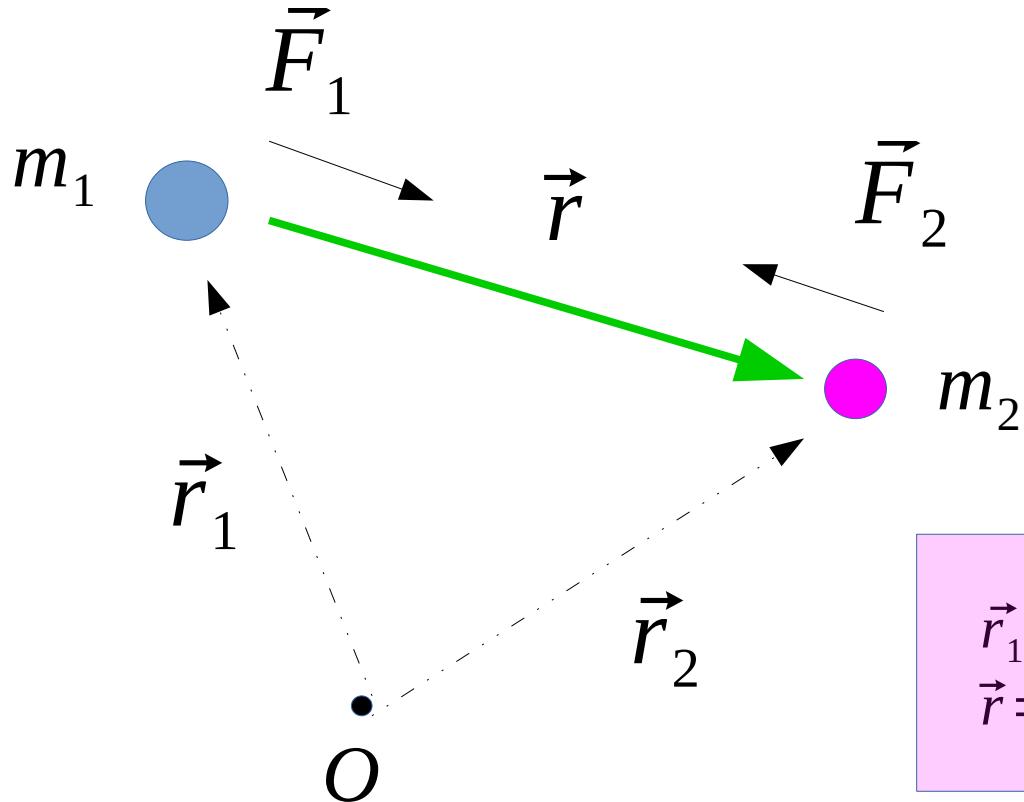


# ORBITAL ELEMENTS

- Relative motion
- Kepler's equation
- Transformation from orbital elements to cartesian coordinates and viceversa.

# Relative motion equation for 2 bodies



$$\vec{F}_1 = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^3} \vec{r} = m_1 \vec{r}_1 \quad \text{Force on } m_1$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = -\frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^3} \vec{r} = m_2 \vec{r}_2 \quad \text{Force on } m_2$$

$$m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 = \vec{a}_{cm} = 0 \quad \text{No external forces.}$$

$$\vec{\ddot{r}} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1 = \left( -\frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^3 m_2} - \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r^3 m_1} \right) \vec{r} = -\frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{r^3} \vec{r}$$

# Orbital elements: definition

Relative motion equation:

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} + \mu \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = 0$$

$\mu = G(m_1 + m_2)$

The system is isolated, so 3-1 degree of freedom.  
This implies that the motion occurs on a 2D plane.

Integral of motion:  
angular momentum

$$\vec{h} = \vec{r} \times \vec{r}$$

The relative equation of motion in polar coordinates reads

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{r} + \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\theta}) \right] \hat{\theta}$$

Splitting the equation along the two versors  $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}$

$$(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{r} + \mu \frac{r}{r^3} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\theta}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\theta}$$

$$\vec{h} = r\hat{r} \times (\dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}) = 0 + r^2\dot{\theta}\hat{z} \quad \text{Constant}$$

# Solution of the two body equation of motion: trajectory

$$(\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2) + \frac{\mu}{r^2} = 0 \quad \text{trajectory : } r(\theta)$$

*Auxiliary variable*  $y = \frac{1}{r}$

$$\dot{r} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \dot{y} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{d\theta} \dot{\theta} = r^2 \dot{\theta} \frac{dy}{d\theta} = -h \frac{dy}{d\theta}$$

$$\ddot{r} = -h \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right) = -h \frac{d^2 y}{d\theta^2} \dot{\theta} = -h^2 y^2 \frac{d^2 y}{d\theta^2}$$

$$-h^2 y^2 \frac{d^2 y}{d\theta^2} - h^2 y^3 + \mu y^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{d\theta^2} + y = \frac{\mu}{h^2}$$

