

Lecture 27

Fri. 12.04.2015

Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb Orbital Dynamics

(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5 12.05.15)

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Eccentricity vector ϵ and (ϵ, λ) geometry of orbital mechanics

Isotropic field $V=V(r)$ guarantees conservation *angular momentum vector \mathbf{L}*

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = m \mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}$$

(Review of Lect. 26)

Coulomb $V=-k/r$ also conserves *eccentricity vector ϵ*

$$\epsilon = \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}}{km} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \times (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p})}{km}$$

$\mathbf{A} = km \cdot \epsilon$ is known as the *Laplace-Hamilton-Gibbs-Runge-Lenz vector*. Generate symmetry groups: $U(2) \subset U(2)$ or: $R(3) \subset R(3) \times R(3) \subset O(4)$

Consider dot product of ϵ with a radial vector \mathbf{r} :

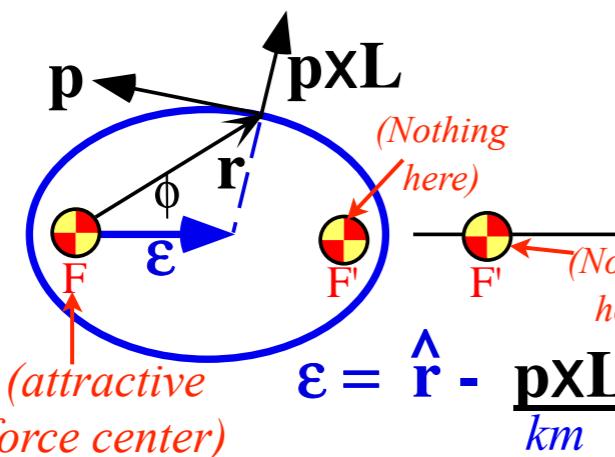
$$\epsilon \cdot \mathbf{r} = \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r} - \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}}{km} = r - \frac{\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{L}}{km} = r - \frac{\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L}}{km}$$

Let angle ϕ be angle between ϵ and radial vector \mathbf{r}

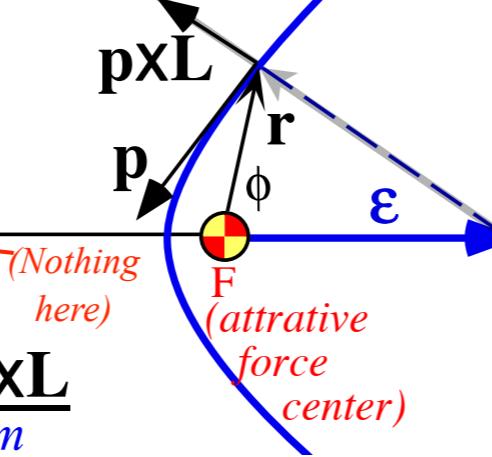
$$\epsilon r \cos \phi = r - \frac{L^2}{km} \quad \text{or: } r = \frac{L^2/km}{1 - \epsilon \cos \phi}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = L^2/km \text{ that matches: } r = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \epsilon \cos \phi} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda}{1 - \epsilon} & \text{if: } \phi = 0 \text{ apogee} \\ \lambda & \text{if: } \phi = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ zenith} \\ \frac{\lambda}{1 + \epsilon} & \text{if: } \phi = \pi \text{ perigee} \end{cases}$$

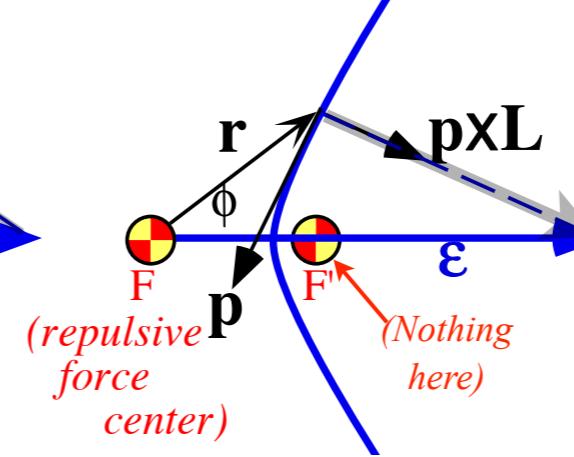
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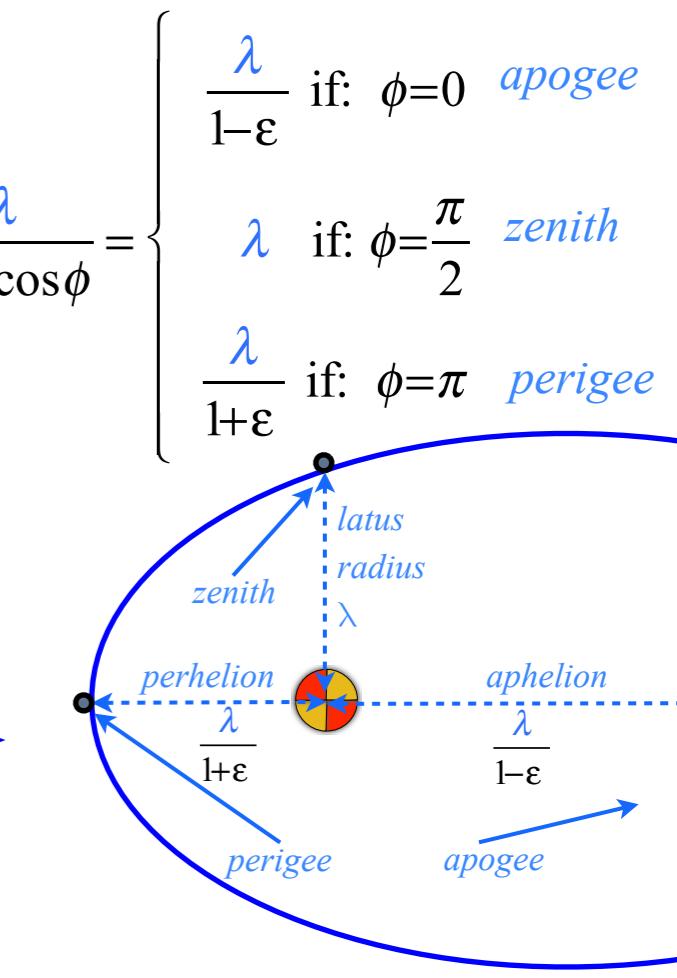


(c) Repulsive ($k<0$)
Hyperbolic ($E>0$)



...or of ϵ with momentum vector \mathbf{p} :

$$\epsilon \cdot \mathbf{p} = \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}}{km} = \mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = p_r$$



(From Lecture 26 p. 48) *Geometry of Coulomb orbits (Let: $r = \rho$ here)*

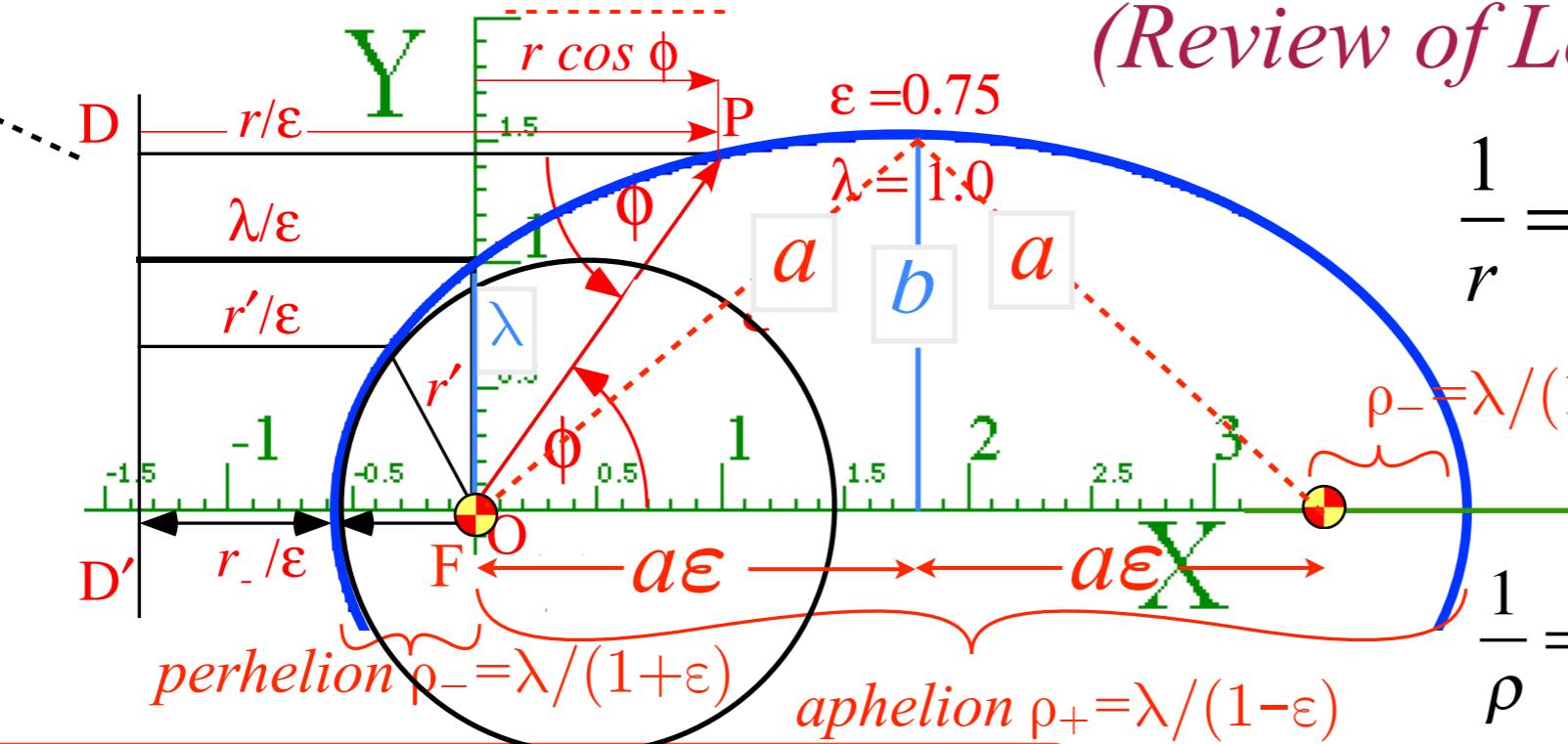
$$r/\varepsilon = \lambda/\varepsilon + r \cos \phi$$

$$r = \lambda + r \varepsilon \cos \phi$$

$$r = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \varepsilon \cos \phi}$$

(Review of Lect. 25)

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1 - \varepsilon \cos \phi}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \cos \phi$$



$\rho_- = \lambda/(1+\varepsilon)$ perhelion

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{-k}{\mu^2/m} + \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 2E\mu^2/m}}{\mu^2/m} \cos \phi$$

All conics defined by:

Defining eccentricity ε

Distance to Focal-point = $\varepsilon \cdot$ Distance to Directrix-line

Major axis: $\rho_+ + \rho_- = 2a$

$$\rho_+ + \rho_- = [\lambda(1+\varepsilon) + \lambda(1-\varepsilon)] / (1-\varepsilon^2) = 2\lambda / |1-\varepsilon^2|$$

Focal axis: $\rho_+ - \rho_- = 2a\varepsilon$

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Minor radius: $b = \sqrt{(a^2 - a^2\varepsilon^2)} = \sqrt{(a\lambda)}$ (ellipse: $\varepsilon < 1$)

Minor radius: $b = \sqrt{(a^2\varepsilon^2 - a^2)} = \sqrt{(\lambda a)}$ (hyperb: $\varepsilon > 1$)

(x,y) parameters	physical constants	(r,ϕ) parameters
$a = \frac{k}{2E}$	$E = \frac{k}{2a}$	$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{k^2 m + 2L^2 E}{k^2 m}} = \sqrt{1 \pm \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$
$b = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2m E }}$	$L = \sqrt{km\lambda}$	$\lambda = \frac{L^2}{km} = \frac{b^2}{a}$

$$\varepsilon^2 = 1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2} \quad (\text{ellipse: } \varepsilon < 1) \quad \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}$$

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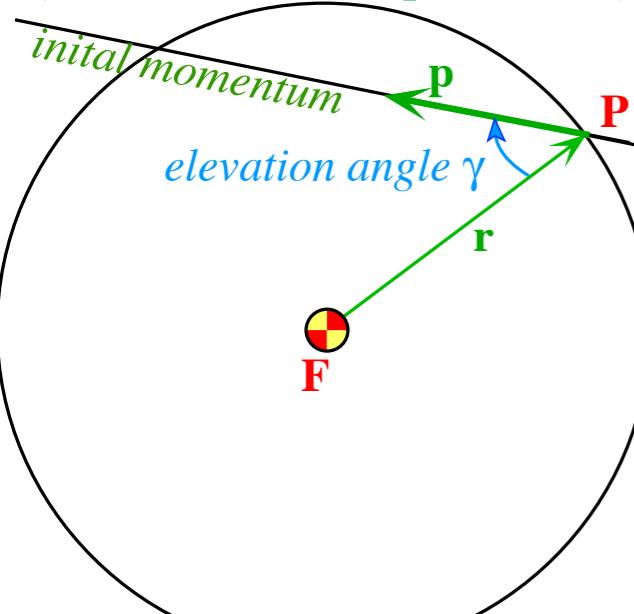
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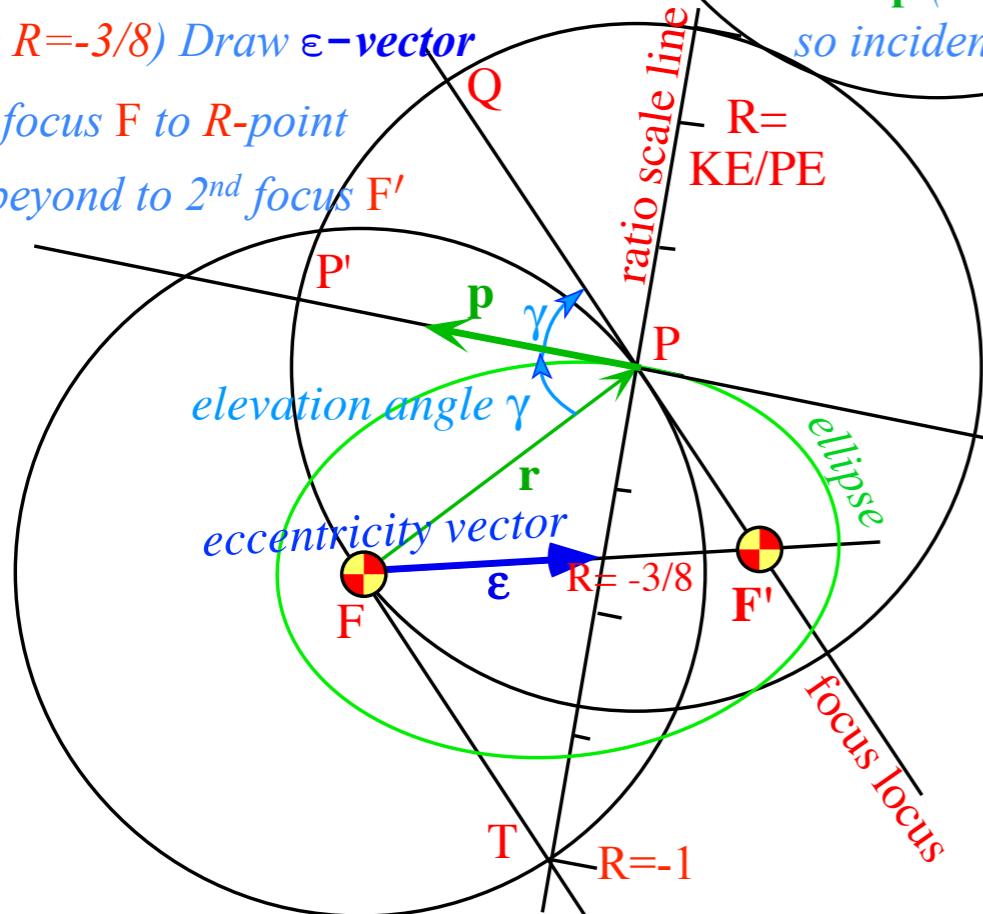
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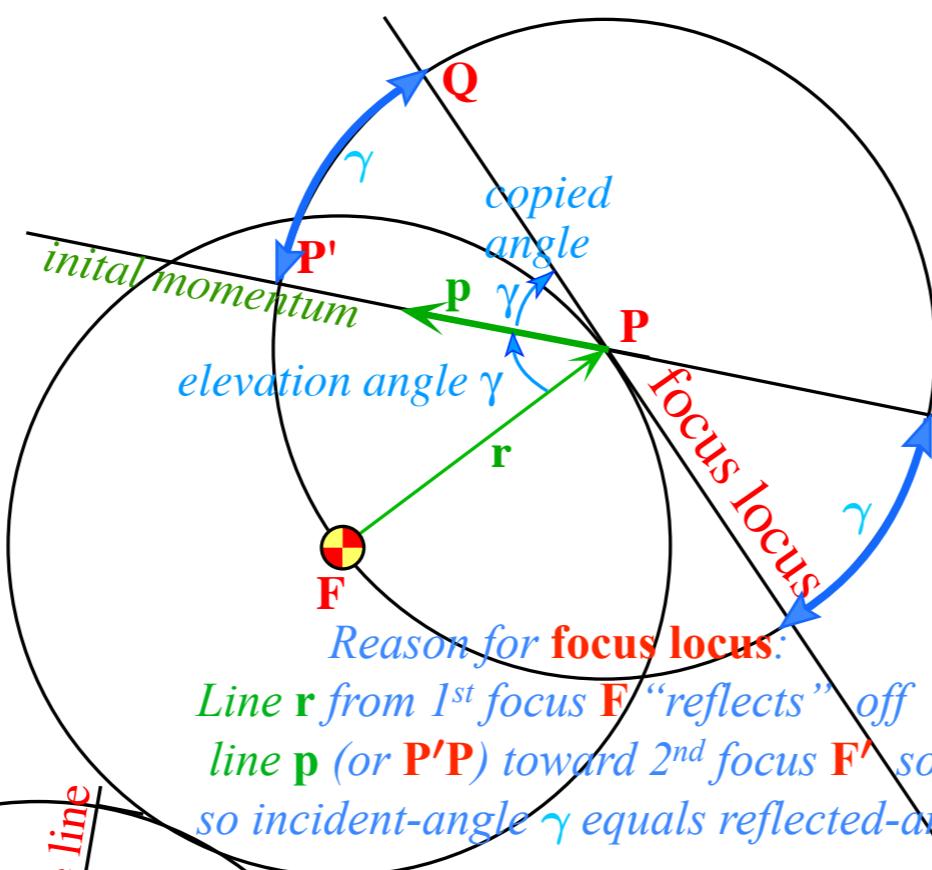
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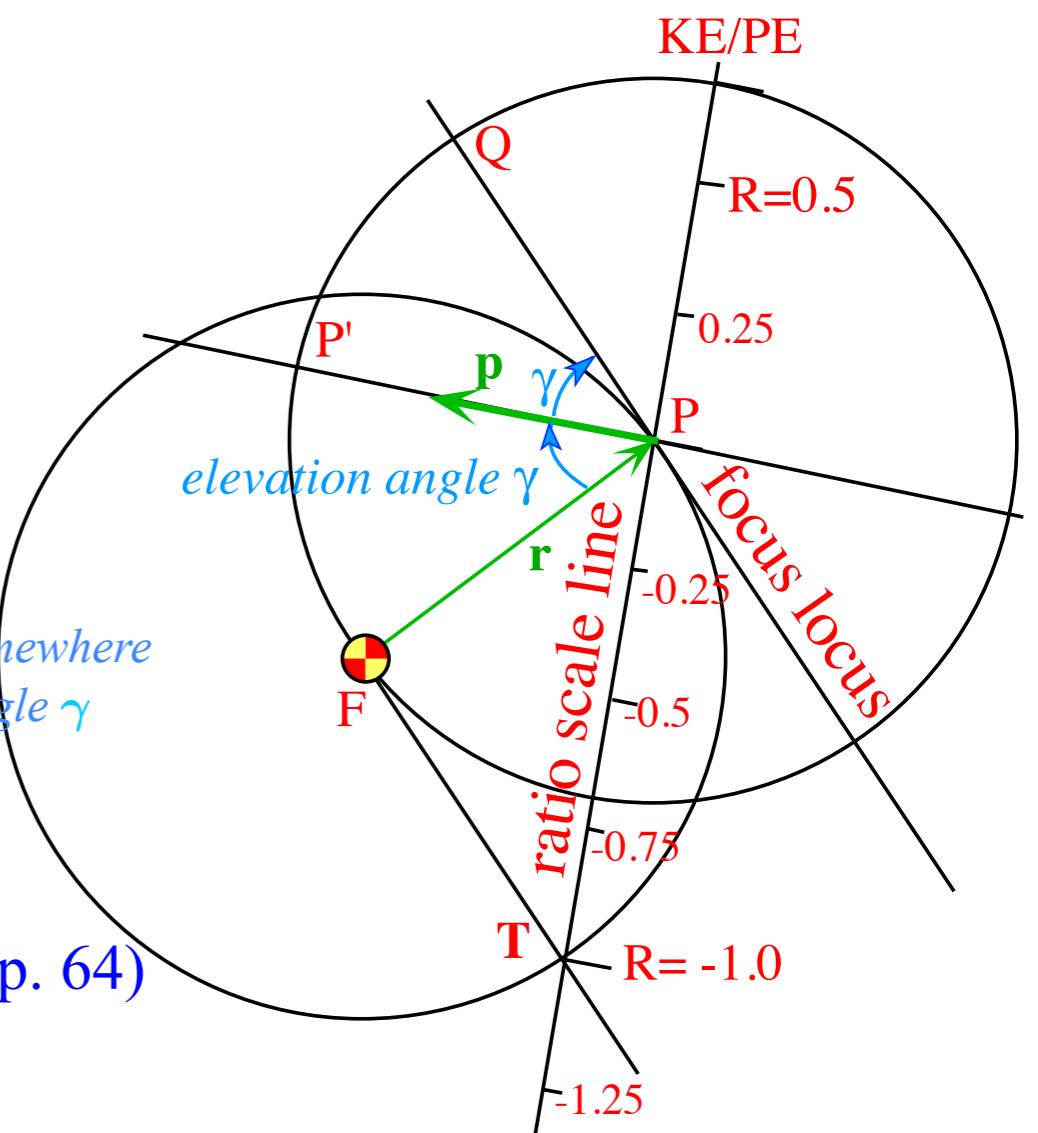
Pick initial $R=KE/PE$ value (here $R=-3/8$) Draw ϵ -vector from focus F to R -point and beyond to 2nd focus F'



Copy F -center circle around launch point P
Copy elevation angle γ ($\angle FPP'$) onto $\angle P'PQ$
Extend resulting line QPQ' to make focus locus



Copy double angle 2γ ($\angle FPQ$) onto $\angle PFT$
Extend $\angle PFT$ chord PT to make R -ratio scale line
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(From Lecture 26 p. 64)

focus F and 2nd focus F' allow final construction of orbital trajectory. Here it is an $R=-3/8$ ellipse.

(Detailed Analytic geometry of ϵ -vector follows.)

$$R = \frac{\text{Initial KE}}{\text{Initial PE}} = \frac{mv^2(0)/2}{-k/r(0)}$$

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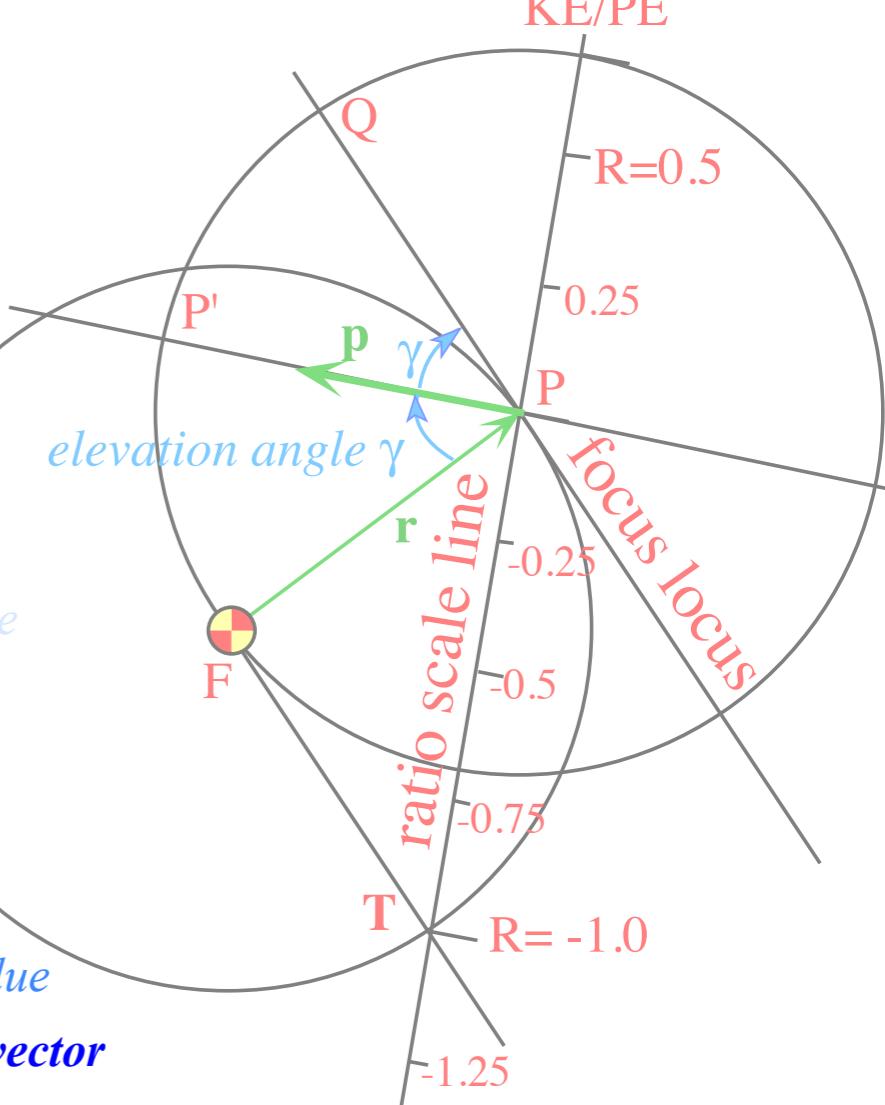
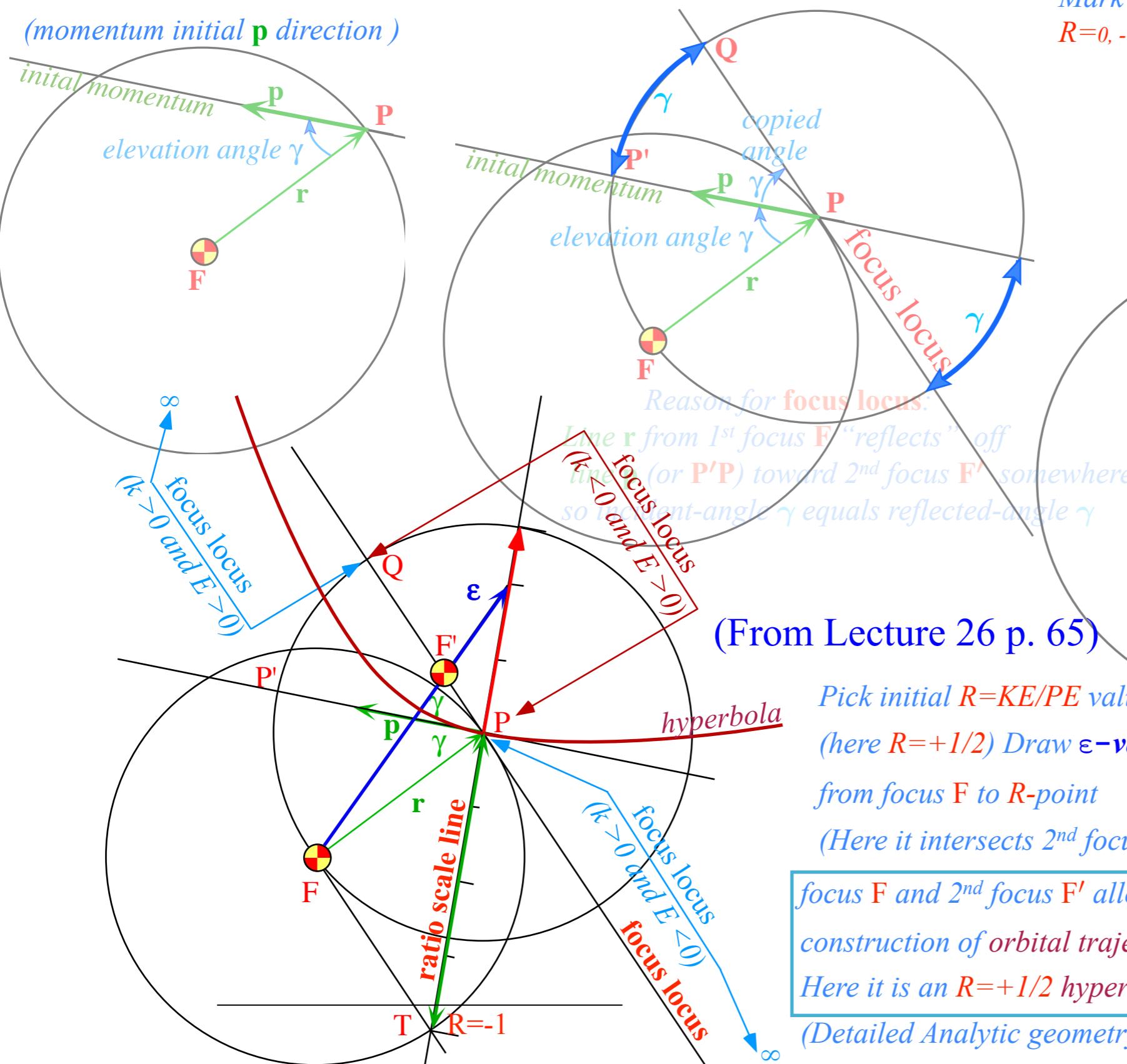
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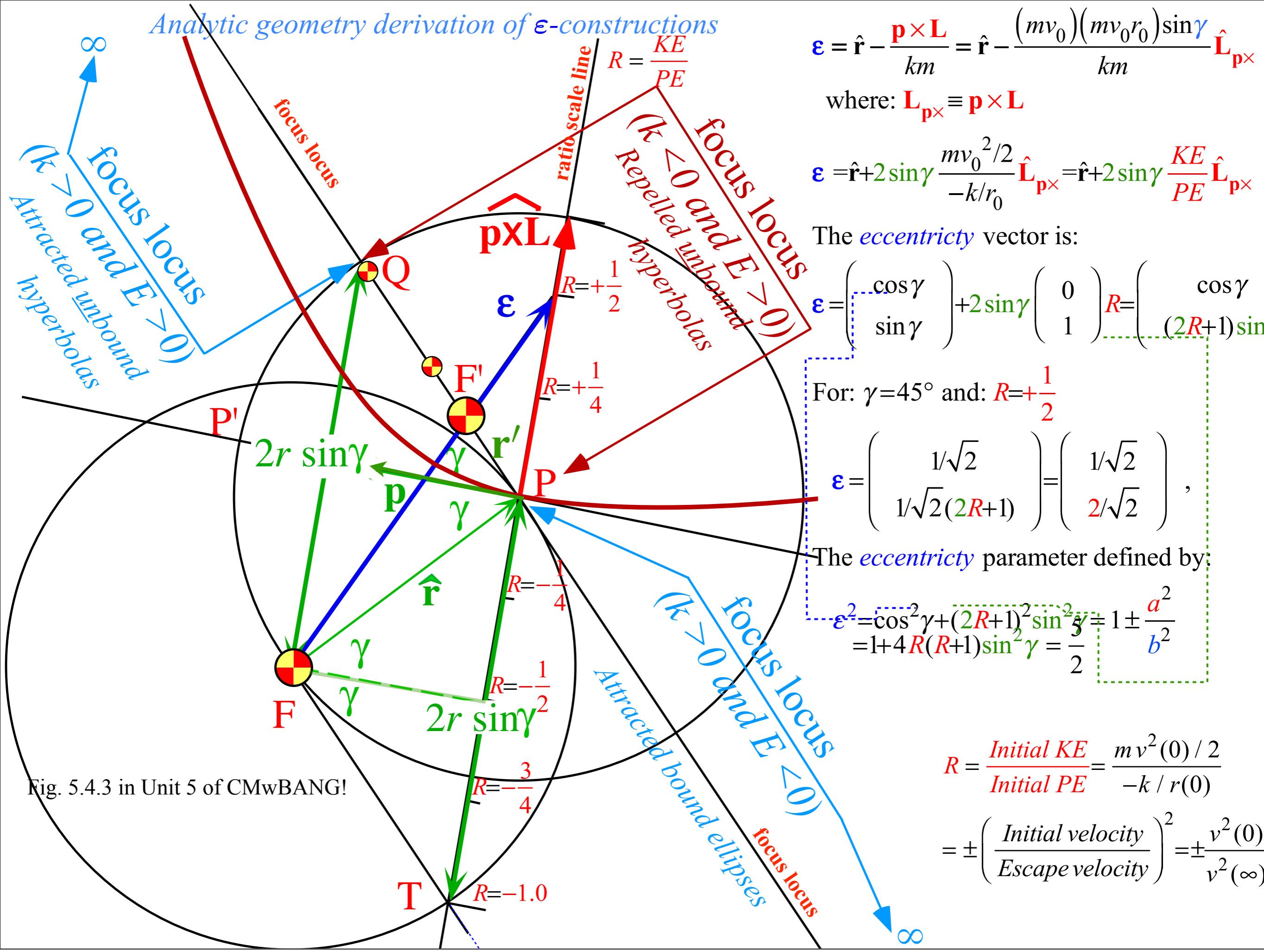
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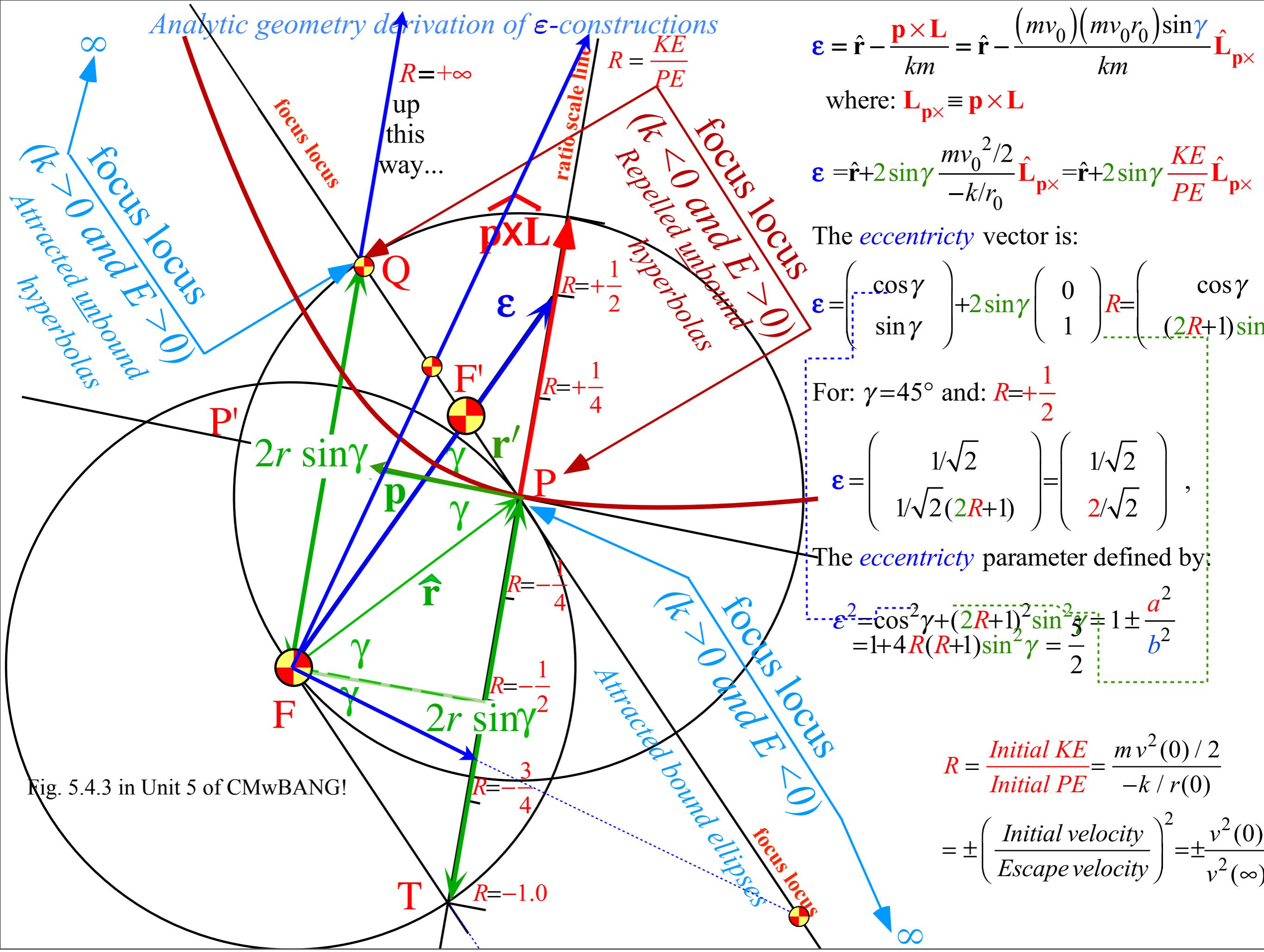
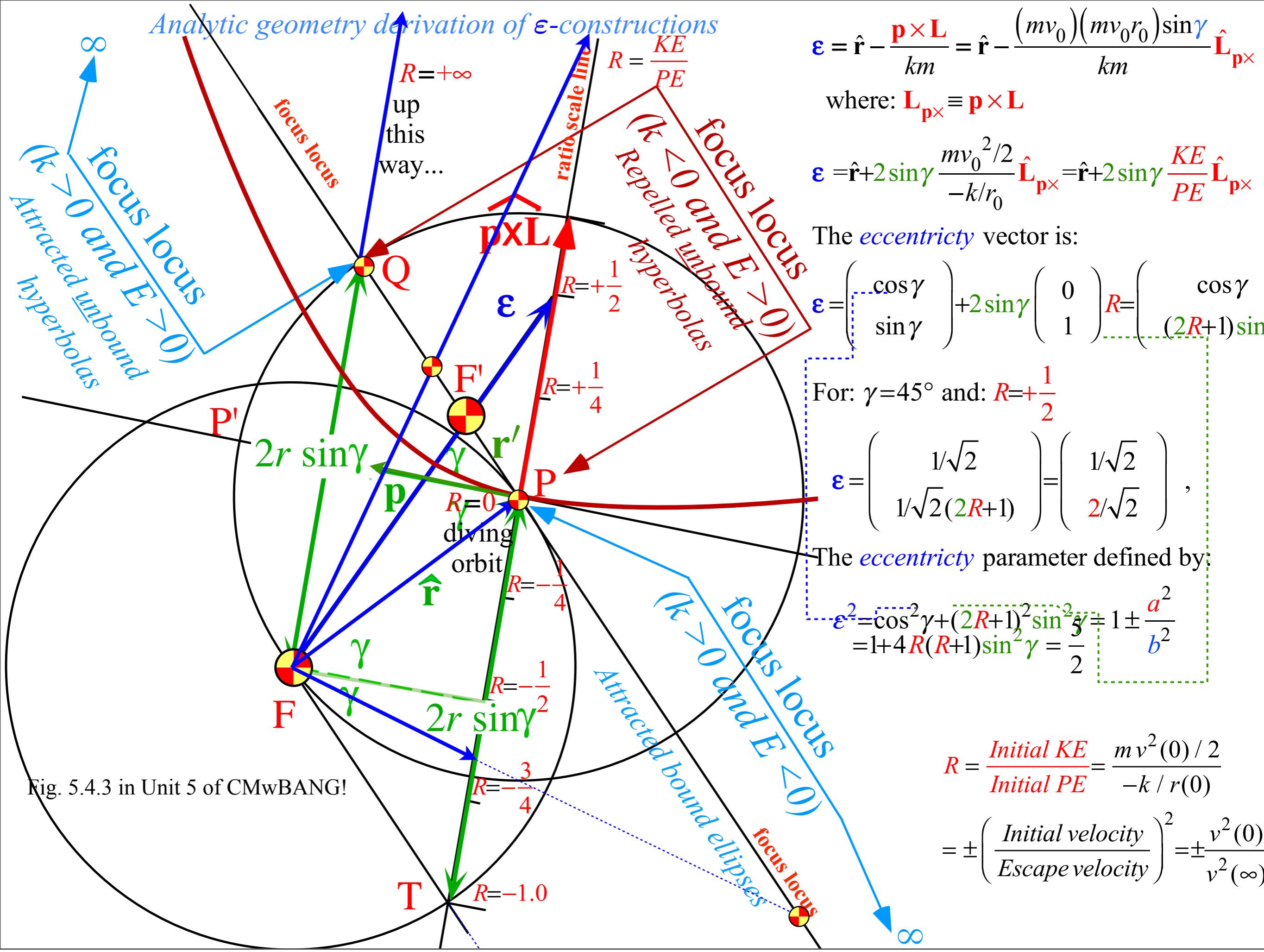
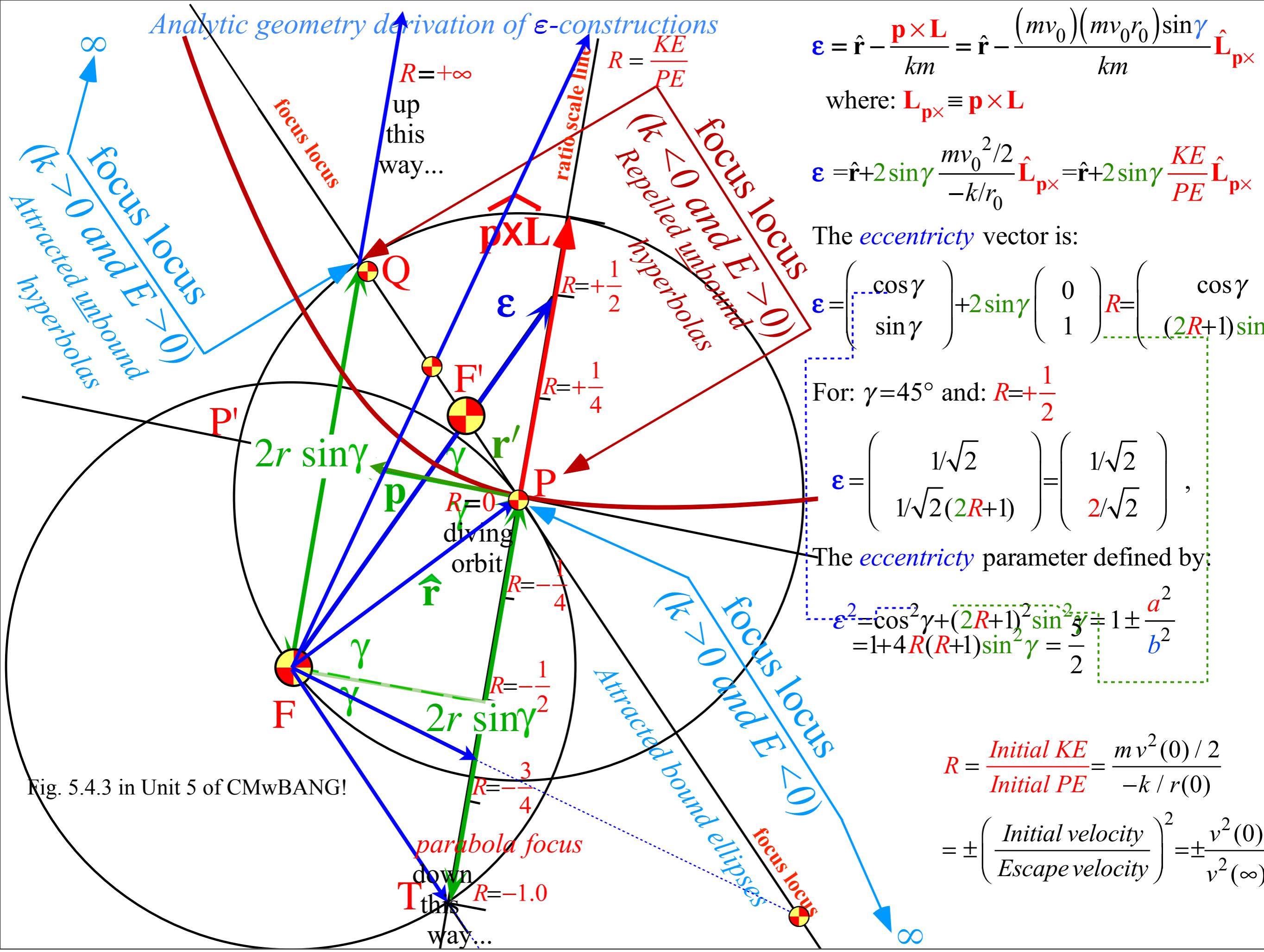


