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## ABSTRACT

The general relativistic correction to the position of a satellite is found by retaining Newtonian physics for an observer on the satellite and introducing a  $r^{-3}$  potential. The potential is expanded in terms of the Keplerian elements of the orbit and substituted in Lagrange's equations. Integration of the equations shows that a typical earth satellite with small orbital eccentricity is displaced by about 17 cm from its unperturbed position after a single orbit, while the periodic displacement over the orbit reaches a maximum of about 3 cm. The moon is displaced by about the same amounts. Application of the equations to Mercury gives a total displacement of about 58 km after one orbit and a maximum periodic displacement of about 12 km.

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# GENERAL RELATIVITY AND SATELLITE ORBITS

## INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this work is to investigate the effect of general relativity on the orbits of artificial satellites; but the results may be applied to any body of negligible mass orbiting about a massive, spherically symmetric object. In particular, we will discuss the moon orbiting around the earth and the planet Mercury orbiting around the sun.

Past attacks on the problem have centered around solving the equation (see Ghaffari, 1970 and references contained therein):

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\phi^2} + u = \frac{GM}{h^2} + \frac{3GM}{c^2} u^2$$

Our technique will be to back off from this equation a little to a point where we may interpret the equations of motion in the following way: the geometry of space is Euclidian and the physics is Newtonian. The price we pay for this approach is that we must modify the law of gravity and introduce an extra (relativistic) potential. This poses no particular problems, however, since the relativistic potential now becomes a disturbing function susceptible to the methods of celestial mechanics. In particular, the potential may be expressed in terms of the Keplerian elements of the orbit and substituted in Lagrange's equations. The equations may then be integrated to give the osculating elements of the orbit.

The technique has a sound philosophical basis. Even though Einstein (and others) developed general relativity within the framework of non-Euclidian geometry, we can, however, obtain an equivalent description of the world by retaining Euclidian geometry and modifying the laws of physics. This was discussed by Poincaré (1905) and clearly explained by Carnap (1966). Convenience dictates the point of view we choose. Poincaré felt mankind was so accustomed to Euclidian geometry that it might never abandon it in favor of non-Euclidian geometry, even though the latter point of view might represent a simpler picture of the world. Einstein and physicists in general, however, adopted the non-Euclidian approach for reasons of conceptual clarity and mathematical elegance. Indeed, it is doubtful general relativity could have been developed without it. But we will follow Poincaré and introduce an extra Newtonian force, since it results in an elegant description of the motion of a satellite.

(Elegant for satellites but perhaps for not much else. For instance, if we measure the circumference and radius of a circle about the earth we discover that their ratio is not  $\pi$ . Hence we would need some laws about the expansion and contraction of meter sticks. This particular problem is ignored here since the displacements we are concerned with are so small that this effect may be neglected.)

#### DERIVATION OF THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION\*

Let us consider the motion of a body with negligible mass about a massive central object. We will call the two bodies satellite and earth, respectively, since we are primarily concerned with the motion of artificial satellites about the earth.

The geometry of spacetime in the neighborhood of a spherically symmetric earth is given by the Schwarzschild line element (Tolman, eq. 82.9):

$$ds^2 = - \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM_E}{c^2 r}\right)} - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM_E}{c^2 r}\right) c^2 dt^2 \quad (1)$$

Here  $ds$  is the interval of proper distance,  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  are polar coordinates,  $t$  is the coordinate time, and  $M_E$  is the mass of the earth. The speed of light  $c$  and universal constant of gravitation  $G$  are explicitly retained, in contrast to the usual procedure of setting  $G = 1$  and  $c = 1$ .

The satellite will follow a geodesic in the Schwarzschild geometry according to the geodesic equation (Tolman, eq. 83.1):

$$\frac{d^2 x^\sigma}{ds^2} + \{\mu\nu, \sigma\} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds} = 0 \quad (2)$$

where  $r = x^1$ ,  $\theta = x^2$ ,  $\phi = x^3$ ,  $t = x^4$ , and  $\{\mu\nu, \sigma\}$  is the Christoffel symbol.

One may derive from equations (1) and (2) the equations of motion along with two constants of motion,  $k$  and  $h$  (Tolman, eqs. 83.10-11):

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\tau}\right)^2 - \frac{2GM_E}{r} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{c^2} \frac{d\phi^2}{d\tau^2}\right) = (k^2 - 1) c^2 \quad (3)$$

\* Our treatment summarizes that of Tolman (1934).



$$r^2 \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} = h. \quad (4)$$

Here  $ds = cd\tau$ , so that  $d\tau$  is an element of proper time as measured by a clock on the satellite (Tolman, pg. 207). Angle  $\theta$  does not appear in equations (3) and (4) since  $\theta$  has been set equal to  $\pi/2$  without loss of generality. Hence the satellite remains in a fixed plane passing through the center of the earth.

### NEWTONIAN FORMULATION

Substitution of (4) into (3) and dividing by 2 yields

$$T + V_N + V_{GR} = \text{constant} \quad (5)$$

where

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} r^2 \left( \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} \right)^2$$

$$V_N = - \frac{GM_E}{r} \quad (6)$$

and

$$V_{GR} = - \frac{GM_E h^2}{c^2 r^3}. \quad (7)$$

Consider an observer on the satellite. His space coordinates are  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  and he measures time  $\tau$  with his clock. If the observer assumes his space is Euclidian and his physics is Newtonian, then  $T$  is the kinetic energy per unit mass of the satellite and  $V_N$  is the ordinary Newtonian potential.  $V_{GR}$  is the general relativistic potential which we are now forced to introduce.

Equation (5) now represents conservation of energy, while equation (4) represents conservation of angular momentum. (That angular momentum is conserved is easily seen from equations (6) and (7); both potentials represent central forces.) Hence, from the point of view of the satellite, it moves through Euclidian space under the action of the total potential  $V_N + V_{GR}$ , with conserved energy and angular momentum.

## EQUATIONS OF CELESTIAL MECHANICS

With our Newtonian approach in hand, we are now ready to apply the methods of celestial mechanics.

A satellite moving under the influence of  $V_N$  only will describe an ellipse with constant orbital elements (except for  $M_0$ )  $a_0, e_0, i_0, M_0, \omega_0, \Omega_0$ . A satellite moving under the added influence of a disturbing function  $R$  will have osculating elements  $a, e, i, M, \omega, \Omega$  which change in time according to Lagrange's equations (Brouwer and Clemence, 1961; Blanco and McCuskey, 1961):

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M}$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na^2 e} \left\{ \sqrt{1-e^2} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} \right\}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = -\frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} \left\{ \frac{\partial R}{\partial \Omega} - \cos i \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} \left\{ \frac{\partial R}{\partial i} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} - \frac{\cos i}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial i}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = n - \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial a} - \frac{(1-e^2)}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e}$$

where

$$n = \frac{\sqrt{GM_E}}{a^{3/2}}$$

For the case under discussion we set  $\tau = t$  and  $-V_{GR} = R$ .

Our task now is to express  $V_{GR}$  in terms of the orbital elements and substitute in Lagrange's equations. This may be elegantly done by noting that (Kaula, 1966; Caputo, 1967):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} \cos\{(\ell - 2p)(\omega + f) + m(\Omega - \theta)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{a^{\ell+1}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{\ell pq}(e) \cos\{(\ell - 2p)\omega + (\ell - 2p + q)M \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad + m(\Omega - \theta)\} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $f$  is the true anomaly,  $\theta$  is the Greenwich sidereal time, and the  $G_{\ell pq}(e)$  are the eccentricity functions. Tables of  $G_{\ell pq}(e)$  may be found in Kaula (1966), Caputo (1967), and Cayley (1861); see also Table 1.

Table 1  
Eccentricity functions. From Kaula (1966), Caputo (1967),  
and Cayley (1861).

$G_{210}(e)$	$(1 - e^2)^{-3/2}$
$G_{211}(e), G_{21-1}(e)$	$\frac{3}{2}e + \frac{27}{16}e^3 + \dots$
$G_{212}(e), G_{21-2}(e)$	$\frac{9}{4}e^2 + \dots$
$G_{213}(e), G_{21-3}(e)$	$\frac{53}{16}e^3 + \dots$

Setting  $\ell = 2$ ;  $p = 1$ ; and  $m = 0$ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{r^3} = \frac{1}{a^3} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \cos(qM)$$

so that

$$R = \frac{GM_E h^2}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^3} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \cos(qM).$$

The areal-velocity constant  $h$  may be evaluated in terms of the orbital elements. From considerations of the osculating ellipse we find (Blanco and McCuskey, pg. 133):

$$h^2 = GM_E a(1 - e^2).$$

Substitution of the disturbing function into Lagrange's equations yield

$$\frac{di}{dt} = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2} \frac{(1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{ea^{7/2}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G'_{21q}(e) \cos(qM) \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM}{dt} = & - \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2} a^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1 - e^2}{ea^4} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G'_{21q}(e) \cos(qM) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{6}{a^4} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \cos(qM) \right] + \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2}}{a^{3/2}} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = - \frac{2h^2 (GM_E)^{1/2}}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^{5/2}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} qG_{21q}(e) \sin(qM) \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = - \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2} \frac{1 - e^2}{ea^{7/2}} \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} qG_{21q}(e) \sin(qM) \quad (13)$$

The prime on  $G_{21q}(e)$  denotes differentiation with respect to  $e$ .

