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LIST OF SYMBOLS

a	semimajor axis
A	satellite's average frontal area
A, B, C	constants in the altitude-density equation
C_D	drag coefficient
e	eccentricity
$\bar{e}_r, \bar{e}_\theta, \bar{e}_\phi$	radial, transverse, and orthogonal (to radial-transverse plane) unit vectors
ΔE_D	change in total energy due to drag
E_T	total energy of an orbiting body
f	polar angle (true anomaly)
F_D	resisting force of air drag
F_g	gravitational force
G	universal constant of gravitation
h	altitude above spherical earth
H	angular momentum of satellite
ΔH	change in angular momentum due to drag
i	inclination angle of the orbit plane with respect to the plane of the equator
K	ballistic coefficient
m	satellite mass
M	mass of the earth
p	perigee point
P	period of orbit
r	radial distance measured from earth's center

LIST OF SYMBOLS (Continued)

r_p	radial distance to perigee
R	radius of a spherical satellite
R_e	average earth radius
v	velocity of satellite
v_p	velocity of satellite at perigee

Greek Letters

μ	planetary constant for the earth
ρ	air density as a function of altitude
ω	angular position of perigee, measured from line of intersection of orbital plane with equatorial plane; argument of perigee
Ω	angular position of line of nodes measured from a reference direction (vernal equinox)

Subscripts

r	radial component
θ	transverse component
ϕ	component normal to radial and transverse
0	values at beginning (at perigee) of any particular revolution
1	values at end (again at perigee) of that revolution

Bars over variables signify vector values.

Dots over variables indicate differentiation with respect to time.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Background

Studies of the effect of atmospheric drag on the orbits of near-earth satellites began in earnest soon after the 1957 launch of Sputnik I. Many theoretical descriptions of the effects of drag have since been published.

Several disturbances are attributed to air drag. As suggested by the term "circularization," an elliptical orbit becomes more rounded; drag gradually shrinks the major axis, reduces the eccentricity, and decreases the orbital period. Detailed analyses have unveiled periodic variations superimposed on these steady changes. By taking into account the oblateness and rotation of the atmosphere, other effects are explained, particularly the changes in the angles (i, ω, Ω) that position an orbital plane with reference to the earth.

Purpose of the Thesis

This thesis presents an approach, on a basic level, to the problem of describing what atmospheric drag does to a satellite orbit. With the assumptions that will be made here, the orbit stays in a fixed plane. The elements which do change are the orbit's eccentricity, period, and the length of the major axis. Equations are derived to predict these changes, and they are compared with the generally accepted theory as applied to the decay of the orbit of the Explorer IX satellite.

The Assumptions

Six assumptions are needed to put the real problem in a form that the present method can handle. They are:

1) The earth is a perfect sphere.
2) The sun and the moon have no gravitational effect on the orbit.

3) The atmosphere does not rotate. It is fixed relative to an inertial coordinate system with origin at the earth's center.

4) Solar radiation pressure is negligible.

5) The atmosphere is spherically symmetric about the earth. At a given altitude above any point of the earth's surface the atmosphere density is the same.

6) The relation between density and altitude does not change with time.

The first four assumptions together restrict the motion to a plane fixed in space, because all forces with components perpendicular to the plane of motion have been ruled out. Except for the intrusion of an atmosphere, the problem would be one of a central-force attraction between two bodies. The fourth and sixth assumptions are discussed in Chapter II. The last two simplify the mathematics needed to formulate an altitude-density relation.

Preliminary Orbital Mechanics

There are many equations associated with the ideal Keplerian two-body orbit. The ones that will be needed are summarized here.

Polar coordinates (r, f) with origin at the earth's center,

along with radial and transverse unit vectors, \bar{e}_r and \bar{e}_θ , are used to locate the satellite. The force of gravitational attraction between the earth and a satellite of mass m is given in vector form by

$$\bar{F}_G = -\frac{\mu m}{r^2} \bar{e}_r . \quad (1)$$

A satellite in orbit around the earth follows an elliptical path with the earth at one focus, and its equation is

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

The polar angle, f , is often called the "true anomaly." At "perigee," point p in Figure 1, the true anomaly is zero, and from equation (2),

$$r_p = a(1 - e) \quad (3)$$

where r_p is the distance from the focus of attraction to perigee.

The velocity at perigee is given by

$$v_p^2 = \frac{\mu}{a} \left[\frac{1 + e}{1 - e} \right] . \quad (4)$$

In Chapter IV the "eccentric anomaly," E , is mentioned, and often equations for orbital problems are written using it instead of the polar angle f . The angle E is defined by Figure 2.

In the absence of air drag and other outside forces, it can be shown that the total energy of an orbiting body is a constant, given by the equation

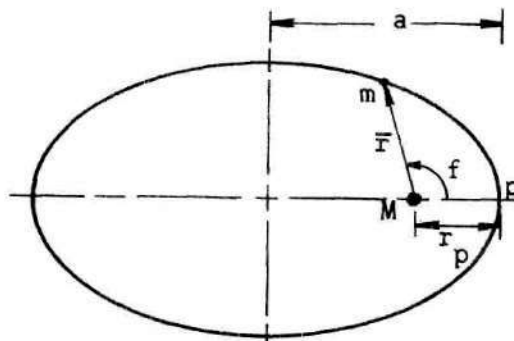


Figure 1. The Keplerian Ellipse.

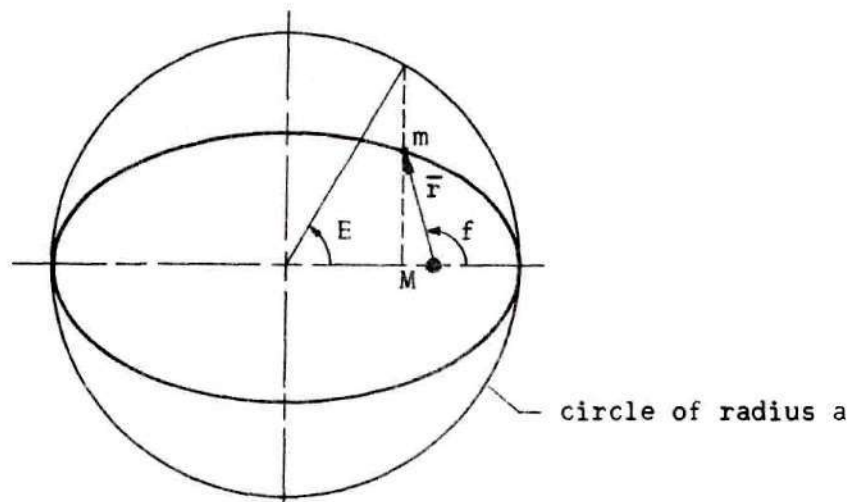


Figure 2. Location of the Angle E.

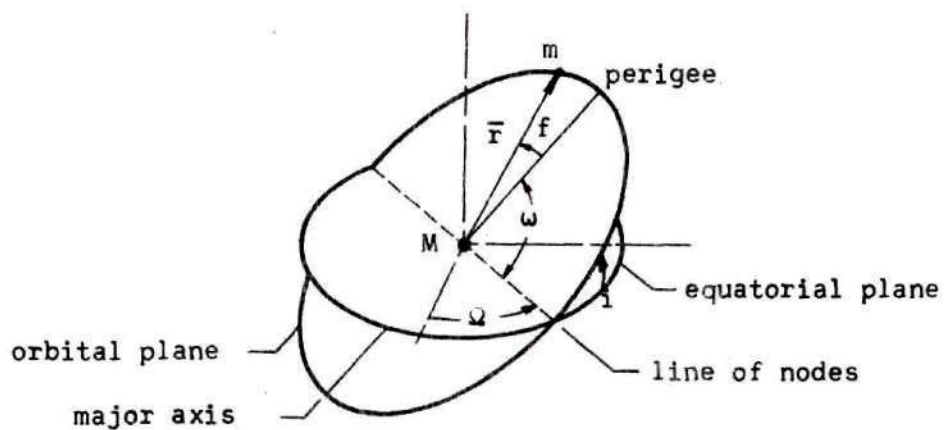


Figure 3. The Angles Positioning the Orbital Plane.

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 - \frac{\mu m}{r} = E_T, \quad (5)$$

where v is the satellite's velocity measured with respect to an inertial reference frame located at the earth's center. The total energy, E_T , is the sum of the kinetic and potential energies of the satellite with respect to the earth. The value of the total energy depends on the planetary constant, the mass of the satellite, and the length of the major axis:

$$E_T = -\frac{\mu m}{2a}. \quad (6)$$

The time required for one revolution is the period, P , of the orbit, and it is given by

$$P = 2\pi \left[\frac{a^3}{\mu} \right]^{1/2}. \quad (7)$$

The angles i , ω , and Ω that position the orbital plane (when using geocentric equatorial coordinates) are shown in Figure 3.

Outline of the Approach

The problem can be divided into four parts:

- 1) Find an equation that gives air density as a function of altitude above the earth.
- 2) Derive an expression for energy lost to drag friction for each satellite revolution.
- 3) Establish an equation for the change in angular momentum of a satellite that occurs during a revolution in drag.

4) Employ the orbit equations and the energy and momentum relations to predict a , e , and P after one complete revolution. These should match values given by an accepted theory and actual satellite data.

The first two sub-problems are covered in Chapter II, and the last two comprise Chapter III.

Much of the practicability of this work depends on the use of a digital computer. Computer-based numerical methods are especially convenient for calculating the values of integrals that can not be integrated analytically.

CHAPTER II

ENERGY LOST TO AIR DRAG

Variation of Air Density with Altitude

Before the era of satellites, little was known about the density of the atmosphere above 100 km. Rocket probes sent up at irregular intervals ejected chemical vapors and small spheres whose behavior suggested properties of the upper atmosphere, often with large errors. With the appearance of satellites, ground observations of their deviations from predicted motion have made it possible to obtain more precise measurements of atmospheric densities.

One of the surprises found from tracking satellites has been the discovery of the wide variation of air density above 300 km: at 500 km the air is 5 times less dense on the sunny side of the earth than on the shaded side. There is an atmospheric bulge associated with sunlight that lags the overhead sun position by about two hours. Also, sunspot activity can change the density at 500 km by a factor of 15 [1]. These and other effects, which increase with height, make it difficult to associate a specific density with an altitude. Generally, density has been observed to wander within the limits shown in Figure 4. Some advanced papers incorporate a "dynamic" density model, one with factors that imitate known periodic variations, but the use of such a model is a special study in itself. As the sixth assumption on page 2 indicates, fluctuations in atmospheric density due to differences in day-night sunlight heating,

sunspot activity, magnetic storms, etc., will not be considered in this study. The important fact to note is that the "standard" and "average" density tabulations mentioned below, though not necessarily accurate for a particular time, are offered as points of departure. The actual density profile at the time under consideration should be used if it is available.

Model Atmospheres

Three atmosphere models are used as references:

- 1) The U. S. Standard Atmosphere, 1962, (USSA 1962) [2];
- 2) The COSPAR International Reference Atmosphere, 1961, (CIRA 1961) [3];
- 3) The Air Research and Development Command 1959 model, (ARDC 1959) [4].

The USSA 1962 average values are used here because they are the most recent of the three, and the listing is the most complete. Figure 4 is a plot of this model, and the values of some points are included in the Appendix, Table 1.