Differential  
equation with  
constant  
coefficients

$$y(\theta) = \frac{\mu}{h^2} (1 + e \cos(\theta - \theta_0))$$

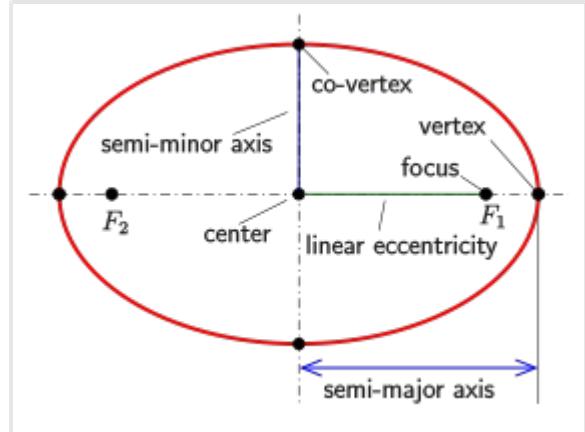
$$r(\theta) = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos(\theta - \theta_0)}$$

$$p = \frac{h^2}{\mu}$$

$$Ellipse: \quad p = a(1 - e^2) \quad e < 1$$

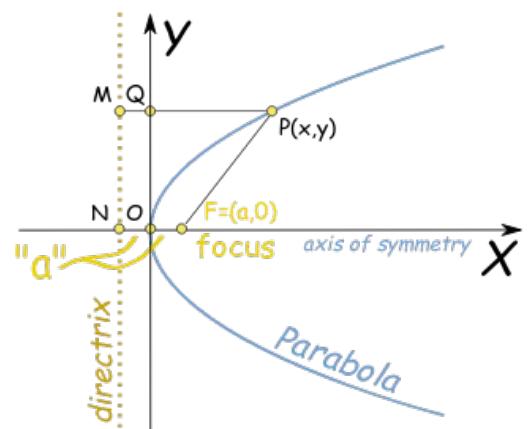
$$\frac{h^2}{\mu} = a(1 - e^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$h = \sqrt{\mu a(1 - e^2)}$$

