



V SEMESTER B.TECH. (AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING)

END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC 2018

SUBJECT: ORBITAL MECHANICS [AAE 4012]

REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM (28/11/2018)

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to Candidates:

- ❖ Answer **ALL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitable assumed.

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| 1A. Analyze vis-viva equation in detail with necessary equations and explanations. | 2 |
| 1B. Prove that the acceleration of center of mass of a two body system is zero | 3 |
| 1C. Derive and analyze Kepler's first law from fundamentals. | 5 |
| 2A. What do you mean by "mean motion" in an orbit? How it is calculated? | 2 |
| 2B. Explain the process of orbit projection in detail. | 3 |
| 2C. Calculate the orbital elements eccentricity, specific angular momentum and inclination for a geocentric satellite whose position and velocity state vectors are $\mathbf{r} = 2615 \mathbf{i} + 15881 \mathbf{j} + 3980 \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{v} = -2.7 \mathbf{i} + 0.8 \mathbf{j} + 5 \mathbf{k}$ | 5 |
| 3A. Explain the significance of phasing maneuvers with necessary diagrams. | 2 |
| 3B. Explain the procedure for accomplishing Hohmann transfer between two co-axial elliptical orbits. | 3 |
| 3C. A spacecraft is in a 300 km circular earth orbit. The eccentricity of first transfer ellipse is 0.3. Calculate (a) the total delta-v required for the bi-elliptic transfer to a 3000 km altitude coplanar circular orbit and (b) the total transfer time. | 5 |
| 4A. Examine the term "sphere of influence" in detail. | 2 |
| 4B. What do you mean by patched conics method? Examine its significance with necessary diagrams. | 3 |

- 4C.** A spacecraft is launched on a mission to Mars starting from a 300 km circular parking orbit. Calculate (a) the delta-v required and (b) the amount of propellant required as a percentage of the spacecraft mass before the delta-v burn, assuming a specific impulse of 300 seconds. The gravitational parameters for sun is $1.327 \times 10^{11} \text{ km}^3/\text{s}^2$. The radius of earth and mars are $149.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ km}$ and $227.9 \times 10^{11} \text{ km}$ respectively. **5**
- 5A.** What do you mean by orbital perturbations? Analyze its various categories. **2**
- 5B.** Analyze the effects of earths oblateness on satellite orbits. **3**
- 5C.** Analyze any one debris mitigation technique in detail with all necessary diagrams and explanations. **5**