Solar Pressure

The fourth assumption, page 2, stated that solar pressure will not be considered. It is often not negligible, but it is ignored here because the purpose of the present analysis is to evaluate the effect of drag alone. To carefully describe actual satellite motion, solar radiation pressure should be accounted for, as recommended by L. G. Jacchia [5]:

Thus, when ρ (density) is of the order of 10^{-16} g/cc, the effect of solar-radiation pressure may equal that of atmospheric drag. At times of sunspot maximum, this will

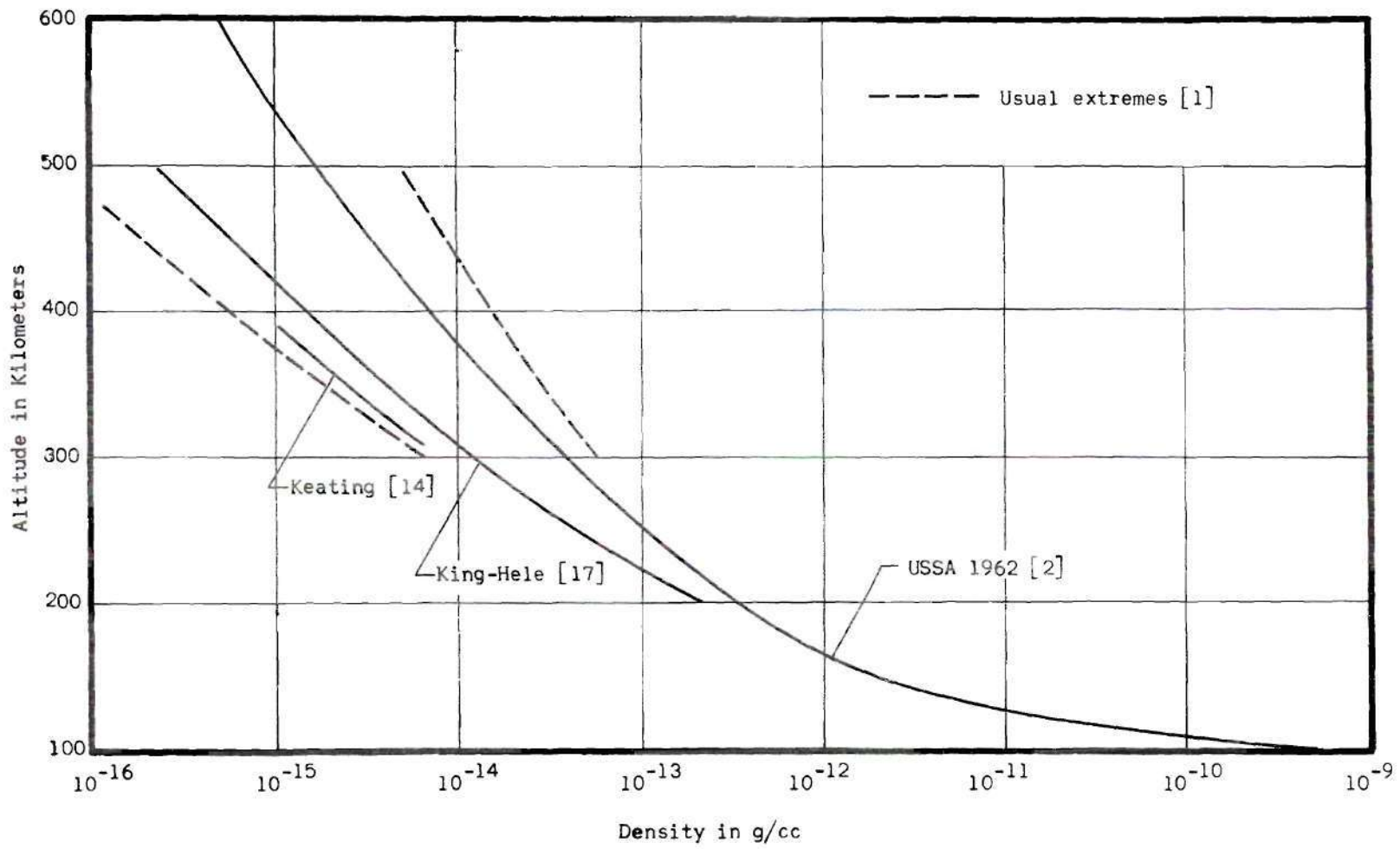


Figure 4. The USSA 1962 and Other Atmospheres.

occur at a height of 900 km; at times of low solar activity, however, when the atmosphere is appreciably contracted, it will occur as low as 500 km above the earth. If we want to determine atmospheric drag with a 10-percent accuracy or better, we must take into account solar-radiation pressure whenever the perigee height of the satellite is greater than 400 km.

An Altitude-Density Equation

The present theory requires that the density curve be in equation form. Semi-log plots of the curve are often approximated simply with straight-line segments. Here the curve will be matched with part of a parabola; such a second degree function is more realistic than a straight line and is still convenient because its inverse is not hard to find.

Suppose coefficients A , B , and C can be found such that the USSA 1962 curve of Figure 4 is reasonably approximated by

$$h = Ax^2 + Bx + C, \quad (8)$$

where h is the altitude above the earth's spherical surface and $x = \ln \rho$. Then an equation for density in terms of altitude can be extracted from equation (8) by completing the square:

$$\begin{aligned} h - C &= A(\ln \rho)^2 + B \ln \rho \\ \frac{h-C}{A} + \left(\frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 &= (\ln \rho)^2 + \frac{B}{A} \ln \rho + \left(\frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 \\ \pm \left[\frac{h-C}{A} + \left(\frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2} &= \left(\ln \rho + \frac{B}{2A} \right) \\ \rho &= \exp \left\{ -\frac{B}{2A} - \left[\frac{h-C}{A} + \left(\frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The negative root is chosen because ρ must decrease as h increases. The altitude may be replaced by $r - R_e$, where R_e is the radius of the spherical earth:

$$\rho = \exp \left\{ -\frac{B}{2A} - \left[\frac{r - R_e - C}{A} + \left(\frac{B}{2A} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\} \quad (9)$$

Once values for A , B , and C are determined, equation (9) gives the density function $\rho(r)$ that will be needed later.

The values of the three coefficients are best found by the method of least squares, for which a computer procedure is convenient. To obtain a better equation for the densities in the region of interest, usually near the perigee of an orbit, it may be necessary to weight the least squares method by including additional points there. The coefficients should be reevaluated if the density changes drastically after they have been calculated.

An Equation for Energy Lost to Drag

The atmospheric drag force is commonly given by

$$F_D = -\frac{1}{2} AC_D \rho v^2 \quad (10)$$

where A is the average cross-sectional area of the satellite facing the direction of motion. For a sphere of radius R , A is simply the constant πR^2 . The symbol ρ denotes the air density at the satellite's altitude, and v is the satellite's velocity relative to the surrounding air.

The dimensionless drag coefficient, C_D , is ideally 2.0 for a

sphere [6], but King-Hele puts a practical value between 2.1 and 2.2 [7]. C_D is further discussed in Chapter IV. The area A and the coefficient C_D are usually combined into a single constant, K , called the "ballistic coefficient," where $K = AC_D$. Then

$$F_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \rho v^2$$

The drag force is directed opposite to the velocity. The velocity vector, \bar{v} , is now used to find the direction of \bar{F}_D in terms of radial and transverse unit vectors. The velocity in polar coordinates is

$$\bar{v} = v_r \bar{e}_r + v_\theta \bar{e}_\theta$$

with components

$$v_r = \dot{r} \quad v_\theta = r\dot{\theta}$$

From Figure 5 the drag force can be written:

$$\bar{F}_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \rho v^2 \left(\frac{v_r}{v} \right) \bar{e}_r - \frac{1}{2} K \rho v^2 \left(\frac{v_\theta}{v} \right) \bar{e}_\theta$$

$$\bar{F}_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \rho v (\dot{r}) \bar{e}_r - \frac{1}{2} K \rho v (r\dot{\theta}) \bar{e}_\theta \quad (11)$$

The work done, W , by a force \bar{F} that moves along a path C is given by the line integral

$$W = \int_C \bar{F} \cdot d\bar{s}$$

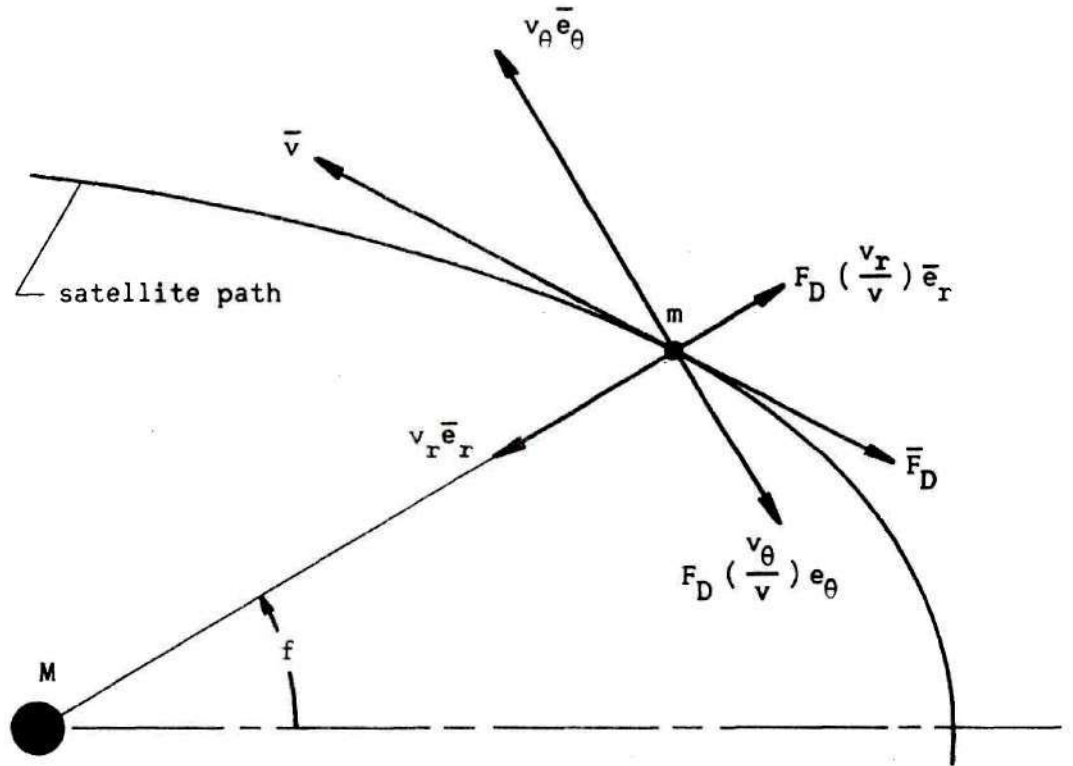


Figure 5. Relation Between \bar{F}_D and \bar{v} .

where

$$d\vec{S} = dr \vec{e}_r + r df \vec{e}_\theta$$

The work done on a body equals its change in total energy. If ΔE_D is the change in energy of an orbiting body due to the drag force, then

$$\Delta E_D = \int_C \vec{F}_D \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\Delta E_D = \int_C \left[-\frac{1}{2} K \rho v(\dot{r}) dr - \frac{1}{2} K \rho v(r\dot{f}) r df \right]$$

$$\Delta E_D = \int_C -\frac{1}{2} K \rho v[\dot{r} dr + (r\dot{f}) r df] \quad (12)$$

The actual path C that a satellite follows is a deteriorating ellipse, one that gradually spirals inward. An approximate path is chosen for C (for each revolution) in order to evaluate the above line integral. The one that is used is the perfect ellipse that would be followed by a satellite in the absence of air resistance. It has constant elements a and e , and with it r can be related to f by equation (2):

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

Except during the final few revolutions of a satellite's lifetime, the actual radial distance departs only a few hundred meters during a single revolution from that given by equation (2).