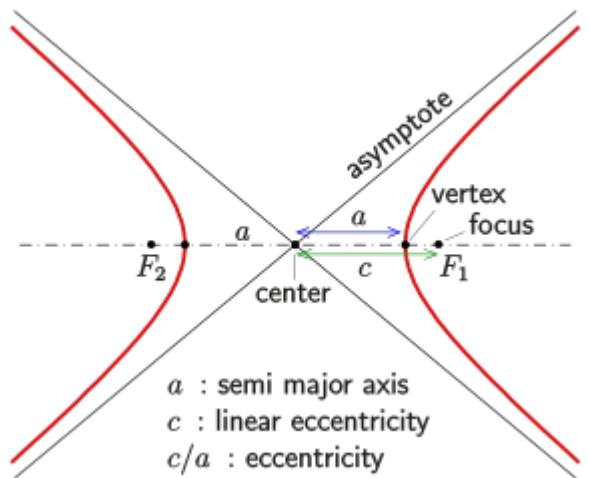


$$Parabola: \quad p = 2q \quad q \text{ min dist}$$

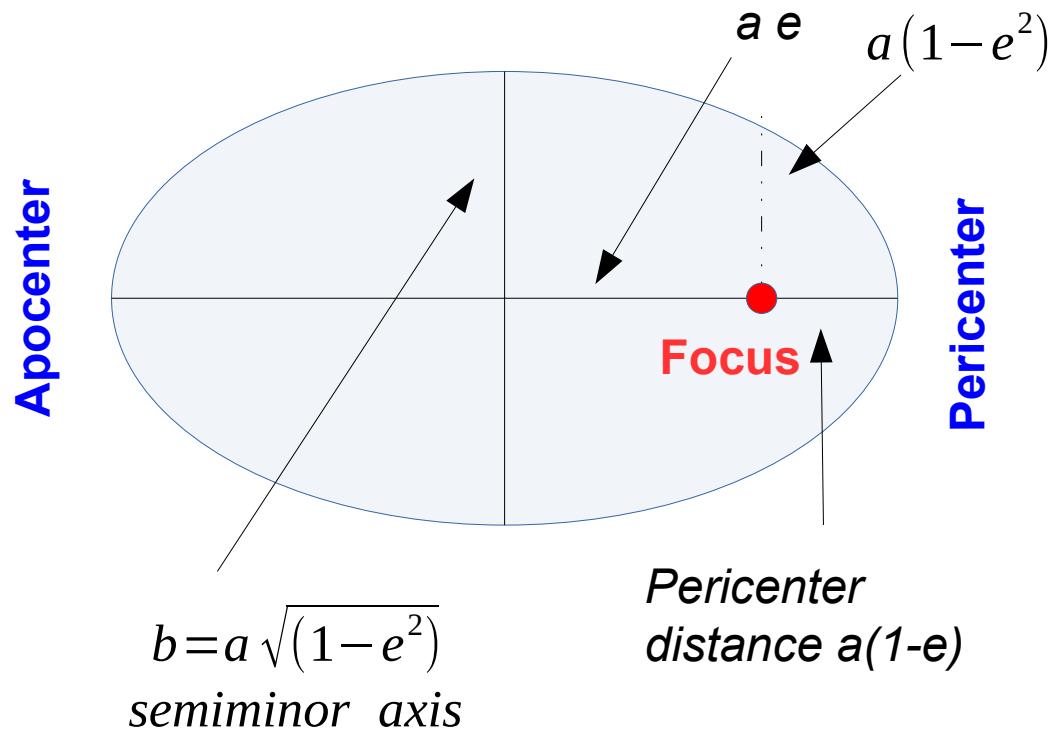
$$e = 1$$



$$Hyperbola: \quad p = a(e^2 - 1) \quad e > 1$$



# Elliptical motion in more details:

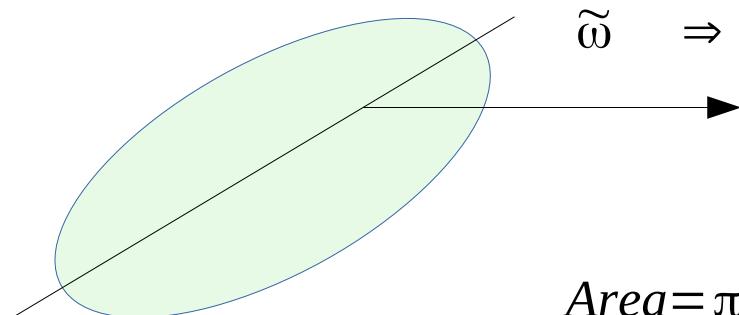


$$b = a \sqrt{1 - e^2}$$

*semiminor axis*

*Pericenter  
distance  $a(1-e)$*

$\tilde{\omega}$   $\Rightarrow$  *pericenter longitude*



$$\text{Area} = \pi a b$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 4 \pi E(e)$$

$$E(e) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{(1 - e^2 \sin^2 \theta)} d\theta$$

*complete elliptical integral of the 2<sup>nd</sup> kind*

# Time dependence

$$V_{ar} = \frac{h}{2} \Rightarrow V_{ar} \cdot T = \frac{hT}{2} = \pi a b = \pi a^2 \sqrt{(1-e^2)}$$

$$h = \sqrt{\mu a (1-e^2)} \Rightarrow \frac{h^2}{\mu} = a (1-e^2)$$

$$T = 2 \pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{a^3}{\mu}\right)} \quad \text{Periodo}$$

$$n = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{G(m_1+m_2)}{a^3}} \quad \text{Mean motion}$$

**M = n (t - t<sub>0</sub>)** Mean Anomaly

**f=θ** True anomaly

Average angle determining the exact position only in the case of circular motion.

**Energy integral: second constant of motion:**

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} = C = -\frac{\mu}{2a}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} + \mu \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}}{r^3} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}}{2} - \frac{\mu}{r} \right) = 0$$

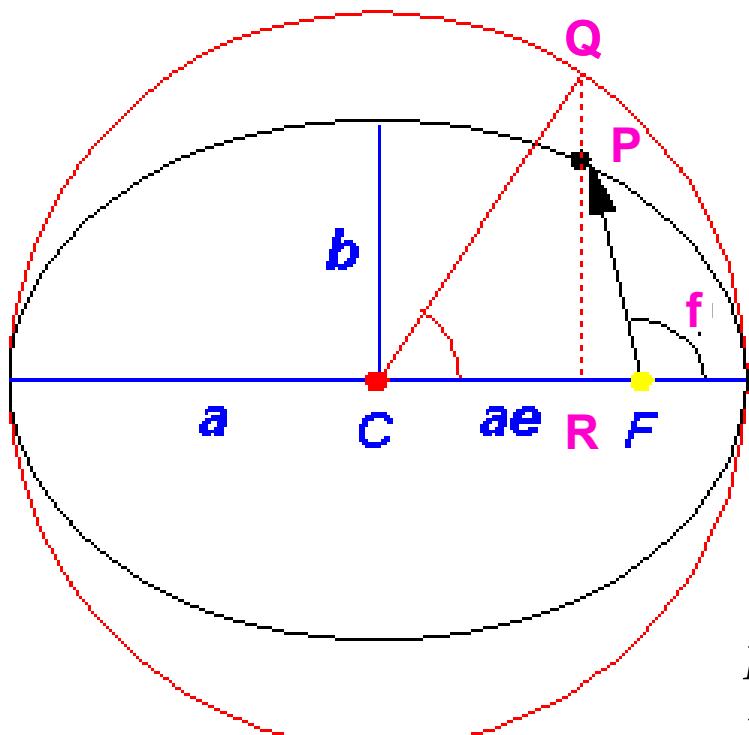
The system has 2 integrals of motion:

