

**Problem 1** A satellite is on an orbit with periapsis radius of 2 *DU* and eccentricity of 2. What is the satellite's velocity when it passes through  $\nu = \pi/2$ ?

Solution:

$$r_p = \frac{p}{1+e}$$

$$p = r_p(1+e)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{p}} [(-\sin \nu) \hat{P} + (e + \cos \nu) \hat{Q}] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_p(1+e)}} [(-\sin \nu) \hat{P} + (e + \cos \nu) \hat{Q}] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2(1+2)}} \left[ \left( -\sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \hat{P} + \left( 2 + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \hat{Q} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} [-\hat{P} + 2\hat{Q}] \text{ DU/TU}\end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{6} \text{ DU/TU}$$

**Problem 2** Consider the orbit that connects the position vectors  $\vec{r}_1 = 2 \hat{J} DU$  and  $\vec{r}_2 = 4 \hat{K} DU$  with an orbit parameter of  $p = 2.1149 DU$ . What is the short-way around time-of-flight for the orbit?

Solution:

$$k = r_1 r_2 (1 - \cos \Delta\nu) = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot (1 - \cos 90^\circ) = 8$$

$$l = r_1 + r_2 = 2 + 4 = 6$$

$$m = r_1 r_2 (1 + \cos \Delta\nu) = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot (1 + \cos 90^\circ) = 8$$

$$a = \frac{mkp}{(2m - l^2)p^2 + 2klp - k^2} = \frac{8 \cdot 8 \cdot 2.1149}{(2 \cdot 8 - 6^2)2.1149^2 + 2 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 2.1149 - 8^2} = 2.73 DU$$

$$f = 1 - \frac{r_2}{p} (1 - \cos \Delta\nu) = 1 - \frac{4}{2.1149} (1 - \cos 90^\circ) = -0.891$$

$$\dot{f} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{p}} \tan\left(\frac{\Delta\nu}{2}\right) \left[ \frac{1 - \cos \Delta\nu}{p} - \frac{1}{r_1} - \frac{1}{r_2} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2.1149}} \tan\left(\frac{90^\circ}{2}\right) \left[ \frac{1 - \cos 90^\circ}{2.1149} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right] = -0.1906$$

$$g = \frac{r_1 r_2 \sin \Delta\nu}{\sqrt{\mu p}} = \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \sin 90^\circ}{\sqrt{1 \cdot 2.1149}} = 5.50$$

$$\sin \Delta E = - \frac{r_1 r_2 \dot{f}}{\sqrt{\mu a}} = - \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot (-0.1906)}{\sqrt{1 \cdot 2.73}} = 0.923$$

$$\cos \Delta E = 1 - \frac{r_1 (1 - f)}{a} = 1 - \frac{2 \cdot (1 - (-0.891))}{2.73} = -0.385$$

$$\Delta E = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin \Delta E}{\cos \Delta E} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{0.923}{-0.385} \right) = 112.7^\circ = 1.966 \text{ rad}$$

$$\Delta t = g + \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu} (\Delta E - \sin \Delta E)} = 5.50 + \sqrt{\frac{2.73^3}{1} (1.966 - \sin 1.966)} = 10.21 \text{ TU}$$

$\Delta t = 10.21 \text{ TU}$

**Problem 3** A spacecraft is initially on a circular orbit of radius 1.2 DU and performs a co-planar transfer to a circular orbit of radius 2 DU. The transfer starts at periapsis and intersects the final circular orbit at a true anomaly of 90°. What is the total  $\Delta v$  required to perform the transfer?