Expressions for the velocity components, \dot{r} and $r\dot{f}$, in terms of v are now derivable by differentiating (2).

$$\dot{r} = \frac{a(1 - e^2)e \sin f}{(1 + e \cos f)^2} \dot{f} \quad (13)$$

$$v^2 = \dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \dot{r}^2 + (r\dot{f})^2$$

$$v^2 = \frac{a^2(1 - e^2)^2 e^2 \sin^2 f}{(1 + e \cos f)^4} (\dot{f})^2 + \frac{a^2(1 - e^2)^2}{(1 + e \cos f)^2} (\dot{f})^2$$

$$v^2 = \left[\frac{a^2(1 - e^2)^2 e^2 \sin^2 f + a^2(1 - e^2)^2 (1 + e \cos f)^2}{(1 + e \cos f)^4} \right] (\dot{f})^2$$

$$\dot{f}^2 = \left[\frac{(1 + e \cos f)^4}{a^2(1 - e^2)^2 e^2 \sin^2 f + a^2(1 - e^2)^2 (1 + e \cos f)^2} \right] v^2$$

$$\dot{f} = \frac{(1 + e \cos f)^2 v}{a(1 - e^2)(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \quad (14)$$

Again use (2) and multiply both sides of it by \dot{f} ; substitute (14):

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

$$r\dot{f} = \frac{(1 + e \cos f)v}{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \quad (15)$$

Substitute (14) in (13):

$$\dot{r} = \frac{a(1-e^2)e \sin f}{(1+e \cos f)^2} \frac{(1+e \cos f)^2 v}{a(1-e^2)(1+2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{e \sin f v}{(1+2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \quad (16)$$

Another statement that is needed follows from equation (2):

$$dr = \frac{a(1-e^2)e \sin f}{(1+e \cos f)^2} df \quad (17)$$

Now that the path is specified, the line integral can be transformed into definite integrals of functions of f . Substitute equations (16), (17), (15), and (2) into equation (12):

$$\Delta E_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \left[\int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho v^2 \frac{e \sin f}{(1+2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \frac{a(1-e^2)e \sin f}{(1+e \cos f)^2} df \right. \\ \left. + \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho v^2 \frac{(1+e \cos f)}{(1+2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \frac{a(1-e^2)}{(1+e \cos f)} df \right]$$

$$\Delta E_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho v^2 \frac{a(1-e^2)}{(1+2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{e^2 \sin^2 f}{(1+e \cos f)^2} + 1 \right] df$$

$$\Delta E_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho v^2 \frac{a(1-e^2)}{(1+2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}} \left[\frac{e^2 \sin^2 f + 1 + 2e \cos f + e^2 \cos^2 f}{(1+e \cos f)^2} \right] df \quad (18)$$

Combining equations (5) and (6), the "energy equation" is obtained:

$$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 - \frac{\mu m}{r} = -\frac{\mu m}{2a} ,$$

or

$$v^2 = \mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a} \right) . \quad (19)$$

Use this and equation (2) in equation (18):

$$\Delta E_D = - \frac{1}{2} K \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho \mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a} \right) r \left[\frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)} \right] df$$

$$\Delta E_D = - \frac{1}{2} K \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho \mu \left(2 - \frac{r}{a} \right) \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)} df$$

Again use equation (2) for r :

$$\Delta E_D = - \frac{1}{2} K \mu \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho \left[2 - \frac{(1 - e^2)}{(1 + e \cos f)} \right] \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)} df$$

$$\Delta E_D = - \frac{1}{2} K \mu \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho \left[\frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)}{(1 + e \cos f)} \right] \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)} df$$

Air density, ρ , is a function of r , given in approximate form by equation (9). Since elliptical paths are being considered, r , in turn, becomes a function of f by using equation (2). The equation for ΔE_D is then an integral of a function of the variable f :

$$\Delta E_D = - \frac{1}{2} K \mu \int_{f_0}^{f_1} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{3/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)^2} df .$$

This equation gives the energy lost to drag by a satellite that has

completed the segment between f_0 and f_1 of an elliptical orbit with elements a and e . The analysis in the next chapter deals with whole revolutions, beginning and ending at perigee, so that the energy lost to drag per revolution, is given approximately by

$$\Delta E_D = -\frac{1}{2} K\mu \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)}{(1 + e \cos f)^2} df . \quad (20)$$

CHAPTER III

EQUATIONS FOR CHANGES IN SEMIMAJOR AXIS
AND ECCENTRICITY

If, in addition to the assumptions made in Chapter I atmospheric drag were negligible, the orbital elements of a satellite $(a, e, i, \omega, \Omega, P)$ could be evaluated once at any point and would not change. With drag present, neither total energy nor angular momentum is conserved. On the basis of the six assumptions, a , e , and P then continuously decrease while i , ω , and Ω remain essentially fixed.

Equations are now derived to predict the new values of a , e , and P after a single revolution in drag. A continuous history is formed by letting the end conditions of one revolution be the initial conditions of the next.

Consider a satellite at the perigee of the ellipse specified by a_0 , e_0 , and T_0 . After one revolution in drag the satellite is again at perigee, but the path it is following is then, only for an instant, a new ellipse given by a_1 , e_1 , and T_1 . These elements are constantly (though slowly) changing. As an approximation they are assumed fixed for a single revolution until new values can be determined at the end of each complete revolution. This assumption made possible the evaluation of the drag integral in Chapter II and will help with the angular impulse integral to follow. The model of the path of a satellite in drag is then a series of diminishing ellipses with common major axis directions and

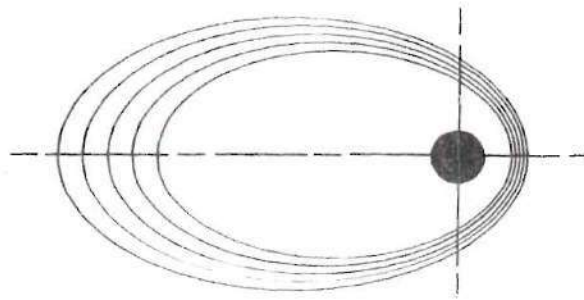


Figure 6. The Proposed Model of Orbital Decay Due to Air Drag.

foci of attraction (see Figure 6).

The Semimajor Axis after a Revolution in Drag

Equation (6) indicates that the total energy of an orbit is a function of a alone, once the planetary constant and satellite mass are fixed. The energy lost per revolution, E_D , is known from equation (20) and can be used directly to obtain a_1 from a_0 :

$$E_{T_0} = - \frac{\mu m}{2a_0}$$

$$E_{T_1} = - \frac{\mu m}{2a_1}$$

$$E_{T_1} = E_{T_0} + \Delta E_D$$

where ΔE_D is negative. From this,

$$- \frac{\mu m}{2a_1} = - \frac{\mu m}{2a_0} + \Delta E_D$$

$$a_1 = \left[\frac{1}{a_0} - \frac{2\Delta E_D}{\mu m} \right]^{-1} \quad (21)$$

This equation gives the length of the semimajor axis after a satellite has followed the ellipse described by a_0 and e_0 through an atmosphere of density $\rho(r)$.

Eccentricity after a Revolution in Drag

Since two quantities, a and e , are needed to determine an ellipse uniquely (P is directly related to a), two independent

principles are required to find both elements. The work-energy approach was used to calculate a_1 . The principle of angular impulse and angular momentum provides a second equation:

$$\bar{r} \times \bar{F}_D = \frac{d}{dt} (\bar{r} \times m\bar{v})$$

where \bar{F}_D is the drag resistance vector. This leads to a relation between r_1 and v_1 (values at perigee after revolution). They must also conform to the energy equation,

$$v_1^2 = \mu \left[\frac{2}{r_1} - \frac{1}{a_1} \right]$$

and elimination of v_1 between the two gives an equation for r_1 . With the assumption that at perigee v_1 is perpendicular to r_1 , as v_0 was to r_0 , e_1 follows from r_1 using equation (3):

$$r_1 = a_1(1 - e_1)$$

$$e_1 = 1 - \frac{r_1}{a_1} \tag{22}$$

Proceeding from the principle of angular impulse and angular momentum, and using the definition of angular momentum,

$$\bar{H} = \bar{r} \times m\bar{v} ,$$

write

$$(\bar{r} \times \bar{F}_D)dt = d\bar{H} .$$

Integrating the last equation,

$$\bar{H}_1 - \bar{H}_0 = \int_0^1 (\bar{r} \times \bar{F}_D) dt .$$

From equation (11),

$$\bar{F}_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \rho v \dot{r} \bar{e}_r - \frac{1}{2} K \rho v r \dot{f} \bar{e}_\theta ,$$

and $\bar{r} = r \bar{e}_r$. Then

$$\bar{r} \times \bar{F}_D = -\frac{1}{2} K \rho v r^2 \dot{f} \bar{e}_\phi ,$$

where $\bar{e}_\phi = \bar{e}_r \times \bar{e}_\theta$. Similarly,

$$\bar{H} = m r^2 \dot{f} \bar{e}_\phi$$

By equating vector components the previous equations may be written in scalar form:

$$H_1 - H_0 = \int_0^1 \left(-\frac{1}{2} K \rho v r^2 \dot{f} \right) dt .$$

Define

$$\Delta H = H_1 - H_0 .$$

From the chain rule write $dt = \frac{dr}{\dot{r}}$. Then

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K \int_0^1 \rho v r^2 \frac{\dot{f}}{\dot{r}} dr .$$

Conveniently,

$$\frac{\dot{f}}{r} dr = \frac{df}{dt} \frac{dt}{dr} dr = df .$$

Then

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K \int_0^1 \rho v r^2 df .$$

Replace v with its value along the ellipse (a_0, e_0) that the energy equation requires for a Keplerian orbit,

$$v = \left[\mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a_0} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

and eliminate r with equation (2),

$$r = \frac{a_0 (1 - e_0^2)}{1 + e_0 \cos f} .$$

Then the integral for the change in angular momentum per revolution becomes:

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \left[\mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a_0} \right) \right]^{1/2} r^2 df$$

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \mu^{1/2} r^2 \left[\frac{2(1 + e_0 \cos f)}{a_0 (1 - e_0^2)} - \frac{1}{a_0} \right]^{1/2} df$$

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K\mu^{1/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho r^2 \left[\frac{1 + 2e_0 \cos f + e_0^2}{a_0(1 - e_0^2)} \right]^{1/2} df$$

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K\mu^{1/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{a_0^2 (1 - e_0^2)^2}{(1 + e_0 \cos f)^2} \left[\frac{1 + 2e_0 \cos f + e_0^2}{a_0(1 - e_0^2)} \right]^{1/2} df$$

$$\Delta H = -\frac{1}{2} K\mu^{1/2} \left[a_0(1 - e_0^2) \right]^{3/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e_0 \cos f + e_0^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e_0 \cos f)^2} df$$

This equation calculates the change in angular momentum of a satellite that has made a complete revolution along the ellipse defined by a_0 and e_0 through an atmosphere whose density is $\rho(r)$ as discussed in Chapter II.