Angular momentum (relative motion) **h**

Energy (relative motion) **E**

3-2 = 1 degree of freedom

# Kepler equation: full time dependence



U is the eccentric anomaly

GOAL: compute  
r,f as a function  
of U and then  
derive a time  
equation for U

$$FR = r \cos f = a \cos U - ae$$

$$PR = r \sin f = \sqrt{1-e^2} a \sin U$$

$$r = a(1 - e \cos U)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{f}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tan\left(\frac{U}{2}\right)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{f}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \cos f = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{f}{2} \quad r \cos f = r \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{f}{2}\right)$$

$$2r \sin^2 \frac{f}{2} = r - r \cos f = a(1 - e \cos U) - a \cos U + ae = a(1+e)(1-\cos U)$$

$$\cos f = 2 \cos^2 \frac{f}{2} - 1 \quad 2r \cos^2 \frac{f}{2} = a(1-e)(1+\cos U)$$

# How to compute U as a function of t?

$$\mu \left( \frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a} \right) = v^2 = \dot{r}^2 + (r \dot{\phi})^2 \quad \text{since} \quad E = -\frac{\mu}{2a}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{na}{\sqrt{1-e^2}}$$

$$r \dot{\phi} = \frac{na}{\sqrt{1-e^2}} (1+e \cos f)$$

From Murray & Dermott,  
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$$\dot{r} = \frac{na}{r} \sqrt{a^2 e^2 - (r-a)^2} = \frac{na^2 e \sin U}{a(1-e \cos U)}$$

$$\dot{r} = a e \sin U \frac{dU}{dt}$$



$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{n}{(1-e \cos U)}$$

$$U - e \sin U = M = n(t - t_0)$$

**Kepler equation:** it gives the solution for the time evolution along the trajectory  $r(\theta)$ .

# Iterative solution of Kepler equation (for low eccentricity orbits).

$$U_0 = M$$

$$U_1 = U_0 + e \sin U_0$$

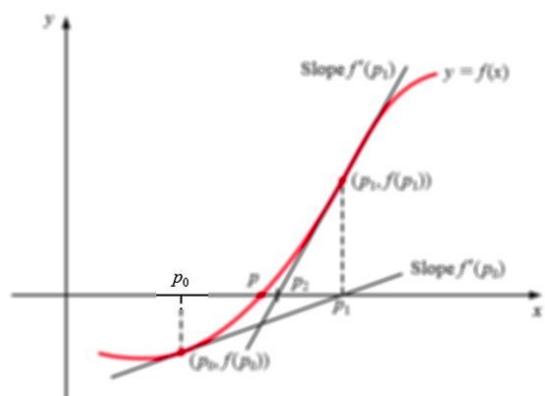
$$U_2 = U_0 + e \sin U_1$$

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$$U_{i+1} = U_0 + e \sin U_i$$

For high eccentricity orbits, Newton-Raphson method grants faster convergence.



$$f(U) = U - e \sin U - M = 0$$

$$f'(U) = 1 - e \cos U > 0 \quad \text{single solution}$$

$$U_0 = U$$

$$f(U_0 + \delta) = f(U_0) + f'(U_0) \cdot \delta + \dots = 0$$

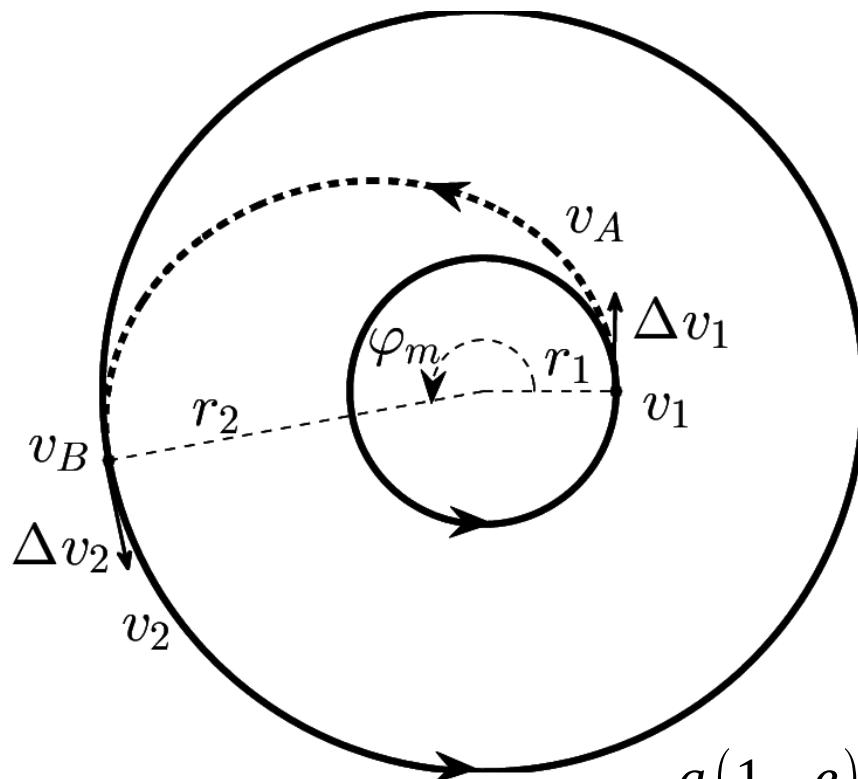
$$U_1 = U_0 + \delta \quad \delta = -\frac{f(U_0)}{f'(U_0)}$$