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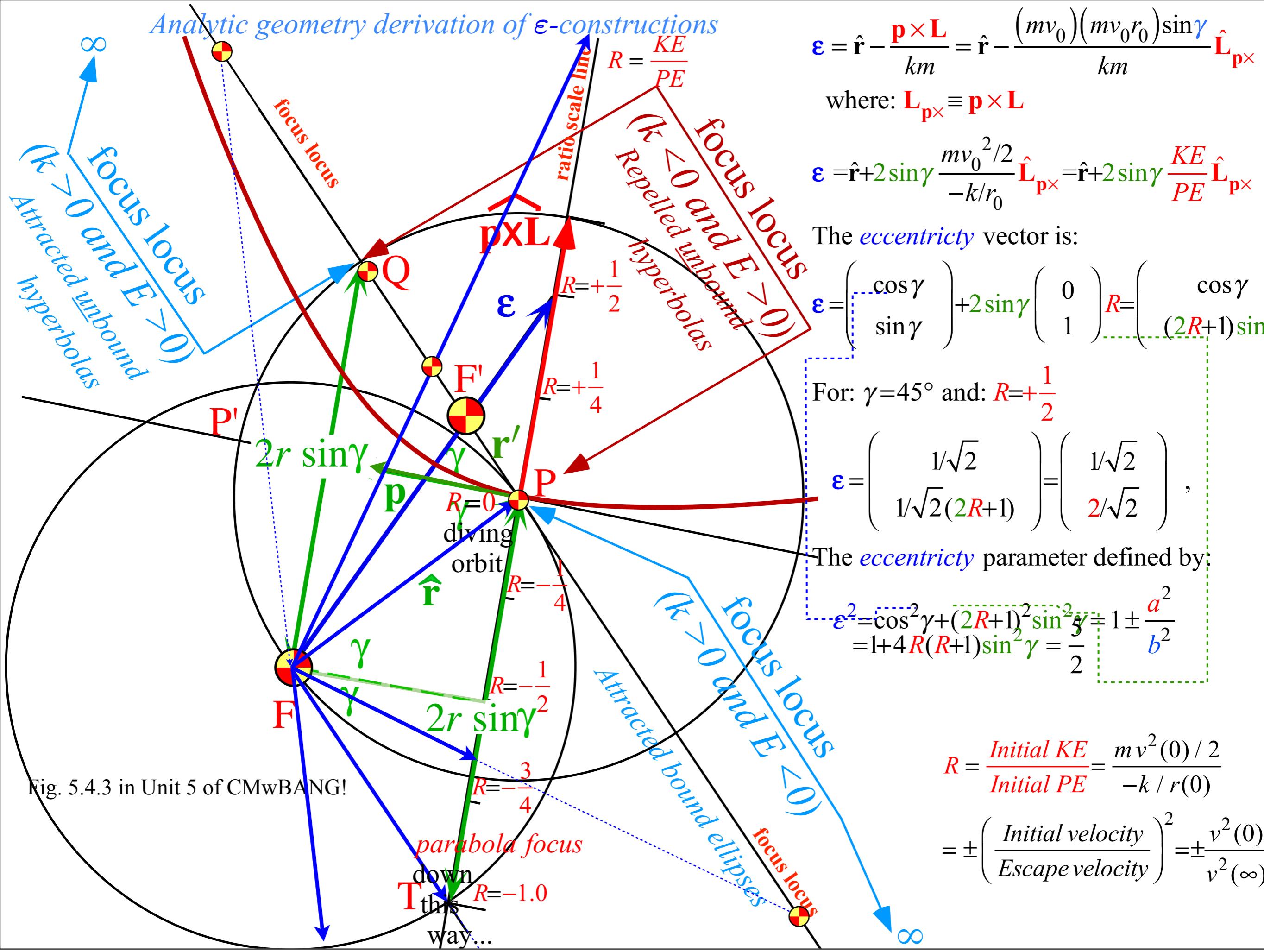
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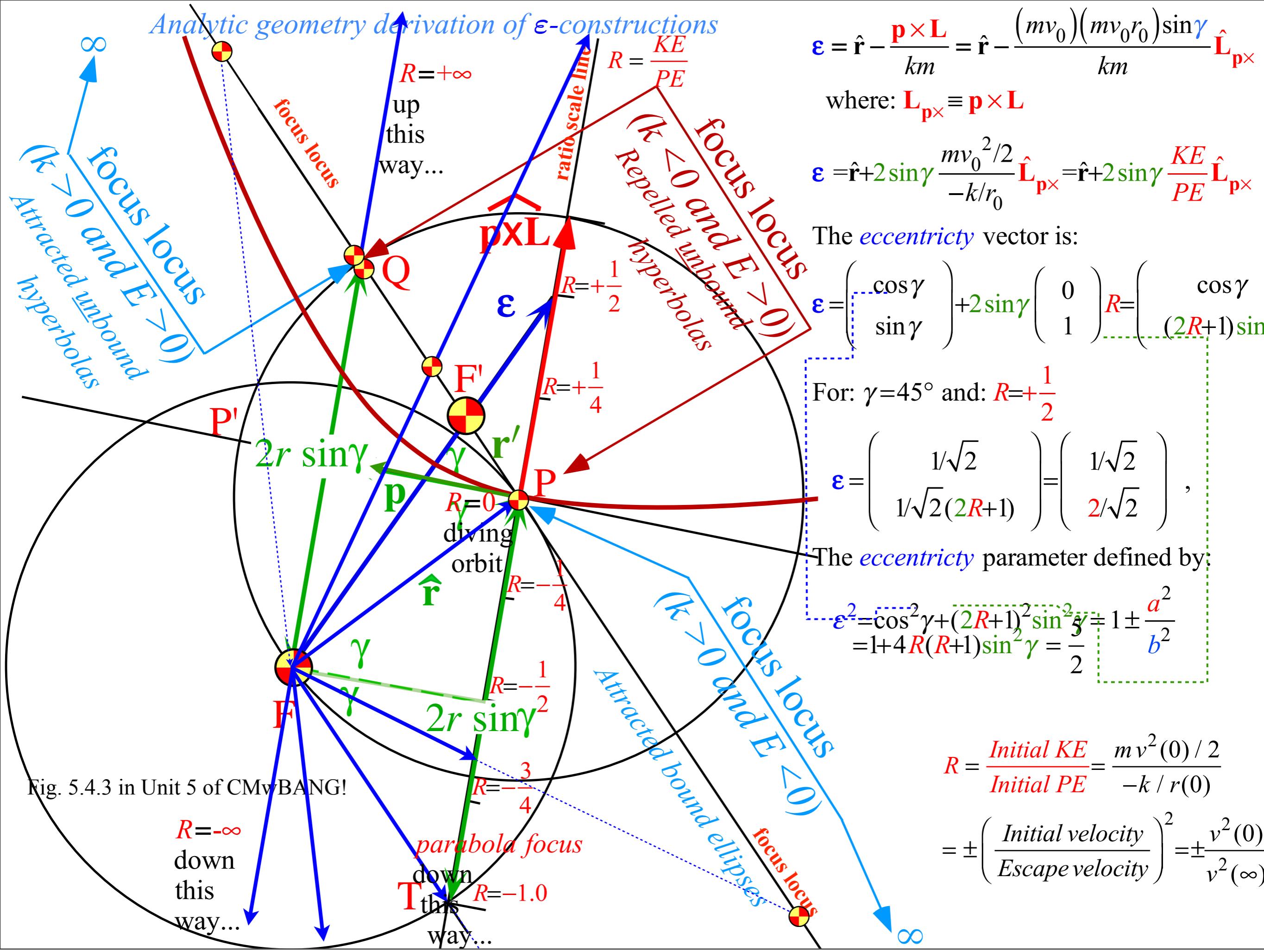
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Total $\frac{-k}{2a} = E = \text{energy} = KE + PE$ relates ratio $R = \frac{KE}{PE}$ to individual radii a, b , and λ .

$$\frac{-k}{2a} = E = KE + PE = R \cdot PE + PE = (R+1)PE = (R+1)\frac{-k}{r} \quad \text{or: } \frac{1}{2a} = (R+1)\frac{1}{r} = (R+1)$$

$$a = \frac{r}{2(R+1)} = \left(\frac{1}{2(R+1)} \text{ assuming unit initial radius } (r \equiv 1). \right)$$

$$4R(R+1)\sin^2\gamma = \mp \frac{b^2}{a^2} \quad \text{implies: } 2\sqrt{\mp R(R+1)}\sin\gamma = \frac{b}{a} \quad \text{or: } b = 2a\sqrt{\mp R(R+1)}\sin\gamma$$

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(Review of Lect. 26 p.107-108)

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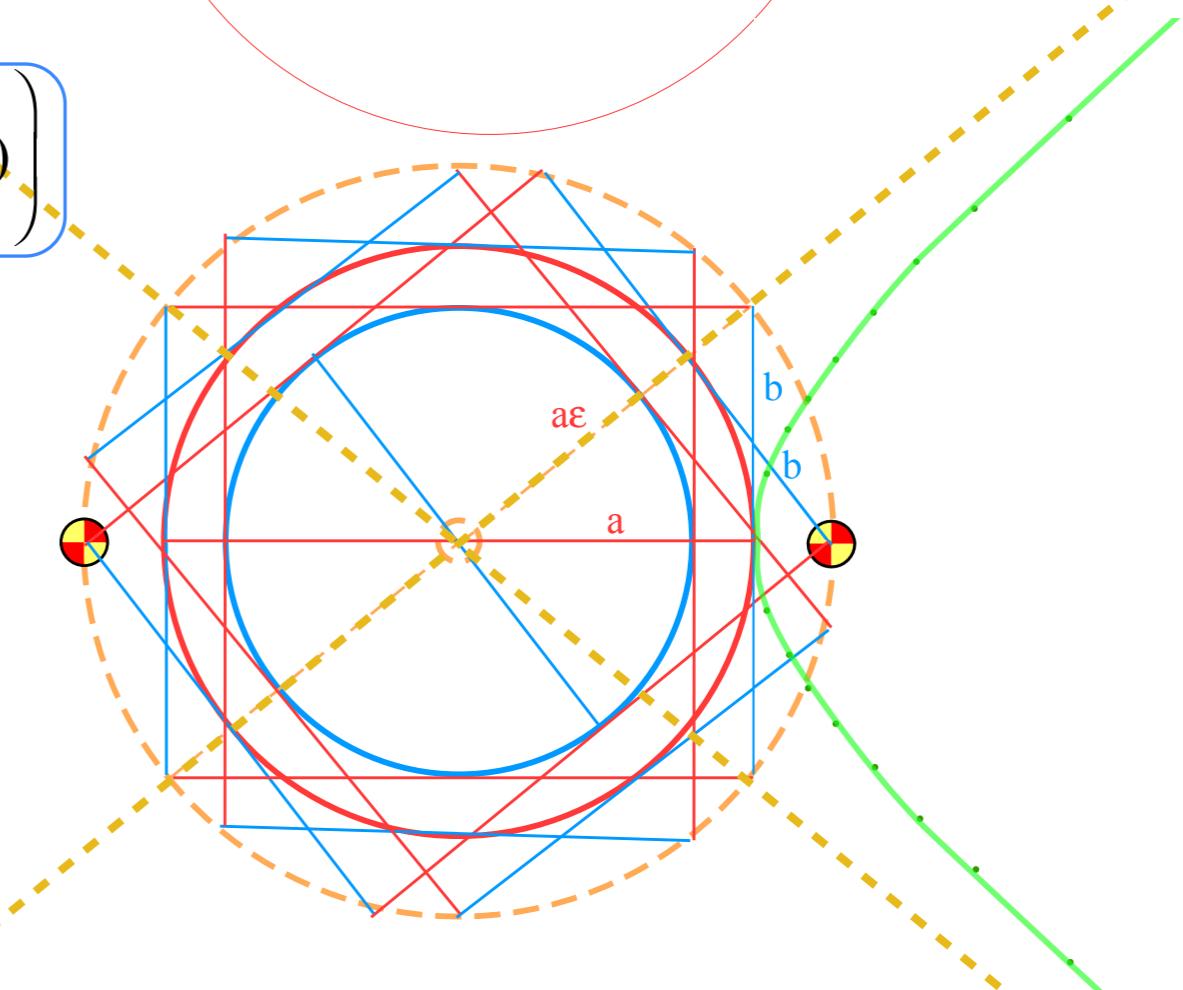
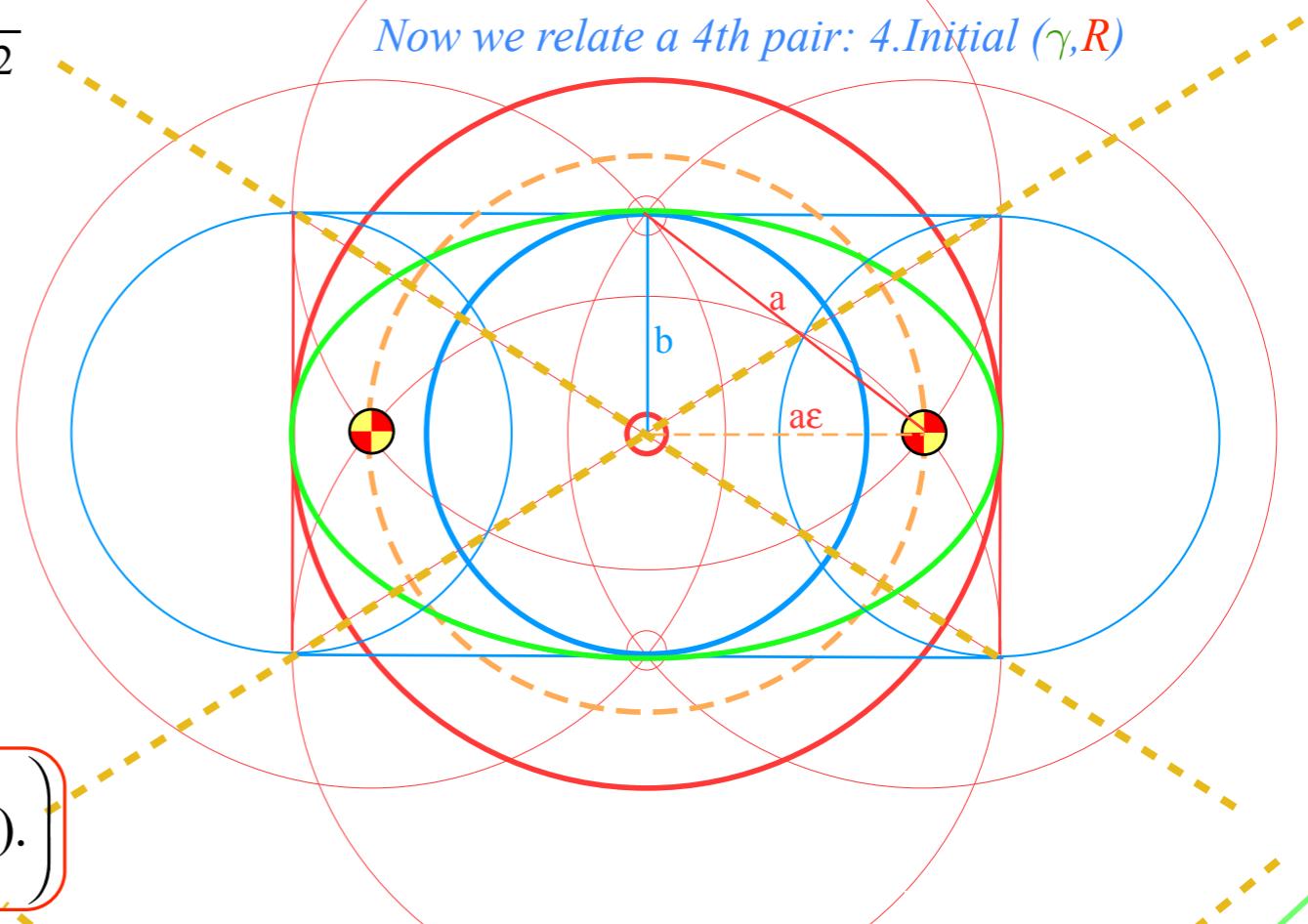
From ϵ^2 result (at top):

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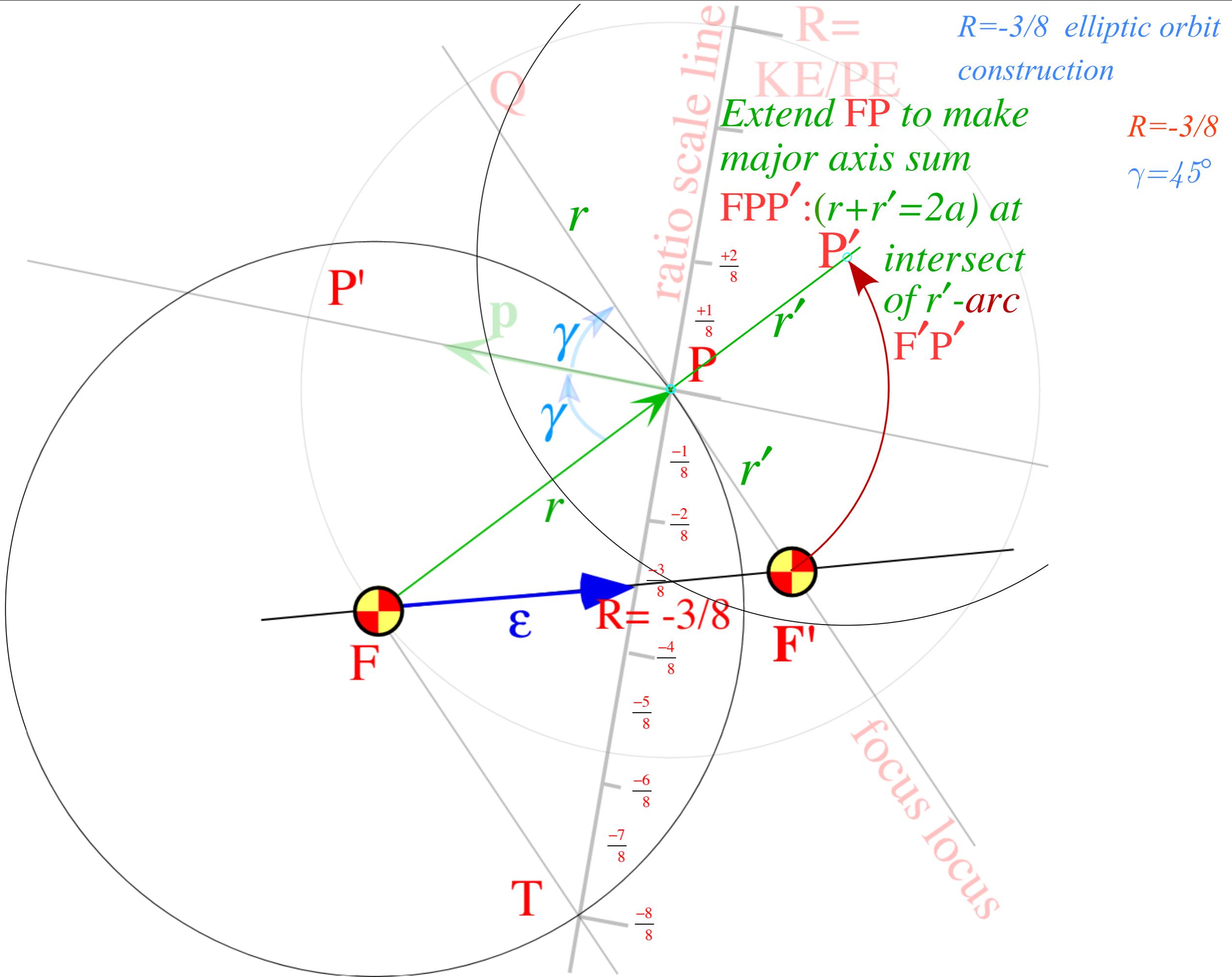
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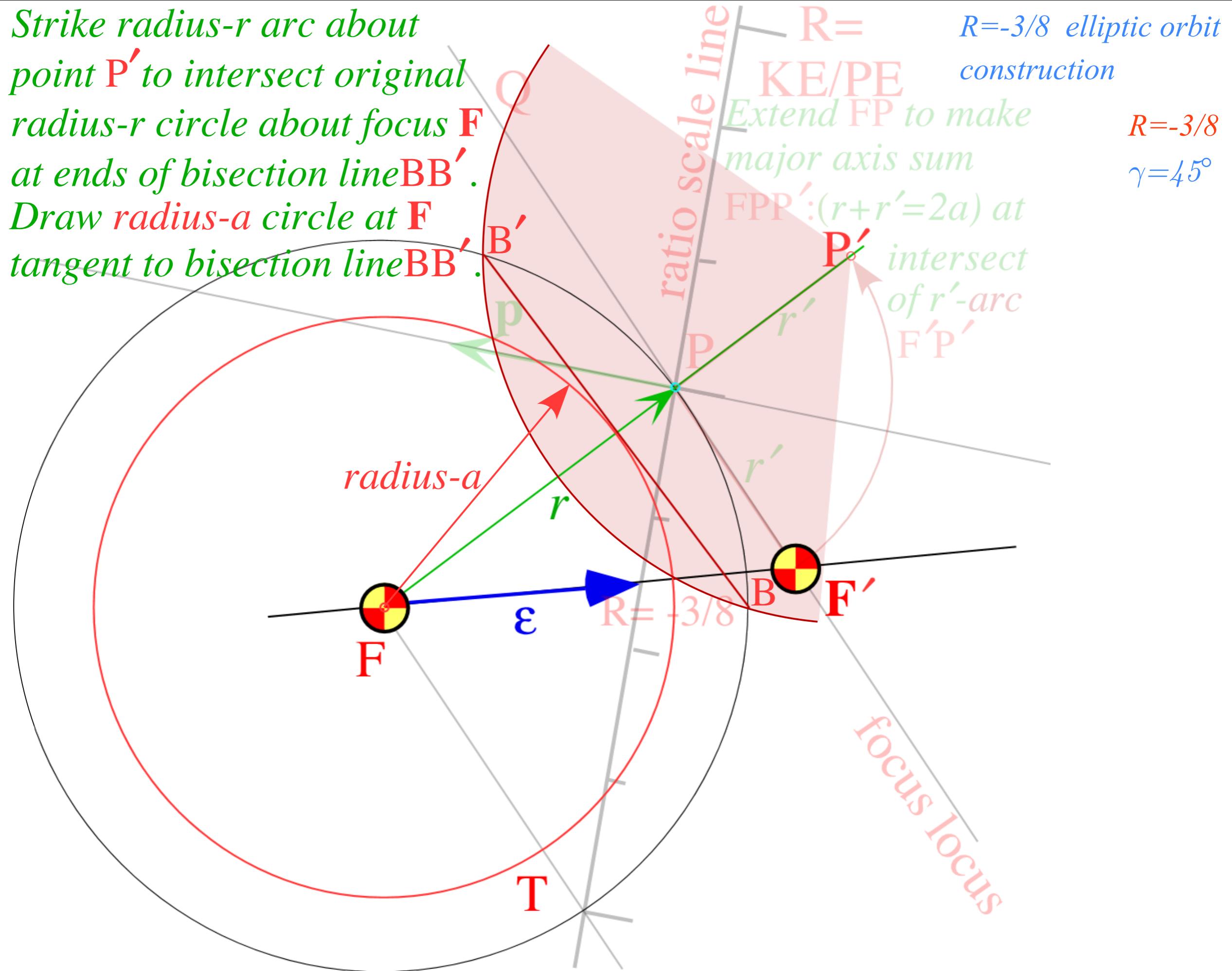
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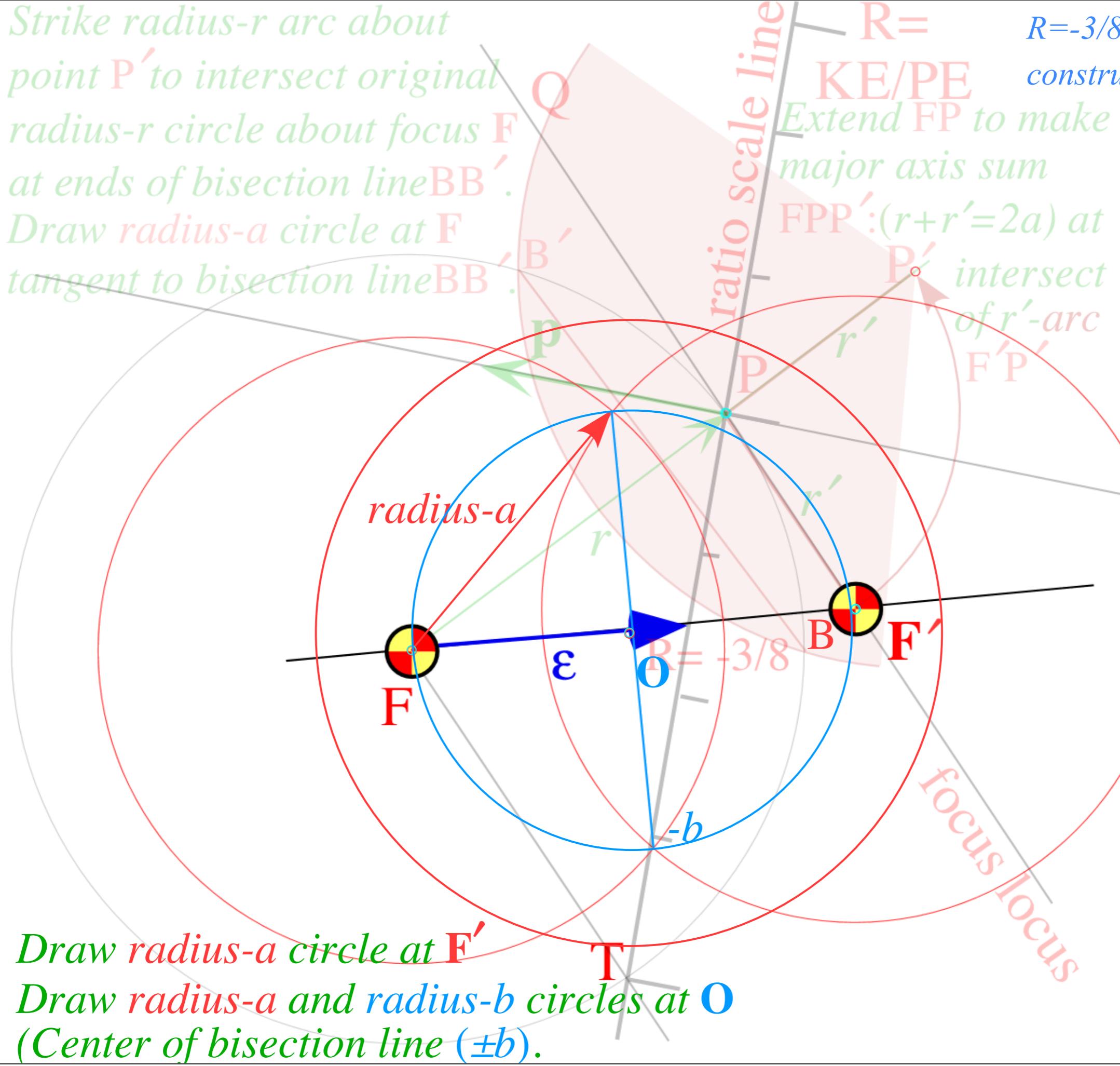
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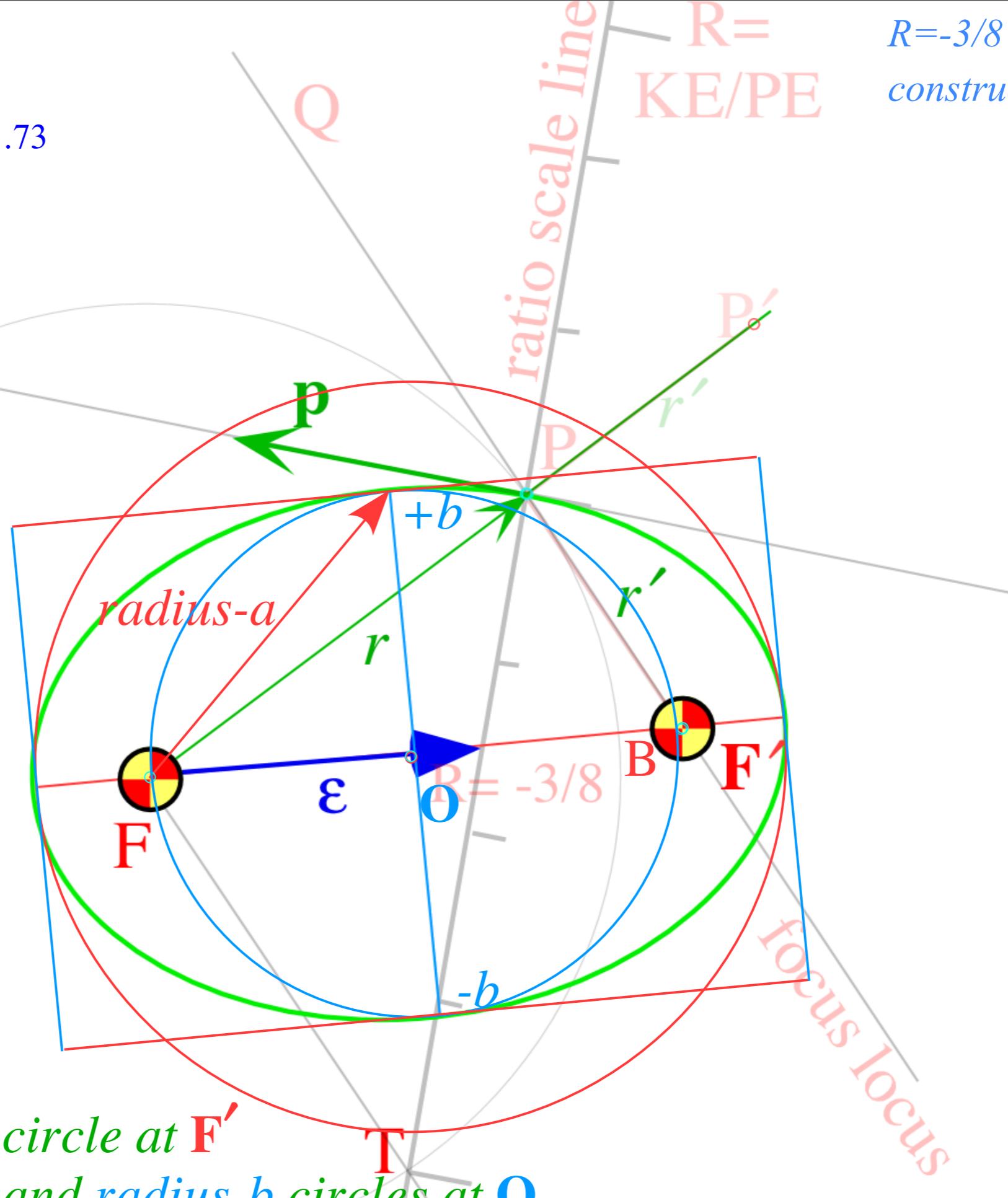
$$\epsilon = \sqrt{1 + 4R(R+1)\sin^2\gamma} = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{8} = .73$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2(R+1)} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$b = \sqrt{\frac{R}{R+1}} \sin\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}} = .54$$

$$\lambda = \frac{b^2}{a} = 2R \sin^2\gamma = \frac{3}{8} = .375$$

$$\frac{b}{a} = 2\sqrt{R(R+1)} \sin\gamma = \tan 34^\circ$$



Draw radius- a circle at F'

Draw radius- a and radius- b circles at O

(Center of bisection line ($\pm b$).) Do (a,b) -ellipse construction.

