

Lecture 29  
Tue. 12.10.2014

*Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb Orbital Dynamics I.*

*(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5 12.11.14)*

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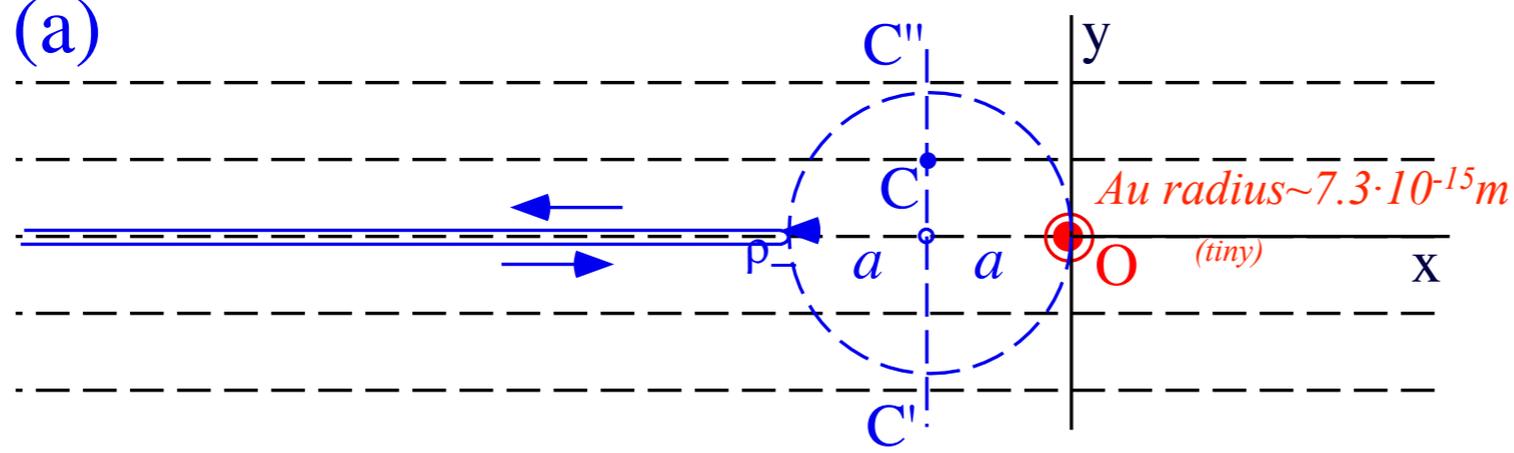
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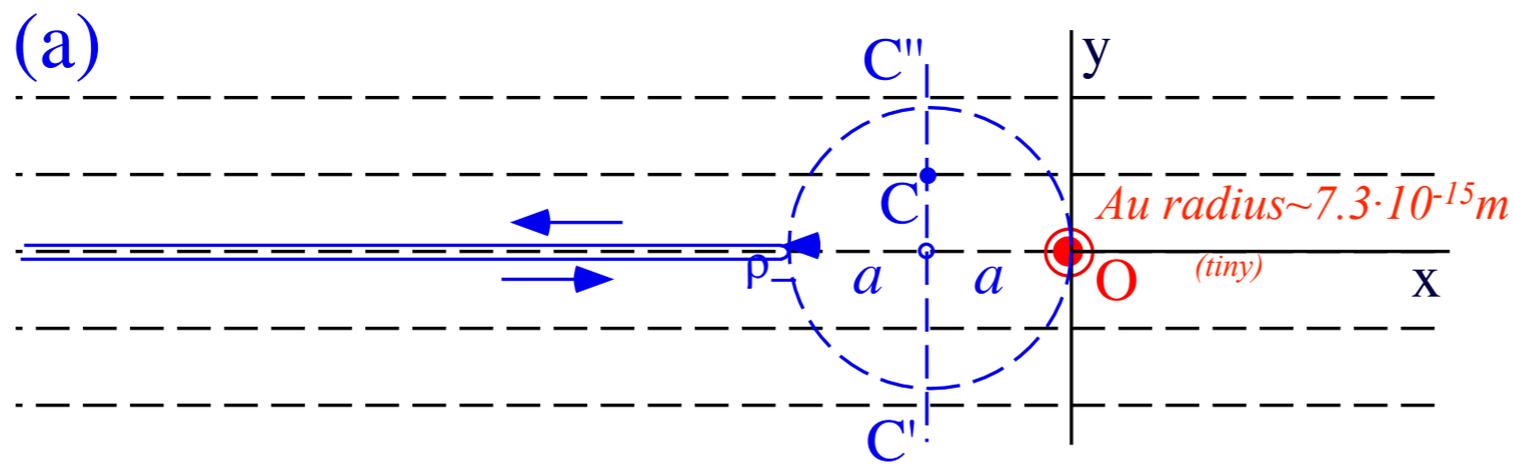


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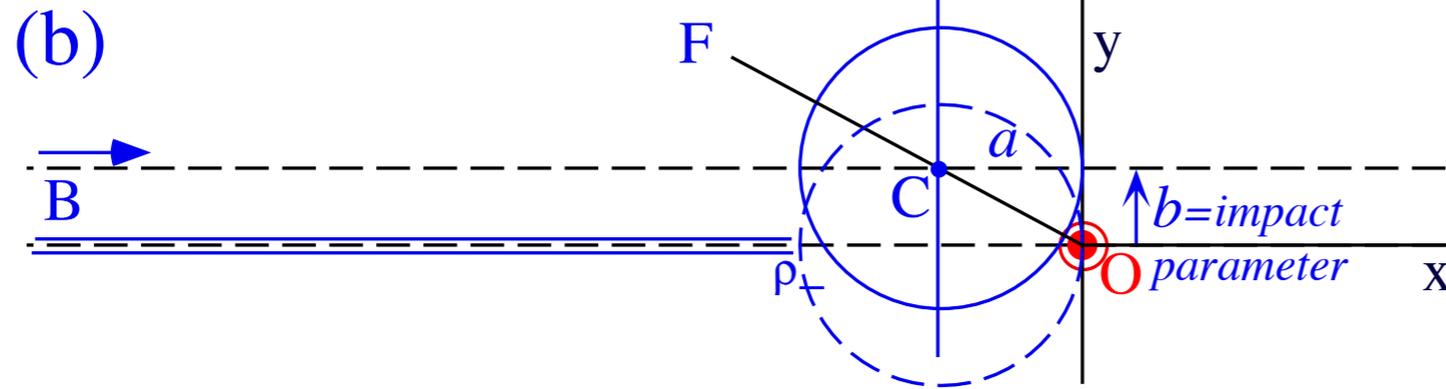
