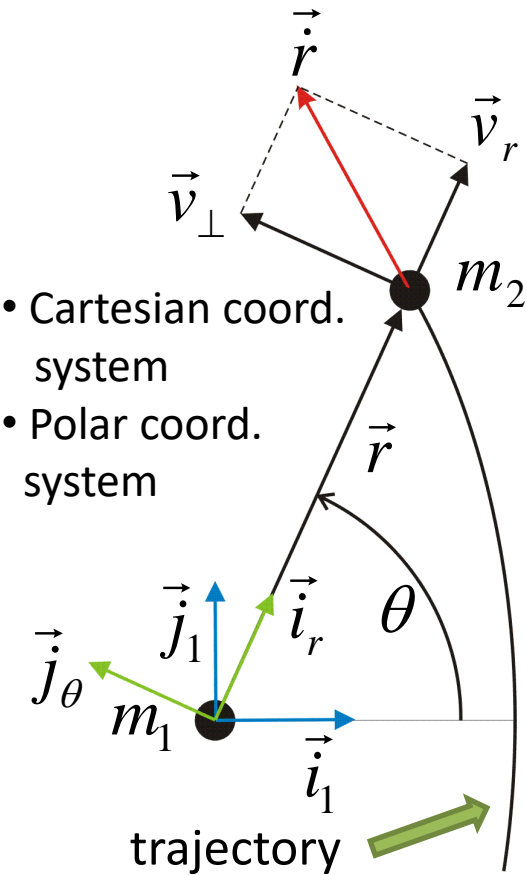
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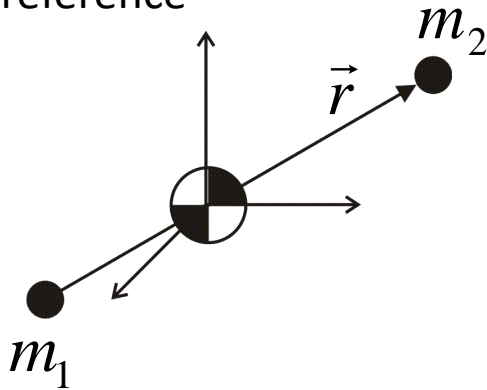
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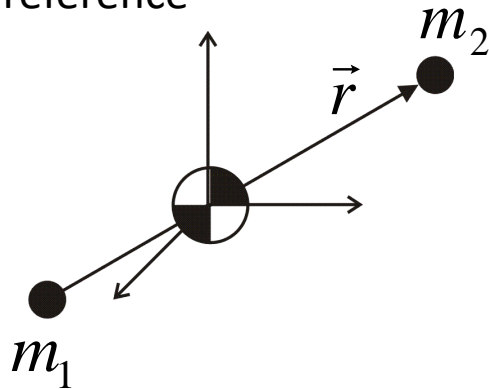


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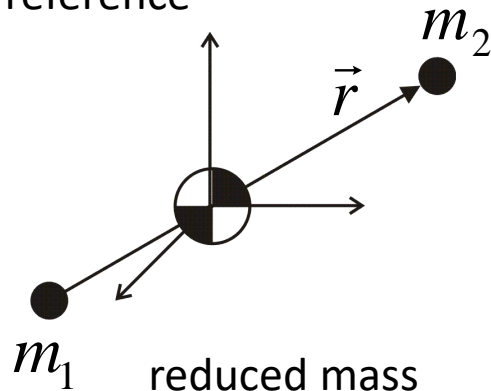


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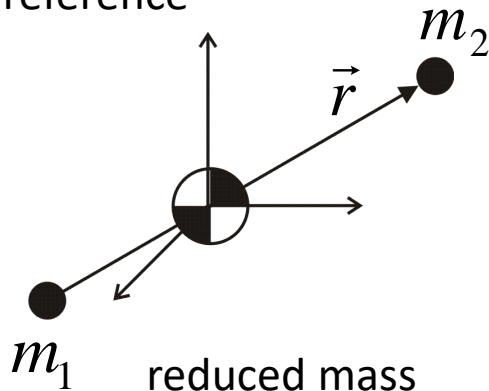


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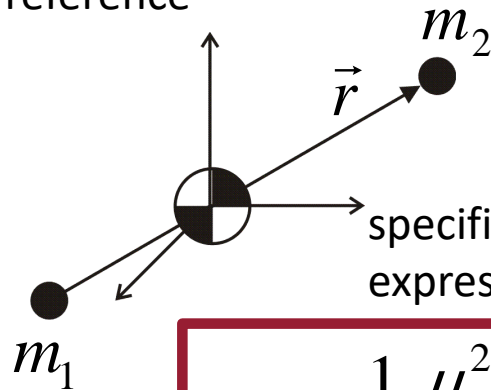
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## Trajectories

- Shape of trajectory depends on eccentricity  $e$
- Equation of orbit is equation of conic sections:

– circle  $e = 0$

– ellipse  $0 < e < 1$

– parabola  $e = 1$

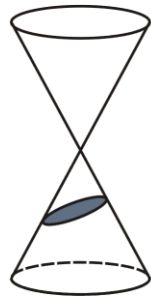
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• equation of orbit

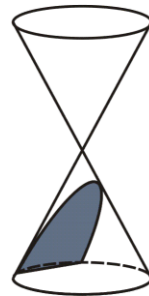
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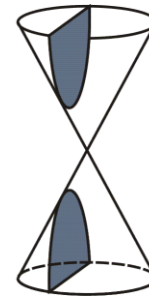
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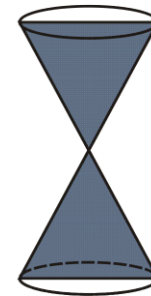
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- **Circle:** (bounded trajectory)  $e = 0$

- equation of orbit

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- speed of motion

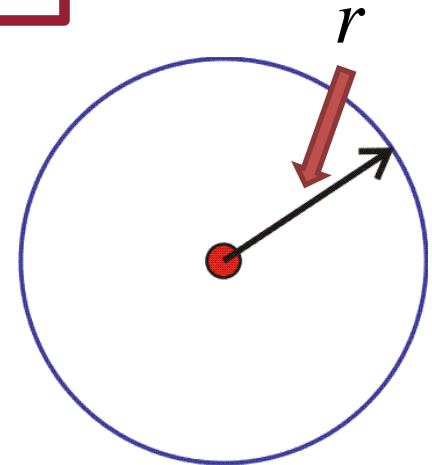
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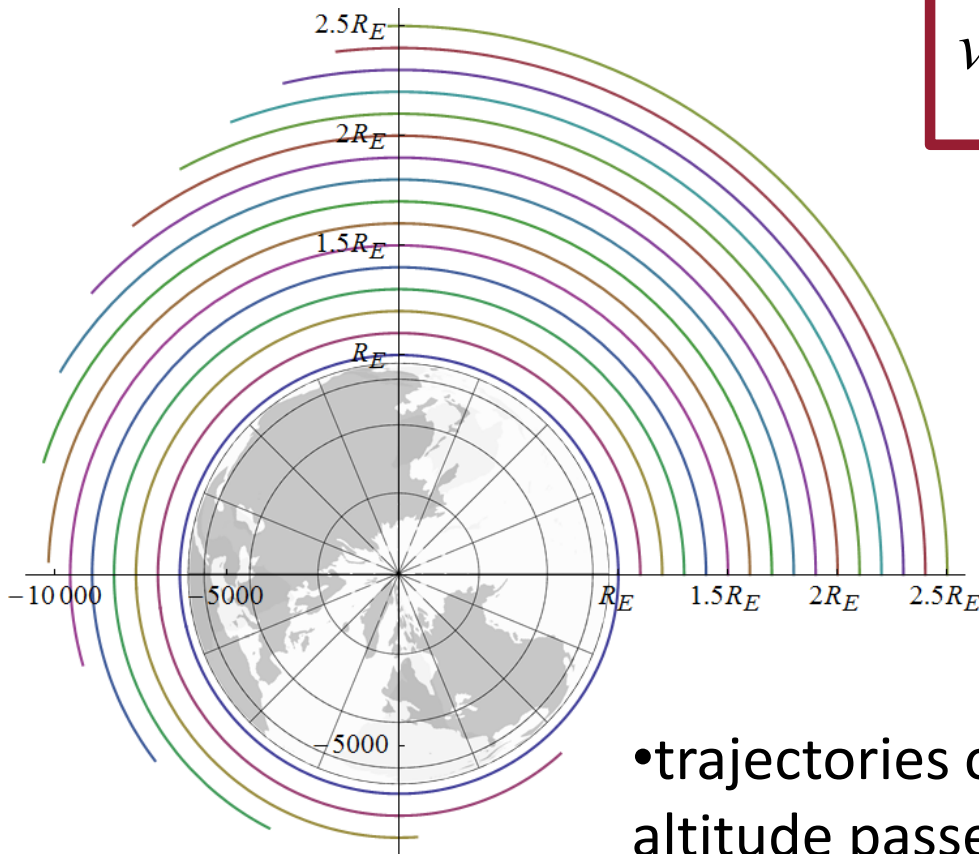
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central body	circ. velocity [km/s]	circ. period [min.]
Earth	7.90	84.48
Moon	1.68	108.36
Mars	3.55	100.19
Sun (surface)	436.7	166.91
Sun (Earths)	29.78	$5.26 \times 10^5$

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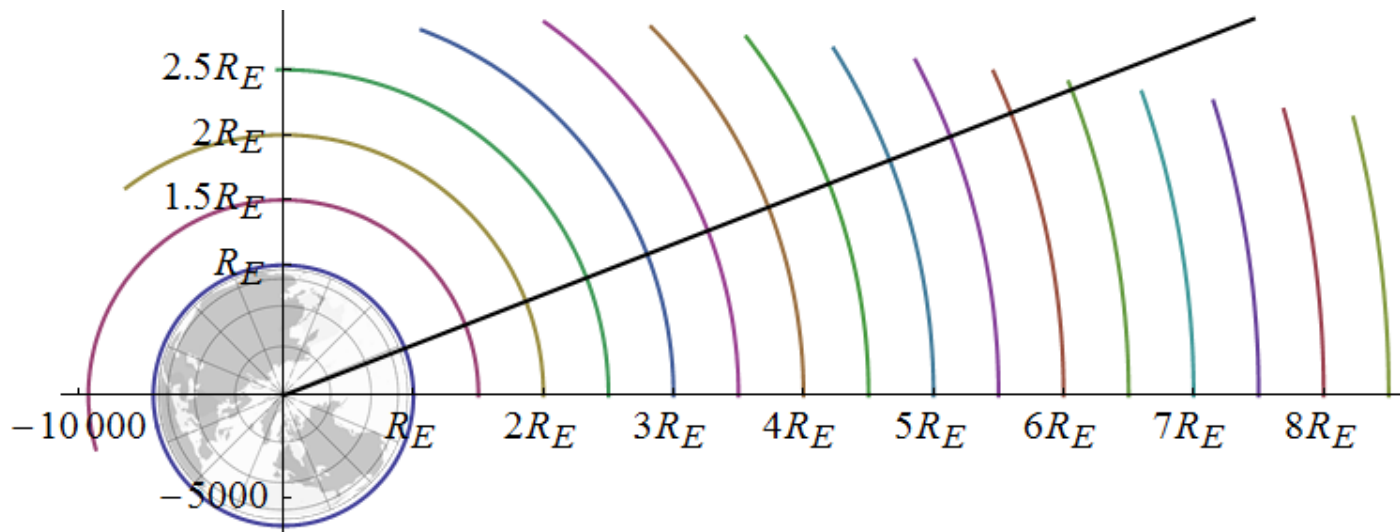
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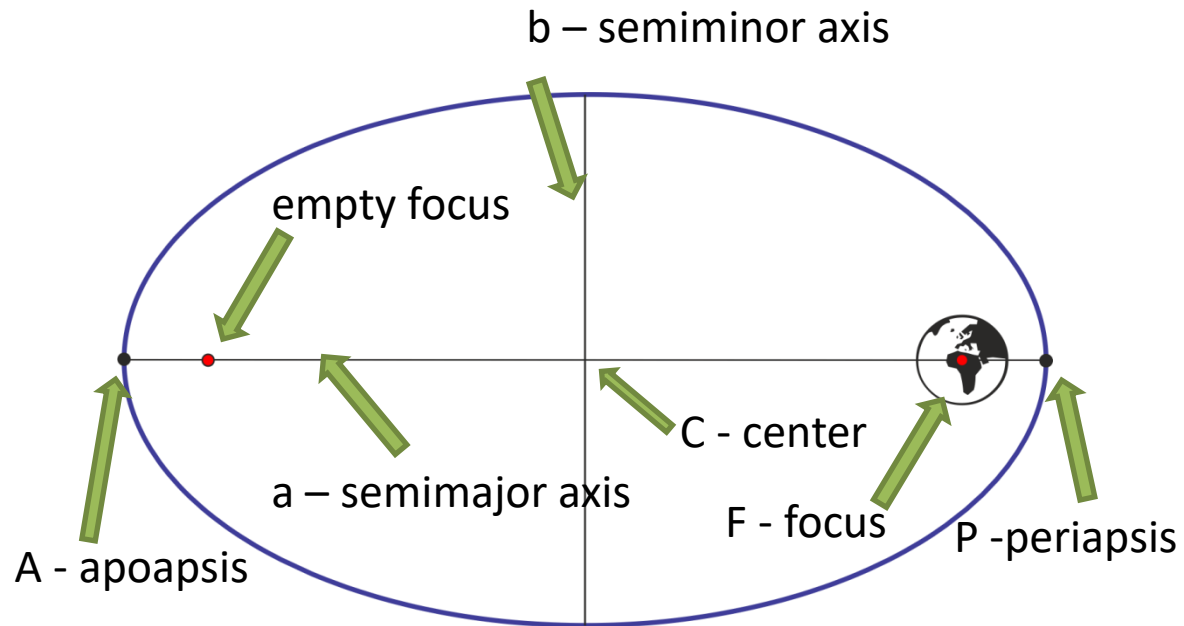
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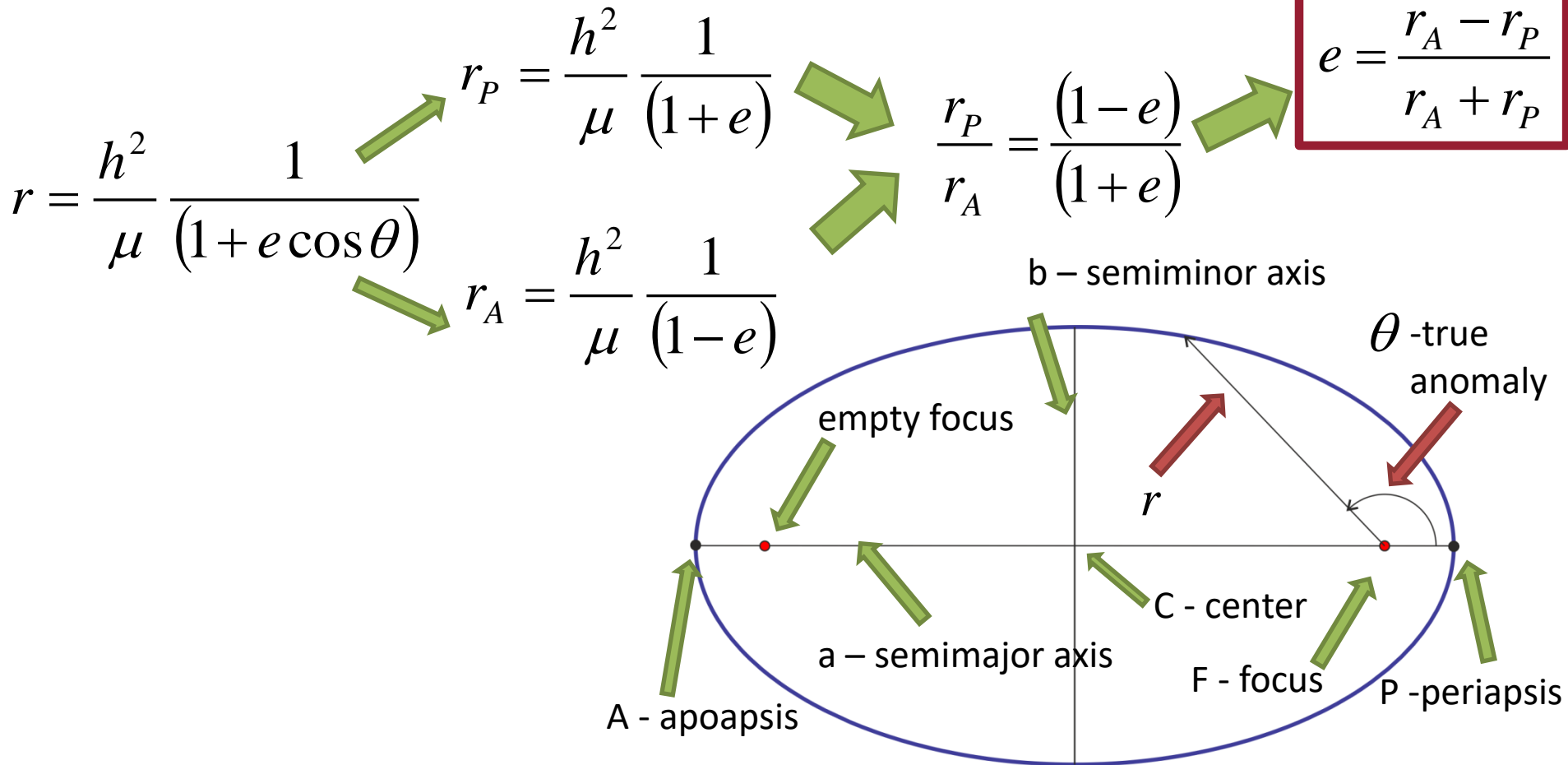
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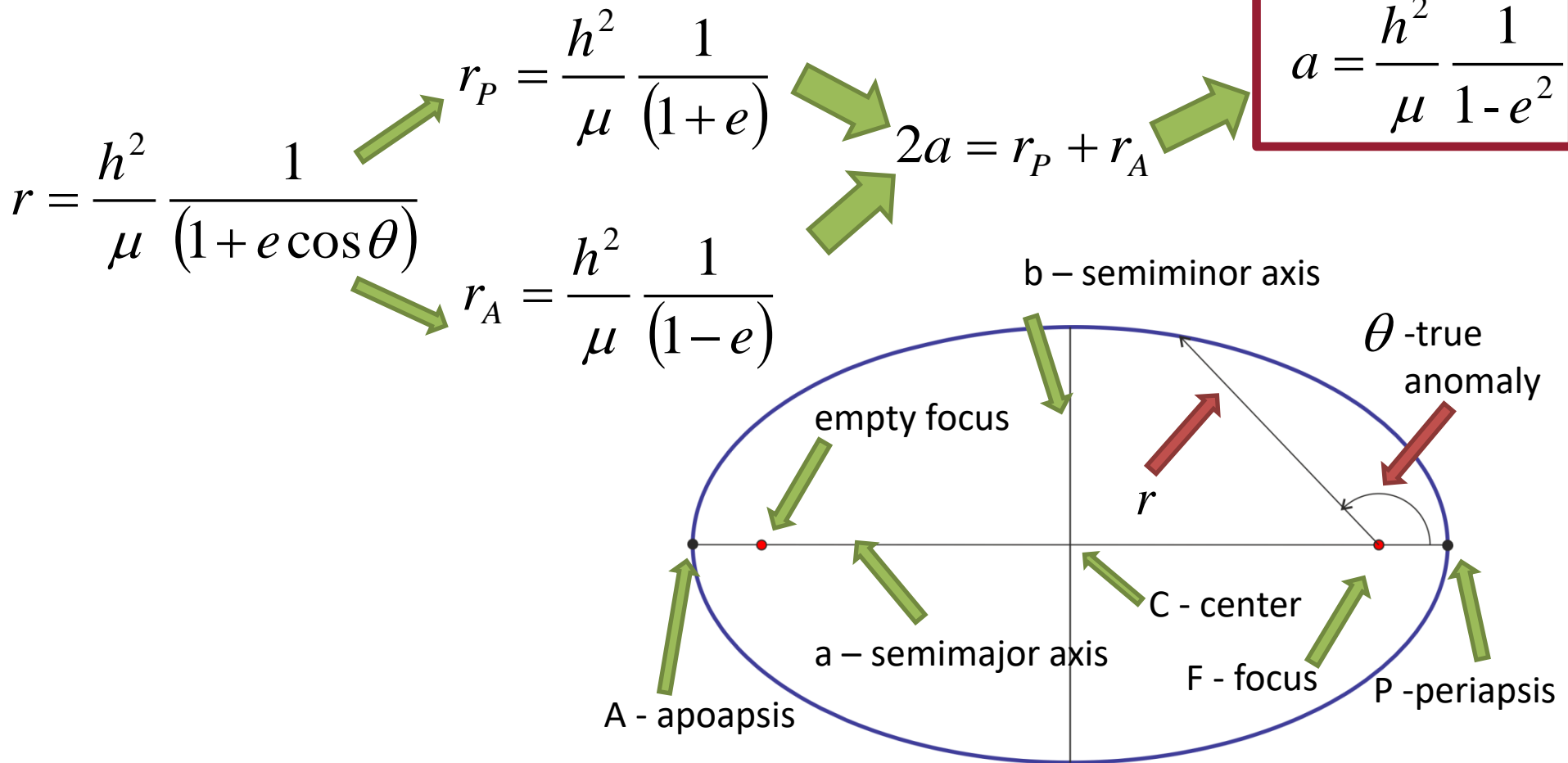
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$$2a = r_P + r_A$$

$$e = \frac{r_A - r_P}{r_A + r_P}$$

$$2CF = r_A - r_P$$



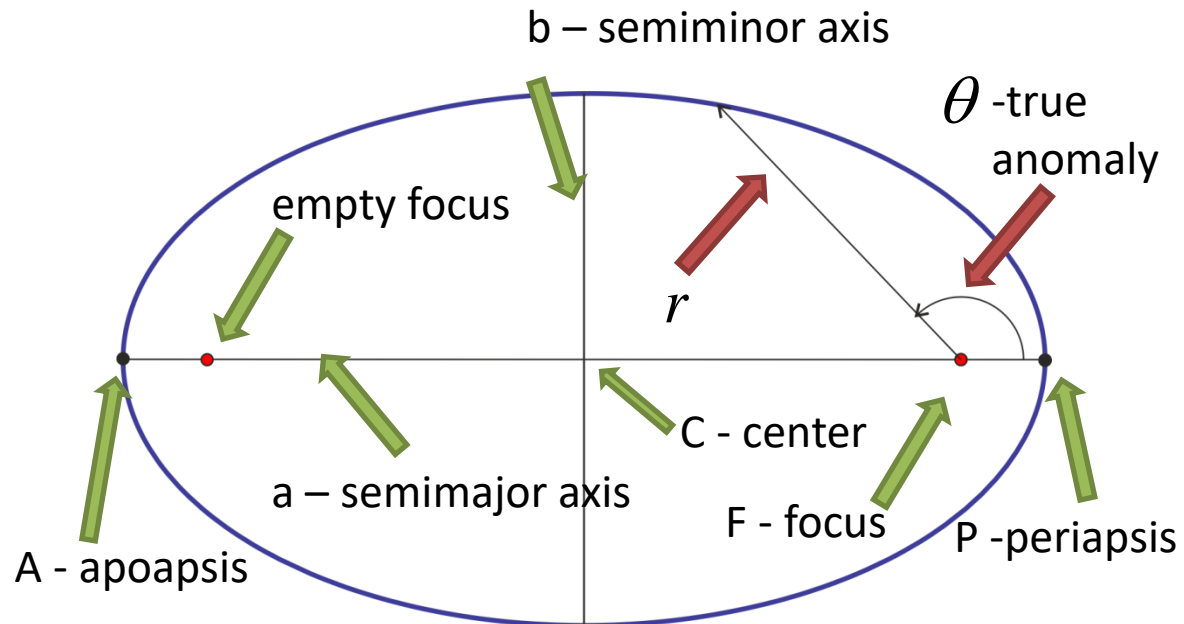
$$CF = ea$$



$$b^2 = a^2 - (CF)^2$$



$$b = a\sqrt{1-e^2}$$



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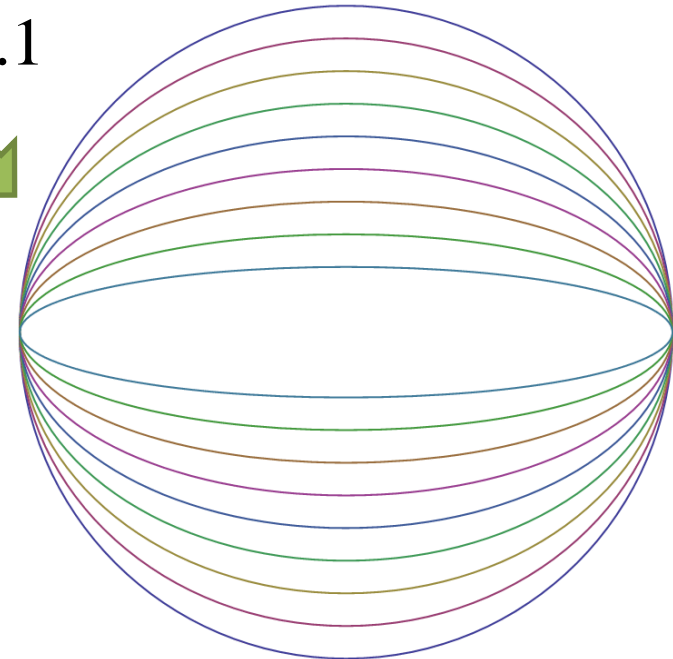
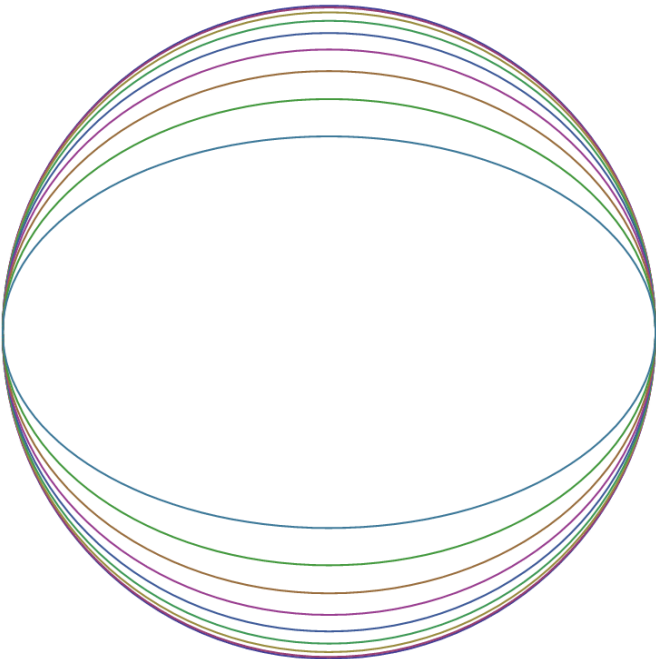
$$f = 1 - \sqrt{1 - e^2}$$

$$f = \frac{a - b}{a}$$

- flattening

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usage: description  
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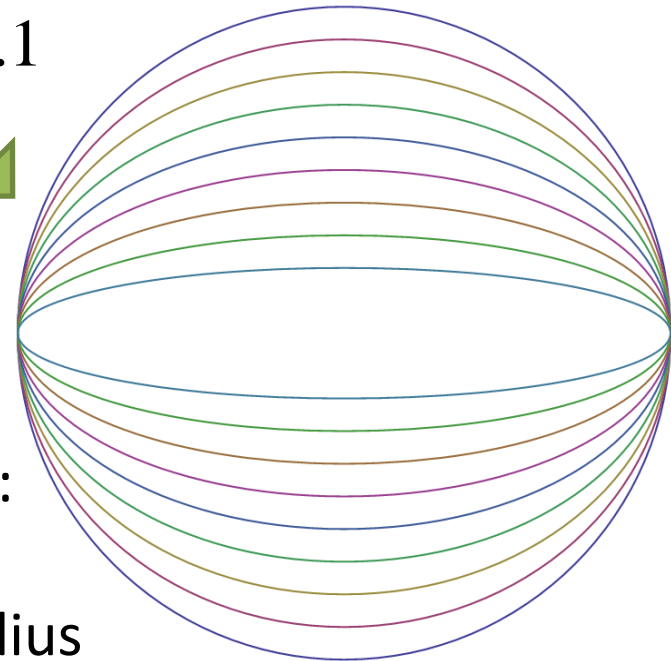
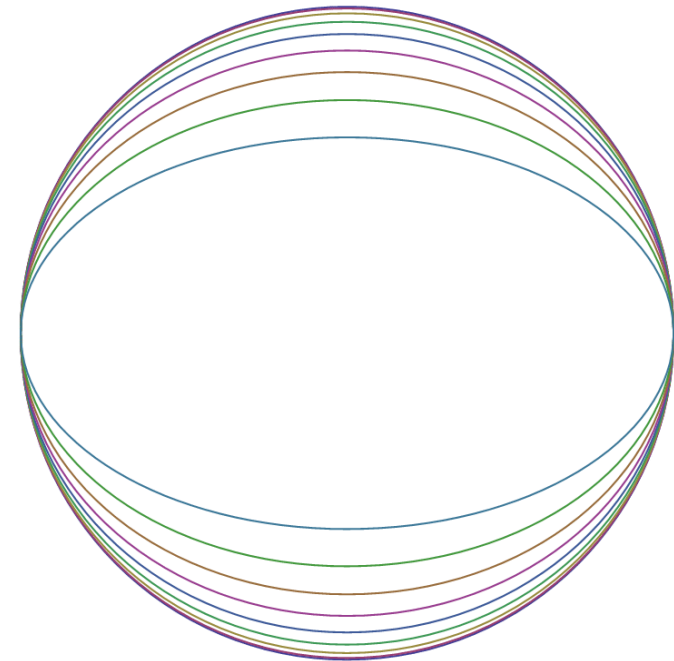
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flattening of Earth:

$$1/f = 298.257$$

21.4 km diff. in radius



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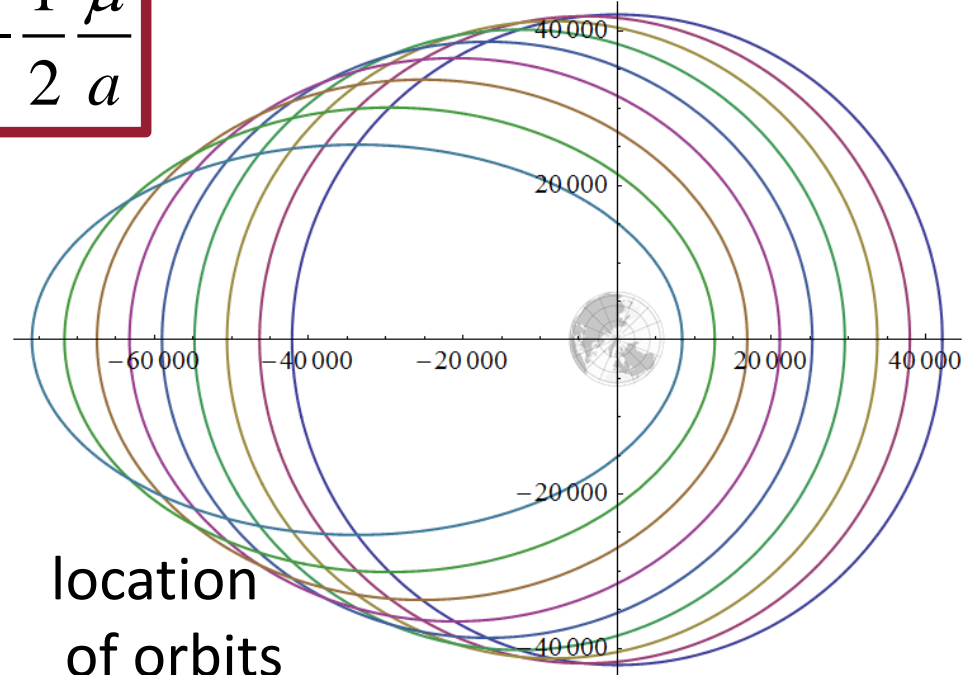
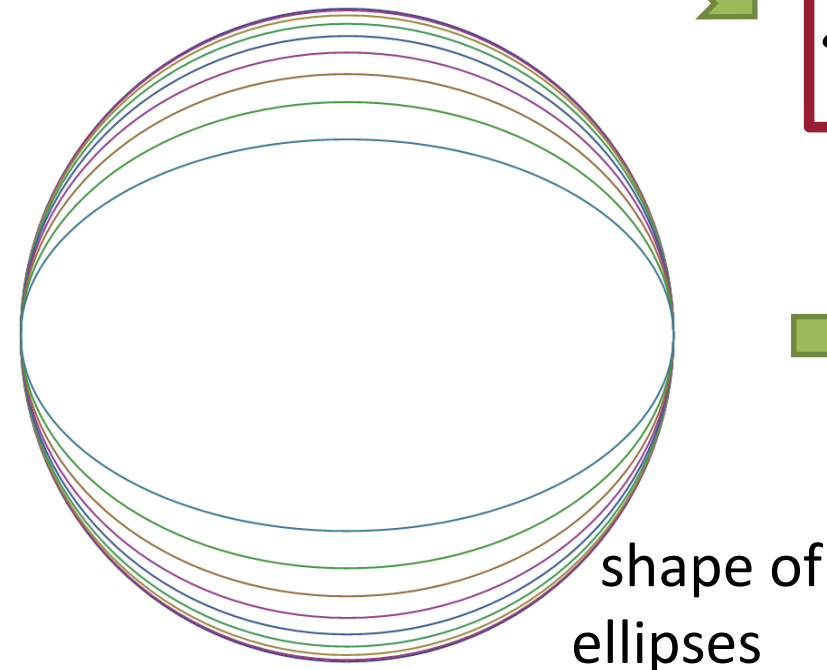
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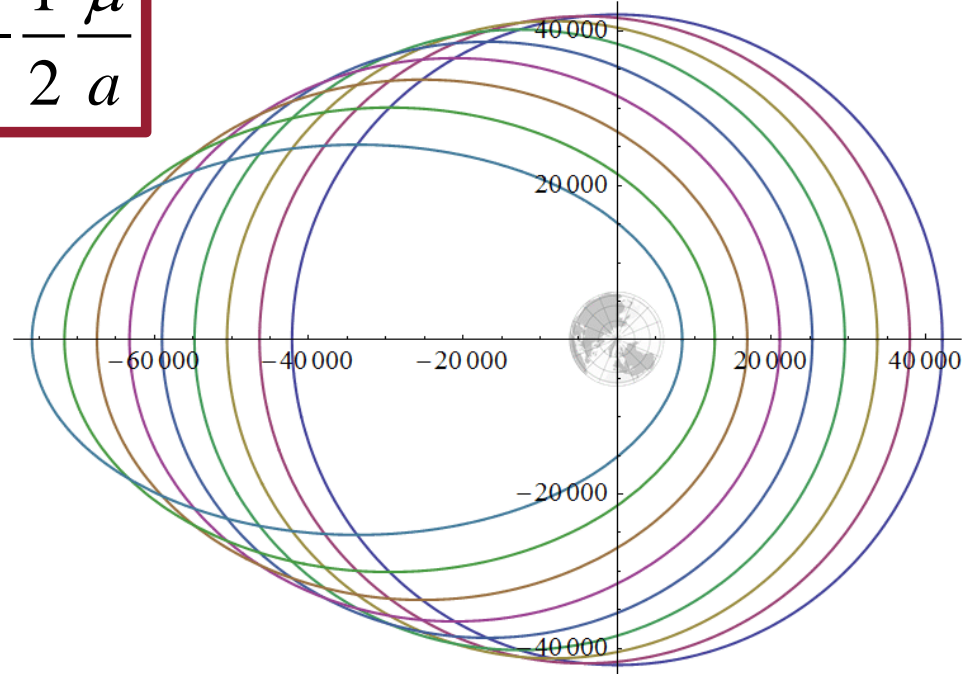
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$r_p$ [km]	$v_p$ [km/s]	$r_a$ [km]	$v_a$ [km/s]
42164	3.07	42164	3.07
29514.8	4.19	54813.2	2.25
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# 1. The two body problem

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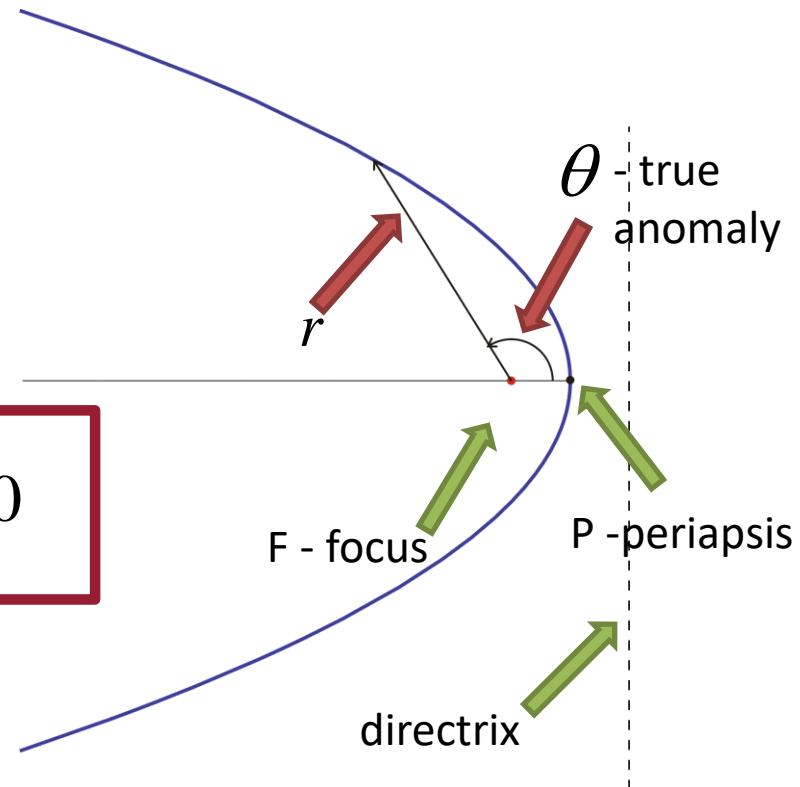
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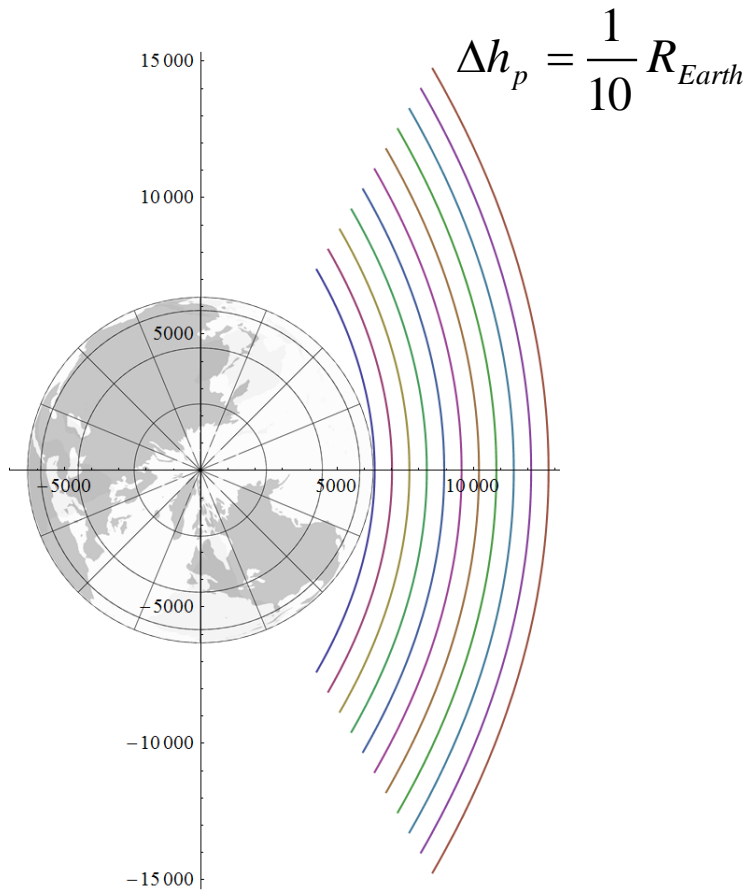
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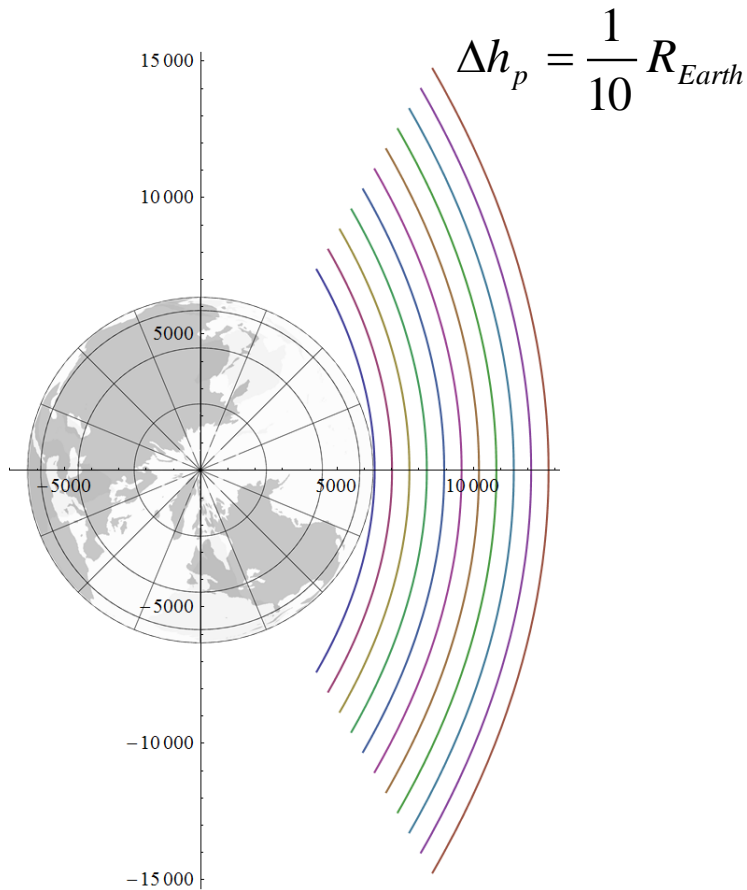


central body	esc. velocity [km/s]
Earth	11.18
Moon	2.37
Mars	5.02
Sun (surface)	617.5
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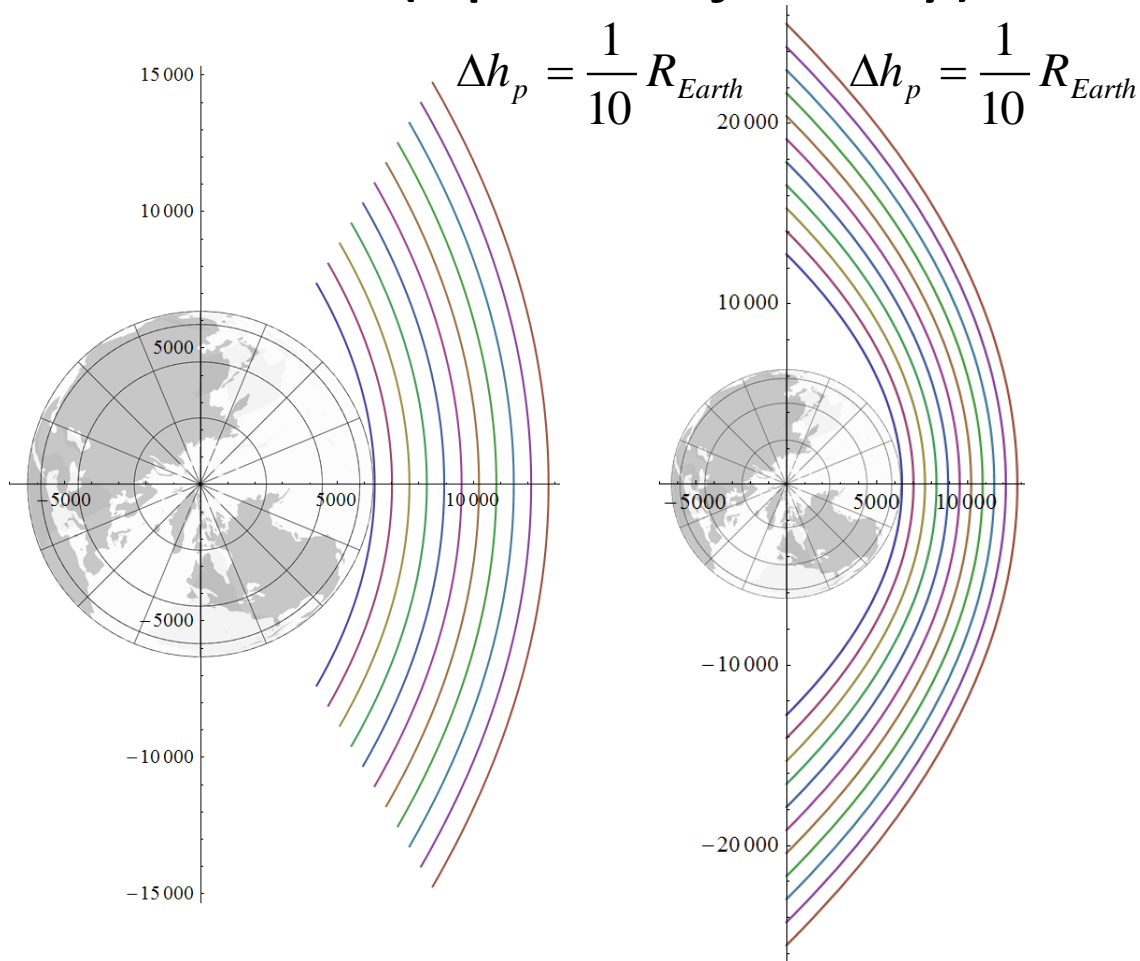


$\Delta h_p$ [km] (Earth)	$v_p$ [km/s]
0	11.18
637.8	10.66
1275.6	10.20
1913.4	9.80
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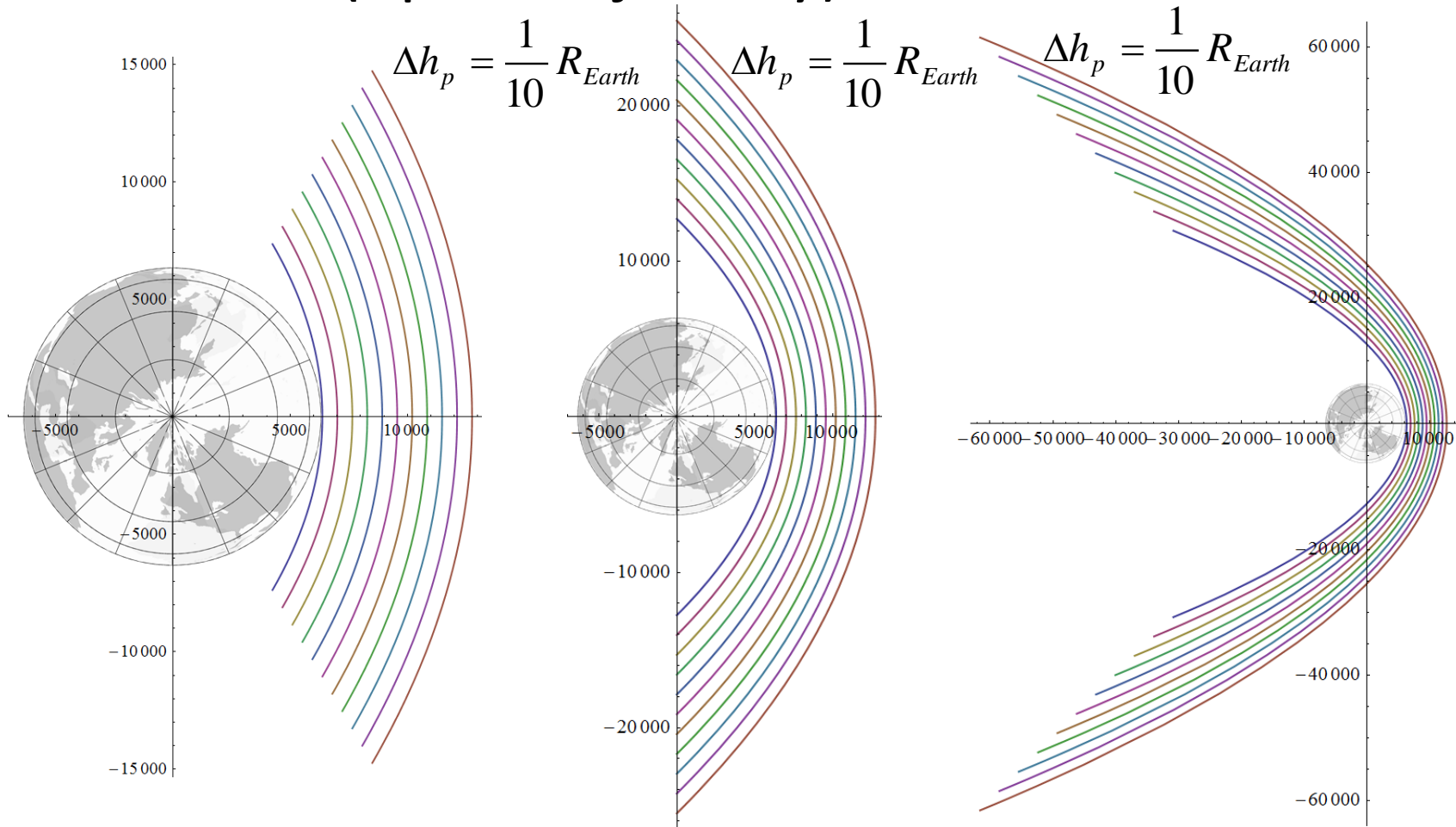


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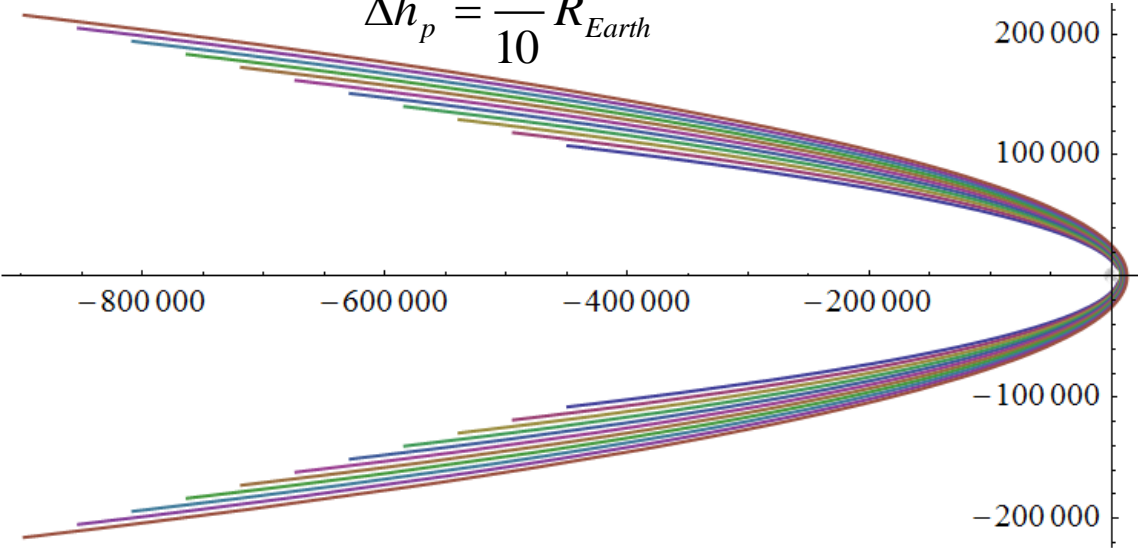


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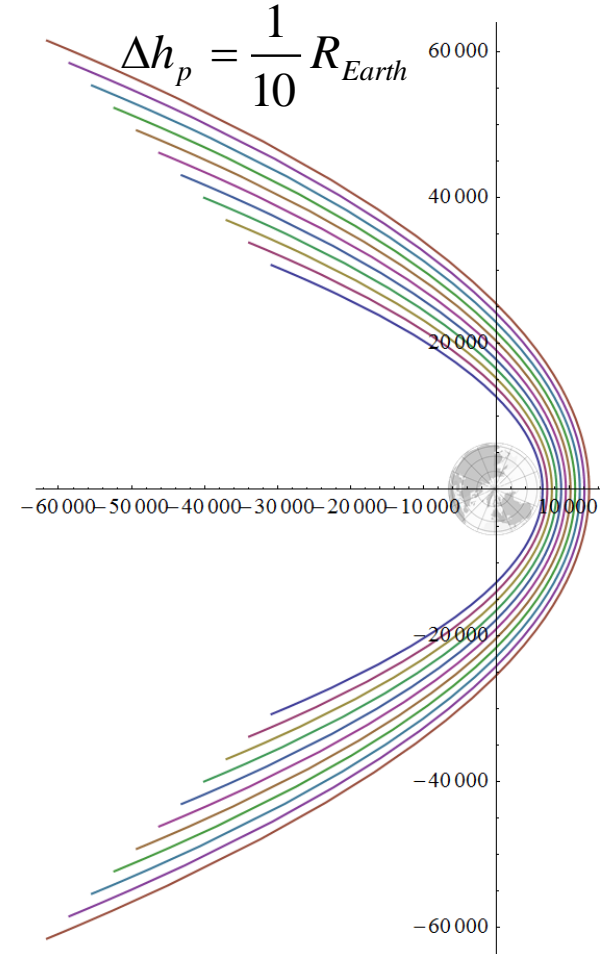
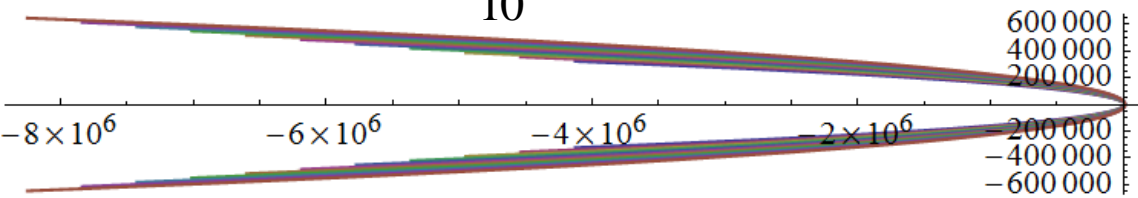
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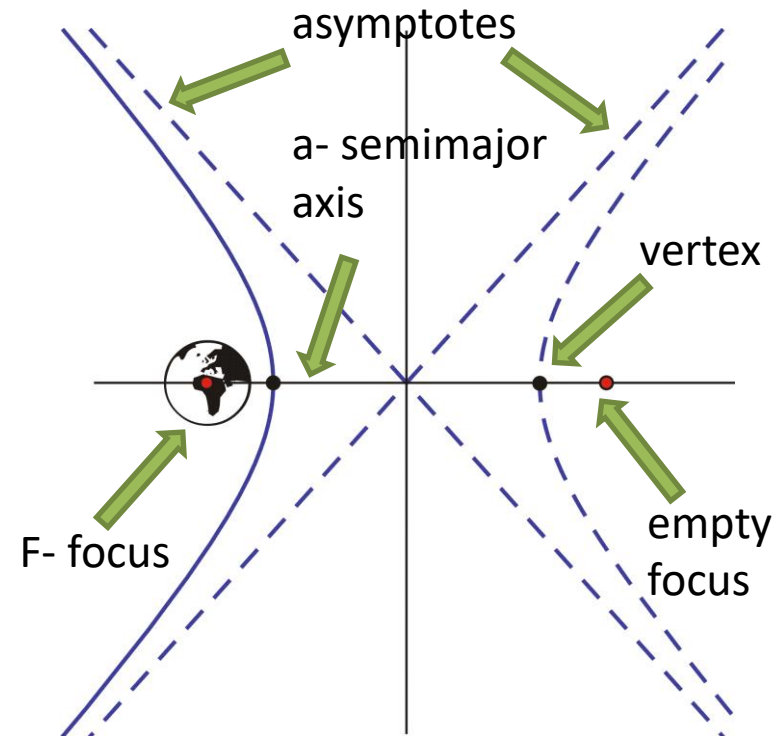
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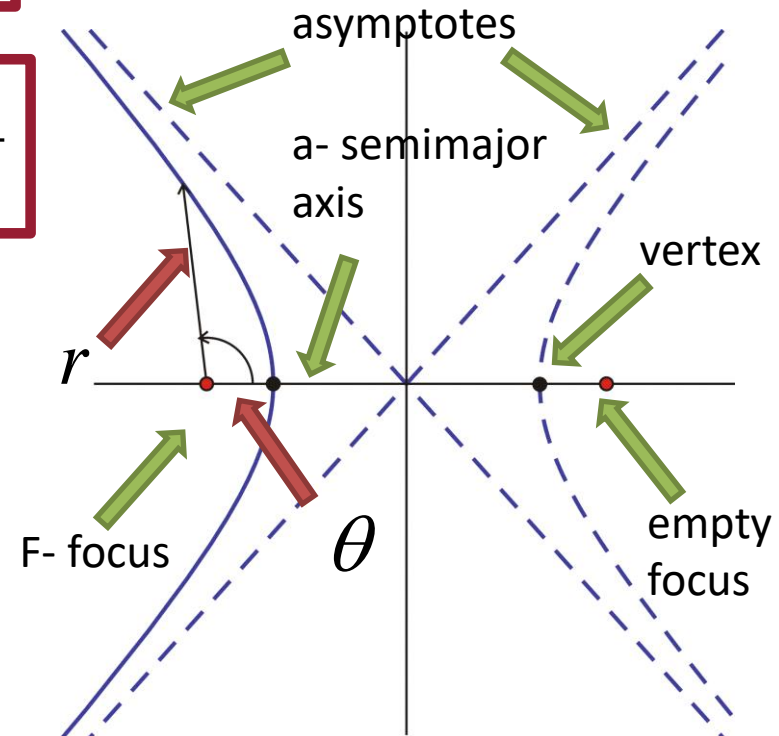
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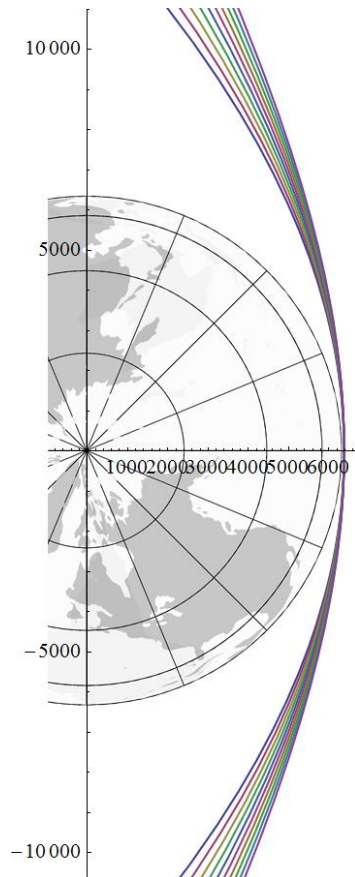