Solution:

$$v_{cs1} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1.2}} = 0.913 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos \nu_1)} \rightarrow 1.2 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos 0^\circ)} = a_t(1 - e_t)$$

$$r_2 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos \nu_2)} \rightarrow 2 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos 90^\circ)} = a_t(1 - e_t^2)$$

$$a_t = 3.6 \text{ DU}$$

$$e_t = 0.667$$

$$p_t = a_t(1 - e_t^2) = 3.6(1 - 0.667^2) = 2 \text{ DU}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t = -\frac{\mu(1 - e_t^2)}{2p_t} = -\frac{1 \cdot (1 - 0.667^2)}{2 \cdot 2} = -0.1389 \text{ DU}^2/\text{TU}^2$$

$$\Delta v_1 = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{\mu}{r_1} + \mathcal{E}_t \right)} - v_{cs1} = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{1}{1.2} - 0.1389 \right)} - 0.913 = 0.266 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{\mu \left( \frac{2}{r_2} - \frac{1}{a_t} \right)} = \sqrt{1 \left( \frac{2}{2} - \frac{1}{3.6} \right)} = 0.850 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$\phi_2 = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{e_t \sin \nu_2}{1 + e_t \cos \nu_2} \right) = \tan^{-1}(e_t) = 33.7$$

$$v_{cs2} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.707 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$\Delta v_2 = \sqrt{v_2^2 + v_{cs2}^2 - 2v_2 v_{cs2} \cos \phi_2} = \sqrt{0.850^2 + 0.707^2 - 2 \cdot 0.850 \cdot 0.707 \cdot \cos 33.7^\circ} = 0.471 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$\Delta v_{tot} = \Delta v_1 + \Delta v_2 = 0.266 + 0.471 = 0.737 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$\Delta v = 0.737 \text{ DU/TU}$$

**Problem 4** A satellite is on an orbit with  $a = 2 \text{ DU}$  and  $e = 0.25$ . If the spacecraft is initially at a true anomaly of  $90^\circ$ , what is its true anomaly after  $10 \text{ TU}$ ?

Solution:

$$E_0 = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{e + \cos \nu_0}{1 + e \cos \nu_0} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{0.25 + \cos 90^\circ}{1 + 0.25 \cos 90^\circ} \right) = \cos^{-1}(0.25) = 1.318 \text{ rad} = 75.5^\circ$$

$$M = n(t - t_0) = (E - e \sin E) - (E_0 - e \sin E_0) \rightarrow E - 0.25 \sin E = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2^3}} (10) + [1.318 - 0.25 \sin(1.318)] = 4.61 \text{ rad}$$

$$E = 4.38 \text{ rad} = 251^\circ$$

$$\nu = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{e - \cos E}{e \cos E - 1} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{0.25 - \cos 4.38}{0.25 \cos 4.38 - 1} \right) = 4.14 \text{ rad} = 237^\circ$$

$\nu = 237^\circ$

**Problem 5** An Earth satellite is to be launched directly into an orbit with  $\Omega = 90^\circ$  and  $i = 50^\circ$ . The latitude of the launch site is  $30^\circ$ . If the local sidereal time of the launch site is  $180^\circ$ , how much time must pass before the next launch opportunity?

Solution:

$$\gamma = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos i}{\cos L_s} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos 50^\circ}{\cos 30^\circ} \right) = 47.9^\circ$$

$$\delta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos \gamma}{\sin i} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos 47.9^\circ}{\sin 50^\circ} \right) = 29.0^\circ$$

$$LWST_{AN} = \Omega + \delta = 90^\circ + 29.0^\circ = 119.0^\circ$$

$$LWST_{DN} = \Omega + (180^\circ - \delta) = 90^\circ + (180^\circ - 29.0^\circ) = 241^\circ$$

$$\Delta\theta = LWST_{DN} - \theta = 241^\circ - 180^\circ = 61.0^\circ = 1.065 \text{ rad}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\omega_{Earth}} = \frac{1.065 \text{ rad}}{7.292 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}} = 14\,610 \text{ s} = 4.06 \text{ hr}$$

$\Delta t = 4.06 \text{ hr}$

**Problem 6** A spacecraft in a circular orbit of radius 2  $DU$  is to rendezvous with another spacecraft in a circular orbit of radius 4  $DU$ . A Hohmann transfer is used to perform the rendezvous. What is the lead angle,  $\alpha_{lead}$ , required to perform the rendezvous maneuver?