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$$U_{i+1} = U_i + \delta = U_i - \frac{f(U_i)}{f'(U_i)}$$

Quadratic convergence, much faster than the iterative method

**Hohmann transfer: it uses the lowest possible amount of energy in transferring probe from circular orbit of radius  $r_1$  to circular orbit of radius  $r_2$ .**



$$a(1-e) = r_1$$

$$a(1+e) = r_2$$

$$a(1-e) + a(1+e) = 2a = r_1 + r_2$$

$$a = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} \quad e = 1 - \frac{r_1}{a}$$

**Computation of the  $\Delta v$  needed to perform the orbital transfers.**

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} = -\frac{\mu}{2a} \Rightarrow v^2 = \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a}\right)\mu$$

$$v = \sqrt{\mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a}\right)}$$

$$v_{C1} = \sqrt{\mu \left( \frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \quad V_{C2} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_2}}$$

$$V_{PT} = \sqrt{\mu \left( \frac{2}{a(1-e)} \right) - \frac{1}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a} \left( \frac{(1+e)}{(1-e)} \right)} \quad V_{AT} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a} \left( \frac{(1-e)}{(1+e)} \right)}$$

$$\Delta v_1 = V_{PT} - v_{C1} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a} \left( \frac{(1+e)}{(1-e)} \right)} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}}$$

$$\Delta v_2 = v_{C2} - V_{AT} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a} \left( \frac{(1-e)}{(1+e)} \right)}$$

**Flight transfer time is equal to half the period of the transfer orbit**

$$T_{of} = \pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}$$

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## ESEMPI:

Satellite con  $e=0$  e  $r = 1.2769 \times 10^4$  Km.

Calcolare  $\Delta V$  minima per raggiungere altitudine.

$$r_1 = 1.2769 \times 10^4 \text{ Km} \quad (= 2r_{\oplus})$$

$$r_2 = 3r_{\oplus} = 1.9154 \times 10^4 \text{ Km}$$

$$a = \frac{5}{2} r_{\oplus} = 1.5961 \times 10^4 \text{ Km} \quad e = 0.2$$

$$V_{c1} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} = 5.595 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} \quad V_{p1} = 6.129 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta V_1 = 0.534 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{c2} = 4.569 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s} \quad V_{p2} = 4.086 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = 0.482 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\bullet \Delta V_{\text{tot}} = 1.016 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

## TRASFERIMENTO di Hohmann su MARTE

$$a = \frac{1+1.5}{2} = 1.25 \text{ AU} \quad e = 0.2$$

$$T_{OF} = T_{ab} = 255 \text{ giorni} \approx 8.5 \text{ mesi}$$

# Transformation from orbital elements to cartesian coordinates and viceversa: the planar case

$$a, e, M \Rightarrow \vec{x}, \vec{v}$$

$$U - e \sin U = M \quad M \Rightarrow U$$

$$r = a(1 - e \cos U) \quad \operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{f}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{U}{2}\right) \Rightarrow r, f$$

$$x = r \cos f = a(\cos U - e) \quad y = r \sin f = a\sqrt{(1-e^2)} \sin U$$

$$v_x = -\frac{na \sin U}{1 - e \cos U} \quad v_y = \frac{na\sqrt{(1-e^2)} \cos U}{1 - e \cos U}$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{n}{1 - e \cos U}$$

$$\vec{x}, \vec{v} \Rightarrow a, e, M$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} = -\frac{\mu}{2a}$$