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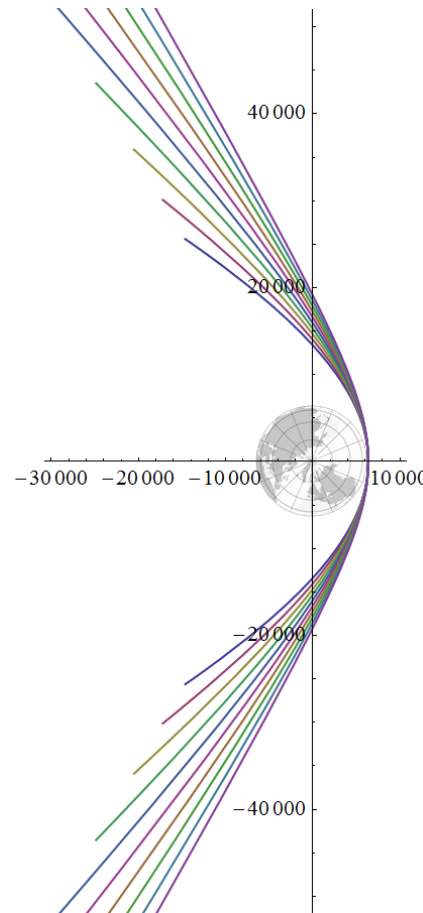
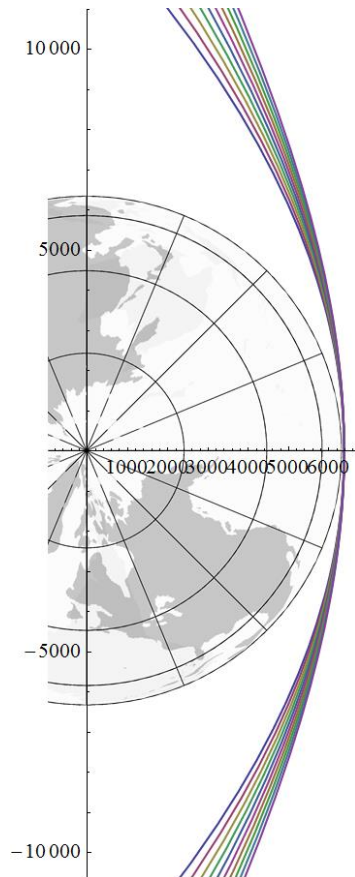
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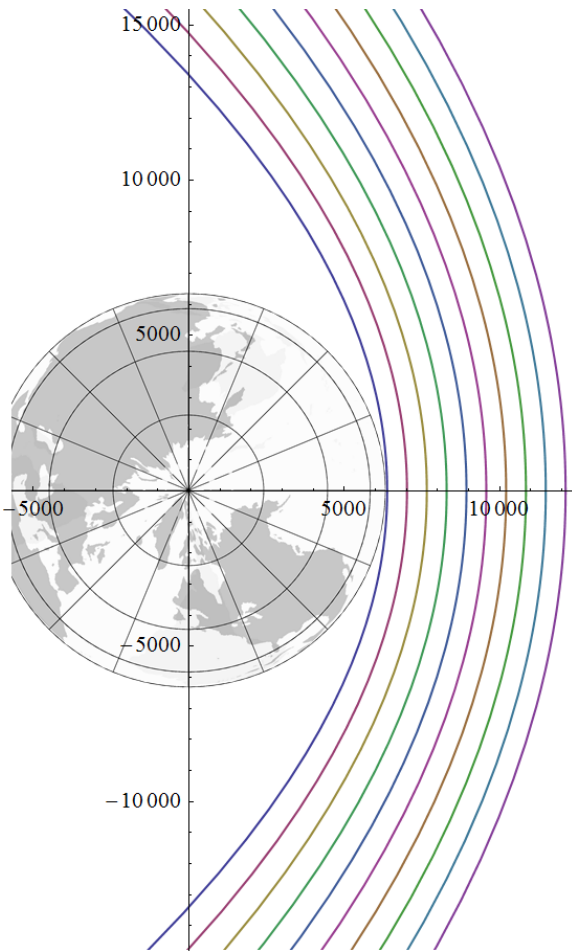


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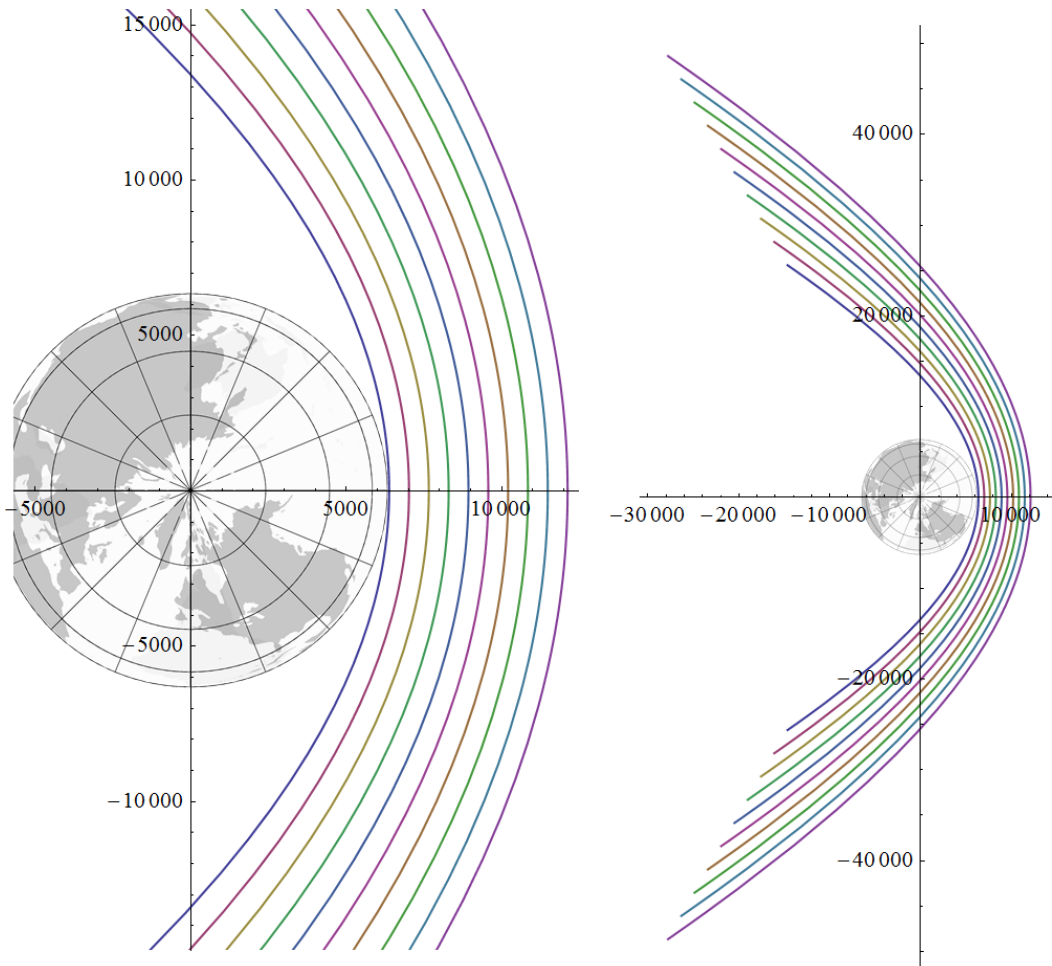


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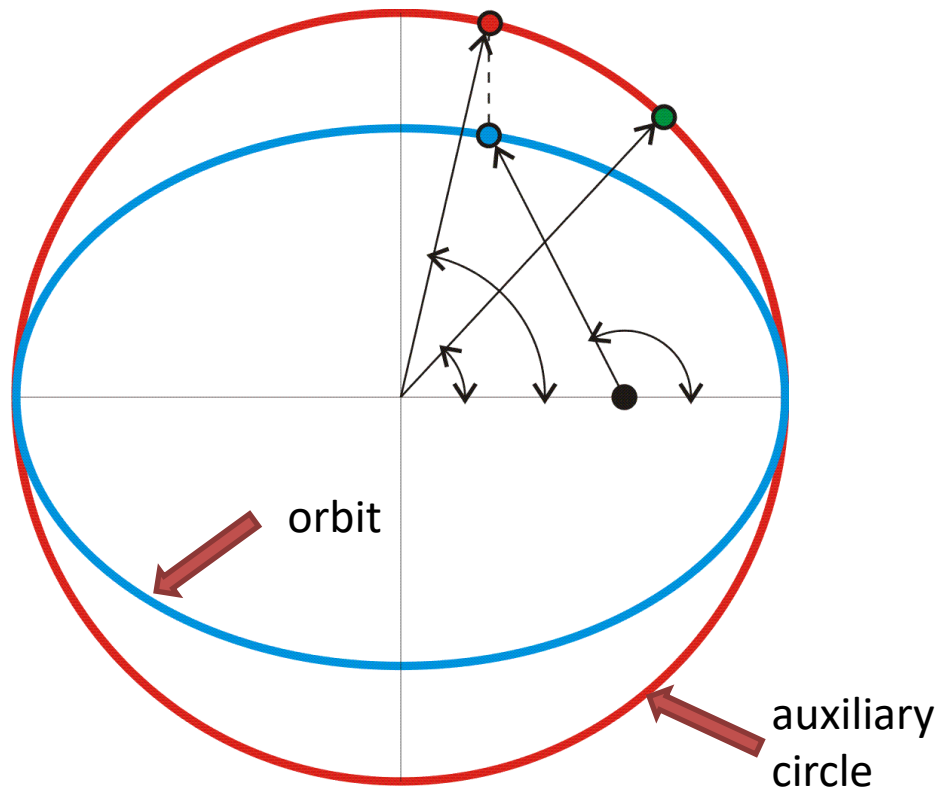
Time and position

- Two cases can be investigated:
  - time as a function of position
  - position as a function of time
- Only ellipse orbit is presented, but similar expressions can be derived for all trajectories

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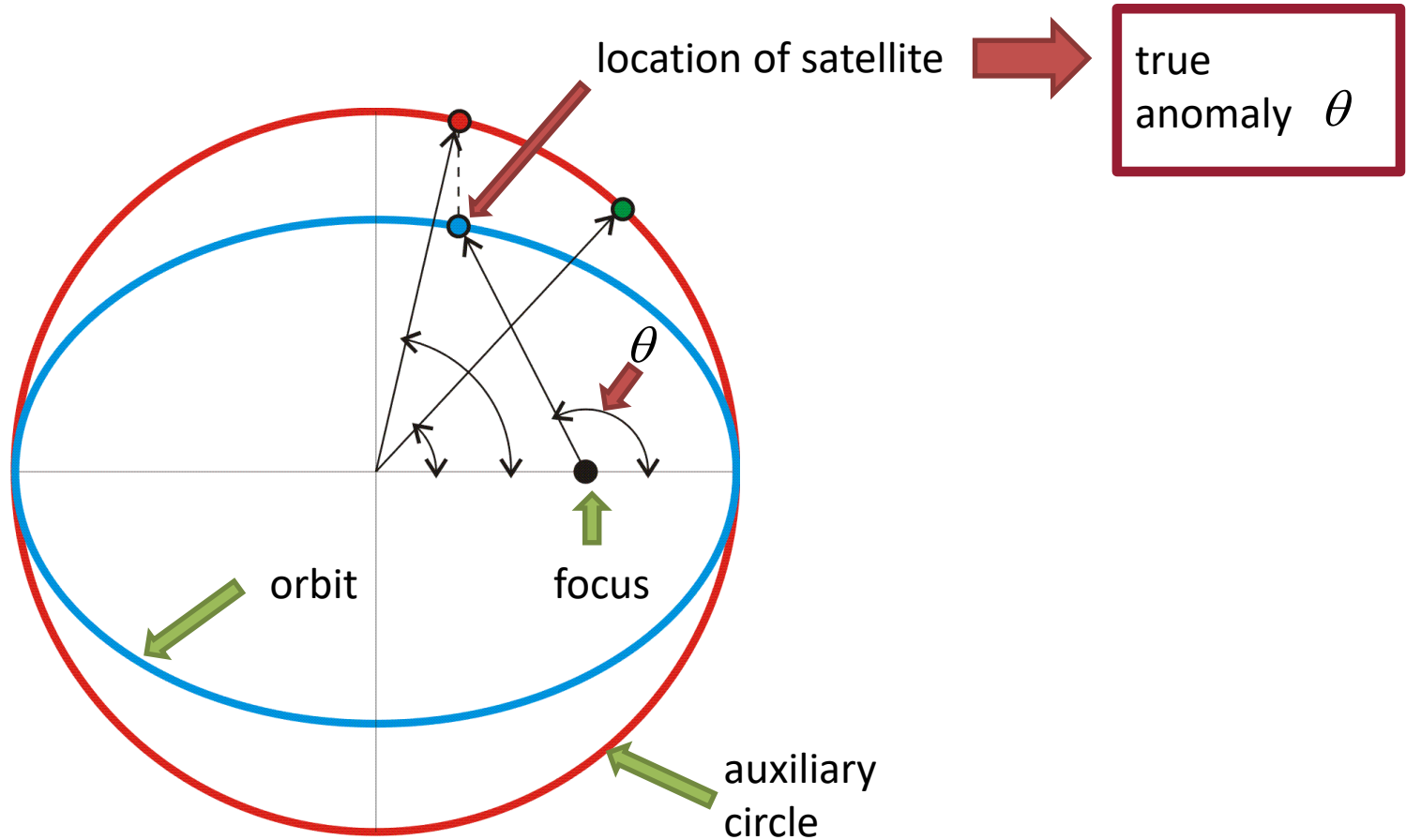
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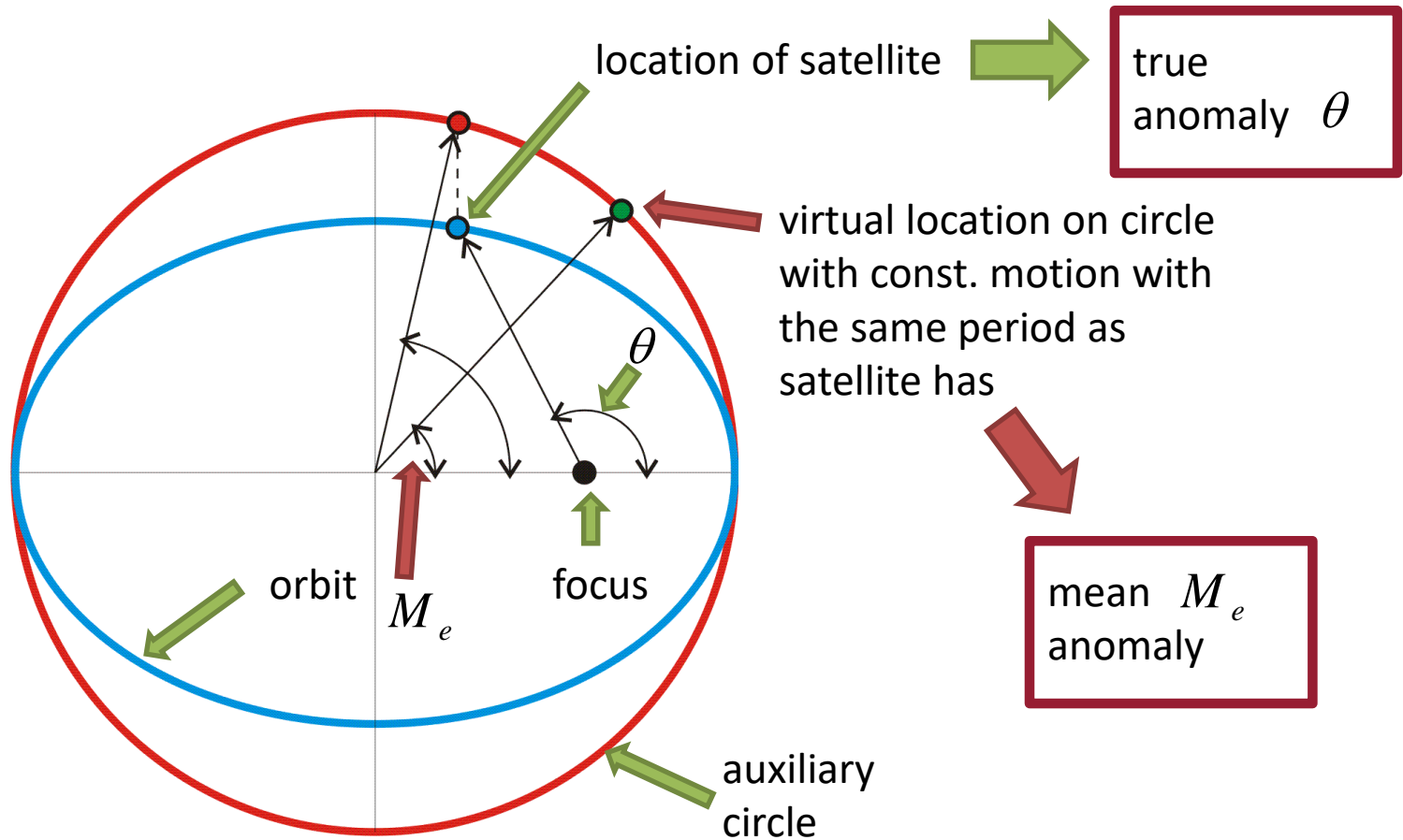
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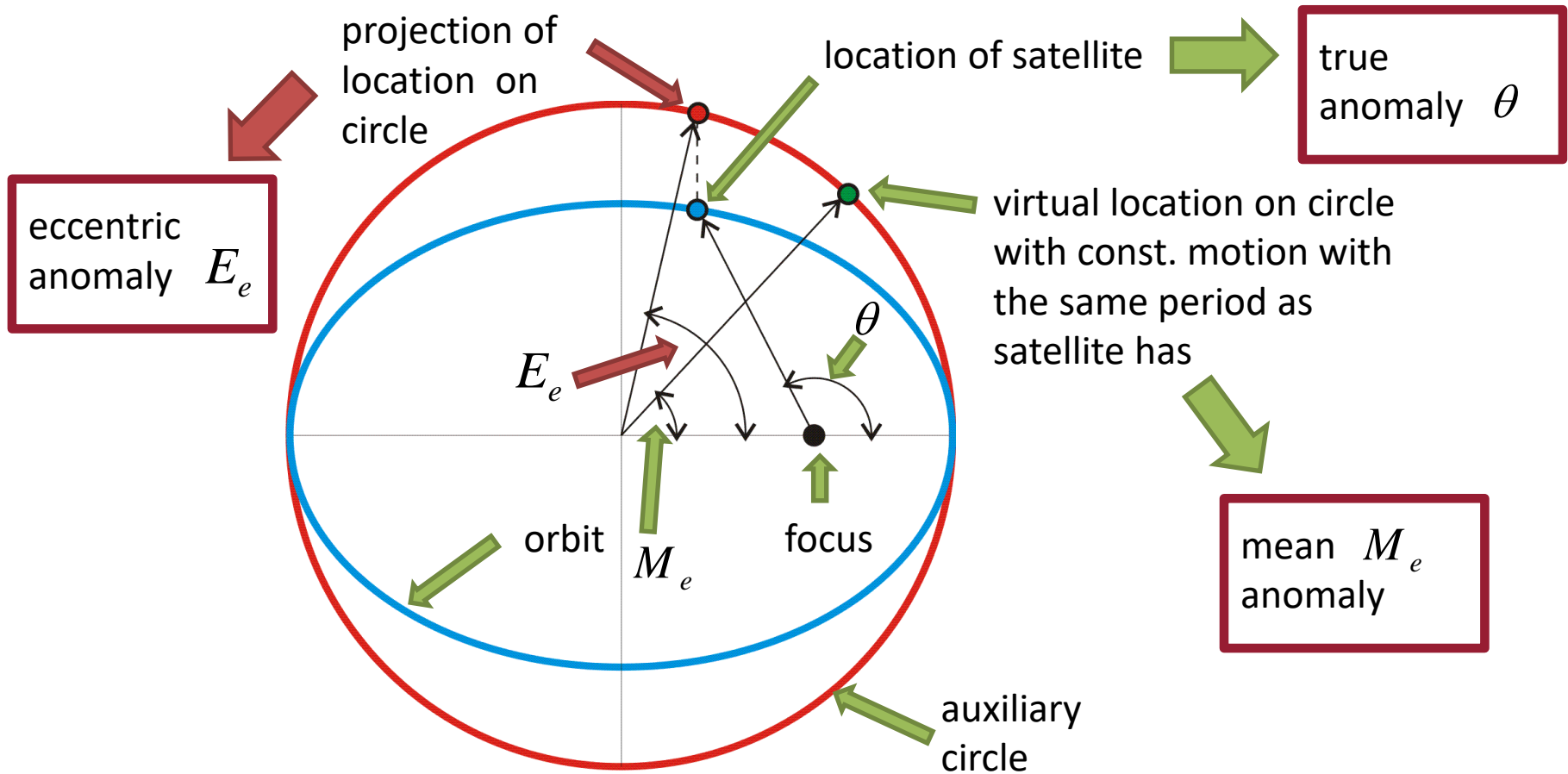
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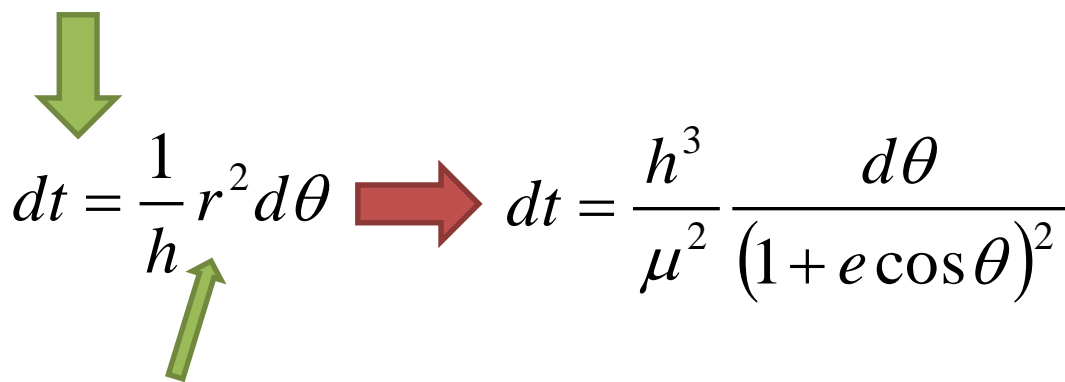
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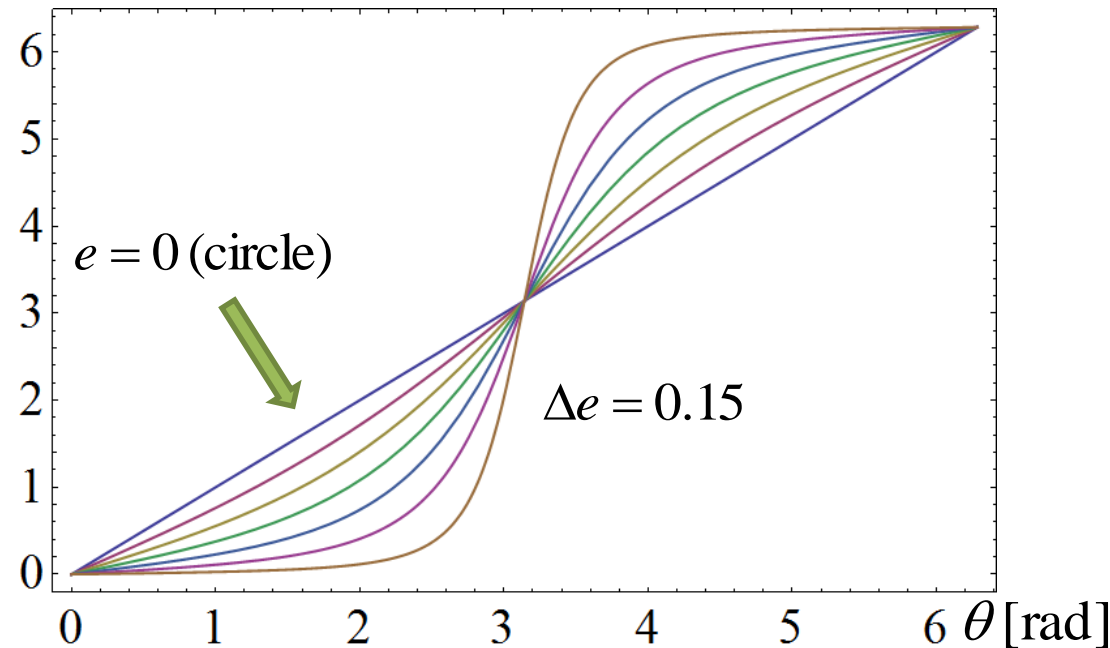
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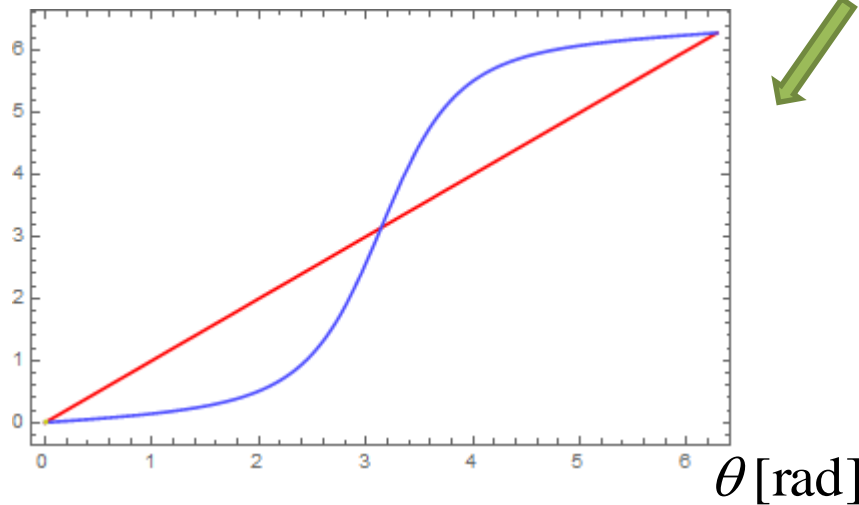
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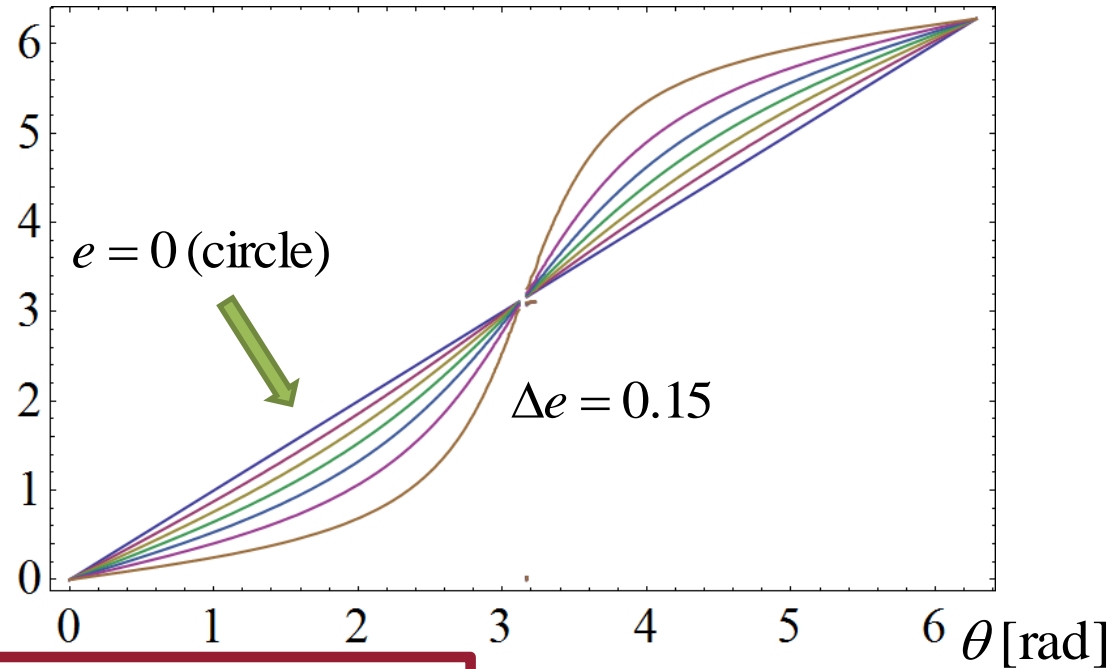
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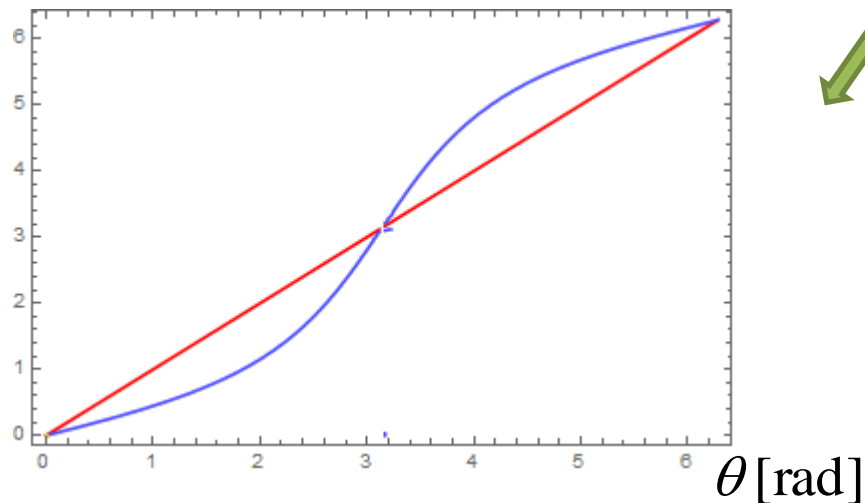
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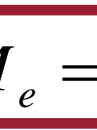

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$$n = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

- average angular velocity


$$M_e = nt$$

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# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

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- Frame of reference
- Earth-based systems
- Orbital elements
- Calculation of elements

## 2. Orbits in three dimensions

### Frame of reference

- to describe orbits in three dimensions, the coordinate system in frame of reference must be defined
- Newton laws are valid in inertial frame of reference
- practically only pseudoinertial frame of reference can be considered
- coordinate system is formed in considered frame of reference

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Frame of reference

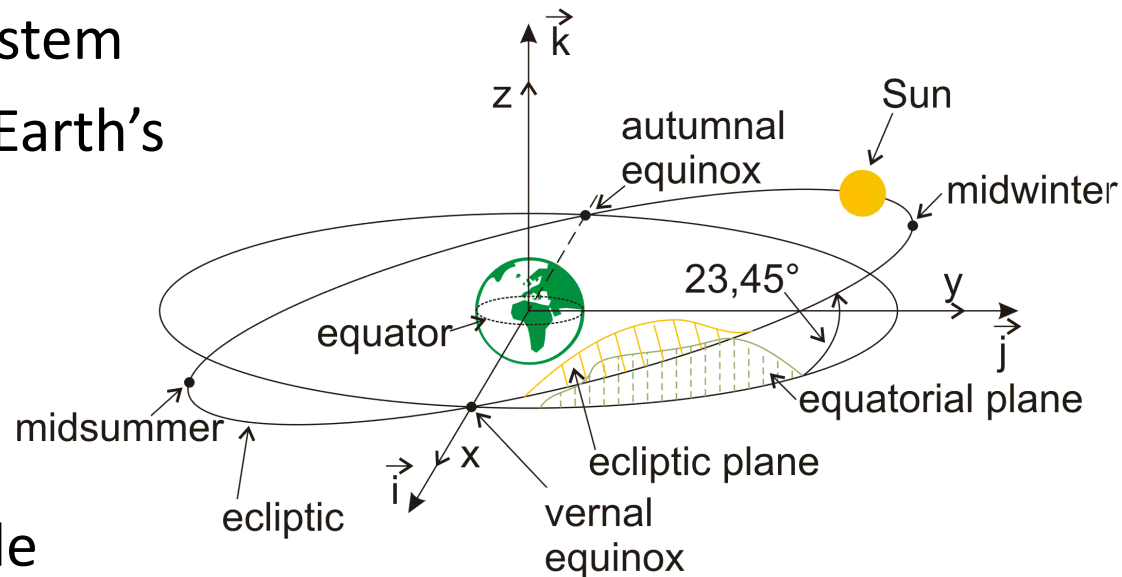
- coord. system is defined by:
  - origin, fundamental plane and preferred direction
- choice of frame of reference and subsequently coordinate system depends on considered trajectory:
  - Interplanetary trajectory – Interplanetary systems, e.g. Heliocentric coordinate system
  - Earth orbits – Earth-based systems

