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Annotation Designed to be used as a graduate student textbook and a ready reference for the busy professional, this third edition of "Orbital Mechanics is structured so that you can easily look up the things you need to know. This edition includes more recent developments in space exploration (e.g. Galileo, Cassini, Mars Odyssey missions). Also, the chapter on space debris was rewritten to reflect new developments in that area. The well-organized chapters cover every basic aspect of orbital mechanics, from celestial relationships to the problems of space debris. The book is clearly written in language familiar to aerospace professionals and graduate students, with all of the equations, diagrams, and graphs you would like to have close at hand. An updated software package on CD-ROM includes: HW Solutions, which presents a range of viewpoints and guidelines for solving selected problems in the text; Orbital Calculator, which provides an interactive environment for the generation of Keplerian orbits, orbital transfer maneuvers, and animation of ellipses, hyperbolas, 'and interplanetary orbits; and Orbital Mechanics Solutions The purpose of this Mission Design Handbook is to provide trajectory designers and mission planners with graphical information about Earth to Mars trajectory opportunities for the years of 2026 through 2045. The trajectory data used to create the following opportunity contour plots was generated using MIDAS, a patched conic interplanetary trajectory optimization program that is able to optimize the times of specified trajectory events and other trajectory parameter. The plots, displayed on a departure date/arrival date mission space, show departure energy, right ascension and declination of the launch asymptote, and target planet hyperbolic arrival excess speed, V(sub infinity), for each launch opportunity. Trajectory contour plots are particularly important in the beginning stages of mission design as valuable tools that display the interplanetary flight path characteristics for a particular launch opportunity to Mars. The use of these contour plots is an important first step for determining initial optimal launch opportunities for interplanetary missions. They also serve as good approximations for directional values of the launch asymptote vector, target planet (Mars) arrival excess velocities, and total mission flight time. These plots allow a mission designer to determine the basic requirements for an Earth to Mars transfer vehicle as well as a preliminary estimate of the required propellant load. Provided in this study are two sets of contour plots for each launch opportunity. The first set of plots shows Earth to Mars ballistic trajectories without the addition of any deep space maneuvers. The second set of plots shows Earth to Mars transfer trajectories with the addition of deep space maneuvers, which further optimize the determined trajectories. Providing two sets of plots for each opportunity allows mission planners the ability to compare and contrast different mission architectures. This handbook contains graphical data necessary for the preliminary design of ballistic missions to Venus Contours of launch energy requirements, as well as many other launch and Venus arrival parameters, are presented in launch date arrival date space for all launch opportunities from 1991 through 2005. In addition, an extensive is included which explains mission design methods, from launch window development to Venus probe and orbiter arrival design, utilizing the graphical data in this volume as well as numerous equations relating various parameters. This is one of a planned series of mission design documents which will apply to all planets and some other bodies in the solar system. This publication is one of a series of volumes devoted to interplanetary trajectories of different types. Volume 1 deals with ballistic trajectories. The present volume is Part 1 and describes ballistic trajectories to Venus. Part 3 treated ballistic trajectories to Jupiter. Parts 2 and 4 described ballistic trajectories to Mars and Saturn, respectively. Part 5 will treat ballistic Mars-to-Earth return trajectories. Orbital Mechanics for Engineering Students, Second Edition, provides an introduction to the basic concepts of space mechanics. These include vector kinematics in three dimensions; Newton’s laws of motion and gravitation; relative motion; the vector-based solution of the classical two-body problem; derivation of Kepler’s equations; orbits in three dimensions; preliminary orbit determination; and orbital maneuvers. The book also covers relative motion and the two-impulse rendezvous problem; interplanetary mission design using patched conics; rigid-body dynamics used to characterize the attitude of a space vehicle; satellite attitude dynamics; and the characteristics and design of multi-stage launch vehicles. Each chapter begins with an outline of key concepts and concludes with problems that are based on the material covered. This text is written for undergraduates who are studying orbital mechanics for the first time and have completed courses in physics, dynamics, and mathematics, including differential equations and applied linear algebra. Graduate students, researchers, and experienced practitioners will also find useful review materials in the book. NEW: Reorganized and improved discusions of coordinate systems, new discussion on perturbations and quarternions NEW: Increased coverage of attitude dynamics, including new Matlab algorithms and examples in chapter 10 New examples and homework problems This modern textbook guides the reader through the theory and practice of the motion and attitude control of space vehicles. It first presents the fundamental principles of spaceflight mechanics and then addresses more complex concepts and applications of perturbation theory, orbit determination and refinement, space propulsion, orbital maneuvers, interplanetary trajectories, gyroscope dynamics, attitude control, and rocket performance. Many algorithms used in the modern practice of trajectory computation are also provided. The numerical treatment of the equations of motion, the related methods, and the tables needed to use them receive particular emphasis. A large collection of