We see from equations (8) and (9) that the inclination  $i$  and node  $\Omega$  remain constant.

We obtain the secular rate of change of the elements by examining the terms for which  $q = 0$ :

$$\left[ \frac{da}{dt} \right]_S = \left[ \frac{de}{dt} \right]_S = 0$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\omega}{dt} \right]_S = \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2 (1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{c^2 e a^{7/2}} G'_{210}(e) \quad (14)$$

$$\left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_S = \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2 a^{7/2}} \left[ 6G_{210}(e) - G'_{210}(e) \frac{(1 - e^2)}{e} \right] + \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2}}{a^{3/2}} = \left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_{S,GR} + \left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_{S,N} \quad (15)$$

Here the subscripts S, GR, and N mean "secular", "general relativity" and "Newtonian", respectively.

There is no secular change in the semimajor axis  $a$  or eccentricity  $e$ .

The well-known expression for the rate of rotation of the argument of perigee  $\omega$  may be obtained by noting that

$$G_{210}(e) = (1 - e^2)^{-3/2}, \quad G'_{210}(e) = \frac{3e}{(1 - e^2)^{5/2}}$$

and  $h^2 = GM_E a(1 - e^2)$ . Substituting these expressions into equation (14), we get

$$\left[ \frac{d\omega}{dt} \right]_S = \frac{3(GM_E)^{3/2}}{c^2} \frac{1}{a^{5/2}(1 - e^2)}$$

This agrees with the usual expression obtained by other means (Tolman, 1934; Bergmann, 1942). Table 2 contains the secular rates of change of the argument of perigee for the satellite Beacon Explorer C, the moon, and the planet Mercury.

Table 2  
 Secular rates of change of the argument of perigee  $\omega$  and mean anomaly M for  
 Beacon Explorer C, the moon, and Mercury

Orbiting body	Central object	$\frac{GM_E}{c^2}$	a	e	$\left[\frac{d\omega}{dt}\right]_S$	$\left[\frac{dM}{dt}\right]_{S,GR}$
Beacon Explorer C	Earth	0.443 cm	$7.502 \times 10^8$ cm	0.025	0.0307"/day	0.0307"/day
Moon	Earth	0.443 cm	$3.844 \times 10^{10}$ cm	0.055	$1.63 \times 10^{-6}$ "/day	$1.63 \times 10^{-6}$ "/day
Mercury	Sun	1.477 km	$5.791 \times 10^7$ km	0.206	43"/century	42"/century

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From equation (15) we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{dM}{dt} \right]_{S,GR} &= \frac{(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2 a^{7/2}} \left[ 6G_{210}(e) - G'_{210}(e) \left( \frac{1-e^2}{e} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3(GM_E)^{1/2} h^2}{c^2 a^{7/2} (1-e^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{3(GM_E)^{3/2}}{c^2 a^{5/2} (1-e^2)^{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Values for the secular rate of change of the mean anomaly M for the above mentioned bodies may be found in Table 2.

Table 3

Summary of displacement data for Beacon Explorer C, the moon, and Mercury

Orbiting body	Displacement after one orbit	Maximum periodic displacement
Beacon Explorer C	16.7 cm	3.1 cm
Moon	16.8 cm	3.1 cm
Mercury	58.1 km	12.4 km

### INTEGRATION OF THE EQUATIONS

If we substitute the elements of the unperturbed orbit  $a_0, e_0, i_0, M_0, \omega_0$  into the right side of equations (10)-(13) and set

$$dt = \frac{dM_0}{\frac{(GM_E)^{1/2}}{a_0^{3/2}}}$$

then the equations may be integrated to give

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{3}{(1-e_0^2) a_0} M_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{2(1-e_0^2)^{3/2}}{e_0 a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G'_{21}(e_0) \frac{\sin qM_0}{q} \right\} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M = M_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{3}{(1 - e_0)^{1/2} a_0} M_0 \\
- \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{2(1 - e_0)^2}{e_0 a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G'_{21q}(e_0) \frac{\sin qM_0}{q} \right\} \\
+ \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{12(1 - e_0^2)}{a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \frac{\sin qM_0}{q} \right\} \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

$$a = a_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) 4(1 - e_0^2) \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \cos qM_0 - \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \right\} \quad (18)$$

$$e = e_0 + \left( \frac{GM_E}{c^2} \right) \frac{2(1 - e_0^2)^2}{e_0 a_0} \left\{ \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e_0) \cos qM_0 - \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} G_{21q}(e) \right\} \quad (19)$$

as the approximate expressions for the elements of the perturbed orbit. The constants of integration have been adjusted so that the perturbed and unperturbed elements are identical at perigee.

The displacement in the position of the satellite due to the relativistic potential may now be found. This was accomplished with the computer program given in the Appendix. The program takes the Keplerian elements of the perturbed orbit given by equations (16)-(19) and converts them to Cartesian coordinates and velocities  $x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}$ . The vector  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$  gives the perturbed position of the satellite. The process is repeated for the unperturbed orbit, obtaining the position vector  $\vec{r}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ . The difference  $\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0$  gives the displacement of the satellite due to the relativistic potential.

The orbits are taken to lie in the  $xy$  plane as shown in Figure 1, so that  $z = z_0 = 0$  and  $\dot{z} = \dot{z}_0 = 0$ . The  $x$  axis lies along the line of perigee of the unperturbed orbit, and the mean anomaly increases in the positive (counterclockwise) sense.



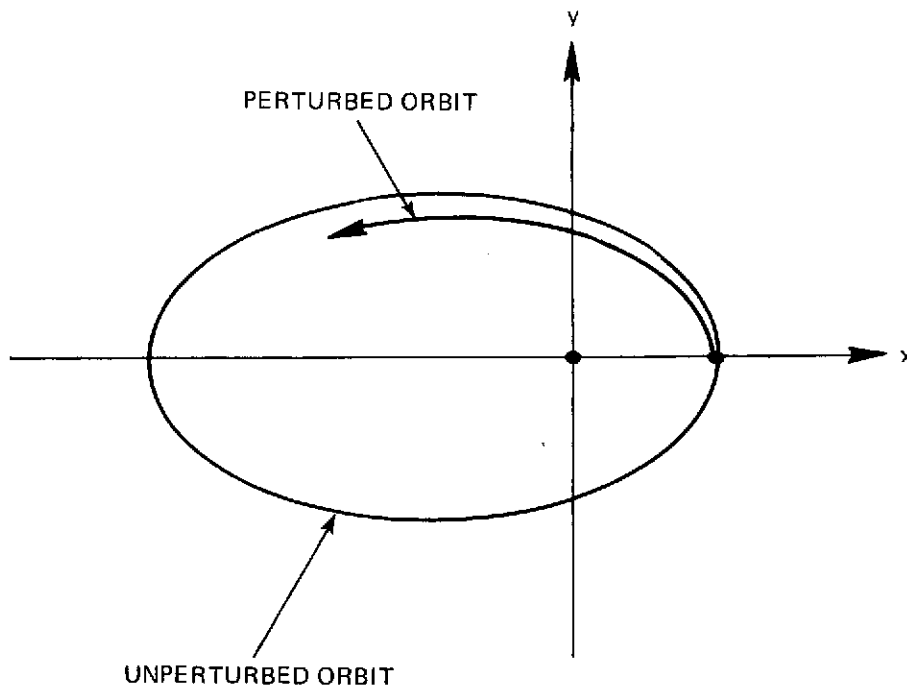


Figure 1. Orientation of the Orbit.

The program uses double precision variables and can consider powers of  $e \leq 2$  or  $\leq 1$  in the eccentricity functions and their derivatives, depending upon the choice of the programmer.

Figure 2 plots  $\Delta \vec{r}$  for a typical earth satellite (Beacon Explorer C). The unperturbed position is at the origin (point O in the figure). The perturbed and unperturbed positions are coincident at perigee (point O) and the perturbed position moves away from the unperturbed position in a spiral as time progresses. After one revolution the perturbed position is at point A, about 16.7 cm from the unperturbed position. The displacement of the moon is given in Figure 3. Here the displacement is about 16.8 cm at the end of one revolution.

Figure 4 gives  $\Delta \vec{r}$  for Mercury. The rather distorted shape of the spiral is due to the large eccentricity of the orbit. Mercury is displaced by about 58.1 km at the end of one revolution.

The secular displacement of Mercury is shown in Figure 5. Here the periodic terms have been omitted.