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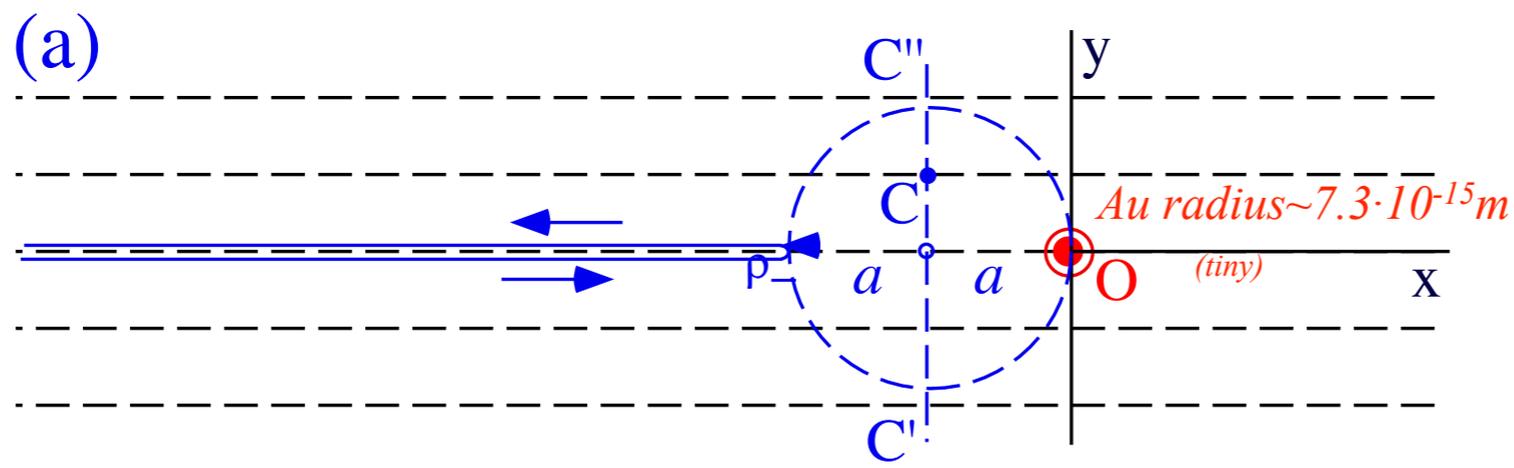
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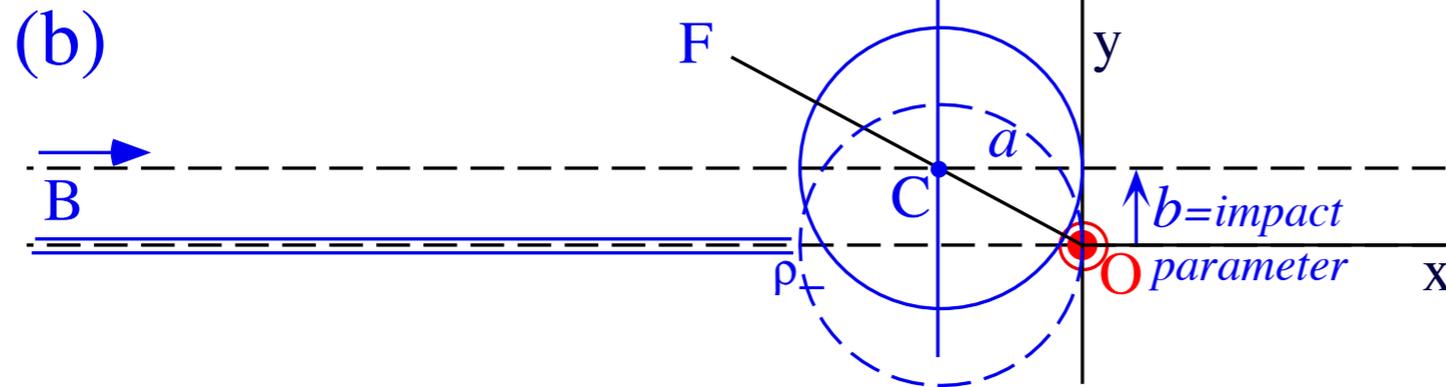
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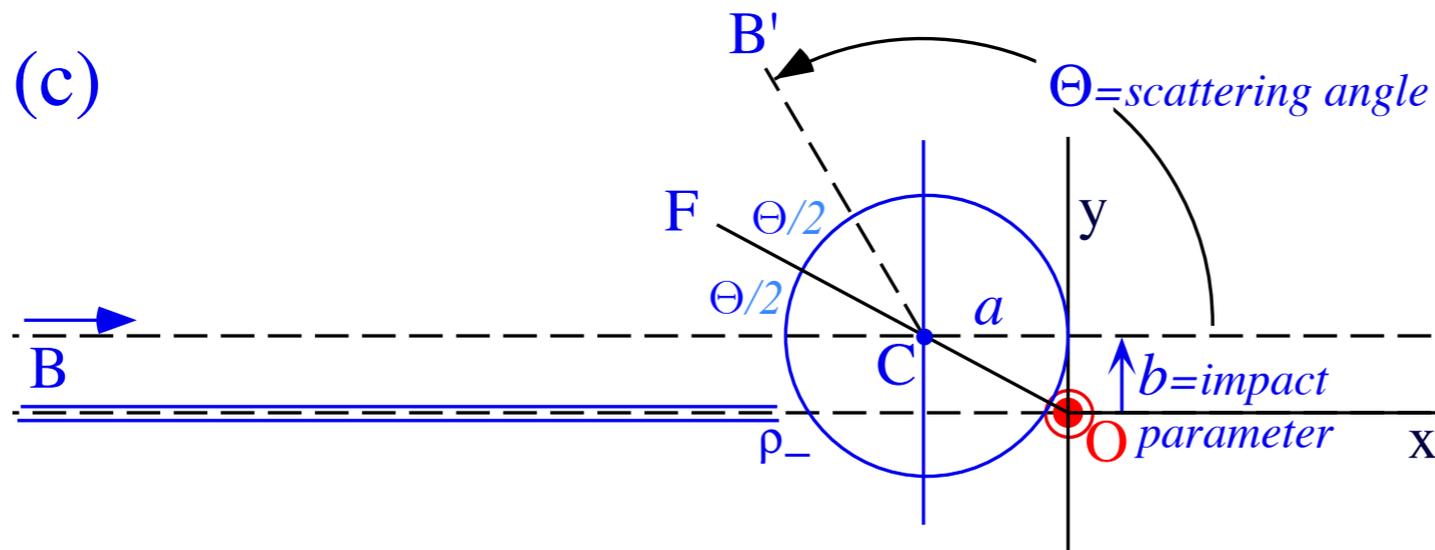
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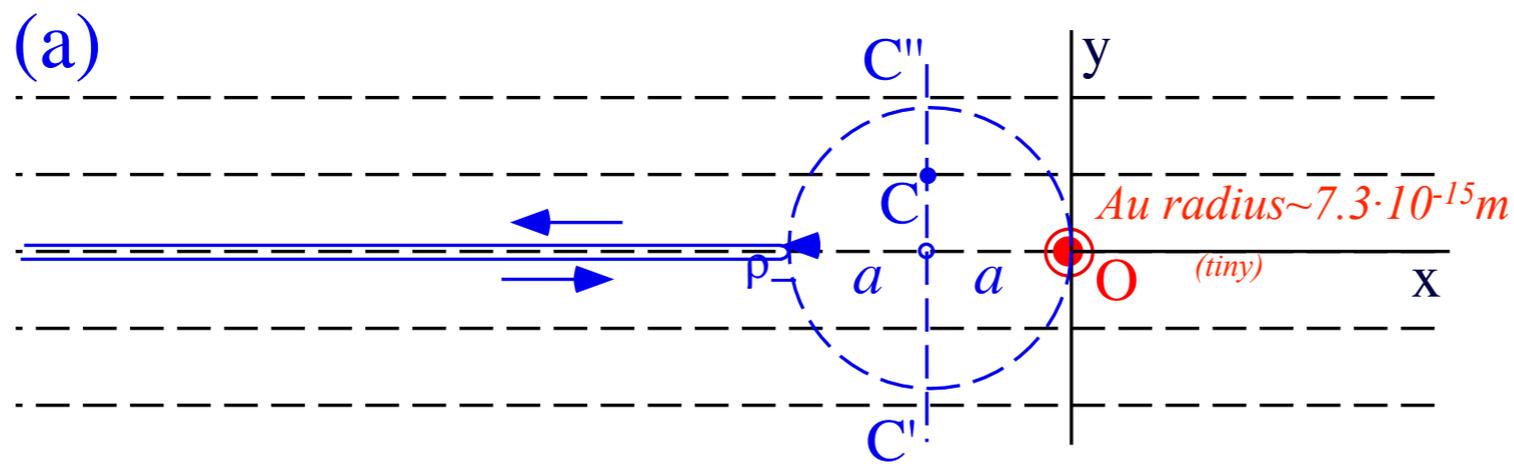