bibliographical references (including books, articles, and items from the "gray literature") is provided at the end of each chapter, and attention is drawn to many internet resources available to the reader. The book will be of particular value to undergraduate and graduate students in aerospace engineering. A method for parametrically studying the general interplanetary trajectory design problem is discussed; the method couples the design of interplanetary trajectories with the resulting planetary orbits obtainable from various launch and arrival opportunities. The procedure is applied to the trajectories which could be launched to Mars in the years 1973, 1975, and 1977, and for those opportunities, a set of parametric charts for use in designing Mars missions is included. The important mission parameters are presented and discussed, and launch windows are established which maximize payload in planetary orbit for a coplanar periapsis deboost. The calculus of variations is used to obtain optimum three-dimensional interplanetary transfer trajectories for a specified power-limited vehicle. The constant thrust program with coast capability used is governed by two-body orbital mechanics. The trajectory is broken up into departure and arrival spirals and a heliocentric transfer. The initial and terminal states for the spacecraft are circular-equatorial parking orbits about the departure and arrival planets. A minimum heliocentric distance for the spacecraft of .723 AU was maintained. The values of the parameter for the propulsion system modeled reflect those for Inertial Electrostatic Confinement (IEC) fusion and plasma linear driven Magnetized Target Fusion (MTF). The majority of the launch dates are from the years 2024 to 2026 Numerical results are presented for optimal Earth-Mars and Earth-Jupiter trajectories obtained using VariTOP (Various Trajectory Optimization Program), which is a low to mid-thrust trajectory optimization and analysis program developed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). This book provides readers with a clear description of the types of lunar and interplanetary trajectories, and how they influence satellite-system design. The description follows an engineering rather than a mathematical approach and includes many examples of lunar trajectories, based on real missions. It helps readers gain an understanding of the driving subsystems of interplanetary and lunar satellites. The tables and graphs showing features of trajectories make the book easy to understand. Intended for a one- or two-semester course, this text applies basic, one-variable calculus to analyze the motion both of planets in their orbits as well as interplanetary spacecraft in their trajectories. The remarkable spacecraft missions to the inner and outermost reaches of our solar system have been one of the greatest success stories of modern human history. Much of the underlying mathematical story is presented alongside the astonishing images and extensive data that NASA's Voyager, NEAR-Shoemaker, Cassini, and Juno missions have sent back to us. First and second year college students in mathematics, engineering, or science, and those seeking an enriching independent study, will experience the mathematical language and methods of single variable calculus within their application to relevant conceptual and strategic aspects of the navigation of a spacecraft. The reader is expected to have taken one or two semesters of the basic calculus of derivatives, integrals, and the role that limits play. Additional prerequisites include knowledge of coordinate plane geometry, basic trigonometry, functions and graphs, including trig, inverse, exponential, and log functions. The discussions begin with the rich history of humanity's efforts to understand the universe from the Greeks, to Newton and the Scientific Revolution, to Hubble and galaxies, to NASA and the space missions. The calculus of polar functions that plays a central mathematical role is presented in a self-contained way in complete detail. Each of the six chapters is followed by an extensive problem set that deals with and also expands on the concerns of the chapter. The instructor has the flexibility to engage them with greater or lesser intensity. "I have been an aerospace engineer for 39 years and honestly, it would be hard for me to overstate how valuable I believe this book will be to numerous scientific and engineering disciplines and in particular to the future of aerospace engineering ... This book is perfectly crafted to motivate, educate, and prepare the scientists and engineers who wish to reach for the sky and beyond." —Dr. Mario Zoccoli, Aerospace Engineer, NASA and Lockheed Martin This thesis develops a tool which is capable of calculating ballistic interplanetary trajectories with planetary flyby options based on the knowledge of astrodynamics and analyzes Mars trajectories in the time frame 2020 to 2040, including transfer trajectories with Venus flybys. Using the trajectory programs developed in this work, we investigate the relation between departure and arrival dates and energy required for the transfer trajectories. The contours of C3 or [delta]Vtot for a range of departure dates and times of flight would be useful for the creation of a long-term Earth-Mars and Mars-Earth transportation schedule for mission planning purposes. For planetary flybys, we allow simple powered flybys with the velocity impulse at periapsis to expand the flyby mission windows. Having obtained the results for Earth-Mars and Mars-Earth trajectories by a full-factorial computation, we discuss the nature of the trajectories and the competitiveness of Earth-Venus-Mars flyby trajectory windows with Earth-Mars direct trajectory windows. The report is a summary of work accomplished in the observation of planetary trajectories and planetary satellite trajectories. Focusing on the orbital mechanics tools and techniques necessary to design, predict, and guide a trajectory of a spacecraft traveling between two or more bodies in a Solar System, this book covers the dynamical theory necessary for describing the motion of bodies in space, examines the N-body problem, and shows applications using this theory for designing interplanetary missions. While most orbital mechanics books focus primarily on