If H_0 and H_1 are evaluated at perigee assuming v_0 and v_1 are perpendicular to r_0 and r_1 , respectively, then

$$\Delta H = mr_1^2 \dot{f}_1 - mr_0^2 \dot{f}_0 = mr_1 v_1 - mr_0 v_0$$

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{r_1} \left[r_0 v_0 + \frac{\Delta H}{m} \right] \quad (23)$$

The velocity at perigee is given by equation (4),

$$v_0^2 = \frac{\mu}{a_0} \left[\frac{1 + e_0}{1 - e_0} \right],$$

and the perigee distance, from equation (3), is

$$r_0 = a_0(1 - e_0).$$

From these the product $r_0 v_0$ is

$$r_o v_o = [\mu a_o (1 - e_o^2)]^{1/2} .$$

Using this relationship, equation (23) becomes

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{r_1} \left\{ [\mu a_o (1 - e_o^2)]^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m} \right\} .$$

The energy equation demands that v_1 and r_1 also be related according to

$$v_1^2 = \mu \left[\frac{2}{r_1} - \frac{1}{a_1} \right]$$

Eliminating v_1 between these last two gives:

$$\mu \left[\frac{2}{r_1} - \frac{1}{a_1} \right] = \frac{1}{r_1^2} \left\{ [\mu a_o (1 - e_o^2)]^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m} \right\}^2$$

$$2r_1 - \frac{r_1^2}{a_1} = \left\{ [a_o (1 - e_o^2)]^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} \right\}^2$$

Complete the square in order to solve for r_1 :

$$r_1^2 - 2a_1 r_1 + a_1^2 = a_1^2 - a_1 \left[a_o^{1/2} (1 - e_o^2)^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} \right]^2$$

$$r_1 = a_1 \pm \left\{ a_1^2 - a_1 \left[a_o^{1/2} (1 - e_o^2)^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

The negative root is chosen because with no drag ($\Delta H = 0$ and $a_1 = a_o$) the equation should reduce to $r_1 = r_o = a_o (1 - e_o)$.

$$r_1 = a_1 - a_1 \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{a_1} \left[a_0^{1/2} (1 - e_0^2)^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

Use equation (22) to relate r_1 to e_1 ,

$$e_1 = 1 - \frac{r_1}{a_1}$$

$$e_1 = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{a_1} \left[a_0^{1/2} (1 - e_0^2)^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (24)$$

where

$$\frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{K}{m} [a_0 (1 - e_0^2)]^{3/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e_0 \cos f + e_0^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e_0 \cos f)^2} df \quad (25)$$

These last two equations together give the eccentricity at the end of a revolution in air drag of an orbit initially described by a_0 and e_0 .

The Period after a Revolution in Drag

The new period, P_1 , can be obtained immediately from a_1 by using the fundamental equation (7):

$$P_1 = 2\pi \left[\frac{a_1^3}{\mu} \right]^{1/2} \quad (26)$$

CHAPTER IV
LITERATURE EQUATIONS, SATELLITE INFORMATION,
AND CONSTANTS

Equations from the Literature

Many of the recent analyses of the atmospheric drag problem are summarized in references [8] and [9]. The most widely accepted theory results from the use of perturbation techniques, originally applied by Theodore Sterne [10, 11, 12, 13]. It is with this that the theory of Chapter III will be compared.

After transforming the variable from the generally used eccentric anomaly, E , to the true anomaly, f , the equations from perturbation theory for the changes per revolution in semimajor axis and eccentricity due to drag are:

$$\Delta a = -\frac{Ka^2}{m} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{3/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)^2} df$$

$$\Delta e = -\frac{Ka}{m} (1 - e^2) \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e \cos f + e^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e \cos f)^2} (e + \cos f) df$$

where $K = AC_D$. After each revolution the new period is obtained by letting $a = (a + \Delta a)$ in equation (7):

$$P = 2\pi \left[\frac{(a + \Delta a)^3}{\mu} \right]^{1/2}$$

Explorer IX

Explorer IX (1961 81), the 12-foot diameter inflated satellite launched 16 February 1961, has been chosen for testing the theory because of its spherical shape and the amount of information available on it. It was put in orbit specifically for obtaining air density data, and its position was continuously monitored during its three-year lifetime.

Orbital observations of many satellites are published in a series of Special Reports by the Smithsonian Astrophysics Observatory. Special Report No. 84 in particular is devoted to the first seven months of Explorer IX's time in orbit and gives its weight and a value for C_D . A NASA paper, "Determination of Mean Atmospheric Densities from the Explorer IX Satellite" [14], gives the average semimajor axis, eccentricity, and density logarithm every few days up to the satellite's final decay. Tables 2 and 3 contain some of these values.

Values of Constants

The metric system of units has become common and will be used throughout. The average earth radius is

$$R_e = 6371.2 \text{ km} ,$$

and the planetary constant for the earth is

$$\mu = 3.986094 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^3/\text{sec}^2 .$$

The satellite's 12-foot diameter makes the cross-sectional area

$$A = 10.51 \text{ m}^2 .$$

Because of the spherical shape there is no question of orientation affecting the frontal area. The mass is given in reference [15] as

$$m = 6631.5 \text{ g} .$$

The drag coefficient for Explorer IX is not agreed upon. Reference [15] gives $C_D = 2.2$, and this sets the ratio

$$\frac{K}{m} = 3.49 \times 10^{-9} \text{ km}^2/\text{g} .$$

Reference [16] attributes the value $K/m = 500 \text{ ft}^2/\text{slug}$ to D. G. King-Hele, which upon conversion to metric units is

$$\frac{K}{m} = 3.19 \times 10^{-9} \text{ km}^2/\text{g} .$$

The effect of the choice of K/m will be considered later.

There are two sources for the atmosphere density profile during the period of interest (February-March, 1964), and both are plotted in Figure 4. One is the set of values for 1962-1964 determined from observations of many satellites by King-Hele [17], listed in Table 4 of the Appendix. The other source of density information is the satellite Explorer IX itself, from whose motion G. M. Keating [14] obtained logarithms of the density. Table 3 contains the last three months of his tabulation.

Keating's data leads, by the method of least squares (a combination of the entries marked "*"), to the density coefficients

$$A = 6.11496$$

$$B = 370.432$$

$$C = 5887.061$$

King-Hele's data give A, B, and C as

$$A = 2.32618$$

$$B = 108.551$$

$$C = 1388.40$$

The USSA 1962 Standard Atmosphere is fitted by the coefficients

$$A = 2.74573$$

$$B = 123.781$$

$$C = 1497.82$$

The results given by these three groups of constants are compared in the next chapter.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS

The Final Equations

The theory of Chapters II and III has produced the following:

If a satellite at perigee of an elliptical orbit with elements a_0 , e_0 , and P_0 encounters an atmosphere of density profile $\rho(r)$, then, when perigee is again reached after the upcoming revolution is completed, the elements of the satellite's orbit will have changed to a_1 , e_1 , and P_1 , and their approximate values can be obtained from:

$$a_1 = \left[\frac{1}{a_0} - \frac{2\Delta E_D}{\mu m} \right]^{-1} \quad (21)$$

$$e_1 = \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{a_1} \left[a_0^{1/2} (1 - e_0)^{1/2} + \frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (24)$$

$$P_1 = 2\pi \left[\frac{a_1^3}{\mu} \right]^{1/2} \quad (26)$$

where

$$\frac{2\Delta E_D}{\mu m} = -\frac{K}{m} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e_0 \cos f + e_0^2)^{3/2}}{(1 + e_0 \cos f)^2} df$$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{m\mu^{1/2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{K}{m} \left[a_0 (1 - e_0^2) \right]^{3/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \rho \frac{(1 + 2e_0 \cos f + e_0^2)^{1/2}}{(1 + e_0 \cos f)^2} df$$

The density is given by the function

$$\rho = \exp \left\{ -\frac{B}{2A} - \left[\frac{r - R_e - C}{A} + \left(\frac{B}{2A} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \right\} \quad (9)$$

where

$$r = \frac{a_o (1 - e_o^2)}{1 + e_o \cos f} \quad (2)$$

Comparison with Perturbation Theory

The two computer programs in the Appendix are for making calculations needed for the thesis and perturbation theories. They are arranged so that their outputs compare the two theories up to 300 revolutions, both using the data:

program notation		thesis notation	value	units
KM	=	K/m	= 3.19 x 10 ⁻⁹	km ² /g
A[1]	=	a _o	= 7505.084	km
E[1]	=	e _o	= 0.104990	
AA	=	A	= 2.326179	
BB	=	B	= 108.5507	
CC	=	C	= 1388.399	

The last three constants are associated with the altitude-density equation (9) and are determined by the method of least squares from King-Hele's atmosphere data (Table 4). Incorporated in the perturbation theory program is the "least squares polynomial" procedure which calculates A, B, and C.

The thesis equations give results that agree well with the predictions from the accepted perturbation theory. They are compared in Figures 7, 8, 9, and 10 after 290 revolutions (about 20 days), using the above constants. These graphs cover a small interval of time because the scale required for plots of the entire period does not allow the differences in the two theories to be seen. The following evaluation is made at revolution 300:

	From Perturbation Theory	From Proposed Theory	Numerical Difference	Percent Difference
a	7323.082 km	7323.145	0.063	0.0009
e	0.083371	0.083376	0.000005	0.006
r_p	6712.549 km	6712.573	0.014	0.00021
P	103.944 $\frac{\text{min.}}{\text{rev.}}$	103.946 $\frac{\text{min.}}{\text{rev.}}$	0.002 $\frac{\text{min.}}{\text{rev.}}$	0.002

The theory developed in the thesis and the perturbation theory yield, then, essentially the same information. Although it is not as general in its applications, the proposed theory is derived with less mathematical work from the basic principles of mechanics.

Comparison with the Orbit of Explorer IX

Application of both the perturbation theory and the proposed theory to the actual satellite is complicated by four factors: the presence of solar pressure, the influence of the moon's force field, uncertainties in the value of C_D , and the lack of exact density data at the time of interest.