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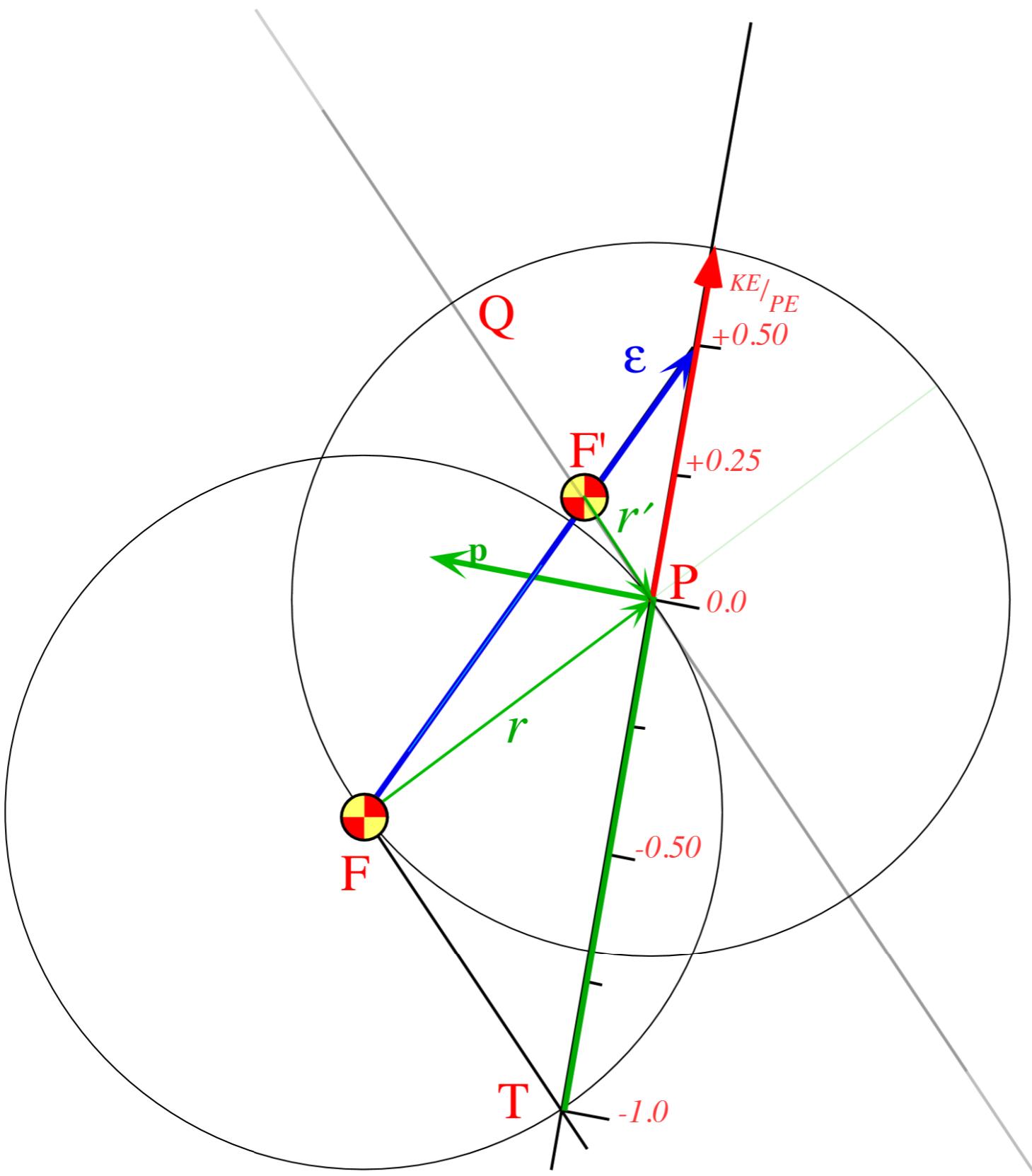
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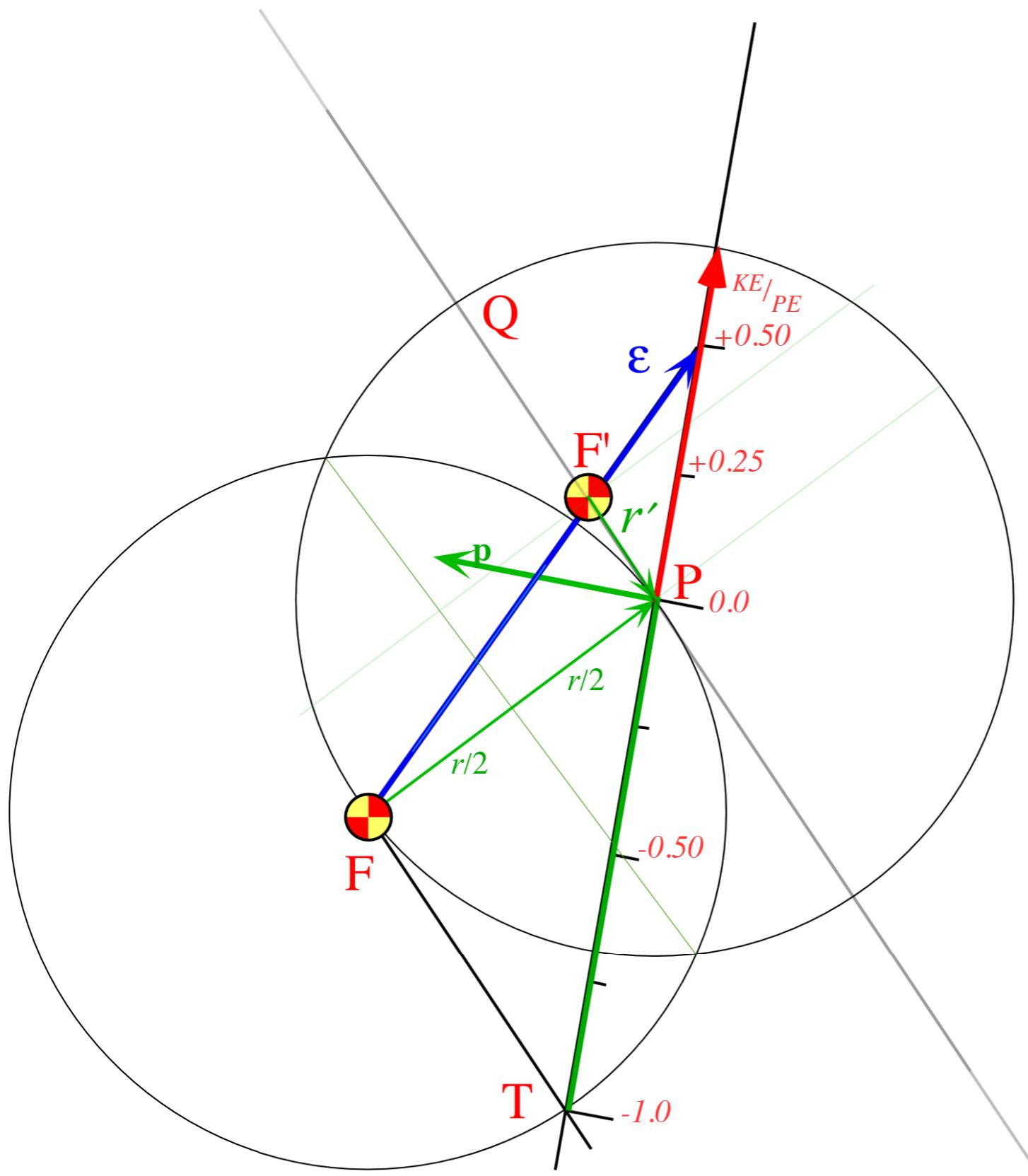


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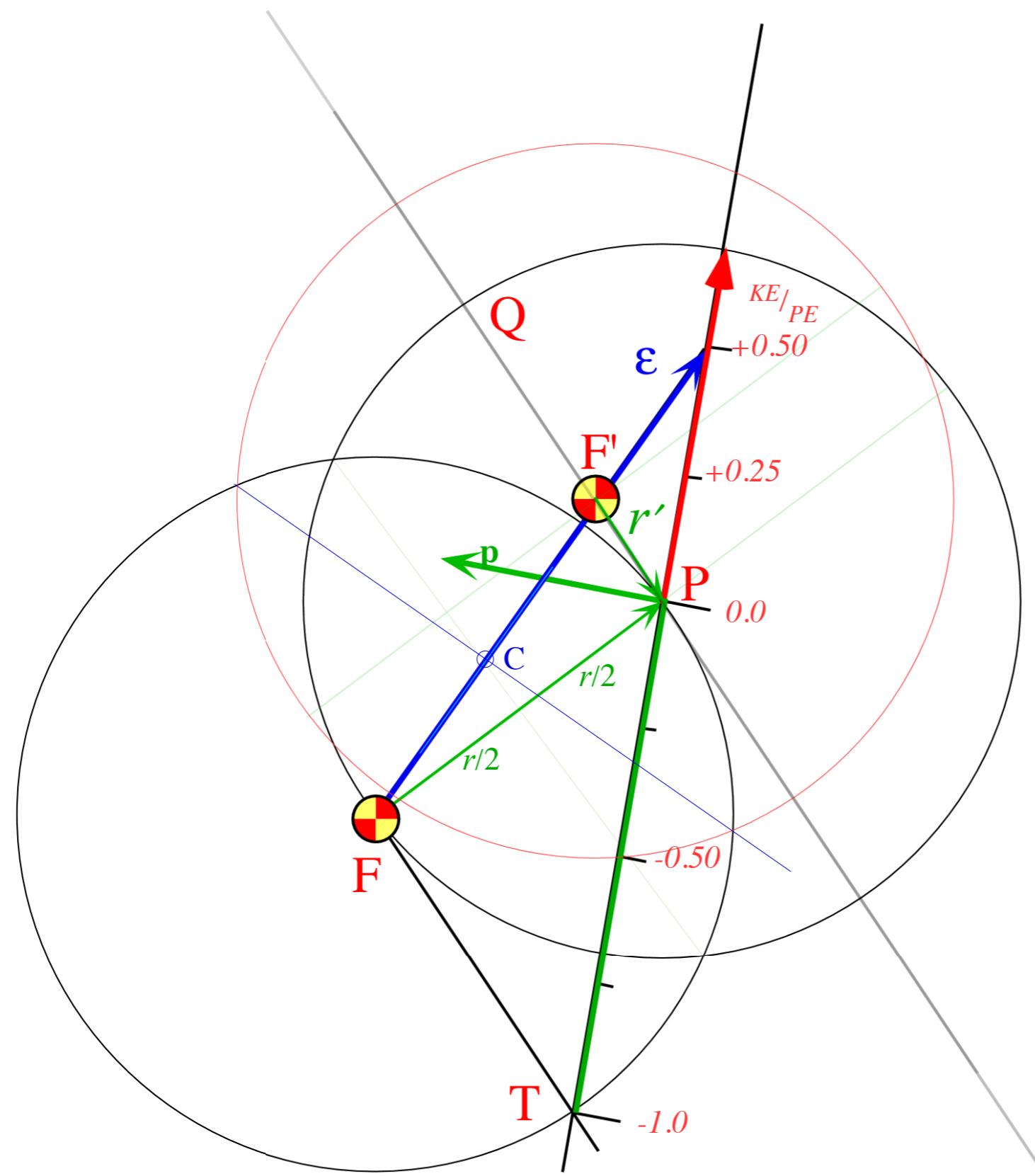
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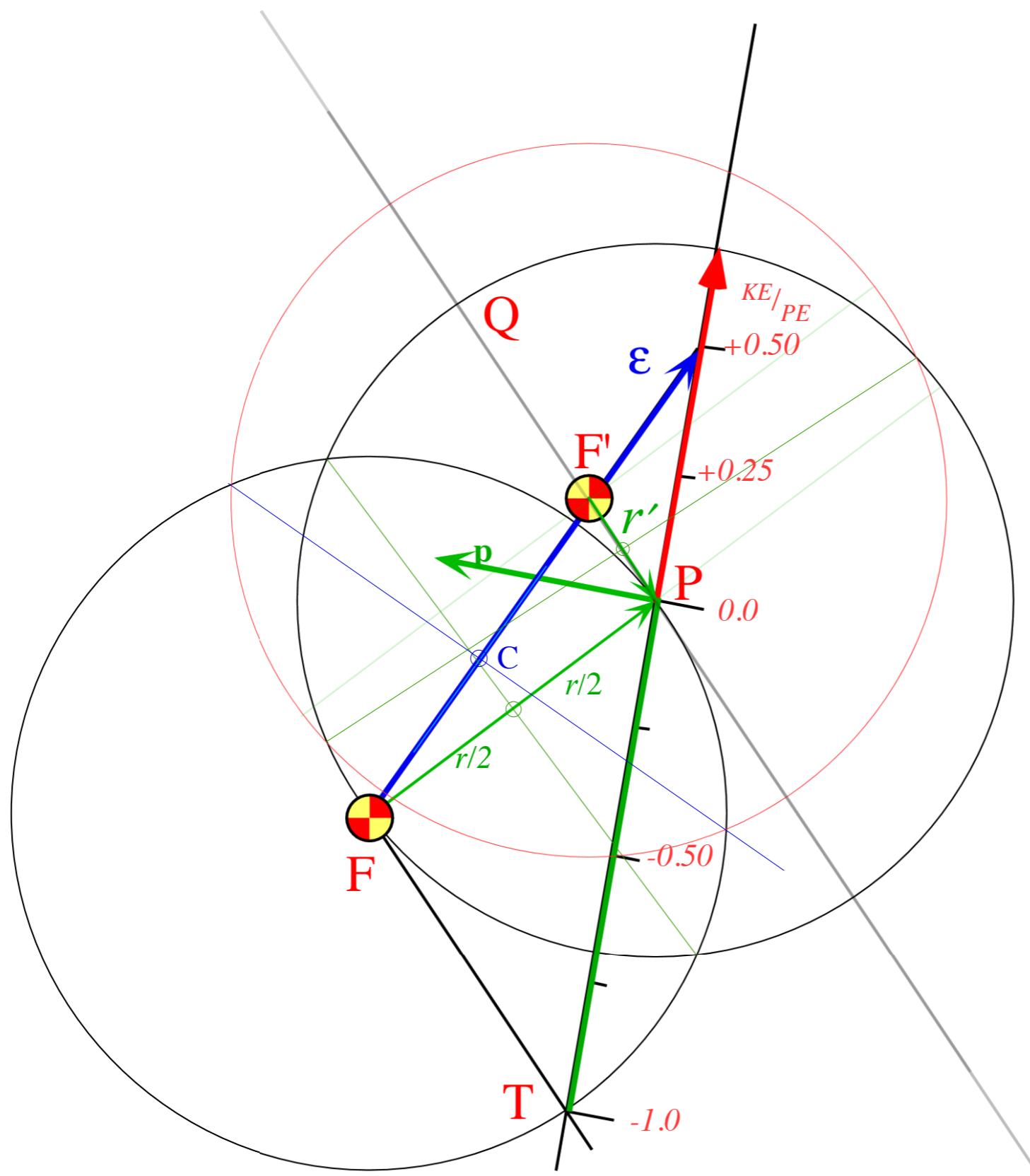
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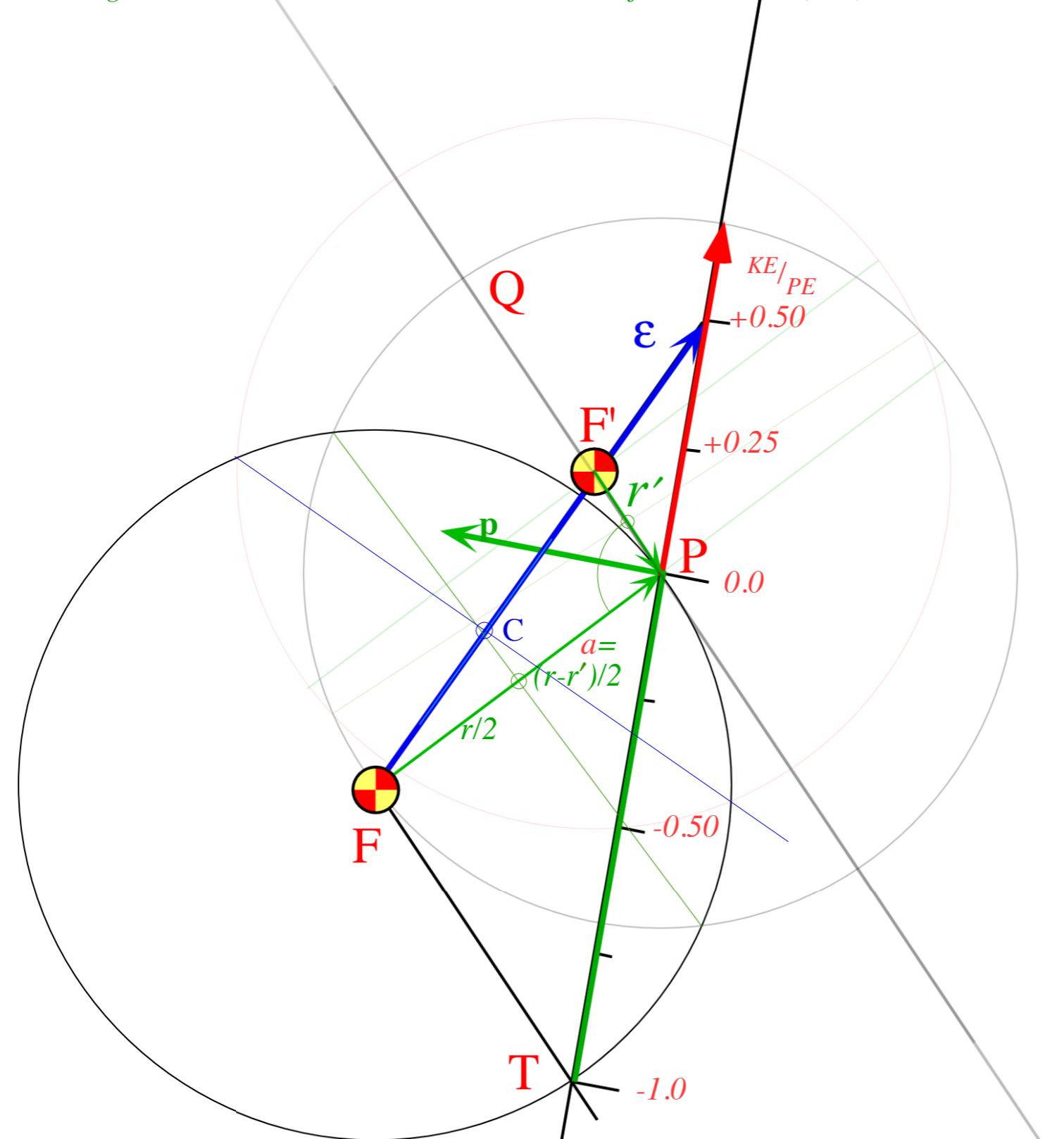
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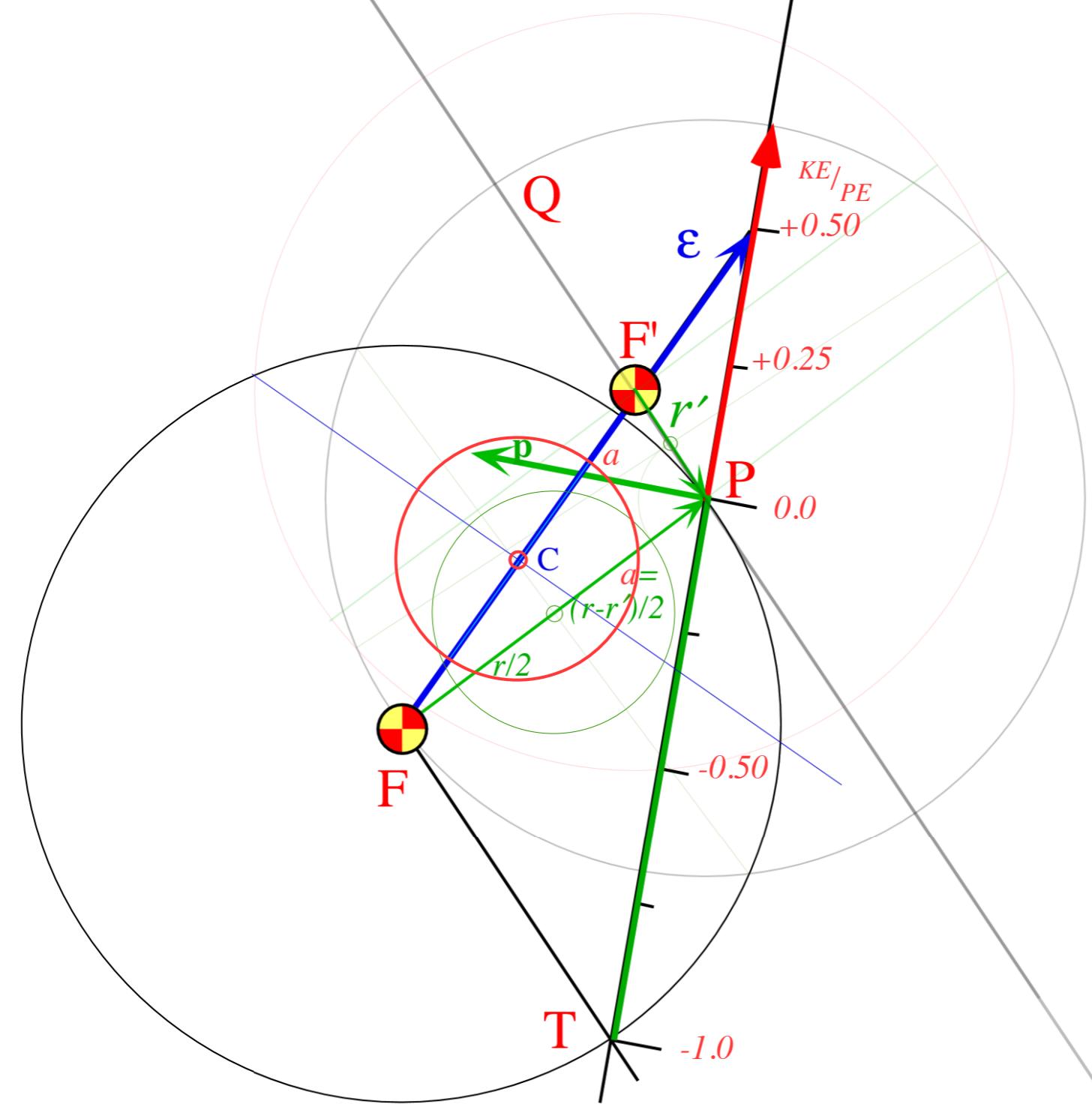
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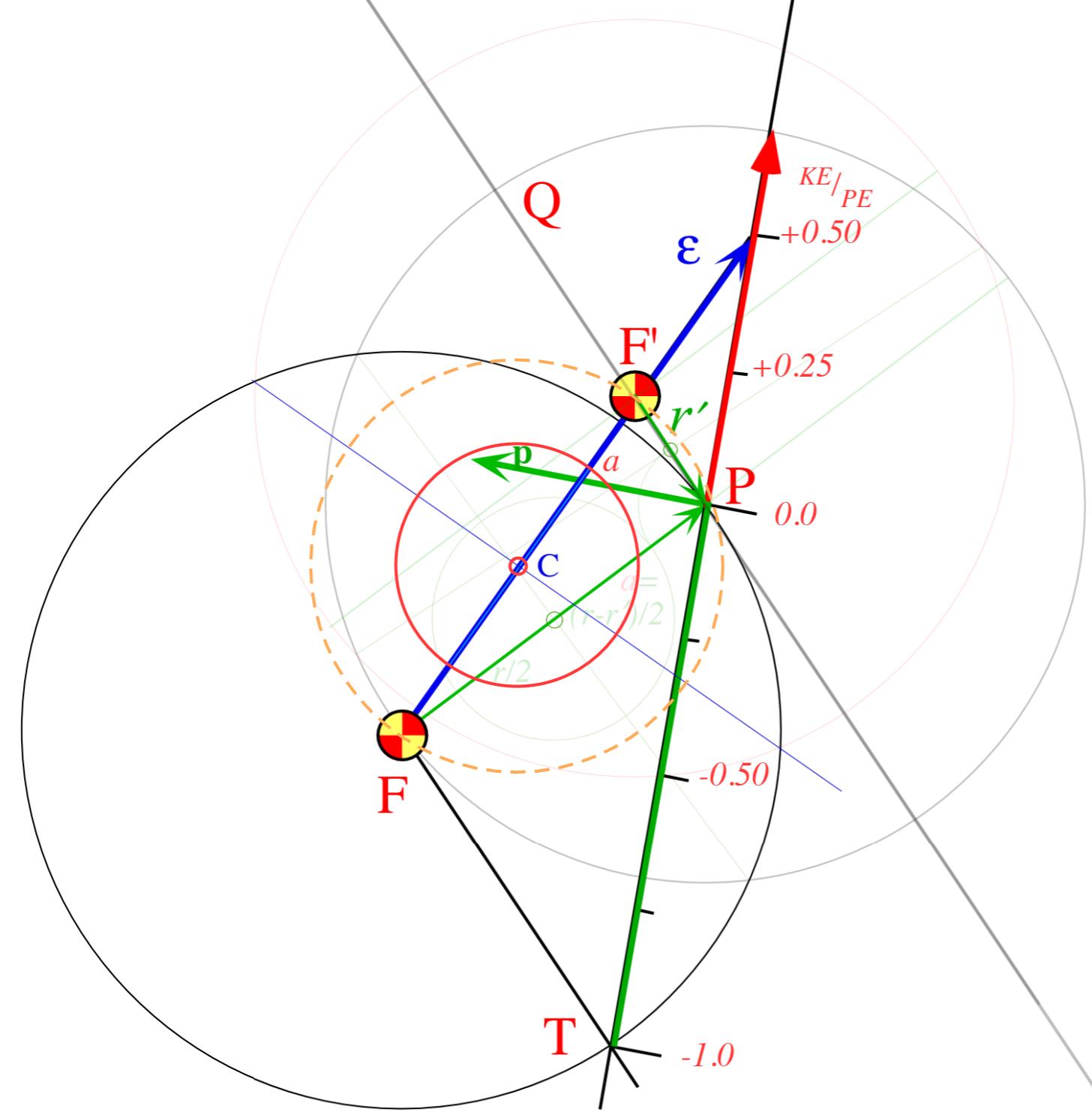
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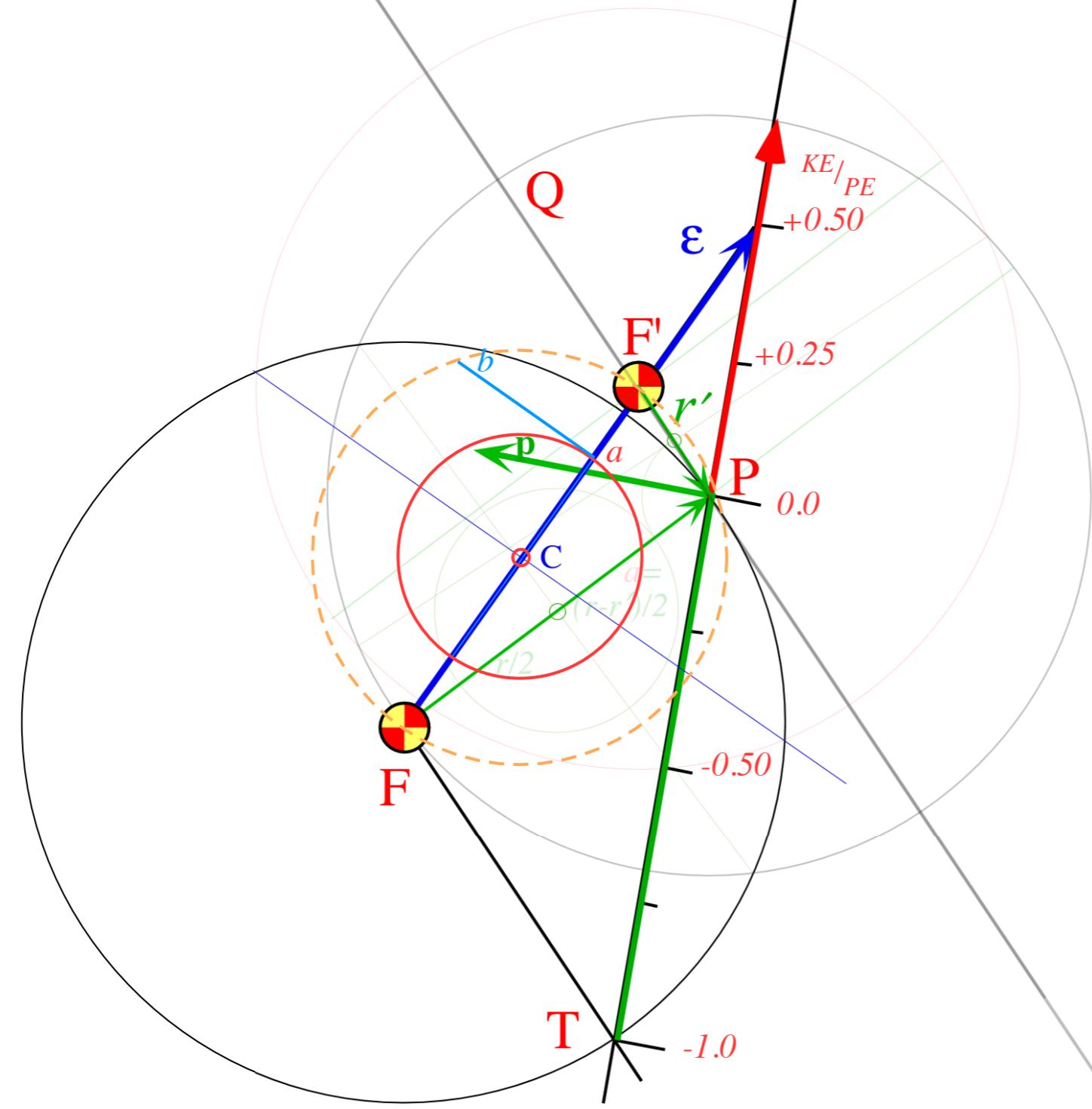
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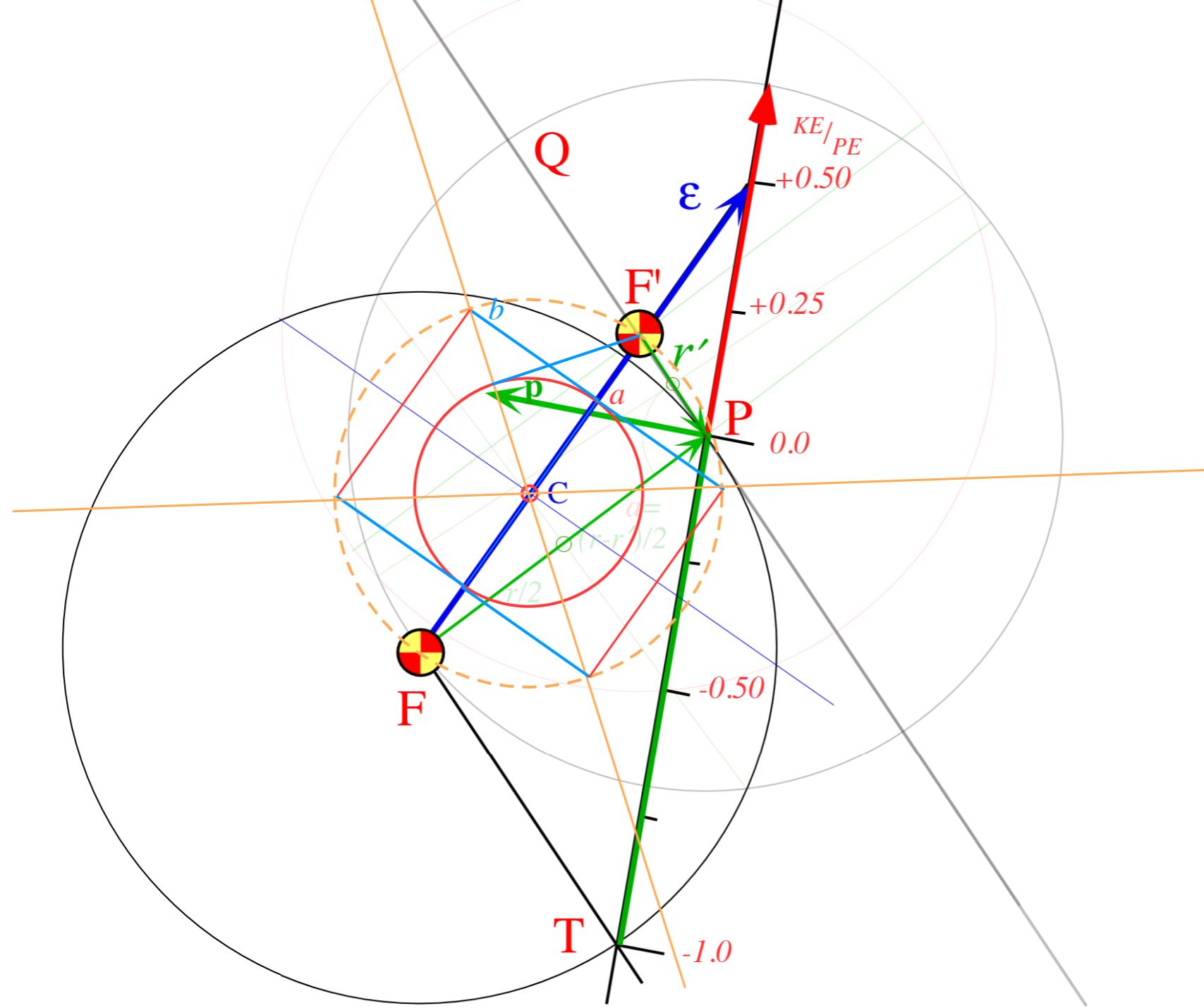


