

AOE 4134 Homework 8

Due: Monday October 23, 2000 at beginning of class

1. The following Two-Line Element set (TLE) is for the International Space Station.

ISS (ZARYA)

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1 25544U 98067A 00275.59951216 .00109532 00000-0 12083-2 0 1349
2 25544 51.5770 317.4465 0005383 278.1771 218.9951 15.62225569106622
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Determine the position and velocity vectors of this spacecraft at epoch and 10 orbital periods after epoch:

(a) Using ideal two-body motion

(b) Taking into account the effects of Earth oblateness ( $J_2 = 0.001081$ )

Determine the error in kilometers between the subsatellite points for (a) and (b).

You can find information about the TLE format at the following website:

<http://celestrak.com/NORAD/documentation/tle-fmt.html>

2. A satellite is initially in low-Earth orbit with altitude 400 km, and must be transferred to a semisynchronous orbit (orbital period = 0.5 sidereal days).

Assuming a Hohmann transfer, determine the  $\Delta v$  and the transfer time.

3. A satellite is initially in low-Earth orbit with altitude 400 km, and must be transferred to a semisynchronous orbit (orbital period = 0.5 sidereal days).

Determine the  $\Delta v$  and the time of transfer required to transfer the between the two orbits using a transfer ellipse with semimajor axis  $a = 17,144$  km and eccentricity  $e = 0.61$ .

Compare these results with those of a Hohmann transfer.