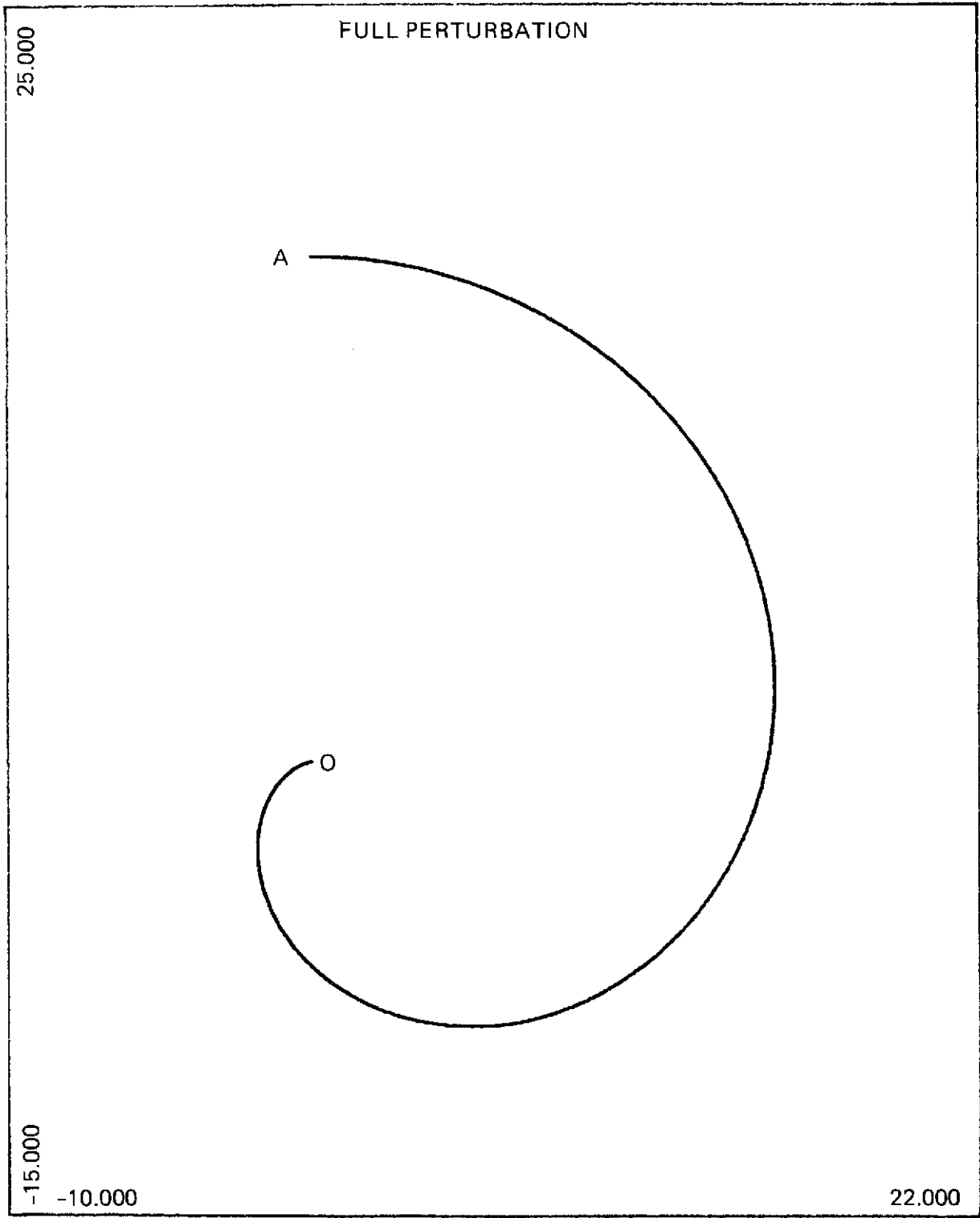


Figure 2. The total displacement of Beacon Explorer C due to the relativistic potential. The unperturbed position is at point O. The perturbed position is at point A after one revolution of the unperturbed orbit. The numbers in the diagram refer to centimeters. The diagram itself is one-half actual size.

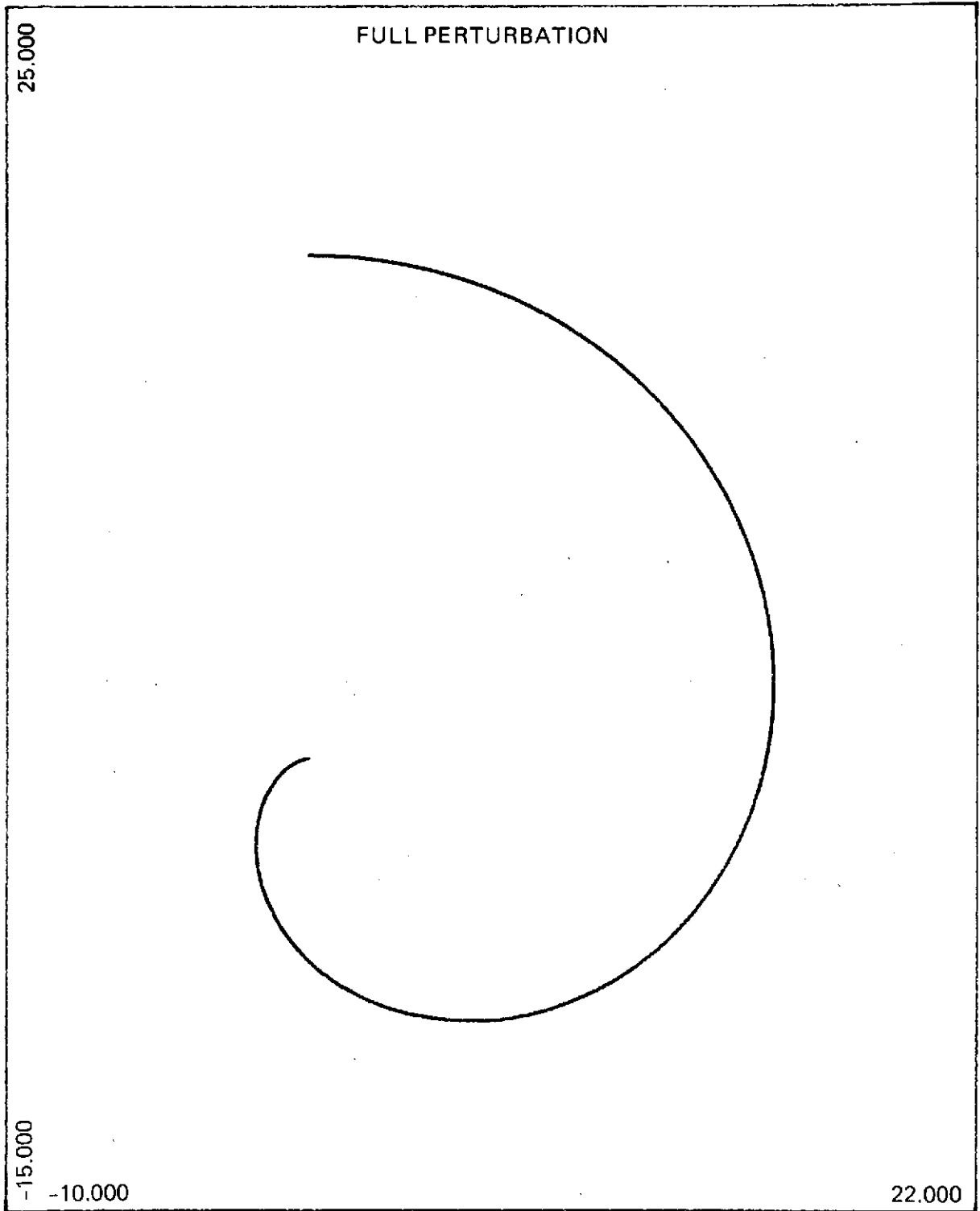


Figure 3. Total displacement of the moon over one orbit. The numbers in the diagram refer to centimeters. One-half actual size.

The periodic displacement for Beacon Explorer C (top) and the moon (bottom) are given in Figure 6. In each case the maximum displacement (maximum  $|\Delta \vec{r}|$ ) is about 3.1 cm. The sense of rotation is counterclockwise.

The periodic displacement for Mercury is shown in Figure 7 (top). The maximum distance from the unperturbed position is about 12.4 km.

A summary of the numerical data for Figure 2-7 is given in Table 3.

Powers of  $e \leq 2$  were retained in the eccentricity functions and their derivatives for the computations for Figures 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (top). The periodic displacement for Mercury with powers of  $e \leq 1$  retained is given in Figure 7 (bottom). The great difference in the shapes of the curves emphasizes the importance of keeping many terms in the eccentricity functions and their derivatives when the eccentricity is large.

It is interesting to note that the displacements are the same for any two bodies orbiting the same massive central object, regardless of the values of the semi-major axes, so long as the eccentricities are the same. This is apparently due to the appearance of  $a_0$  in the denominators of the corrections to  $\omega_0$ ,  $M_0$ , and  $e_0$  (equations 16, 17, and 19). As  $a_0$  changes scale,  $\omega_0$ ,  $M_0$ , and  $e_0$  change in such a manner as to compensate for it. This explains why the displacement of Beacon Explorer C and the moon are very nearly the same.

## THE ORBIT AS SEEN FROM THE GROUND

So far we have proceeded from the point of view of an observer on the satellite. An observer on the ground sees a somewhat more complicated set of forces acting than does the observer on the satellite; this may be verified by examining the Schwarzschild metric from the point of view of the ground observer. We will not pursue this very far, except to say that both observers will agree on the track of the satellite across the sky. That this is so may be seen by imaging space to be laced with coordinate lines. The two observers must agree that the satellite arrives at various points in the coordinate system as the satellite moves around the earth. This line of reasoning is implicit in the equation given in the Introduction; the solution of the equation gives  $r (= u^{-1})$  as a function of  $\phi$ , which is the same regardless of who is looking at the satellite. Hence when both the observer on the ground and the satellite plot out the orbit, they will get the same answer.

