

What is 1 AU ?

A The average Moon-Earth distance - 384,400 km

0 ✕

B The average Earth-Sun distance - 150 M km

0 ✓

C The size of the solar system

0 ✕

D The radius of Jupiter

0 ✕

What statement does ***NOT*** apply to the concept of sphere of influence (SOI)?

- A Within the SOI, we can consider only the two-body problem to compute the trajectory 0 ✕
- B To compute the size of the SOI, we study the ratio of the perturbation in an heliocentric frame and in a planetocentric frame 0 ✕
- C Within the SOI, there are at least two massive bodies 0 ✓
- D The SOI depends on the average distance of the massive object and their relative mass 0 ✕

On a Hohmann transfer from Earth to Venus (i.e. sunwards), what would be the trajectory within Earth's SOI?

A A circle

0 ✕

B A parabola

0 ✕

C An ellipse

0 ✕

D An hyperbola

0 ✓

What is the correct equation for the hyperbolic excess velocity ?

A $v_d^2 = (v_d^\infty)^2 + v_{Esc}^2$.

0 ✓

B $v_d = (v_d^\infty) + v_{Esc}$.

0 ✗

C $v_d^2 = (v_d^\infty + v_{Esc})^2 +$.

0 ✗

D $v_d = v_d^\infty$.

0 ✗

On a Hohmann transfer from Earth to Venus (i.e. sunwards), how should the departure hyperbolic excess velocity and the planetary velocity be aligned?

A Parallel, in the same direction

0 ✕

B Perpendicular, with the hyperbolic excess velocity pointing away from the Sun

0 ✕

C Parallel, but in opposite direction

0 ✓

D Perpendicular, with the hyperbolic excess velocity pointing towards the Sun

0 ✕

What is the heliocentric velocity right after leaving the SOI?

A $V_D = V_P + v^\infty$.

0 ✓

B $V_D^2 = V_P^2 + (v^\infty)^2$.

0 ✗

C $V_D = V_P + v^\infty - 2v^\infty V_P \cos(\beta)$.

0 ✗

D $V_d^2 = (v_d^\infty)^2 + V_{Esc}^2$.

0 ✗

On a Hohmann transfer from Earth to Venus (i.e. sunwards), what would be the trajectory in the heliocentric phase?

A A circle

0 ✕

B A parabola

0 ✕

C An ellipse

0 ✓

D An hyperbola

0 ✕

Is the treatment of the arrival phase similar to the departure phase?

A No, it is always an elliptical orbit

0 ✕

B Yes, with the arrival hyperbolic excess velocity defining the semi-major axis of the planetocentric phase

0 ✓

C No, it is always a parabolic orbit.

0 ✕

D No, the total mechanical energy is not conserved

0 ✕

How can the probe get gravitationally bound to the planet on arrival?

A It will always be bound after entering the arrival SOI

0 ✕

B It can perform a braking Delta-v using its thrusters

0 ✓

C It can perform an aerocapture manoeuvre

0 ✓