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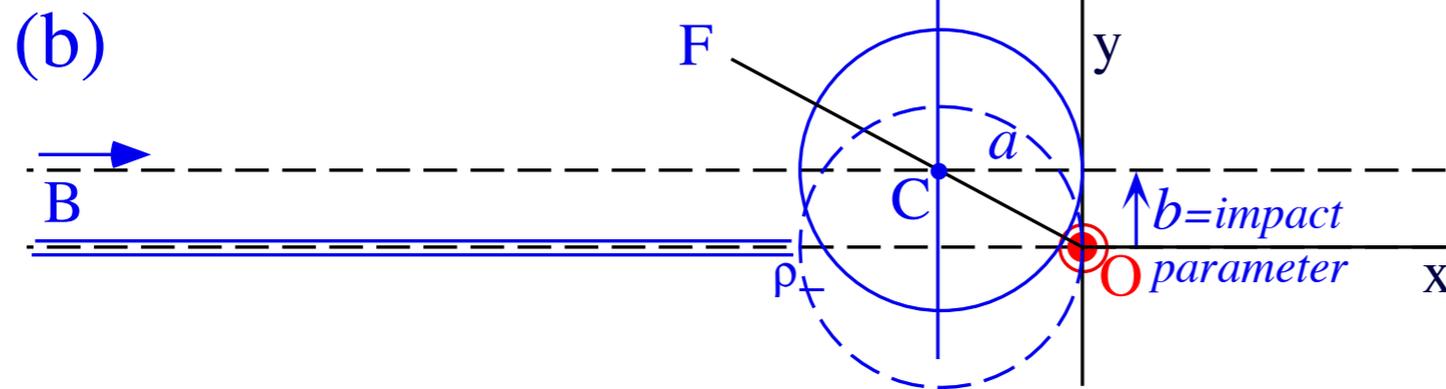
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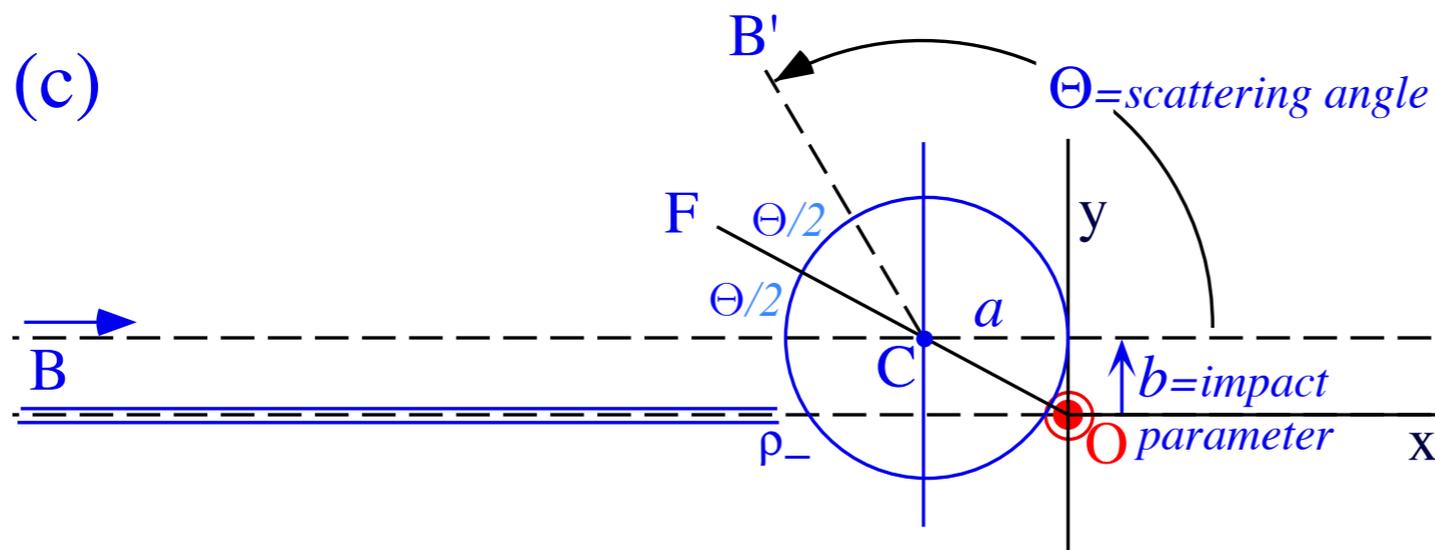
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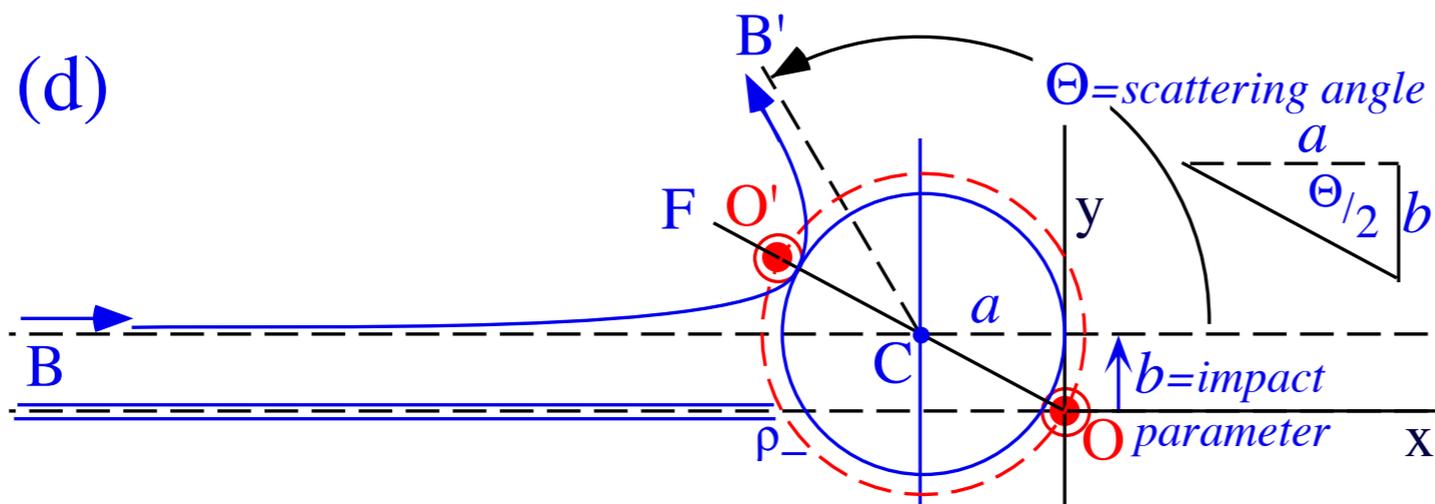
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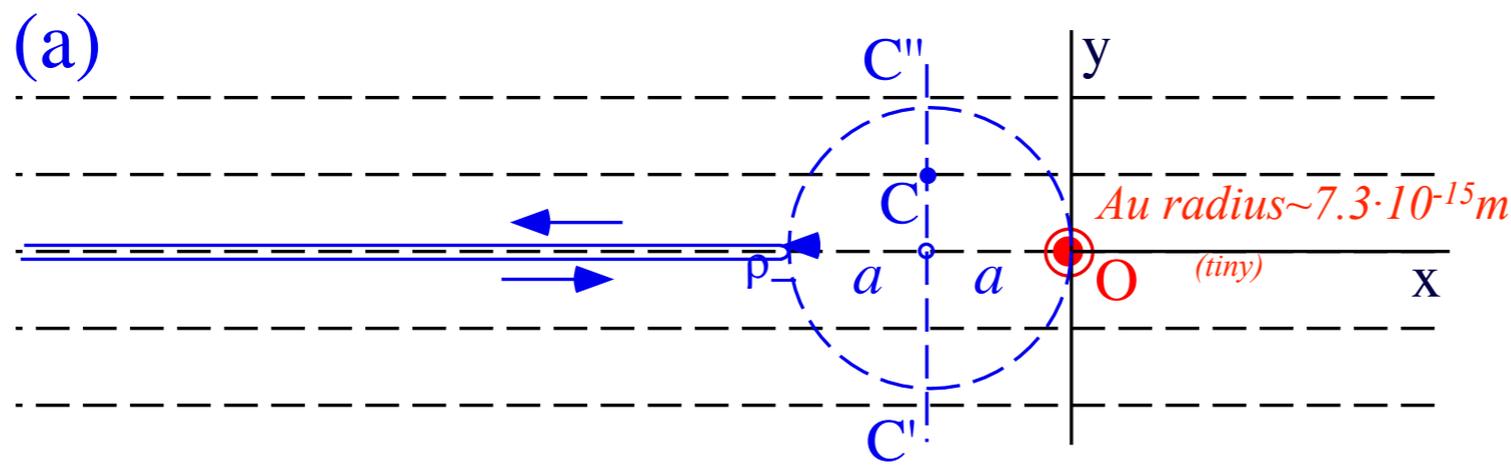