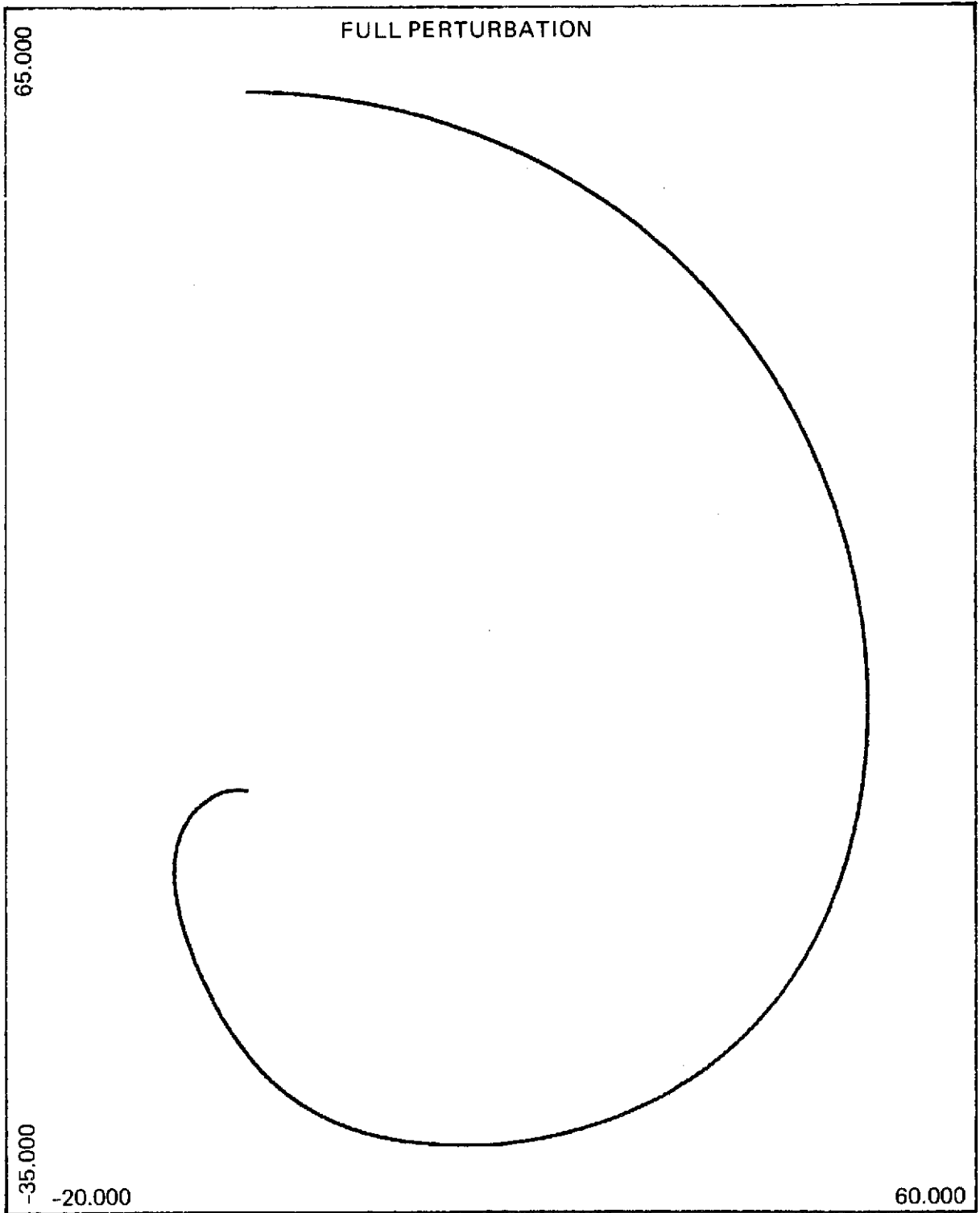


Figure 4. Total displacement of Mercury over one orbit. The distorted shape of the spiral is due to the large eccentricity of the orbit. The numbers in the diagram refer to kilometers.

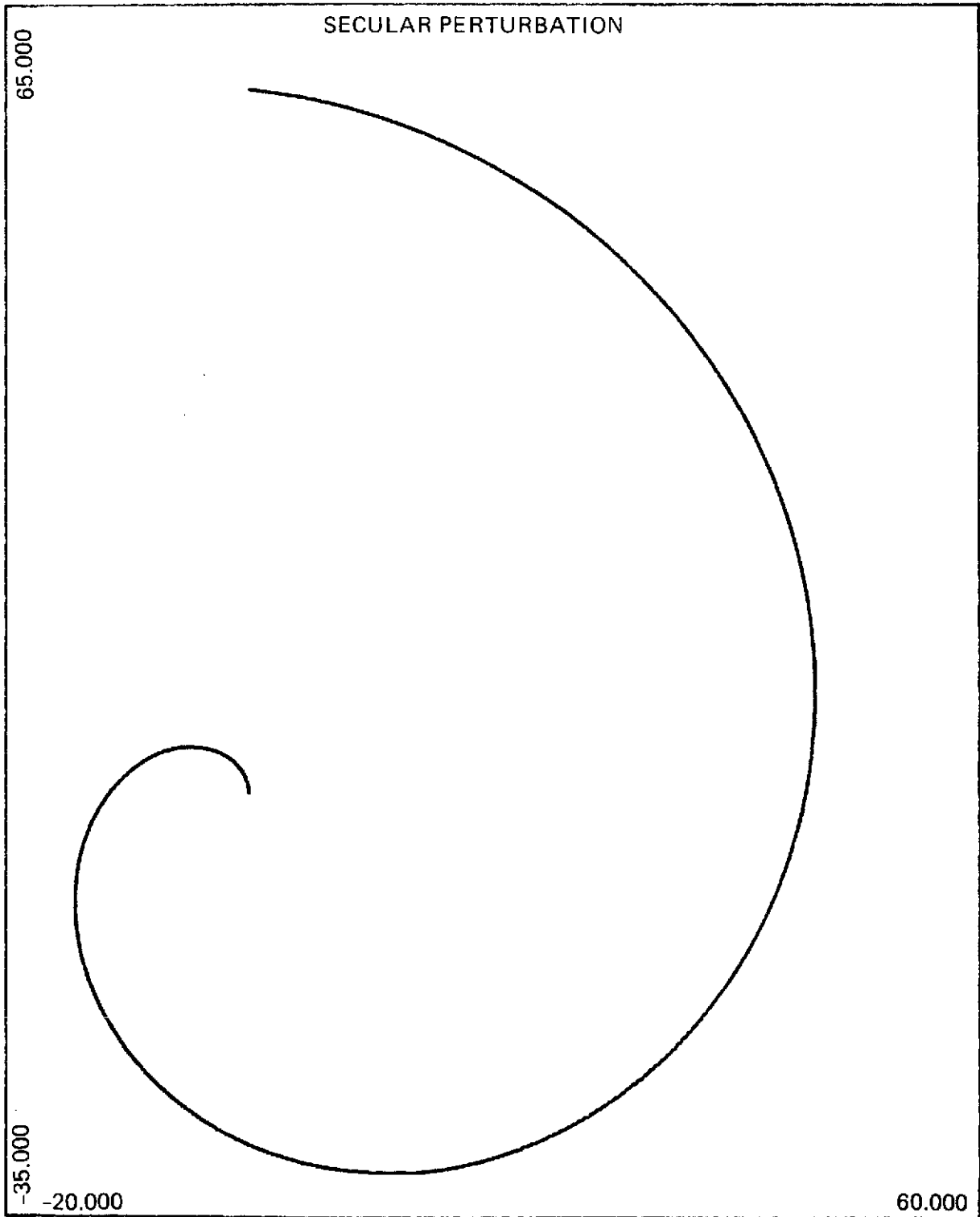


Figure 5. Secular displacement of Mercury. The numbers in the diagram refer to kilometers.

