

Which statement on the gravity assist is false ?

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| A | The magnitude of the arrival and departure hyperbolic excess velocity are the same at the SOI | 0 | ✗ |
| B | The magnitude and direction of the heliocentric velocities before and after flybys are different | 0 | ✗ |
| C | The magnitude and direction of the heliocentric velocities before and after flybys are the same | 0 | ✓ |
| D | The geometry of the flyby defines whether the heliocentric velocity will be increased or decreased | 0 | ✗ |

Which statement on the gravity assist is false ?

- A The heliocentric trajectory of a spacecraft can be deflected 0 ✕
- B The magnitude of the heliocentric velocity is changed 0 ✕
- C Significant delta v savings can be made with respect to a Hohman transfer 0 ✕
- D Time of flight to the destination is shorter than Hohman transfer 0 ✓

In a simple Moon trajectory where we neglect the Moon's gravity, what is the orbit's minimum eccentricity to reach the Moon from a ~320 km altitude parking orbit?

A $e \sim 0.5$

0 ✕

B $e \sim 0.97$

0 ✓

C $e \sim 1.2$

0 ✕

D There is no constraint on the eccentricity

0 ✕

In a simple Moon trajectory where we neglect the Moon's gravity, what is the minimum injection speed?

A v is slightly less than the escape velocity

0 ✓

B v must be larger than the escape velocity

0 ✗

C $v \sim 7.7$ km/s

0 ✗

D $v \sim 1$ km/s

0 ✗

What is a free-return trajectory?

- A A trajectory with a powered flyby of the Moon which implies a geocentric hyperbolic orbit 0 ✕
- B A trajectory around the Moon that requires no Δv at perilune to return to the Earth 0 ✓
- C There is no such thing as a free-return trajectory 0 ✕
- D The return trajectory on a parabolic orbit to the Moon's SOI 0 ✕

Which of these equations is not a form of the Tsiolkovsky equation?

A $\Delta v = v_e \ln\left(\frac{m_i}{m_f}\right)$.

0 ✕

B $\Delta v = I_{sp} g_0 \ln\left(\frac{m_i}{m_f}\right)$.

0 ✕

C $m_p = m_i \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta v}{I_{sp} g_0}\right) \right]$.

0 ✕

D $I_{sp} g_0 = v_e$.

0 ✓

Which statement on the Isp is false?

A It is the thrust / Sea-level weight of flow consumption ratio

0 ✕

B It is the amount of seconds a given propellant can accelerate its own initial mass at g_0

0 ✕

C A high Isp always implies a high thrust

0 ✓

D It is an important performance parameter for a given engine/propellant combination

0 ✕

E The Isp and the thrust F are large if and only if the mass flow ($\dot{m}$) is large

0 ✕

What is the fraction of propellant mass w.r.t. the total mass for a ~ 10 km/s Δv (which corresponds to Δv needed to reach LEO from the surface) ?

A 10%

0 ✕

B 90%

0 ✓

C 50%

0 ✕

D 25%

0 ✕

What are the typical values of I_{sp} and thrust for electrical propulsion?

A 2500s/5mN

0 ✓

B 327s/2.75MN

0 ✗

C 450s/1MN

0 ✗

D 800s/220kN

0 ✗