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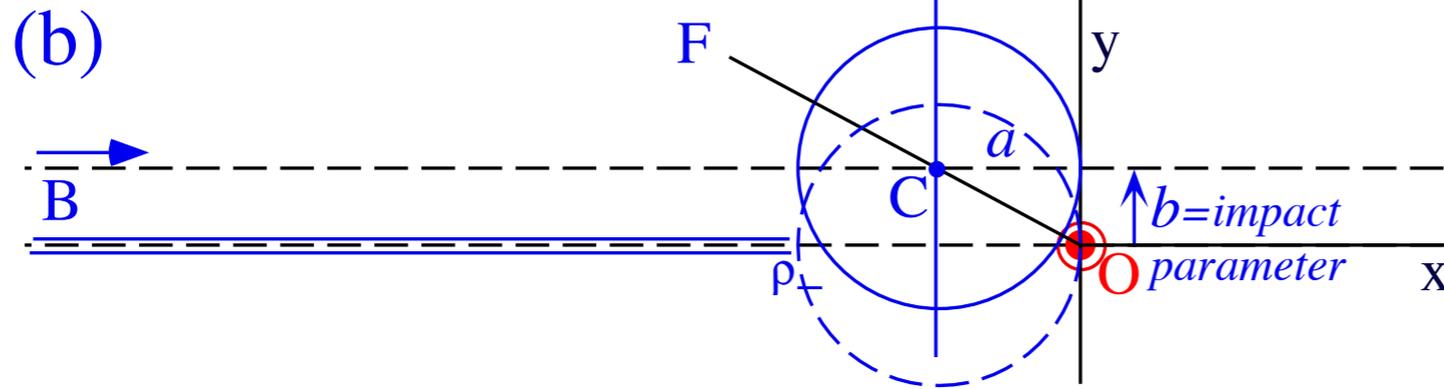


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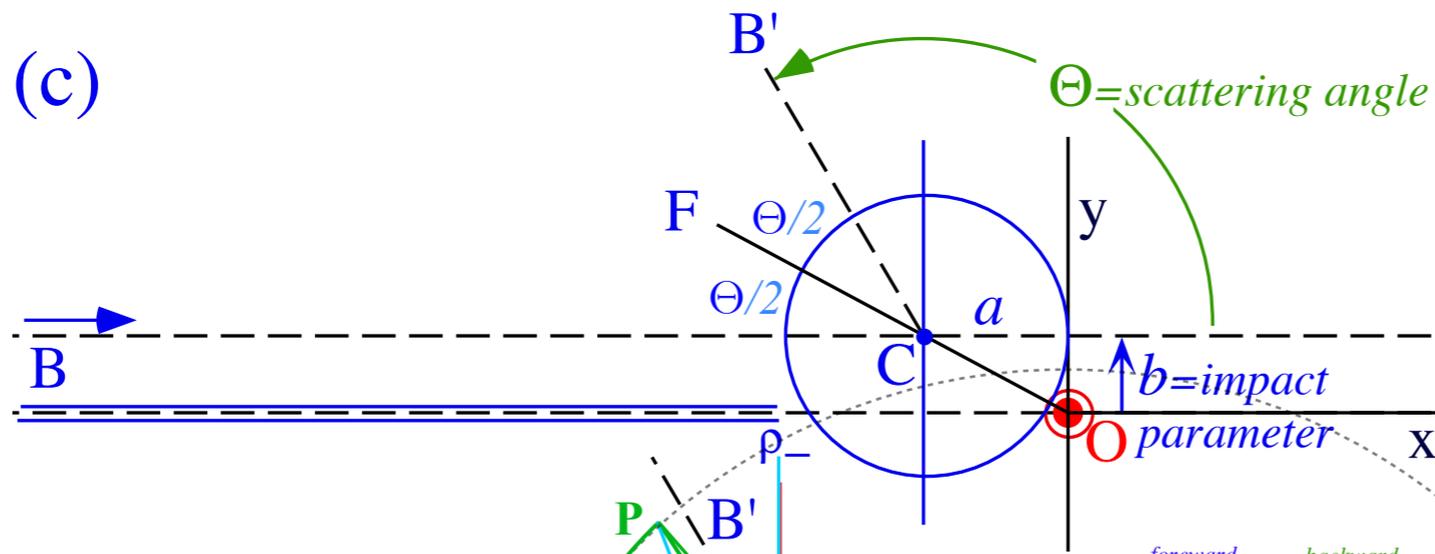
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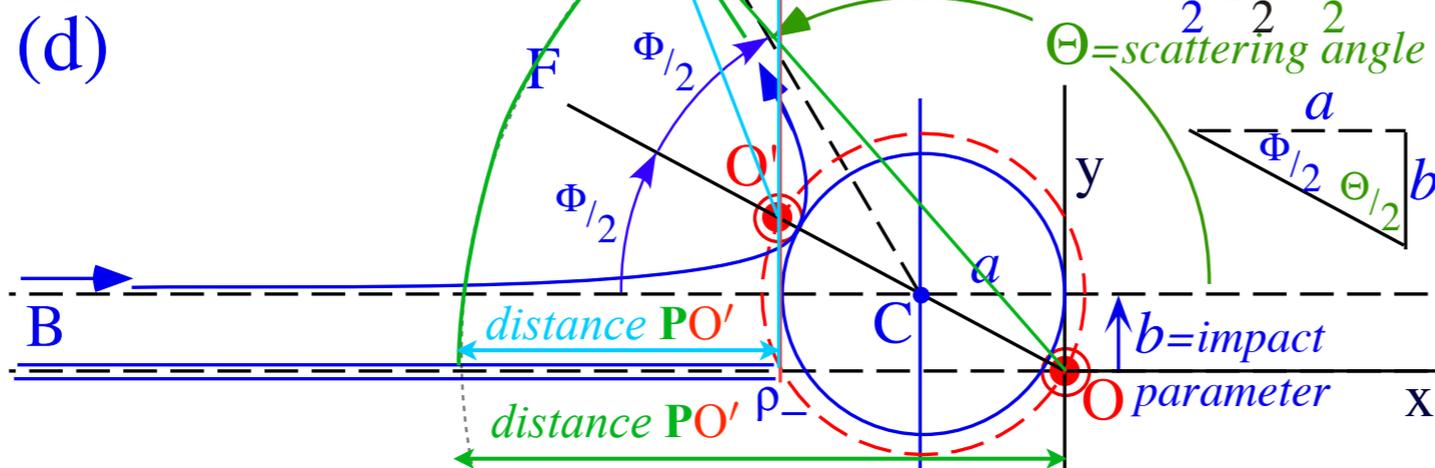
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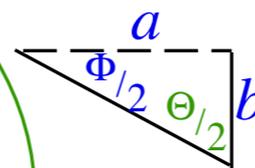


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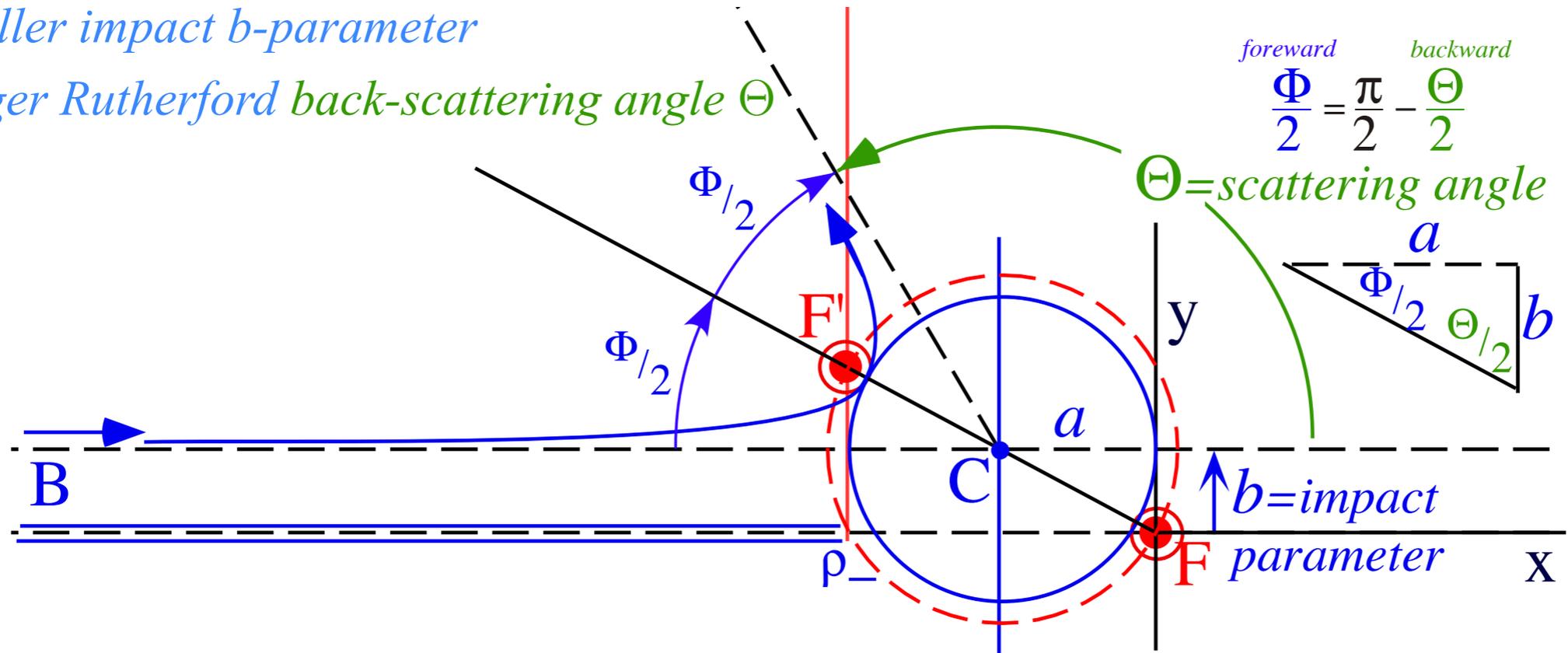