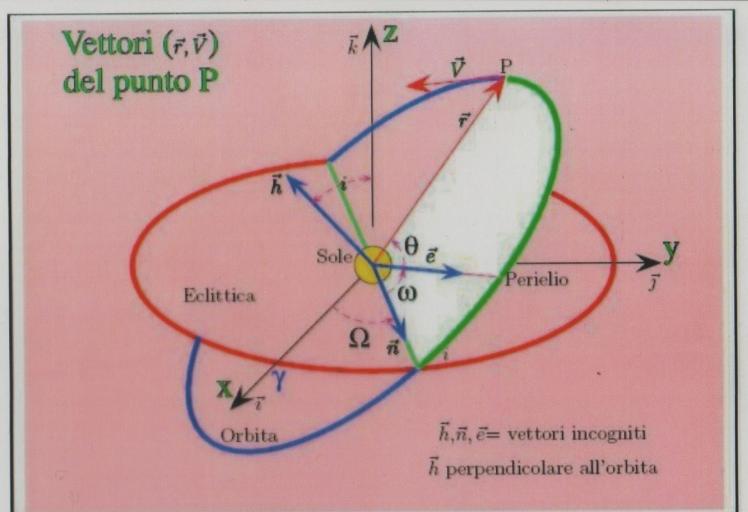
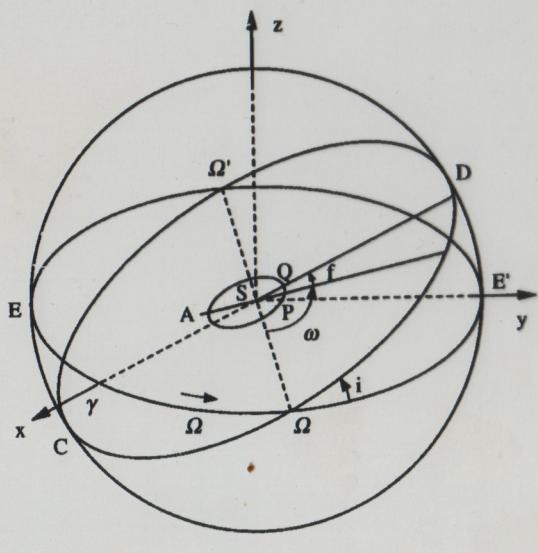
$$h = |r \times v| = \sqrt{\mu a (1 - e^2)}$$

$$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos f} \quad \dot{r} = \frac{n a e \sin f}{\sqrt{(1 - e^2)}} = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{r}}{r}$$

$$\operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{f}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{U}{2}\right) \quad U - e \sin U = M$$

# Elliptical orbit in 3D

## Orbital elements



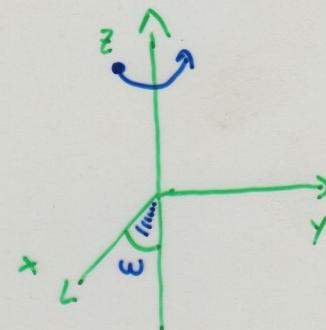
**A semimajor axis,  
e eccentricity,  
i inclination,  
M mean anomaly,  
ω pericenter argument,  
Ω node longitude**

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$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega & -\sin \omega & 0 \\ \sin \omega & \cos \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Attorno  
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 $Z$

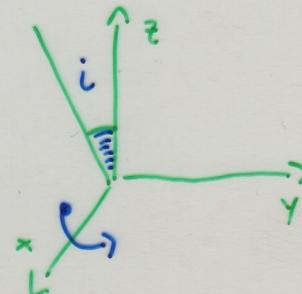
$\omega$  = argomento pericentro



$$M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos i & -\sin i \\ 0 & \sin i & \cos i \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $X$

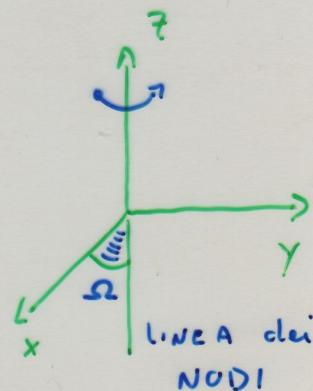
$i$  = inclinazione



$$M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega & -\sin \Omega & 0 \\ \sin \Omega & \cos \Omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Attorno  
asse  
 $Z$

$\Omega$  = longitudine nodi



$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = M_3 M_2 M_1 \begin{pmatrix} r \cos f \\ r \sin f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \omega + \Omega$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} r \cos \Omega \cos(\omega + f) - r \sin \Omega \sin(\omega + f) \cos i \\ r \sin \Omega \cos(\omega + f) + r \cos \Omega \sin(\omega + f) \cos i \\ r \sin(\omega + f) \sin i \end{pmatrix}$$

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<sup>b</sup> TRASFORMAZIONE da ELEMENTI KEPLERIANI  
a COORDINATE CARTESIANE.

$$a, e, i, \omega, \Omega, M \rightarrow \bar{x}, \bar{v}$$

1) Eq. Keplera  $U - e \sin U = M \rightarrow f$

2)  $x = a(\cos U - e)$       3)  $v_x = -\frac{ma \sin U}{1 - e \cos U}$   
 $y = a \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin U$        $v_y = \frac{ma \sqrt{1-e^2} \cos U}{1 - e \cos U}$

$$a, e, M \rightarrow (x, y, 0) (v_x, v_y, 0)$$

4)  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = M_3(\Omega) \cdot M_1(i) \cdot M_3(\omega) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

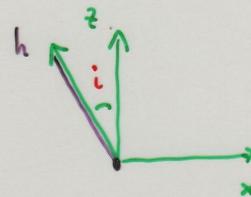
$$\begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = \dots \quad \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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b SAPENDO  $x, y, z$  TROVARE GLI ANGOLI ORBITALI  
 $v_x, v_y, v_z$