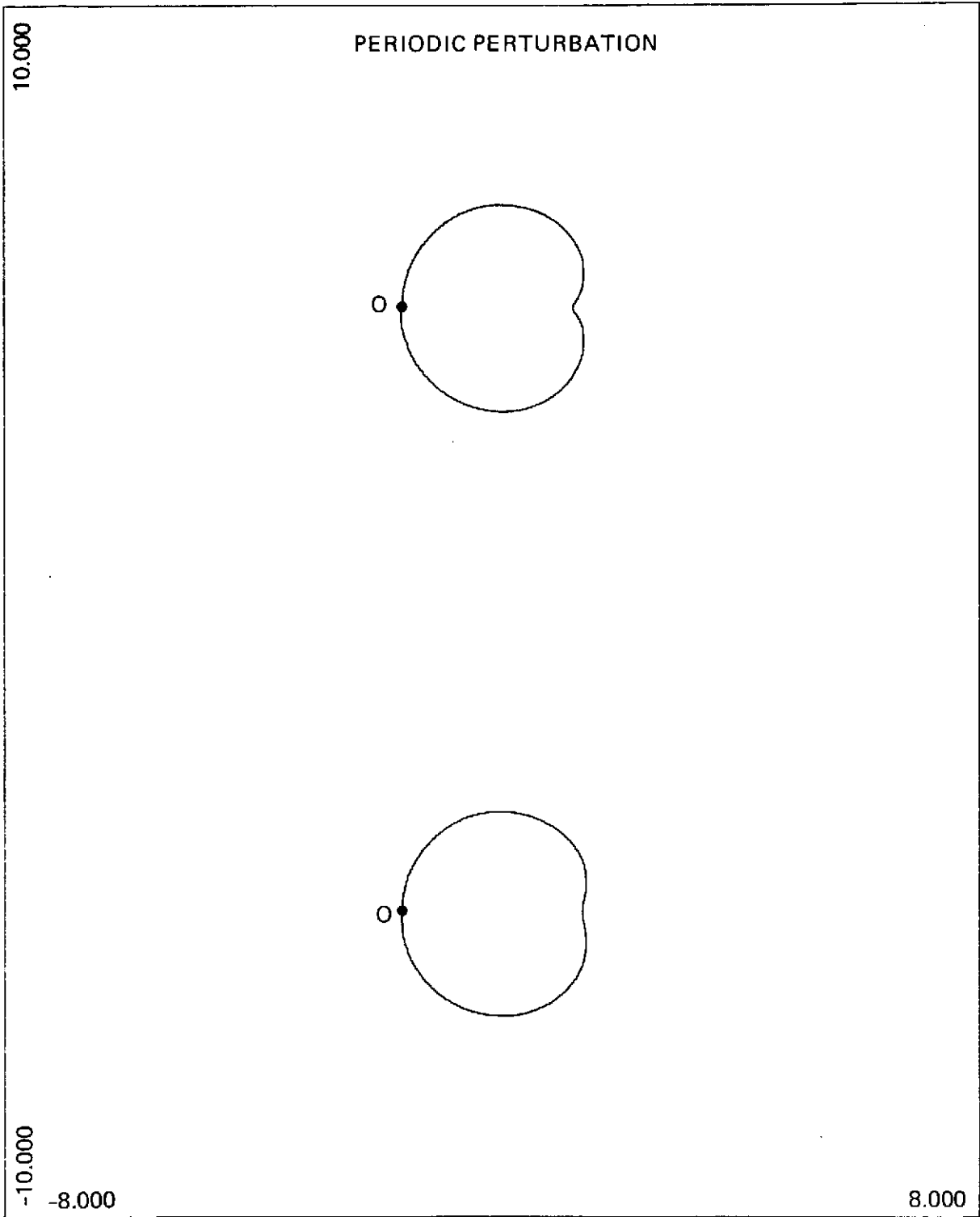
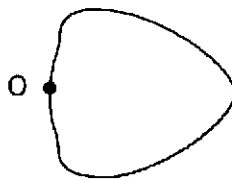
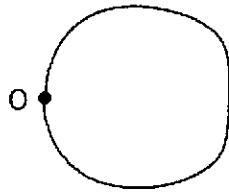


Figure 6. The periodic displacement of Beacon Explorer C (top) and the moon (bottom). The sense of rotation is counterclockwise. The numbers refer to centimeters. Actual size.

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### PERIODIC PERTURBATION



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Figure 7. The periodic displacement of Mercury keeping powers of  $e \leq 2$  (top) and  $\leq 1$  (bottom). The top diagram gives a more accurate picture of the periodic displacement than the bottom diagram. The numbers refer to kilometers.



The two observers will, however, disagree on the times of arrival of the satellite at various points in the coordinate system. Their clocks run at different rates, since they are in relative motion and in different parts of the gravitational field. But the time intervals recorded by the clocks will differ from each other by a factor of about  $GM_E/c^2r$ , or about one part in  $10^8$  for the earth. Hence when the two observers compute the perigee shift, say, they will disagree on when the shift was  $\alpha$  radians after a day's time by about a millisecond. This demonstrates that the timing problem is not important when tracking artificial satellites.

## ALTERNATIVE VIEWPOINT

We can look at what we have done from the more usual non-Euclidian viewpoint. To do so requires a few words about coordinates. Let us confine our remarks to the  $(r, \phi)$  plane, i.e.  $\theta = \pi/2$ .

Now  $r$  measures radial distance from the center of the earth; in fact,  $r = (\text{proper area of sphere}/4\pi)^{1/2}$  (Misner, Thorne, and Wheeler, 1973; pg. 596).  $\phi$  measures the angle on a sphere. So to get to the point  $(r, \phi)$  in physical space we go out the appropriate distance  $r$  and swing through the angle  $\phi$ .

We of course wish to find the set of values  $\{r, \phi\}$  which gives us the path of the satellite through physical space. We can accomplish this by doing the following: take a point  $(r, \phi)$  in physical space and assign it a point  $(r_E, \phi_E)$  in a Euclidian plane with numerical values  $r = r_E$  and  $\phi = \phi_E$ . Do this for all the points in physical space. Solve the equations of motion of the satellite by the methods of celestial mechanics to get its path in this Euclidian plane. In particular, we wind up with a set of  $x$  and  $y$  values  $\{x_E, y_E\}$  for the track of the satellite.

To find its path in physical space, what do we do? Take each  $(x_E, y_E)$  in the set and put  $r_E = \sqrt{x_E^2 + y_E^2}$ ,  $\phi_E = \text{Arctan } y_E/x_E$ . Then set  $r = r_E$  and  $\phi = \phi_E$ . Go out distance  $r$  from the center of the earth and swing through angle  $\phi$ . Do this for all the points in the set to get the track of the satellite through physical space.

Now if we let the speed of light approach infinity, then the trajectory of the satellite becomes the unperturbed ellipse. We say that the difference between the perturbed and unperturbed positions is the displacement of the satellite. Computing the distances between the positions and getting so many centimeters displacement (for the case of the earth) may be done in the ordinary Euclidian sense, since the effect of the curvature of space is so small over such short distances that it may be neglected.

## CONCLUSION

The general relativistic correction to the position of an earth satellite with small orbital eccentricity has been shown to be about 17 cm per revolution. This effect is at present too small to be separated from other perturbing influences, such as radiation from the earth and atmospheric drag. However, improved knowledge of satellite perturbations and small atmospheric drag may allow the relativistic effect to be measured from observations of the proposed new geodynamic satellite LAGEOS. It is hoped that such observations will provide tests of the Einstein and Brans-Dicke theories of relativity.

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## APPENDIX

This program takes the Keplerian elements of the perturbed and unperturbed orbits and calculates displacements. Explanations of its operation are given in the program itself. Some sample output is given.

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C
C*****MAIN PROGRAM
C
C
C*****THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES A SEQUENCE OF DIFFERENCE VECTORS BETWEEN THE
C POSITION IN AN UNPERTURBED ORBIT AND THE POSITION IN THE ORBIT AS
C PERTURBED BY THE RELATIVISTIC POTENTIAL AS THE MEAN ANOMALY OF
C THE UNPERTURBED ORBIT INCREASES WITH TIME. THE NUMBER OF SUCH
C VECTORS IS NPCINT AND THE STEP SIZE IN THE MEAN ANOMALY IS DEL.
C THE COORDINATES OF THE DISTURBED POSITION RELATIVE TO THE
C UNDISTURBED POSITION ARE LISTED AND PLOTTED. THE SAME IS DONE FOR
C THE VELOCITY VECTORS, EXCEPT THAT NO PLOT IS GIVEN.
C THE KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS OF BOTH PERTURBED AND UNPERTURBED ORBITS
C ARE INITIALLY CHOSEN TO BE THE SAME AT PERIGEE.
C
C*****NOTATION FOR INPUT DATA.
C
C.....INDEX TELLS WHAT OBJECT THE SATELLITE IS ORBITING ABOUT. INDEX=1
C IS THE SUN, 2 THE EARTH, AND 3 ANY OTHER GIVEN OBJECT.
C.....ACM IS THE SEMI-MAJOR AXIS OF THE ORBIT IN CENTIMETERS.
C.....E1 IS THE ECCENTRICITY.
C.....XMASS3 IS THE MASS OF THE OBJECT IN GRAMS (IF INDEX=3.
C.....DIS3 IS THE DISTANCE FACTOR IN CENTIMETERS CHOSEN SUCH THAT
C ACM/DIS3=1 APPROXIMATELY, IF INDEX=3.
C.....NTERM TELLS WHAT TERMS ARE TO BE RETAINED IN THE PERTURBATION.
C NTERM =0 GIVES THE FULL PERTURBATION. NTERM=1 GIVES PERIODIC TERMS
C ONLY, WHILE NTERM=2 GIVES SECULAR TERMS ONLY.
C.....NPOINT IS THE NUMBER OF POINTS IN THE SEQUENCE.
C.....XMSTRT IS THE INITIAL VALUE OF THE MEAN ANOMALY IN DEGREES.
C.....DEL IS THE STEP SIZE OF THE MEAN ANOMALY IN DEGREES.
C.....NPERT TELLS WHAT POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY ARE RETAINED IN THE
C ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES. IF NPERT=1, THEN
C POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY GREATER THAN 1 ARE NEGLECTED. IF NPERT=0,
C THEN POWERS GREATER THAN 2 ARE NEGLECTED.
C
C*****NOTATION FOR OUTPUT DATA.
C
C.....X AND Y ARE THE CARTESIAN COORDINATES IN CENTIMETERS OF THE
C PERTURBED POSITION RELATIVE TO THE UNPERTURBED POSITION (WHICH IS
C AT X=0 AND Y=0.)
C.....R=DSQRT(X**2 + Y**2) IS THE DISTANCE FROM THE ORIGIN TO (X,Y).
C.....XDT AND YDT ARE THE CARTESIAN VELOCITY DIFFERENCES IN CM/SEC
C BETWEEN THE PERTURBED AND UNPERTURBED VELOCITIES.
C.....V=DSQRT(XDT**2 + YDT**2) IS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE VELOCITY
C DIFFERENCE.
C
0001      IMPLICIT REAL*8 (A-H,O-Z)
0002      DIMENSION X1(400),Y1(400)
0003      DATA RAD/C,0.1745329251994300/
0004      DATA BIGE/E,6.7E-8/,C/2.998010/
0005      DATA XMASS1/1.987D33/,XMASS2/5.976D27/,DIS1/1.456D13/
0006      DATA DIS2/E,37E151154DB/
0007      DATA P1,P2,F3/5H SUN,SHEARTH,SHOTHER/
C*****READ IN THE INPUT DATA.
0008      1 READ (5,2,END=12) INDEX,ACM,E1,XMASS3,DIS3
0009      READ (5,16) NTERM,NPOINT,XMSTRT,DEL,NPERT
0010      2 FORMAT (I5,D1E.5,F10.5,2D15.5)
0011      16 FORMAT (2I5,2F10.5,I5)
C*****SET THE VALUES OF THE INCLINATION, LONGITUDE OF NODE, AND ARGUMENT
C OF PERIGEE TO ZERO, SO THAT THE ORBIT LIES IN THE X-Y PLANE AND
C THE SEMI-MAJOR AXIS OF THE UNPERTURBED ORBIT LIES ALONG THE X-AXIS
C WITH THE POINT OF PERIGEE ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE AXIS.
0012      F11=0.000
0013      CMEG1=C,000
0014      FNODE1=0.000
C*****CHECK TO SEE WHAT MASS IS BEING USED.
0015      IF (INDEX - 2) 3,4,5
0016      3 XMASS=XMASS1
0017      DISFAC=DIS1
0018      P=P1
0019      GO TO 6
0020      4 XMASS=XMASS2
0021      DISFAC=DIS2
0022      F=P2
0023      GO TO 6
0024      5 XMASS=XMASS3
0025      DISFAC=DIS3
0026      F=P3
0027      6 CONTINUE