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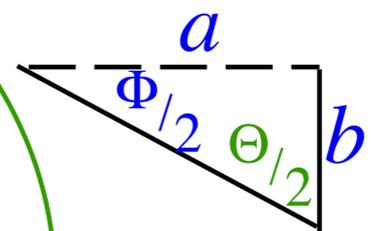
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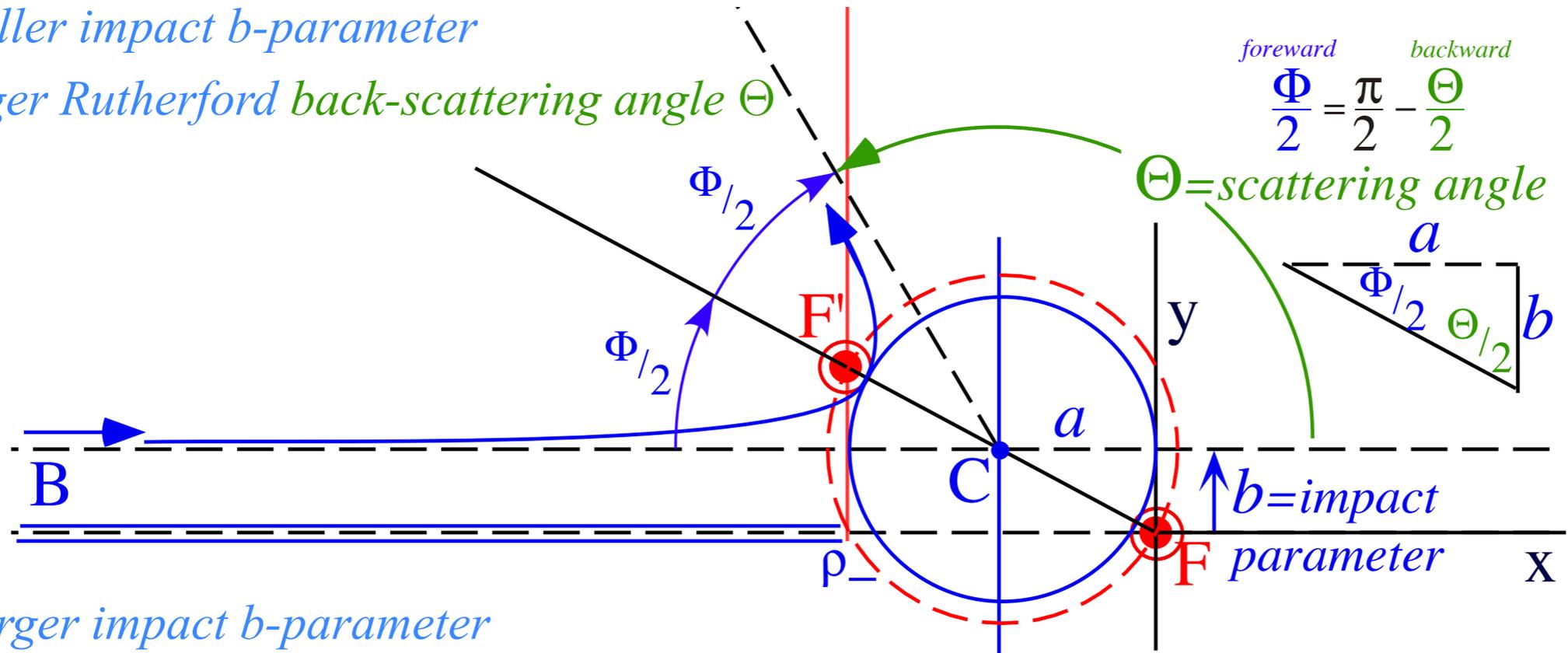
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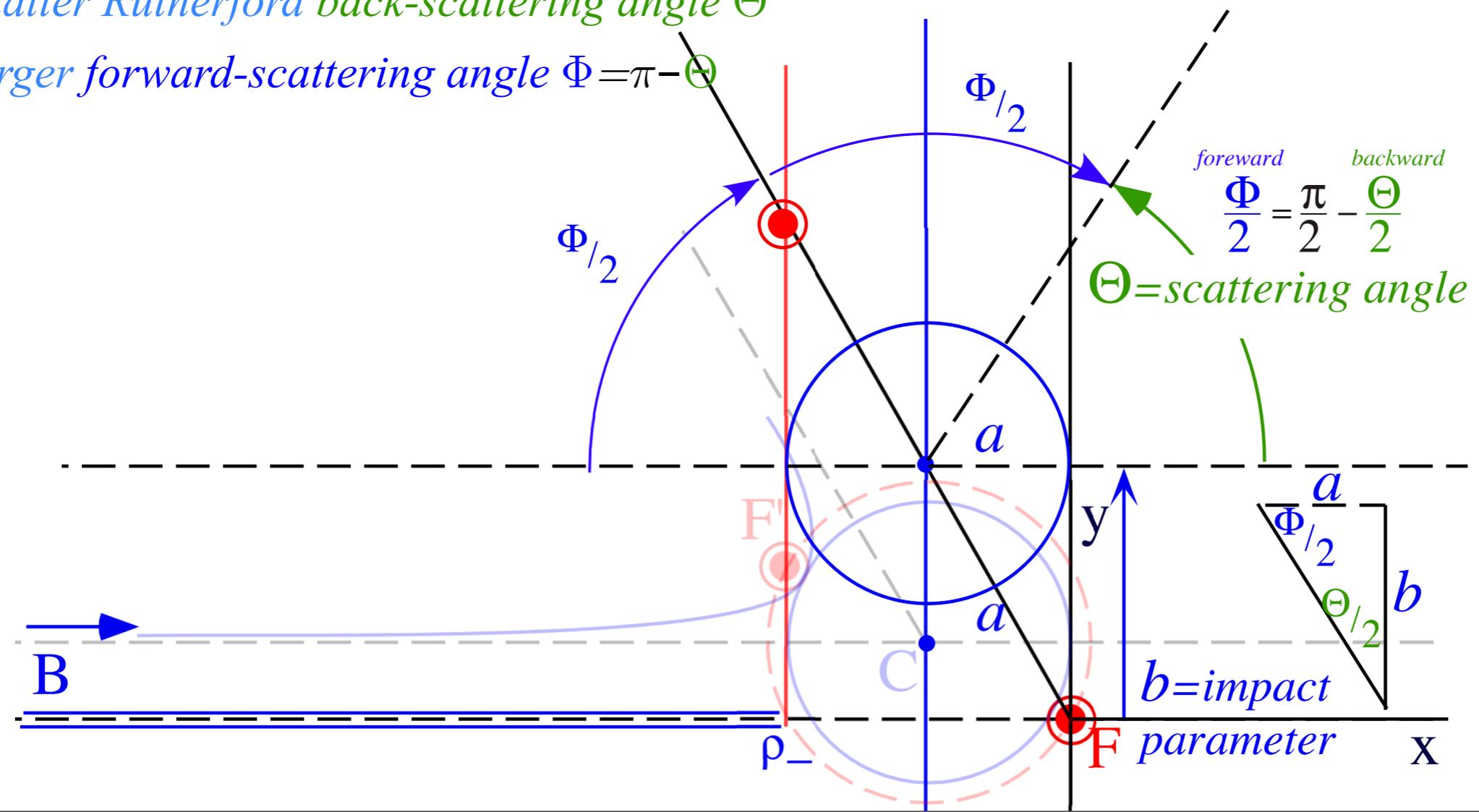
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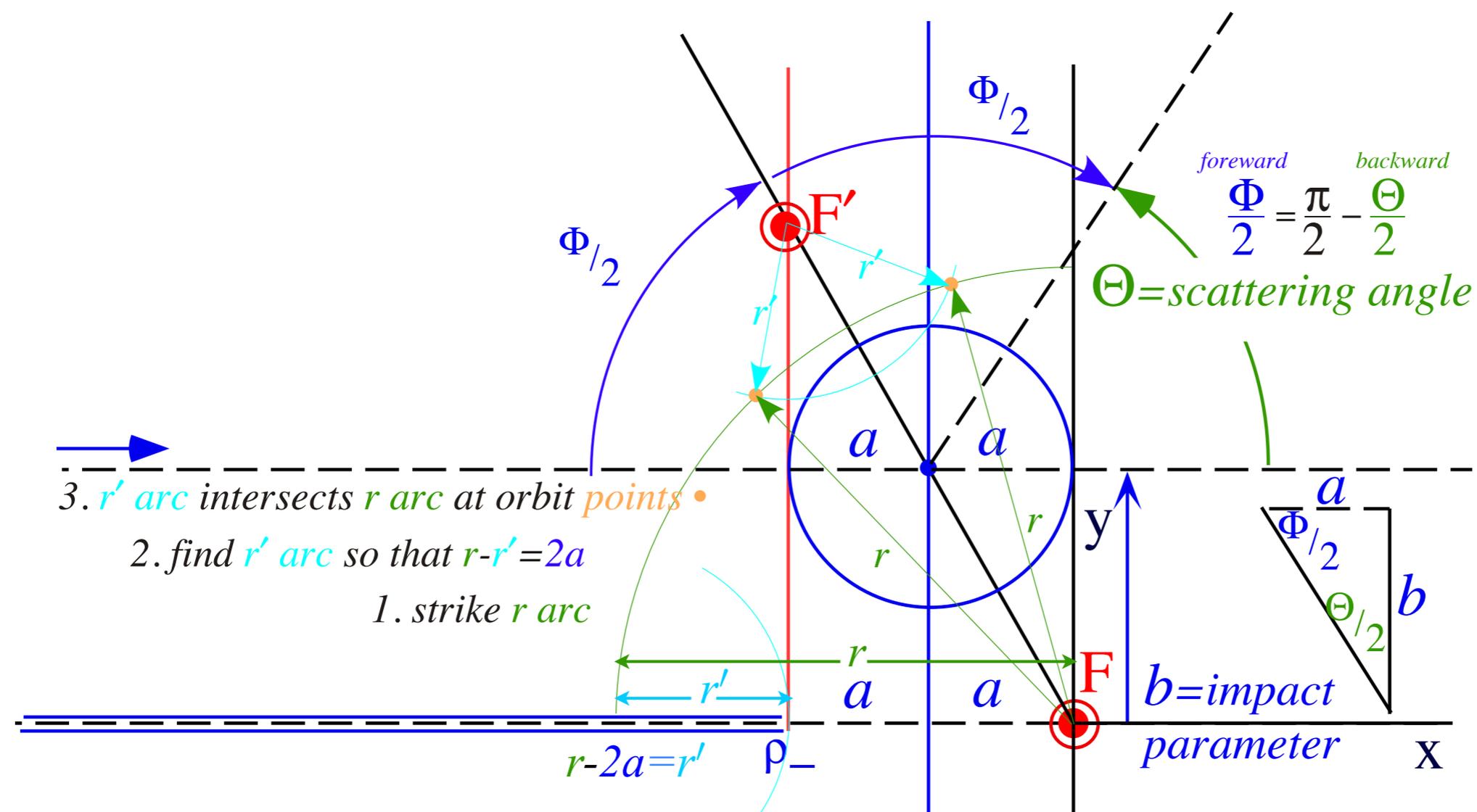
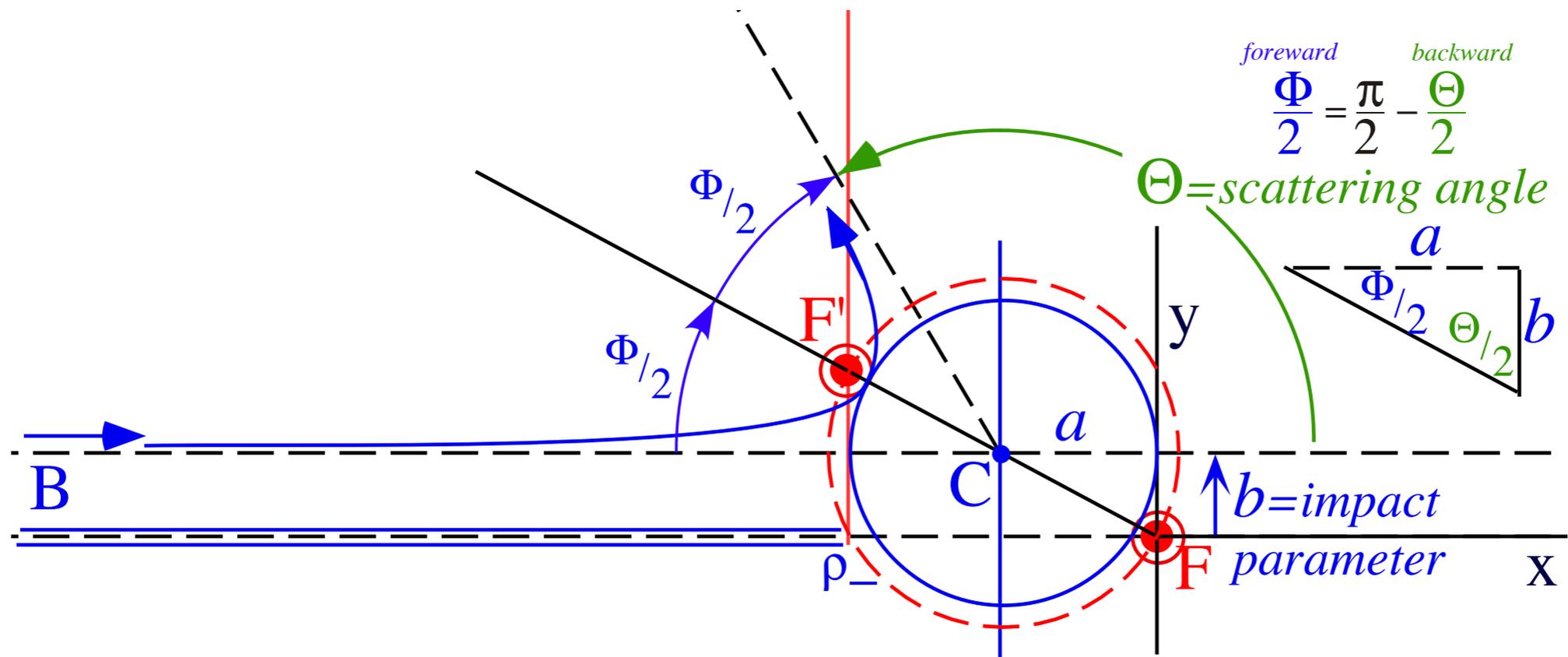