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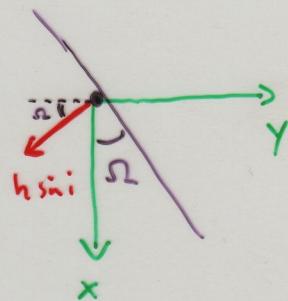
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-  $i$   $h \cos i = h_z$



-  $\Omega$   $\begin{cases} h \sin i \sin \Omega = \pm h_x \\ h \sin i \cos \Omega = \mp h_y \end{cases}$

$$\tan \Omega = -\left(\frac{h_x}{h_y}\right)$$



-  $\omega$   $\begin{cases} \sin(\omega + f) = \frac{z}{R \sin i} \\ \cos(\omega + f) = \frac{x}{R \sin i} + \frac{z}{R} \frac{\sin \Omega}{\cos \Omega} \frac{\cos i}{\sin i} \end{cases}$

$\downarrow$   
 $\omega + f \Rightarrow \omega$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = M_3 M_2 M_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2\omega f \\ 2\pi f \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

12<sup>b</sup>) TRASFORMAZIONE da COORDINATE CARTESIANE  $\Rightarrow$

### ELEMENTI KEPLERIANI

$$1) R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad V = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2 + V_z^2} \quad \bar{h} = \bar{r} \times \bar{v} = h \hat{h}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2} V^2 - \frac{\bar{\mu}}{R} \quad C = -\frac{\bar{\mu}}{2a} \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{a, e}$$
$$h^2 = \bar{\mu} a (1-e^2)$$

$$2) h \cos i = h_z \quad \boxed{i = \arccos \left( \frac{h_z}{h} \right)}$$

$$3) h \sin i \sin \Omega = \pm h_x \\ h \sin i \cos \Omega = \mp h_y \quad \boxed{\tan(\Omega) = -\left( \frac{h_x}{h_y} \right)}$$

$$4) \cos f = \frac{a(1-e^2)}{R \cdot e} - \frac{1}{e} \quad \boxed{\tan(f) = \frac{i \cdot R \sqrt{1-e^2}}{m a (a(1-e^2)-r)}}$$
$$\sin f = \frac{i \sqrt{1-e^2}}{m a e}$$

$$5) \sin(w+f) = \frac{z}{R \sin i} \quad \Rightarrow w+f \Rightarrow \boxed{w}$$

$$\cos(w+f) = \frac{x}{R \cos \Omega} + \frac{z}{R} \frac{\sin \Omega}{\cos \Omega} \frac{\cos i}{\sin i}$$

$$6) \tan(\frac{v}{2}) = \left( \frac{1-e}{1+e} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tan\left(\frac{f}{2}\right) \Rightarrow v \Rightarrow$$
$$M = v - e \sin v \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{M}$$

10) PROBLEMA 4: Calcolare l'intervallo tra 2 congiuntioni di Marte e Terra e mostrare che la distanza minima alla congiuntione può varicare di un fattore 2.

$$G = 6.6743 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg s}^2}$$

$$a_M = 1.5236631 \text{ AU}$$

$$K = 0.0172021$$

$$a_T = 1.000 \dots$$

$$GM_0 = K^2 \frac{\text{AU}}{\text{day}^2} \Rightarrow 2.9591 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$M_M = 9.146 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1}{\text{day}}$$

$$T_M = 686.96 \text{ day}$$

$$M_T = 1.710 \times 10^{-2} \frac{1}{\text{day}}$$

$$T_T = 365.25 \text{ day}$$

$$\frac{T_M}{T_T} \approx 1.88 \quad \text{circa 2}$$

$$m_M \Delta t = m_E \Delta t - 2\pi \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{2\pi}{m_E - M_M} \approx 780 \text{ day}$$