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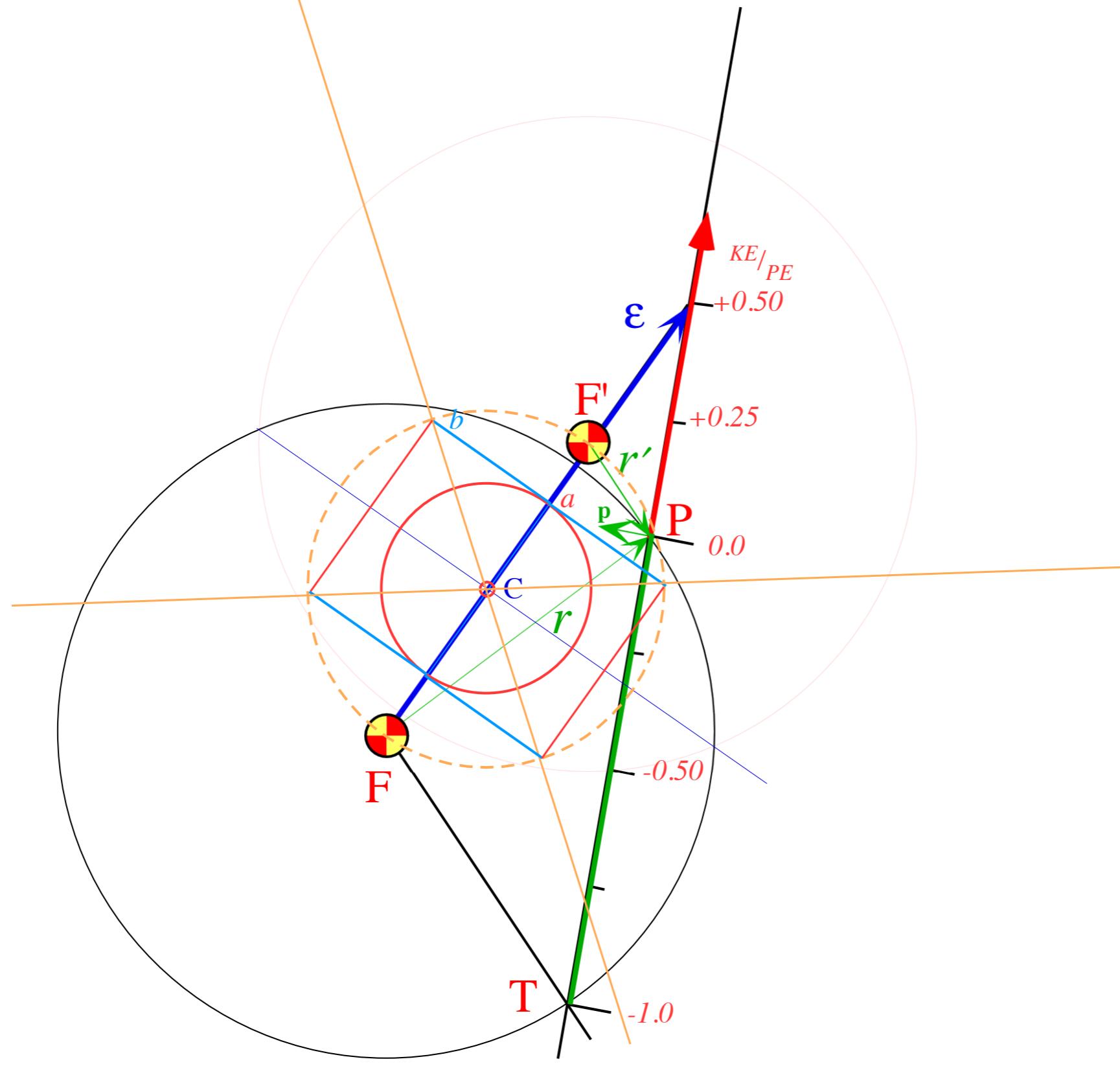
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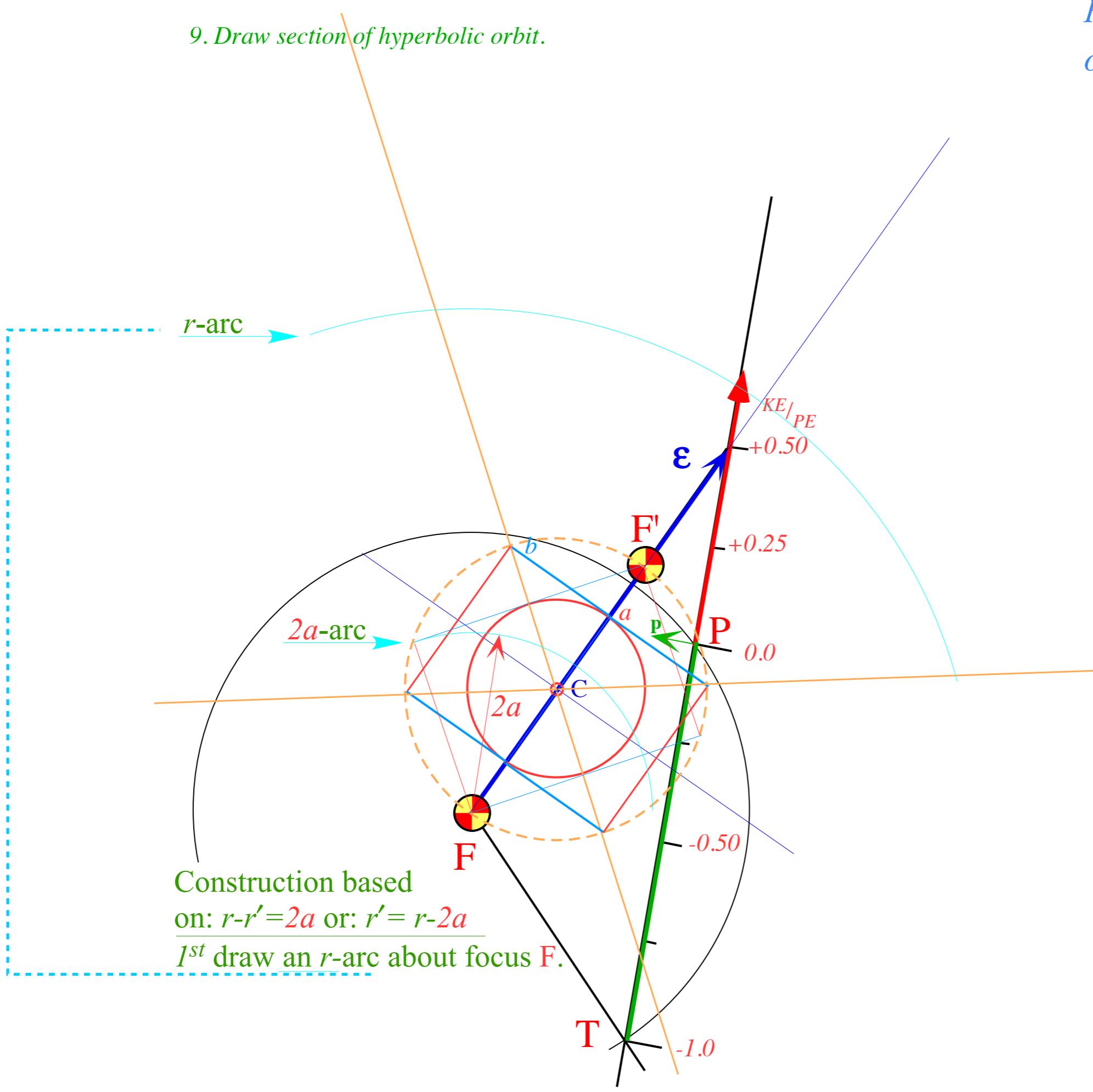


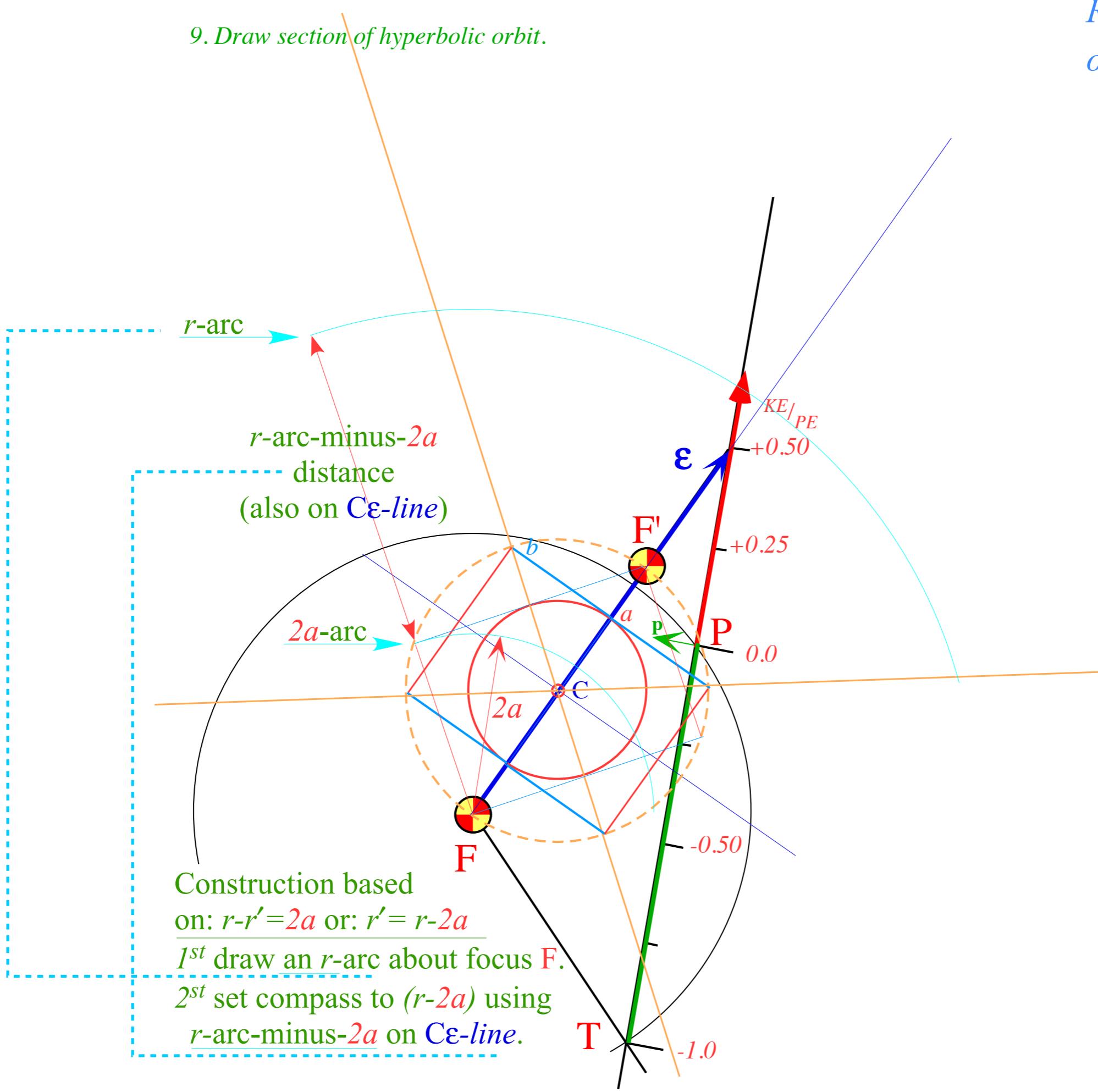
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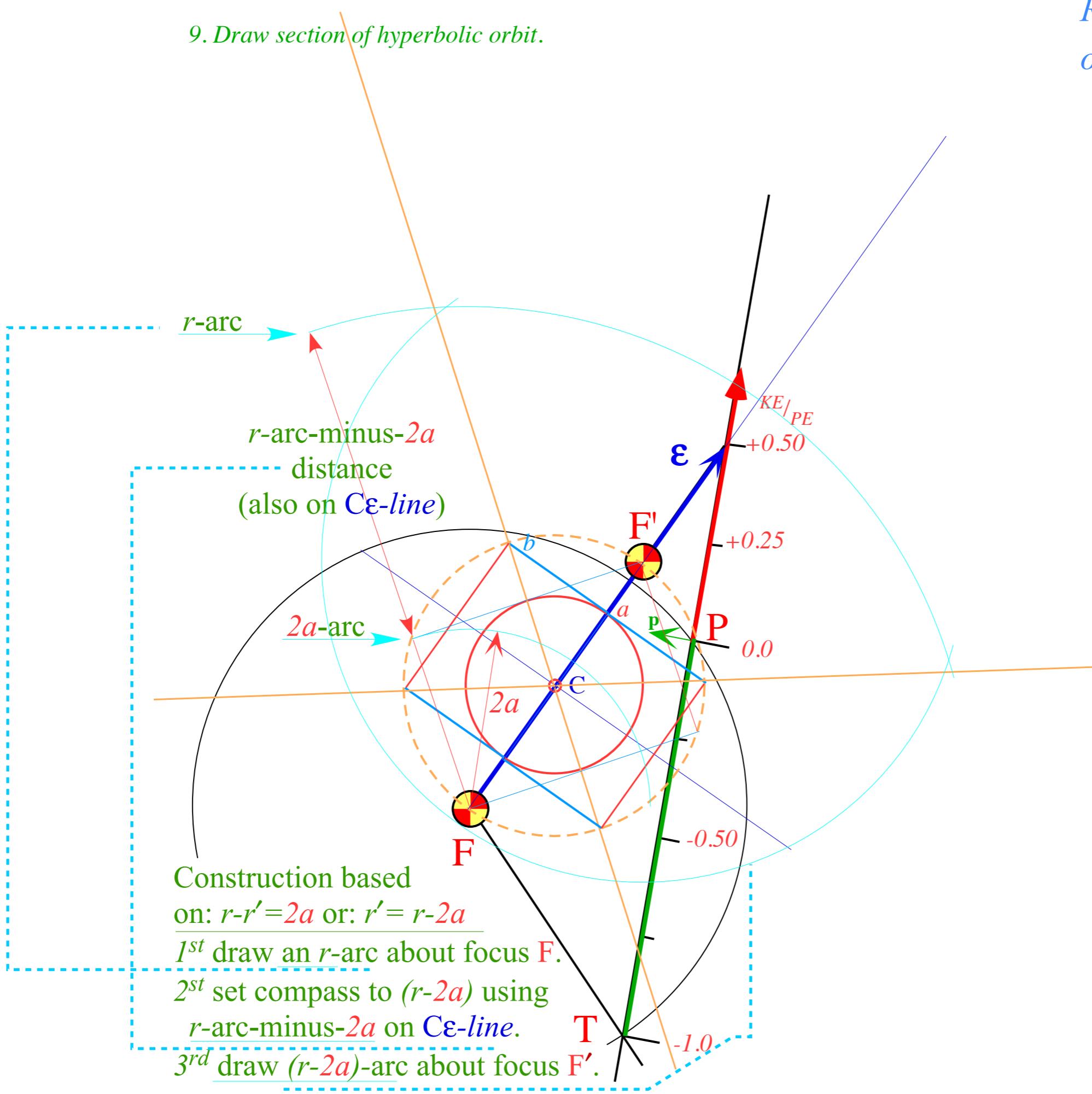
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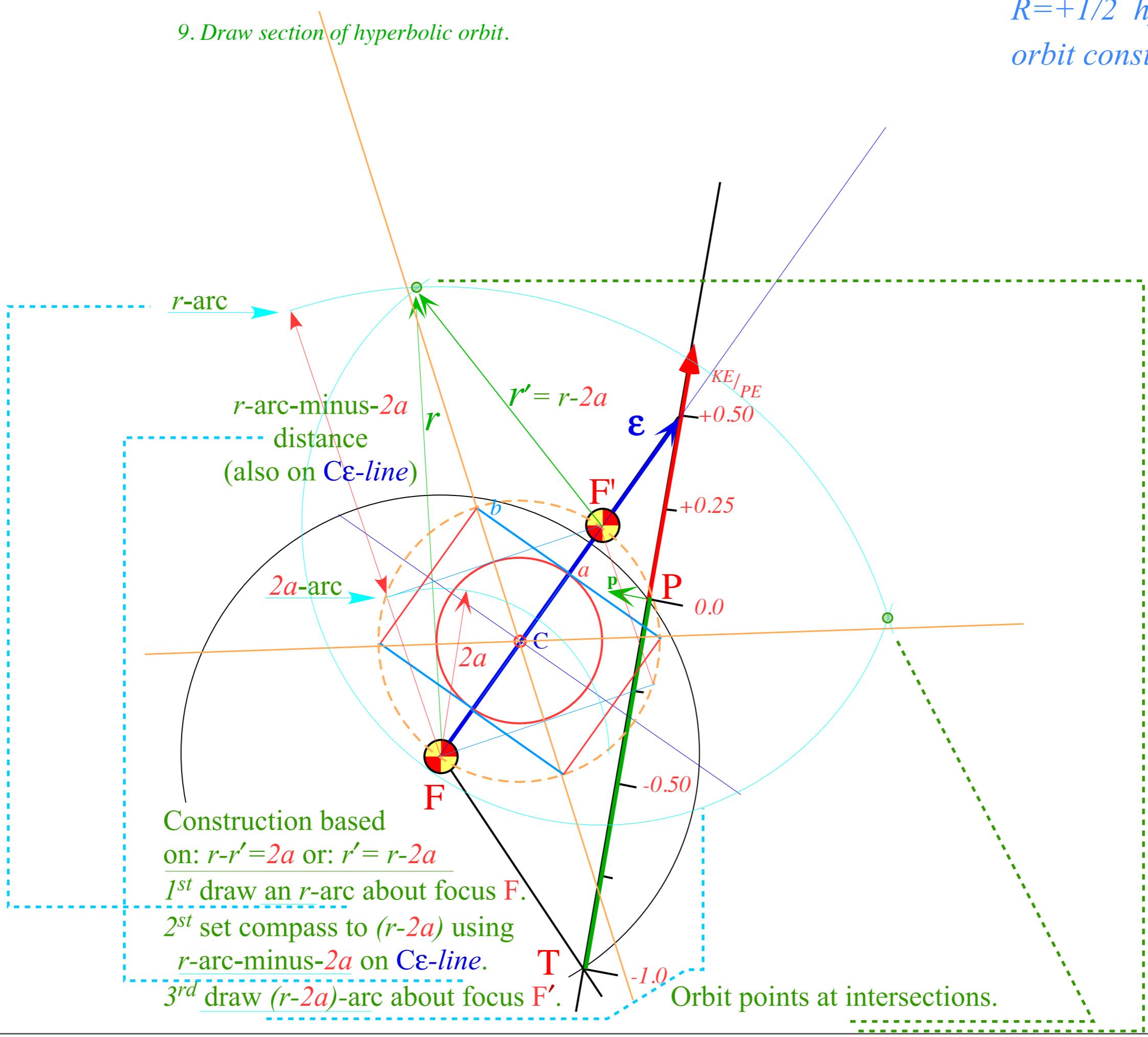
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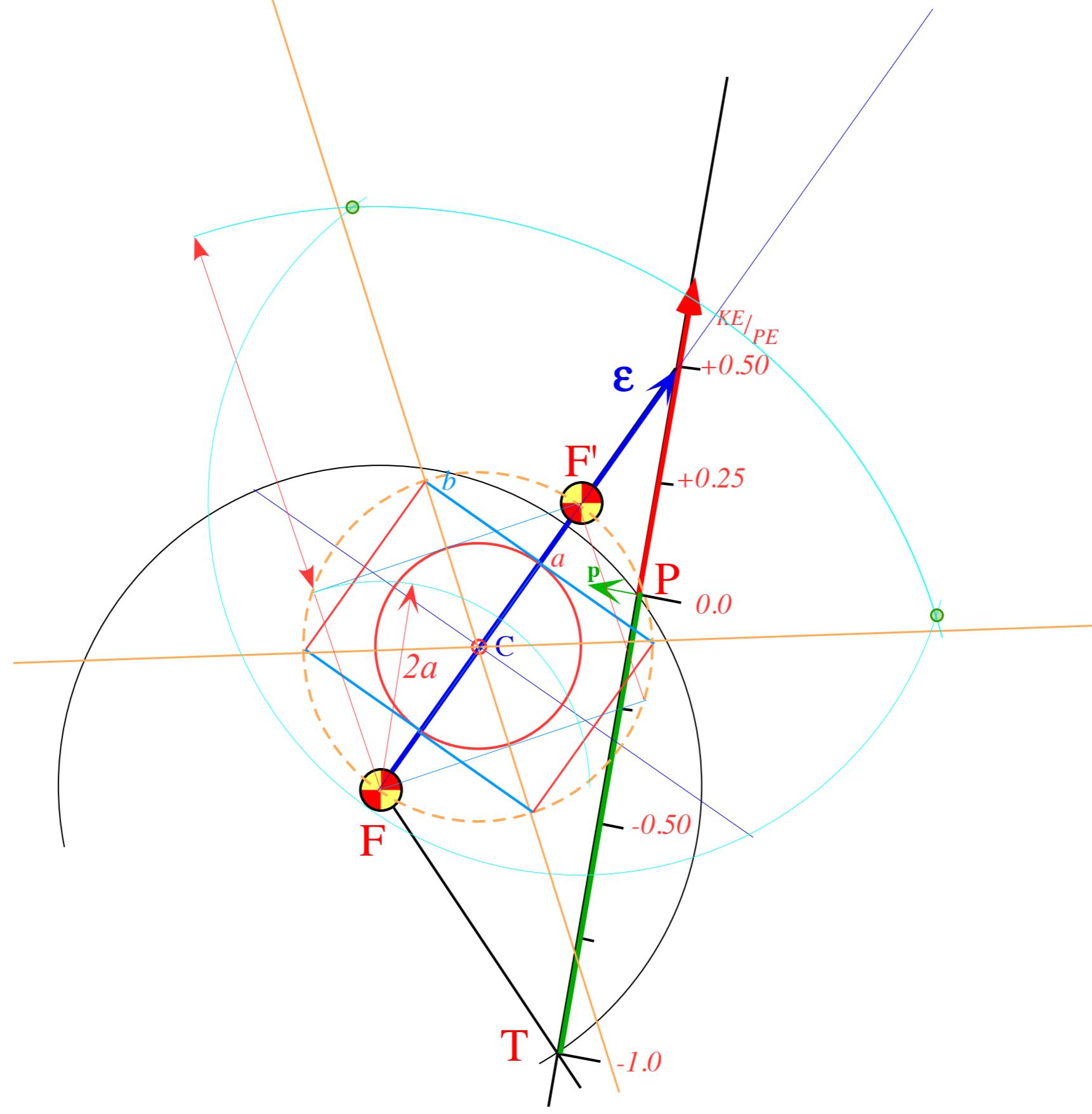




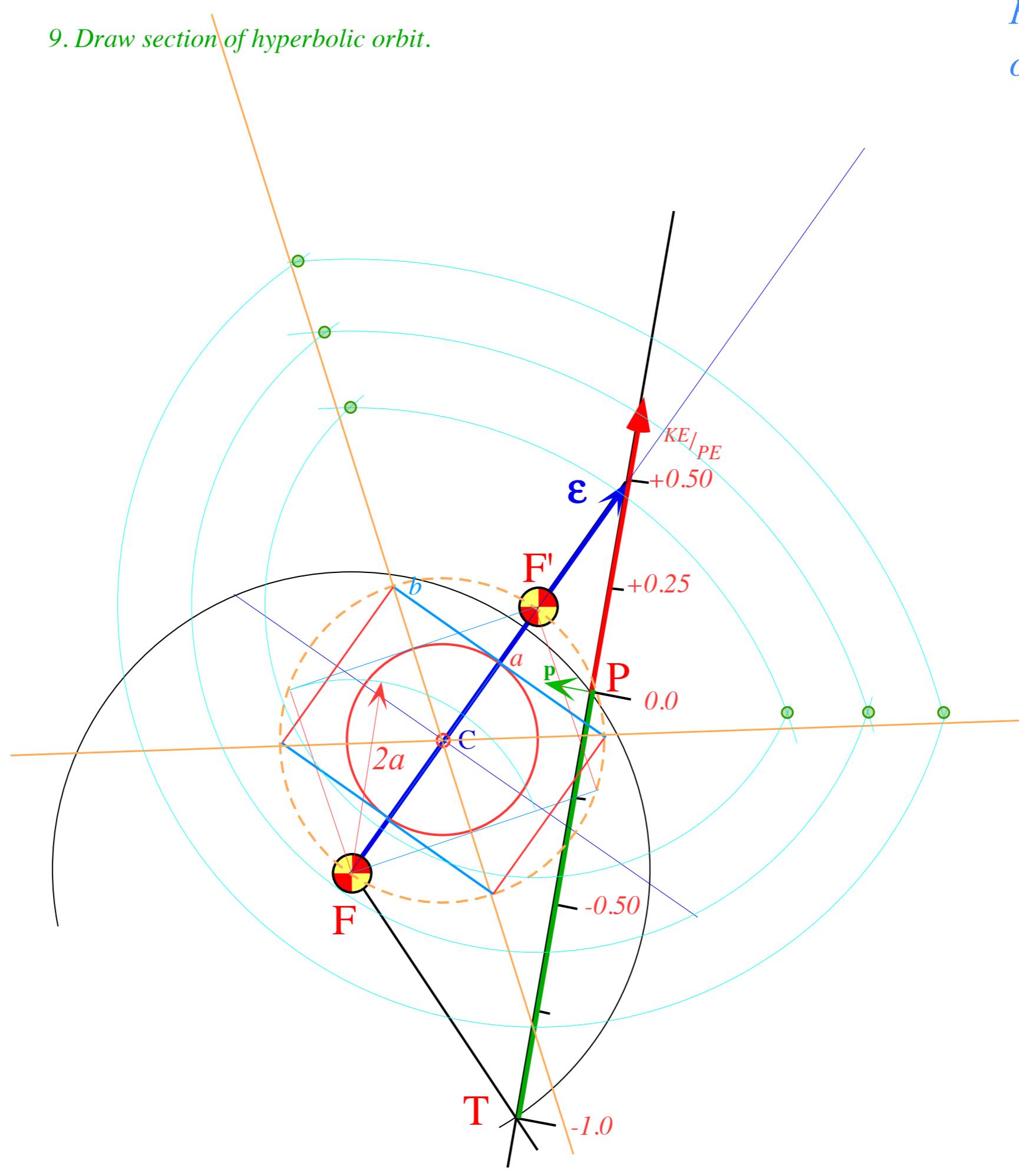




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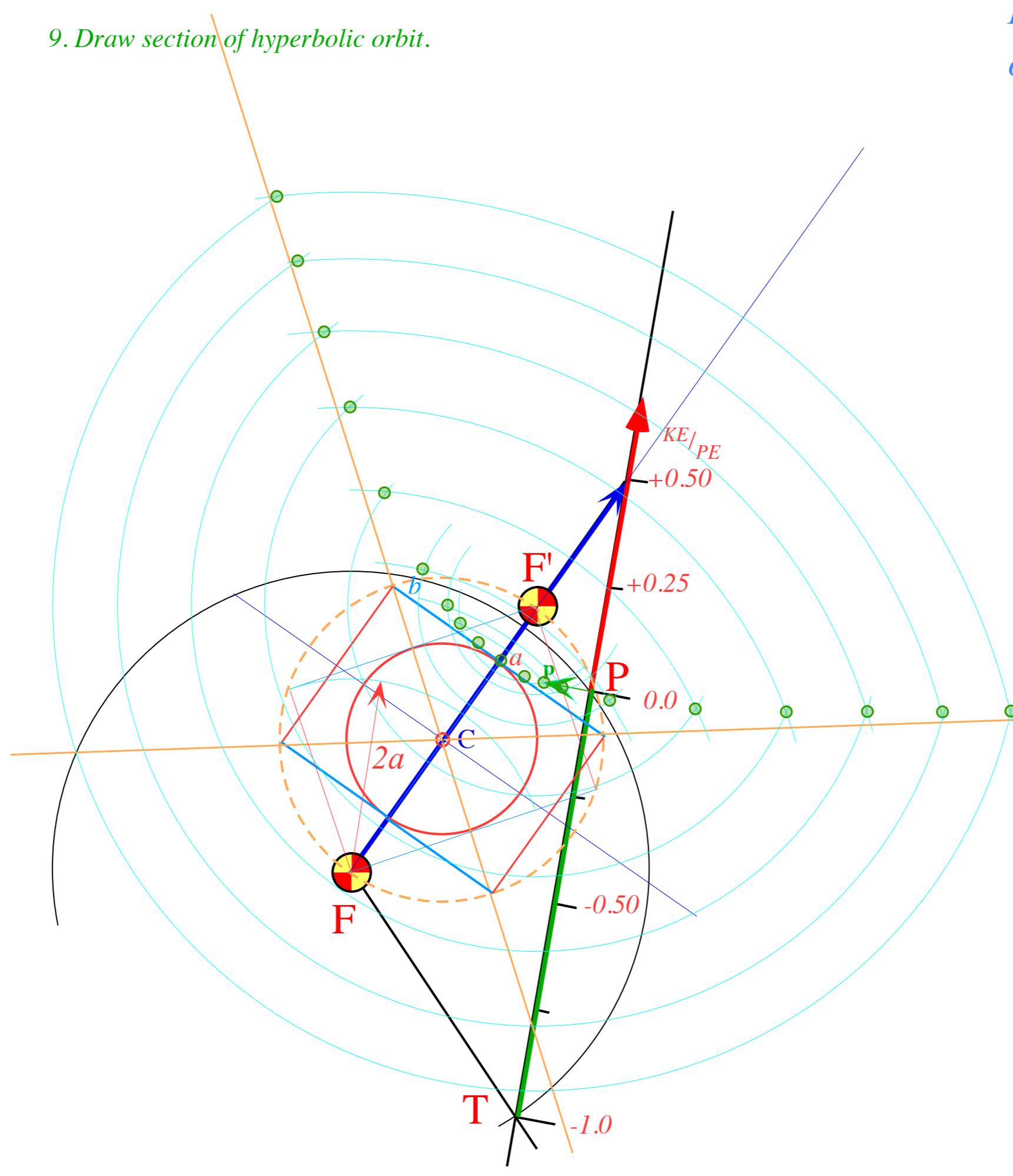


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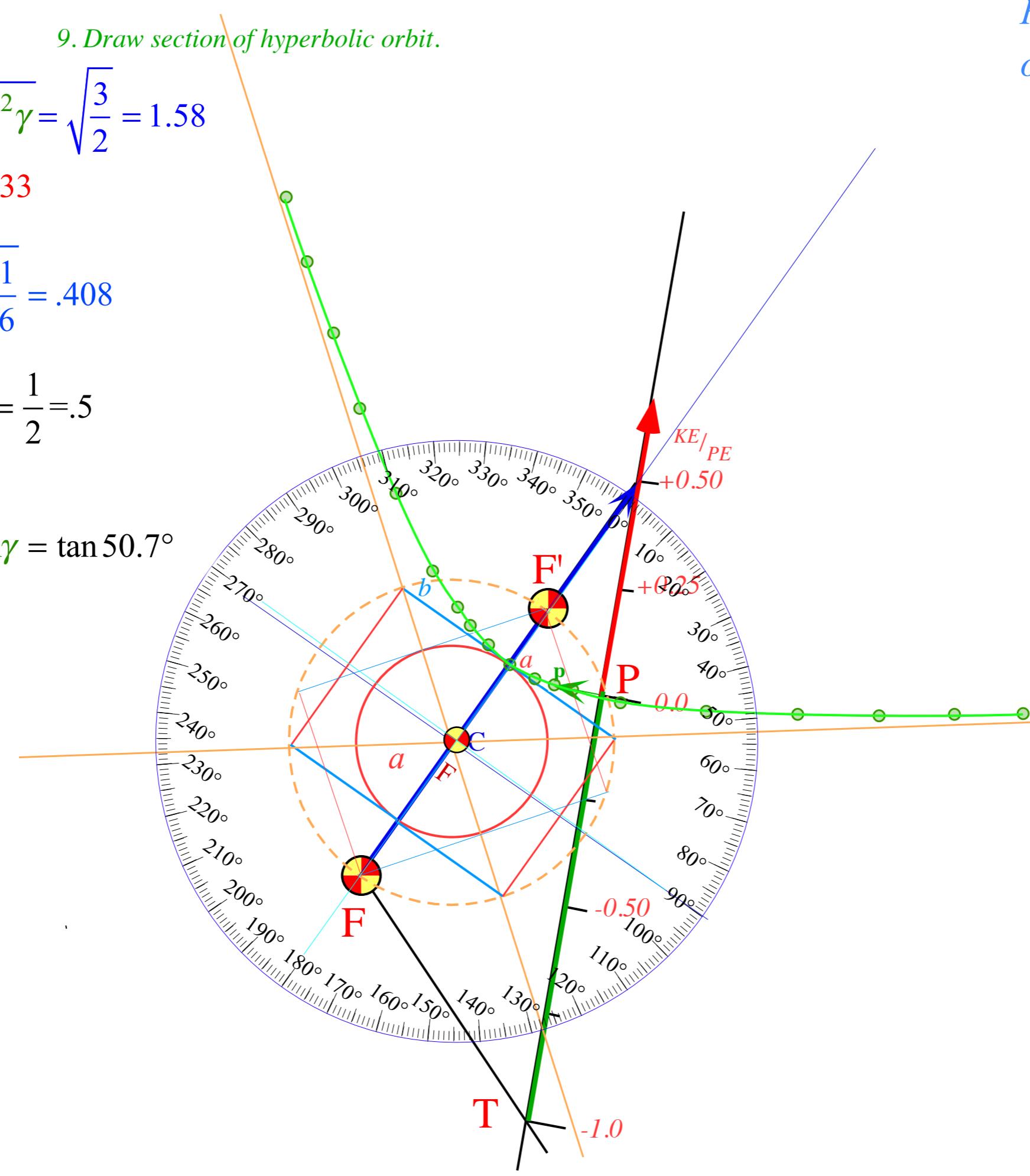
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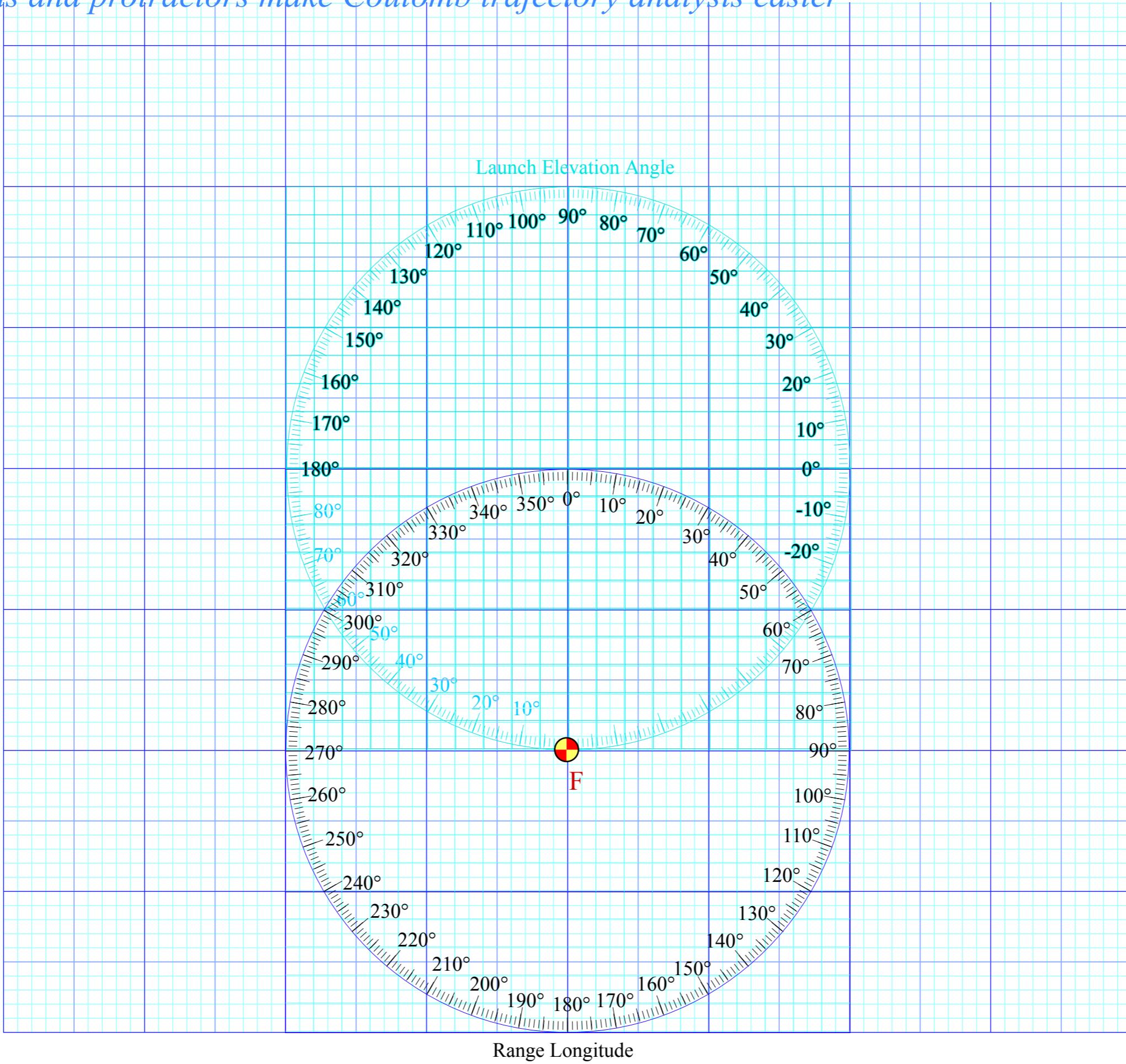
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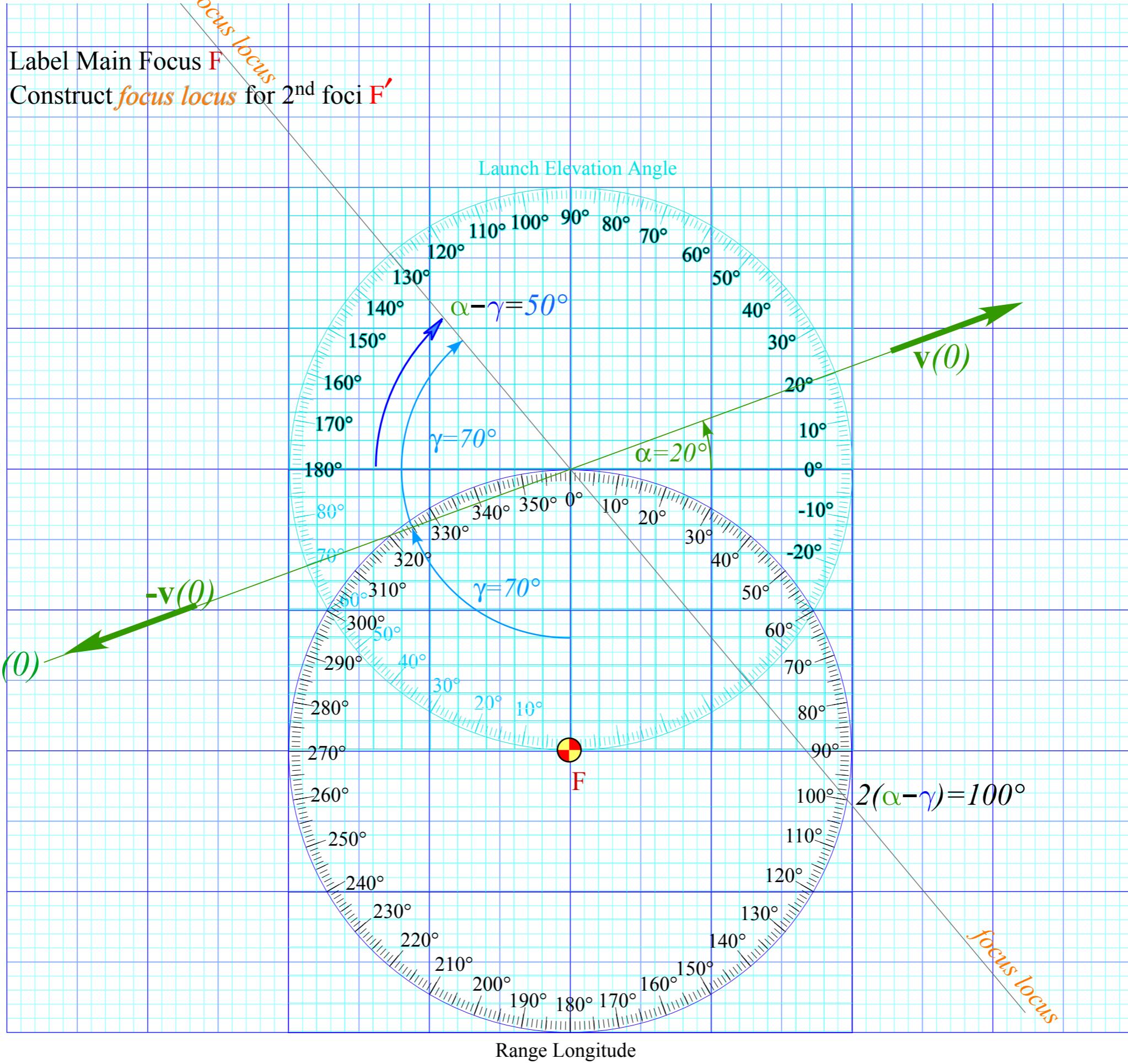
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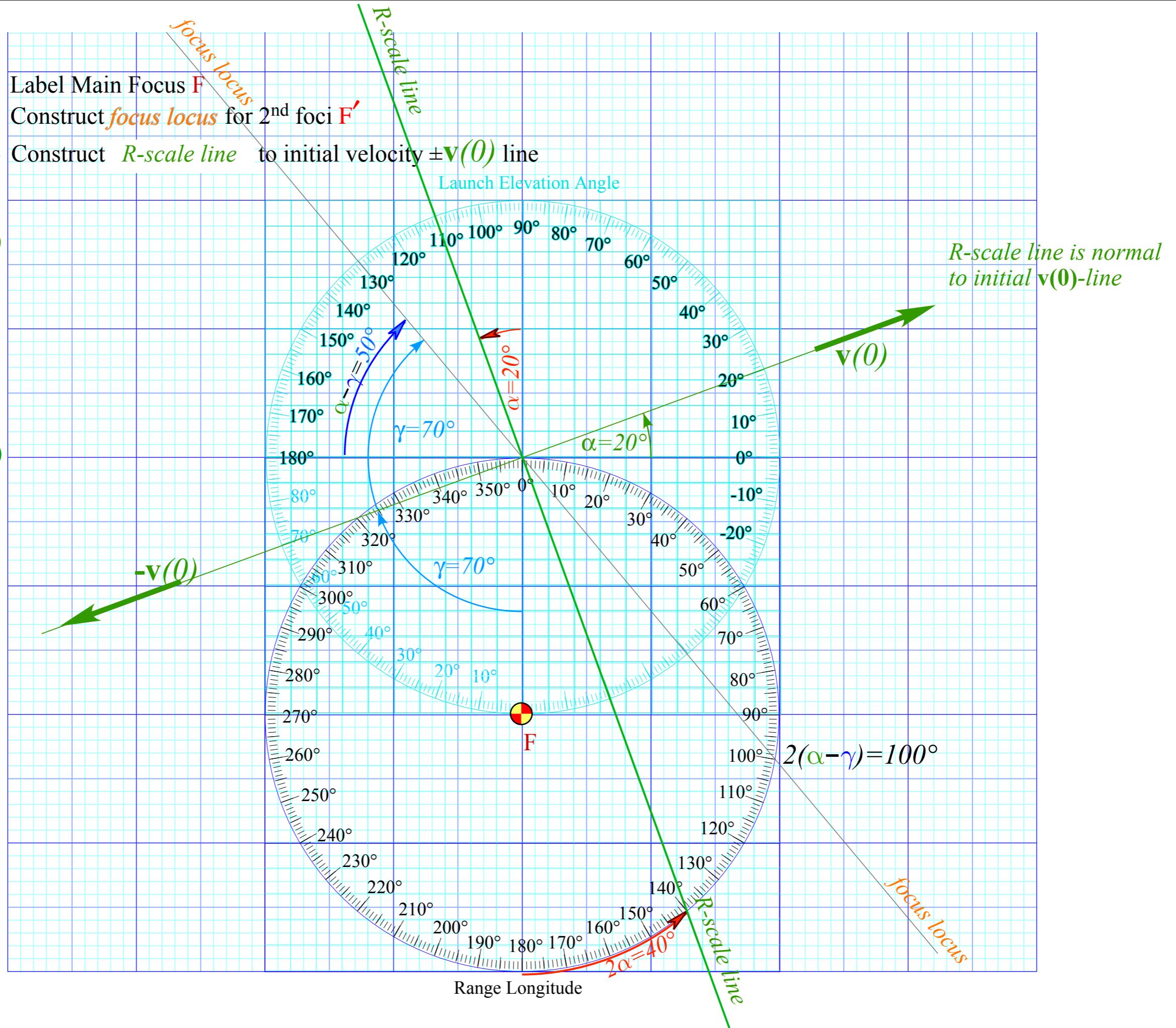