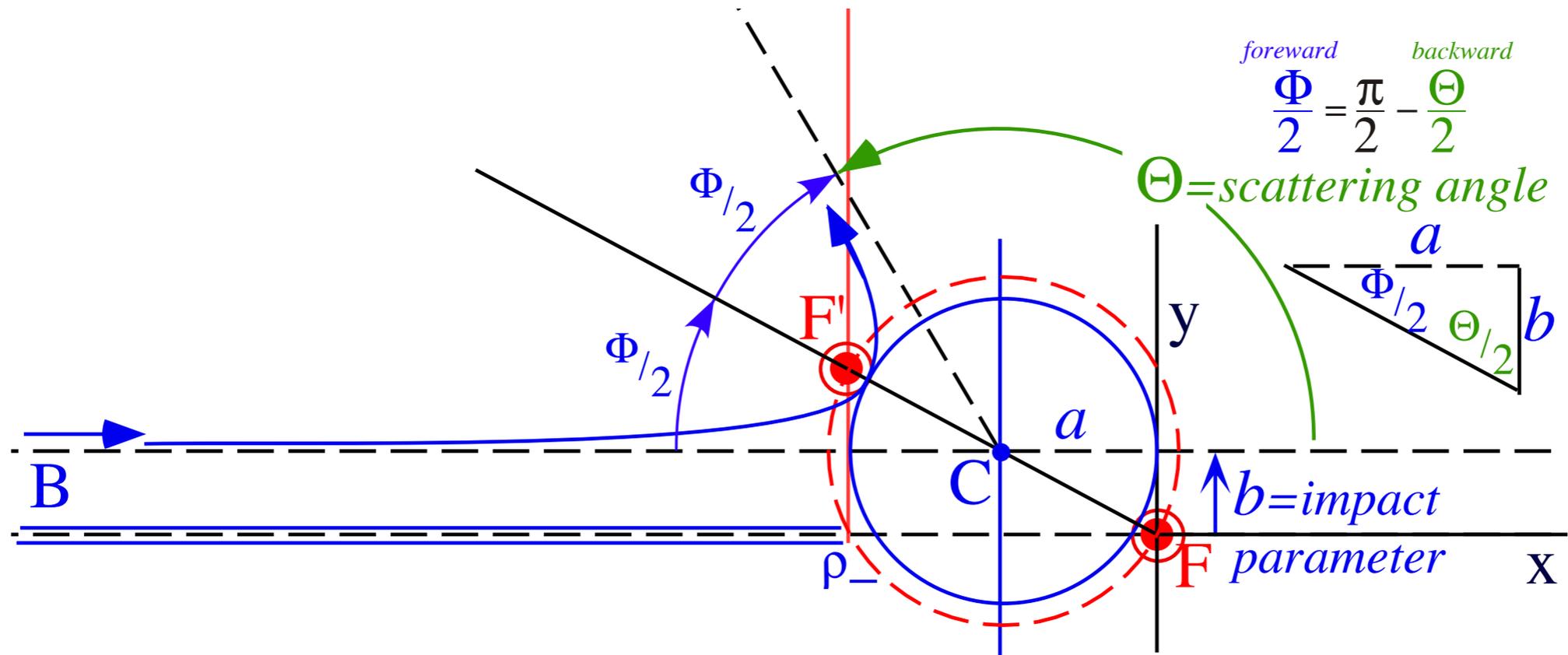
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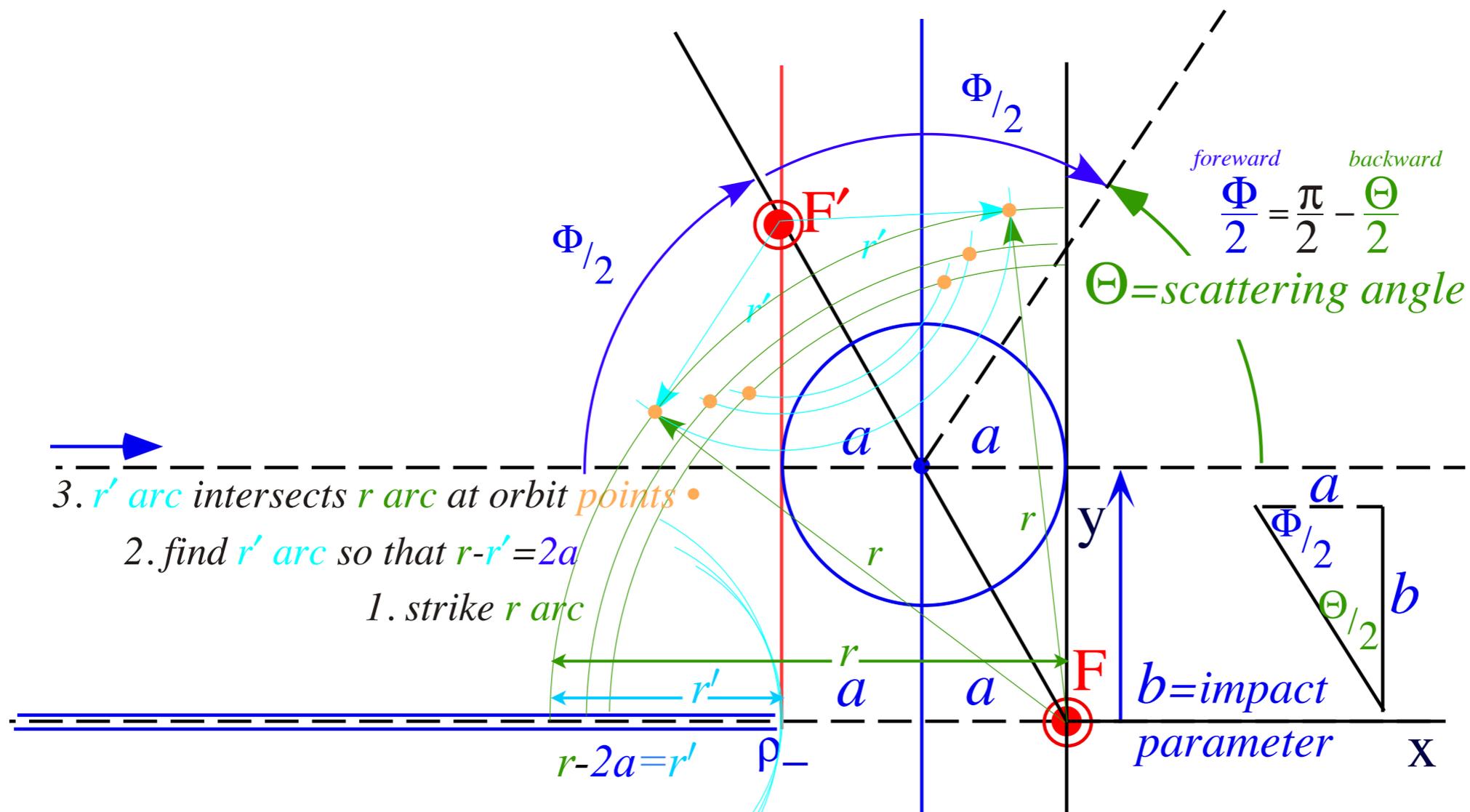
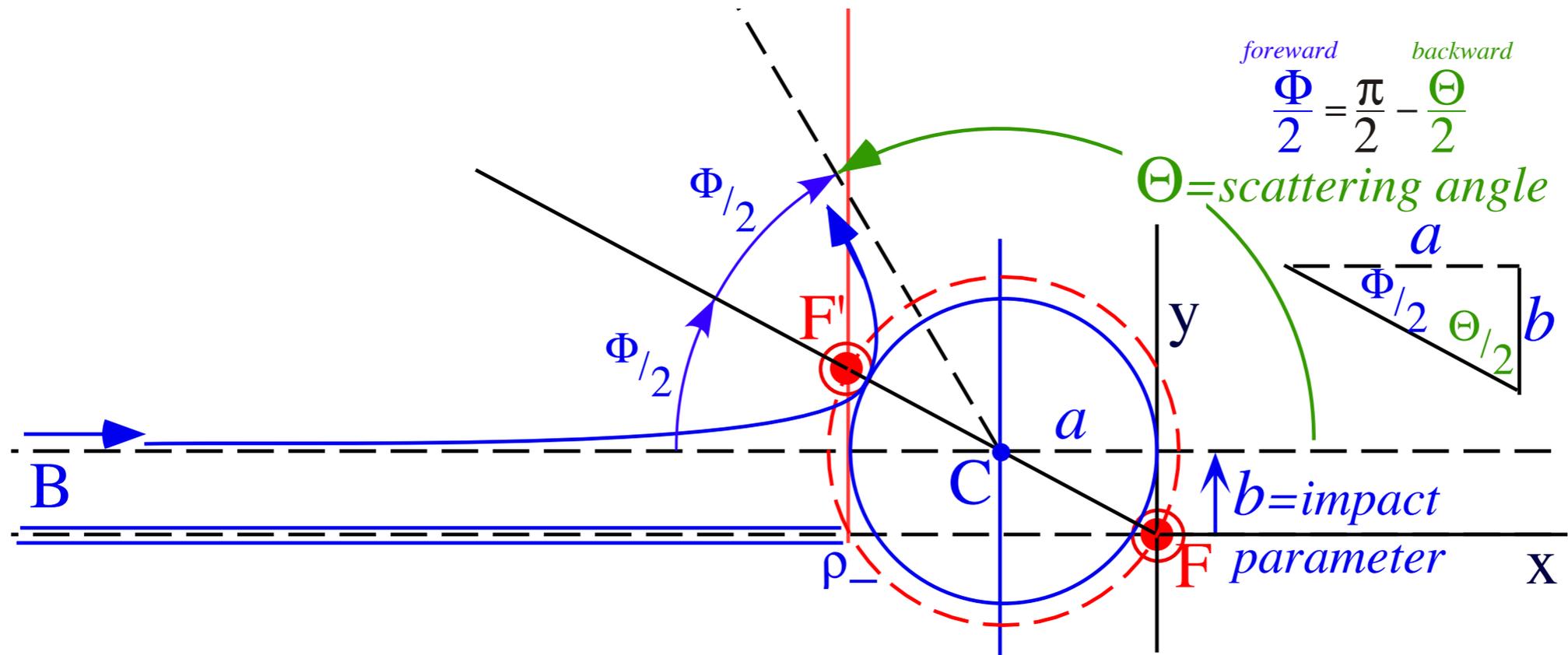
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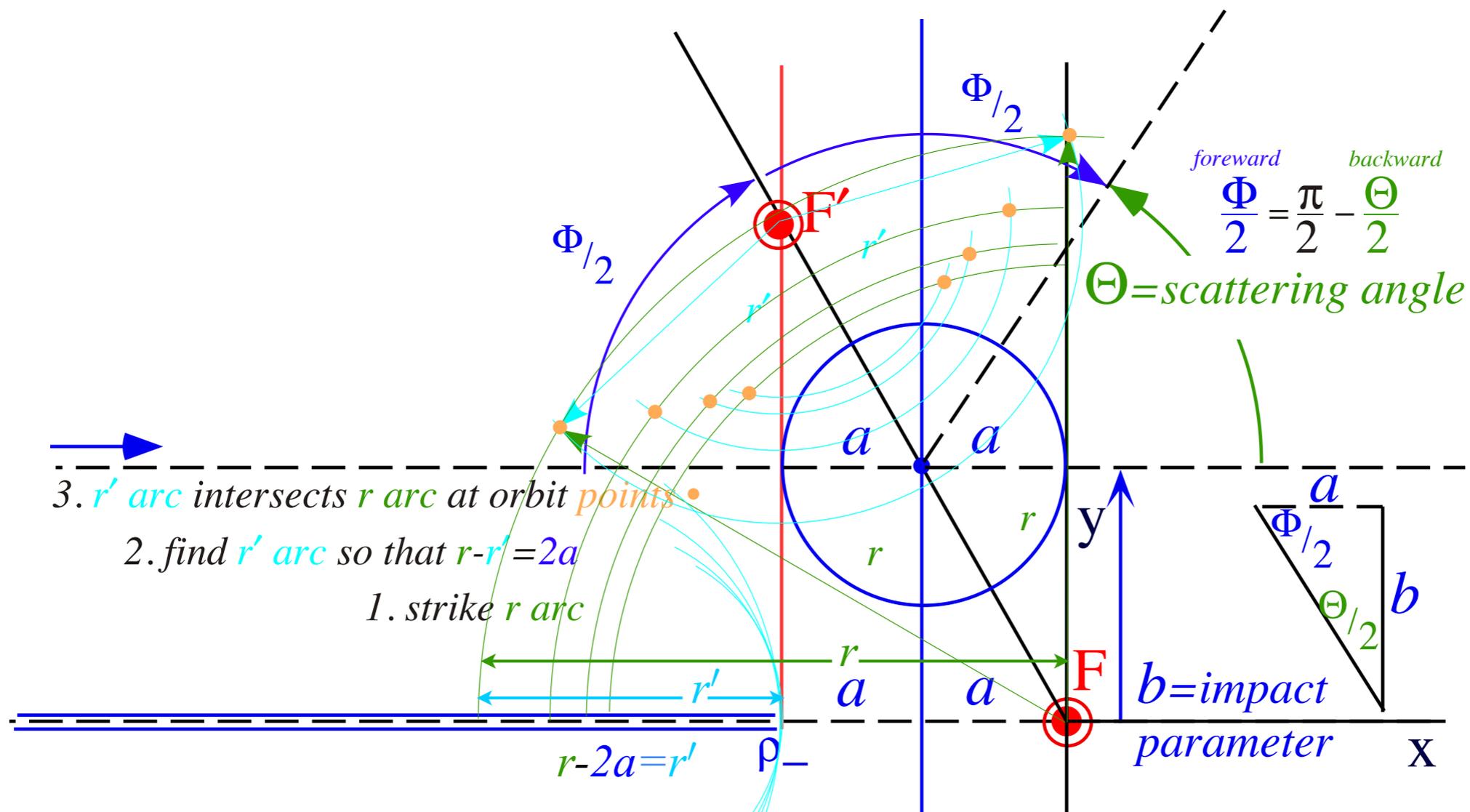
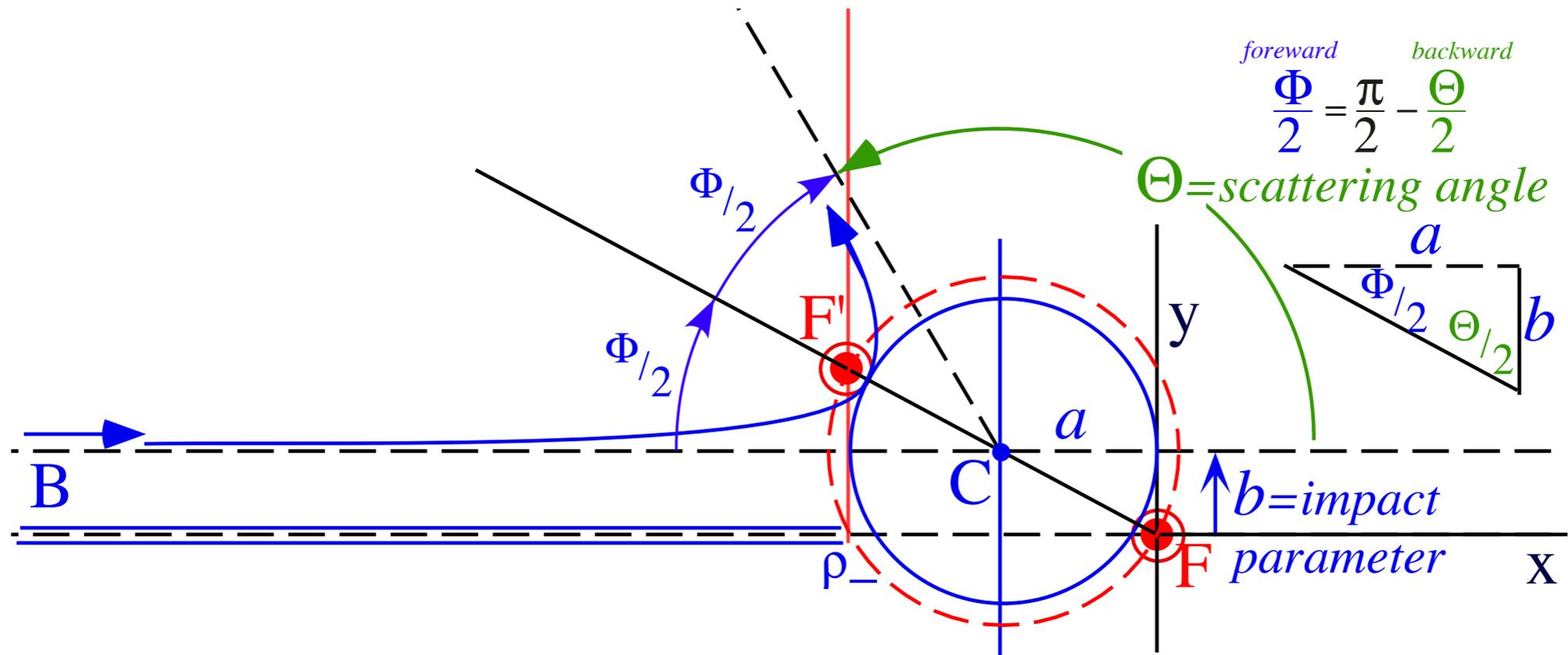
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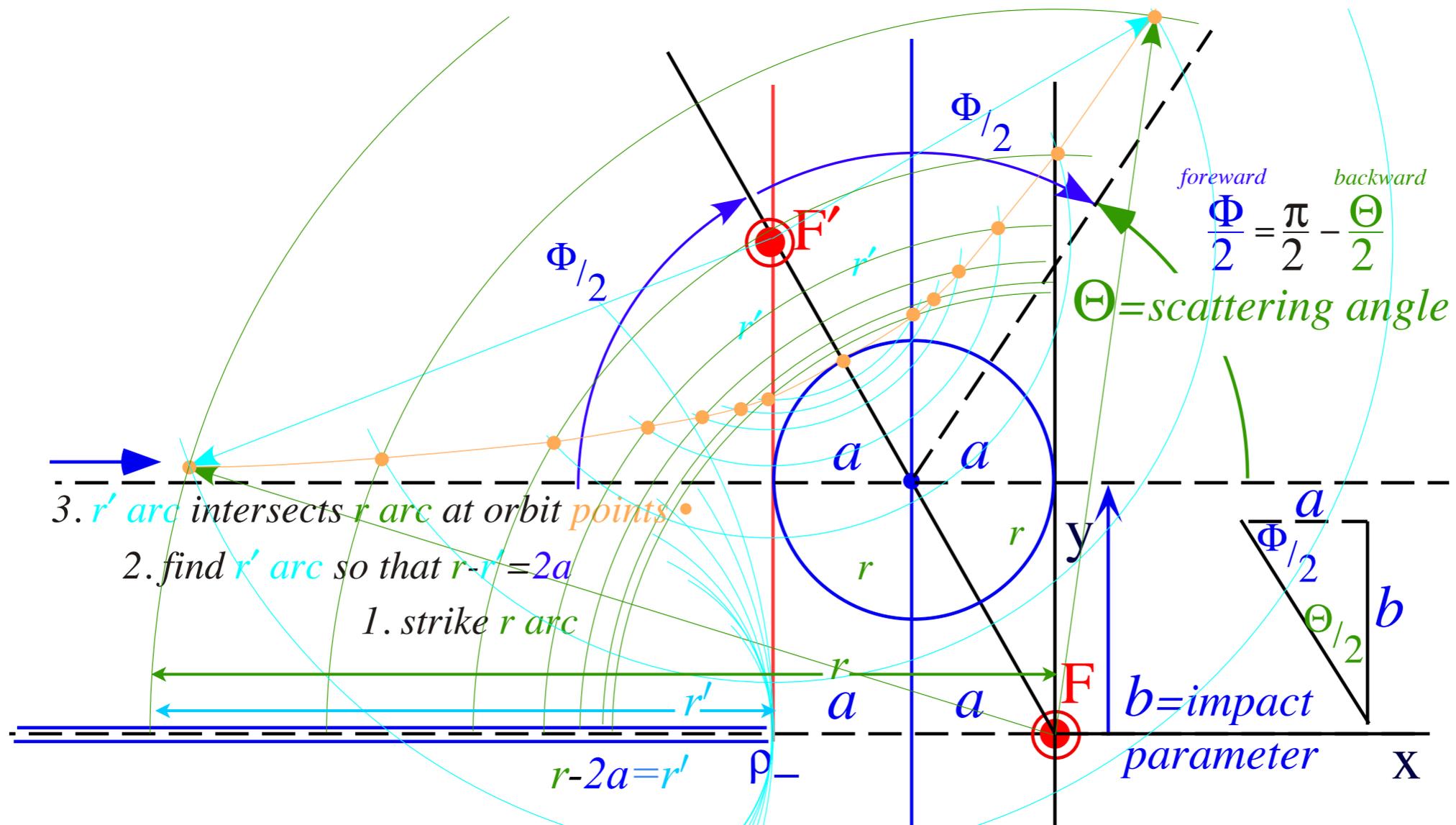