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C*****GMC2=BIG G * MASS/(SPEED OF LIGHT)**2 IN CGS UNITS.
0028 GMC2=BIGG*XMMASS/(C**2)
0029 SQ=(BIGG*MASS)/DISFAC
C*****CONV IS A CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE VELOCITIES.
0030 CONV=DSQRT(SQ)
0031 A1=ACM/DISFAC
C*****WRITE OUT THE HEADINGS.
0032 WRITE (6,7)
0033 7 FORMAT (1F1)
0034 WRITE (6,8) P,XMASS,DISFAC
0035 8 FORMAT (///,10X,16HDISTURBING BODY=,1X,A5,10X,5HMASS=,D15.5,1X,2HG
1M,10X,16HDISTANCE FACTOR=,1X,D15.5,1X,2HCM)
0036 WRITE (6,9) AC,A,E1
0037 9 FORMAT (///,10X,2HA=,1X,D15.5,1X,2HCM,20X,2HE=,1X,F10.5)
0038 WRITE (6,14) NFCINT,DEL
0039 14 FORMAT (///,10X,7HNPPOINT=,1X,15,20X,4FOEL=,1X,F10.5,1X,7HDEGREES)
0040 IF (NTERM - 1) 17,18,19
0041 17 WRITE (6,20)
0042 20 FORMAT (///,10X,17HFULL PERTUREATION)
0043 GO TO 23
0044 18 WRITE (6,21)
0045 21 FORMAT (///,10X,19HPERIODIC TERMS ONLY)
0046 GO TO 23
0047 19 WRITE (6,22)
0048 22 FORMAT (///,10X,18HSECULAR TERMS ONLY)
0049 23 CONTINUE
0050 IF (NPERT - 1) 24,26,26
0051 24 WRITE (6,25)
0052 25 FORMAT (///,10X,77HTERMS UP TO AND INCLUDING SECCND CRDER RETAINED
1 IN THE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS)
GO TO 28
0053 26 WRITE (6,27)
0054 27 FORMAT (///,10X,77HTERMS UP TO AND INCLUDING FIRST CRDER RETAINED
1 IN THE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS)
0055 28 CONTINUE
0056 WRITE (6,29)
0057 29 FORMAT (10X,21HAND THE[R DERIVATIVES)
0058 WRITE (6,7)
0059 WRITE (6,30)
0060 30 FORMAT (///,10X)
0061 WRITE (6,13)
0062 13 FORMAT (3X,1HN,4X,12HMEAN ANGMALY,7X,1HX,14X,1FY,14X,1HR,13X,3HXDT
1,12X,3HYDT,13X,1HV)
0063 WRITE (6,15)
0064 15 FORMAT (10X,5H(DEGREES),7X,4H(CM),11X,4H(CM),11X,4H(CM),9X,8H(CM/S
1EC),7X,8H(CM/SEC),7X,8H(CM/SEC),//)
C*****DO THE ITERATION.
0066 DO 10 N=1,NFCINT
0067 XMEAN=(N-1)*DEL + XMSTR
0068 XM1=XMEAN*FAD
C*****A1,E1,XM1,CMEG1 ARE THE UNPERTURBED ELEMENTS.
C*****A2,E2,XM2,CMEG2 ARE THE PERTURBED ELEMENTS.
C*****CALL DELTEL TO GET THE RELATIVISTIC CORRECTIONS TO THE ELEMENTS.
0069 CALL DELTEL (NTERM,NPERT,GMC2,ACM,E1,XM1,DELA,CELE,DELM,DELOMG)
0070 A2=A1 + DELA/DISFAC
0071 E2=E1 + DELE
0072 XM2=XM1 + DELM
0073 CMEG2=CMEG1 + DELOMG
C*****CALL DETRV TO CONVERT THE KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS TO CARTESIAN
COORDINATES AND VELOCITIES.
0074 CALL DETRV(A1,E1,F11,XM1,CMEG1,FNODE1,XA,YA,ZA,XCTA,YCTA,ZDTA,RA,V
1A)
0075 CALL DETRV(A2,E2,F11,XM2,CMEG2,FNODE1,XB,YB,ZB,XCTB,YCTB,ZDTB,RB,V
1B)
C*****COMPUTE THE DIFFERENCES IN COORDINATES AND VELOCITIES.
0076 X=(XB-XA)*DISFAC
0077 Y=(YB-YA)*DISFAC
0078 Z=(ZB-ZA)*DISFAC
0079 R2=(X**2) + (Y**2) + (Z**2)
0080 R=DSQRT(R2)
0081 XDT=(XDTE-XCTA)*CONV
0082 YDT=(YDTE-YCTA)*CONV
0083 ZDT=(ZDTB-ZCTA)*CONV
0084 V2=(XDT**2) + (YDT**2) + (ZDT**2)
0085 V=DSQRT(V2)
C*****PUT THE POINTS IN THE ARRAY FOR FLCT1.
0086 X1(N)=X
0087 Y1(N)=Y
C*****WRITE OUT THE MEAN ANGMALY, DISTANCES, AND VELOCITIES.
0088 WRITE (6,11) N,XMEAN,X,Y,R,XDT,YCT,V

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0089          10  CONTINUE
C*****CALL PLCT1 TO PLOT THE POINTS.
0090          CALL PLCT1(X1,Y1,NPOINT)
0091          GO TO 1
0092          12  CONTINUE
0093          11  FORMAT (1X,I4,2X,F10.4,3X,6D15.5)
0094          STOP
0095          END
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      SUBROUTINE DELTEL (INTERM,NPERT,GMC2,A0,EC,XM0,DELA,DELE,DELM,DELOMG  
      1E)