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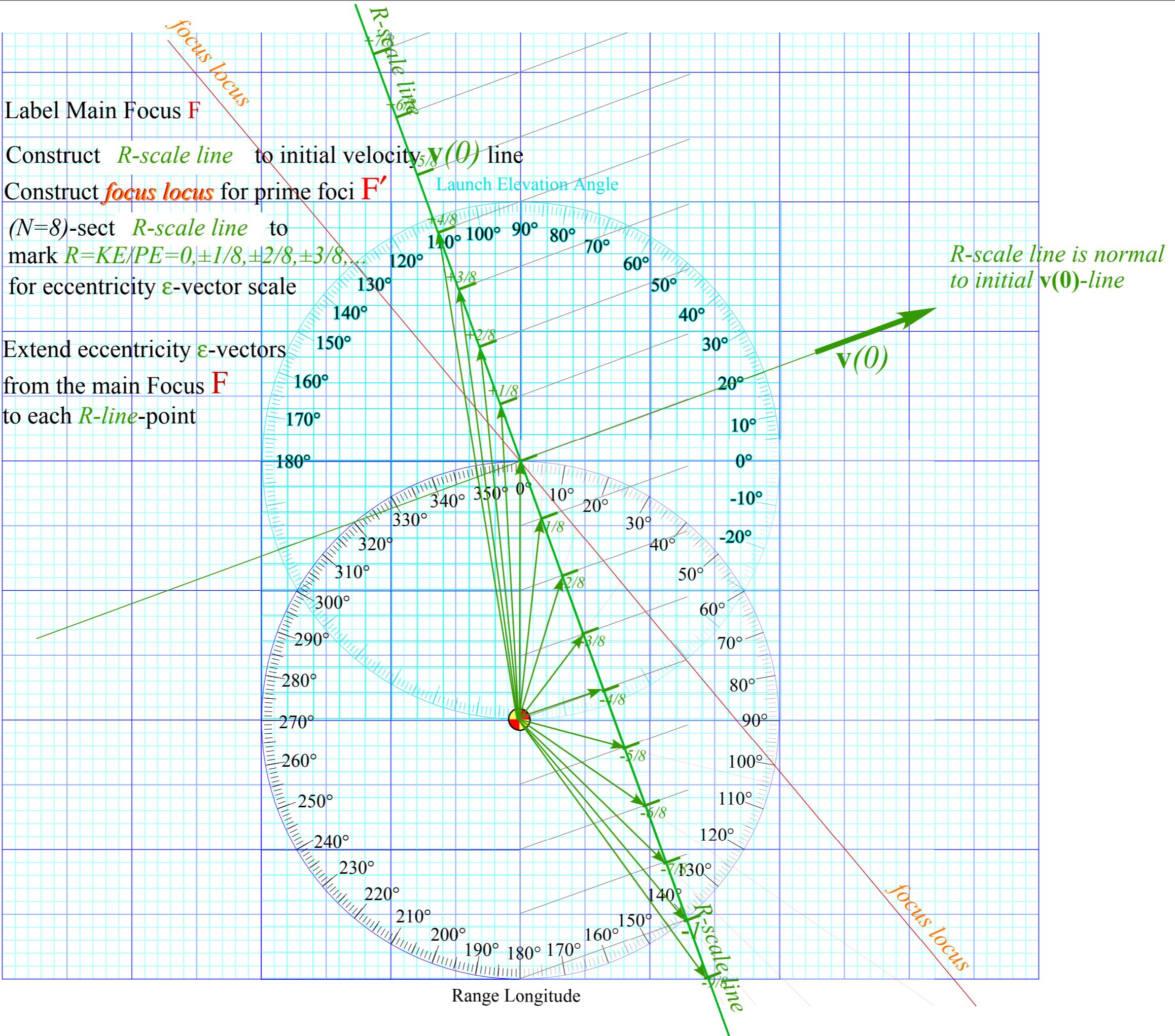
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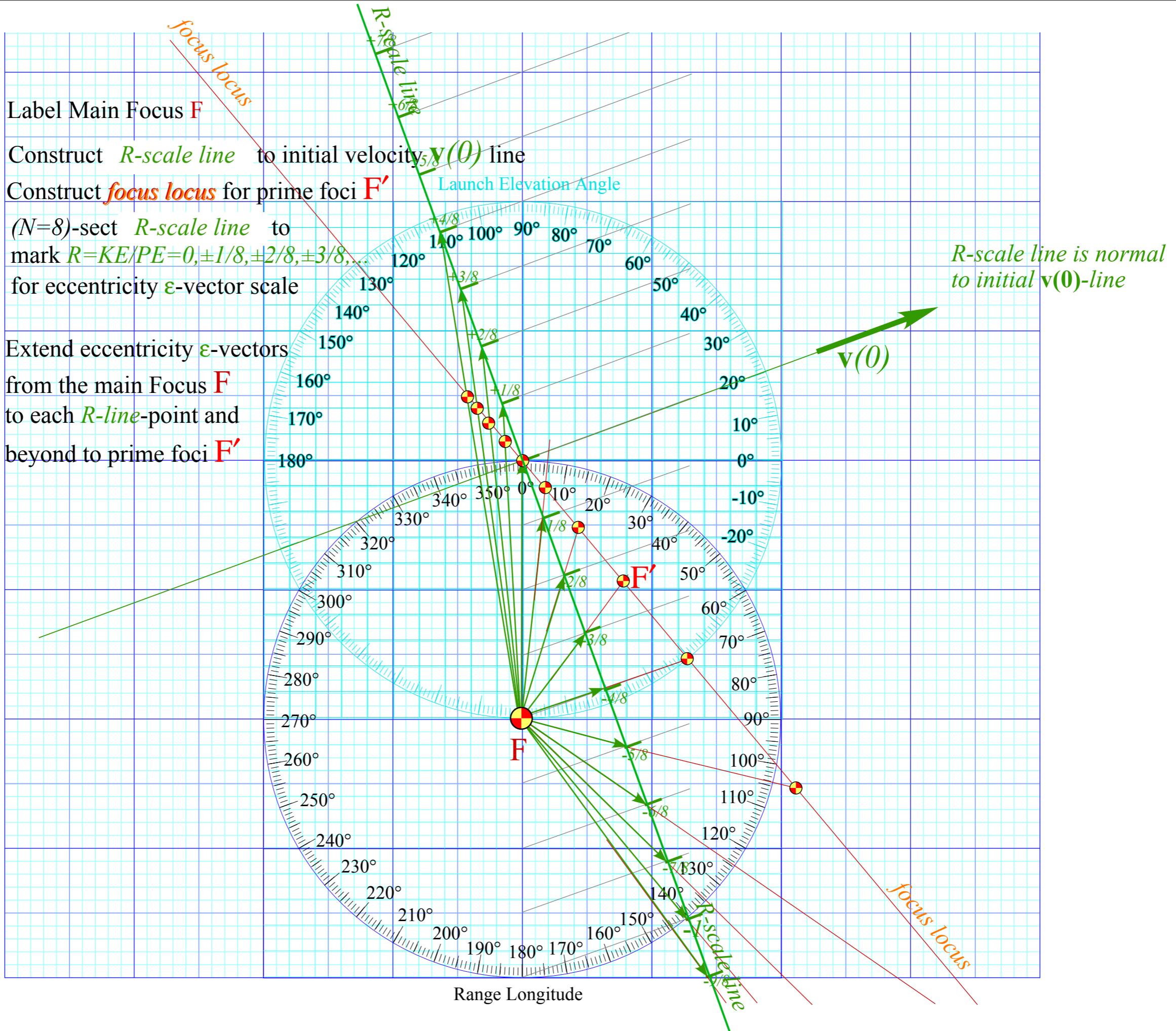
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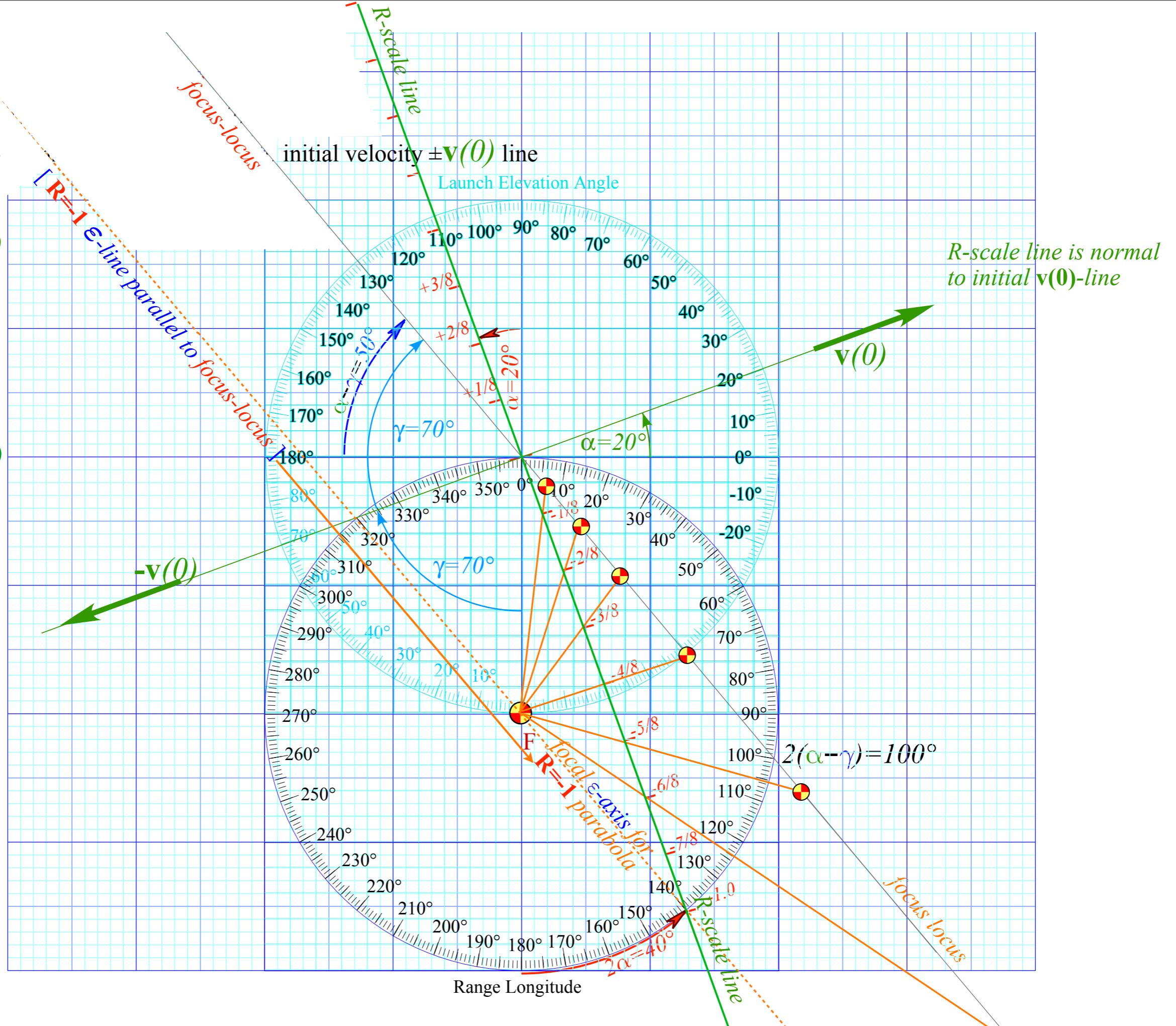
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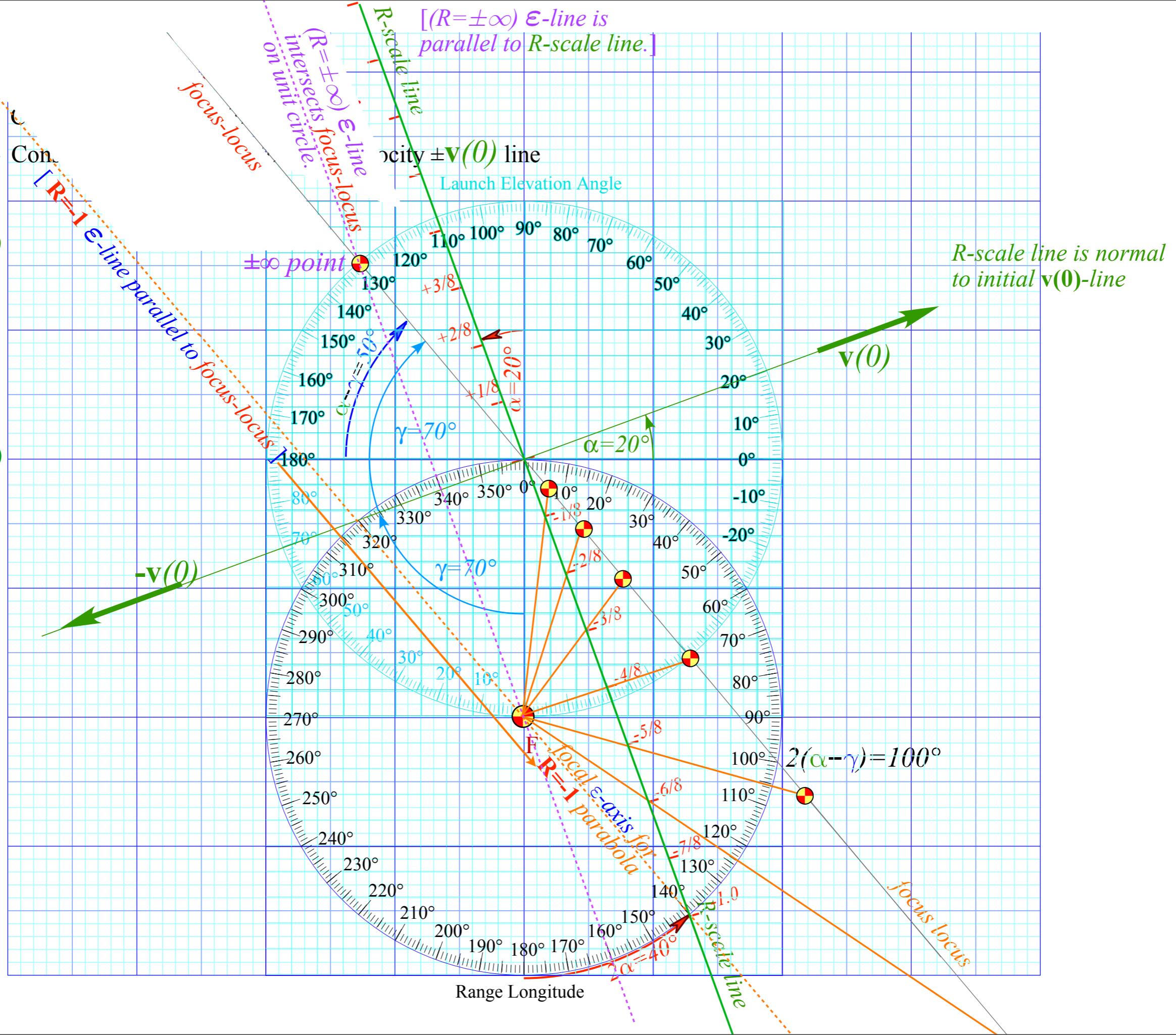
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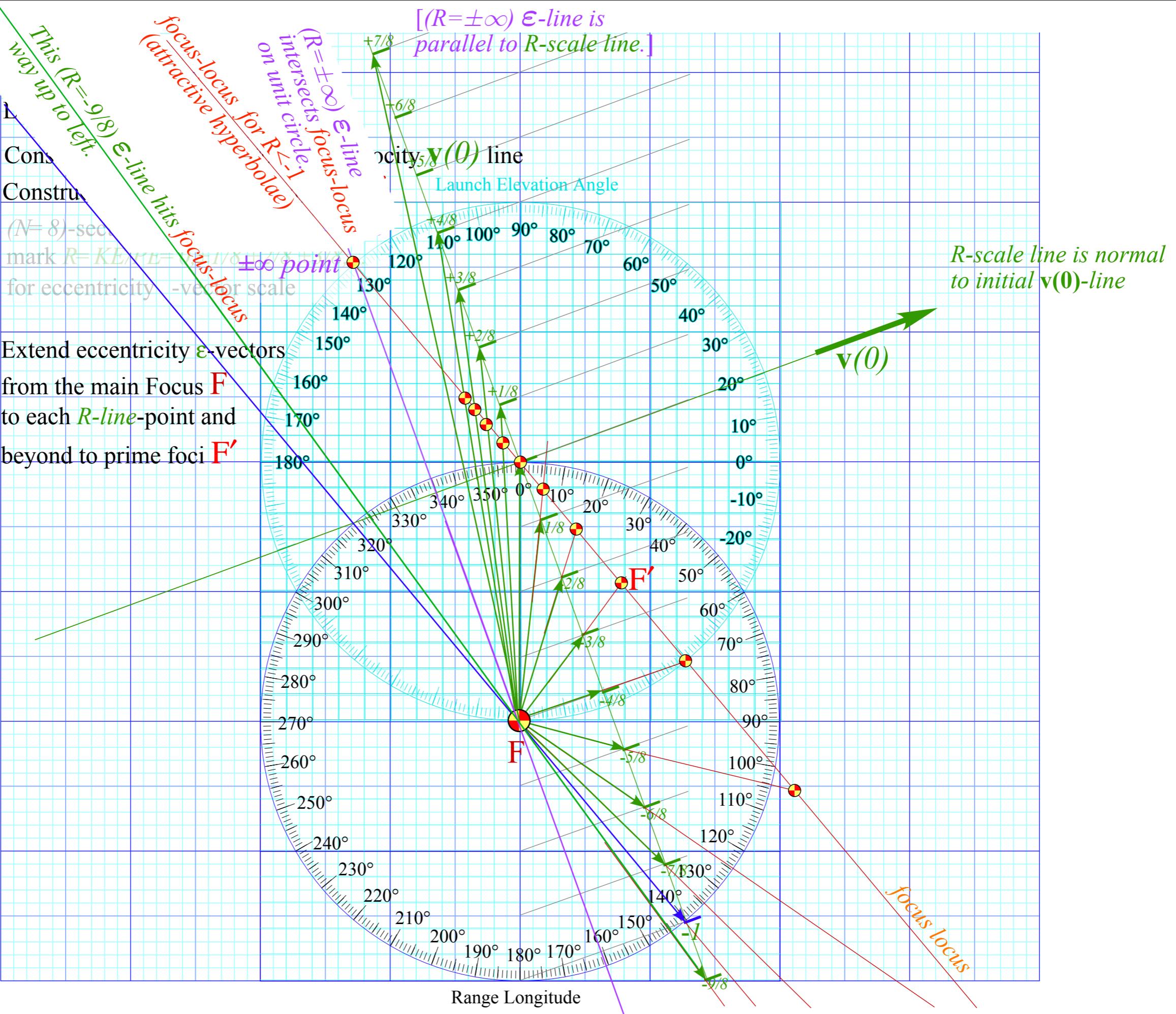
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focus-locus for $R < 1$
 (attracted hyperbolae)

$(R = \pm\infty)$ ϵ -line
 intersects circle.
 on unit circle.

ϵ -line hits foci.

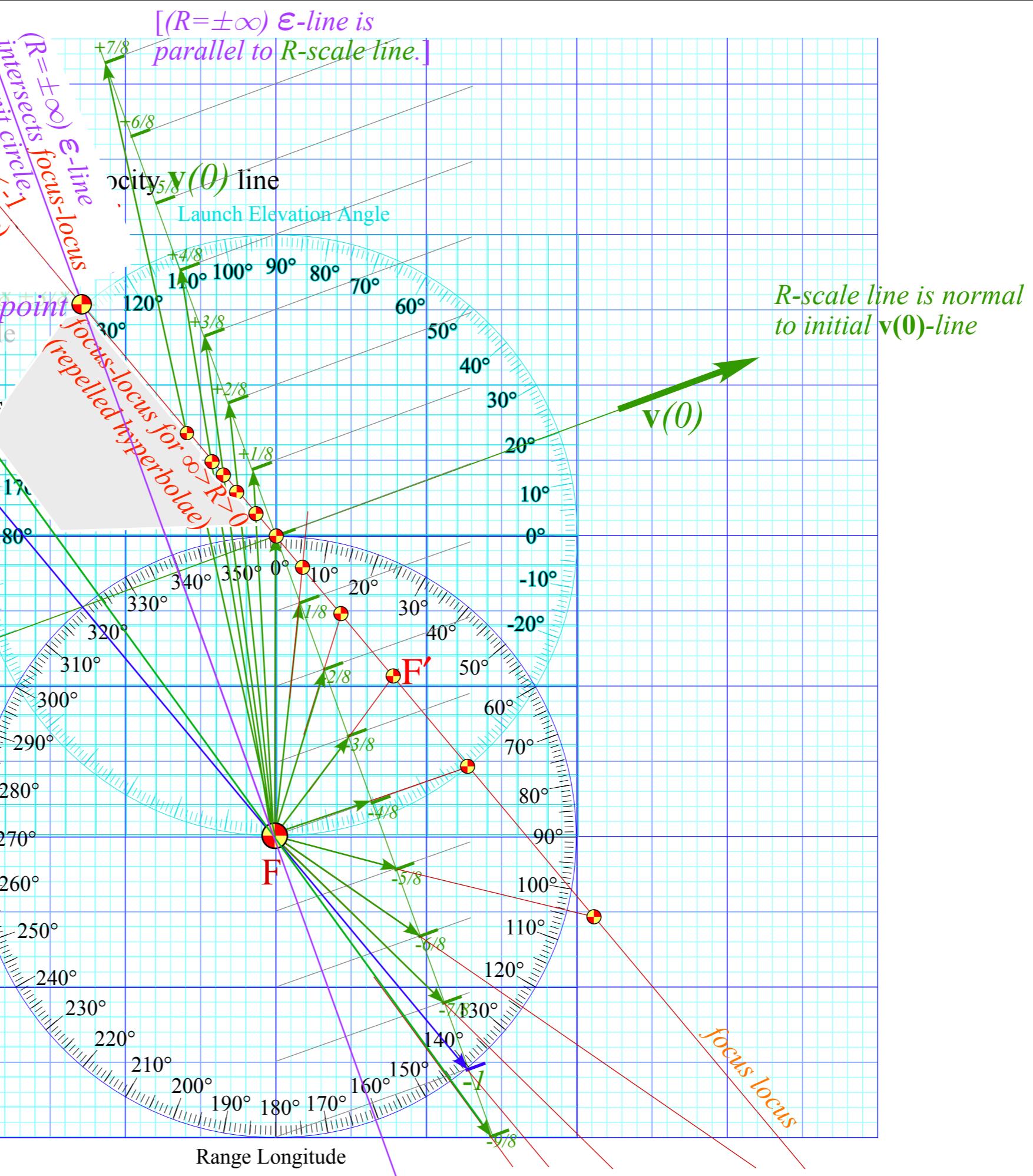
This way up to left.

Cons
 Constr.

$(N=8)$ -sec

mark $R = KEN$ at $\pm\infty$
for eccentricity -ve or scale

Extend eccentricity ϵ -vectors
from the main Focus F
to each R-line-point and
beyond to prime foci F'