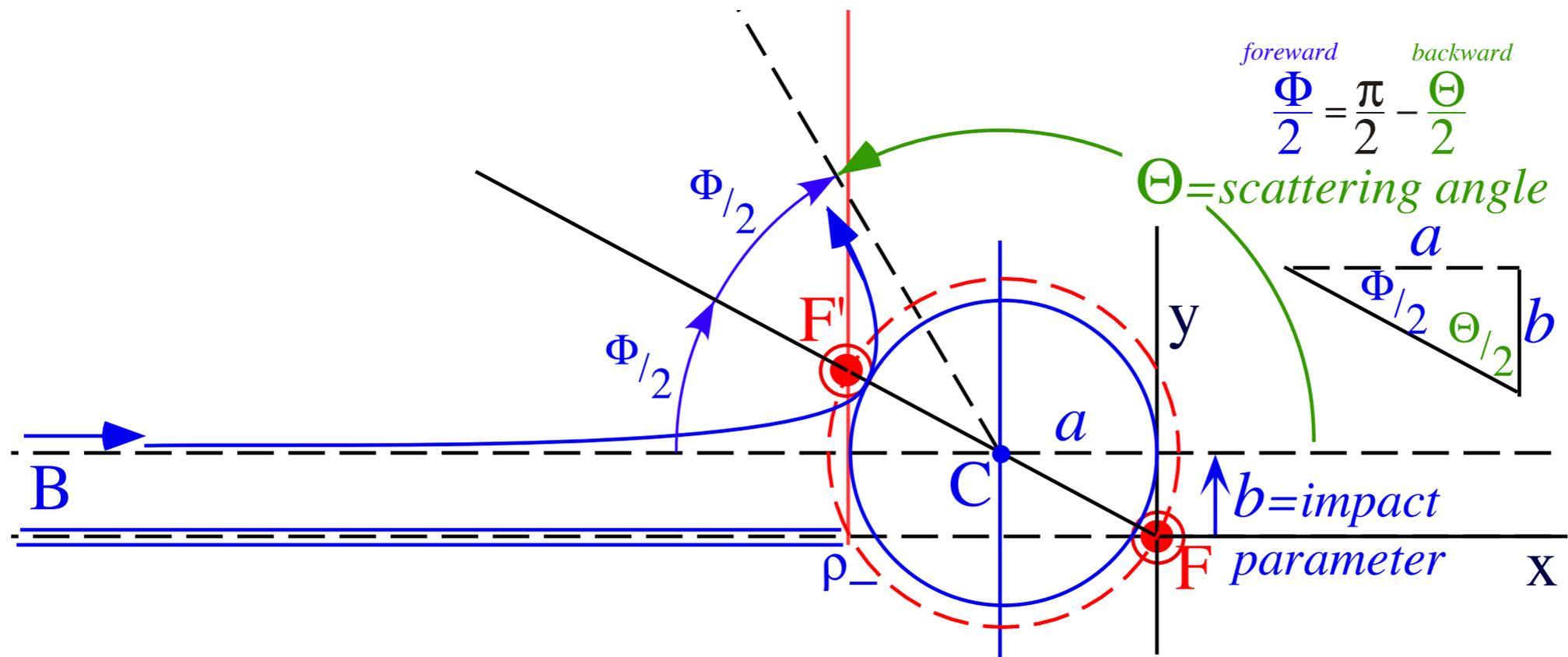


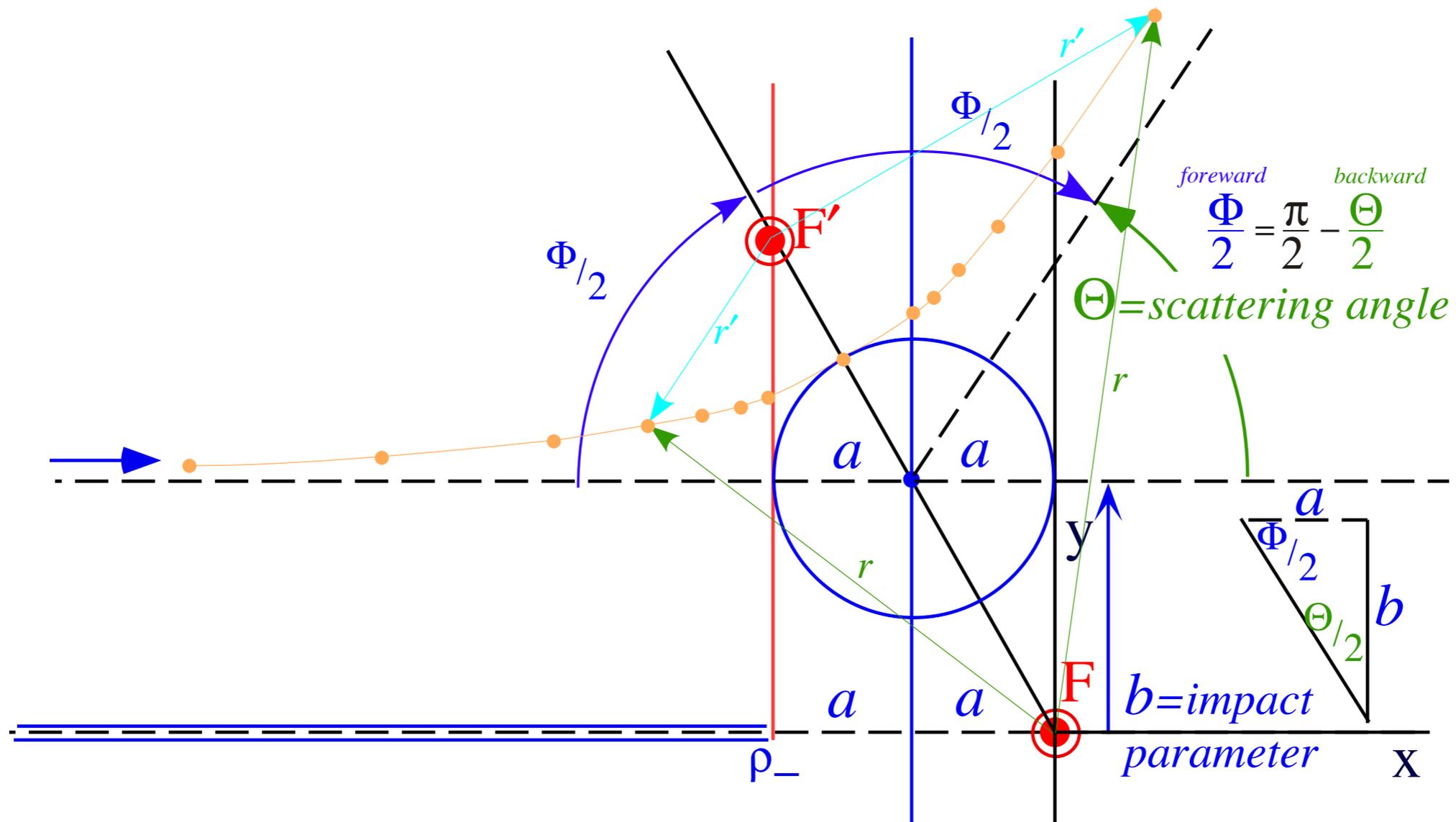
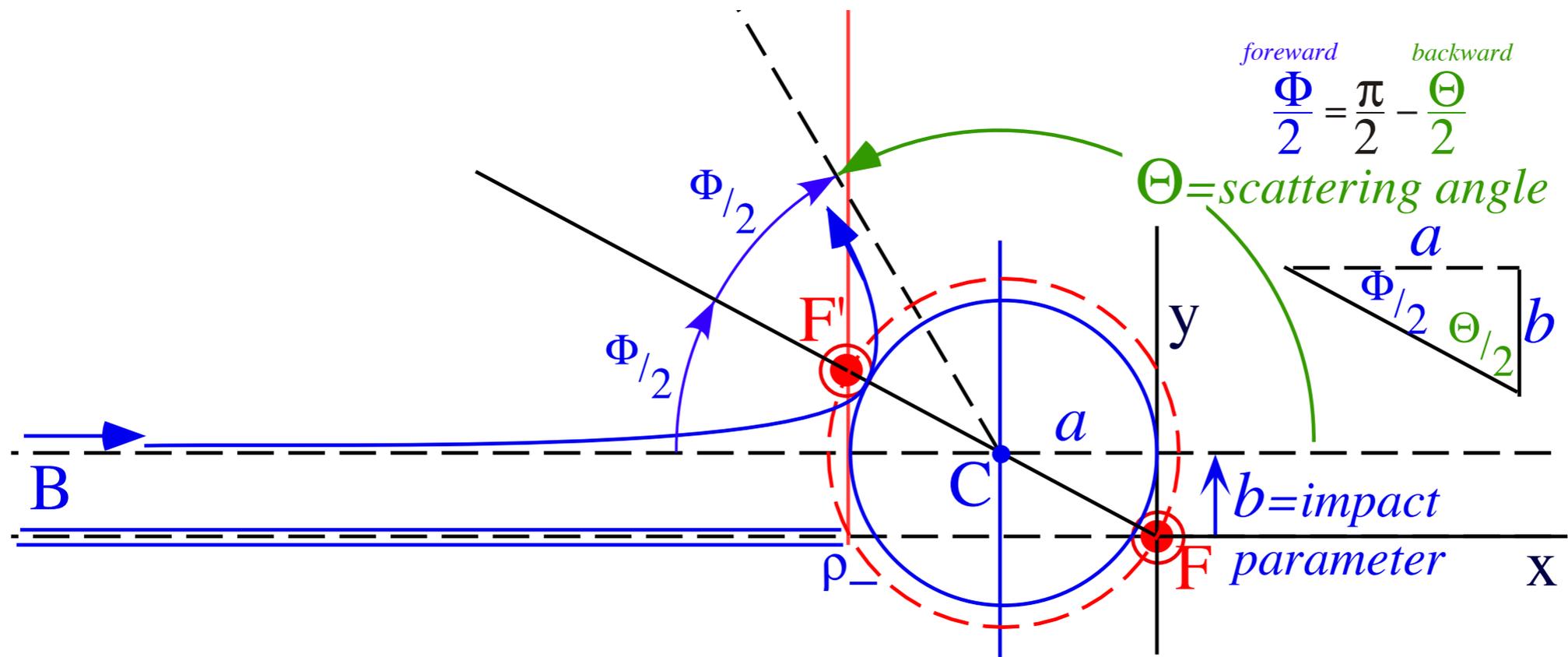










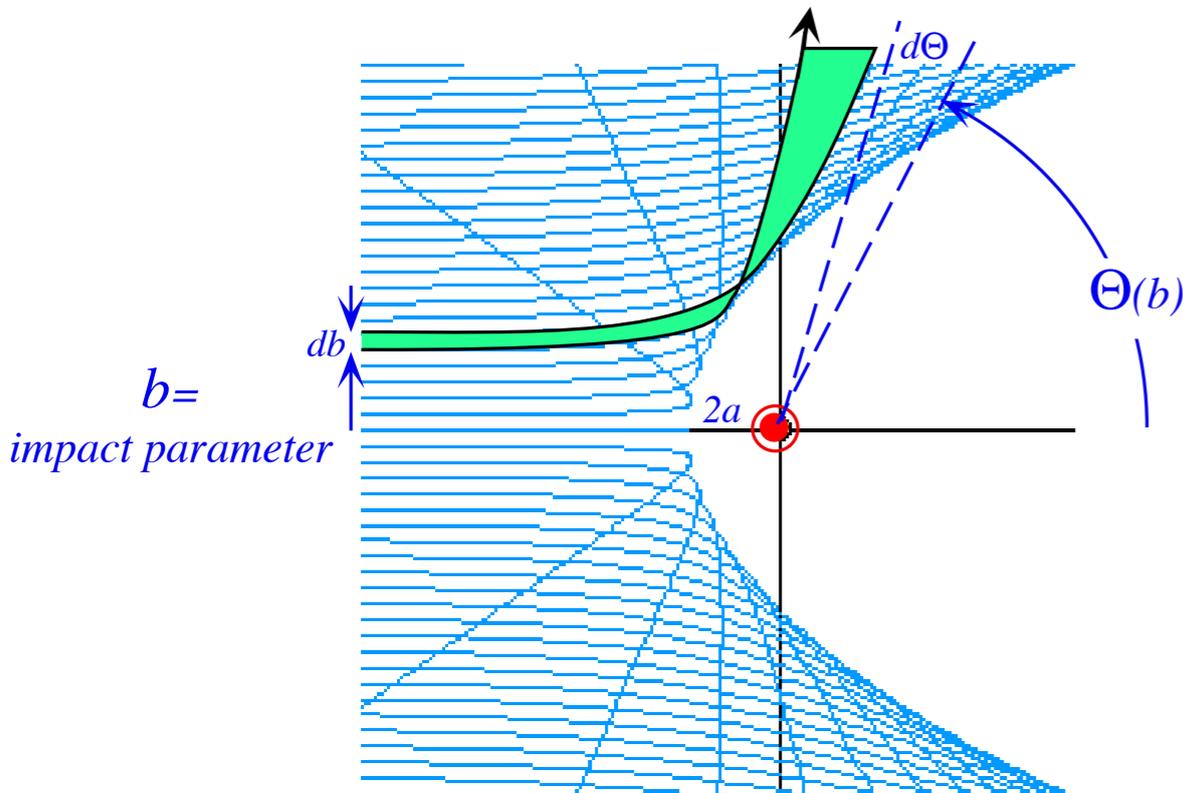


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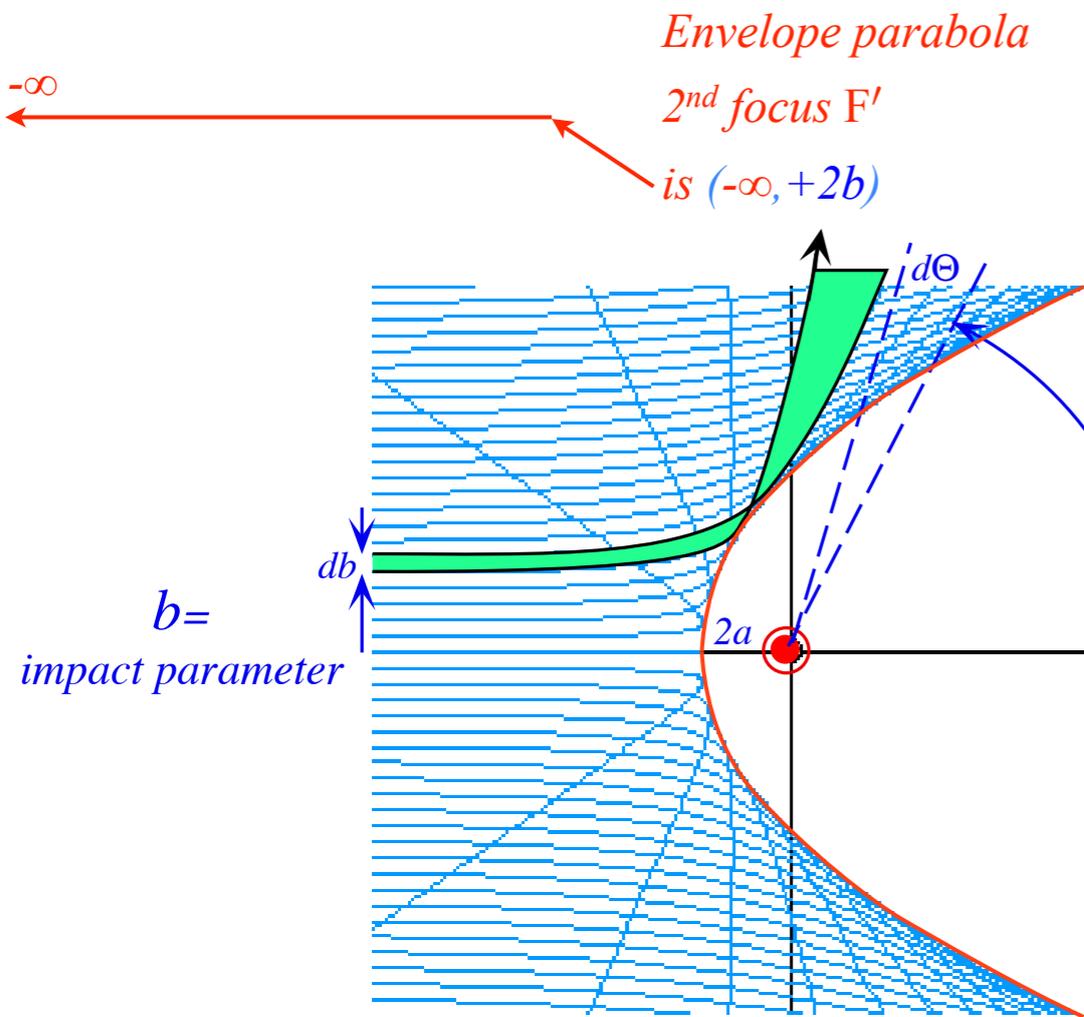
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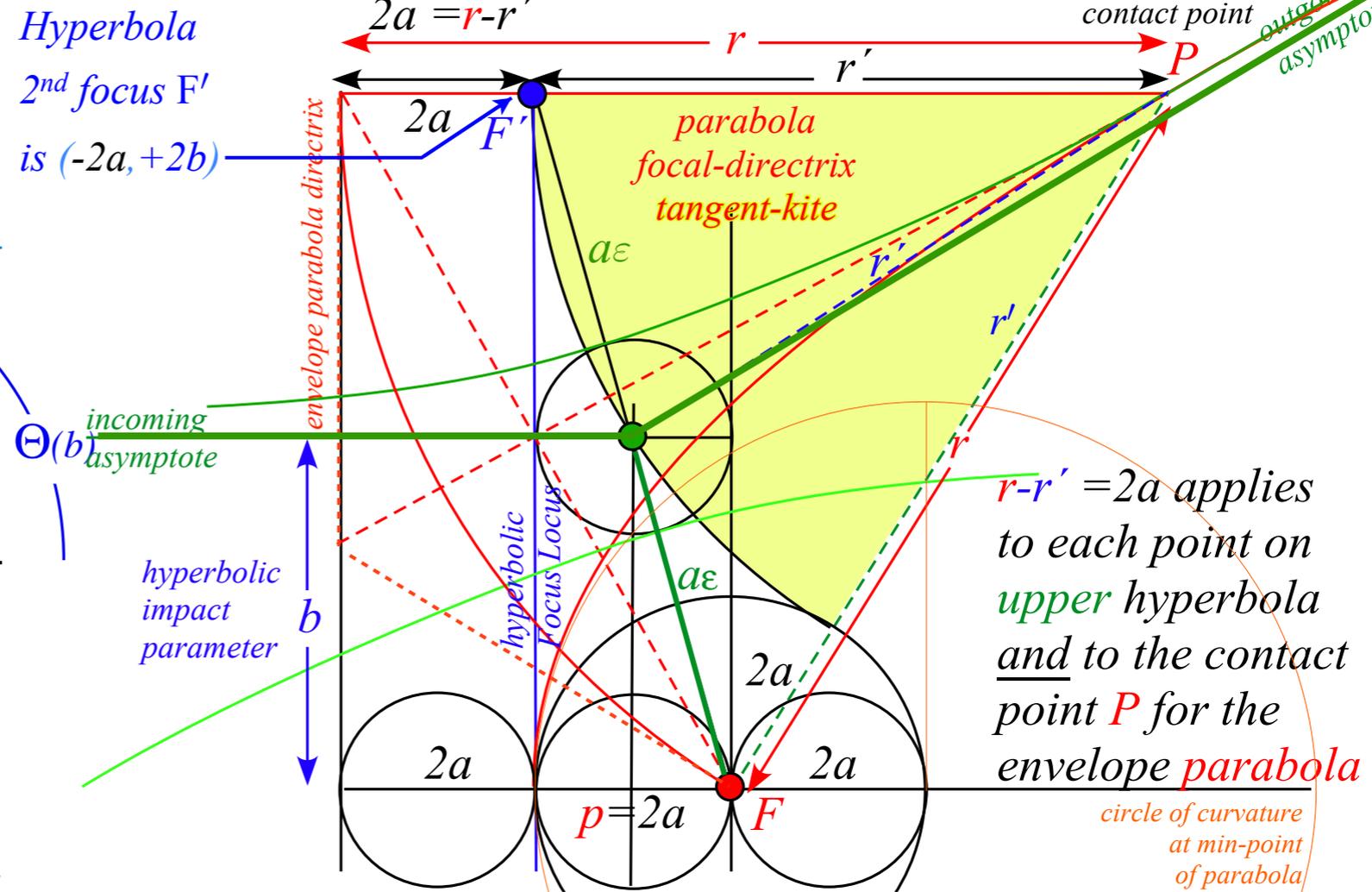
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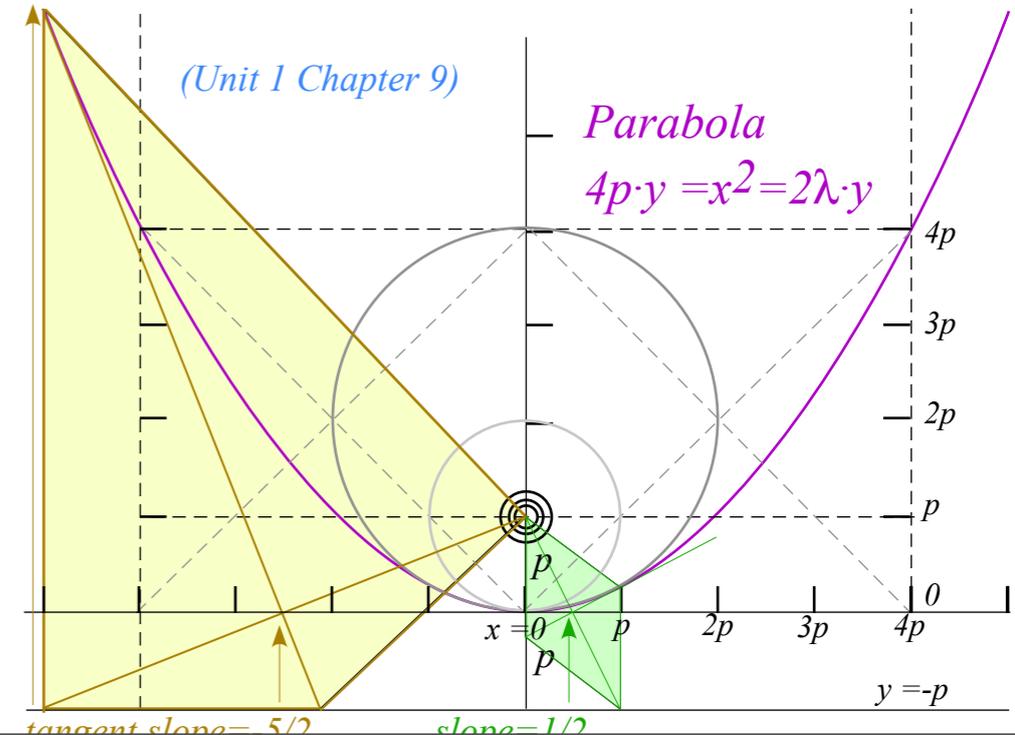