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Earth-based systems

- Geocentric Equatorial System (GES) - the most common system in astrodynamics

- the center of coord. system is at Earth's center
- not-rotating coord. system
- fundamental plane – Earth's equator plane
- axis X points towards the vernal equinox
- axis Z extends through the North Pole



# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Earth-based systems

- Geocentric Equatorial System (GES):
  - is often considered as Earth-Centered Inertial system (ECI)
  - ECI frame of reference is not fixed in space:
    - gravitational forces of planets – **planetary precession**
    - gravitational forces of Moon and Sun – **luni-solar precession** with period 26,000 years
    - combined effect – general precession
    - inclination of Moon – additional torque on Earth's equatorial bulge – **nutaton** with period 18,6 years
  - due to precession and nutation equinox is moving

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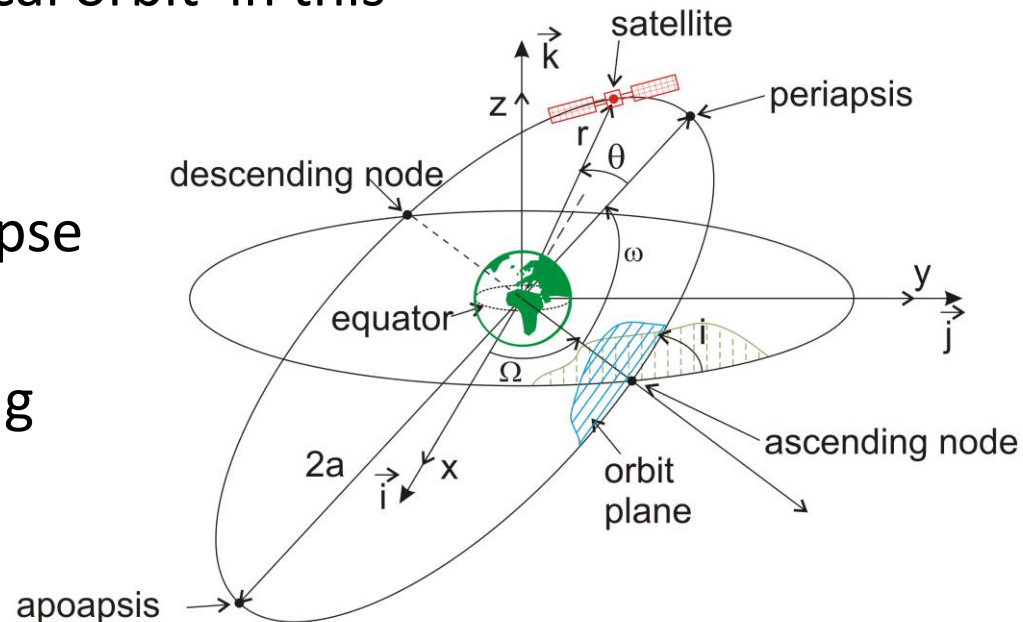
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- Geocentric Equatorial System (GES):
  - for all precise applications, ECI must be defined on specific date
  - J2000 - commonly used ECI frame is defined with the Earth's Mean Equator and Equinox at 12:00 Terrestrial Time on 1 January 2000
- other Earth-based systems:
  - Earth-Centered, Earth-Fixed Coord. System – rotate with Earth
  - Perifocal Coord. System

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Orbital elements

- Location of the satellite:
  1. the location of the orbital plane in defined coord. system of chosen frame of reference  
➡  $\Omega, i$
  2. the position of the elliptical orbit in this plane  
➡  $\omega$
  3. the characteristics of ellipse  
➡  $e, h$  (or  $a$ )
  4. the position of the moving satellite on the orbit  
➡  $\theta$  (or  $M$ )



# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

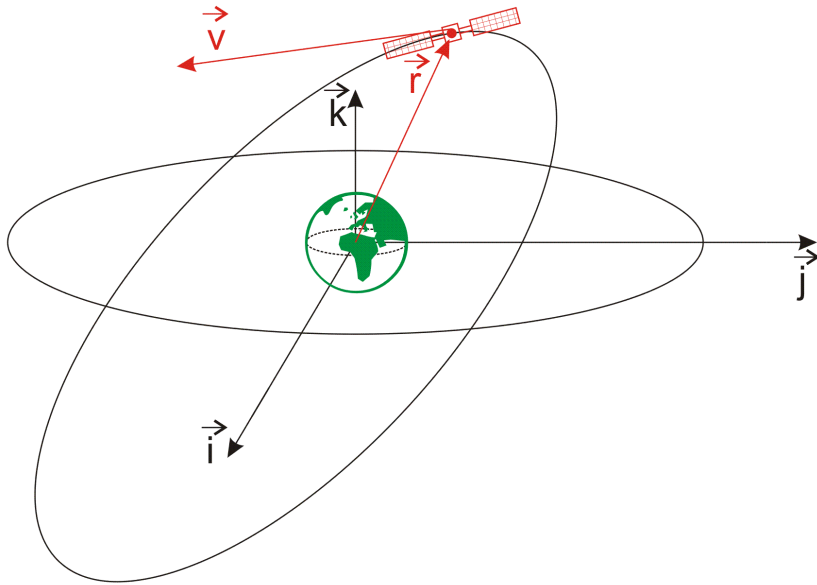
## Calculation of elements

- the goal is to determine orbital elements from:
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  - velocity vector  $\vec{v} = v_x \vec{i} + v_y \vec{j} + v_z \vec{k}$
  - both vectors are defined in GES at time  $t_0$

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

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state vector  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{v}$

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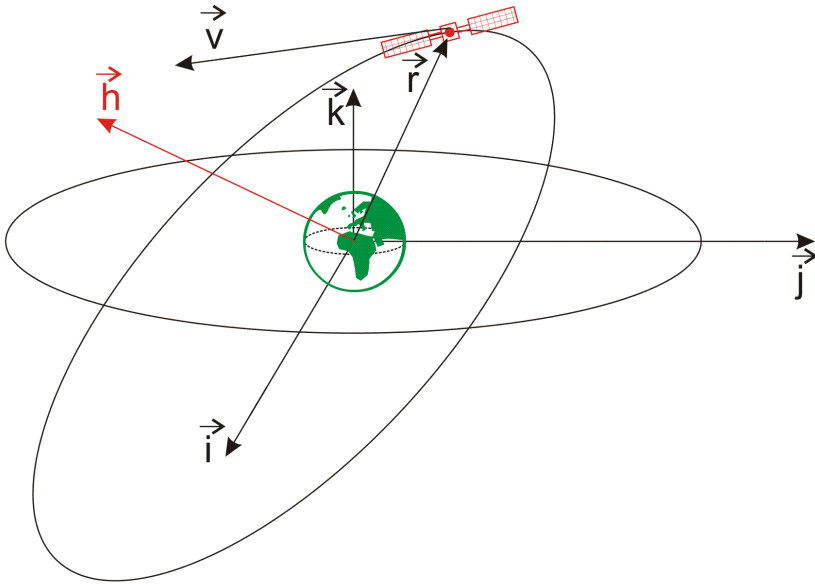
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state vector  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{v}$

1st element

$\vec{h}$



# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

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$$\vec{h} = h_x \vec{i} + h_y \vec{j} + h_z \vec{k}$$

$$i = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{h_z}{h} \right)$$

state vector  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{v}$

1st element

2nd element

$$i$$

$$\vec{h}$$

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

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$$\vec{e} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ \left( v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right) \vec{r} - (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{v}) \vec{v} \right]$$

state vector

$\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{v}$

3th element

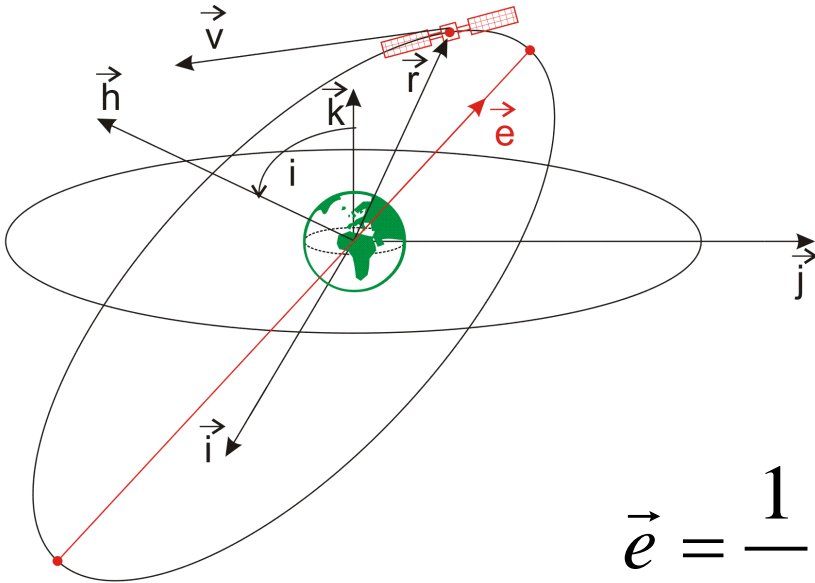
$$\vec{e}$$

1st element

$$\vec{h}$$

2nd element

$$i$$



# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

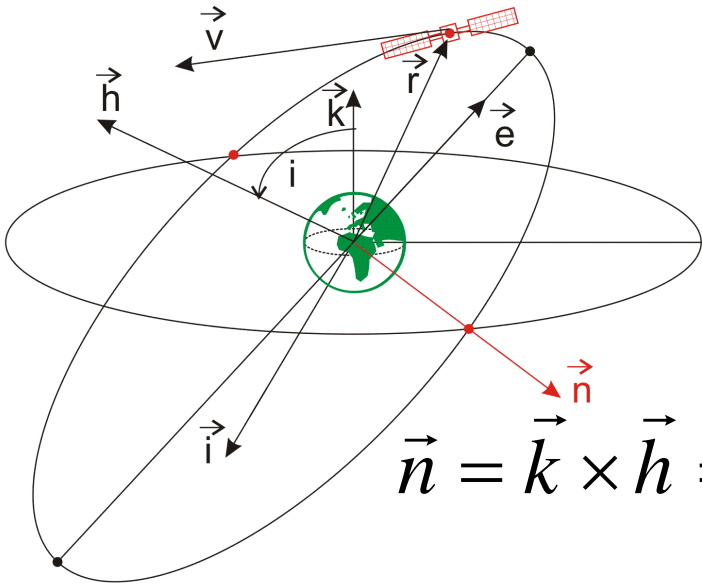
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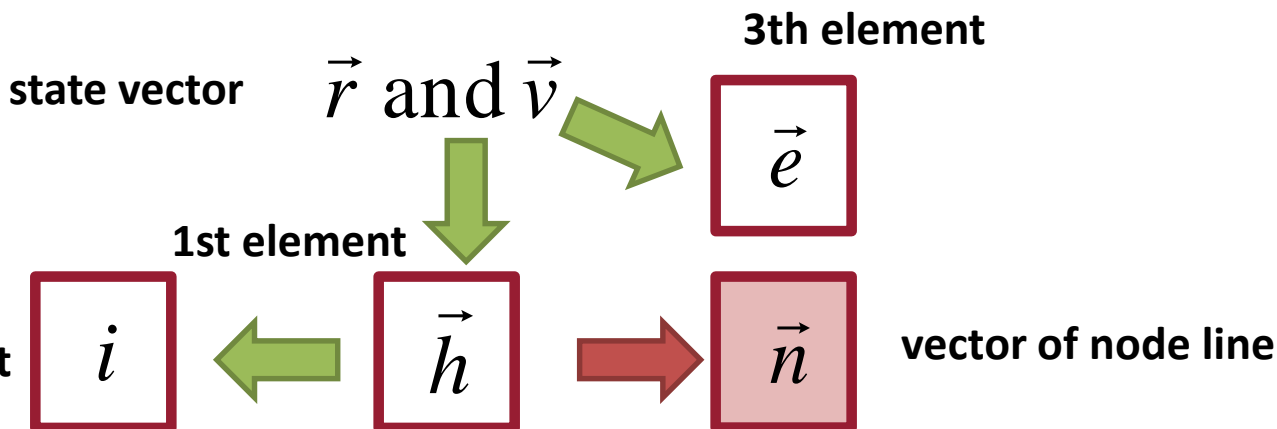
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$$\vec{n} = \vec{k} \times \vec{h} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ h_x & h_y & h_z \end{vmatrix}$$



# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

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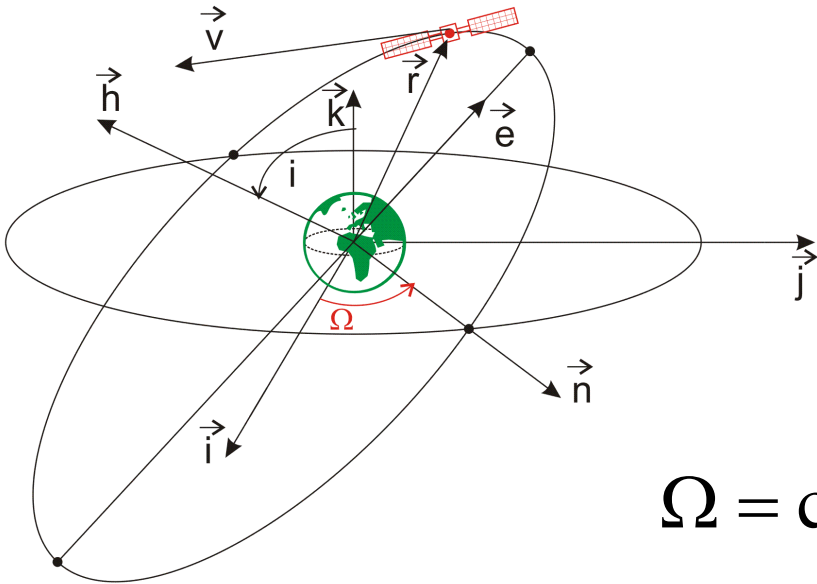
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$$\Omega = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{n_x}{n} \right)$$



state vector

$\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{v}$

3th element

1st element

2nd element

$$i$$

$$\vec{h}$$

$$\vec{e}$$

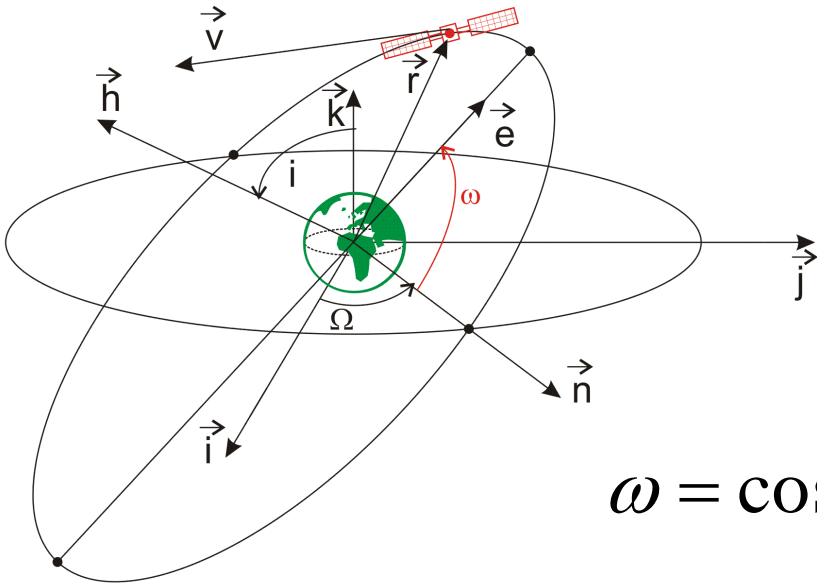
$$\vec{n}$$

$$\Omega$$

4th element

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Calculation of elements



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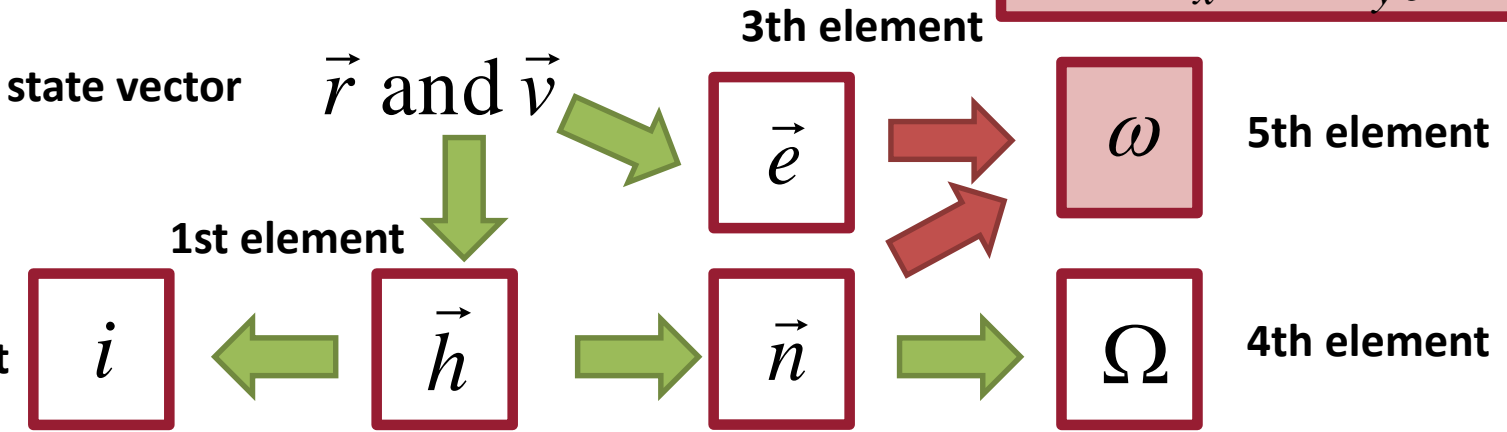
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$$\vec{h} = h_x \vec{i} + h_y \vec{j} + h_z \vec{k}$$

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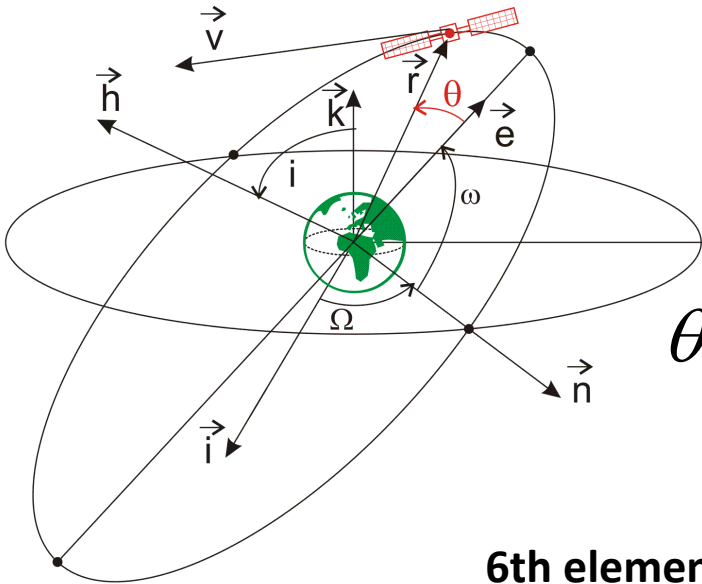
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# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Calculation of elements



$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\vec{e} \cdot \vec{r}}{e \cdot r} \right)$$

$$\vec{r} = r_x \vec{i} + r_y \vec{j} + r_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = v_x \vec{i} + v_y \vec{j} + v_z \vec{k}$$

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$$\vec{e} = e_x \vec{i} + e_y \vec{j} + e_z \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{n} = n_x \vec{i} + n_y \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k}$$

6th element

$$\theta$$

3th element

state vector

$\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{v}$

$$\vec{e}$$

$$\omega$$

5th element

1st element

$$i$$

$$\vec{h}$$

$$\vec{n}$$

$$\Omega$$

4th element

2nd element

# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

## Calculation of elements

Example:

input parameters:

$$r_p = [2004.75, 6174.08, 1567.56] \text{ km}$$
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## Calculation of elements

Example:

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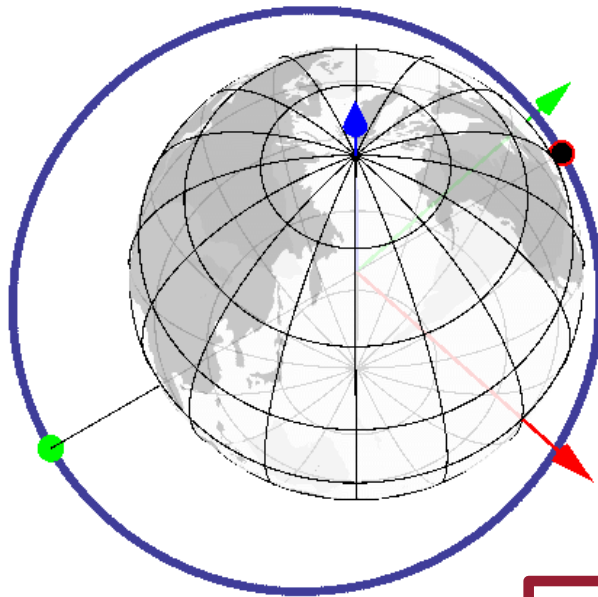


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Orbit in 2D view:



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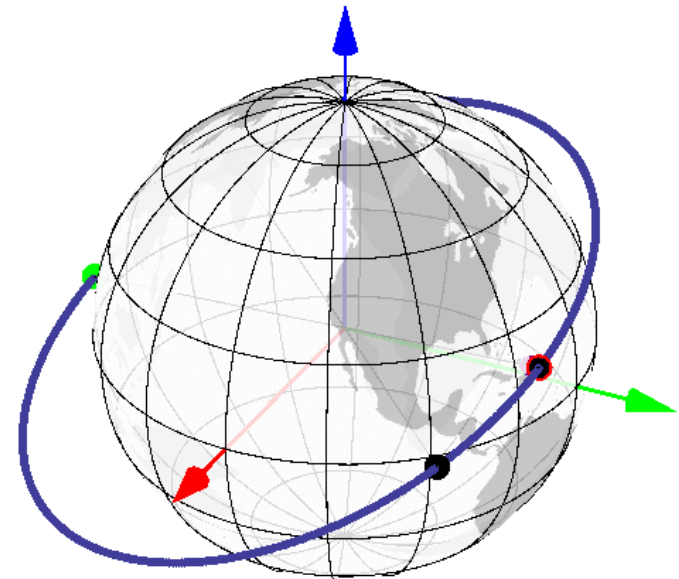
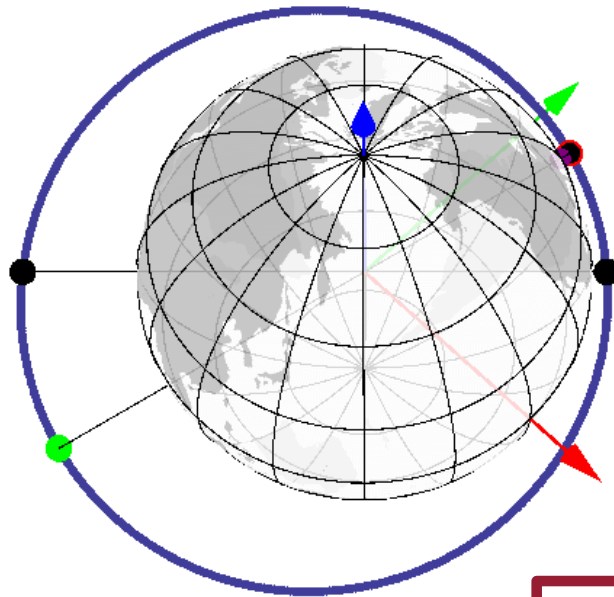
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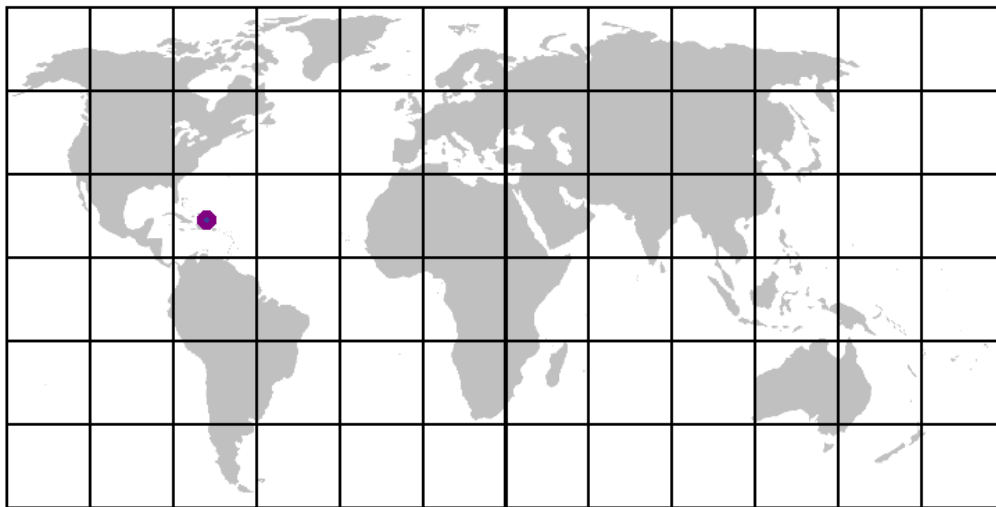
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# 2. Orbits in three dimensions

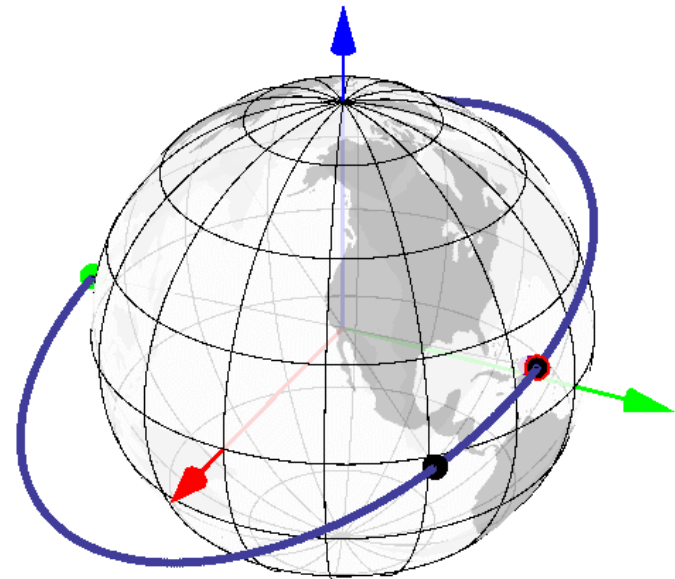
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Orbit in 2D map:



Orbit in 3D view:



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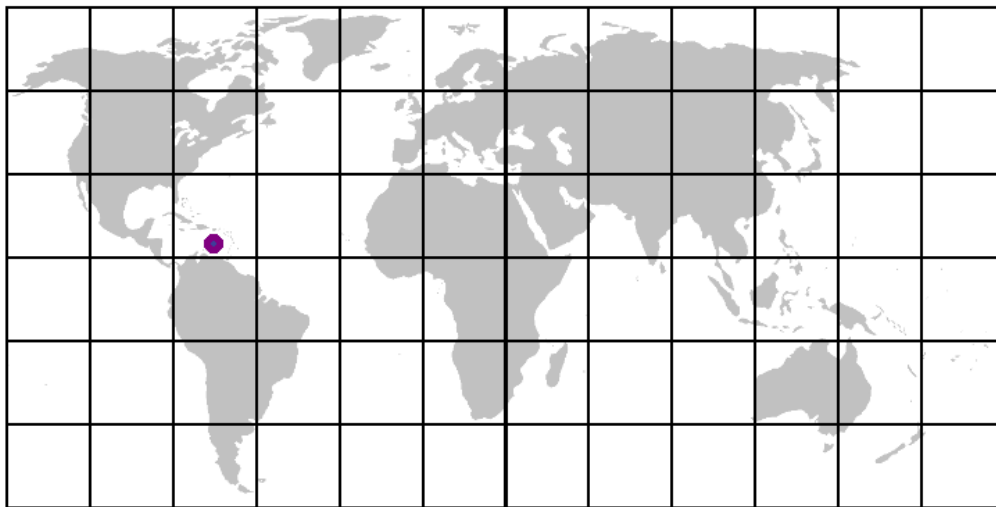
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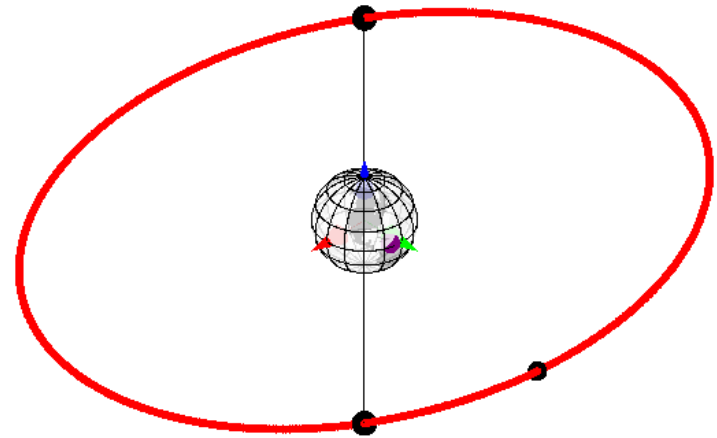
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Example: GEO

Orbit in 2D map:



Orbit in 3D view:



input parameters:

GEO, circular orbit,  
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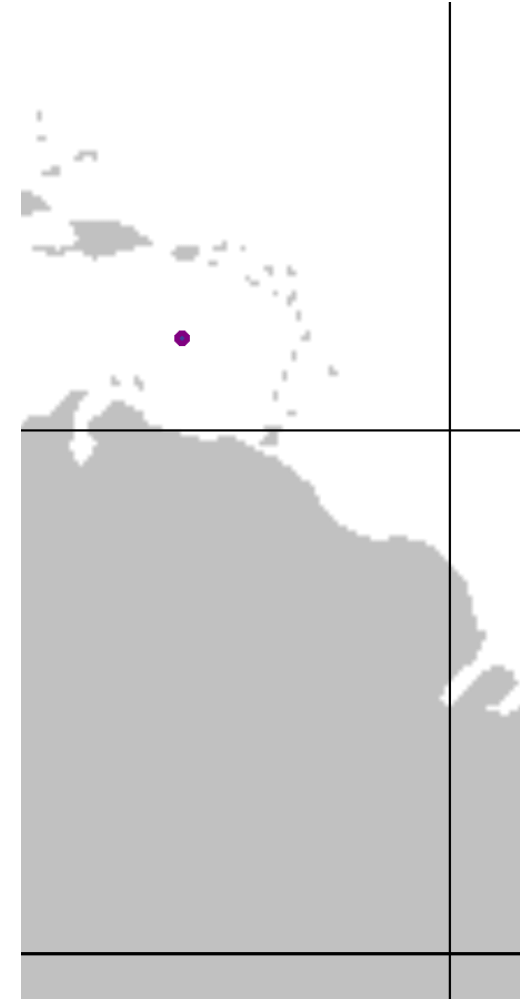
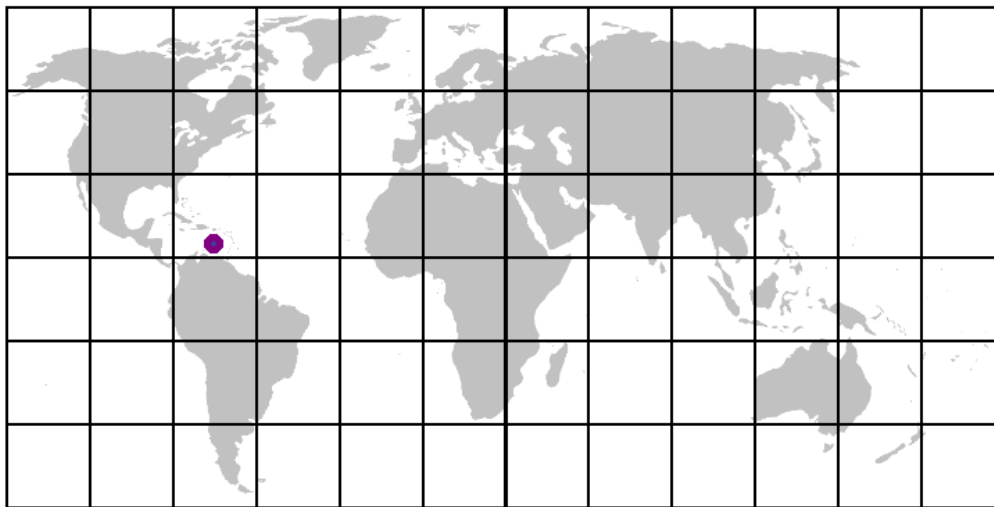
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## Calculation of elements

Example: GEO

Orbit in 2D map:

Detail view:



input parameters:

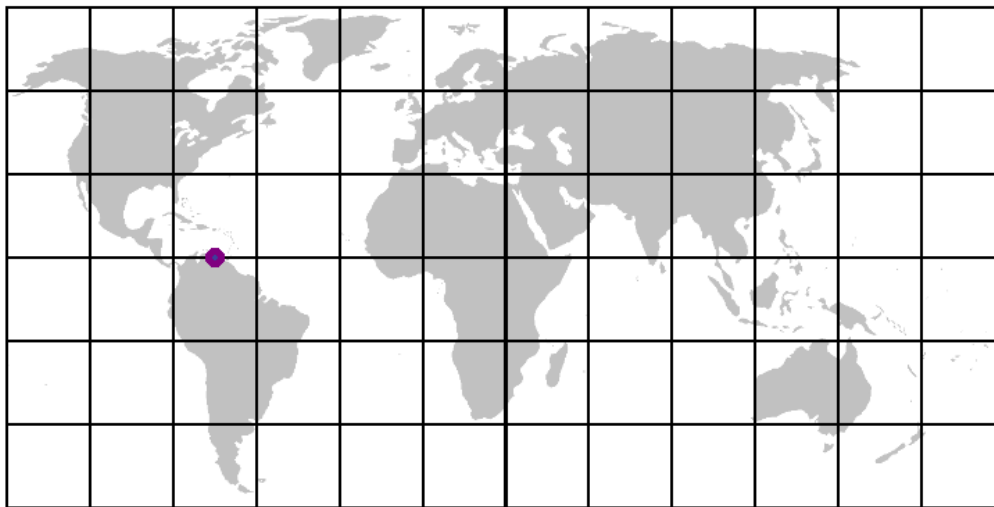
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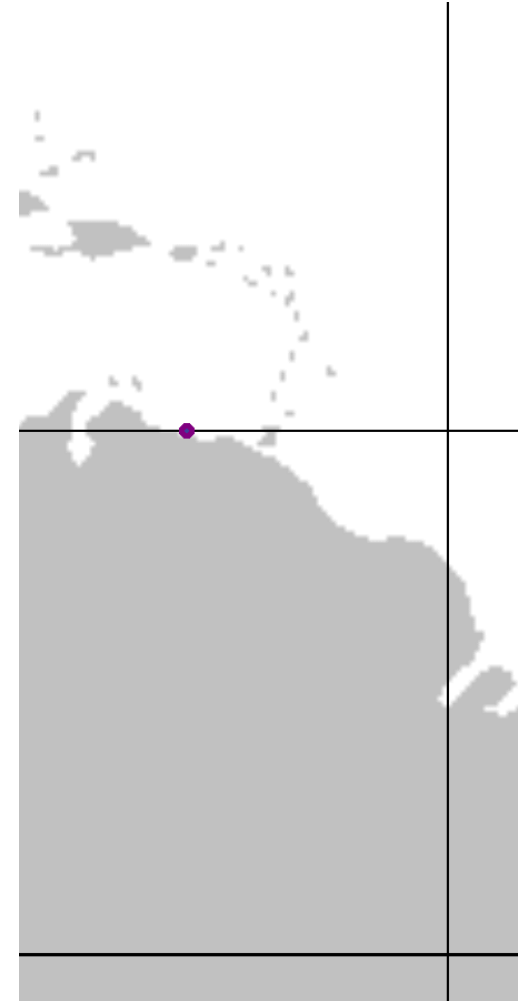
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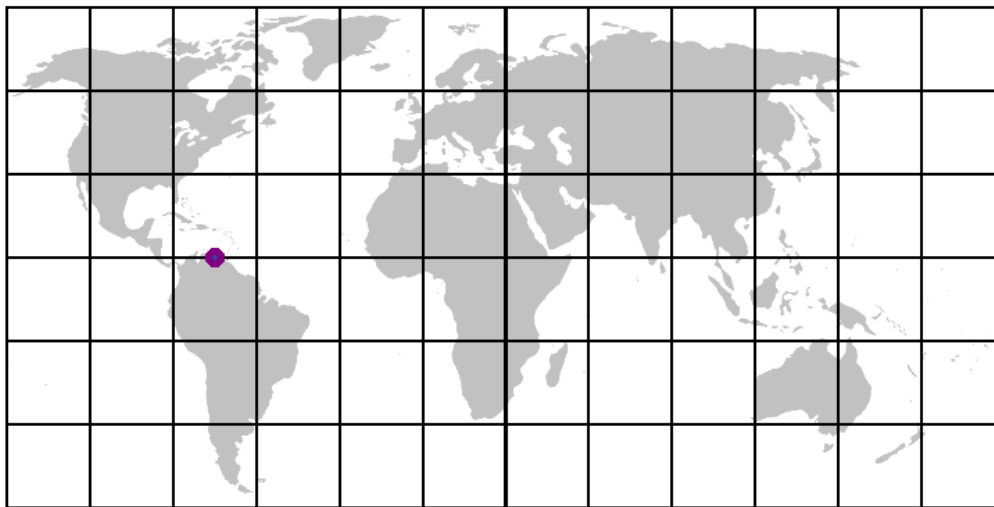
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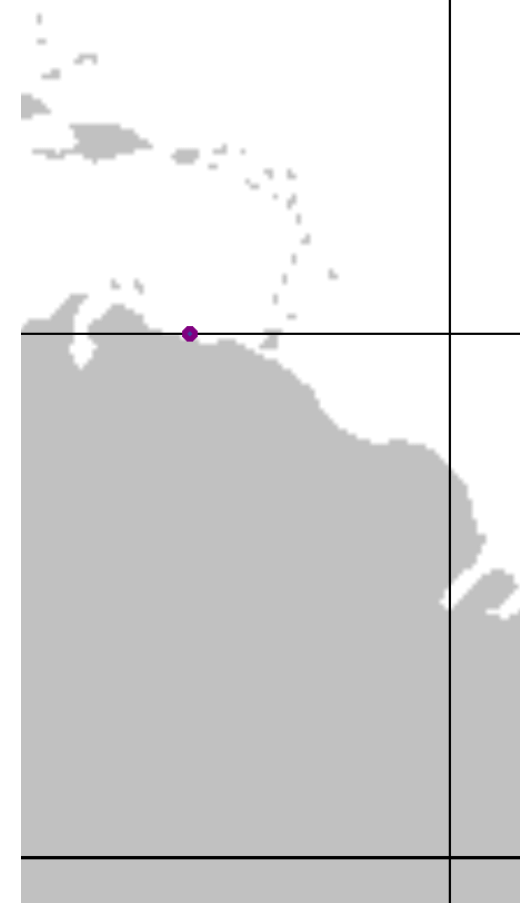
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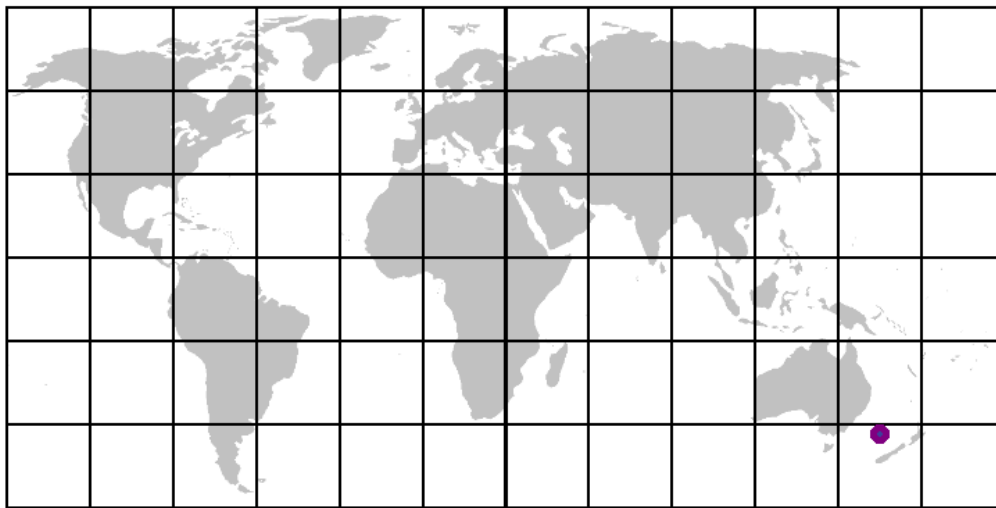
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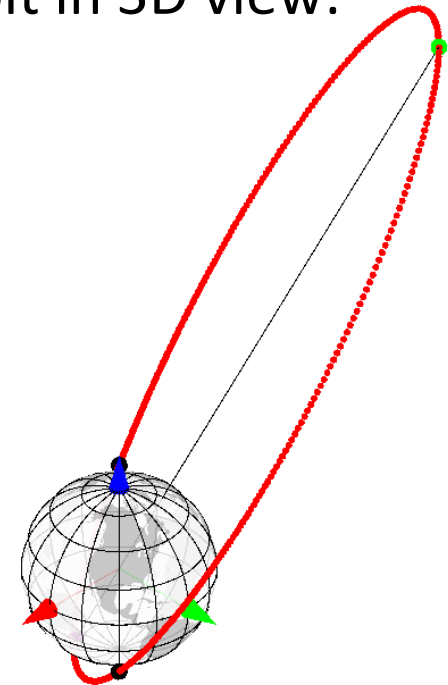
## Calculation of elements

Example: Molnija

Orbit in 2D map:



Orbit in 3D view:



input parameters:

$$e = 0.75 \quad h_a = 40089 \text{ km}$$
$$i = 63.41^\circ \quad h_p = 260 \text{ km}$$

# 3. Orbital perturbations

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- Perturbing forces
- Geopotential
- Orbit propagation
- Variation of parameters
- Examples of orbits

# 3. Orbital perturbations

## Perturbing forces

Orbits of Earth satellites are influenced by 2 facts:

- The Earth is not exactly spherical and the mass distribution is not exactly spherically symmetric
- The satellite feels other forces apart from the Earth's attraction:
  - attractive forces due to other heavenly bodies
  - forces that can be globally categorized as frictional

**All these influences are called perturbations**

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Perturbing forces

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**Conservative forces –**

can be derived from potential:

- flattening of the Earth
- Attraction of the Moon
- Attraction of the Sun
- Attraction by other planets

**Non-conservative forces –**

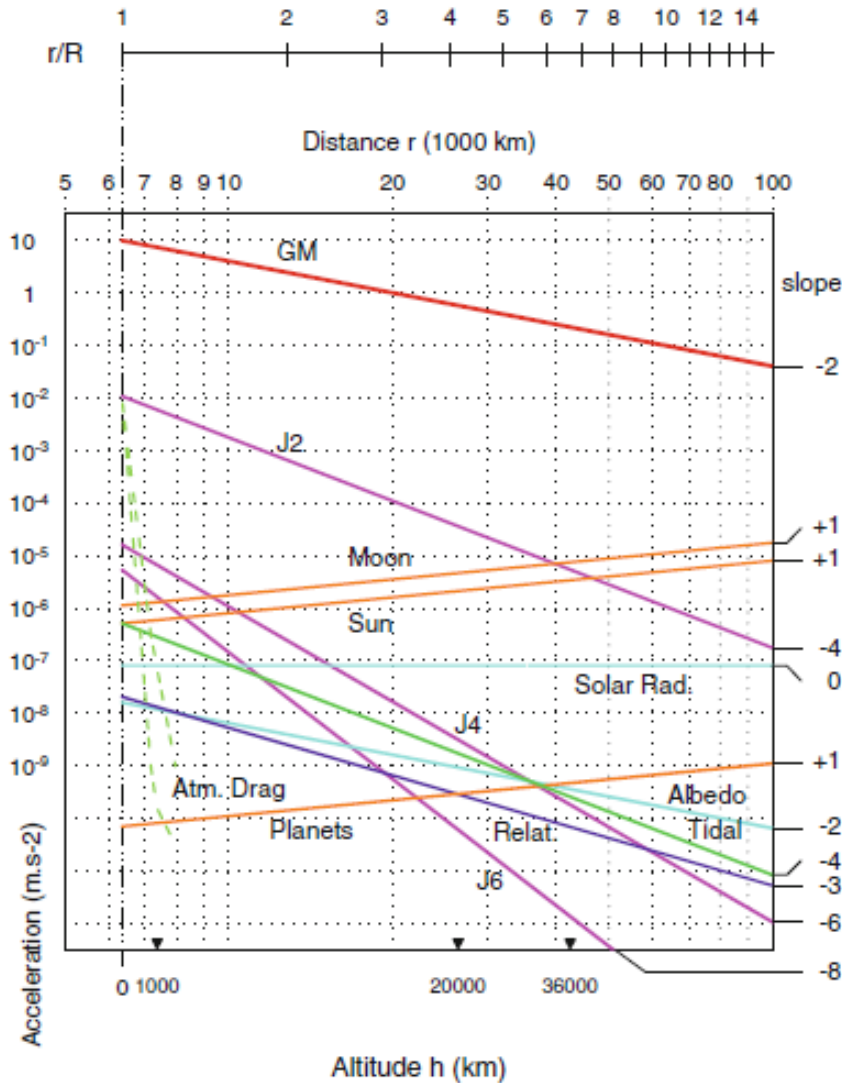
cannot be derived from potential – dissipative forces:

- atmospheric drag
- radiation pressure

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## Perturbing forces

source: Capderou: Handbook of Satellite Orbits



## Influence of perturbing forces expressed by accelerations:

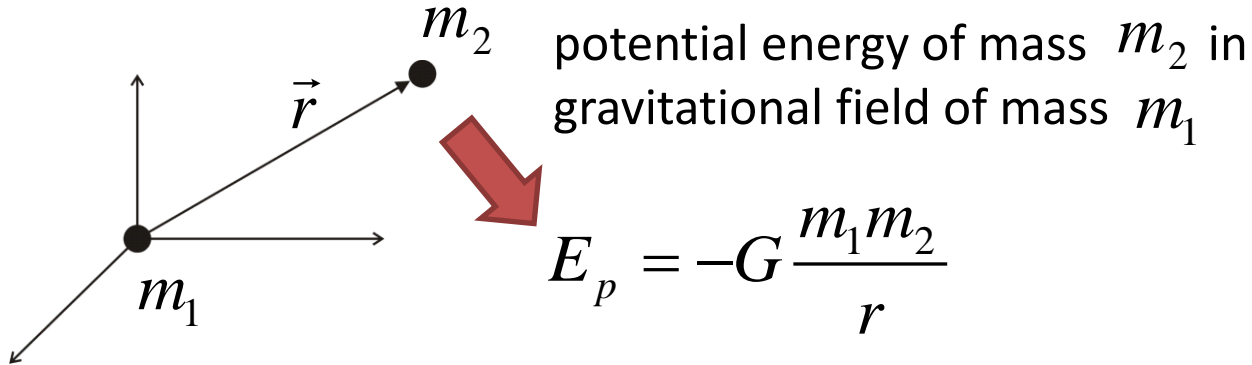
- GM – attraction of Earth (sphere shape)
- J2 – flattening of the Earth (Earth ellipsoid)
- J4, J6 – potential of Earth expressed by higher orders
- Moon, Sun, Planets – their attraction

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## Geopotential

Potential of single mass point:

position of masses

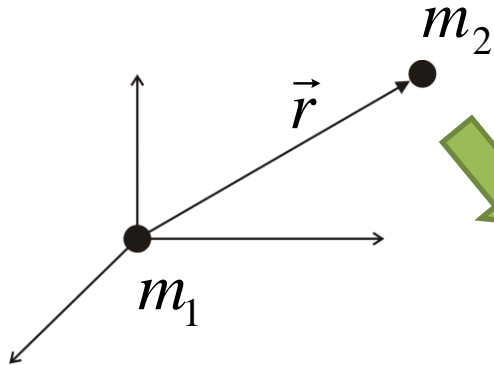


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gravitational potential

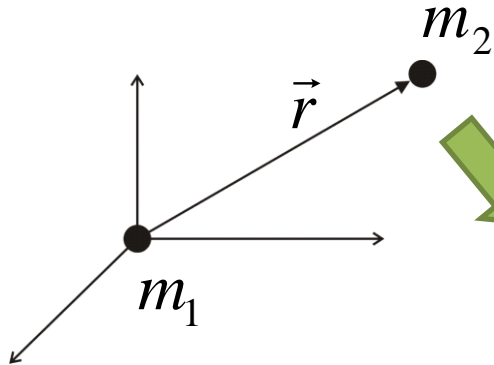
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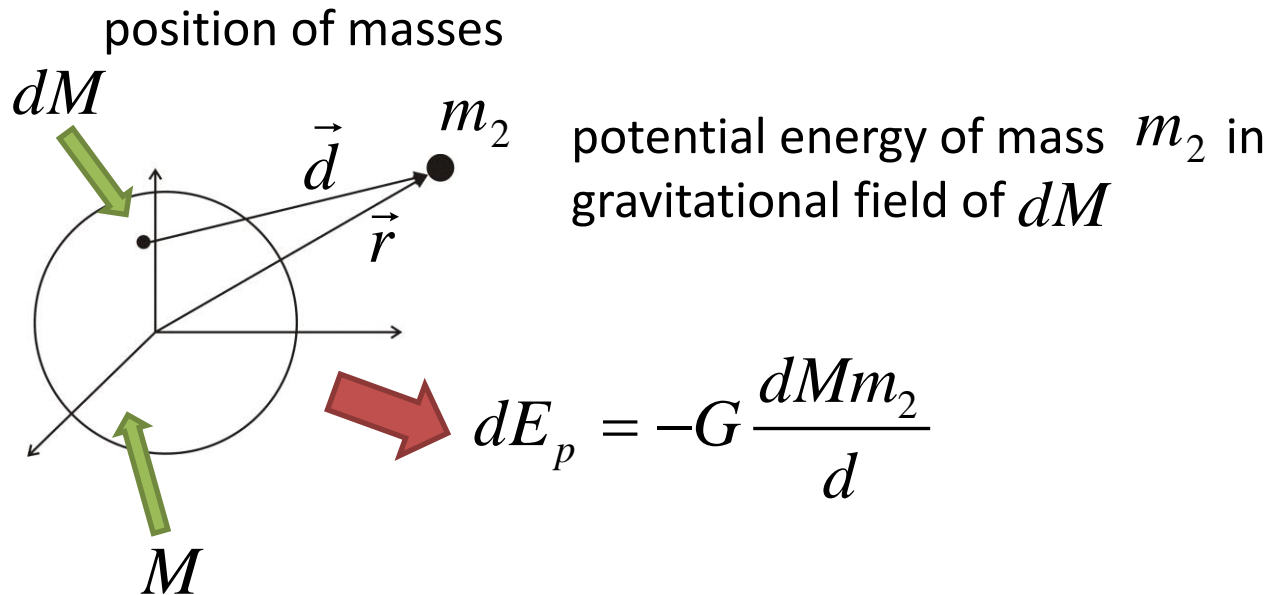
equation of motion expressed by potential

$$\vec{\ddot{r}} = \text{grad}(U)$$

# 3. Orbital perturbations

## Geopotential

### Potential of Earth: 1. approximation - sphere

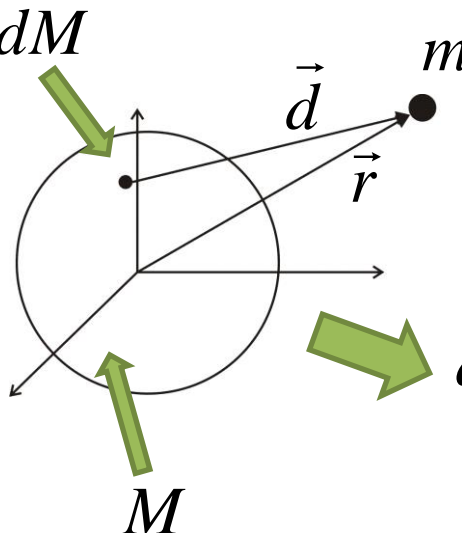


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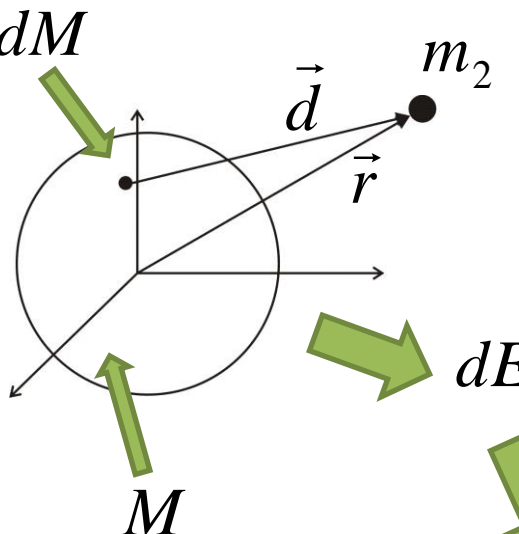
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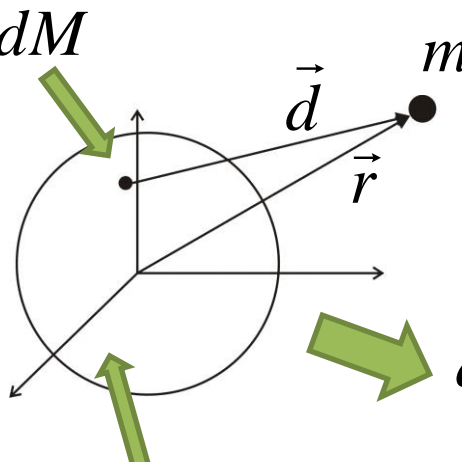
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equal potential as single mass potential

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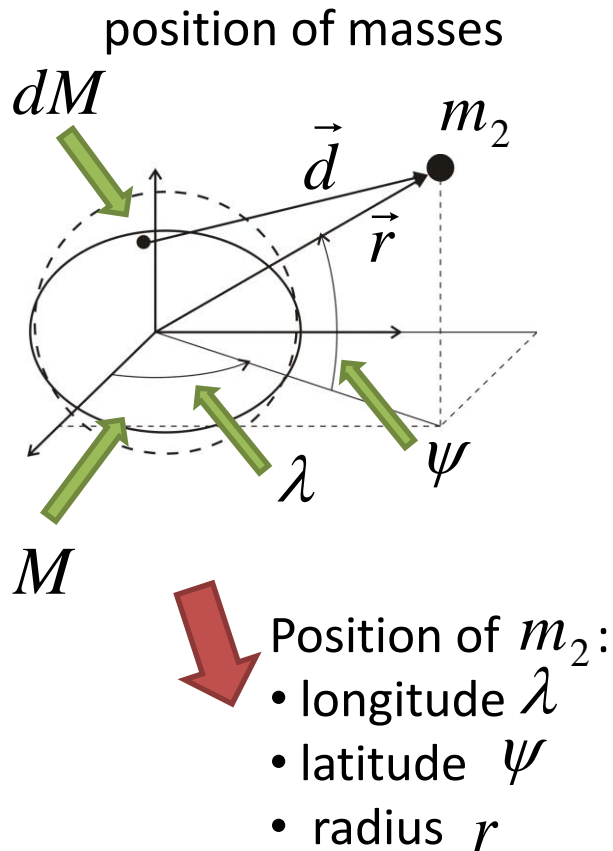
integration over sphere boundary