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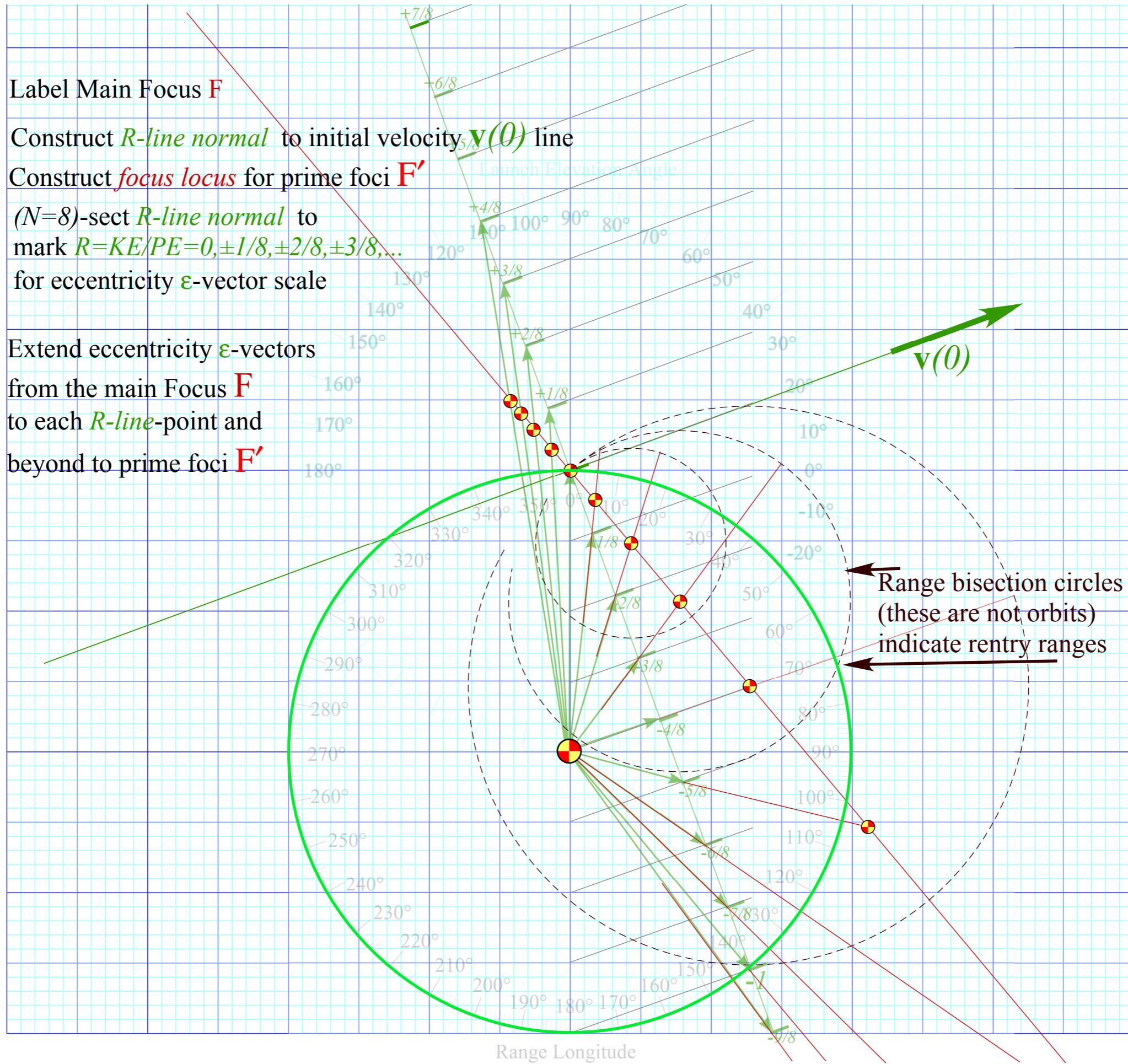
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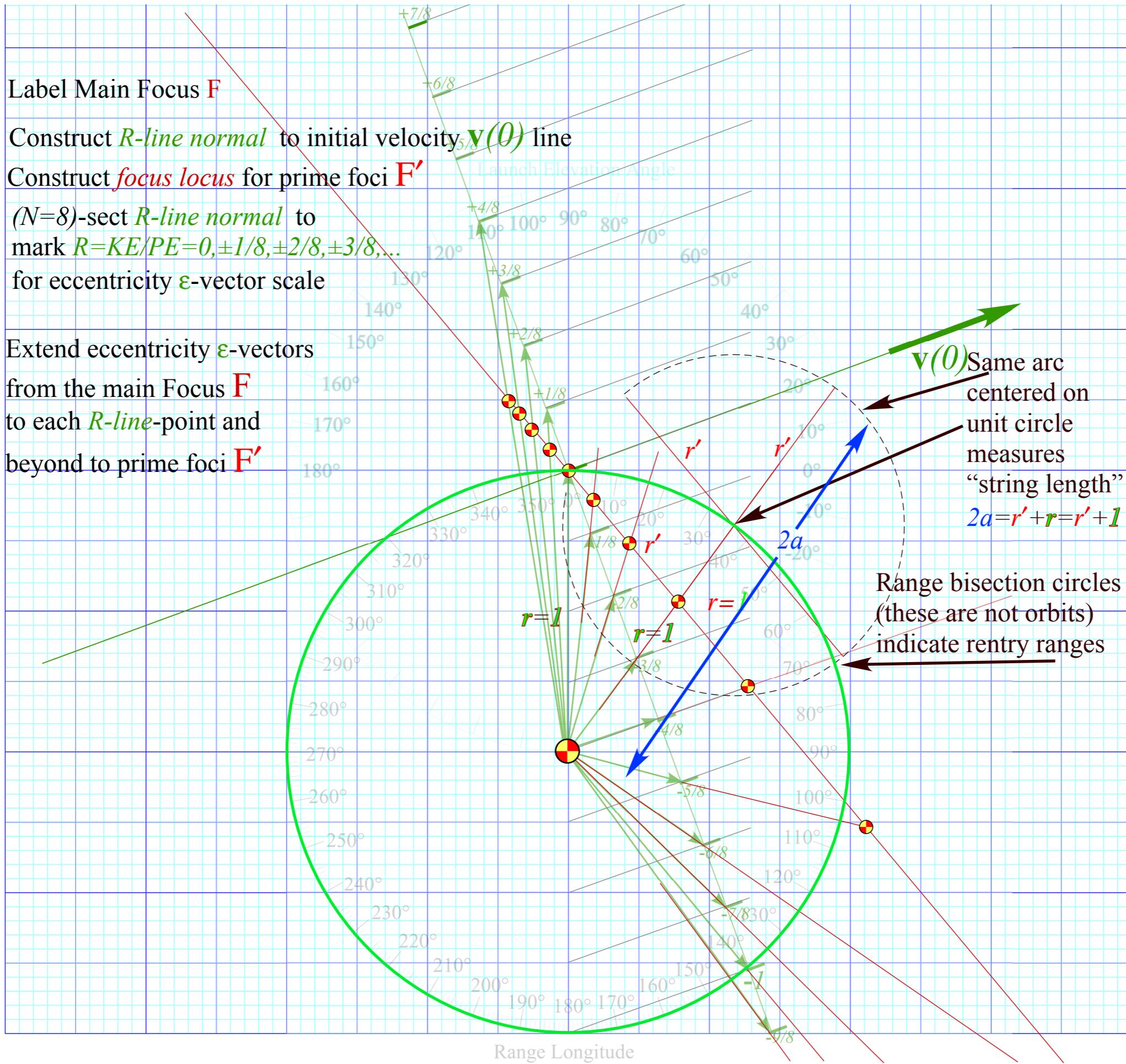
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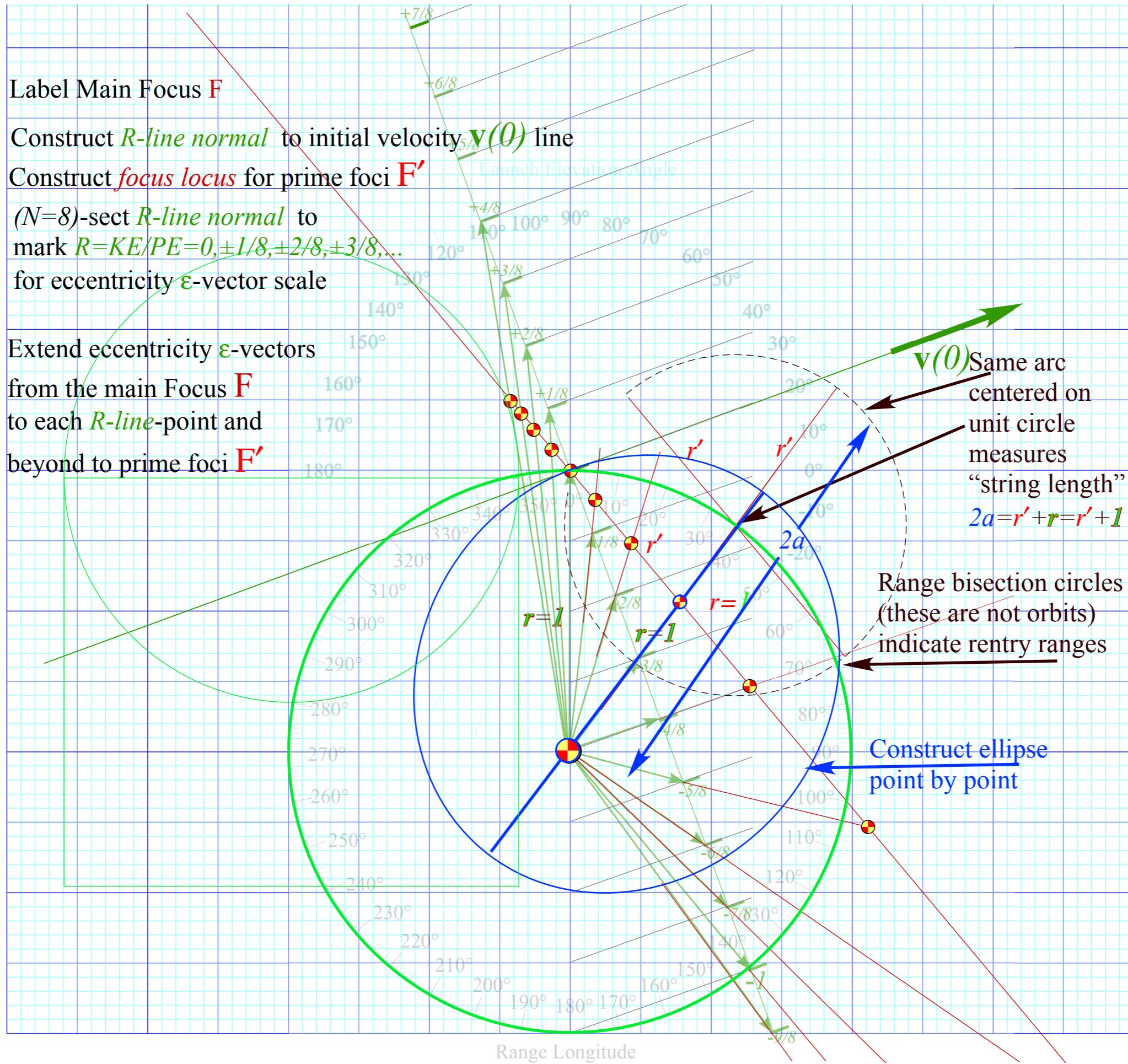
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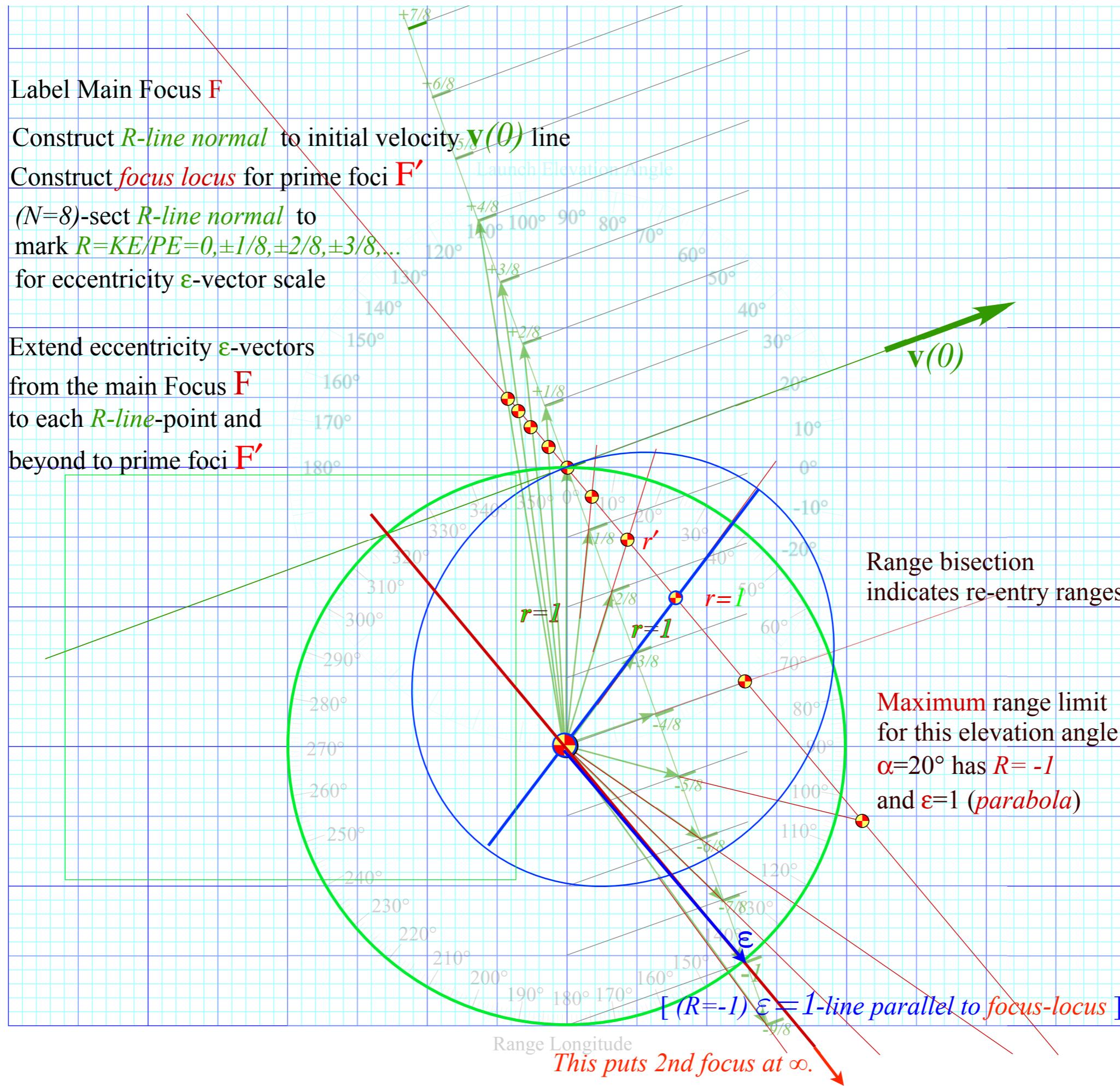


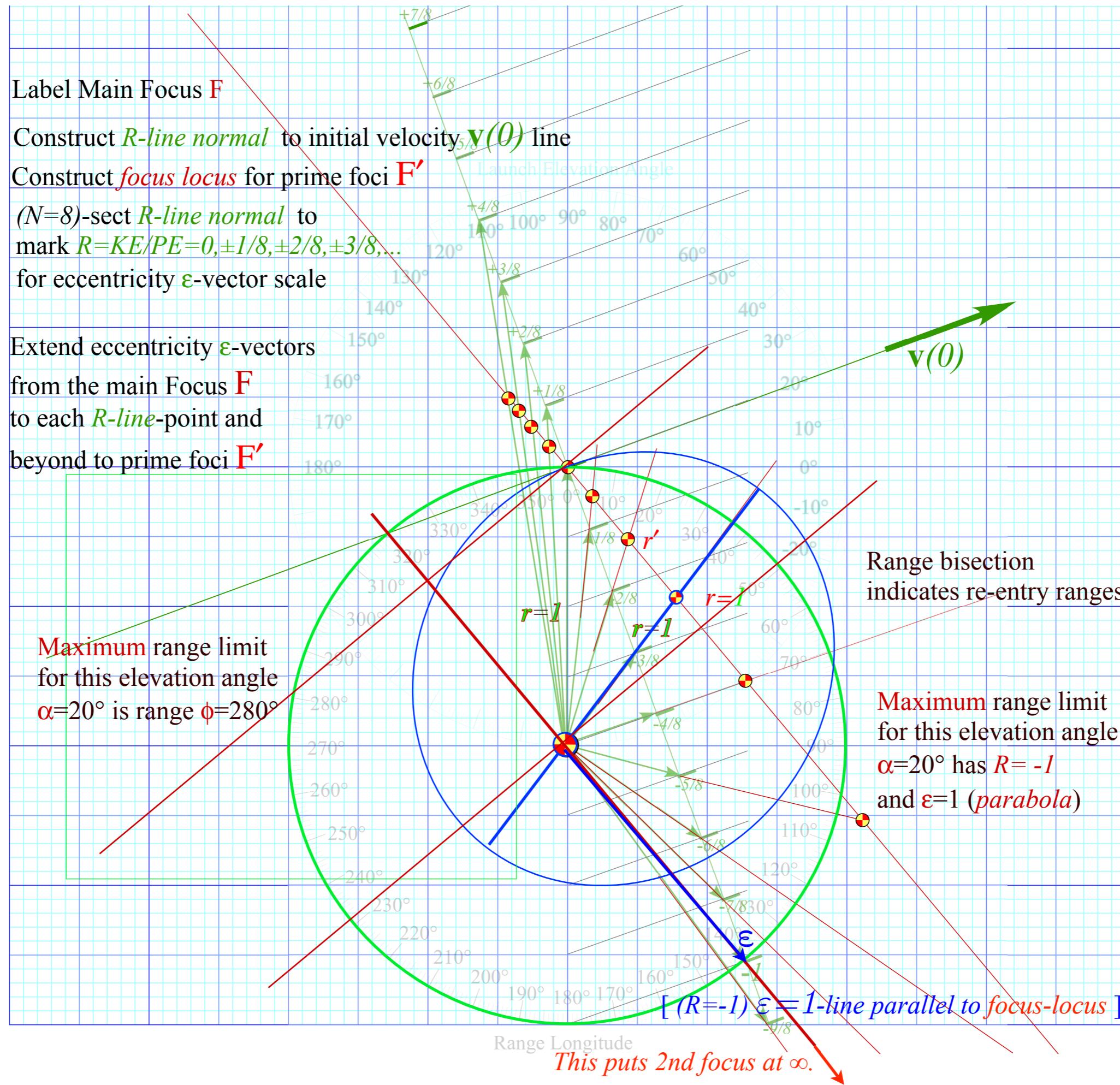
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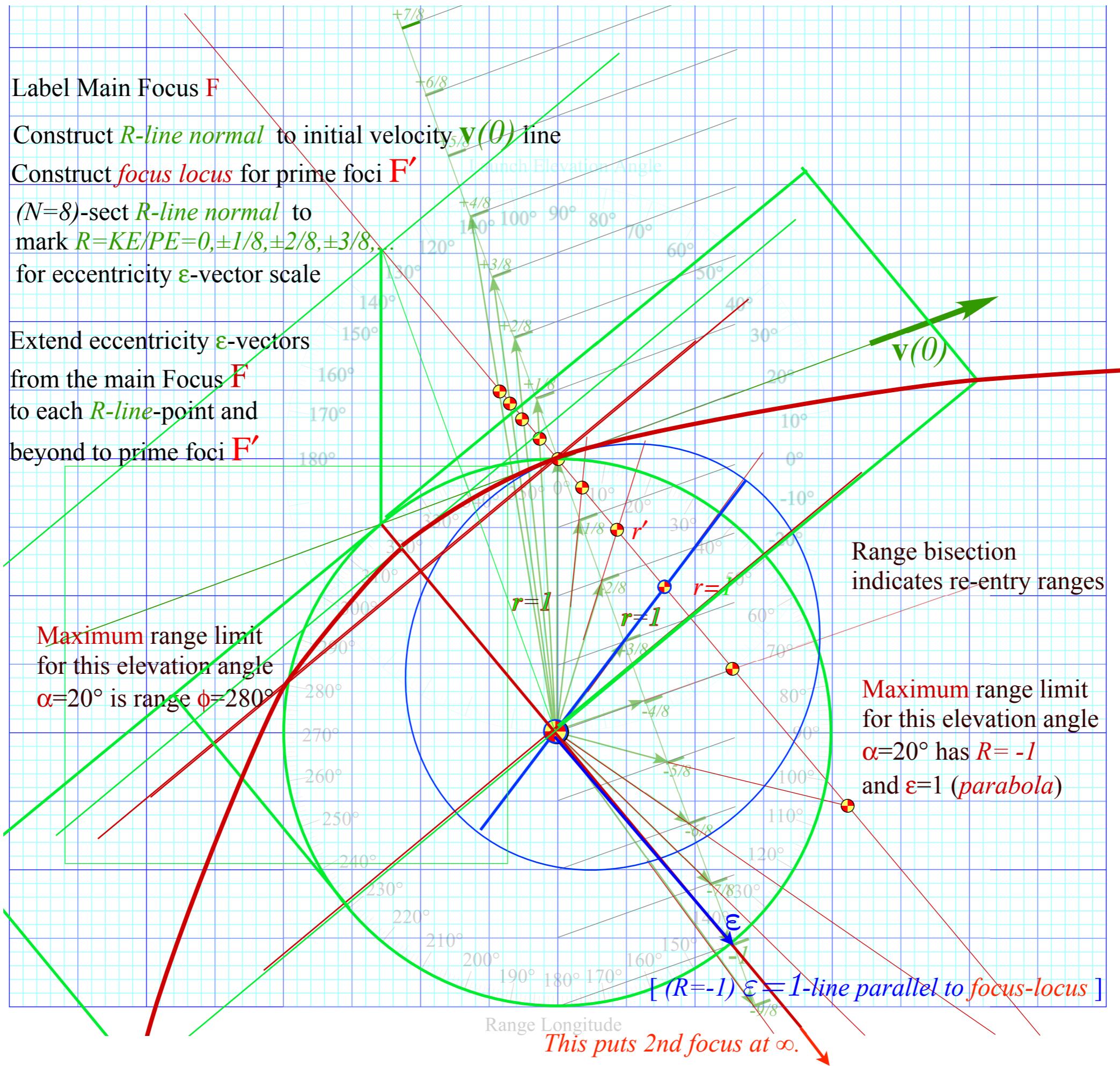


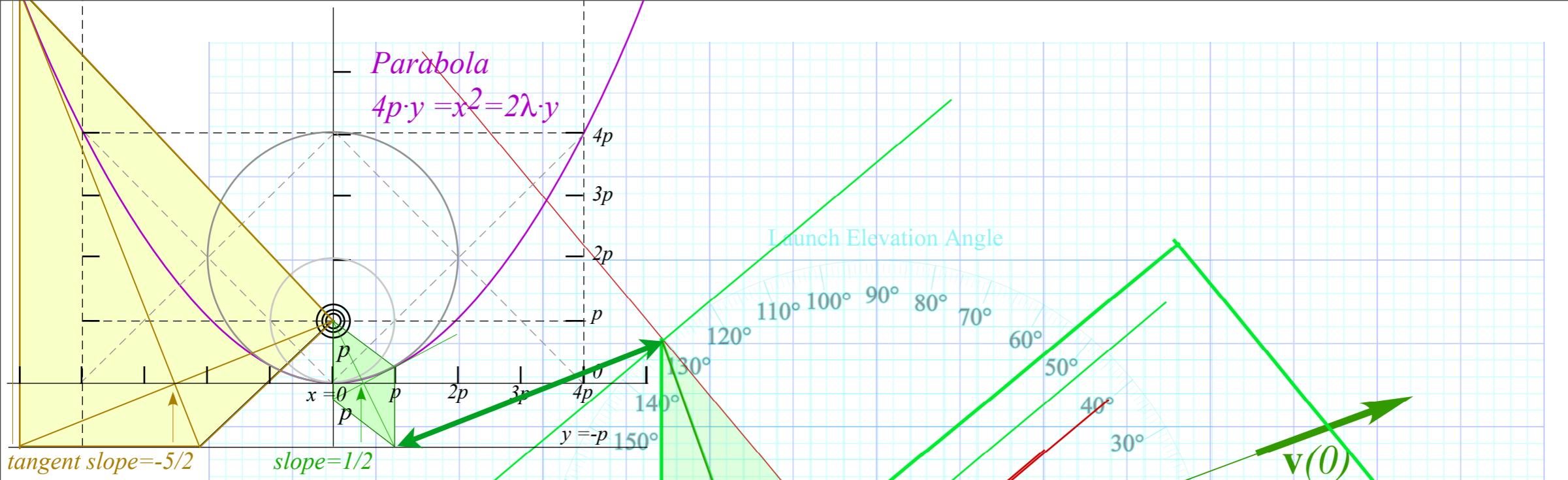
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Revu: geometry of
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Maximum range limit
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 $\alpha=20^\circ$ is range $\phi=280^\circ$

Maximum range limit
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 $\alpha=20^\circ$ has $R=-1$
and $\varepsilon=1$ (parabola)

Range Longitude

This puts 2nd focus at ∞ .

[$(R=-1)$ $\varepsilon=1$ -line parallel to focus-locus]

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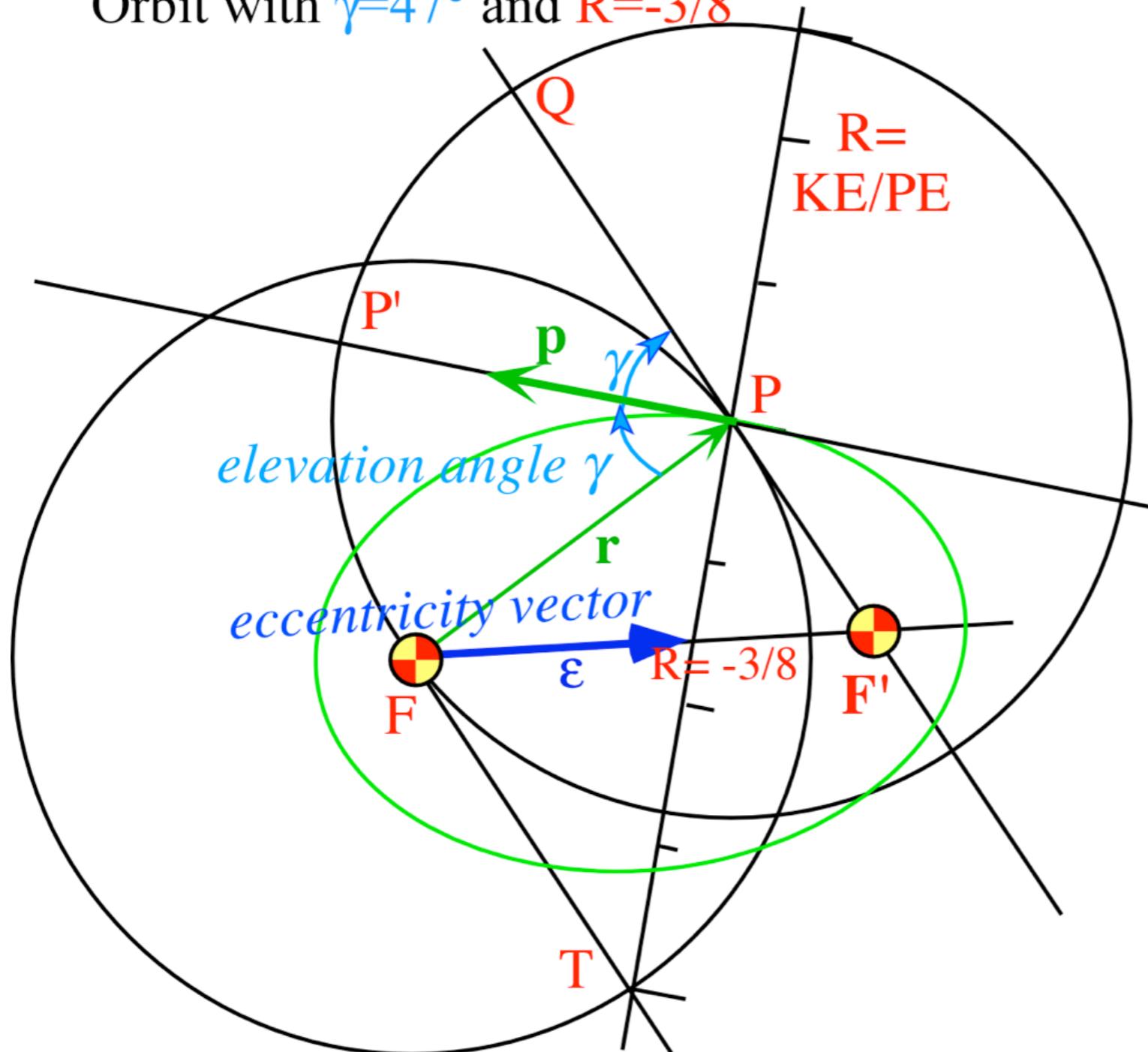
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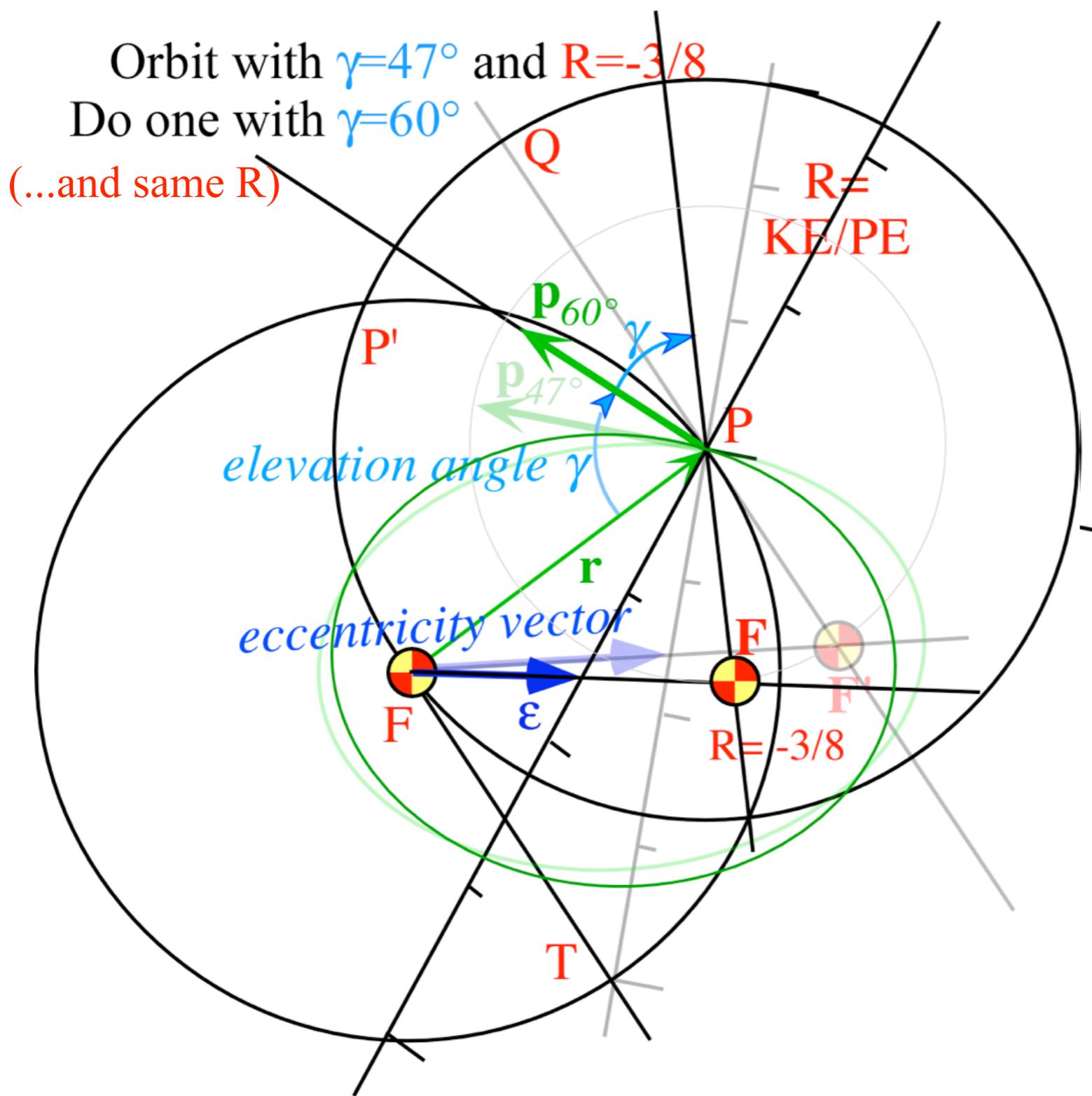
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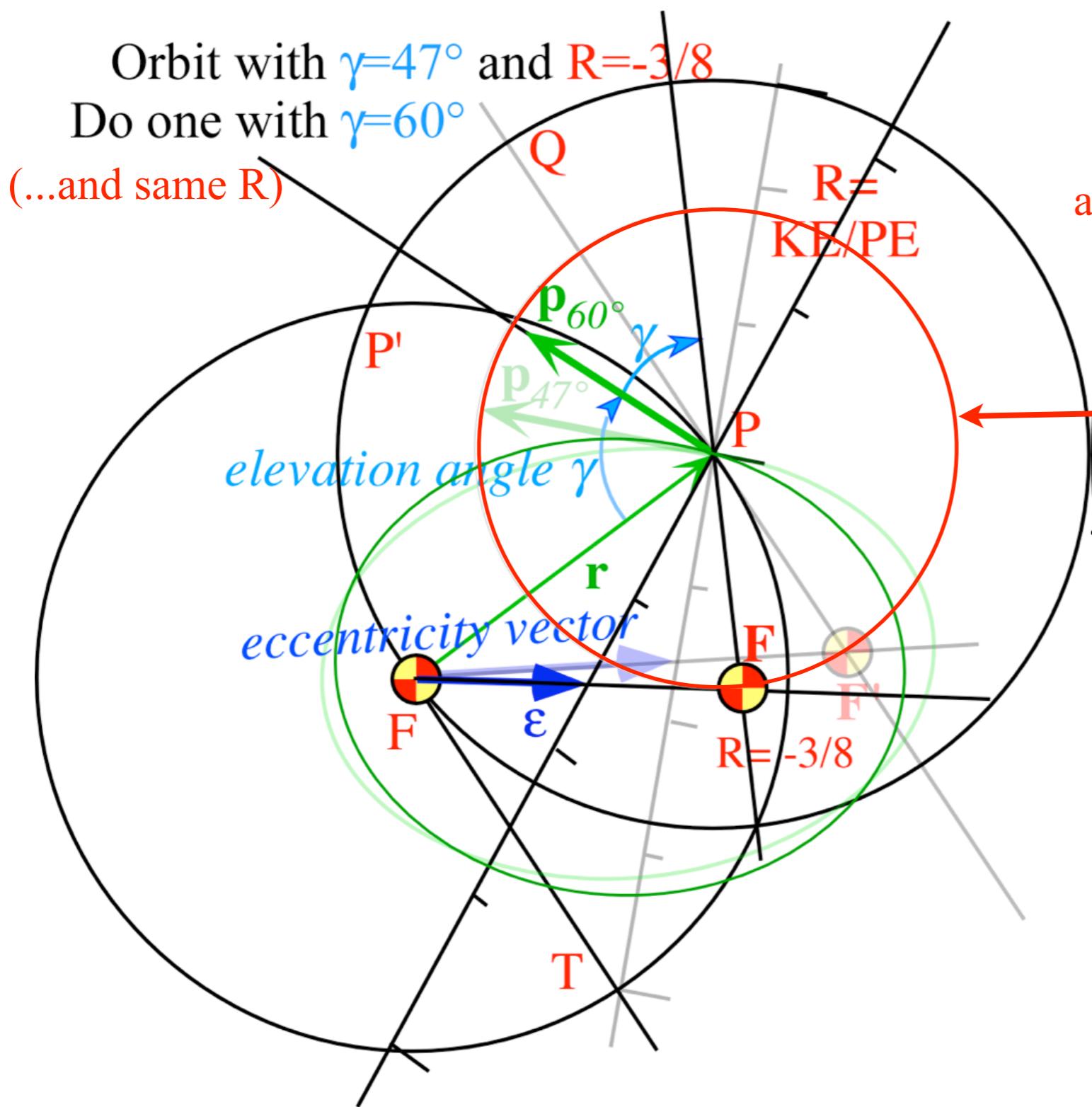
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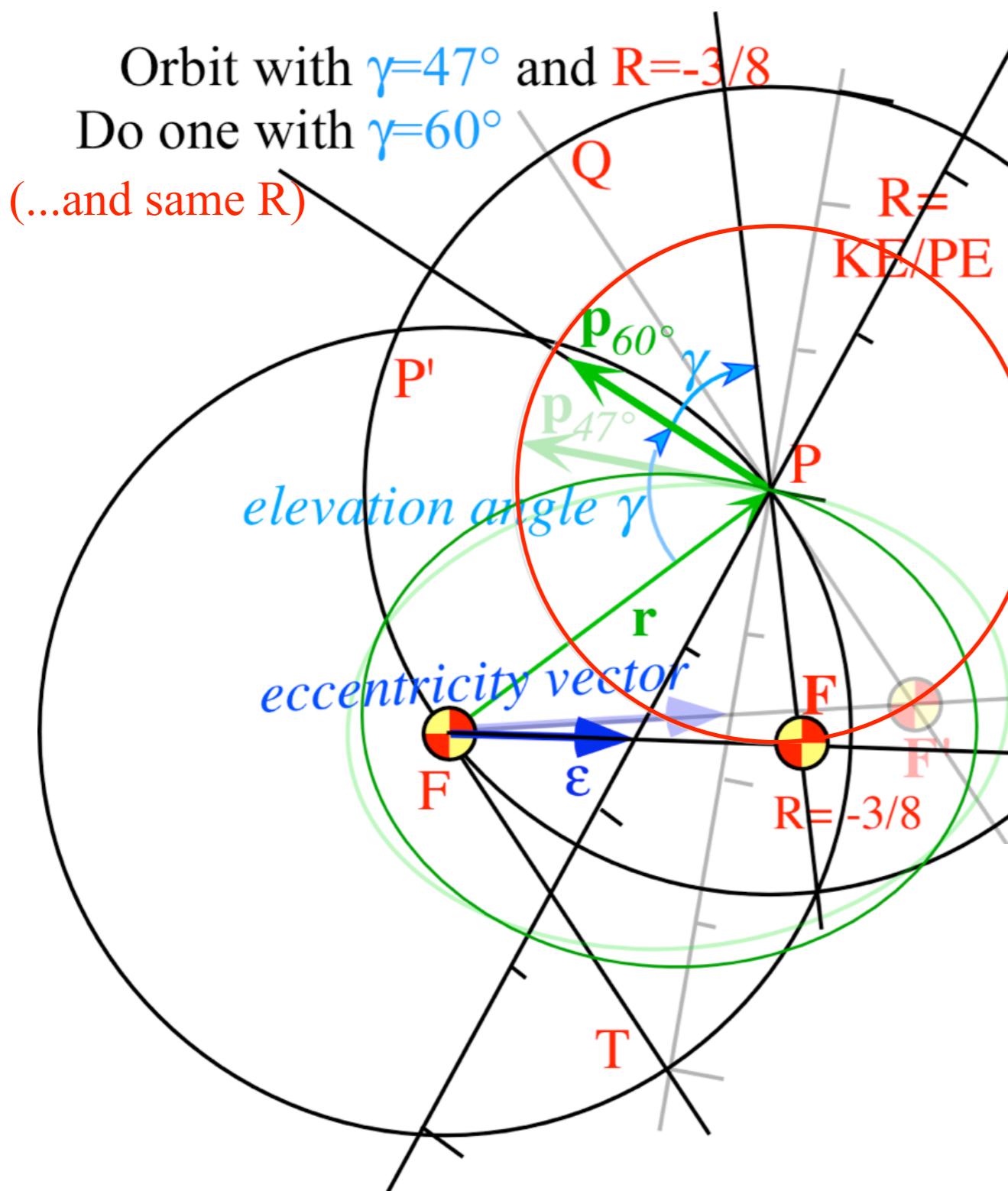