For most of the satellite's history, solar pressure and the

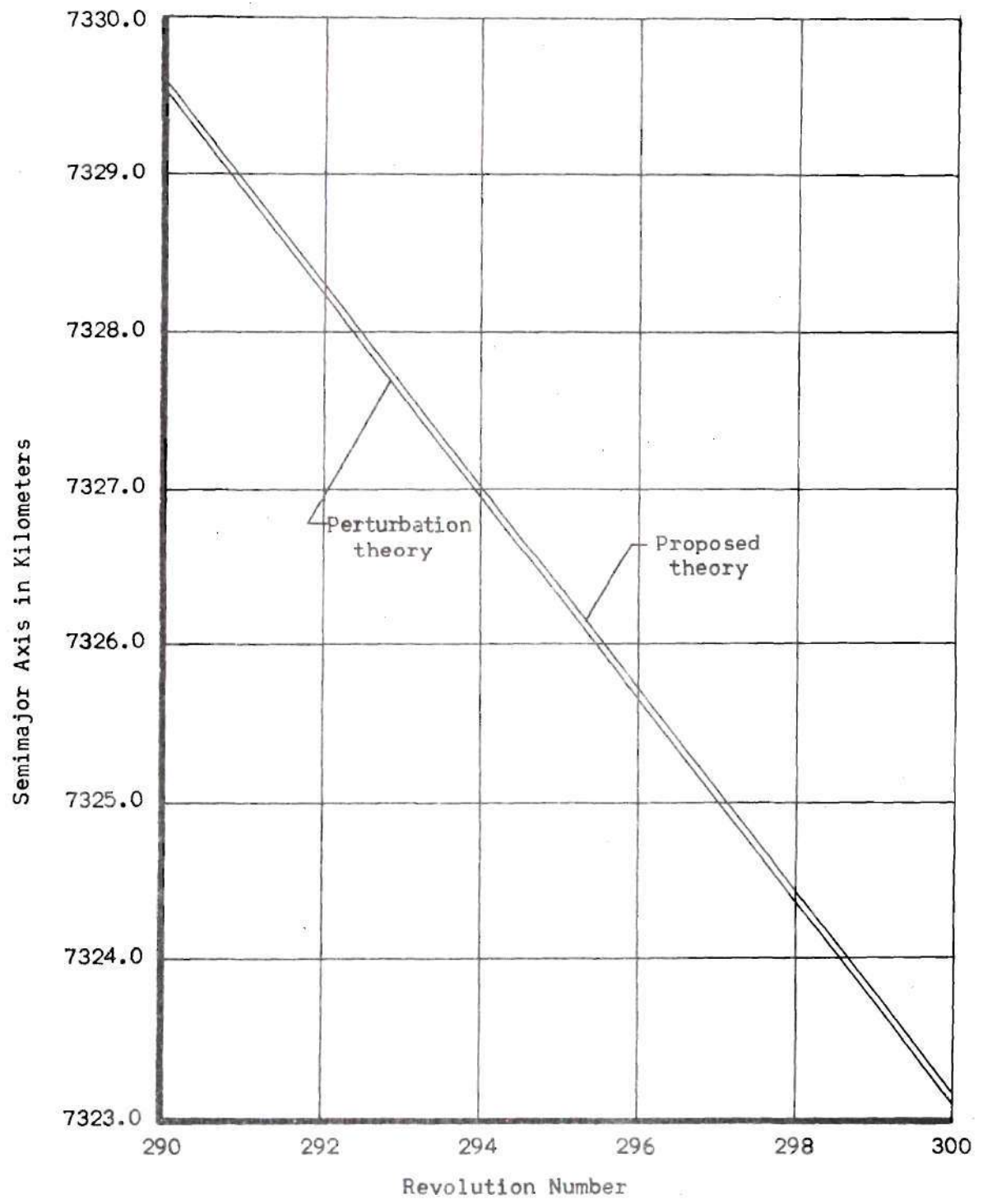


Figure 7. Semimajor Axis as Given by Perturbation Method and Proposed Theory after 290 Revolutions.

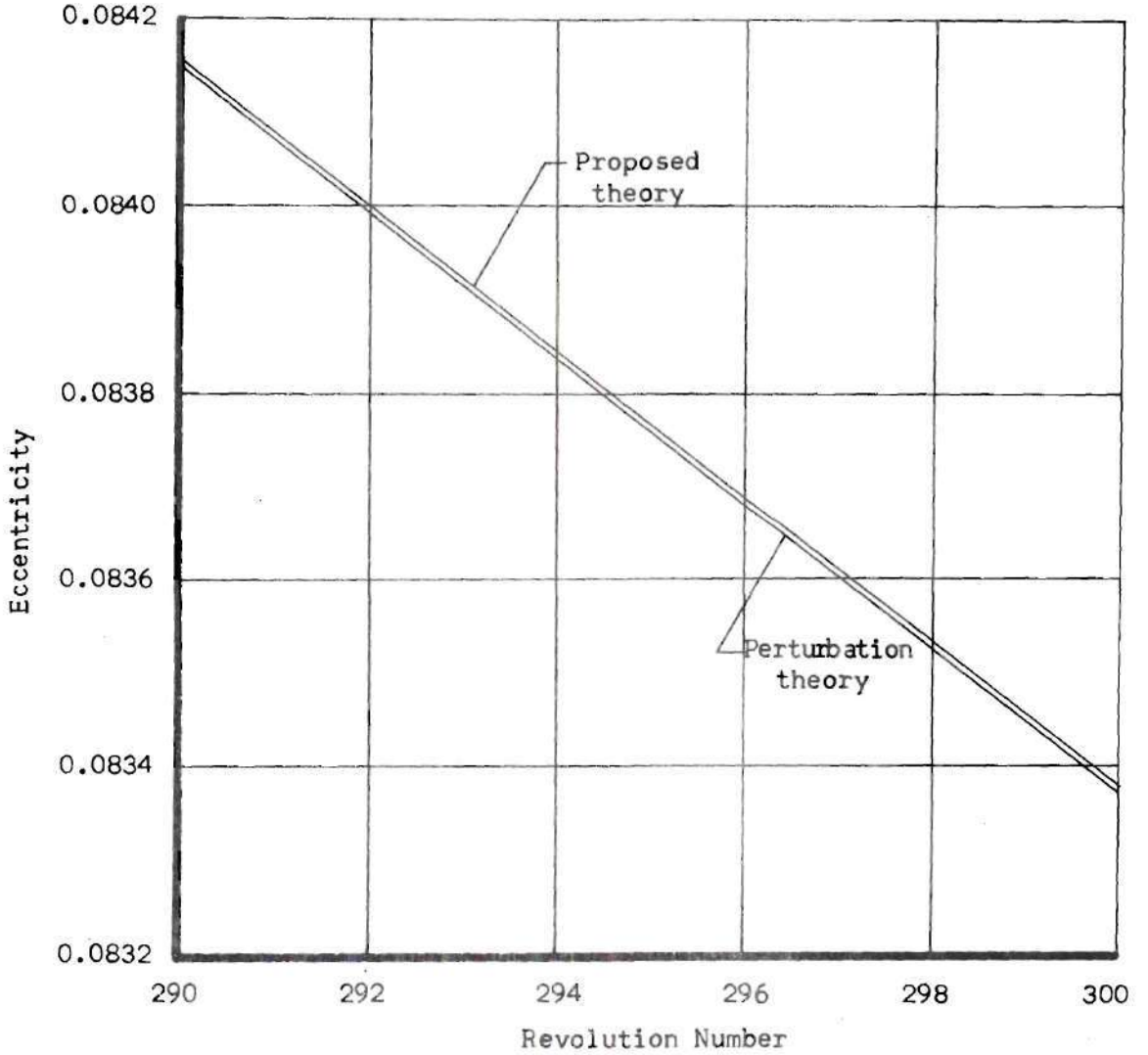


Figure 8. Eccentricity as Given by Perturbation Method and Proposed Theory after 290 Revolutions.

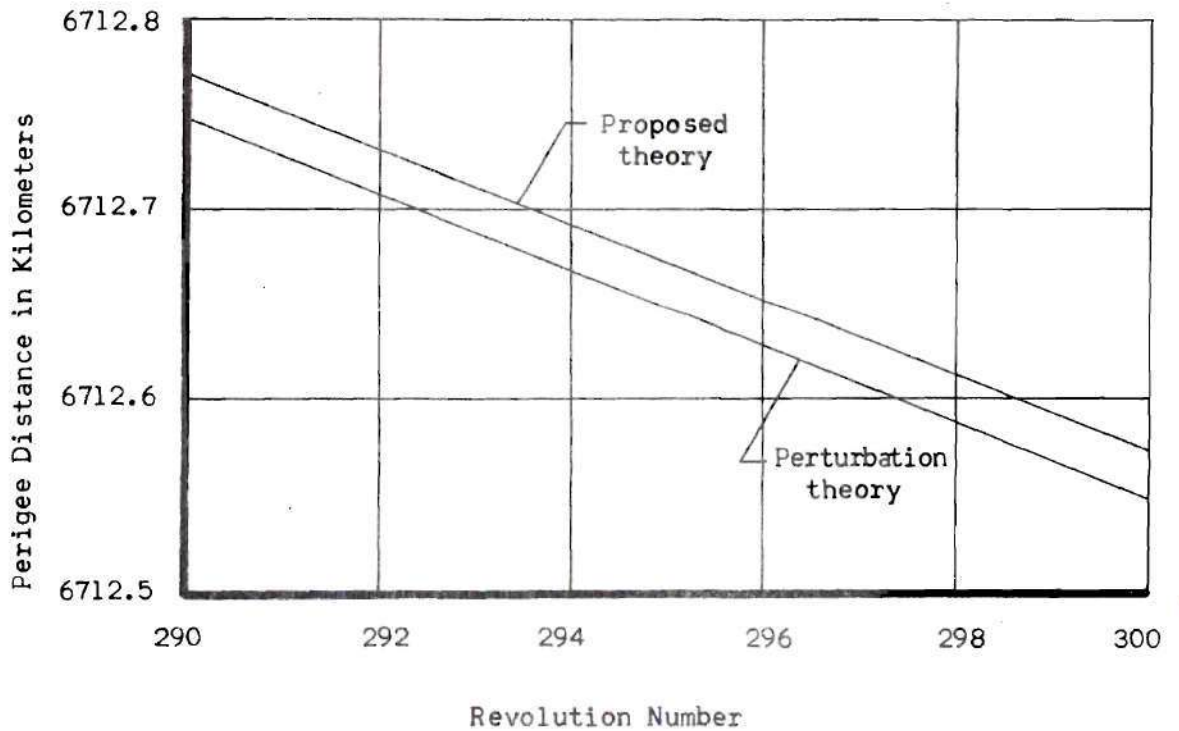


Figure 9. Perigee Distance as Given by Perturbation Method and Proposed Theory after 290 Revolutions.

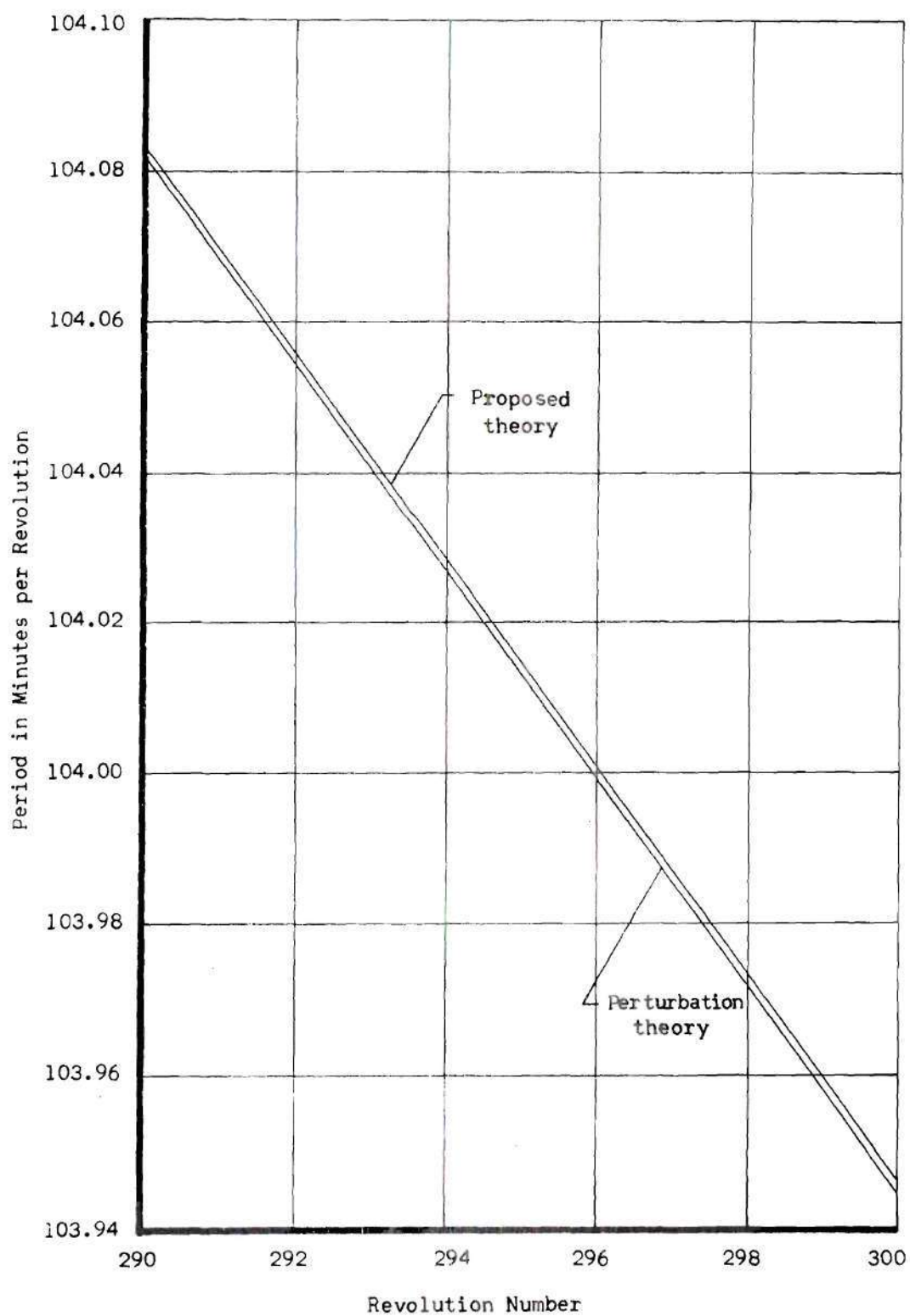


Figure 10. Period as Given by Perturbation Method and Proposed Theory after 290 Revolutions.

gravitational influence of the moon had large effects on the orbit, as the periodic change in eccentricity indicates (see Figure 11). Rather than calculating and subtracting the complex lunar and solar contributions to Δa and Δe , attention is confined to the last two months of orbit. Explorer IX's perigee was then in more dense atmosphere where drag effects predominated.