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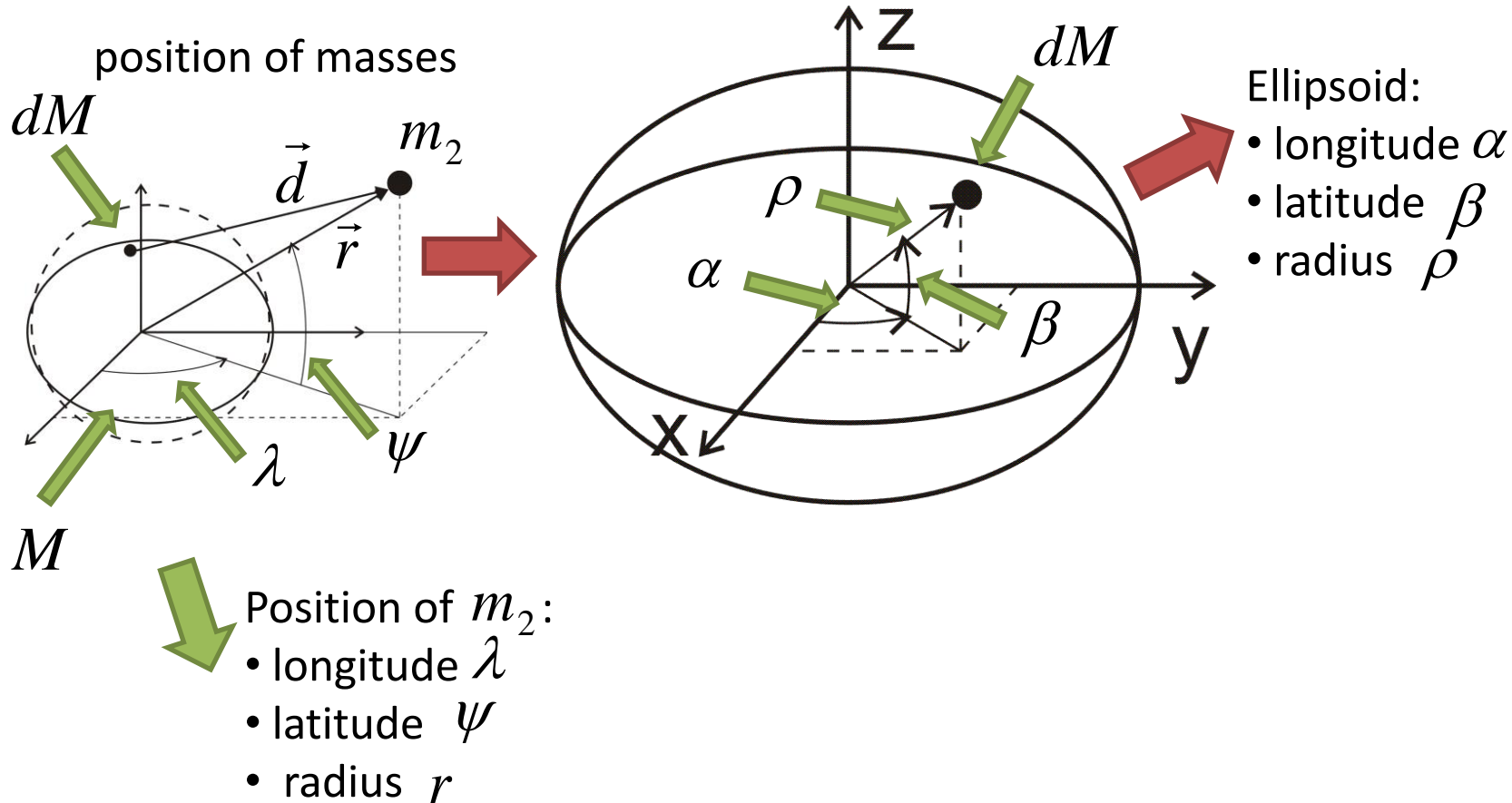
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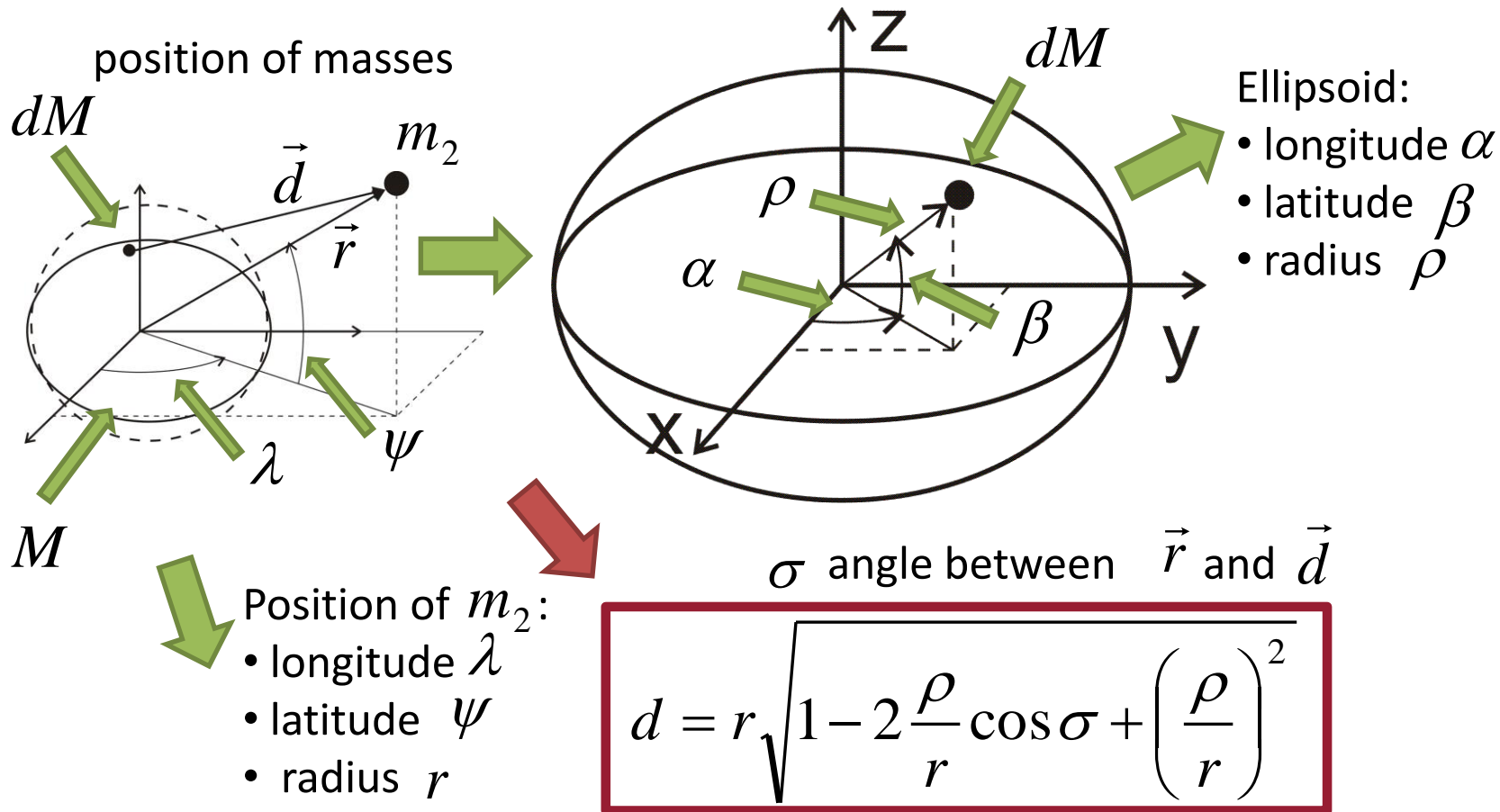
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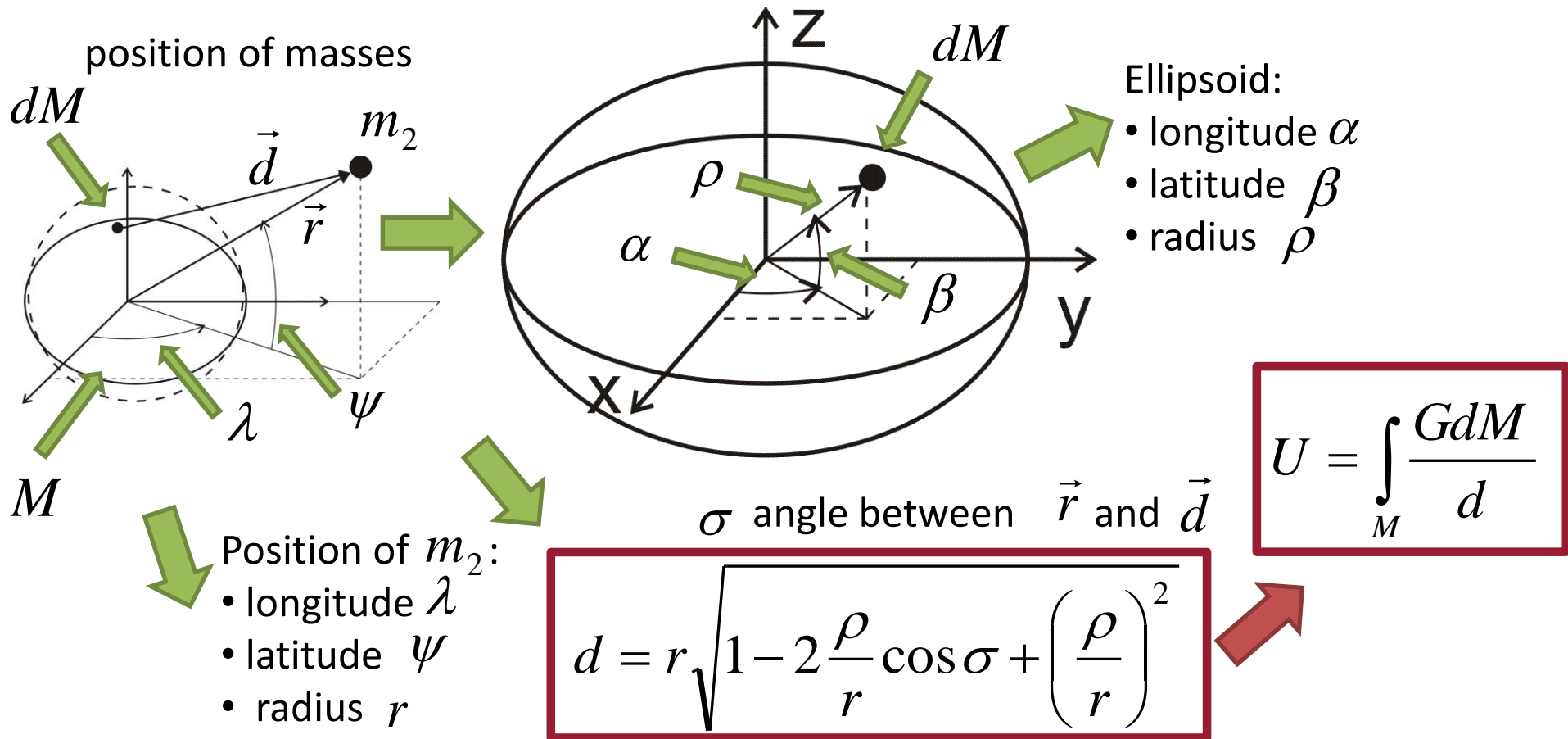
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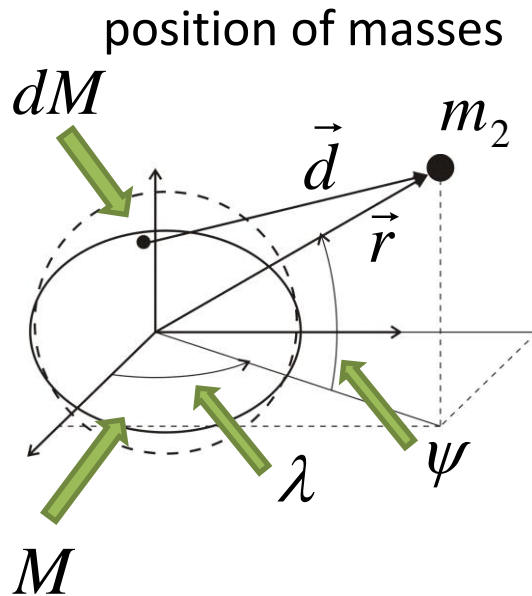
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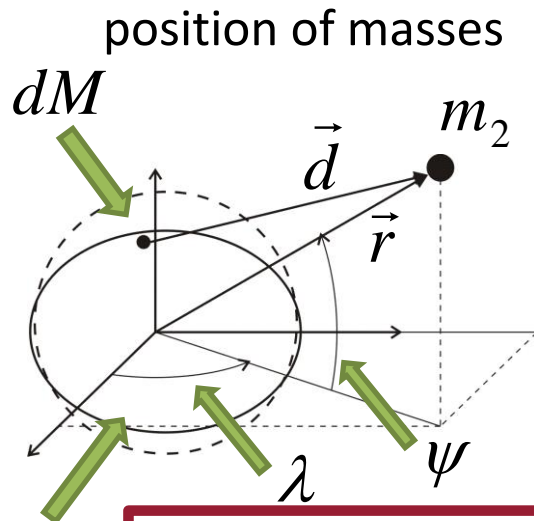
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$$U = \int_M \frac{GdM}{d}$$

$R$  is equatorial radius

$J_2$  dimensionless coefficient

$$J_2 = \frac{1}{MR^2} (I_x - I_z) \quad J_2 = 1.0826 \times 10^{-3}$$

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Legendre functions

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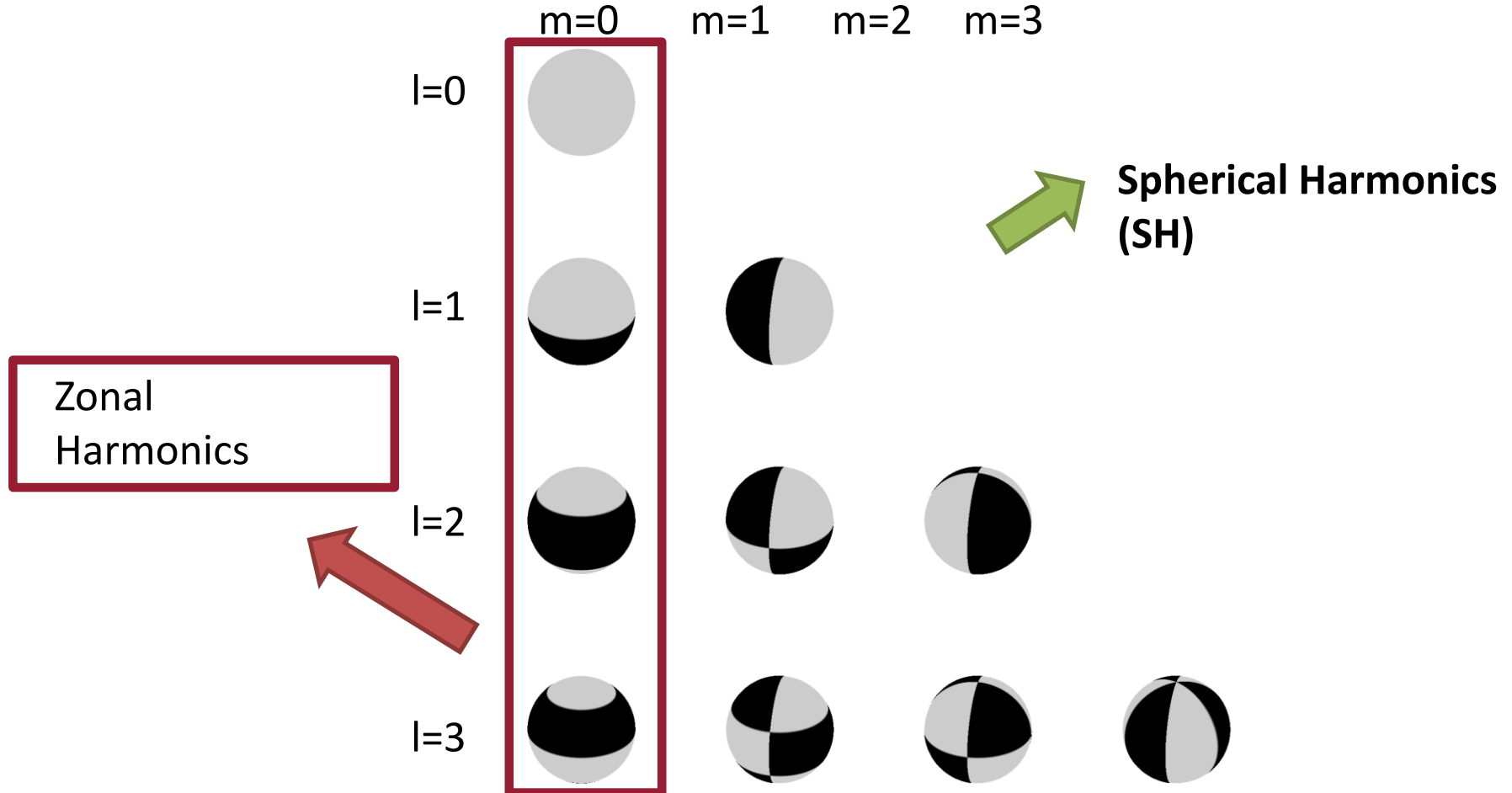
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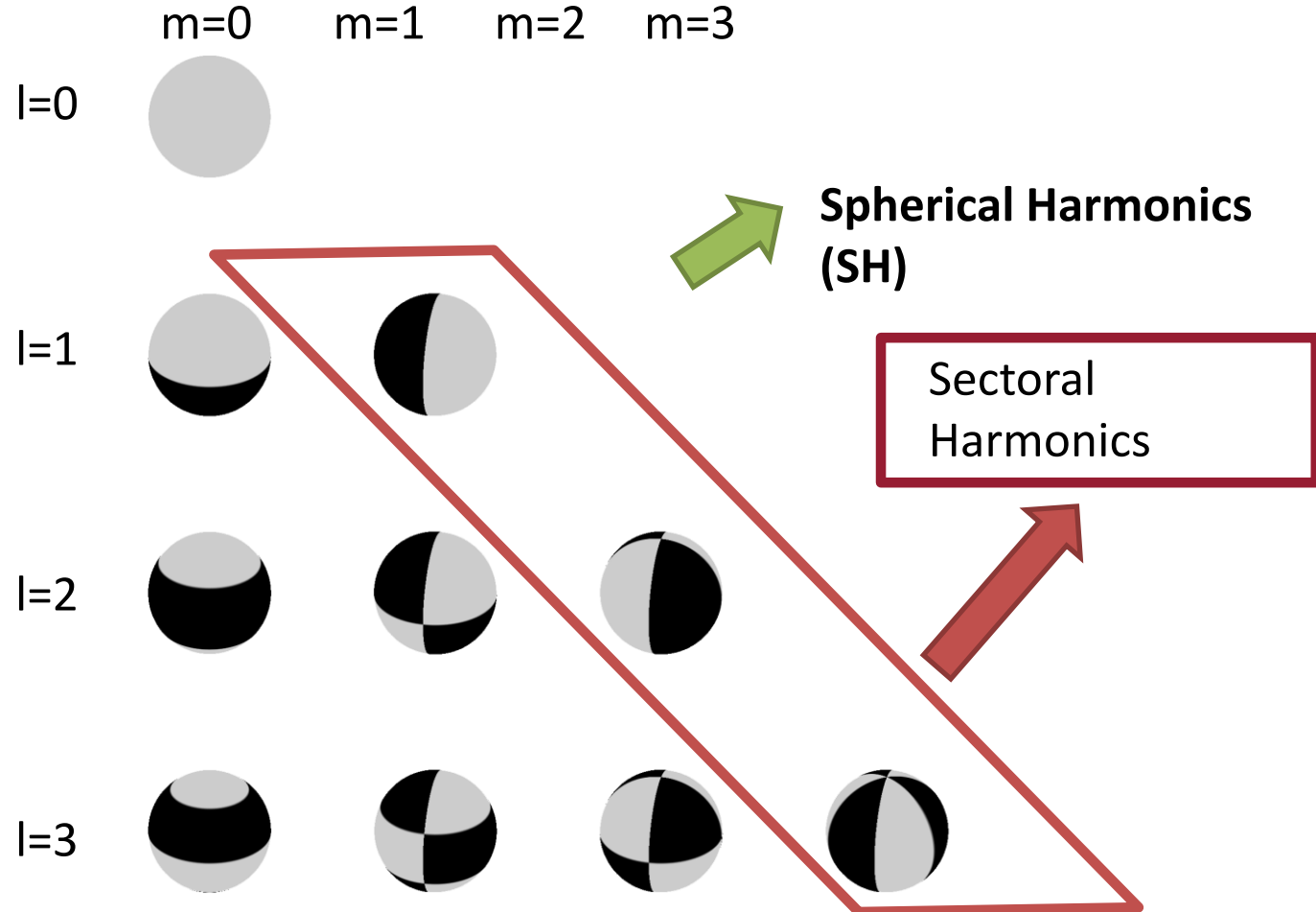
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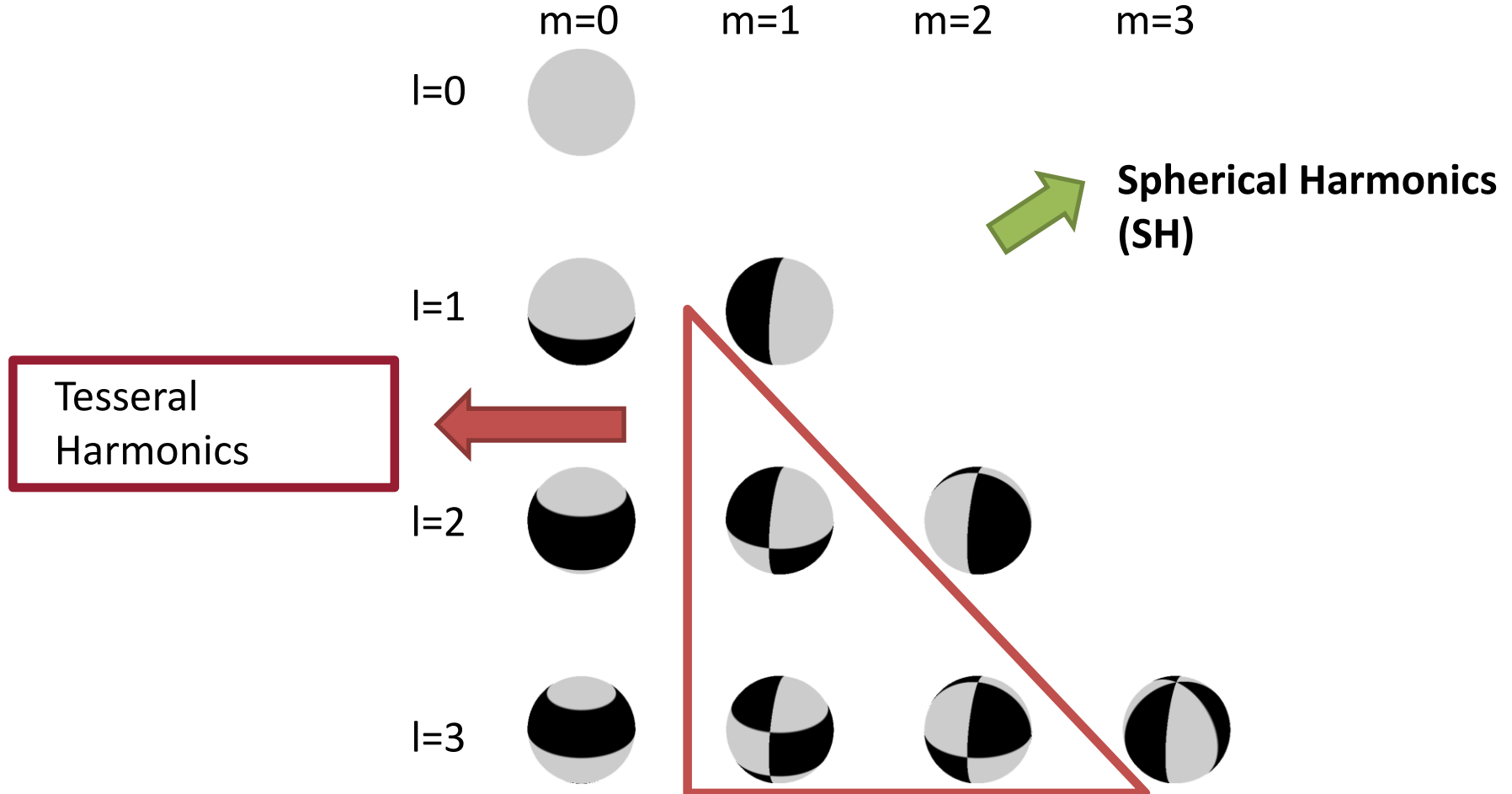
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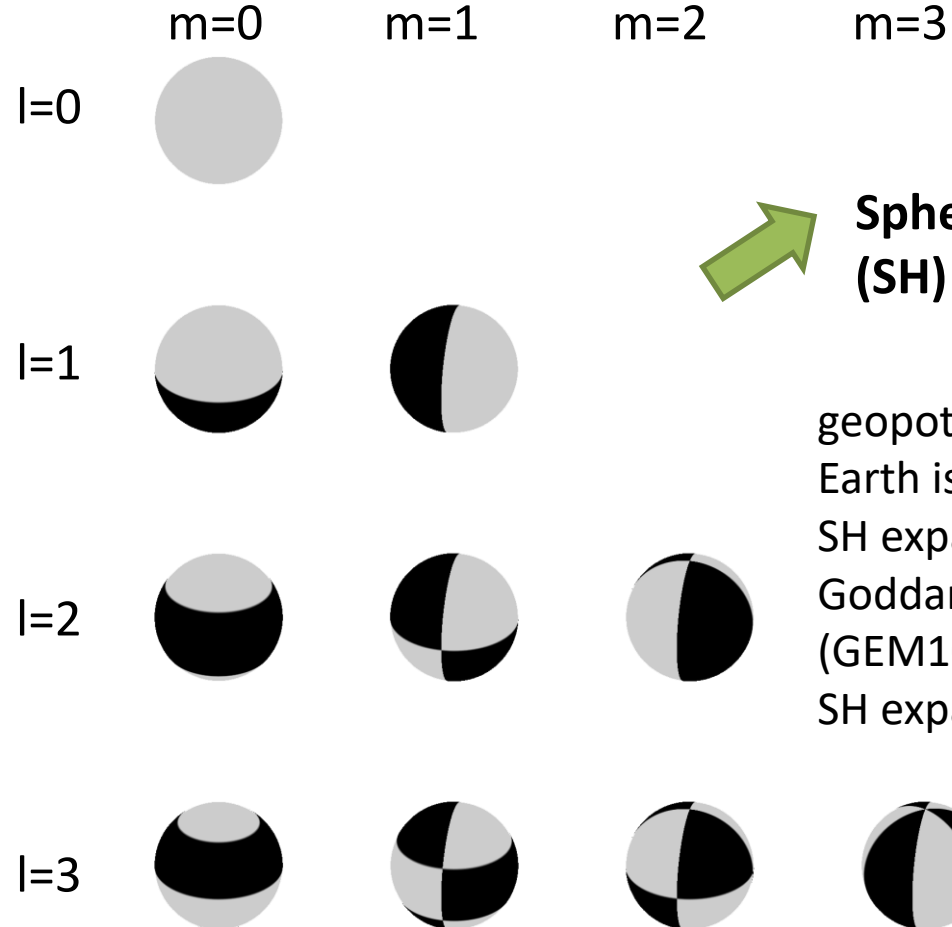
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**Spherical Harmonics (SH)**



geopotential model of Earth is using coefficients in SH expansion, for example Goddard Earth Model 10b (GEM10b) is using 21x21 SH expansion

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## Orbit propagation

- the goal is to solve equation of motion with initial conditions

$$\vec{\ddot{r}} = \text{grad}(U)$$

$$\vec{r}(t = 0) = \vec{r}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\vec{r}}(t = 0) = \dot{\vec{r}}_0$$

- potential  $U$  expresses influence of central acceleration and perturbative acceleration



$$U = U_0 + R$$

- for example, perturbative potential

$$U_0 = \frac{\mu}{r} \quad R = -\frac{\mu R^2}{r^3} J_2 \frac{3 \sin^2 \psi - 1}{2}$$

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## Orbit propagation

- analytical methods:  **general perturbations**
  - expresses modification of motion
  - enable to determine whether the eccentricity increases, the orbit begins to precess, and so on
- numerical methods:  **special perturbations**
  - one step methods – purely mathematical approach: Runge-Kuta
  - multistep methods – methods developed by astronomers to determine the motions of planets: Adams-Bashforth, Adams-Moulton
  - special methods design specially for artificial satellites

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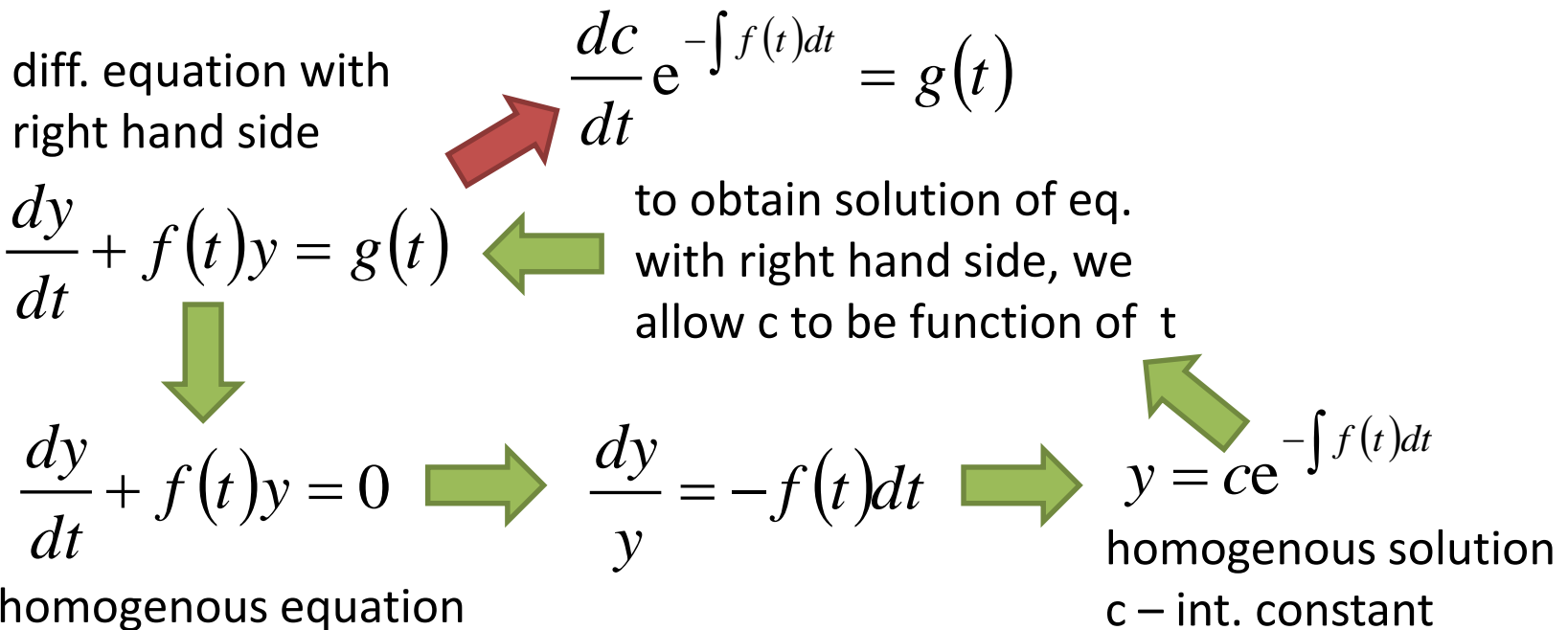
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$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -\frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial a} - \frac{b^2}{na^4 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} \qquad \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M}$$

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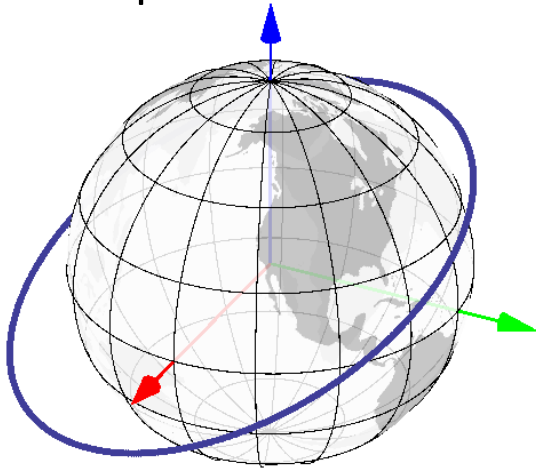
$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{3}{4(1-e^2)^2} n J_2 \left( \frac{R}{a} \right)^2 (5 \cos^2 i - 1)$$

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Kepler's orbit



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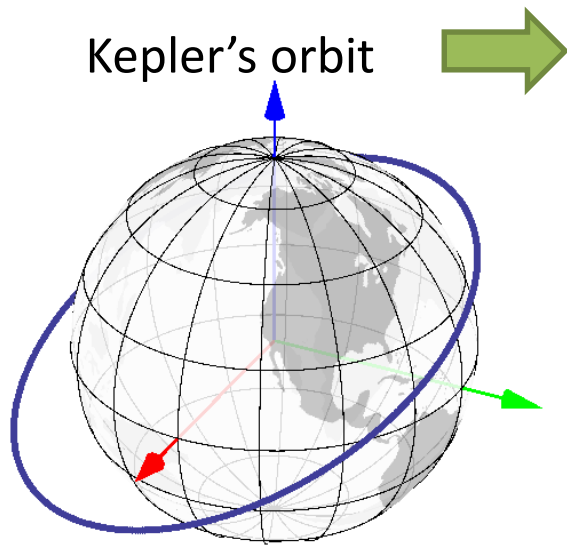
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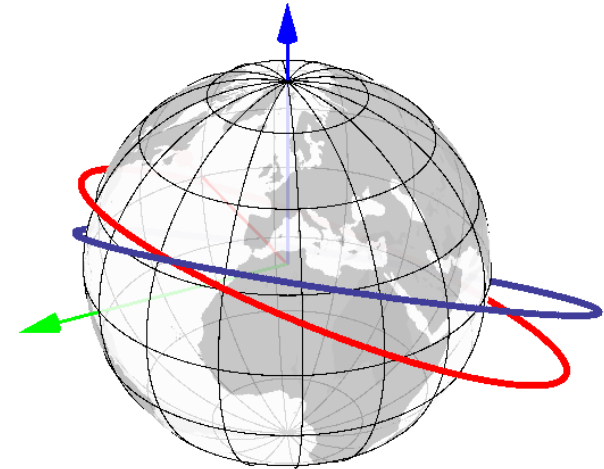
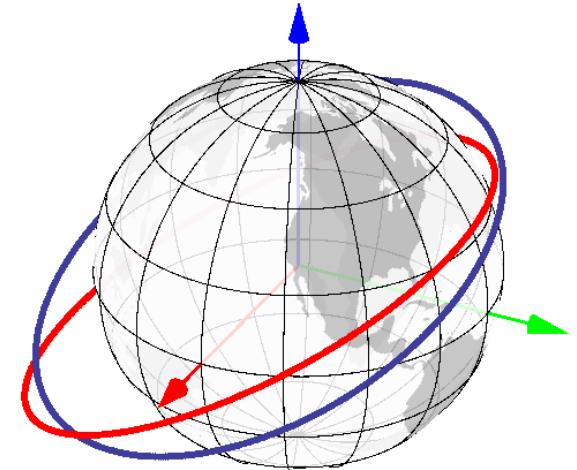
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Perturbed orbit  
after  $100 \times T$   
only  $J_2$  is considered