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C
C
C*****THIS SUBROUTINE FINDS THE RELATIVISTIC CORRECTIONS TO THE
C      KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS, WHICH ARE TO BE ADDED TO THE UNPERTURBED
C      ELEMENTS TO GIVE THE ELEMENTS OF THE RELATIVISTICALLY PERTURBED
C      ORBIT.
C
C*****UNPERTURBED ELEMENTS
C
C*****A0 IS THE SEMIMAJOR AXIS IN CENTIMETERS.
C*****EO IS THE ECCENTRICITY.
C*****XM0 IS THE MEAN ANOMALY IN RADIAN.
C
C*****PERTURBED ELEMENTS
C
C*****DELA IS THE CORRECTION TO THE SEMIMAJOR AXIS IN CENTIMETERS.
C*****DELE IS THE CORRECTION TO THE ECCENTRICITY.
C*****DELM IS THE CORRECTION TO THE MEAN ANOMALY IN RADIAN.
C*****DELOMG IS THE CORRECTION TO THE ARGUMENT OF PERIGEE IN RADIAN.
C*****THE PERTURBATIONS IN INCLINATION AND LONGITUDE OF NODE ARE
C      ZERO AND HENCE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SUBROUTINE.
C*****INTERM TELLS WHAT TERMS TO RETAIN IN THE PERTURBATION. NTERM=0
C      GIVES THE FULL PERTURBATION. NTERM=1 GIVES PERIODIC TERMS ONLY,
C      WHILE NTERM=2 GIVES SECULAR TERMS ONLY.
C*****GMC2 = BIG.C * MASS/(SPEED OF LIGHT)**2 IN CGS UNITS.
C*****NPERT TELLS WHAT POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY ARE RETAINED IN THE
C      ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES. IF NPERT=1, THEN
C      POWERS OF ECCENTRICITY GREATER THAN 1 ARE NEGLECTED. IF NPERT=0,
C      THEN POWERS GREATER THAN 2 ARE NEGLECTED.
C
0002      IMPLICIT REAL*(A-H,O-Z)
0003      F1=1.000 - (EC**2)
0004      F2=DSQRT(F1)
0005      SM=DSIN(XM0)
0006      CM=DCOS(XM0)
0007      XM2=2.000*XM0
0008      XM3=3.000*XM0
0009      SM2=DSIN(XM2)
0010      CM2=DCOS(XM2)
0011      SM3=DSIN(XM3)
C*****G211 AND G212 ARE ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS.
C*****GP211, GP212, AND GP213 ARE DERIVATIVES OF ECCENTRICITY FUNCTIONS.
0012      IF (NPERT.EQ. 1) GO TO 4
0013      G211=1.500*EC
0014      G212=(9.000/4.000)*(EO**2)
0015      GP211=1.500 + (81.000/16.000)*(EO**2)
0016      GP212=4.500*EC
0017      GP213=(159.000/16.000)*(EO**2)
0018      GO TO 5
0019      4      G211=(1.500)*EC
0020      G212=0.000
0021      GP211=1.500
0022      GP212=(4.500)*EO
0023      GP213=0.000
0024      5      CONTINUE
0025      E1=G211*CM
0026      E2=GP211*SM
0027      E3=G211*SM
0028      C1=G212*CM2
0029      C2=GP212*SM2/2.000
0030      C3=G212*SM2/2.000
0031      F2=GP213*SM3/3.000
0032      FA=GMC2*(4.000)*F1
0033      DELA=FA*E1 - FA*G211 + FA*C1 - FA*G212
0034      FE=GMC2*(2.000)*(F1**2)/(EO*A0)
0035      DELE=FE*E1 - FE*G211 + FE*C1 - FE*G212
0036      FMS=GMC2*(3.000)/(F2*A0)
0037      XMS=FMS*XM0
0038      FM1=GMC2*(2.000)*(F1**2)/(EO*AC)
0039      FM2=GMC2*(12.000)*F1/A0
0040      DELM=XMS - FM1*(E2 + C2 + E3) + FM2*(E3 + C3)
0041      FOMGS=GMC2*(3.000)/(F1*A0)
0042      FOMG1=GMC2*(2.000)*F1*F2/(EO*A0)
0043      DELOMG=FOMGS*XM0 + FOMG1*(E2 + C2 + E3)
0044      IF (INTERM - 1) 3,2,1
0045      1      DELM=XMS
0046      DELOMG=FOMGS*XM0
0047      DELA=0.000
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0048      DELE=0.0D0
0049      GO TO 3
0050      2  DELM=-FM1*(B2 + C2 + P2) + FM2*(B3 + C3)
0051      3  DELOMG=FCMG1*(E2 + C2 + P2)
0052      CONTINUE
0053      RETURN
0054      END
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SUBROUTINE GETRV(CEA,CEE,CEINC,CEMA,CECMEG,CECAP,CEX,CEY,CEZ,
LCEXDT,DEYDT,CEZDT,OERMAG,CEVMAG)

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C
C*****THIS SUBROUTINE CONVERTS KEPLERIAN ELEMENTS TO CARTESIAN
C      COORDINATES AND VELOCITIES.
C
C*****INPUT
C
C*****CEA IS THE DIMENSIONLESS SEMIMAJOR AXIS (USUALLY CEA=1
C      APPROXIMATELY.)
C*****CEE IS THE ECCENTRICITY.
C*****CEINC IS THE INCLINATION IN RADIAN.
C*****CEMA IS THE MEAN ANOMALY IN RADIAN.
C*****CECMEG IS THE ARGUMENT OF PERIGEE IN RADIAN.
C*****CECAP IS THE LONGITUDE OF NODE IN RADIAN.
C
C*****OUTPUT
C
C*****CEX,CEY,AND CEZ ARE THE CARTESIAN X Y Z COORDINATES. THE ORBITED
C      OBJECT IS AT THE ORIGIN.
C*****CERMAG IS THE DISTANCE FROM THE ORIGIN TO THE SATELLITE.
C*****DEXDT,DEYDT, AND CEZDT ARE THE VELOCITIES IN THE X,Y, AND Z
C      DIRECTIONS.
C*****CEVMAG IS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE VELOCITY.
C*****THE DISTANCES AND THE VELOCITIES MUST EACH BE MULTIPLIED BY
C      CONVERSION FACTORS IN THE MAIN PROGRAM TO CONVERT TO CGS UNITS.
C      IF THE CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE DISTANCES IS DISFAC (IN
C      CENTIMETERS), THEN THE CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE VELOCITIES IS
C      CONV=DSQRT(BIG G * MASS/DISFAC) IN CGS UNITS.
C
0002      IMPLICIT REAL*(A-H,O-Z,*)
0003      TWOPI=6.283185307179586DC
0004      TAMEAN = CEMA
0005      IF (TAMEAN) 10,11,10
0006      10 TAMEAN = DVCD(TAMEAN + TWOPI,TWOPI)
0007      ECCA1 = TAMEAN + CEE*DSIN(TAMEAN) + .5DC+CEE**2*DSIN(2.DO*TAMEAN)
0008      DU 13 I2 = 1,100
0009      DIFF = (CEE*CSIN(ECCA1) - ECCA1+TAMEAN)/(1.00-CEE*DCCS(ECCA1))
0010      ECCA2 = ECCA1 + DIFF
0011      SECCA2 = DSIN(ECCA2)
0012      DIFF = DAES(ECCA2 - TAMEAN - CEE*SECCA2)
0013      IF (DIFF - 0.1C-13) 16,16,13
0014      13 ECCA1 = ECCA2
0015      WRITE (6,2)CEMA,CMA,DIFF
0016      2 FORMAT(5X,53PAC CONVERGENCE IN KEPLERS EQUATION - SUBROUTINE GETRV
      1 /3D16.8)
      STOP
0017      11 ECCA2 = TAMEAN
0018      SECCA2 = DSIN(ECCA2)
0019      16 X = DCOS(ECCA2) - CEE
0020      SP = 1.00 - CEE**2
0021      SQ = DSQRT(SP)
0022      Y = SQ*SECCA2
0023      TRUETA = ARCTAN(Y,X)
0024      CTRUETA = DCCS(STRUETA)
0025      STRUETA = DSIN(STRUETA)
0026      CERMAG = CEA*SF/(1.00+CEE*CTRUETA)
0027      X = OERMAG*CTRLEA
0028      Y = OERMAG*STRUETA
0029      SNW = DSIN(CEOMEG)
0030      CSW = DCCS(CEOMEG)
0031      SNCPW = DSIN(CECAP)
0032      CSCPW = DCCS(CECAP)
0033      SNI = DSIN(CEINC)
0034      CSI = DCCS(CEINC)
0035      AC = CSW*CSCPW - SNW*SNCPW*CSI
0036      BC = CSW*ENCPW + SNW*CSCPW*CSI
0037      CC = SNW*ENI
0038      FC = -SNW*CSCPW - CSW*SNCPW*CSI
0039      GC = -SNW*SNCPW + CSW*CSCPW*CSI
0040      HC = CSW*ENI
0041      CEX = AC*X + FC*Y
0042      CEY = BC*X + GC*Y
0043      CEZ = CC*X + HC*Y
0044      XXD1 = -STRUETA
0045      YYD1 = CEE + CTRUETA
0046      CEXDT= AC*XXD1 + FC*YYD1
0047      DEYDT= BC*XXD1 + GC*YYD1
0048      CEZDT= CC*XXD1 + HC*YYD1
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0050      QEV MAG = DSCRT(2.00/0ERMAG - 1.00/0EA)
0051      SQSMSQ = DSCRT(0EXDT**2 + 0EYDT**2 + 0EZDT**2)
0052      FMULT  = QEV MAG/SQSMSQ
0053      CEXDT  = CEXDT * FMULT
0054      CEYDT  = CEYDT * FMULT
0055      CEZDT  = CEZDT * FMULT
0056      RETURN
0057      END
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0001          FUNCTION ARCTAN(S,C)
0002          IMPLICIT REAL*8(A-H,O-Z,*)
0003          Y=S
0004          X=C
0005          IF (X) 100,100,116
0006          100 IF (Y) 102,104,106
0007          102 ARCTAN=4.712388980384689D0
0008          GO TO 138
0009          104 ARCTAN=0.000
0010          RETURN
0011          106 ARCTAN=1.570796326794896D0
0012          GO TO 138
0013          108 IF (Y) 110,112,114
0014          110 ADD=3.141592653589793D0
0015          GO TO 124
0016          112 ARCTAN=3.141592653589793D0
0017          GO TO 138
0018          114 ADD=3.141592653589793D0
0019          GO TO 132
0020          116 IF (Y) 118,120,122
0021          118 ADD=6.283185307179586D0
0022          GO TO 132
0023          120 ARCTAN=0.000
0024          GO TO 138
0025          122 ADD=0.000
0026          124 IF (DABS(Y)-DABS(X)) 126,128,130
0027          126 ARCTAN=DATAN(Y/X) + ADD
0028          GO TO 138
0029          128 ARCTAN=0.7853981633974482D0 + ADD
0030          GO TO 138
0031          130 ARCTAN=1.570796326794896D0 - DATAN(X/Y) + ADD
0032          GO TO 138
0033          132 IF (DABS(Y) - DABS(X)) 126,134,136
0034          134 ARCTAN=-0.7853981633974482D0 + ADD
0035          GO TO 138
0036          136 ARCTAN=-1.570796326794896D0 - DATAN(X/Y) + ADD
0037          138 RETURN
0038          END

