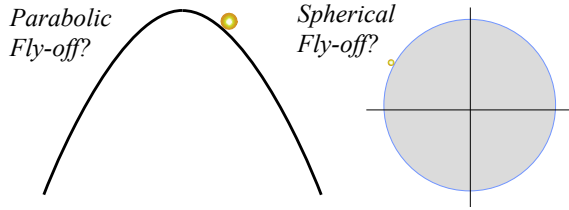


Assignment 10 Oct. 31,2017 Exercises due Tue. Nov. 7 Constrained motion theory in Unit 3 Ch.9 and Lect.19

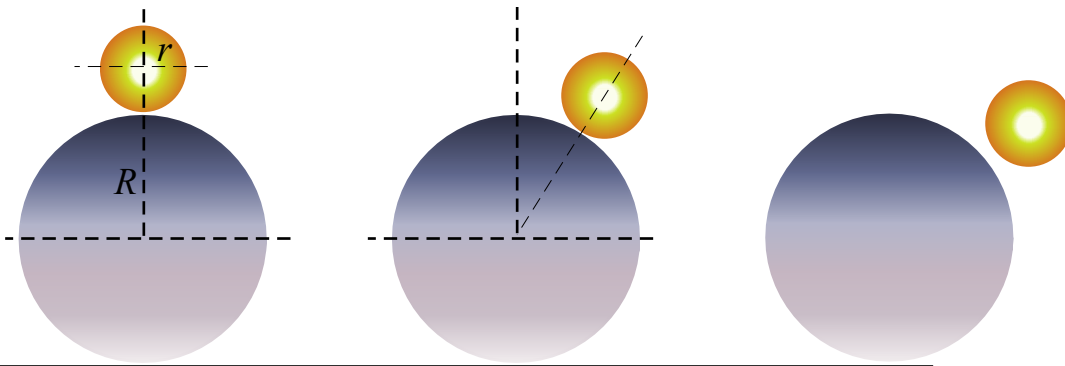


Parabolic Fly-off vs. Spherical Fly-Off

**Ex.1.** The frictionless constraint problem with mass  $m$  trapped in a parabolic well is shown to be an anharmonic oscillator in Sec. 3.9. Consider how  $m$  on a barrier might fall off under gravity  $g=10m\cdot s^{-2}$ .

**(a)** Suppose an inverted parabolic road  $y=-\frac{1}{2}kx^2$  with  $m$  starting with near-zero  $v(0)$  at  $x=0$  on top. Show whether there are  $x_{fly}$ ,  $y_{fly}$ , and  $v_{fly}$  values where the mass  $m$  would fly off the road. Analyze and discuss.

**(b)** Do a similar analysis for a particle on a sphere of radius  $R$ . Compare to parabolic result of **(a)**.



“Easy as rolling off a log”

**Ex.2.** A ball of radius  $r$  and mass  $m=1kg$  starting at the top of a fixed log of radius  $R$  and begins rolling down it. Assuming the sphere rolls without slipping calculate the angle from vertical where it last contacts the log.

Give algebraic answers first. Then try  $R=20cm$  and  $r=1cm$  with  $g=10m\cdot s^{-2}$ , and then try  $R=1cm$  and  $r=20cm$ .

Compare these answers with each other and with those involving sliding particles in exercise **1(b)**.

*Xtra credit:* For a given coefficient  $\mu_s$  of stiction, find angle  $\Theta_{slid}$  where rolling ball starts sliding.