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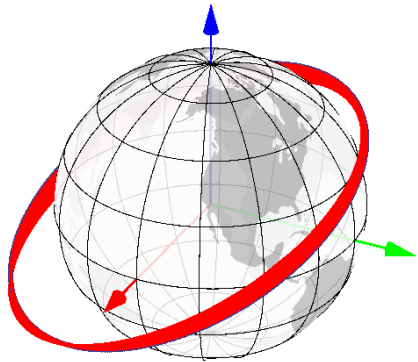
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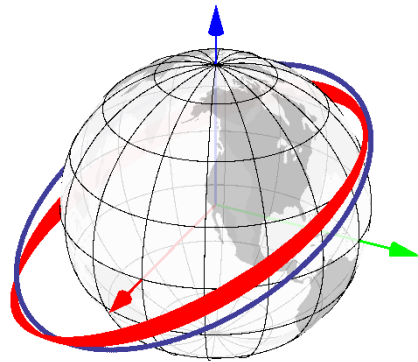
- Numerical solution of orbital equations

Red color – perturbed orbit in specific time range

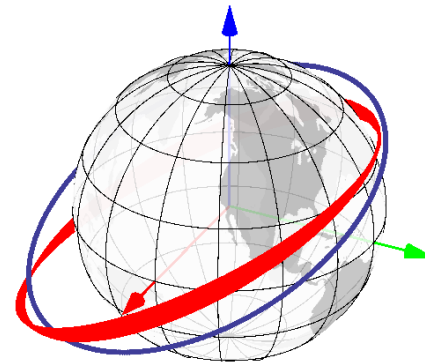
Blue color – unperturbed Kepler's orbit



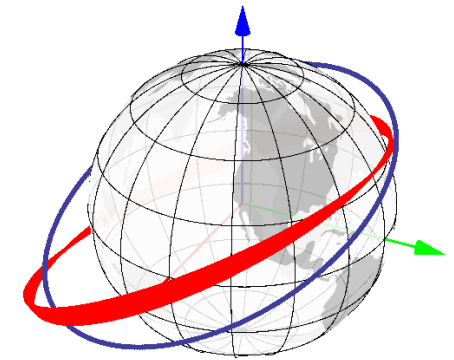
$$t = \langle 0, 40T \rangle$$



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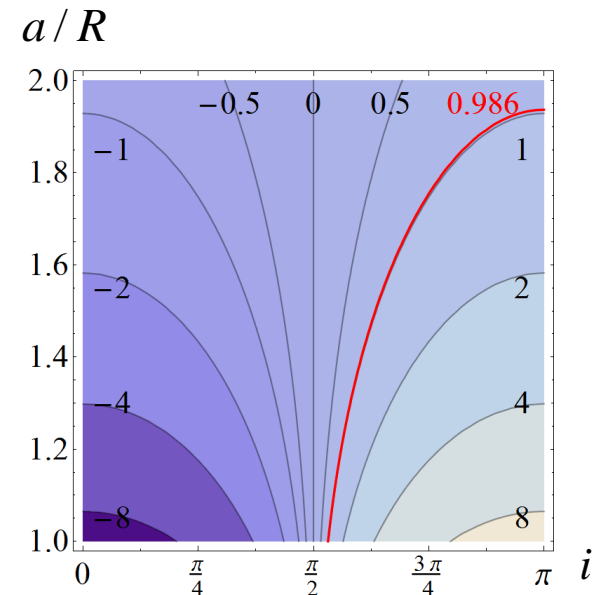
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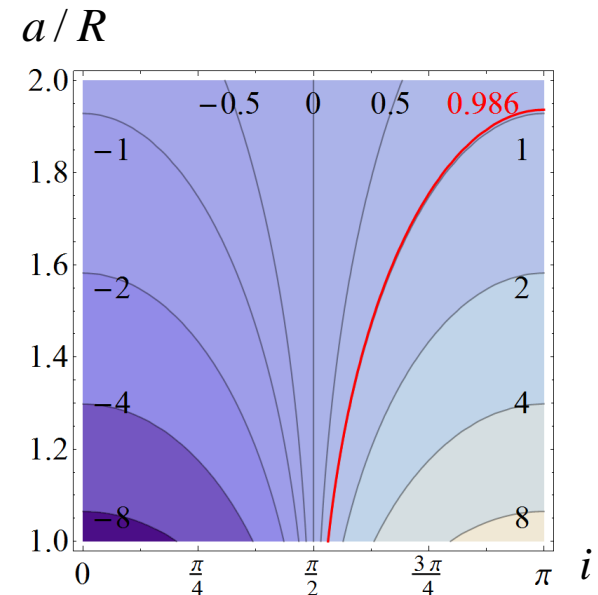
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Operating S-s satellites:  $h = 700 - 900$  km  
orbit: circular or near circular



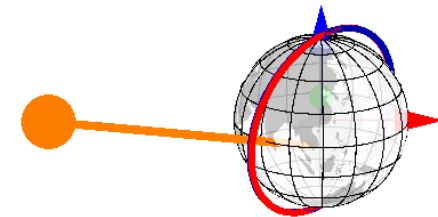
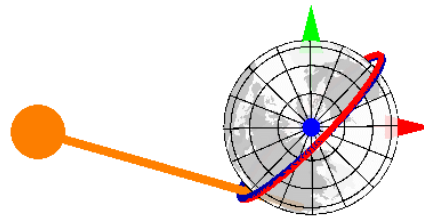
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view from Sun

Blue: Kepler's orbit

Red: sun-synchronous orbit

Orange: Sun and sun beam

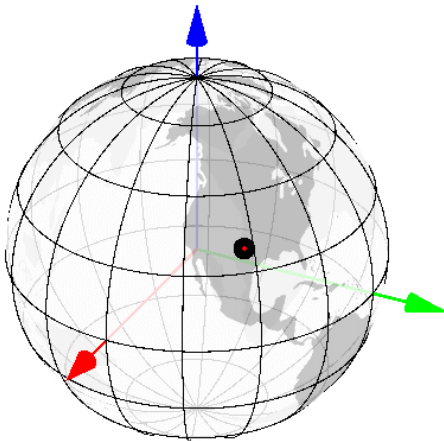
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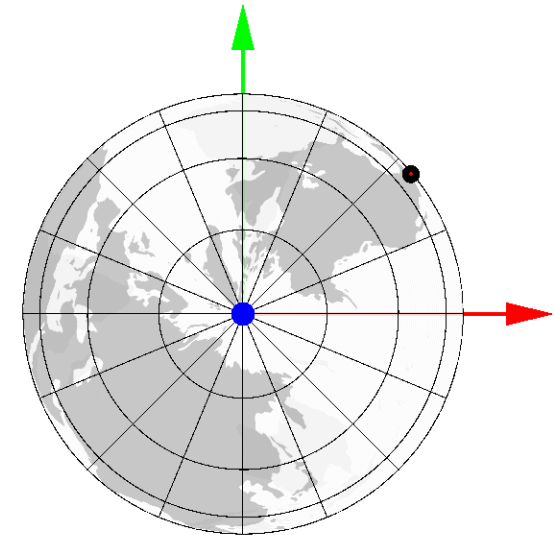
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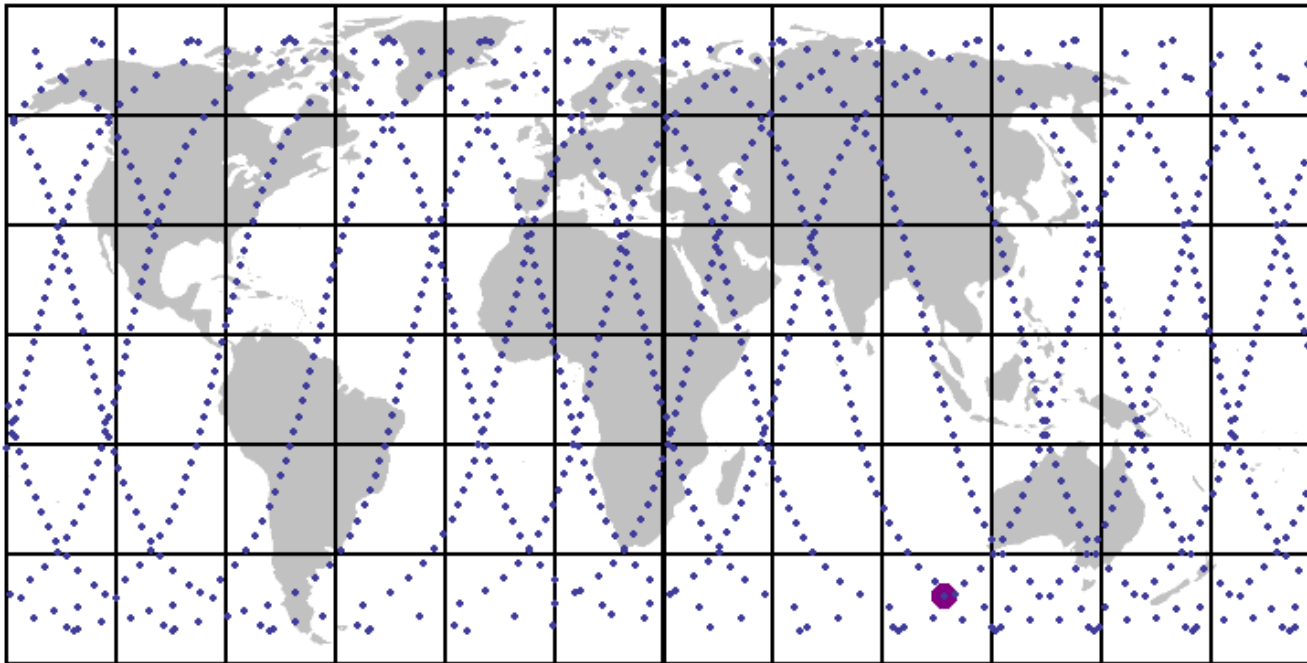
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# 4. Orbital maneuvers

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- Impulsive maneuvers
- Hohmann transfer
- Non-Hohmann transfer
- Plane change maneuvers

# 4. Orbital maneuvers


## Impulsive maneuvers


- brief firings of rocket motors change the magnitude and direction of the velocity vector instantaneously
- during an impulsive maneuver, the position of the spacecraft is considered to be fixed, only the velocity changes  impulsive maneuver is an idealization
- velocity increment is related to consumed propellant

$$\Delta v_S = -u_e \text{Ln} \left( \frac{m_{S0} - \Delta m_S}{m_{S0}} \right)$$

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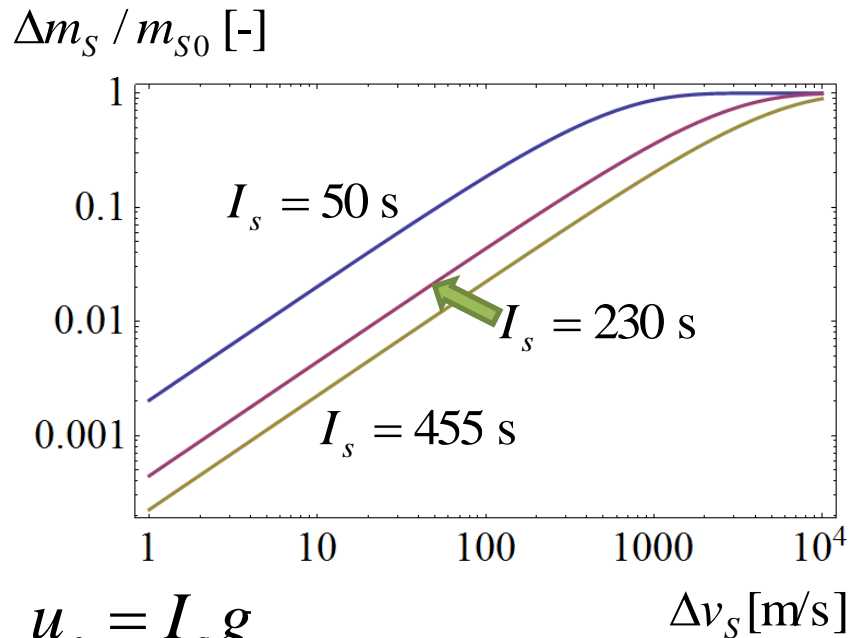


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# 4. Orbital maneuvers

## Impulsive maneuvers

- specific impulse characteristics



Propellant	Specific impulse $I_s$ [s]
cold gas	50
Monopropellant hydrazine	230
LOX/LH2	455
Ion propulsion	>3000

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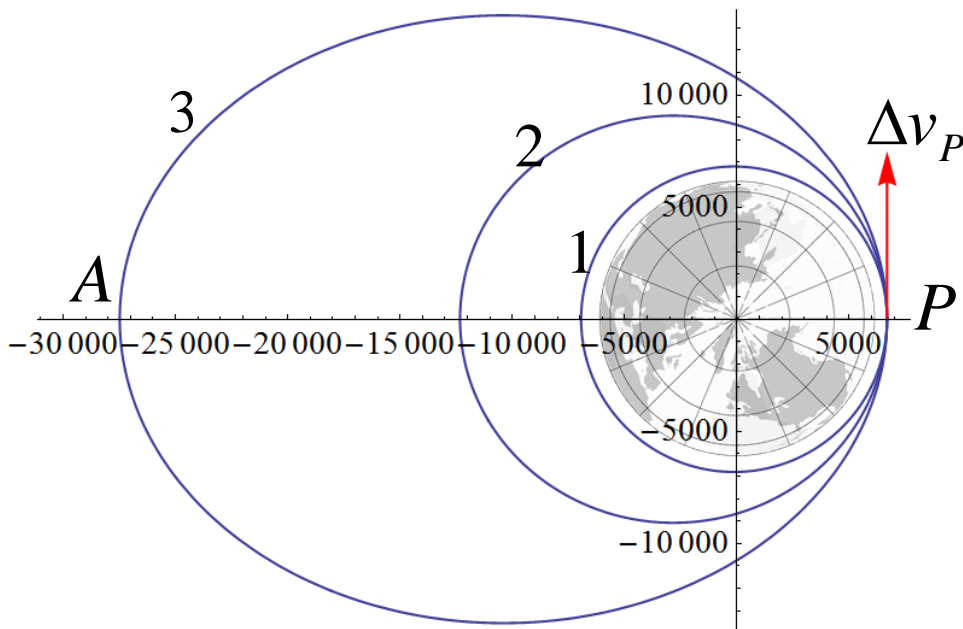
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$r_P, v_{P1}$

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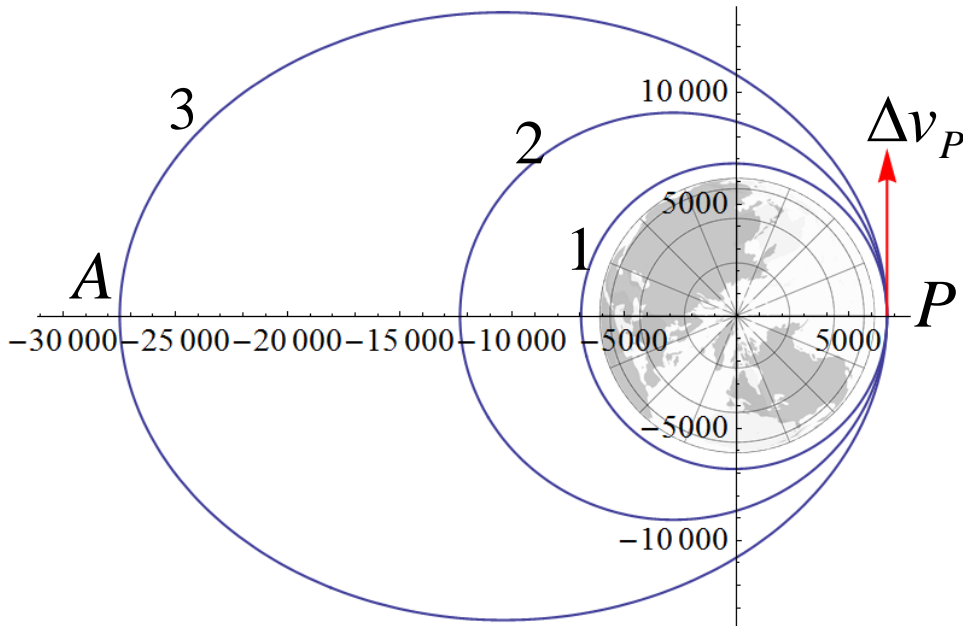
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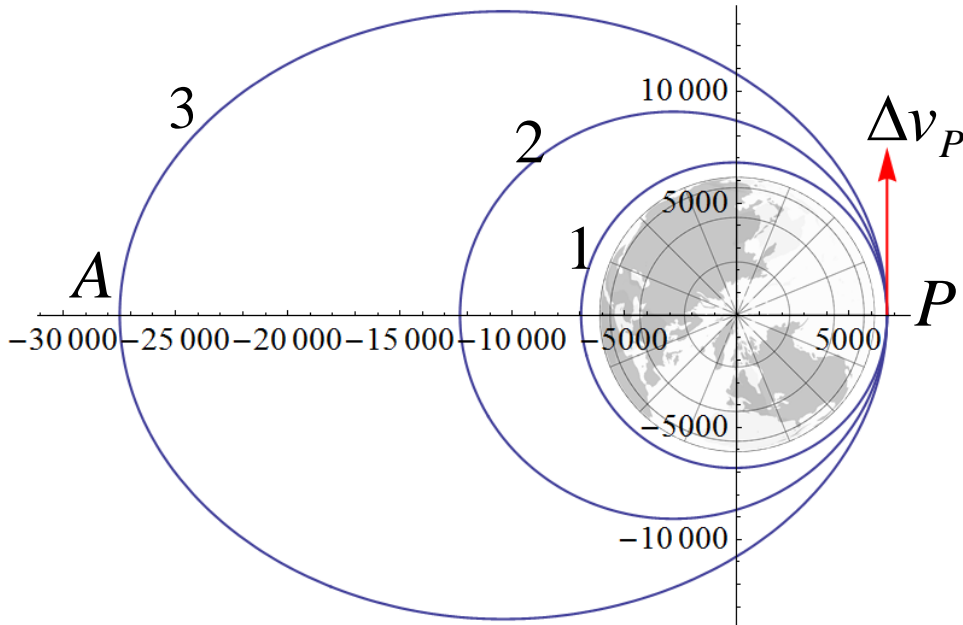
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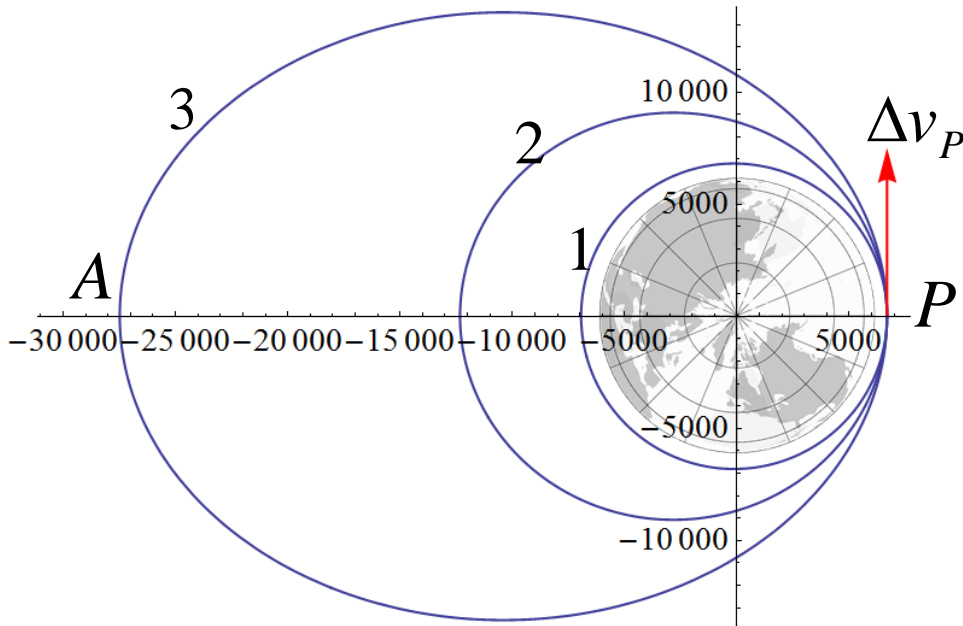
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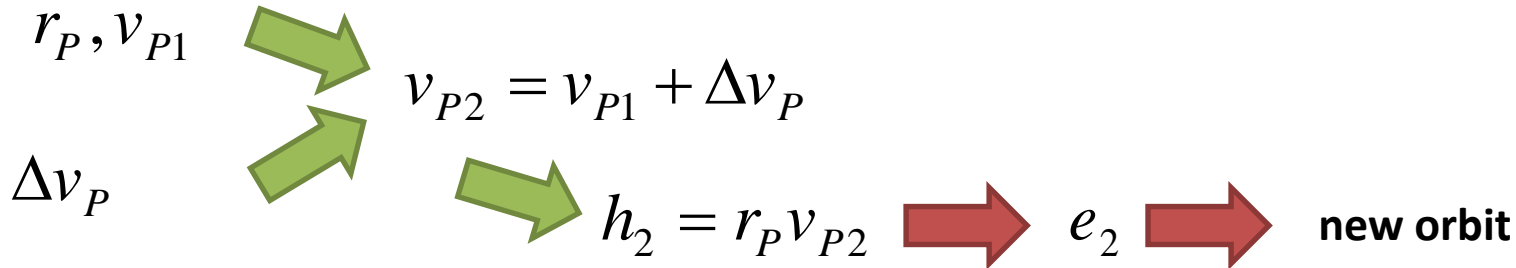
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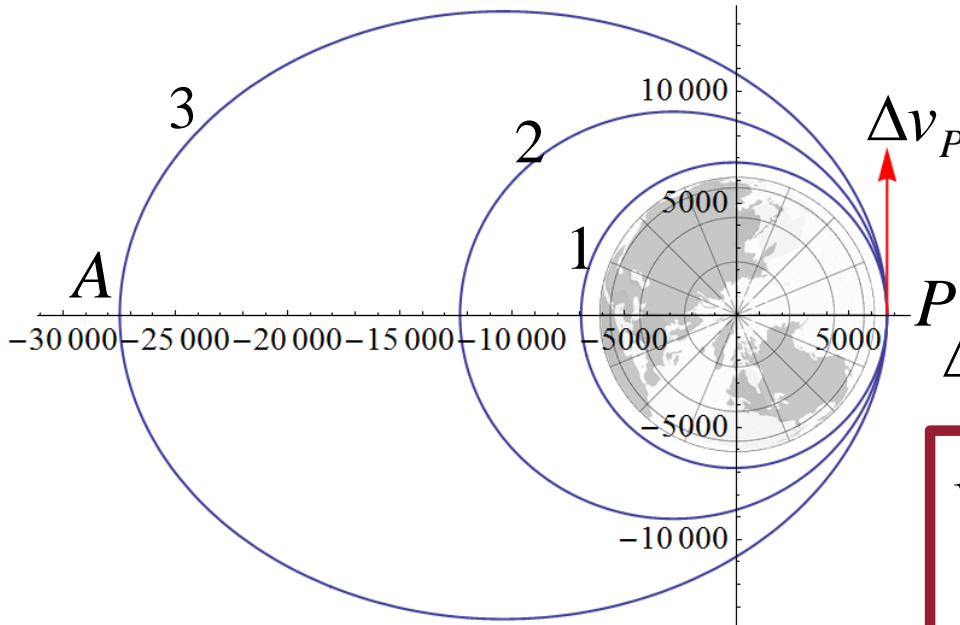
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$$v_{P2} = 8.8 \text{ km/s}$$

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$$e_2 = 0.297$$

$$e_3 = 0.609$$

$$r_{A3} = 12331.4 \text{ km}$$

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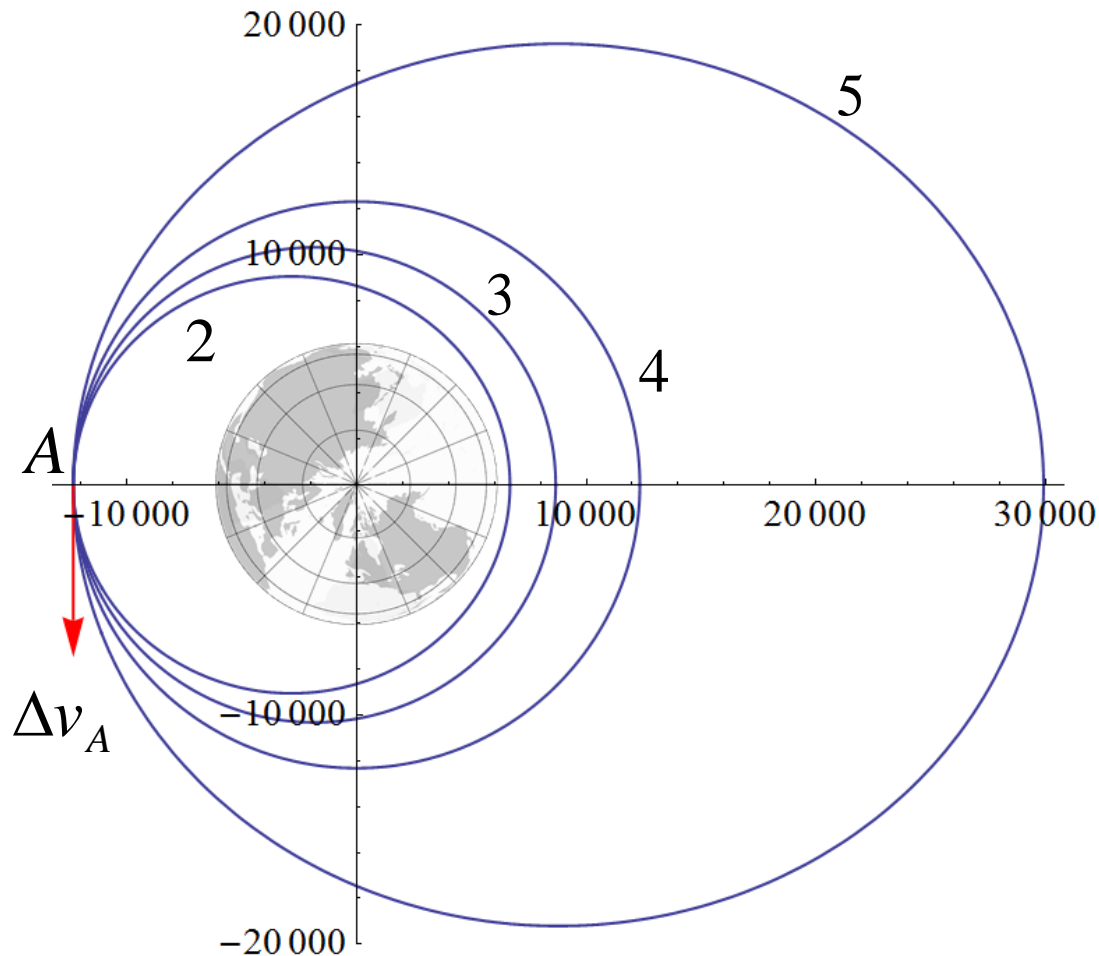
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$$\Delta v_P \quad \Rightarrow \quad h_2 = r_P v_{P2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad e_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{new orbit}$$

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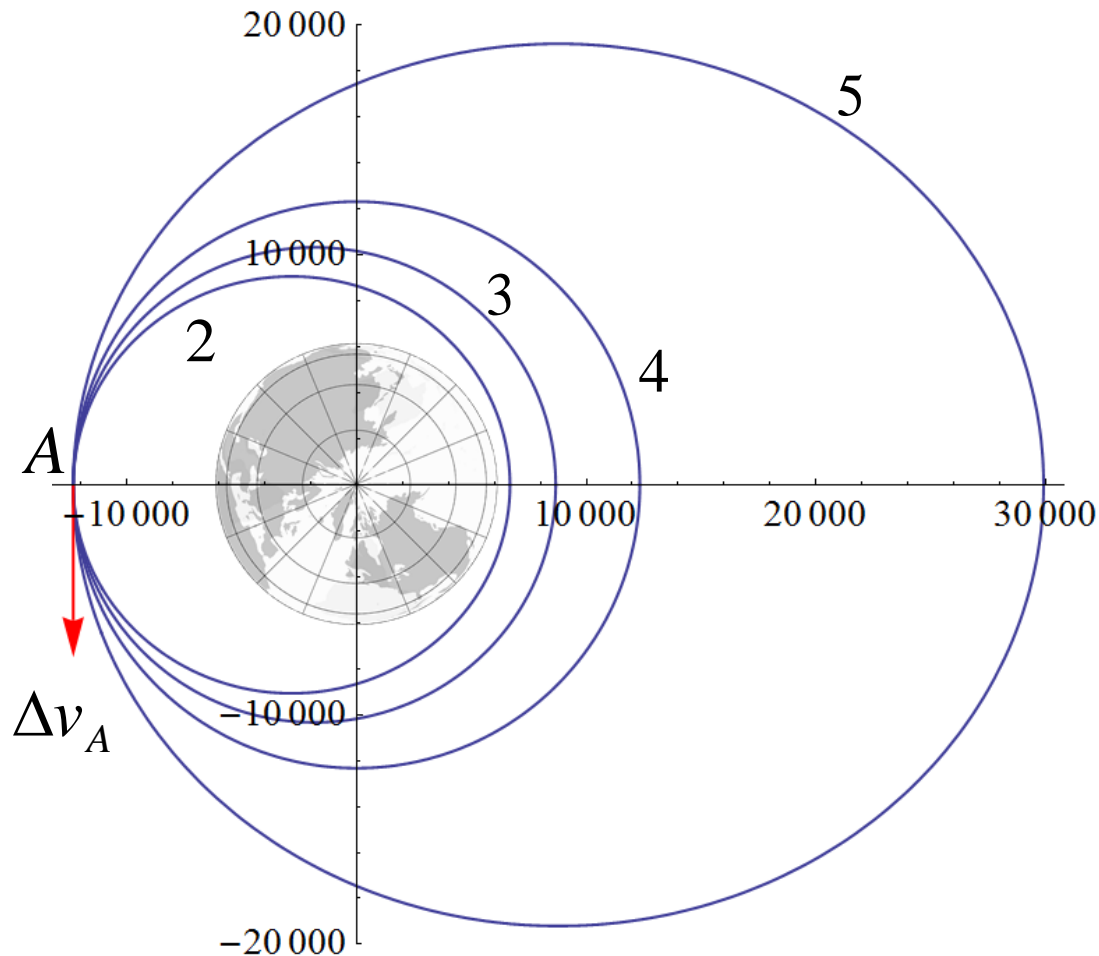
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**circle**