Earth-orbiting spacecraft, with a brief discussion of interplanetary missions, this book reverses the focus and emphasizes the interplanetary aspects of space missions. Written for instructors, graduate students, and advanced undergraduate students in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, this book provides advanced details of interplanetary trajectory design, navigation, and targeting. Advances in Space Science, Volume 1 brings together research and developments in the astronautical sciences. This volume is composed of six chapters that also cover the field of bioastronautics, which involves the human aspects of space travel. The opening chapter deals with the orbits and interplanetary trajectories and a critical evaluation of interplanetary communications. The next chapters consider the problem of supplying power on board orbital and space vehicles, power being needed for many tasks in space, including the operation of communication systems. The remaining three chapters treat manned space cabin systems, the effects of radiation on man in space, and the nutritional aspects of space flight. This book will be of great value to space scientists, engineers, and researchers. One of the most important aspects of preliminary interplanetary mission planning entails designing a trajectory that delivers a spacecraft to the required destinations and accomplishes all the objectives. The design tool described in this thesis allows an investigator to explore various interplanetary trajectories quickly and easily. The design tool employs the patched conic method to determine heliocentric and planetocentric trajectory information. An existing Lambert Targeting routine and other common algorithms are utilized in conjunction with the design tool's specialized code to formulate an entire trajectory from Earth departure to arrival at the destination. The tool includes many options for the investigator to accurately configure the desired trajectory, including planetary gravity assists, deep space maneuvers, and various departure and arrival conditions. The trajectory design tool is coded in MATLAB, which provides access to three dimensional plotting options and user adaptability. The design tool also incorporates powerful MATLAB optimization functions that adjust trajectory characteristics to find a configuration that yields the minimum spacecraft propellant in the form of change in velocity. Reflecting the results of twenty years; experience in the field of multipurpose flights, this monograph includes the complex routes of the trajectories of a number of bodies (e.g., space vehicles, comets) in the solar system. A general methodological approach to the research of flight schemes and the choice of optimal performances is developed. Additionally, a number of interconnected methods and algorithms used at sequential stages of such development are introduced, which allow the selection of a rational multipurpose route for a space vehicle, the design of multipurpose orbits, the determination of optimal space vehicle design, and ballistic performances for carrying out the routes chosen. Other topics include the practical results obtained from using these methods, navigation problems, near-to-planet orbits, and an overview of proven and new flight schemes. Interplanetary travel is a difficult task due to the high fuel mass required to reach other planets. Minimizing the cost of the manoeuvres (and, in turn, the fuel mass) is the objective preliminary mission design. During this phase, a large number of potential solutions must be evaluated quickly in search of feasible trajectories. This means computationally fast but simple models are preferred over accurate but slow models. Additionally, the process demands for an automatic execution due to the vast amount of solutions that must be evaluated. One of the major improvements regarding space travel was the discovery of the gravity assist, where a spacecraft uses the gravitational pull of a flyby planet to change its velocity with respect to the Sun. This allows reducing the amount of fuel mass, which in turn increases the science payload available for the mission. This thesis deals with the optimization of interplanetary trajectories with gravity assist. From an engineering approach, the thesis aims at producing an automatic optimizer of interplanetary trajectories with gravity assist manoeuvres aimed to preliminary mission design applications. From a scientific approach, the thesis aims at identifying key issues in the literature that allow for improvement and presenting novel implementations. Finally, the thesis has a strong educational component: the code and tools are specially focused towards an easy understanding and analysis of the underlying methods rather than producing a computationally efficient code. The result from this work is an automatic optimizer of multi gravity-assist interplanetary trajectories. The tool is fully modular and works with a double-loop approach: an outer loop obtains feasible sequences of planets using the Tisserand graph and an inner loop finds the best trajectory for each sequence using a hybrid heuristic optimizer and a patched conics method. Five key issues have been investigated and improved upon during the thesis: we provide an improved solution method for the Kepler equation, we have conducted an extensive bibliographic research of Lambert's problem and analyzed the representative methods to select the best for our application, we have recovered and improved the Lambert's problem method by Simó , we present two different models for the patched conics method, we have developed an automatic method to traverse the Tisserand graph and finally we have implemented several heuristic optimization methods and coupled them with an islands model. The resulting tool has already proved to work in operational mission design scenarios. However, it lends itself to many improvements and upgrades, in particular increasing the level of automation, improving the physical model and the patched conics method robustness, improving the visualization capabilities during the optimization stage and translating the code into compiled language to increase the computational performance with complex missions and intensive simulations.

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