Solution:

$$a_t = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} = \frac{2 + 4}{2} = 3 \text{ } DU$$

$$TOF = \pi \sqrt{\frac{a_t^3}{\mu}} = \pi \sqrt{3^3} = 16.32 \text{ } TU$$

$$v_{target} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = 0.5 \text{ } DU/TU$$

$$\omega_{target} = \frac{v_{target}}{r_2} = \frac{0.5}{4} = 0.125 \text{ rad/TU}$$

$$\alpha_{lead} = \omega_{target} TOF = 0.125 \cdot 16.32 = 2.04 \text{ rad} = 116.9^\circ$$

$\alpha_{lead} = 116.9^\circ$

**Problem 7** Two spacecraft,  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , are on the same circular orbit of radius 4 DU. Spacecraft  $\mathcal{A}$  is “ahead” of spacecraft  $\mathcal{B}$  by an angle of  $30^\circ$ . What is the total  $\Delta v$  required for  $\mathcal{B}$  to rendezvous with  $\mathcal{A}$  using an interior phasing orbit?

Solution:

$$v_{cs1} = v_{cs2} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = 0.5 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$\omega_{target} = \frac{v_{target}}{r} = \frac{0.5}{4} = 0.125 \text{ rad/TU}$$

$$\phi_{travel} = 2\pi - \phi_{initial} = 2\pi - 0.524 = 5.76 \text{ rad}$$

$$a_{phasing} = \sqrt[3]{\mu \left( \frac{\phi_{travel}}{2\pi\omega_{target}} \right)^2} = \sqrt[3]{\left( \frac{5.76}{2\pi \cdot 0.125} \right)^2} = 3.77 \text{ DU}$$

$$\epsilon_{phasing} = -\frac{\mu}{2a_{phasing}} = -\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3.77} = -0.1325 \text{ DU}^2/\text{TU}^2$$

$$|\Delta v_1| = \left| \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{\mu}{r} + \epsilon_t \right)} - v_{cs1} \right| = \left| \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{1}{4} - 0.1325 \right)} - 0.5 \right| = 0.01516 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$|\Delta v_2| = |\Delta v_1| = 0.01516 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$|\Delta v_{tot}| = |\Delta v_1| + |\Delta v_2| = 2(0.01516) = 0.0303 \text{ DU/TU}$$

$$\Delta v = 0.0303 \text{ DU/TU}$$

**Problem 8** A spacecraft is on an Earth-to-Mars transfer. The heliocentric portion of the transfer begins at periapsis and intersects the orbit of Mars at a true anomaly of  $150^\circ$ . What is the velocity of the spacecraft relative to Mars when it intersects the orbit of Mars?

Solution:

$$\mu_{Sun} = 1.326 \times 10^{11} \frac{km^3}{s^2}$$

$$r_{Earth/Sun} = 1496 \times 10^5 km$$

$$r_{Mars/Sun} = 2279.4 \times 10^5 km$$

$$r_1 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos \nu_1)} \rightarrow 1496 \times 10^5 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos 0^\circ)} = a_t(1 - e_t)$$

$$r_2 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos \nu_2)} \rightarrow 2279.4 \times 10^5 = \frac{a_t(1 - e_t^2)}{(1 + e_t \cos 150^\circ)}$$