**$A \leftrightarrow P$**

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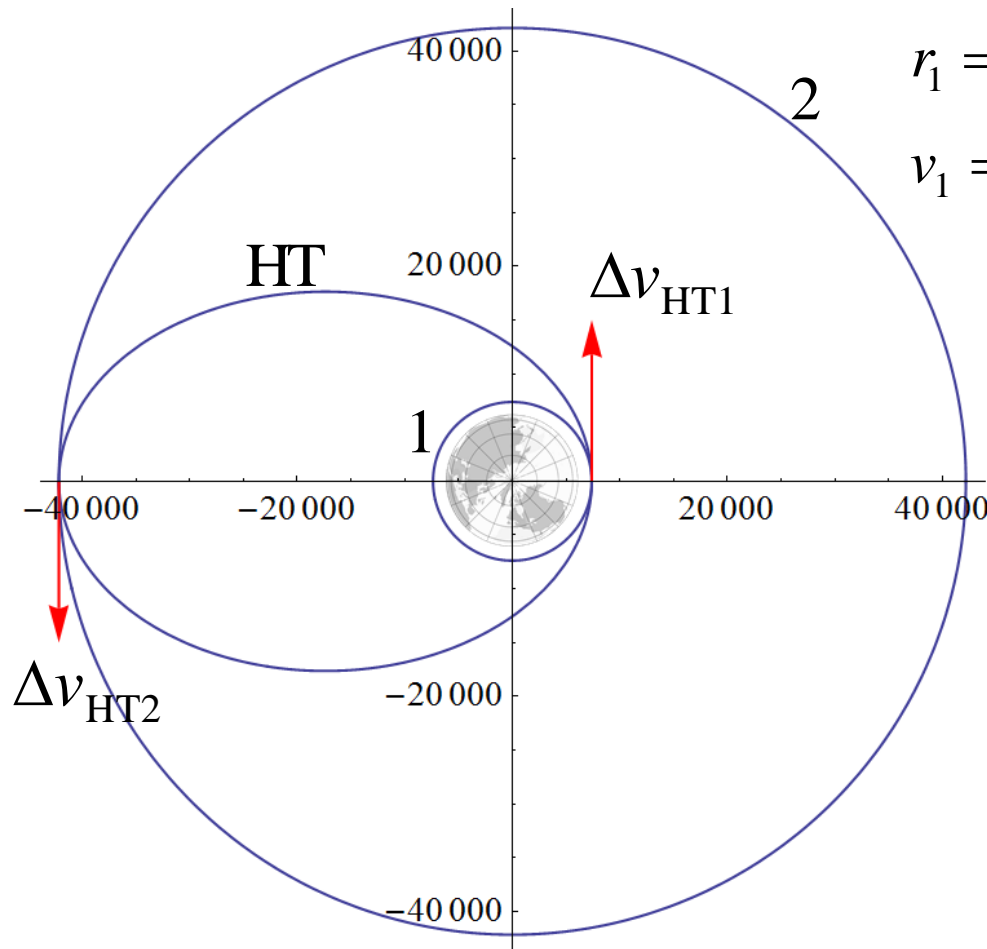
## Hohmann transfer

- 2 impulse maneuvers

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**Hohmann transfer:**

$r_1$

$r_2$

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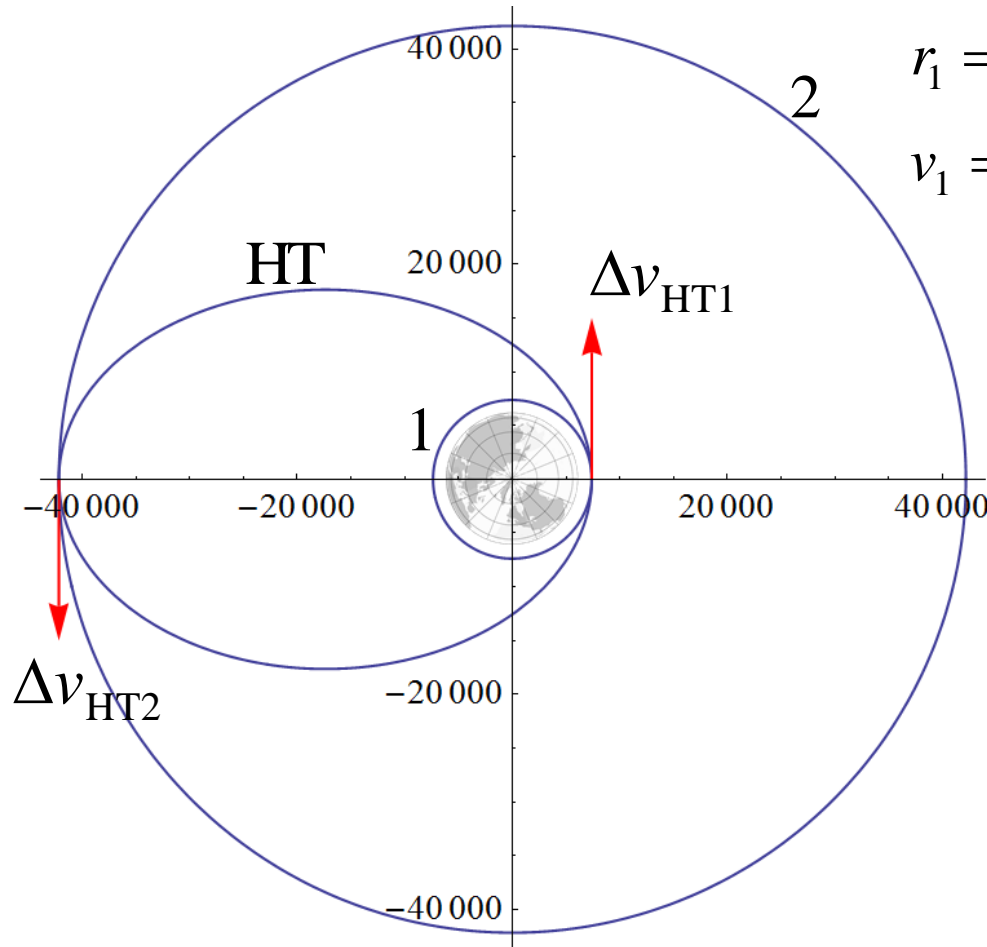
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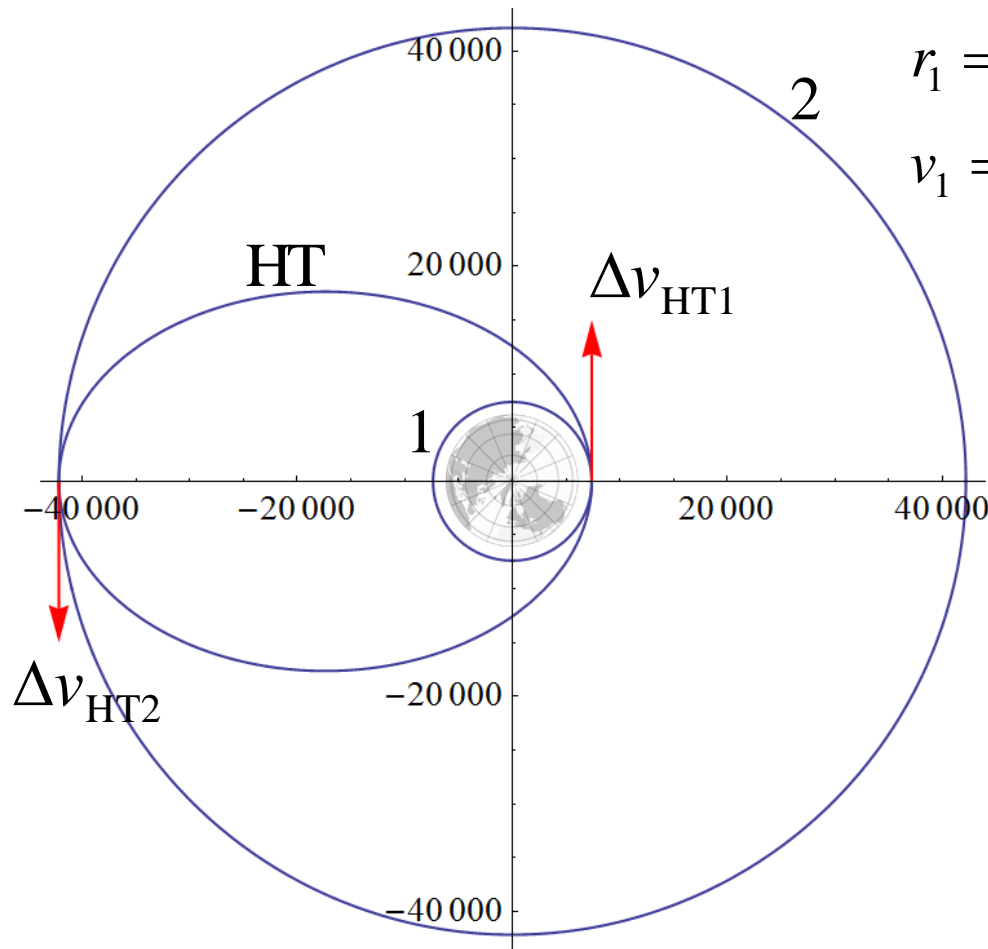
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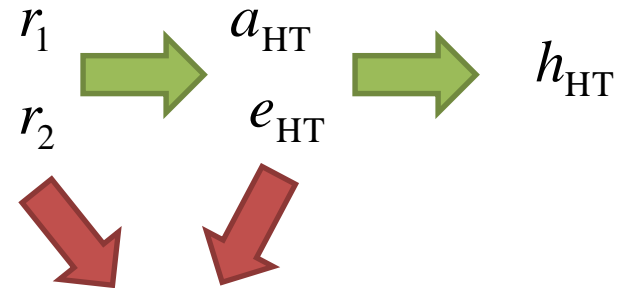
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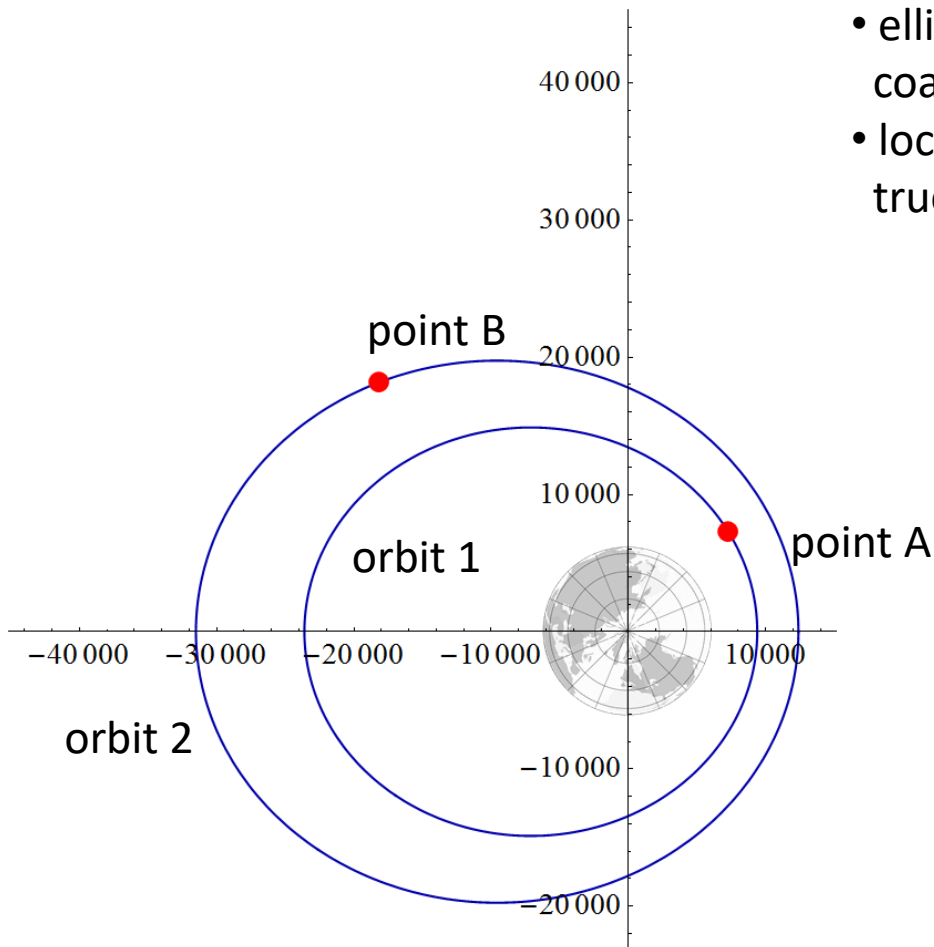
$$\Delta v_{\text{HT2}} = 1.39 \text{ km/s}$$

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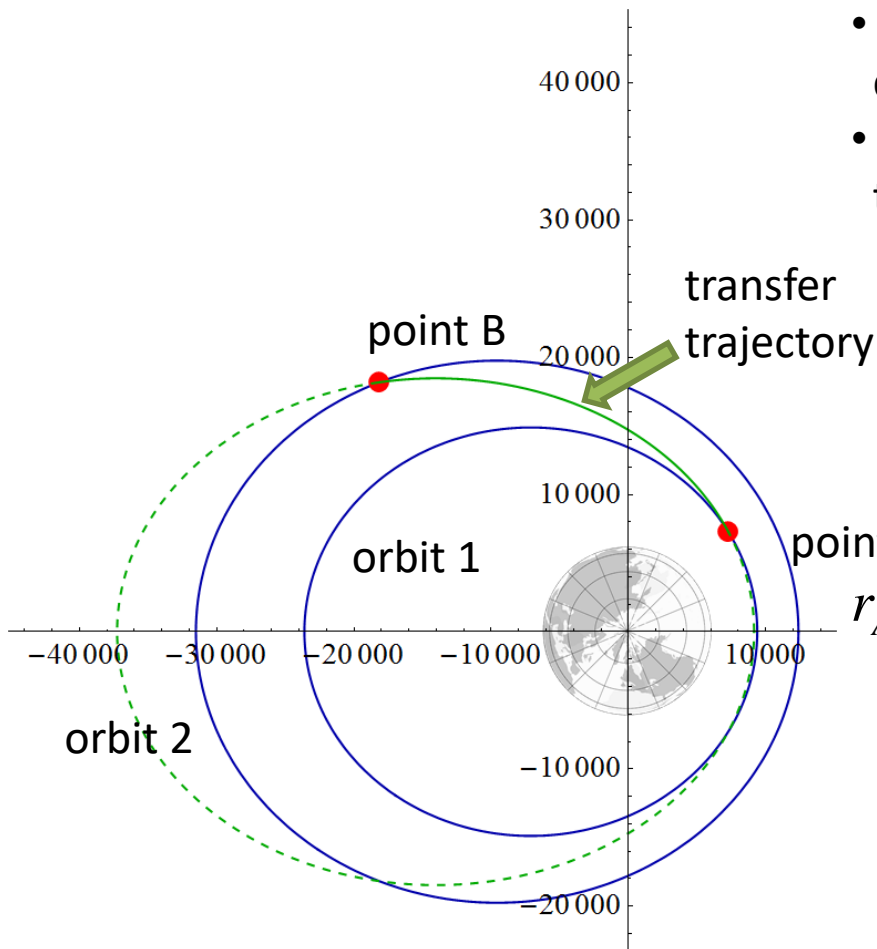


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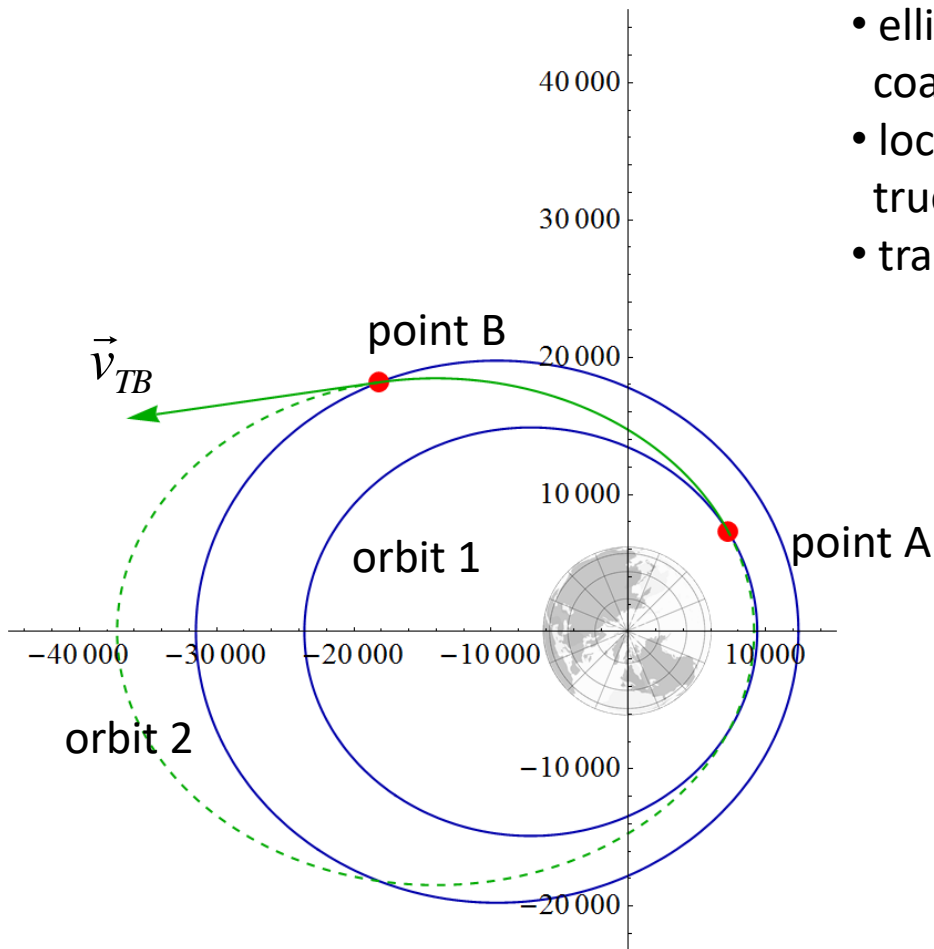
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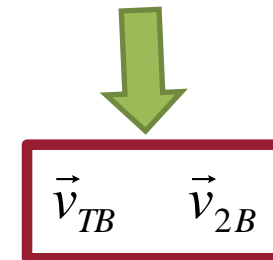
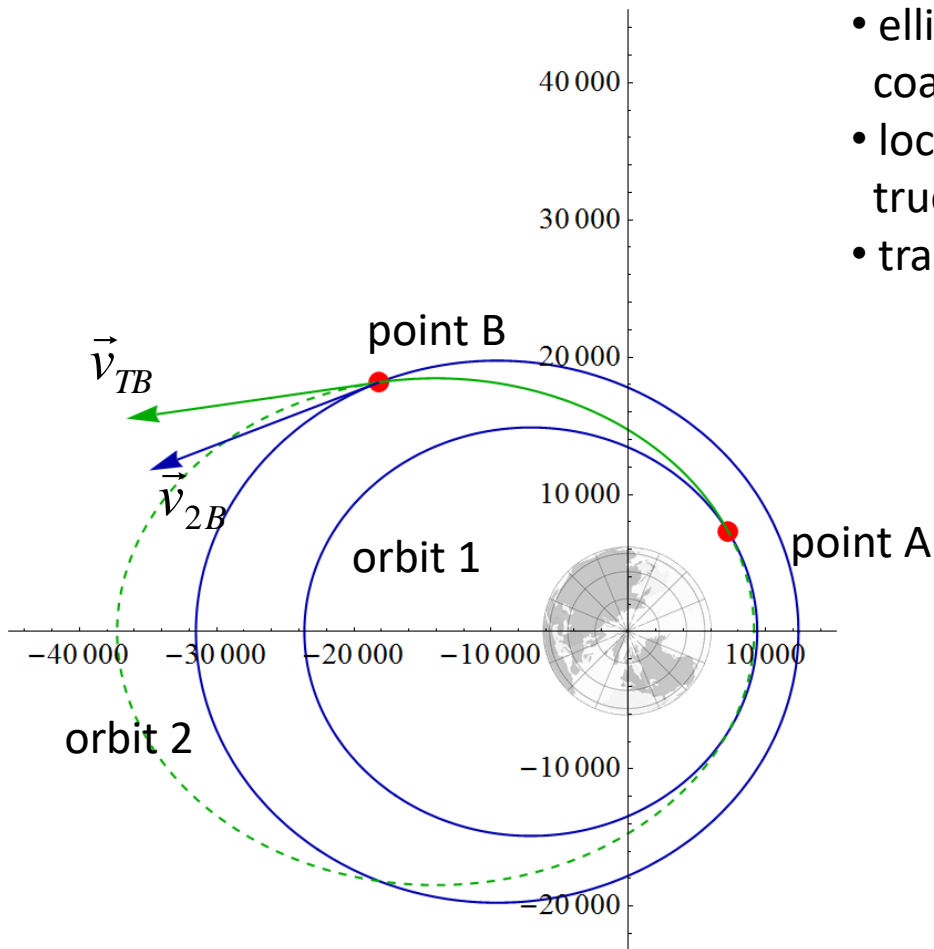
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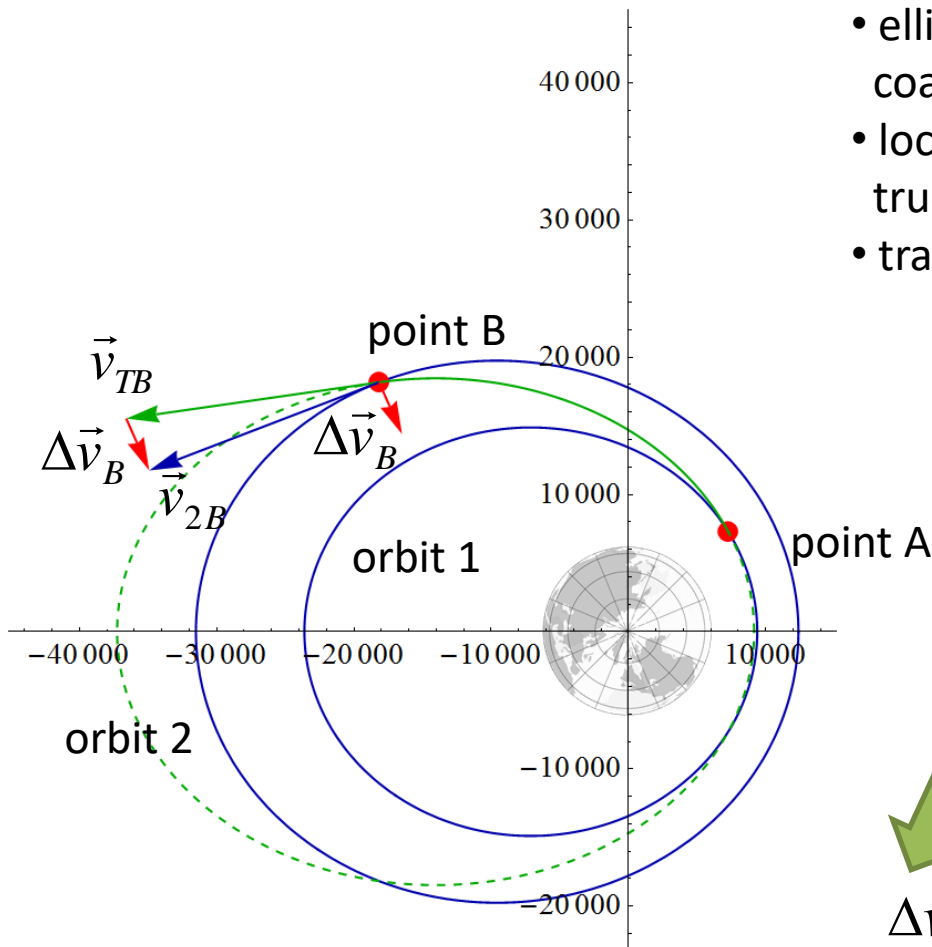


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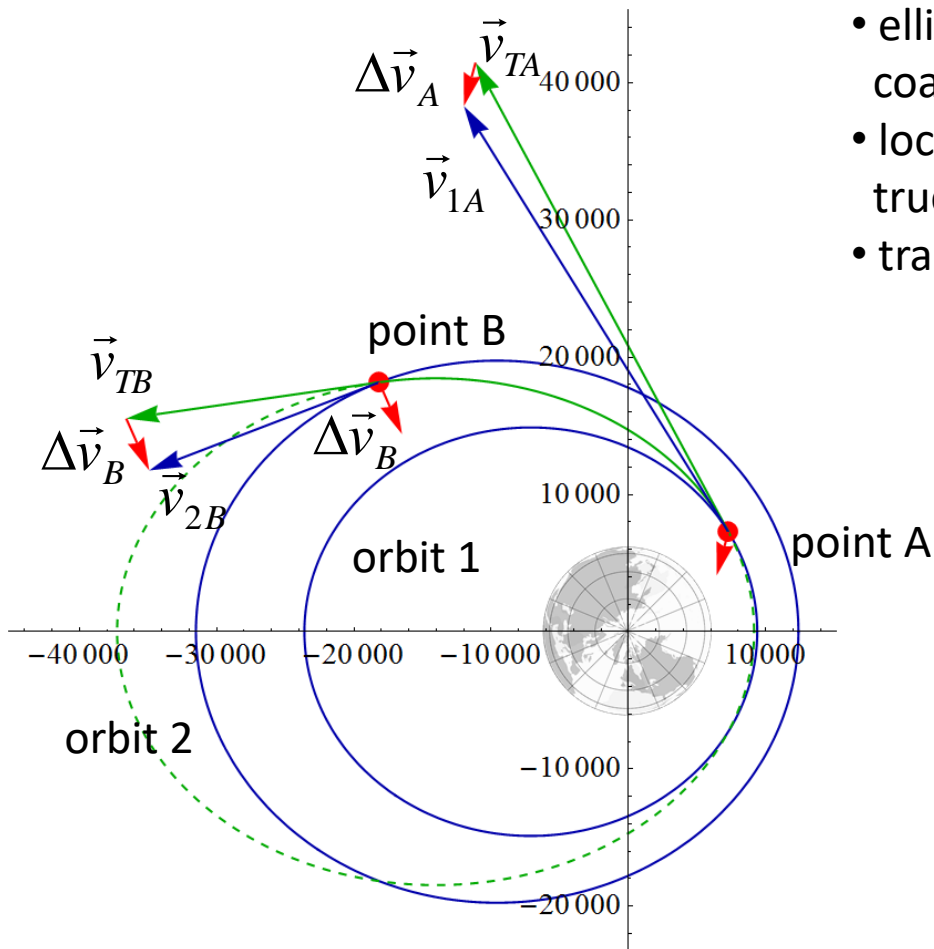
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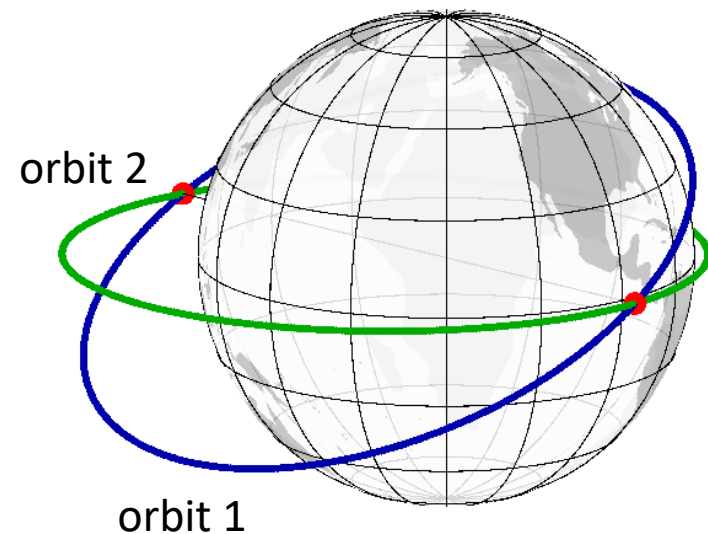
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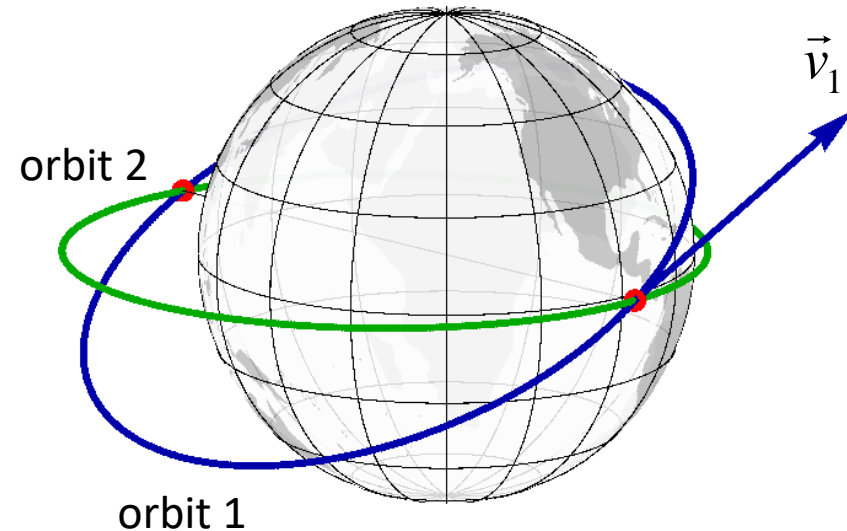
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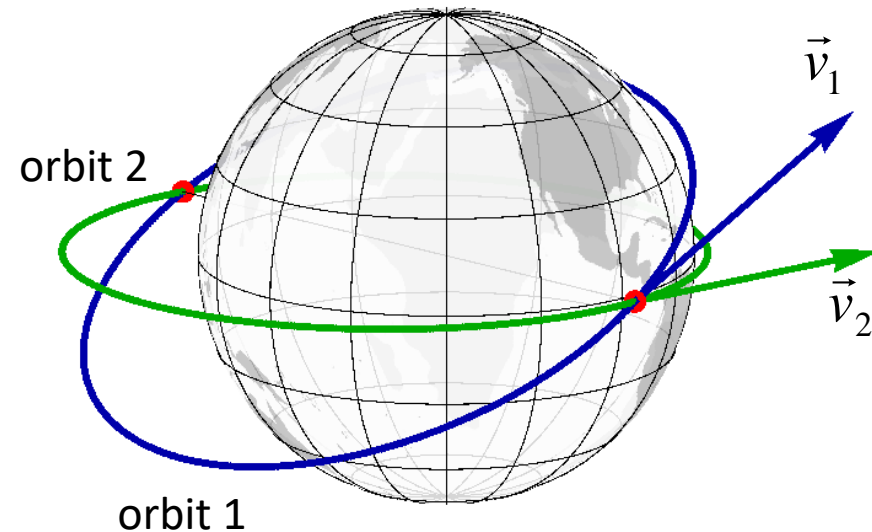
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