Even more scary roller coasters

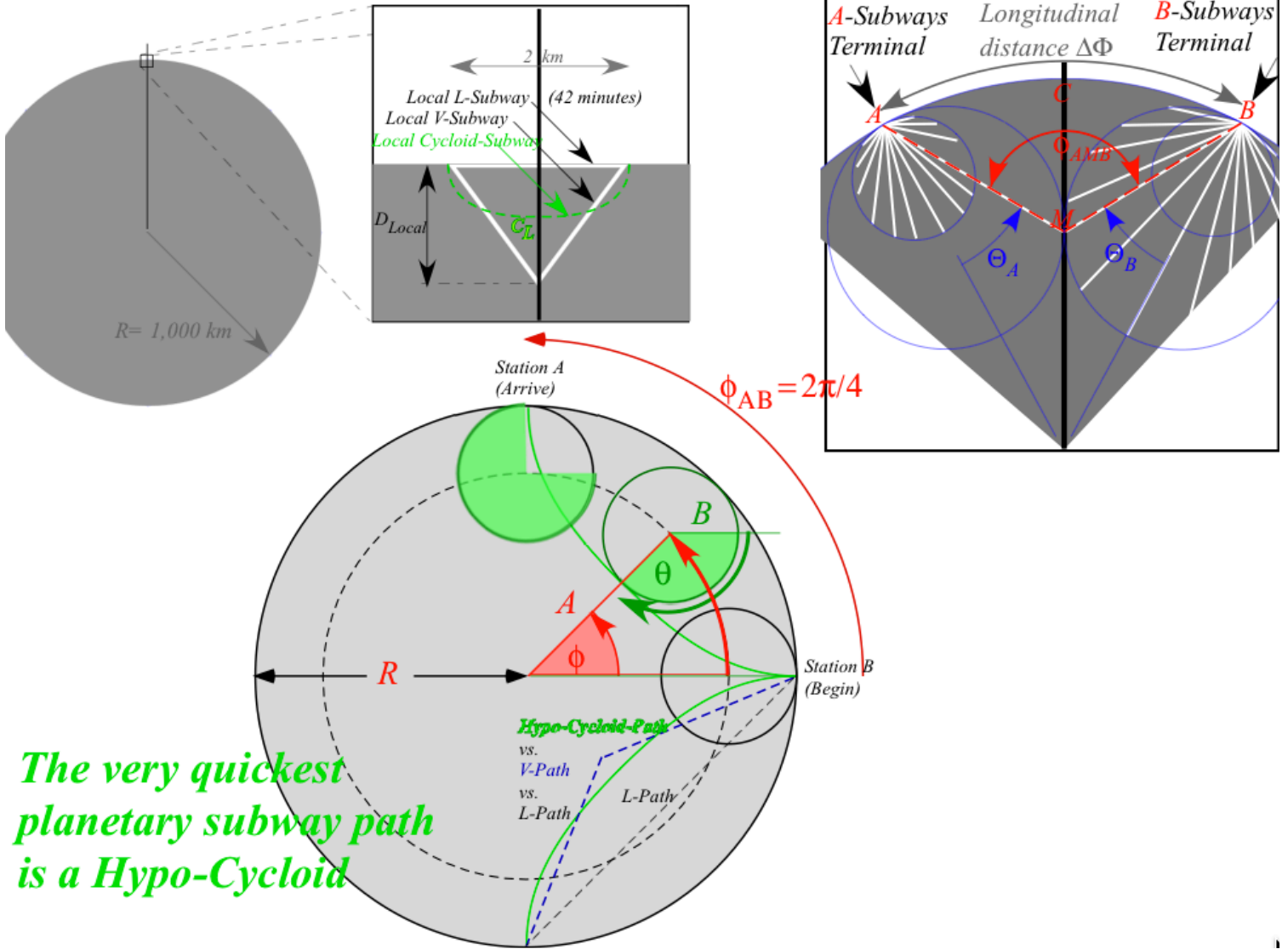
**Ex.3.** Sophomore Physics Earth (SPE) subways and scary cycloidal coasters are now rising from their graves (Assignments 6 and 9) with ghostly problems involving hypo-cycloids and hyper-cycloids (See attached figures).

**(a)** First review the geometry of the optimal V-subway for a given longitudinal  $\Delta\Phi$  separation angle and show to construct it simply by ruler and compass. Describe finding V and “kiss-arcs” for angle  $\Delta\Phi=30^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ$ , and  $120^\circ$ .

**(b)** Derive a formula for a hypo-cycloid made by a circle of radius  $r$  rolling inside a circle of radius  $R$  of an SPE. Attached figures may serve as a guide. Sketch resulting hypo-cycloid over optimal V for angles  $\Delta\Phi$  in (b).

**(c)** Derive the equation motion for the subway that would follow an  $(r;R)$ -hypo-cycloid assuming initial and final velocity is zero at both initial and final points. Give simple formula for angular rates  $\dot{\theta}$  and  $\dot{\phi}$  in terms of fundamental angular frequency  $\omega_\oplus$  of SPE. Compare 1-way travel times  $\tau_\oplus/2=\pi/\omega_\oplus$  to the SPE time of 42min.

*(d) Extra credit and possible AJP project.* Discuss the dynamics of hyper-cycloidal constraint paths under a repulsive SPE IHO potential such as might result for a very rapidly rotating SPE. Would Coriolis accelerations alter the periods?