The two propositions for the value of K/m ,

$$3.19 \times 10^{-9} \text{ km}^2/\text{g} \text{ and}$$

$$3.49 \times 10^{-9} \text{ km}^2/\text{g} ,$$

and the altitude-density profiles from the three sources,

USSA 1962 (Table 1),

G. M. Keating (Table 3), and

D. King-Hele (Table 4) ,

are all used in comparing the theory developed in the thesis with actual satellite data. The effect of the choice of K/m and density condition on the prediction of the semimajor axis and eccentricity are shown in Figure 12 and Figure 13, respectively.

The use of $K/m = 3.49 \times 10^{-9} \text{ km}^2/\text{g}$ with Keating's density values is seen to be the best combination for application of the theory to Explorer IX's orbit. The results of applying the USSA 1962 model demonstrate the importance of a reasonable knowledge of the density situation at the time of orbit.

The success of the application of theory to satellite motion is

affected by the method of numerical integration used to evaluate the integrals. The Lagrange process was chosen because of its dependability and availability as a prepared computer procedure, although other methods may be just as suitable. The 2π interval of integration was broken into 20 sub-intervals. More sub-intervals would lead to more accurate integration at the expense of computer time.

Considering the four complicating factors, particularly the constantly changing atmosphere, a and e as given by the proposed theory are of practical value in foretelling the behavior of a satellite in air drag. Accurate predictions for extended lengths of time are generally not necessary, except for estimations of lifetimes, because orbital positions are usually updated frequently from ground observations. For many cases the theory developed from the simplifying assumptions listed in Chapter I should prove useful as a first approach to the problem of drag-caused orbital decay.

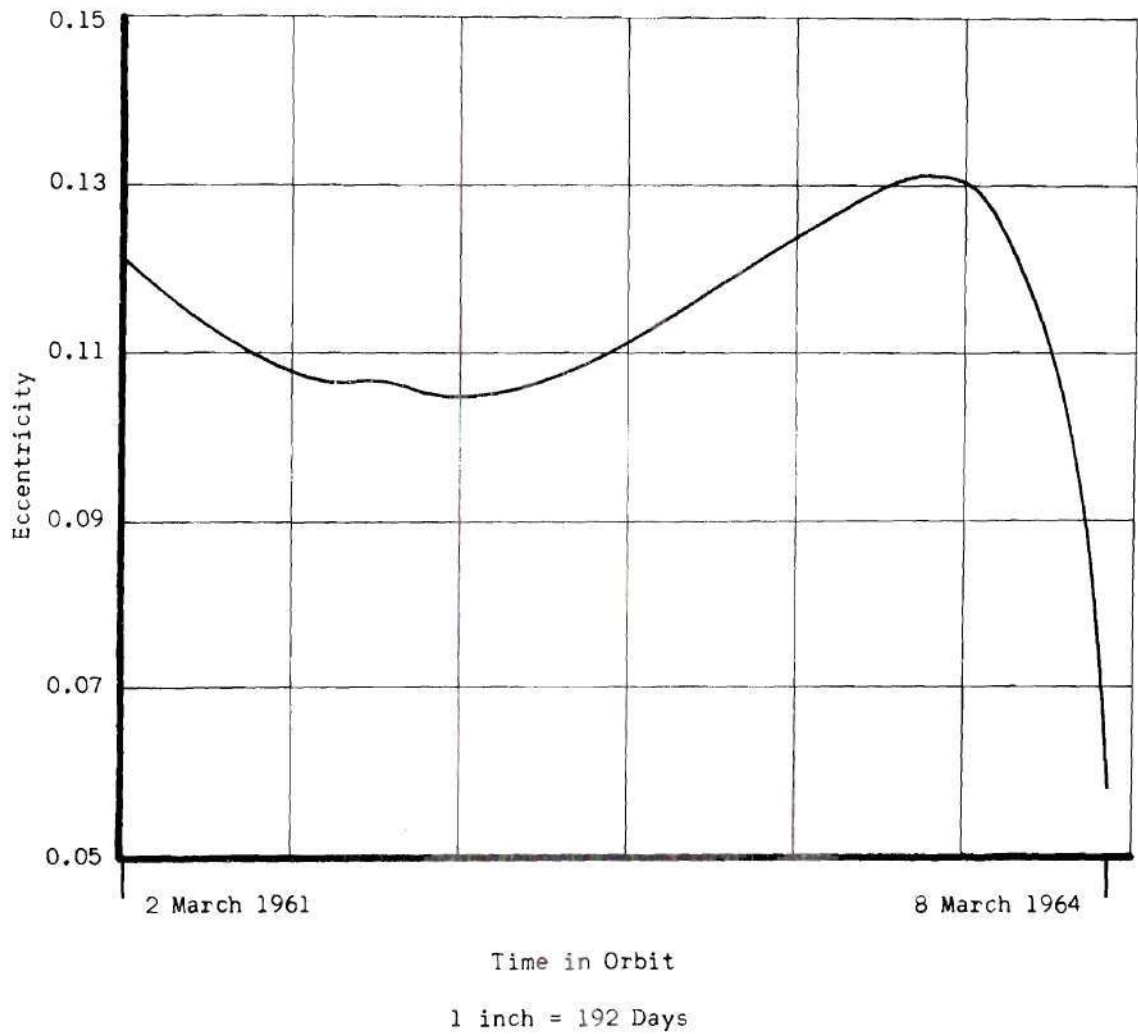


Figure 11. Eccentricity of the Orbit of Explorer IX Throughout Its Lifetime.

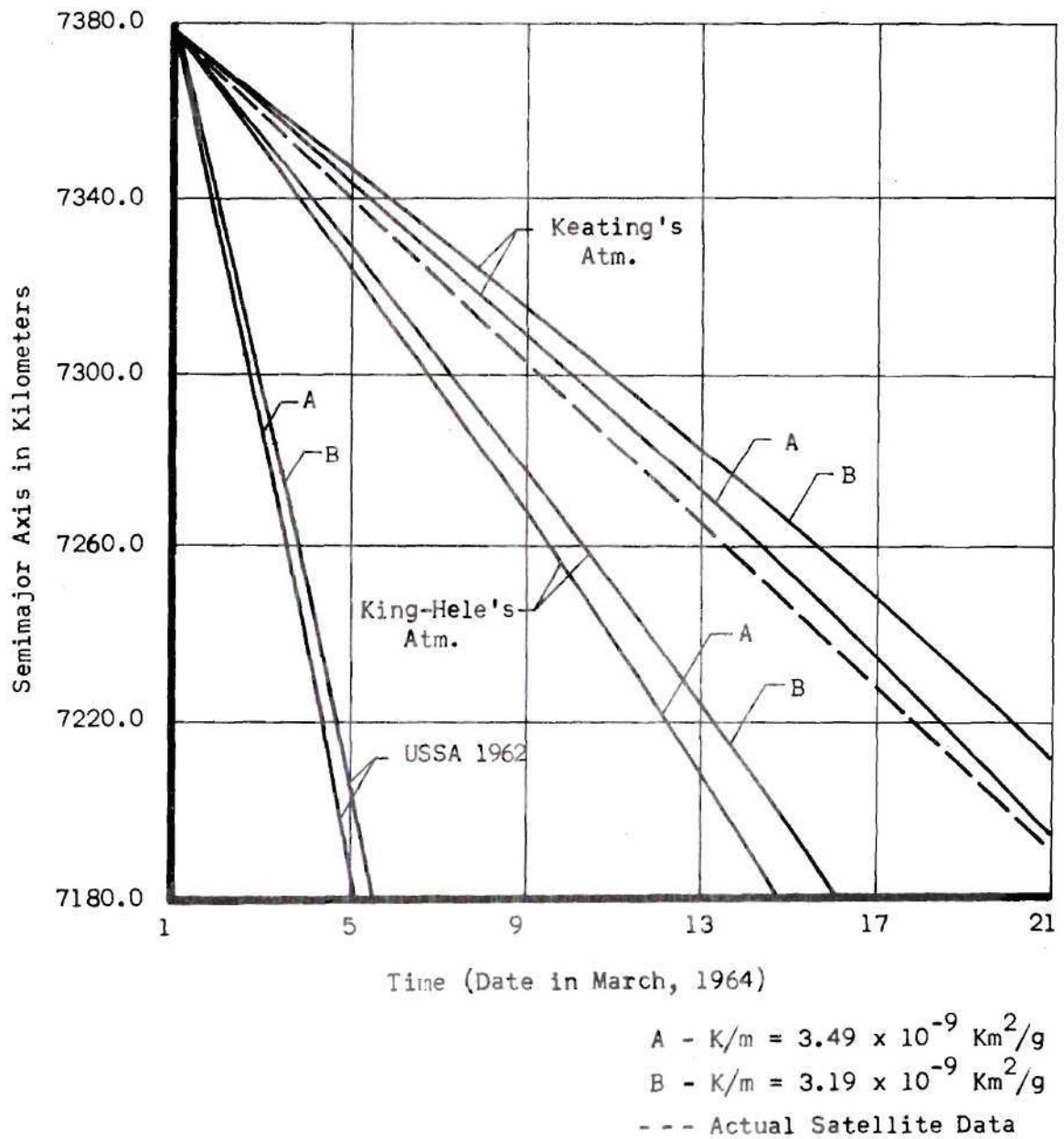


Figure 12. The Influence of K/m and the Density Profile on Theoretical Predictions of the Semimajor Axis.