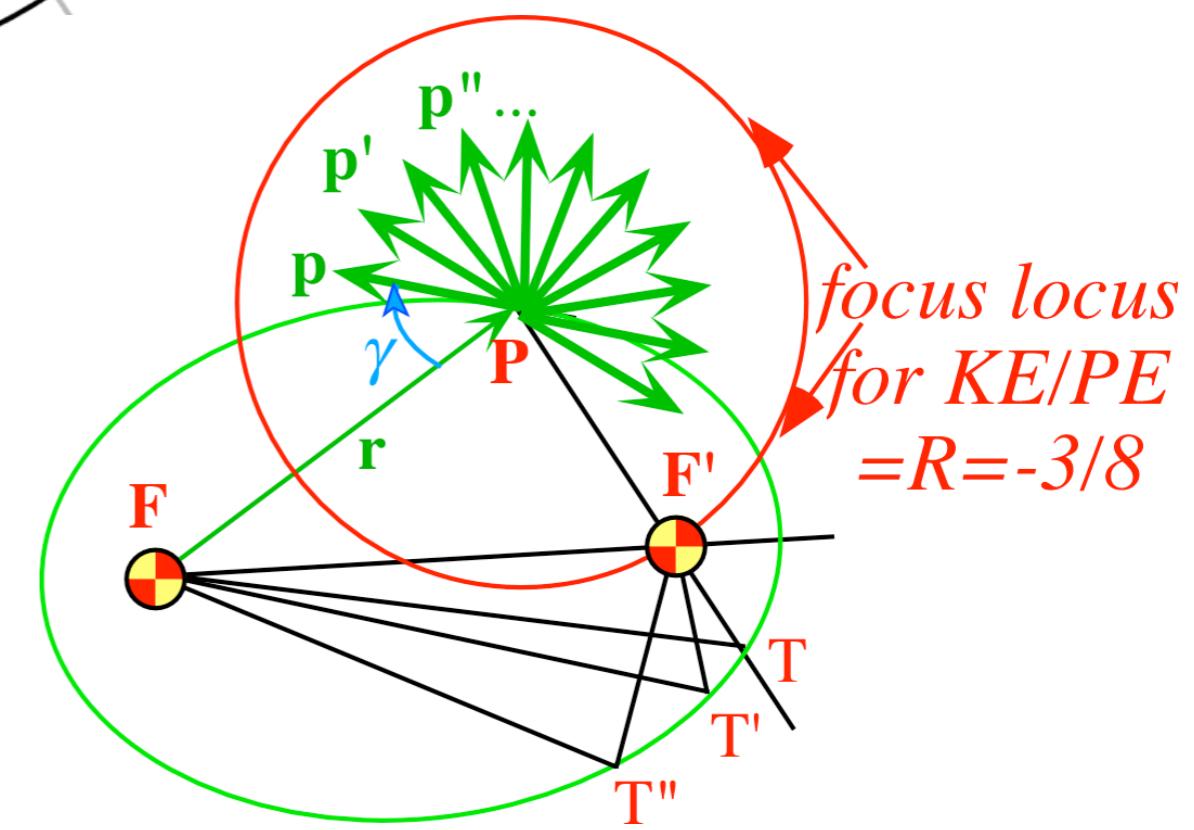
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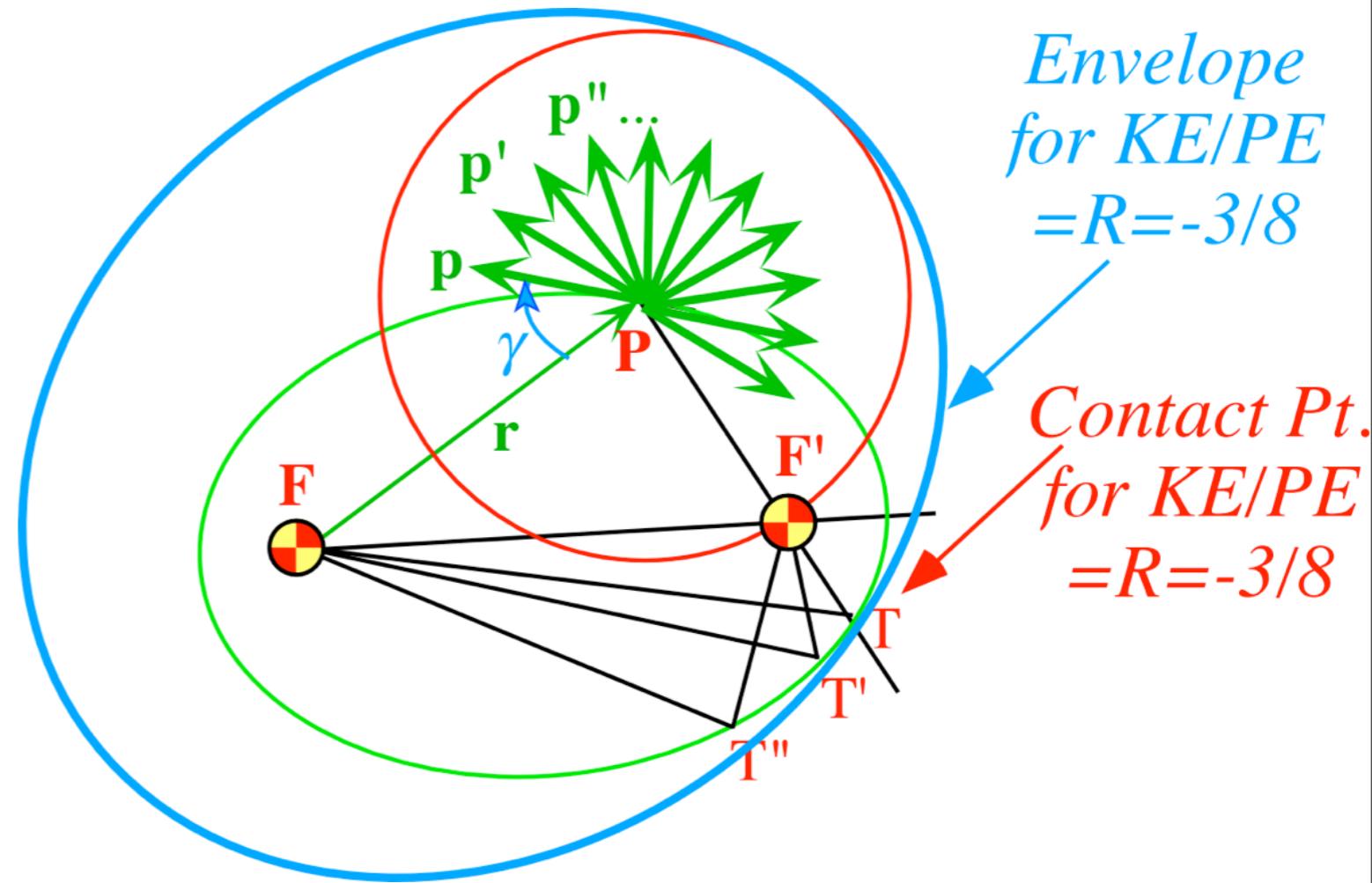
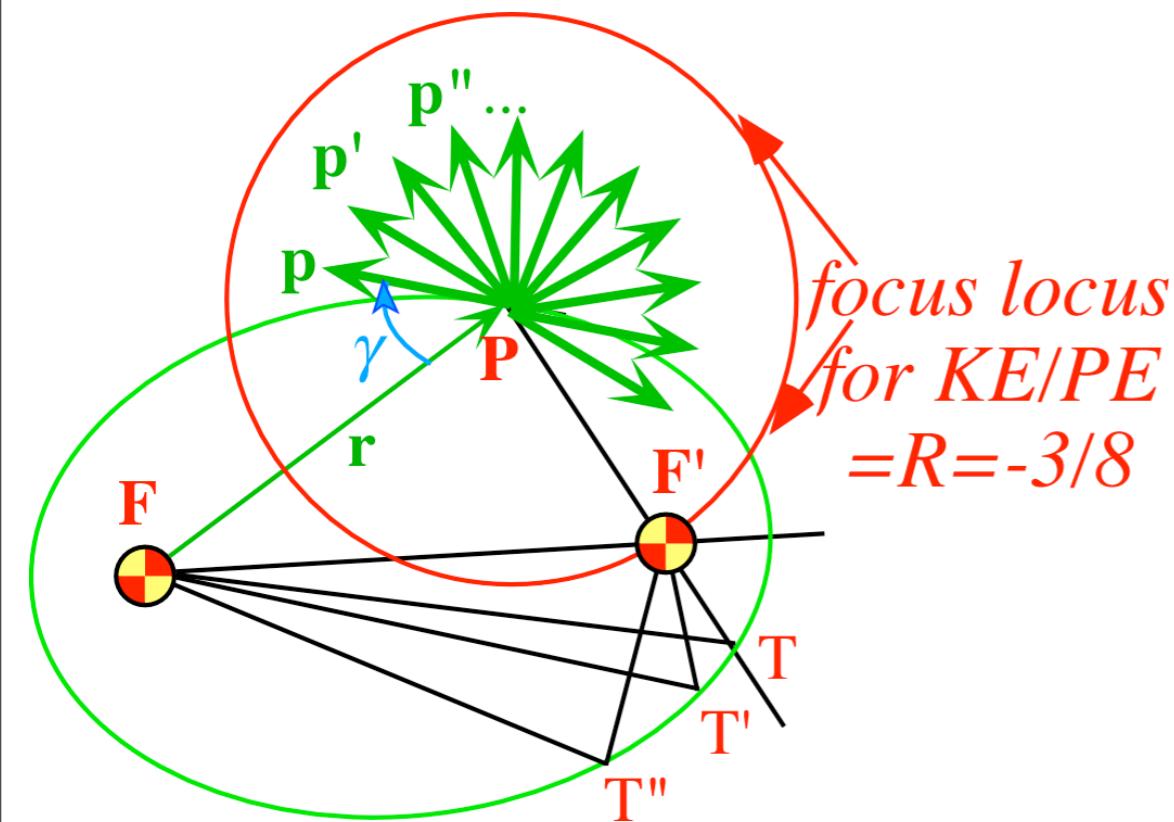
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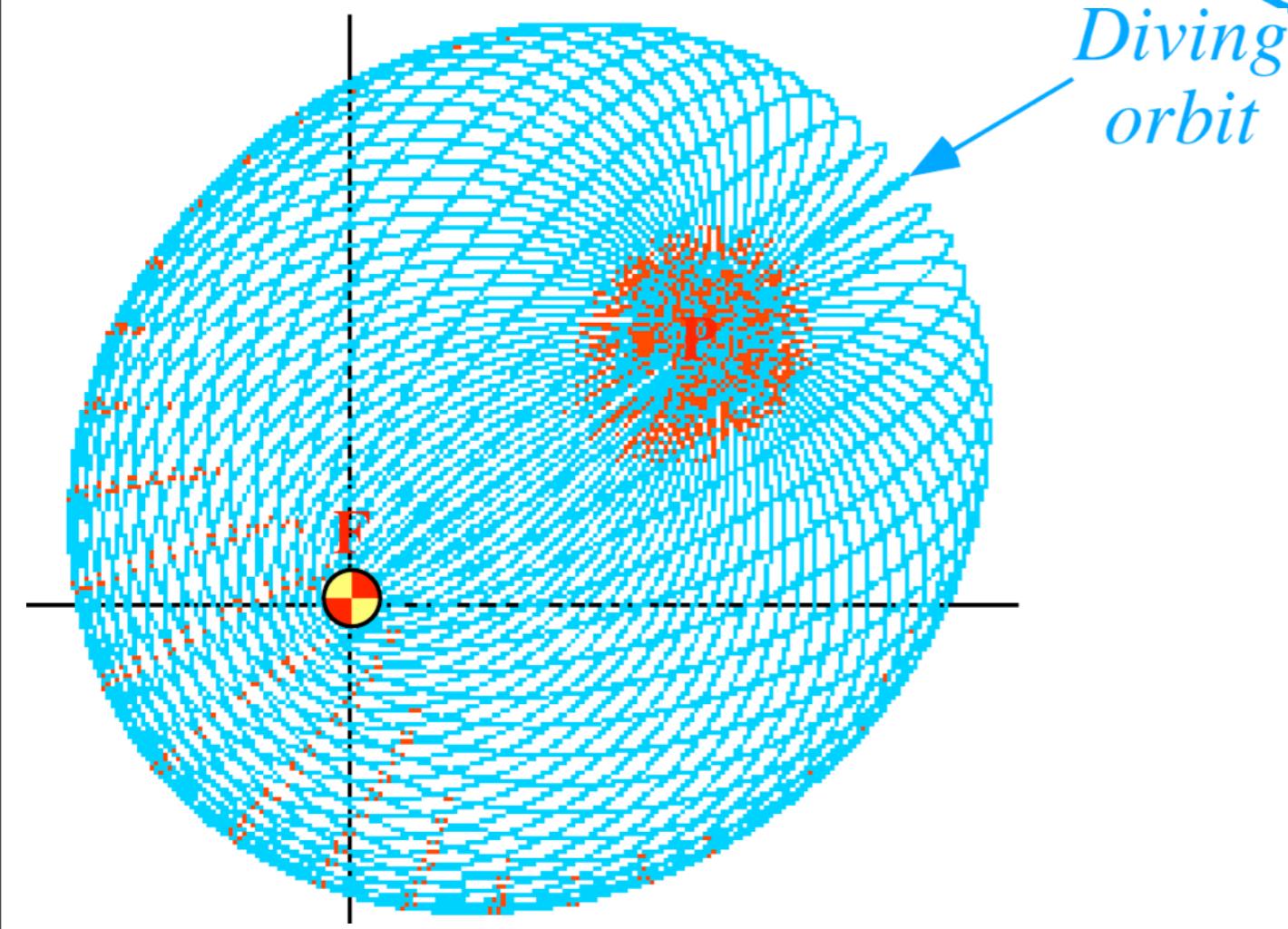
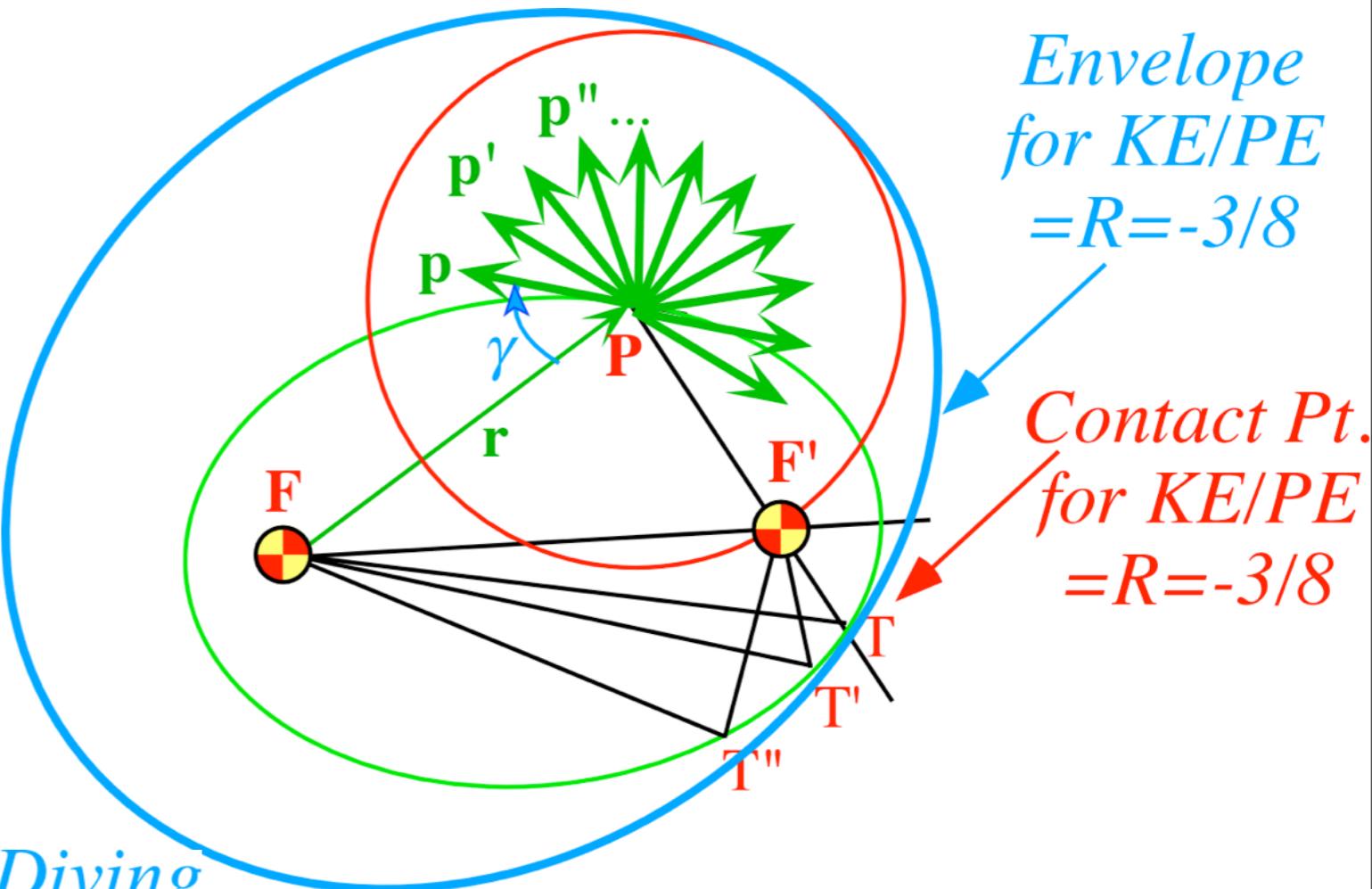
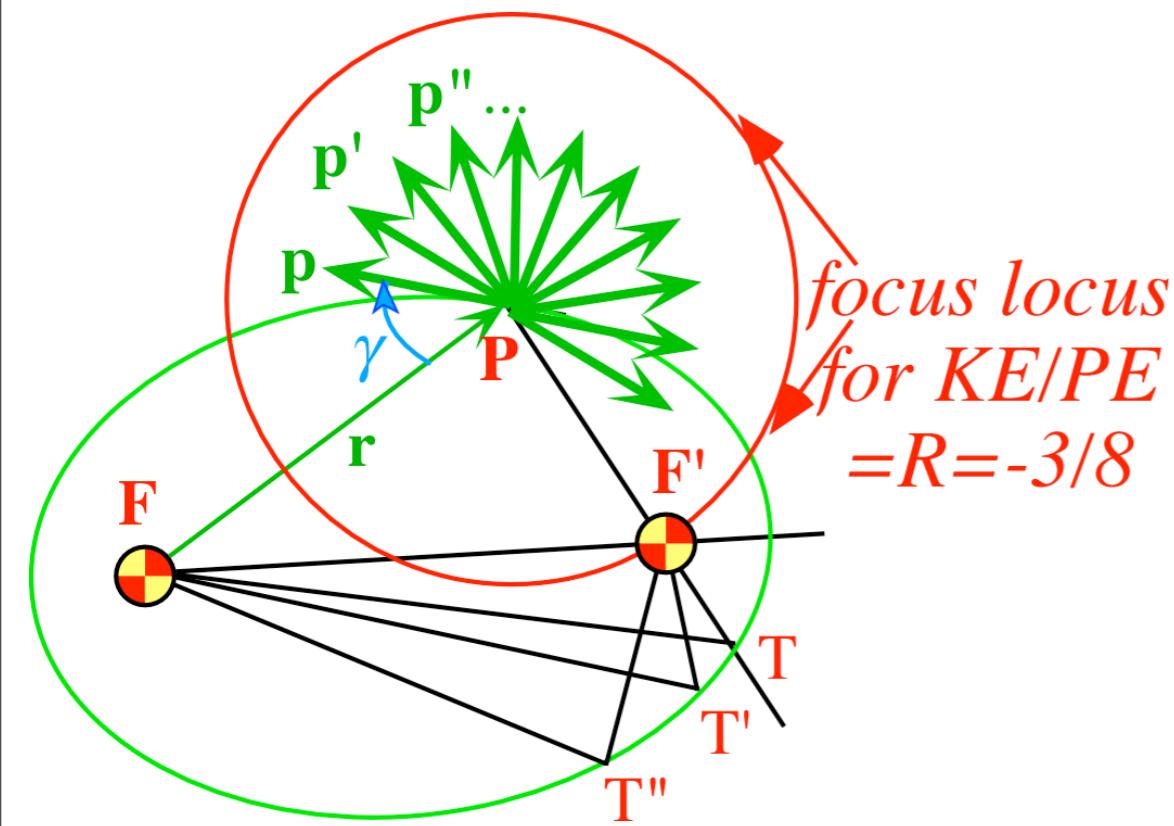
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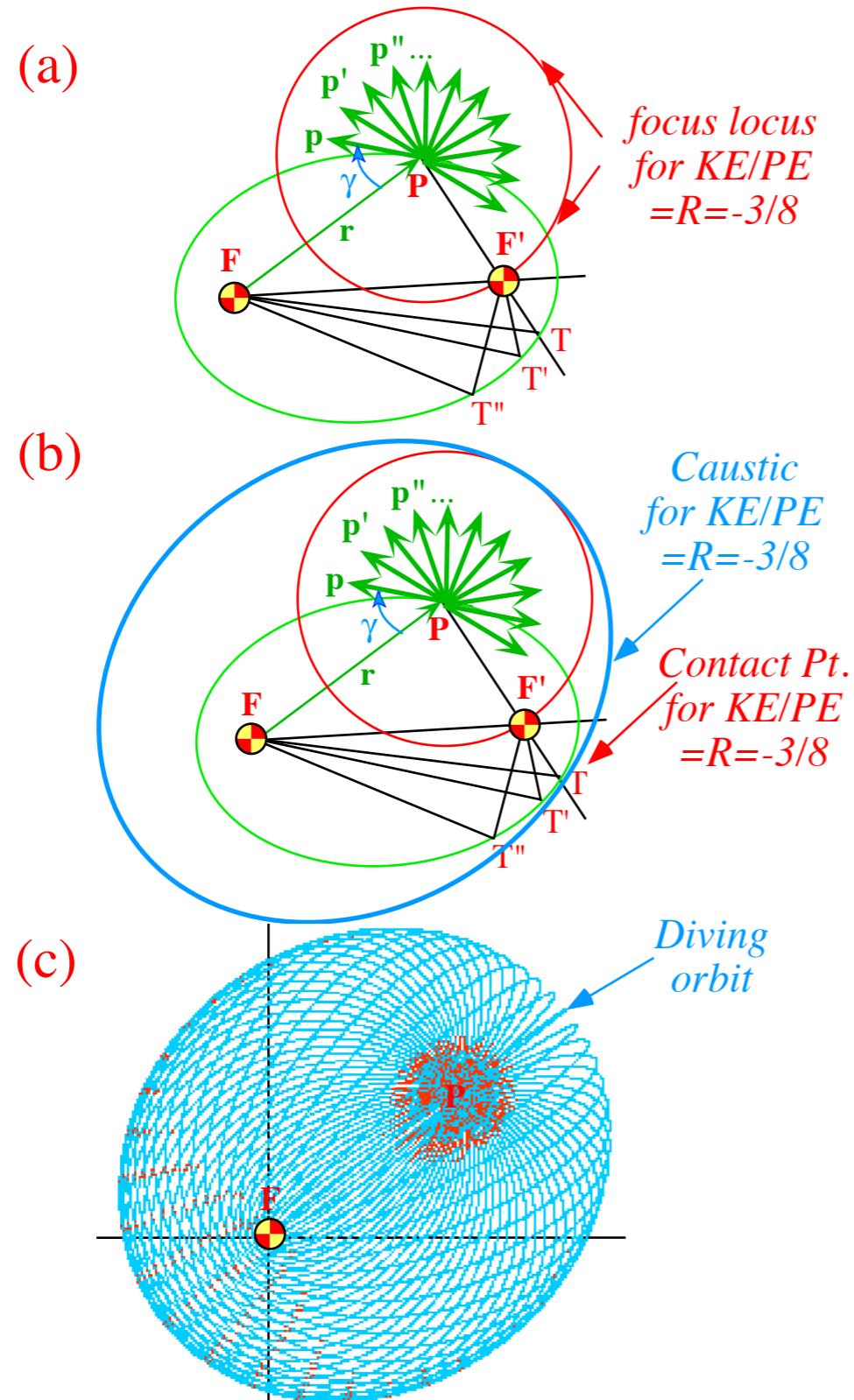


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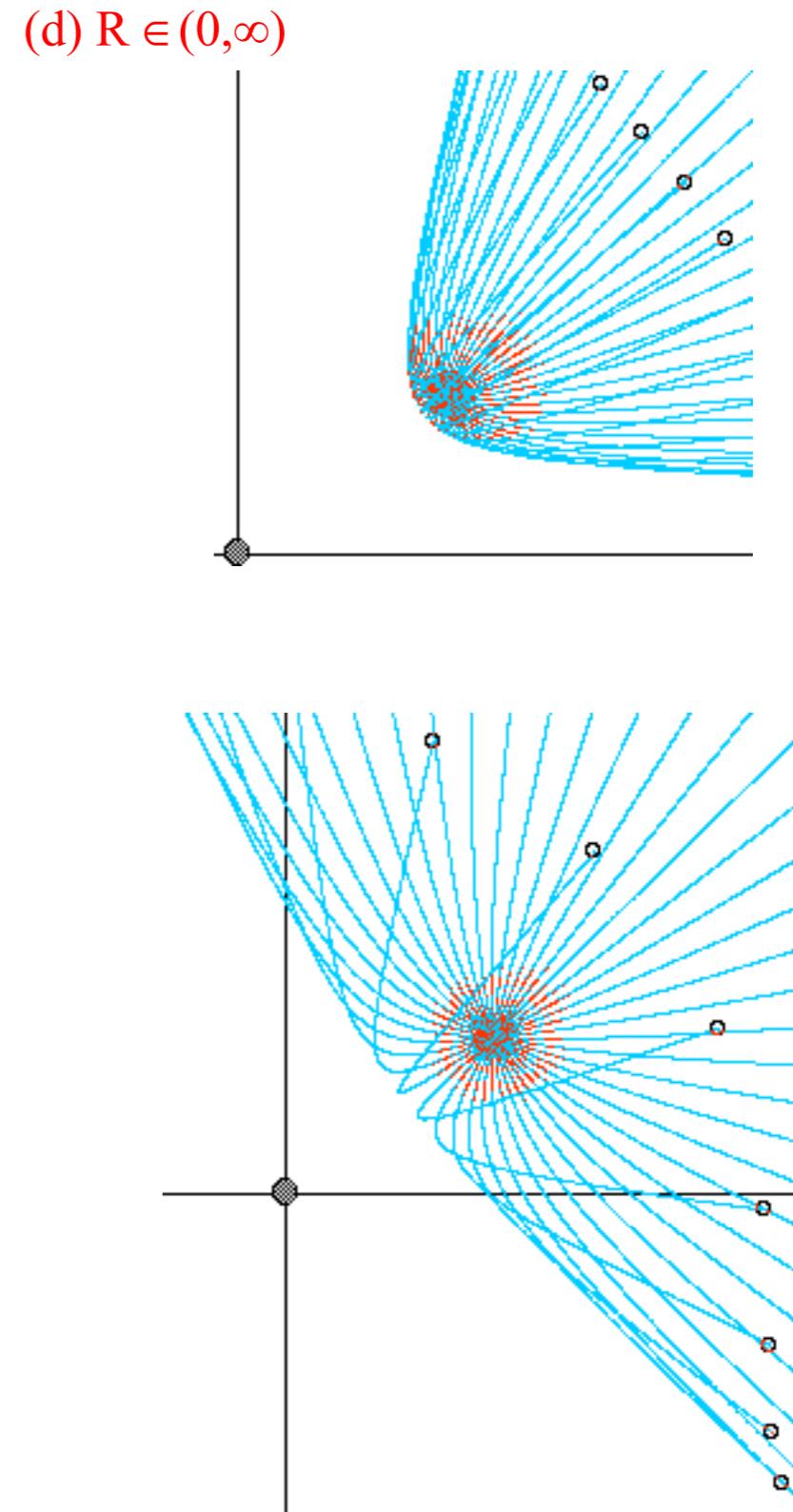
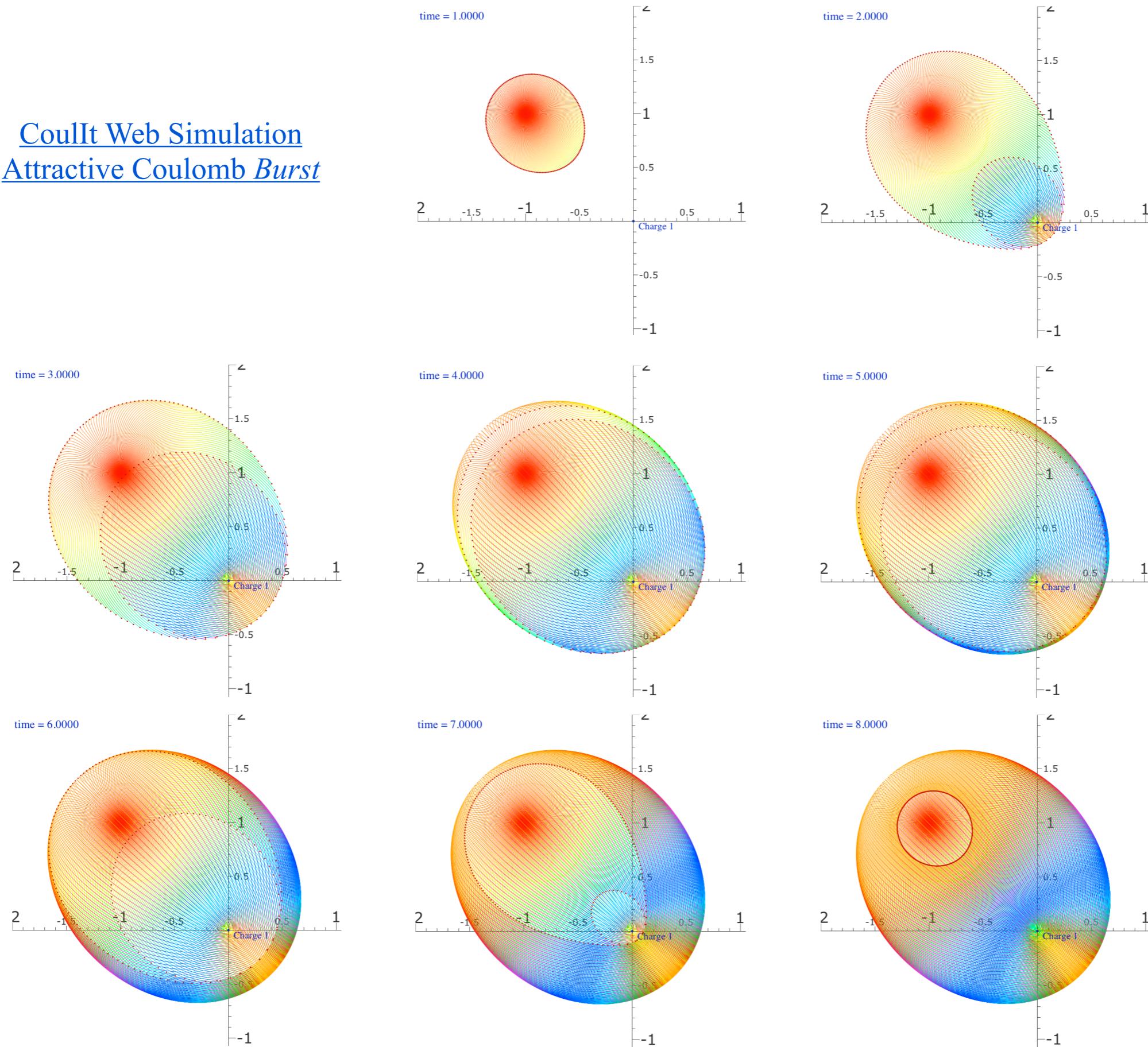
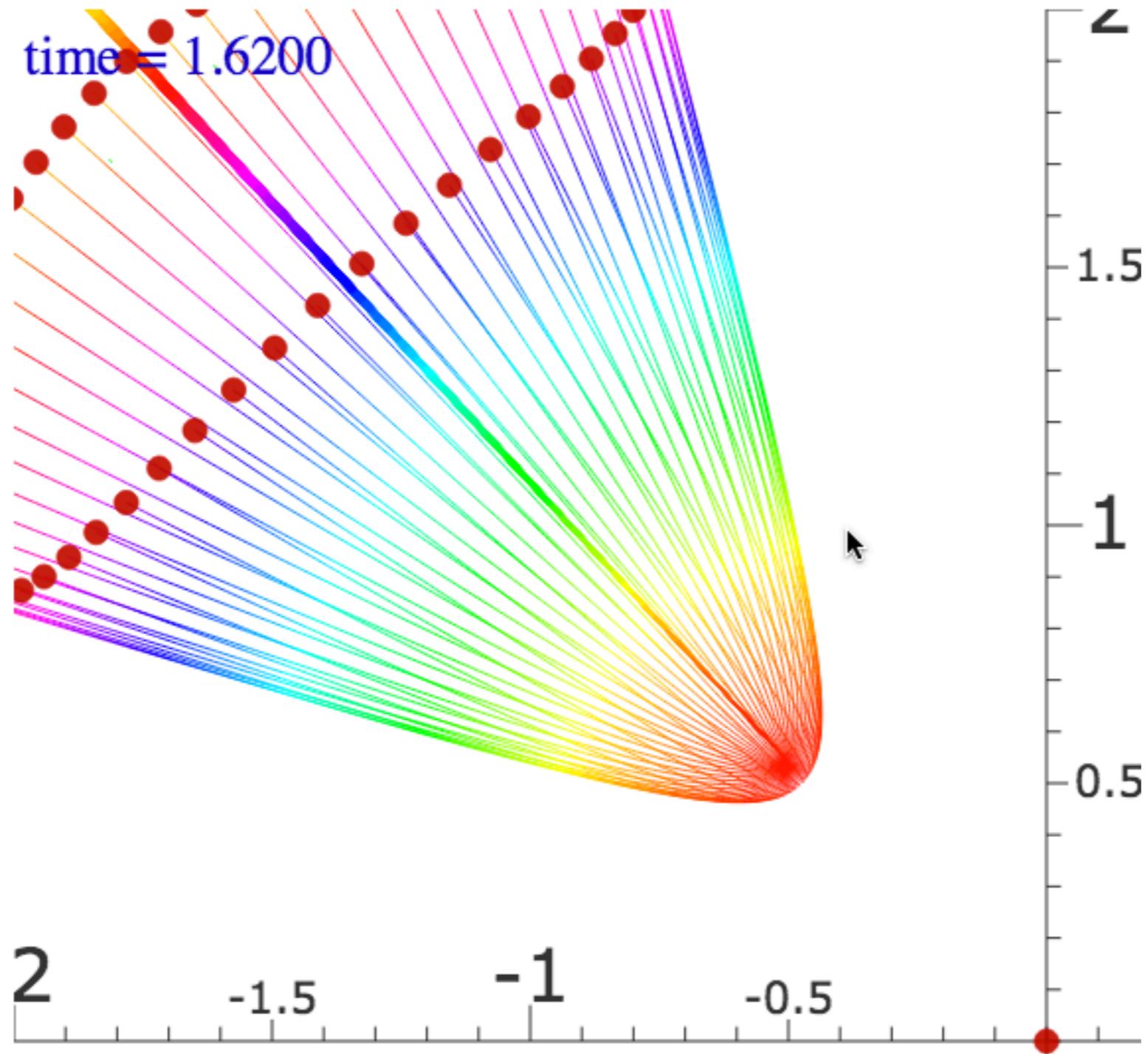


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Attractive Coulomb Burst





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Repulsive Coulomb Burst - Tight

Main Control Toggle Local Pause Reset T=0 Erase Paths

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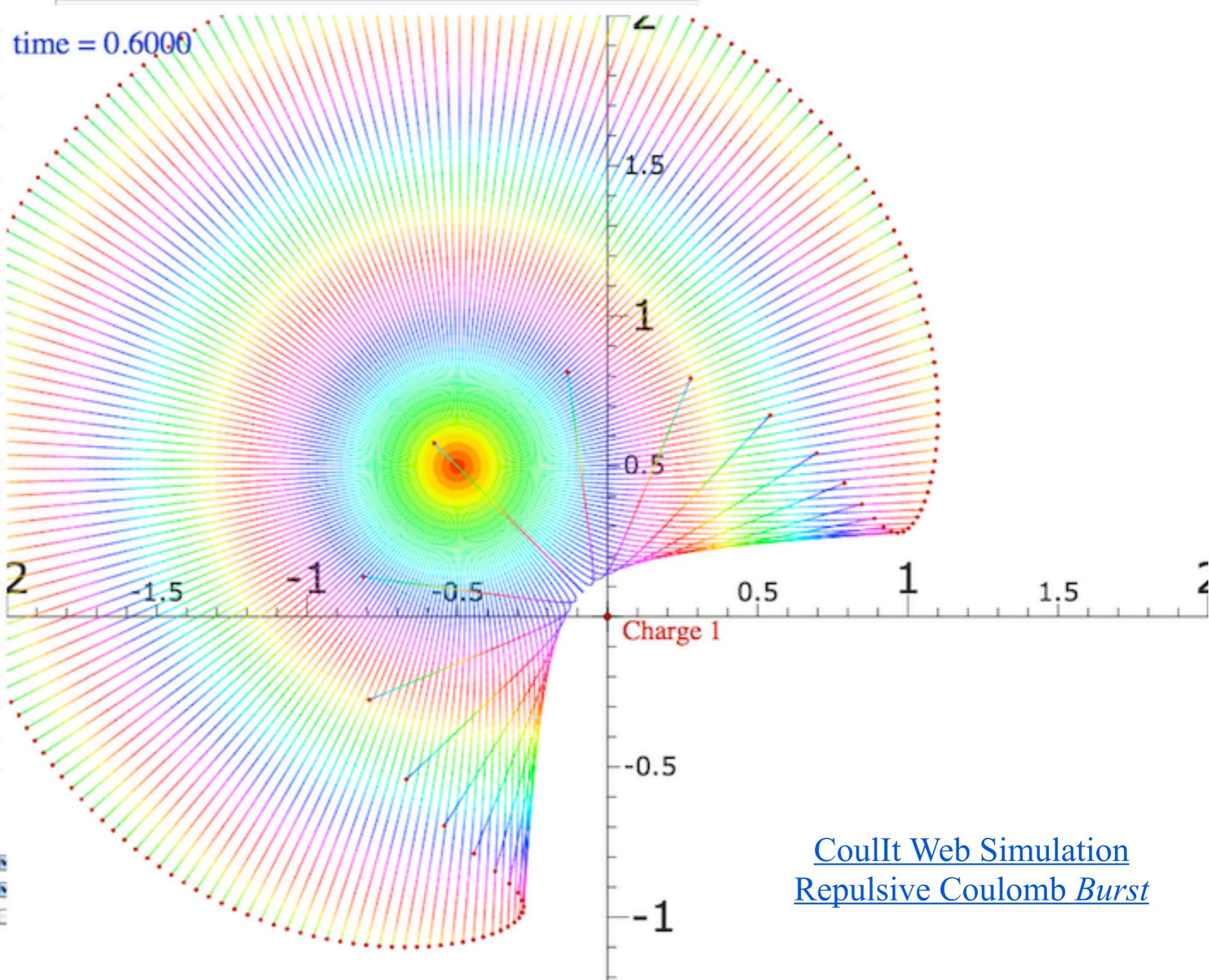
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Draw masses Axes Coordinates Lenz