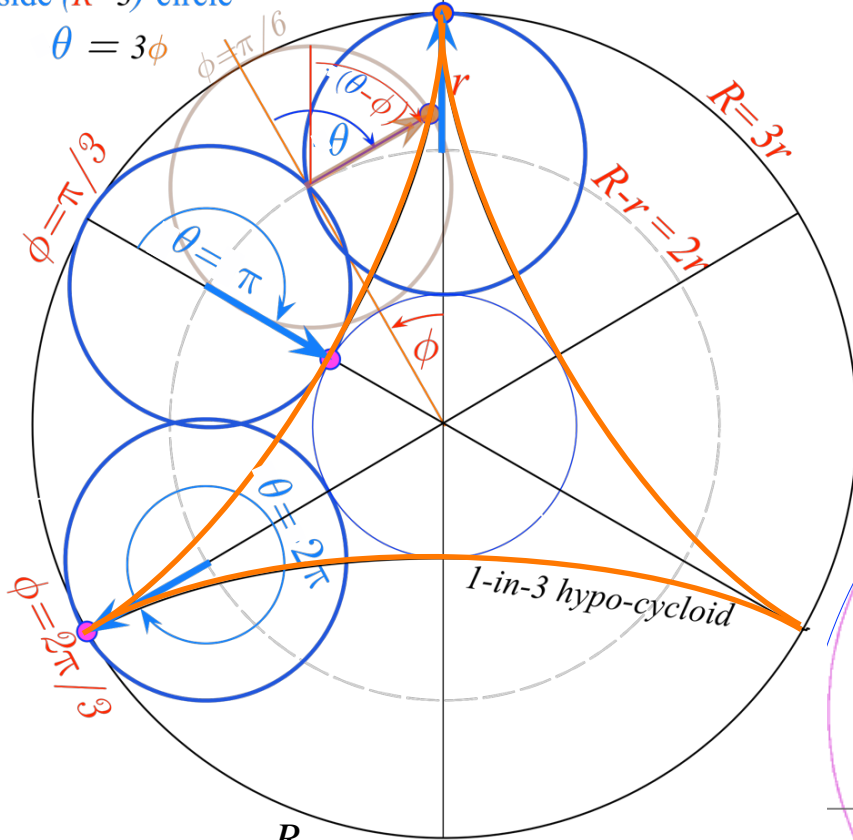
*The very quickest planetary subway path is a Hypo-Cycloid*

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$$\theta \cdot r = \phi \cdot R$$

( $r=1$ )-circle rolling inside ( $R=3$ )-circle

$$\theta = 3\phi$$

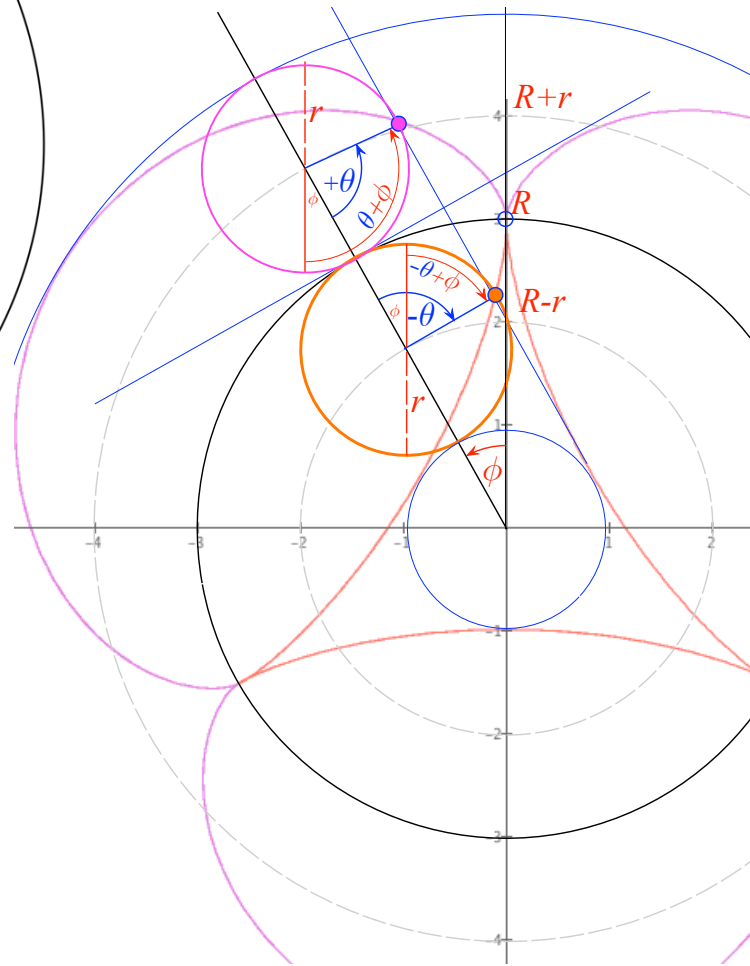


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$$\theta r = R\phi \text{ or: } \theta = \frac{R}{r}\phi$$