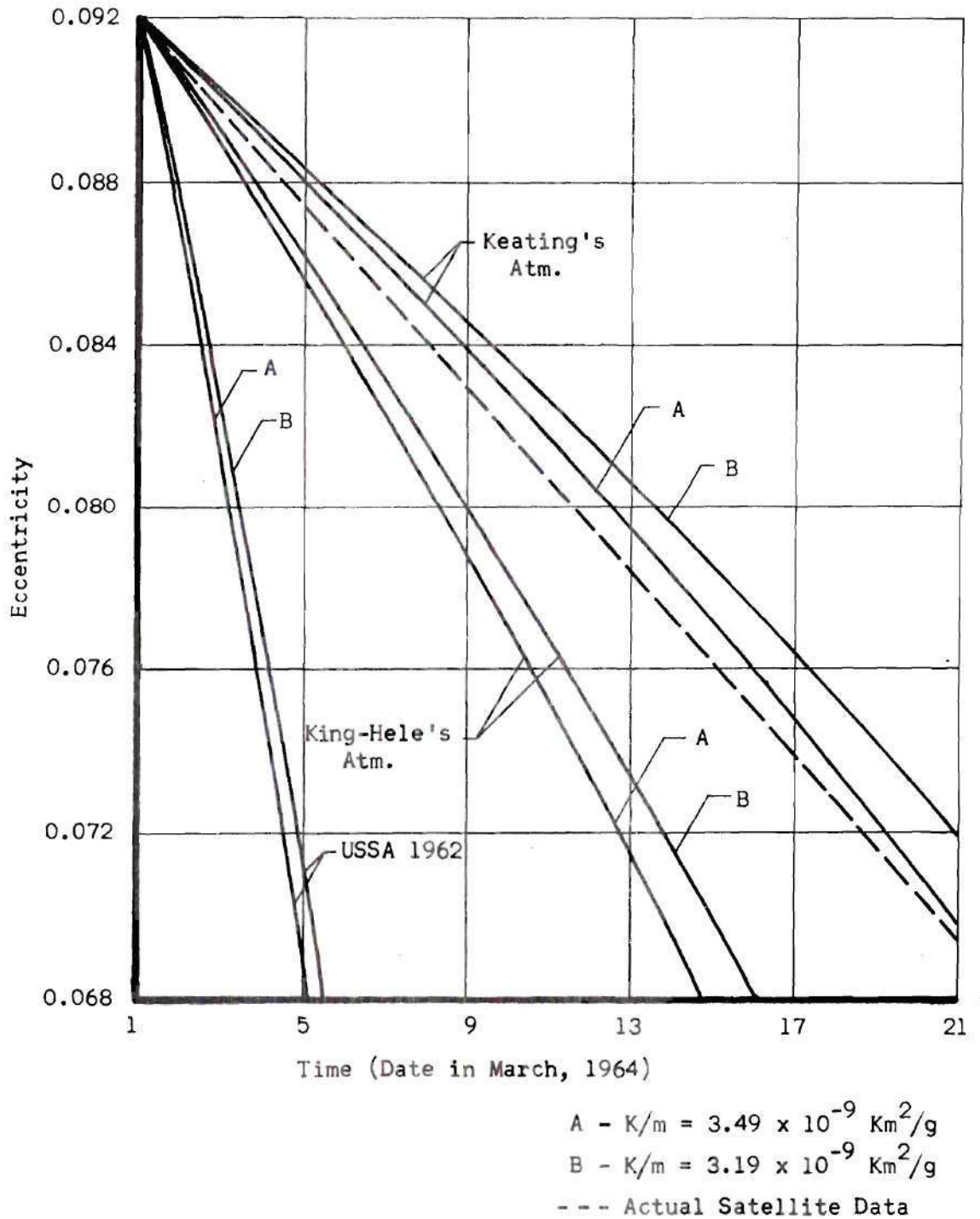


Figure 13. The Influence of $\frac{K}{m}$ and the Density Profile on Theoretical Predictions of Eccentricity.

APPENDIX

The Appendix contains tables of atmosphere densities from several sources and orbital elements of Explorer IX. Also there are computer programs and outputs comparing the perturbation theory and the theory presented in this thesis.

Table 1. Some Values of the USSA 1962 Atmosphere [2]

Altitude in km	Density in g/cc
100	4.97×10^{-10}
150	1.84×10^{-12}
200	3.32×10^{-13}
250	9.98×10^{-14}
300	3.58×10^{-14}
350	1.46×10^{-14}
400	6.50×10^{-15}
450	3.12×10^{-15}
500	1.58×10^{-15}
550	8.43×10^{-16}
600	4.64×10^{-16}
650	2.64×10^{-16}
700	1.54×10^{-16}

Table 2. Orbital Elements of Explorer IX [14]

Date (1964)	Semimajor Axis kilometers	Eccentricity
Jan. 3.0	7634.336	0.116690
11.0	7610.620	0.114210
17.0	7591.163	0.112310
25.0	7565.940	0.110030
Feb. 4.0	7532.842	0.107810
10.0	7505.084	0.104990
23.0	7433.590	0.098400
Mar. 1.0	7376.745	0.091926
8.0	7312.577	0.083690
14.0	7256.718	0.077040
22.0	7182.572	0.068716
29.0	7090.577	0.057570

Table 3. Densities Inferred from Explorer IX [14]

Date	Keating's Data		Conversion to Altitude and Density		
	r_p in km	$\log_{10} \rho$	h, in km	ρ in g/cc	
Jan.	1.0	6743.694	-14.86	372.9	1.38×10^{-15} *
	7.0	6742.463	-14.83	371.3	1.48×10^{-15}
	14.0	6740.014	-14.80	368.8	1.58×10^{-15}
	21.0	6736.044	-14.81	364.8	1.55×10^{-15} *
Feb.	1.0	6727.111	-14.79	355.9	1.62×10^{-15}
	7.0	6718.945	-14.64	347.7	2.29×10^{-15} *
	16.0	6709.743	-14.57	338.5	2.69×10^{-15} *
Mar.	2.5	6700.469	-14.40	329.3	3.98×10^{-15} *
	4.5	6699.741	-14.35	328.5	4.47×10^{-15}
	11.0	6699.217	-14.36	328.0	4.37×10^{-15} *
	18.0	6693.492	-14.38	322.3	4.17×10^{-15} *
	25.5	6685.950	-14.25	314.7	5.62×10^{-15} *

(The entries marked with an asterisk were used in the least squares calculation.)

Table 4. King-Hele's 1962-1964 Average Densities [17]

Altitude kilometers	Density in g/cc		
	1963-1964 day	1962-1964 night	numerical average
200	2.7×10^{-13}	1.8×10^{-13}	2.3×10^{-13}
300	1.5×10^{-14}	6.8×10^{-15}	1.1×10^{-14}
400	2.1×10^{-15}	7.6×10^{-16}	1.4×10^{-15}
500	3.4×10^{-16}	8.4×10^{-17}	2.1×10^{-16}

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%

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CLOSE (STAT, RELEASE) ;

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X[2] ← LNC 1.10@-14 ) ; %
X[3] ← LNC 1.40@-15 ) ; %
X[4] ← LNC 2.10@-16 ) ; %
H[1] ← 200.0 ;
H[2] ← 300.0 ;
H[3] ← 400.0 ;
H[4] ← 500.0 ;
      LSQPOLY(2, 4,X,H,A) ; %
FOR I ← 0 STEP 1 UNTIL 2 DO
A[1] ← A[1] ;
AA ← A[2] ;
BB ← A[1] ;
CC ← A[0] ;
END ;
A[1] ← 7505.084 ; %
E[1] ← 0.104990 ; %
KM ← 3.19@-9 ;
R1[1] ← A[1] × ( 1 - E[1] ) ;
RE ← 6371.200 ; %
X0 ← XP ← 0 ; %
XN ← XQ ← 2 × 3.1415926536 ; %
H ← (XN - X0)/N ; %
%
      Z1      ← COEFFA[I] × LAGRANGE(N,3,1,X0,XN,XP,XQ,ARGA) ; %
      Z2      ← COEFFE[I] × LAGRANGE(N,3,1,X0,XN,XP,XQ,ARGE) ; %
FOR I ← 1 STEP 1 UNTIL P - 1 DO %
BEGIN %
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FOR J ← 0 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO %
BEGIN %
F ← J × 2 × 3.1415926536 /N ; %

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R ← A[I] × (1 - E[I]*2)/(1 + E[I] × COS(F)) ; %
RHO[J] ← EXP( -(BB/(2×AA)) - SQRT(((R-RE-CC)/AA) + ((BB×BB)/(4×AA×AA)))) ;
F1[J] ← 1 + 2 × E[I] × COS(F) + E[I]*2 ; %
F2[J] ← (1 + E[I] × COS(F))*2 ; %
F3[J] ← E[I] + COS(F) ; %
F4[J] ← SIN(F) ; %
ARGA[J] ← RHO[J] × ( SQRT(F1[J]))*3 / F2[J] ; %
ARGE[J] ← RHO[J] × SQRT(F1[J]) × F3[J]/F2[J] ; %
ARGW[J] ← RHO[J] × SQRT(F1[J]) × F4[J]/F2[J] ; %
END ;
COEFFA[I] ← -KM × 1015 × A[I]*2 ;
COEFFE[I] ← -KM × 1015 × A[I] × (1 - E[I]*2) ;
%
DELALAG[I] ← COEFFA[I] × LAGRANGE(N,3,2,X0,XN,XP,XQ,ARGA) ; %
DELELAG[I] ← COEFFE[I] × LAGRANGE(N,3,2,X0,XN,XP,XQ,ARGE) ; %
%
DELA[I] ← DELALAG[I] ;
DELE[I] ← DELELAG[I] ;
%
A[I+1] ← A[I] + DELA[I] ; %
E[I+1] ← E[I] + DELE[I] ; %
R1[I+1] ← A[I+1] × (1 - E[I+1]) ;
T1[I] ← 2 × 3.14159265 × SQRT( A[I]*3/3.98605) /60 ;
T1[P] ← 2 × 3.14159265 × SQRT( A[P]*3/3.98605) /60 ;
END ;
WRITE(PRINT,FMTOUT2) ;
WRITE(PRINT,HEAD) ;
WRITE(PRINTEND1,FMTA) ; WRITE(PRINT,FMAT,AA) ;
WRITE(PRINTEND1,FMTB) ; WRITE(PRINT,FMBT,BB) ;
WRITE(PRINTEND1,FMTC) ; WRITE(PRINT,FMCT,CC) ;
WRITE(PRINT,FMTOUT) ;
WRITE(PRINT,FMTOUT1) ;
FOR I + 1 STEP 1 UNTIL P DO %
WRITE(PRINT,FMT,LST) ; %

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RESULTS FROM PERTURBATION THEORY (K/M = 3.19×10^{-9} , DENSITY DATA FROM [17])

CONSTANTS IN ALTITUDE-DENSITY EQUATION:

A = 2.326179

B = 108.5507

C = 1388.400

NUMBER OF REVOLUTIONS	SEMI-MAJOR AXIS KILOMETERS	ECCENTRICITY	PERIGEE DISTANCE KILOMETERS	PERIOD MIN./REV.
0	7505.084	0.104990	6717.125	107.843
1	7504.506	0.104923	6717.113	107.831
2	7503.928	0.104855	6717.102	107.818
3	7503.350	0.104788	6717.090	107.806
4	7502.771	0.104720	6717.078	107.793
5	7502.193	0.104653	6717.066	107.781
6	7501.614	0.104585	6717.054	107.769
7	7501.035	0.104518	6717.042	107.756
8	7500.456	0.104450	6717.030	107.744
9	7499.877	0.104383	6717.019	107.731
10	7499.298	0.104315	6717.007	107.719
11	7498.718	0.104248	6716.995	107.706
12	7498.139	0.104180	6716.983	107.694
13	7497.559	0.104112	6716.971	107.681
14	7496.979	0.104045	6716.959	107.669
15	7496.399	0.103977	6716.947	107.656
16	7495.819	0.103909	6716.935	107.644
17	7495.239	0.103841	6716.923	107.631
18	7494.658	0.103774	6716.910	107.619
19	7494.077	0.103706	6716.898	107.606
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21	7492.916	0.103570	6716.874	107.581
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23	7491.753	0.103434	6716.850	107.556
24	7491.172	0.103366	6716.838	107.544