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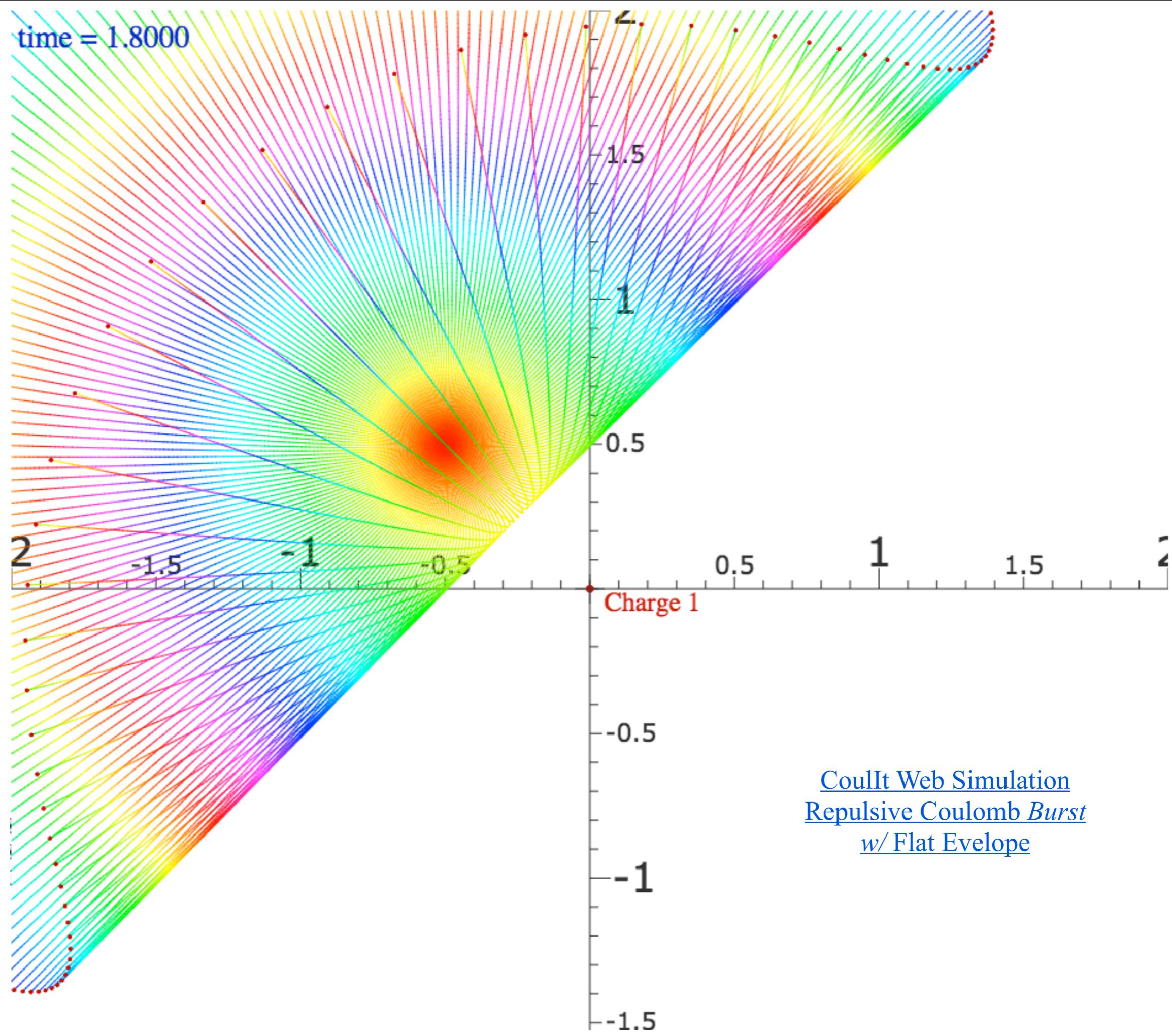
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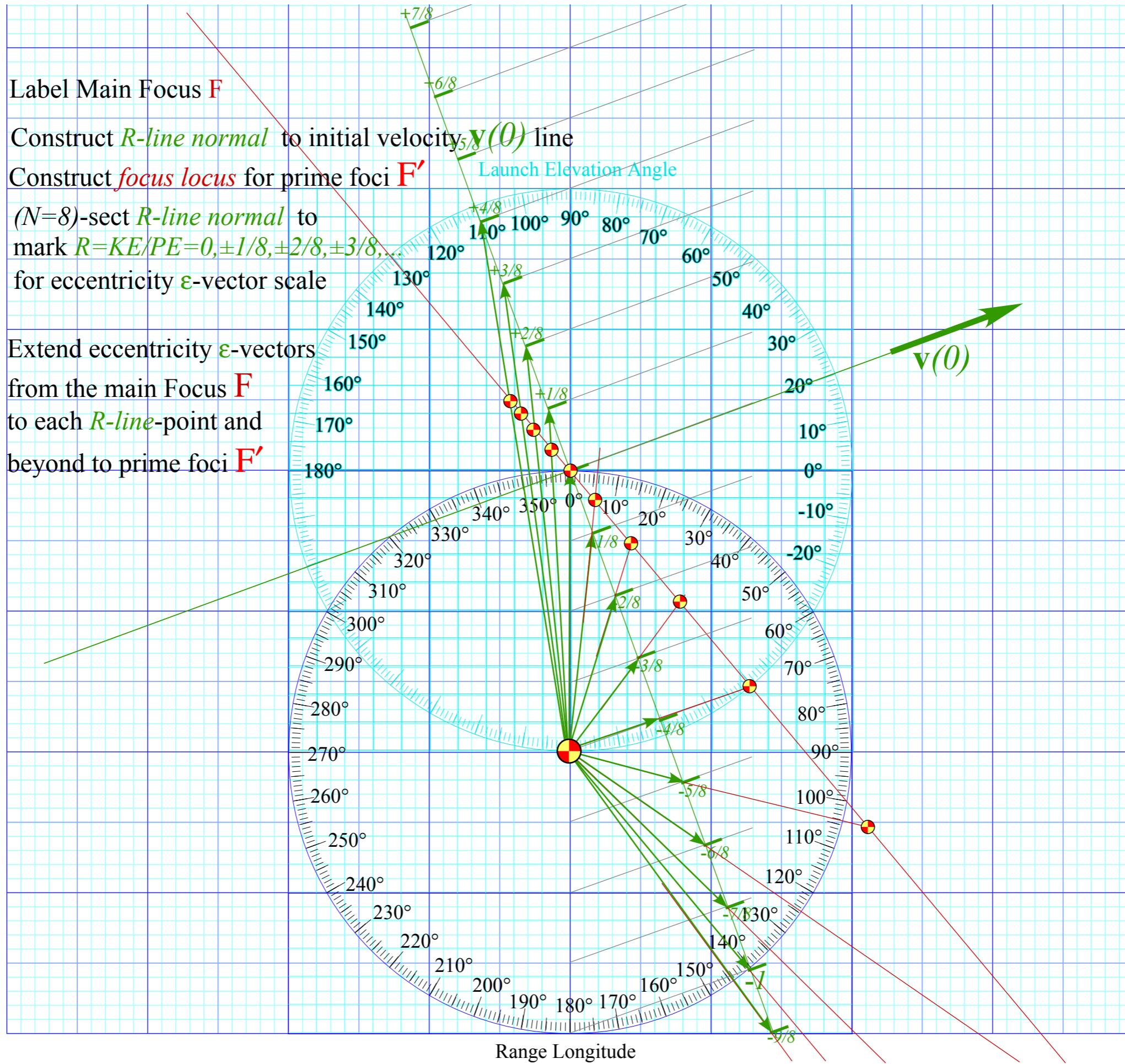
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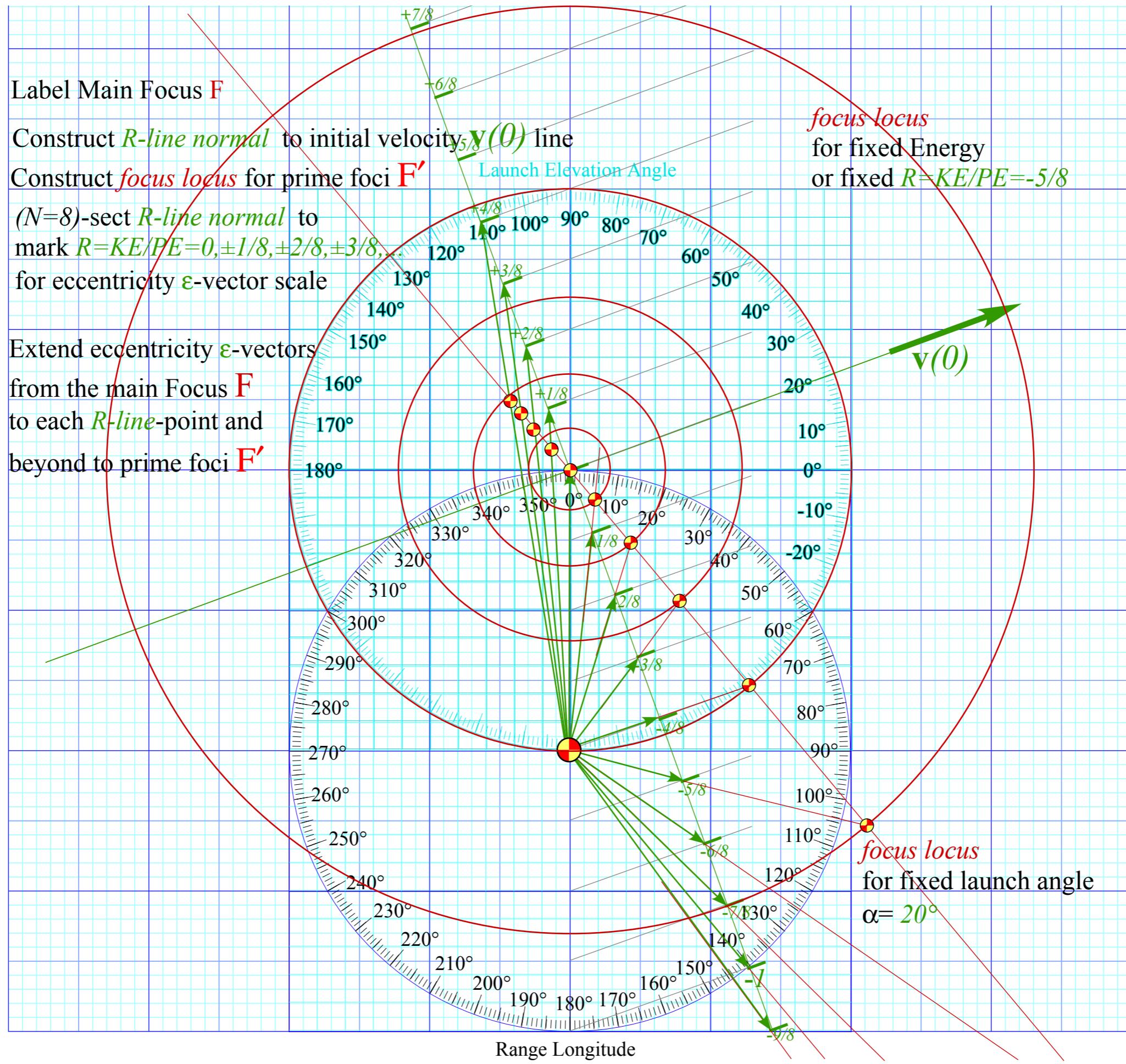
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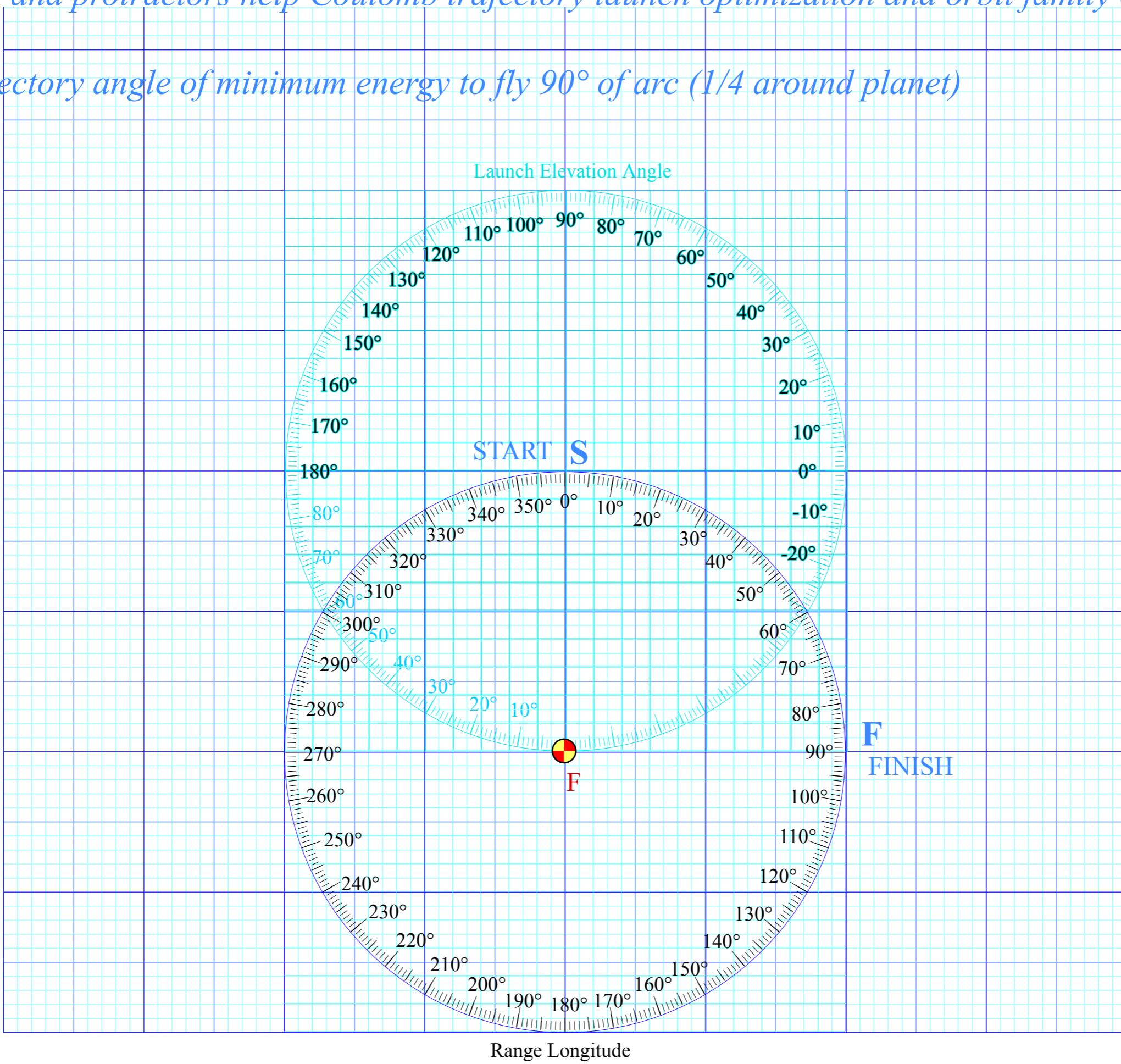




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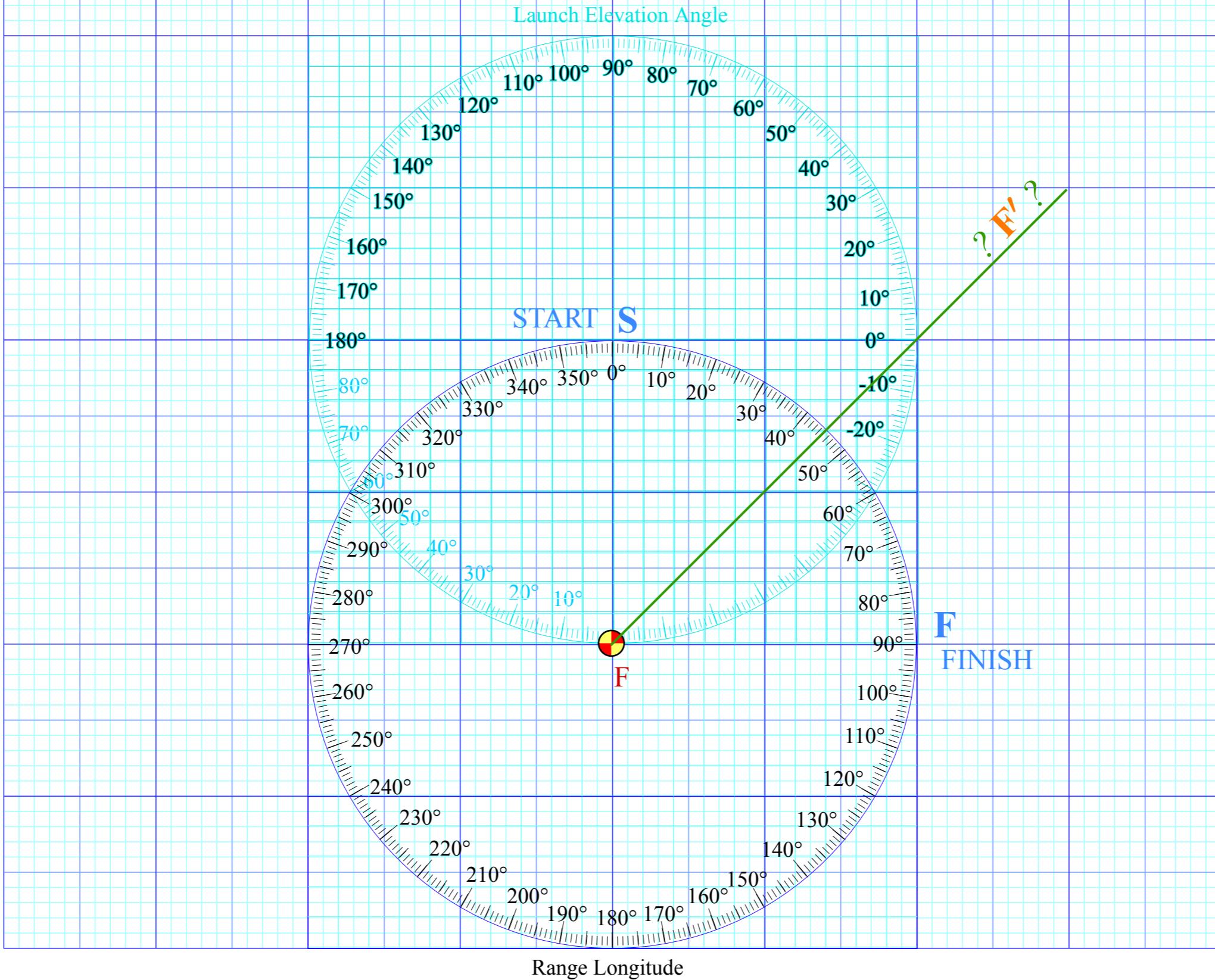


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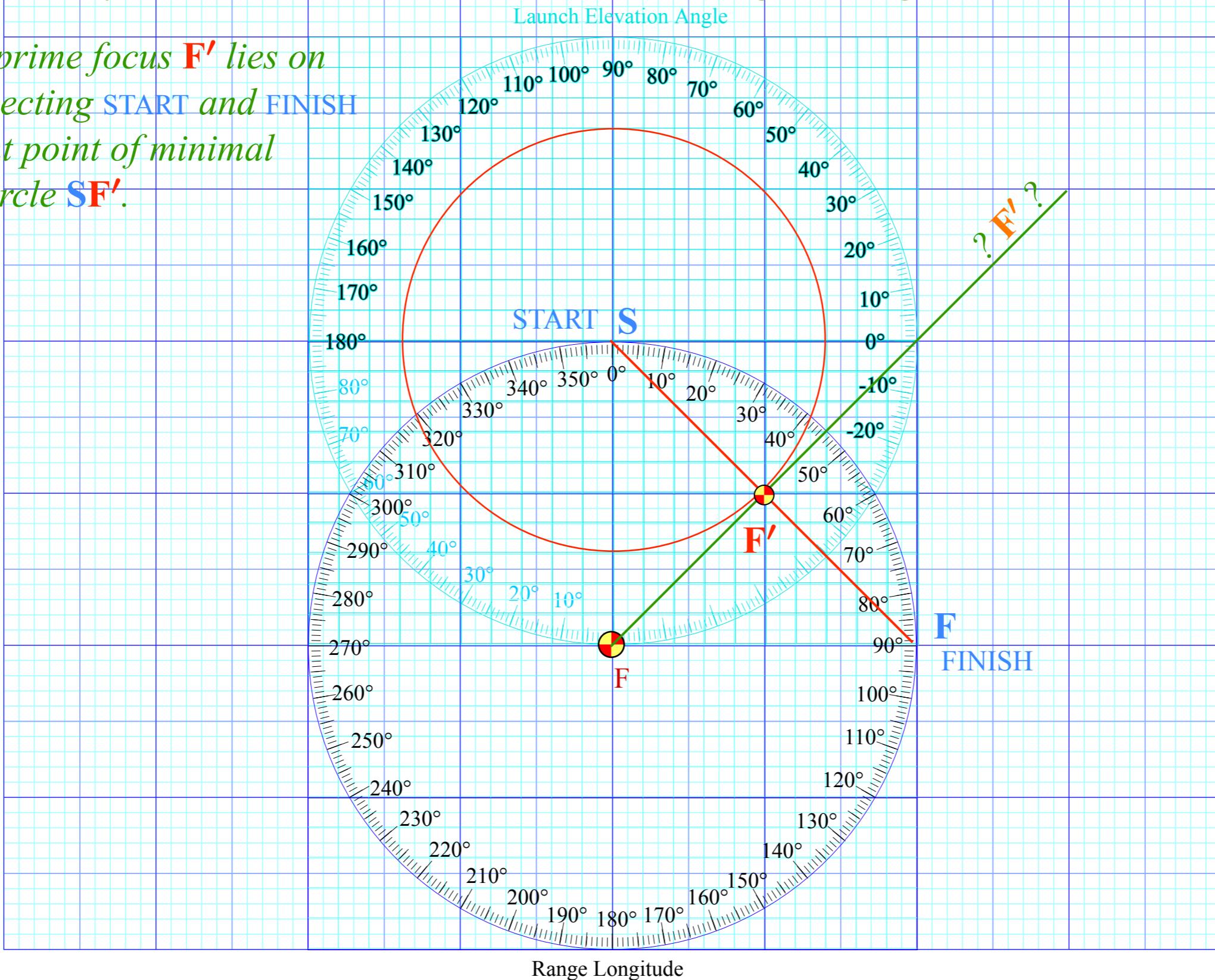
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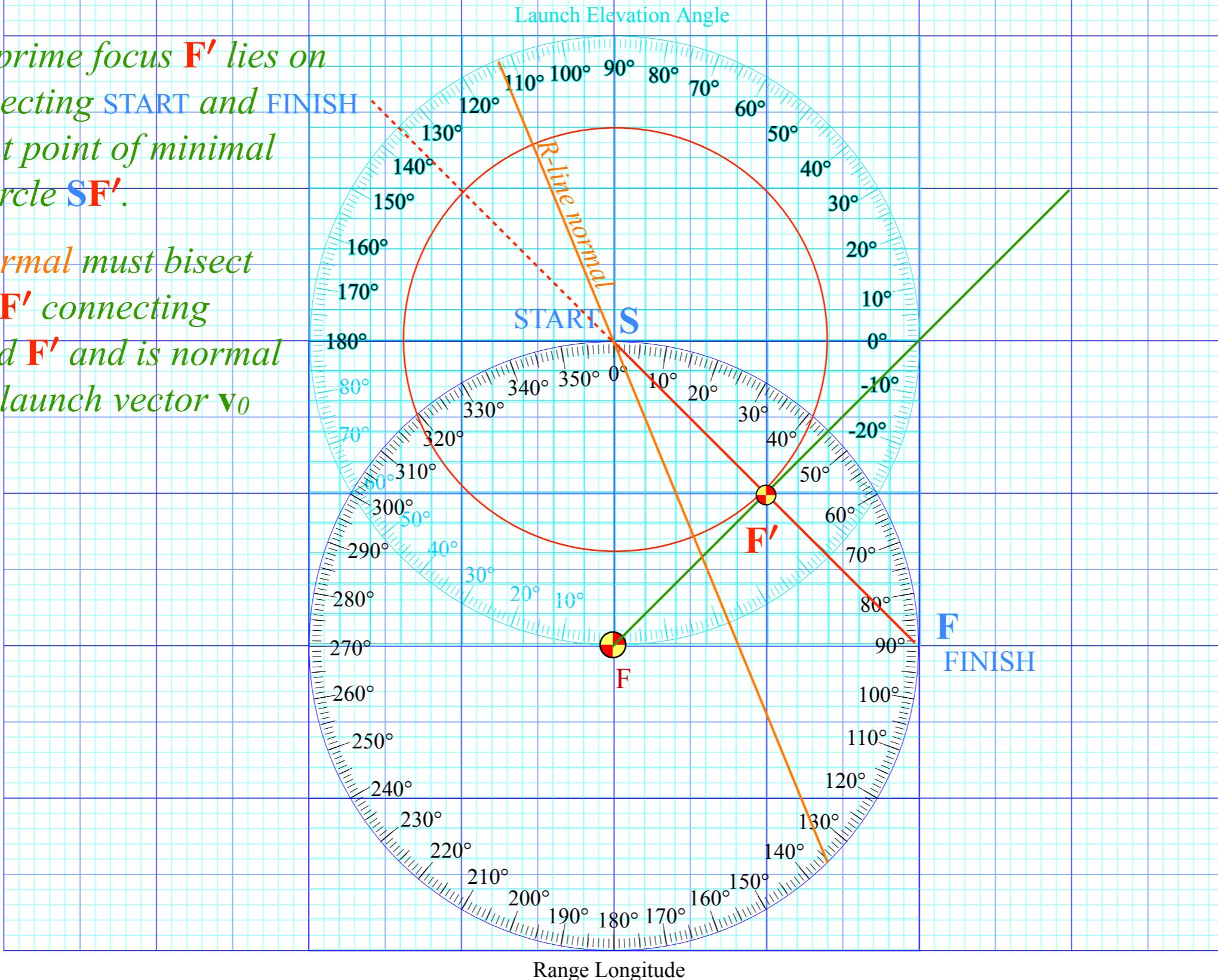
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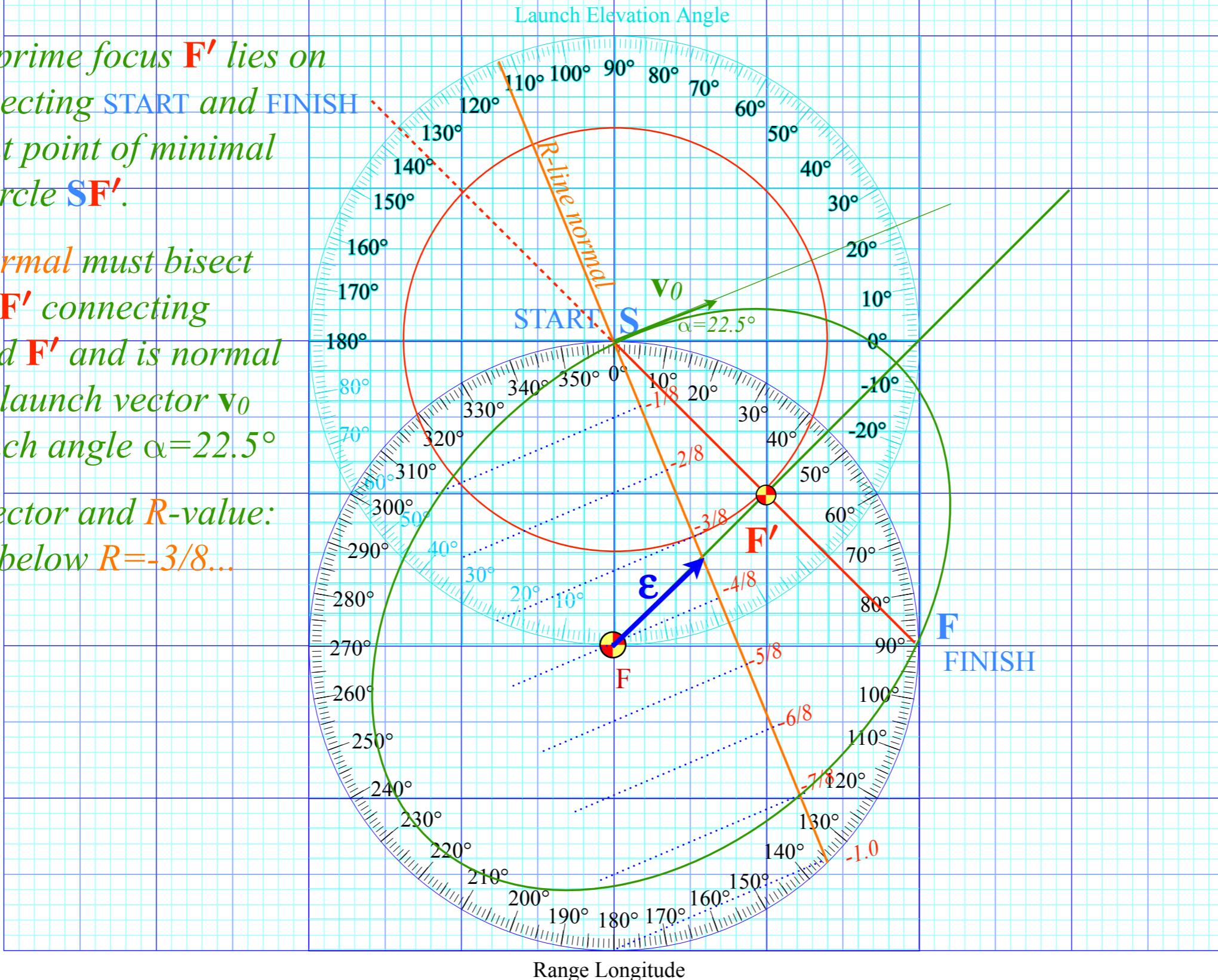
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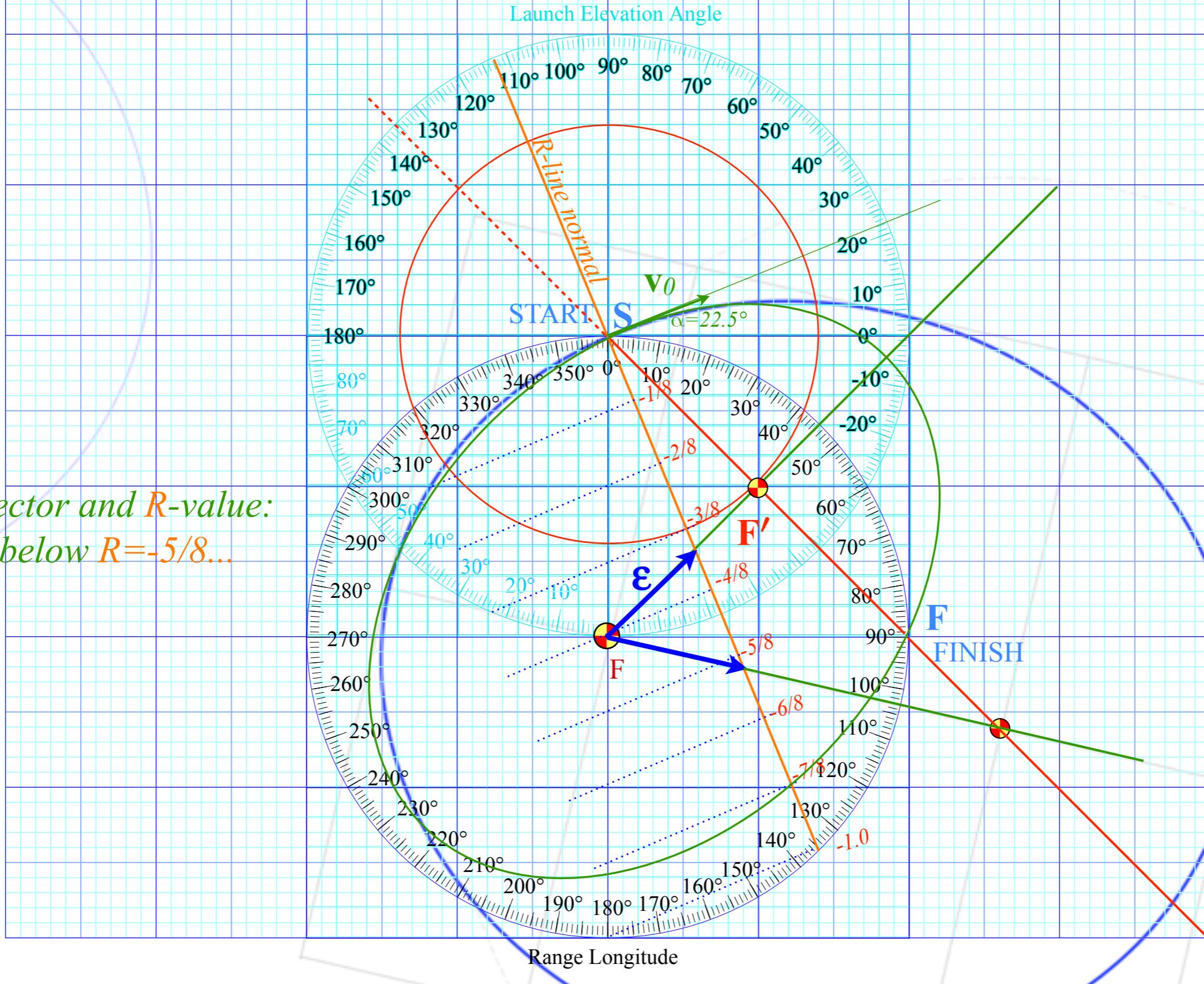
The ϵ -vector and R-value: slightly below $R = -3/8$...



Problem:

With launch angle $\alpha=22.5^\circ$ find trajectory to fly 207° of longitude

Solution: Prime focus F' lies on radial line at 103.5° that bisects longitude angle 207°



Problem:

With launch angle $\alpha=22.5^\circ$ find maximum range of trajectory.

Solution: Prime focus F' lies at infinity and gives parabola ($\varepsilon_\infty=1, R=-1$) trajectory.

Trajectory axis is at 135° .

Trajectory would hit Earth at 270°

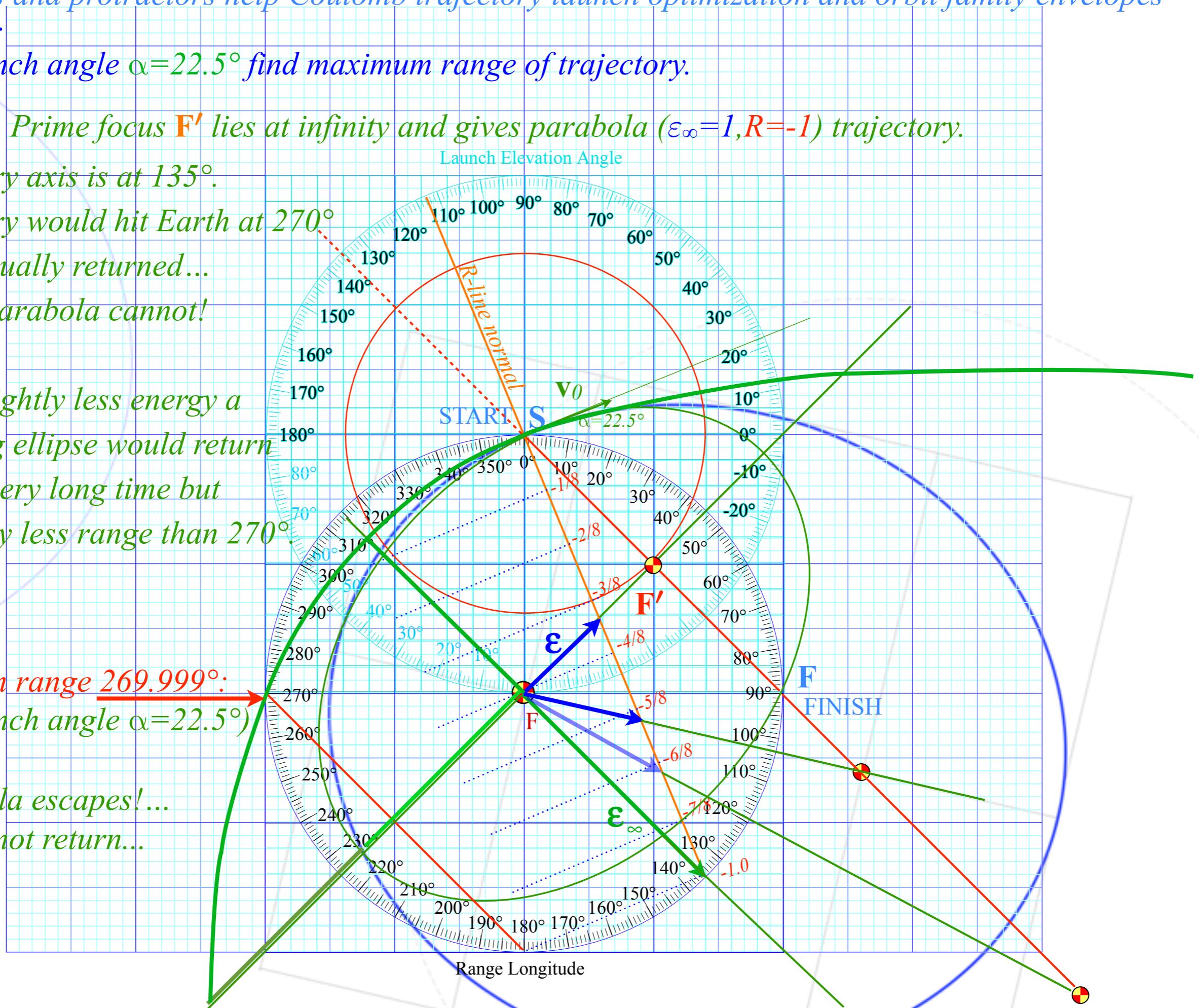
...if it actually returned...

...but a parabola cannot!

But at slightly less energy a very long ellipse would return after a very long time but at slightly less range than 270° .

Maximum range 269.999° :
(with launch angle $\alpha=22.5^\circ$)

Parabola escapes!...
...does not return...



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