$$a_t = 1932 \times 10^5 km$$

$$e_t = 0.226$$

$$p_t = a_t(1 - e_t^2) = (1932 \times 10^5)(1 - 0.226^2) = 1834 \times 10^5 km$$

$$\vec{v}_{t2} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{Sun}}{p_t}} [(-\sin \nu_{Mars})\hat{P} + (e_t + \cos \nu_{Mars})\hat{Q}] = \sqrt{\frac{(1.326 \times 10^{11})}{(1834 \times 10^5)}} [(-\sin 150^\circ)\hat{P} + (0.226 + \cos 150^\circ)\hat{Q}] \\ = -13.44\hat{P} - 17.22\hat{Q} \frac{km}{s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{Mars} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{Sun}}{p_{Mars}}} [(-\sin \nu_{Mars})\hat{P} + (e_{Mars} + \cos \nu_{Mars})\hat{Q}] = \sqrt{\frac{(1.326 \times 10^{11})}{(2279.4 \times 10^5)}} [(-\sin 150^\circ)\hat{P} + (0 + \cos 150^\circ)\hat{Q}] \\ = -12.06\hat{P} - 20.9\hat{Q} \frac{km}{s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{spacecraft/Mars} = \vec{v}_{t2} - \vec{v}_{Mars} = (-13.44\hat{P} - 17.22\hat{Q}) - (-12.06\hat{P} - 20.9\hat{Q}) = -1.385\hat{P} + 3.67\hat{Q} \frac{km}{s}$$

$$|\vec{v}_{spacecraft/Mars}| = 3.96 \frac{km}{s}$$

$v = 3.96 km/s$

**Problem 9** A spacecraft is initially in a circular orbit about Earth with an altitude of 400 km. The spacecraft is to perform a  $\Delta v$  such that when it leaves Earth's sphere of influence it has a heliocentric velocity of 32 km/s and a heliocentric flight-path angle of 0°. What is the required  $\Delta v$ ?

Solution:

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{Earth}}{r_p}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.986 \times 10^5}{6378 + 400}} = 7.67 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_{Earth/Sun} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{Sun}}{r_{Earth/Sun}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.326 \times 10^{11}}{1496 \times 10^5}} = 29.8 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_{\infty, Earth} = \sqrt{v_{Earth/Sun}^2 + v_{sc/Sun}^2 - 2v_{Earth/Sun}v_{sc/Sun} \cos \phi} = \sqrt{29.8^2 + 32^2 - 2 \cdot 29.8 \cdot 32 \cdot \cos 0^\circ} = 2.23 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t = \frac{v_{\infty, Earth}^2}{2} = \frac{2.23^2}{2} = 2.48 \frac{\text{km}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{\mu_{Earth}}{r_p} + \mathcal{E}_t \right)} = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{3.986 \times 10^5}{6378 + 400} + 2.48 \right)} = 11.07 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\Delta v = |v_0 - v_p| = 11.07 - 7.67 = 3.40 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$\Delta v = 3.40 \text{ km/s}$

**Problem 10** A spacecraft arrives at Mars' sphere of influence with a heliocentric velocity of  $22 \text{ km/s}$  and a heliocentric flight-path angle of  $10^\circ$ . When the spacecraft reaches the periapsis of its Mars-centric arrival trajectory, at an altitude of  $200 \text{ km}$ , it performs a  $\Delta v$  to circularize its trajectory. What is the required  $\Delta v$ ?

Solution:

$$v_p = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{Mars}}{r_p}} = \sqrt{\frac{42\,828}{3\,397 + 200}} = 3.45 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_{Mars/Sun} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_{Sun}}{r_{Mars/Sun}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.326 \times 10^{11}}{2.279.4 \times 10^5}} = 24.1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v_{\infty, Mars} = \sqrt{v_{Mars/Sun}^2 + v_{sc/Sun}^2 - 2v_{Mars/Sun}v_{sc/Sun} \cos \phi} = \sqrt{24.1^2 + 22^2 - 2 \cdot 24.1 \cdot 22 \cdot \cos 10^\circ} = 4.54 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_t = \frac{v_{\infty, Mars}^2}{2} = \frac{4.54^2}{2} = 10.31 \frac{\text{km}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{\mu_{Mars}}{r_p} + \mathcal{E}_t \right)} = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{42\,828}{3\,397 + 400} + 10.31 \right)} = 6.57 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\Delta v = |v_0 - v_p| = 6.57 - 3.45 = 3.21 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

$\Delta v = 3.21 \text{ km/s}$