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0001          SUBROUTINE FLCT1(X,Y,N)
C
C*****THIS SUBROUTINE PLOTS A GRAPH CONSISTING OF N POINTS IN ARRAYS
C
C      X AND Y.
C      THE X AXIS IS HORIZONTAL AND THE Y AXIS IS VERTICAL. THE AXES ARE
C      PRINTED AS DOTS. THE SCALE OF THE DIAGRAM IS ALWAYS ADJUSTED TO
C      FIT ONTO A SINGLE SHEET OF COMPUTER PAPER, WITH 61 SPACES UP AND
C      101 ACROSS. THE DISTORTION DUE TO THE DIFFERENT SPACING IN THE X
C      AND Y DIRECTIONS IS REMOVED, SO THAT A SQUARE LOOKS LIKE A SQUARE.
C
0002          IMPLICIT REAL*8 (A-H,C-Z)
0003          DIMENSION X(N),Y(N)
0004          DIMENSION AP(101,61)
0005          DATA BLANK,ECT,D,OH/1H,1F.,1FC,1FD/
C*****XSCALE TAKES CARE OF THE DIFFERENT SPACING IN THE VERTICAL AND
C      HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONS.
0006          XSCALE=6.25CC/5.000
0007          YMIN=Y(1)
0008          YMAX=Y(1)
0009          XMIN=X(1)
0010          XMAX=X(1)
0011          SCALE1=100.CCC
0012          SCALE2=60.CCC
0013          NSC2=SCALE2 + 0.100
0014          DO 24 I=2,N
0015             G=Y(I)
0016             IF (G-YMAX) 12,13,13
0017             13 YMAX=G
0018             GO TO 14
0019             12 CONTINUE
0020             IF (G-YMIN) 15,14,14
0021             15 YMIN=G
0022             14 CONTINUE
0023             R=X(I)
0024             IF (R-XMAX) 22,23,23
0025             23 XMAX=R
0026             GO TO 24
0027             22 CONTINUE
0028             IF (R-XMIN) 25,24,24
0029             25 XMIN=R
0030             24 CONTINUE
0031             YLGTH=YMAX-YMIN
0032             XLGTH=XMAX-XMIN
0033             FAC=SCALE1/(XLGTH*XSCALE)
0034             YF=YLGTH*FAC
0035             IF (YF - SCALE2) 28,28,27
0036             27 FAC=SCALE2/YLGTH
0037             28 CONTINUE
0038             *WRITE (6,41)
0039             WRITE (6,70)
0040             70 FORMAT (///,10X,33HINFORMATION FROM SUBROUTINE PLOT1,///)
0041             WRITE (6,71)
0042             71 FORMAT (10X,37HYMAX IS THE MAXIMUM Y VALUE ATTAINED.)
0043             WRITE (6,72)
0044             72 FORMAT (10X,37HYMIN IS THE MINIMUM Y VALUE ATTAINED.)
0045             WRITE (6,73)
0046             73 FORMAT (10X,19HYLGTH IS YMAX-YMIN.)
0047             WRITE (6,74)
0048             74 FORMAT (10X,70HXMAX,XMIN AND XLGTH ARE THE ANALOGOUS EXPRESSIONS F
I
CR THE X DIRECTION.)
0049             WRITE (6,75)
0050             75 FORMAT (10X,41HFAC ADJUSTS THE GRAPH TO THE PROPER SIZE.,///)
0051             WRITE (6,35)
0052             35 FORMAT (///,5X,4HYMAX,12X,4HYMIN,10X,4HXMAX,12X,4HXMIN,10X,5HYLGT
H,10X,5HXLGTH,11X,3HFAC,/)
0053             WRITE (6,60) YMAX,YMIN,XMAX,XMIN,YLGTH,XLGTH,FAC
0054             60 FORMAT (8D15.5)
0055             DO 57 I=1,N
0056             57 X(I)=X(I)*SCALE
XMIN=XMIN*SCALE
XMAX=XMAX*SCALE
0057             DO 29 I=1,101
0058             DO 29 J=1,61
0059             29 AP(I,J)=BLANK
0060             J1=(-XMIN)*FAC + 1.500
0061             J2=(-YMIN)*FAC + 1.500
0062             IF (J1 .GT. 0 .AND. J2 .GT. 0) GO TO 30
0063             GO TO 31
0064             30 CONTINUE
0065             DO 32 I=1,101
0066             32 I=1,101
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0068      32  AP(I,J2)=DCT
0069      DO 33 J=1,61
0070      33  AP(J1,J)=CCT
0071      31  CONTINUE
0072      DO 34 I=1,N
0073      J1=(X(I) - XMIN)*FAC + 1.500
0074      J2=(Y(I) - YMIN)*FAC + 1.500
0075      AP(J1,J2)=D
0076      34  CONTINUE
0077      WRITE (6,41)
0078      41  FORMAT (1H1)
0079      WRITE (6,76)
0080      76  FORMAT (///,10X)
0081      DO 35 J=1,61
0082      J3=61 - (J-1)
0083      WRITE (6,40) (AP(I,J3), I=1,101)
0084      35  CONTINUE
0085      40  FORMAT (10X,101A1)
0086      RETURN
0087      END

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A= 0.38440D 11 CM      E= 0.055C0

NPOINT= 73      DEL= 5.00C00 DEGREES

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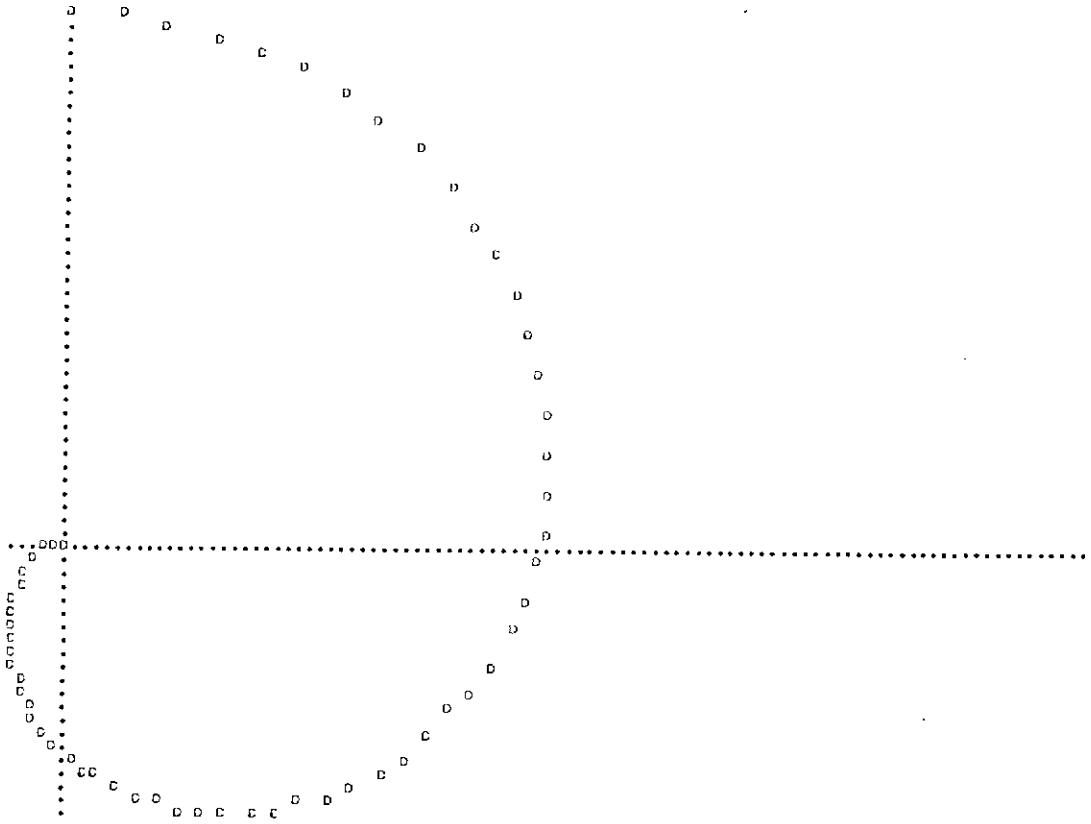
INFORMATION FROM SUBROUTINE PLOT1

YMAX IS THE MAXIMUM Y VALUE ATTAINED.  
YMIN IS THE MINIMUM Y VALUE ATTAINED.  
YLGTH IS YMAX-YMIN.  
XMAX,XMIN AND XLGTH ARE THE ANALOGOUS EXPRESSIONS FOR THE X DIRECTION.  
FAC ADJUSTS THE GRAPH TO THE PROPER SIZE.

YMAX	YMIN	XMAX	XMIN	YLGTH	XLGTH	FAC
0.16770D 02	-0.86997D 01	0.15286D 02	-0.17432D 01	0.25465D 02	0.17029D 02	0.23558D 01

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