25	7490.590	0.103298	6716.825	107.531
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32	7486.515	0.102822	6716.740	107.443
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REAL AA, BB, CC, F, F1, F2, F3, B, H, R, RHD, RE, KM, X0, XP, XN, XQ, Z1, Z2 ;

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INTEGER I, J, M, N ; %

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LIST LSTIN(M, N) ; %

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WRITE(PRINTEND1) ;

READ (MECH, /, LSTIN) ;

CLOSE(MECH, RELEASE) ;

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REAL ARRAY R1, A, E, DELELAG, DELE, DELHLAG, DELH, T[0:M+1],

ARGH, ARGIO:N] ;

FORMAT FMTOUT(//, X42, "NUMBER OF", X4, "SEMIMAJOR AXIS", X5, "ECCENTRICITY", X4, "PERIGEE DISTANCE", X6, "PERIOD") ;

FORMAT FMTOUT1(X41, "REVOLUTIONS", X5, "KILOMETERS", X26, "KILOMETERS", X8, "MIN./REV.") ;

FORMAT FMTOUT2(/, X45, "RESULTS FROM PROPOSED THEORY ", X1, " (K/M = 3.19E-9, DENSITY DATA FROM [17])", //) ;

FORMAT FMT(X45, I3, X10, F8.3, X10, F8.6, X10, F8.3, X10, F7.3) ;

FORMAT HEAD(X60, "CONSTANTS IN ALTITUDE-DENSITY EQUATION: ") ;

FORMAT FMTA(X70, "A =") ;

FORMAT FMTB(X70, "B =") ;

FORMAT FMTC(X70, "C =") ;

FORMAT FMT(X75, F8.6) ;

FORMAT FMT(X75, F8.4) ;

FORMAT FMT(X75, F8.3) ;

LIST LST(I-1, A[I], E[I], R1[I], T[I]) ;

AA ← 2.326179 ;

BB ← 108.5507 ;


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CC ← 1388.3999 ;
A[1] ← 7505.084 ; %
E[1] ← 0.104990 ; %
KM ← 3.19@-9 ;
R1[1] ← A[1] × ( 1 - E[1] ) ;
RE ← 6371.2 ; %
X0 ← XP ← 0 ;
YN ← X0 ← 2 × 3.1415926536 ;
H ← (YN - X0)/M ;
  Z1      ← LAGRANGE(N,3,1,X0,XN,XP,X0,ARG) ; %
  Z2      ← LAGRANGE(N,3,1,X0,XN,XP,X0,ARGH) ;
FOR I ← 1 STEP 1 UNTIL M DO
  BEGIN
  FOR J ← 0 STEP 1 UNTIL N DO
    BEGIN
    F ← J × 2 × 3.1415926536/M ;
    R ← A[I] × (1 - E[I]*2)/(1 + E[I]*COS(F)) ;
    RHO ← EXP(-RR/(2*AA) - SQRT((R - RE - CC)/AA + BB*2/(4*AA*2))) ;
    F1 ← (SQRT(1 + 2*E[I]*COS(F) + E[I]*2))*3 ; %
    F2 ← (1 + E[I]*COS(F))*2 ;
    F3 ← SQRT(1 + 2*E[I]*COS(F) + E[I]*2) ;
    %
    ARG[J] ← RHO*F1/F2 ; %
    ARGH[J] ← RHO × F3/F2 ;
    END ; %
  DELFLAG[I] ← LAGRANGE(N,3,2,X0,XN,XP,X0,ARG) ; %
  DELHLAG[I] ← LAGRANGE(N,3,2,X0,XN,XP,X0,ARGH) ;
  R ← SQRT(A[E] × ( 1 - (E[I]*2))) ;
  DELF[I] ← -KM × (1@15) × DELFLAG[I] ;
  DELH[I] ← -0.5*KM × B*3 × DELHLAG[I] ×@15 ;
  A[I+1] ← 1/(1/A[I] - DELE[I]) ;
  E[I+1] ← SQRT(1 - (1/A[I+1]) × ((B + DELH[I])*2)) ;
  R1[I+1] ← A[I+1] × ( 1 - E[I+1] ) ;
  T[I] ← 2 × 3.14159265 × SQRT( A[I]*3/3.985@5) /60 ;
  END ;
WRITE(PRINT,FMTOUT?) ;
WRITE(PRINT,HEAD) ;

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WRITE(PRINT[NO],FMTA) ;   WRITE(PRINT,FMAT,AA) ;  
WRITE(PRINT[NO],FMTB) ;   WRITE(PRINT,FMBT,BB) ;  
WRITE(PRINT[NO],FMTC) ;   WRITE(PRINT,FMCT,CC) ;  
WRITE(PRINT,FMTOUT) ;  
WRITE(PRINT,FMTOUT1) ;  
FOR I ← 1 STEP 1 UNTIL M DO %  
WRITE(PRINT,FMT,LST) ; %  
END ;  
END.
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RESULTS FROM PROPOSED THEORY (K/M = 3.19e-9, DENSITY DATA FROM [17])

CONSTANTS IN ALTITUDE-DENSITY EQUATION:

A = 2.326179
 B = 108.5507
 C = 1388.400

NUMBER OF REVOLUTIONS	SEMIMAJOR AXIS KILOMETERS	ECCENTRICITY	PERIGEE DISTANCE KILOMETERS	PERIOD MIN./REV.
0	7505.084	0.104990	6717.125	107.843
1	7504.506	0.104923	6717.114	107.831
2	7503.928	0.104855	6717.102	107.818
3	7503.350	0.104788	6717.090	107.806
4	7502.771	0.104720	6717.078	107.793
5	7502.193	0.104653	6717.066	107.781
6	7501.614	0.104585	6717.055	107.769
7	7501.036	0.104518	6717.043	107.756
8	7500.457	0.104450	6717.031	107.744
9	7499.878	0.104383	6717.019	107.731
10	7499.298	0.104315	6717.007	107.719
11	7498.719	0.104248	6716.995	107.706
12	7498.139	0.104180	6716.983	107.694
13	7497.560	0.104112	6716.972	107.681
14	7496.980	0.104045	6716.960	107.669
15	7496.400	0.103977	6716.948	107.656
16	7495.820	0.103909	6716.936	107.644
17	7495.240	0.103841	6716.924	107.631
18	7494.659	0.103774	6716.912	107.619
19	7494.079	0.103706	6716.900	107.606
20	7493.498	0.103638	6716.888	107.594
21	7492.917	0.103570	6716.876	107.581
22	7492.336	0.103502	6716.863	107.569
23	7491.755	0.103434	6716.851	107.556
24	7491.173	0.103366	6716.839	107.544

25	7490.592	0.103298	6716.827	107.531
26	7490.010	0.103230	6716.815	107.519
27	7489.429	0.103162	6716.803	107.506
28	7488.847	0.103094	6716.791	107.494
29	7488.265	0.103026	6716.779	107.481
30	7487.682	0.102958	6716.766	107.468
31	7487.100	0.102890	6716.754	107.456
32	7486.517	0.102822	6716.742	107.443
33	7485.935	0.102753	6716.730	107.431
34	7485.352	0.102685	6716.717	107.418
35	7484.769	0.102617	6716.705	107.406
36	7484.186	0.102549	6716.693	107.393
37	7483.602	0.102480	6716.680	107.381
38	7483.019	0.102412	6716.668	107.368
39	7482.435	0.102344	6716.656	107.356
40	7481.851	0.102275	6716.643	107.343
41	7481.267	0.102207	6716.631	107.330
42	7480.683	0.102138	6716.618	107.318
43	7480.099	0.102070	6716.606	107.305
44	7479.514	0.102001	6716.594	107.293
45	7478.930	0.101933	6716.581	107.280
46	7478.345	0.101864	6716.569	107.268
47	7477.760	0.101796	6716.556	107.255
48	7477.175	0.101727	6716.543	107.242
49	7476.590	0.101658	6716.531	107.230
50	7476.004	0.101590	6716.518	107.217
51	7475.419	0.101521	6716.506	107.205
52	7474.833	0.101452	6716.493	107.192
53	7474.247	0.101384	6716.481	107.179
54	7473.661	0.101315	6716.468	107.167
55	7473.075	0.101246	6716.455	107.154
56	7472.488	0.101177	6716.443	107.142
57	7471.902	0.101108	6716.430	107.129
58	7471.315	0.101039	6716.417	107.116
59	7470.728	0.100971	6716.404	107.104
60	7470.141	0.100902	6716.392	107.091
61	7469.554	0.100833	6716.379	107.078

62	7468,966	0,100764	6716,366	107,066
63	7468,379	0,100695	6716,353	107,053
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65	7467,203	0,100556	6716,328	107,028
66	7466,615	0,100487	6716,315	107,015
67	7466,027	0,100418	6716,302	107,003
68	7465,438	0,100349	6716,289	106,990
69	7464,850	0,100280	6716,276	106,977
70	7464,261	0,100211	6716,263	106,965
71	7463,672	0,100141	6716,250	106,952
72	7463,083	0,100072	6716,237	106,939
73	7462,494	0,100003	6716,224	106,927
74	7461,904	0,099933	6716,211	106,914
75	7461,314	0,099864	6716,198	106,901
76	7460,725	0,099795	6716,185	106,889
77	7460,135	0,099725	6716,172	106,876
78	7459,545	0,099656	6716,159	106,863
79	7458,954	0,099586	6716,145	106,851
80	7458,364	0,099517	6716,132	106,838
81	7457,773	0,099447	6716,119	106,825
82	7457,182	0,099378	6716,106	106,813
83	7456,591	0,099308	6716,093	106,800
84	7456,000	0,099238	6716,079	106,787
85	7455,409	0,099169	6716,066	106,774
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177	7400,174	0,092623	6714,746	105,590
178	7399,563	0,092551	6714,730	105,577
179	7398,953	0,092478	6714,714	105,564
180	7398,342	0,092405	6714,699	105,551
181	7397,731	0,092332	6714,683	105,538
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225	7370.611	0.089090	6713.963	104.958
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227	7369.366	0.088941	6713.929	104.931
228	7368.744	0.088866	6713.912	104.918
229	7368.121	0.088791	6713.894	104.905
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238	7362.502	0.088117	6713.738	104.785
239	7361.877	0.088042	6713.720	104.771
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279	7336.610	0.085002	6712.986	104.232
280	7335.972	0.084925	6712.967	104.219
281	7335.334	0.084848	6712.947	104.205
282	7334.696	0.084771	6712.928	104.192
283	7334.057	0.084694	6712.909	104.178

284	7333.418	0.084616	6712.889	104.164
285	7332.778	0.084539	6712.870	104.151
286	7332.138	0.084462	6712.851	104.137
287	7331.498	0.084385	6712.831	104.124
288	7330.857	0.084307	6712.812	104.110
289	7330.217	0.084230	6712.792	104.096
290	7329.575	0.084153	6712.772	104.083
291	7328.934	0.084075	6712.753	104.069
292	7328.292	0.083998	6712.733	104.055
293	7327.650	0.083920	6712.713	104.042
294	7327.007	0.083842	6712.693	104.028
295	7326.364	0.083765	6712.673	104.014
296	7325.721	0.083687	6712.654	104.001
297	7325.078	0.083609	6712.634	103.987
298	7324.434	0.083531	6712.614	103.973
299	7323.790	0.083454	6712.594	103.959
300	7323.145	0.083376	6712.573	103.946

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