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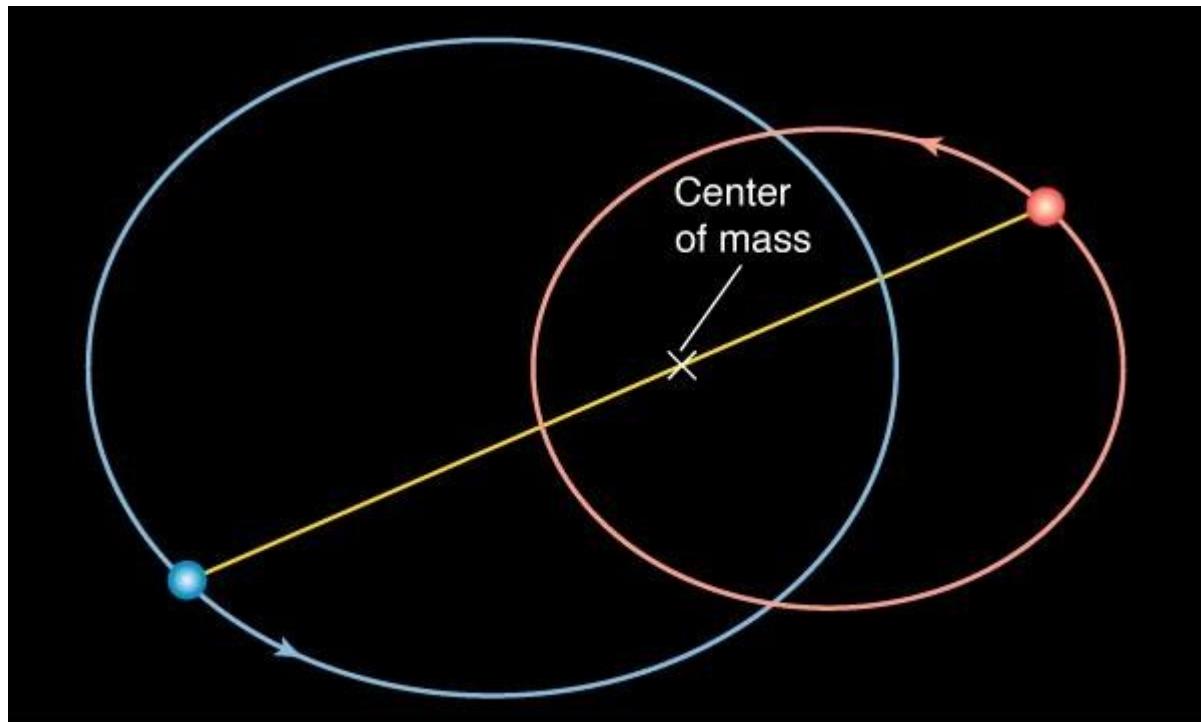
$$D_{min} = -a_T(1+e_T) + a_M(1-e_M) = 0.0365 \text{ AU}$$

$$D_{max} = -a_T(1-e_T) + a_M(1+e_M) = 0.0683 \text{ AU}$$

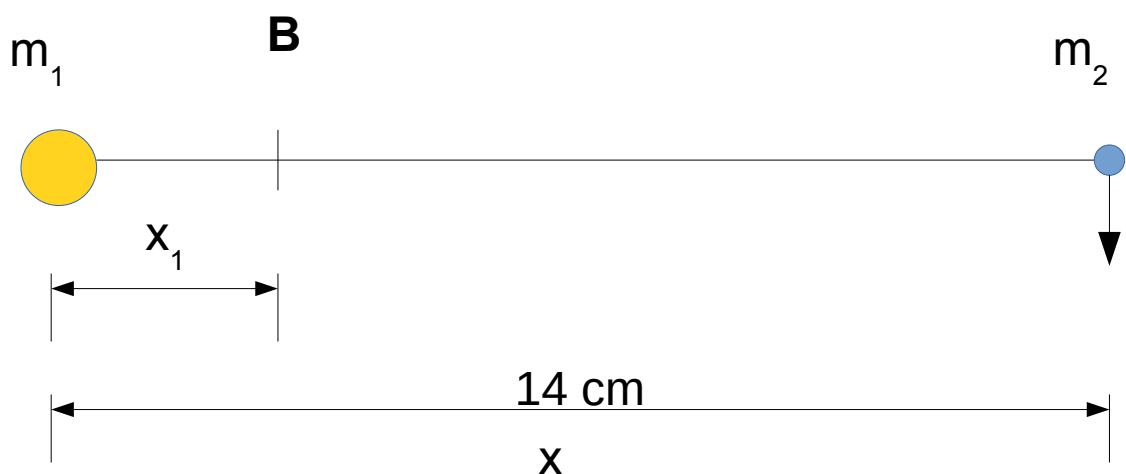
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# Baricentric orbits.



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$$-m_1x_1 + m_2(x - x_1) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

Baricenter position in the baricenter reference frame.

$$x_1 = \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} x \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$R_1 = \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} R$$

$$R_2 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} R$$

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the radial distance from the baricenter of the bodies 1 and 2.

$$R_1^2 \dot{\theta} = \left( \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 R^2 \dot{\theta} = \left( \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 h = h_1$$

$$R_2^2 \dot{\theta} = \left( \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 R^2 \dot{\theta} = \left( \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 h = h_2$$

$$L = m_1 h_1 + m_2 h_2 = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} h$$

$$a_1 = \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} a \quad n_1 = n_2 = n$$

$$E = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} C = -\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{2a} = -\frac{G m_1 m_2}{2a}$$

# Poincare' action-angle variables

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda &= \mu \sqrt{G(M_s + m)a} & \lambda &= M + \varpi \\ T &= \Lambda(1 - \sqrt{1 - e^2}) & \gamma &= -\varpi \\ Z &= (1 - T)(1 - \cos i) & \sigma &= -\Omega\end{aligned}$$

## Jacobian coordinates