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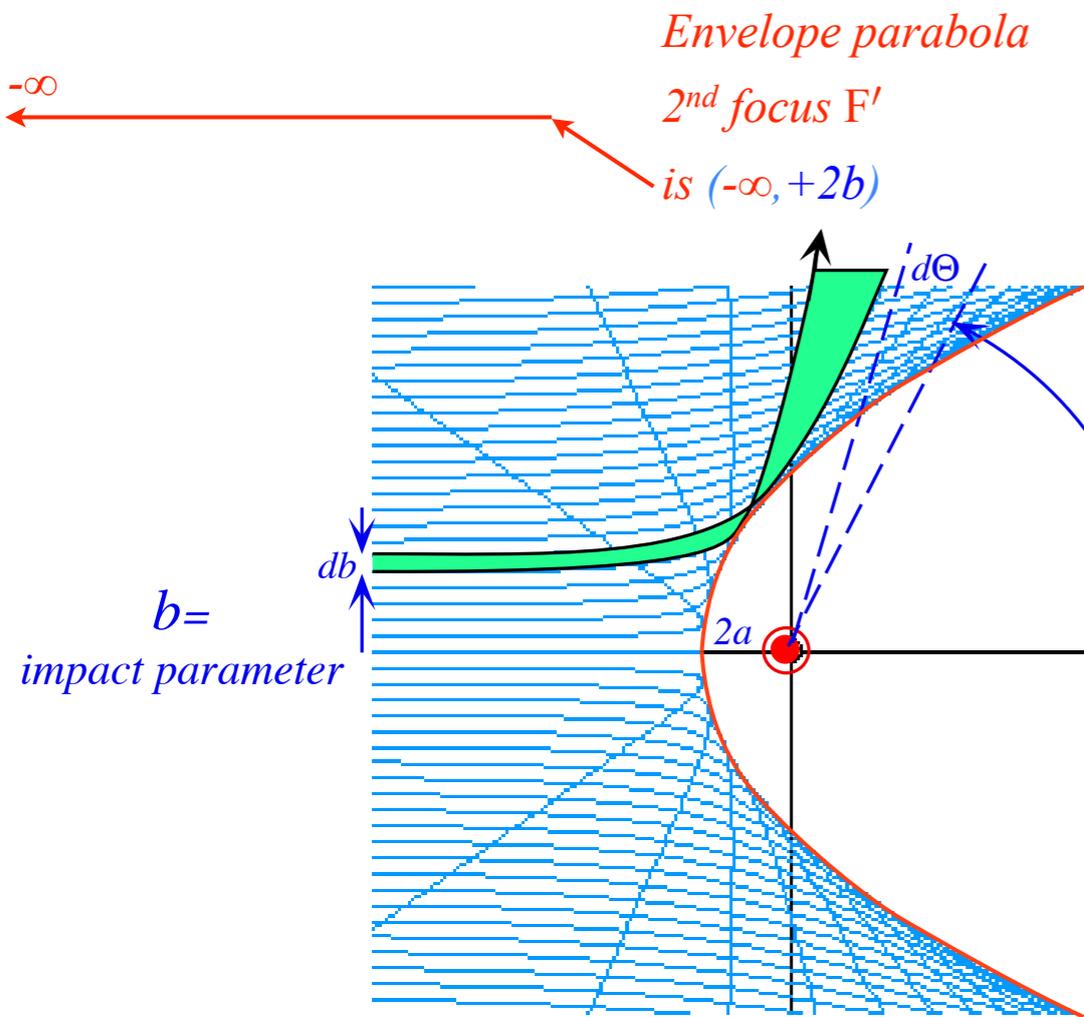


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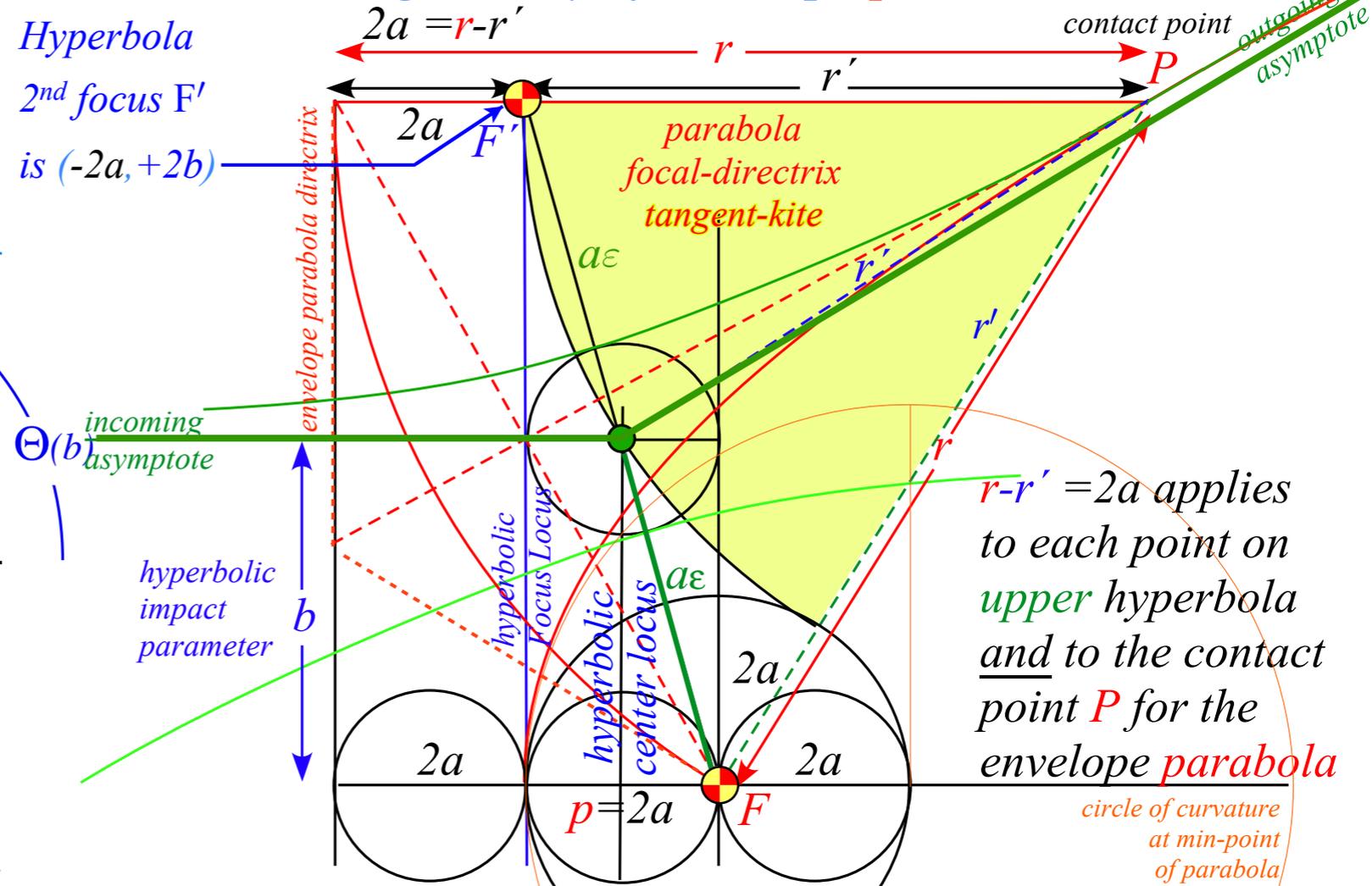




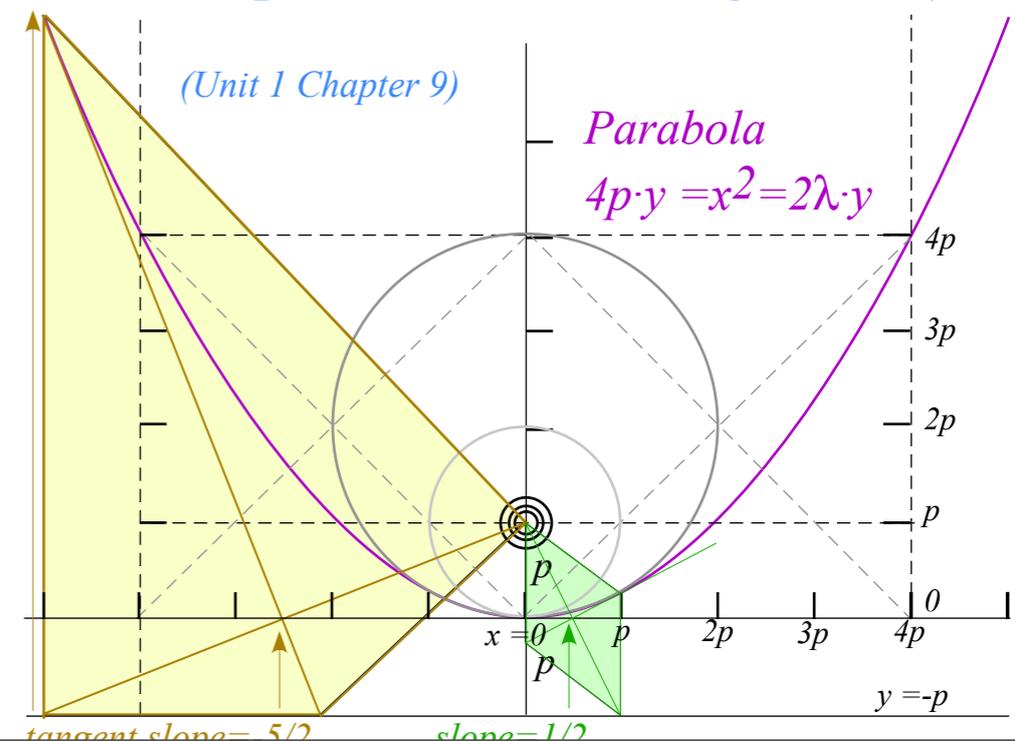
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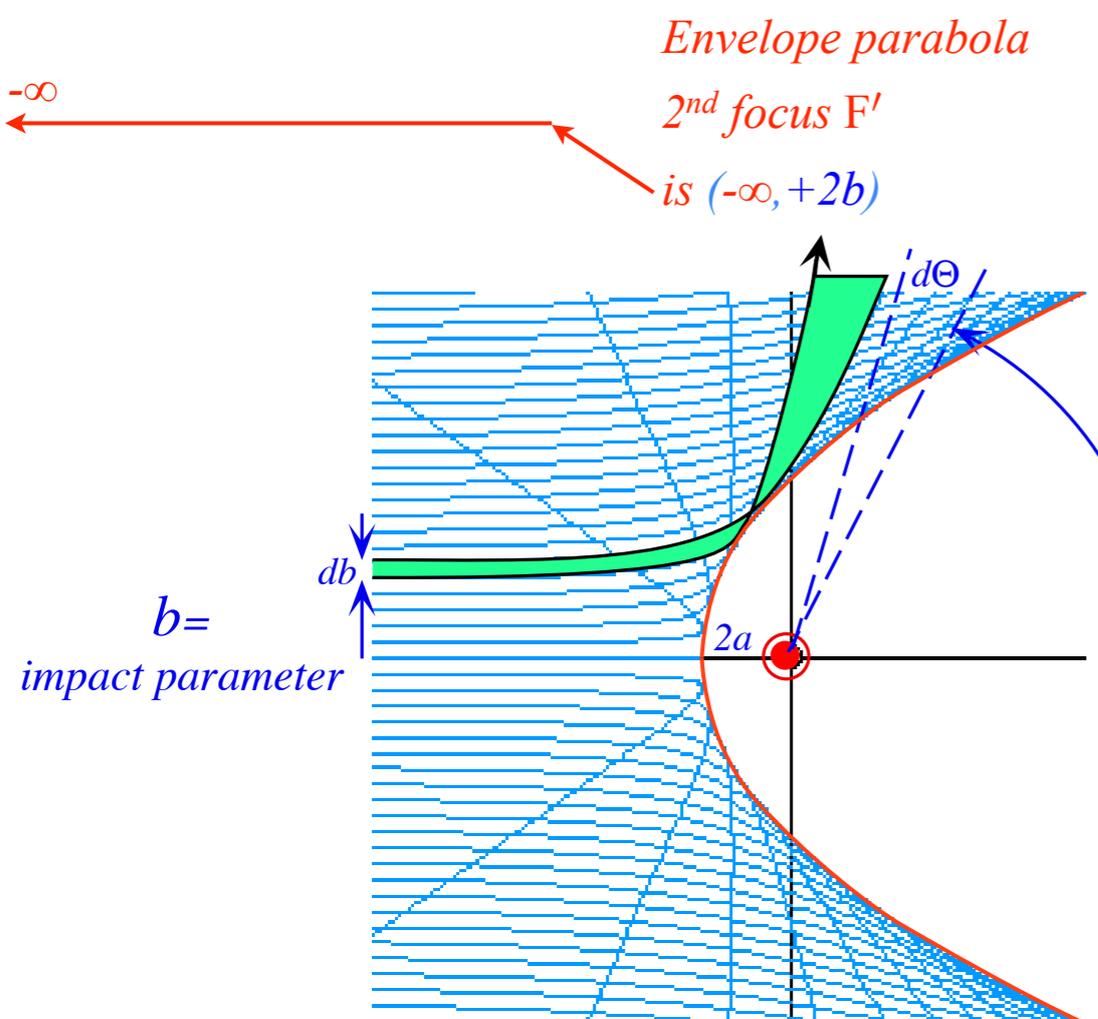
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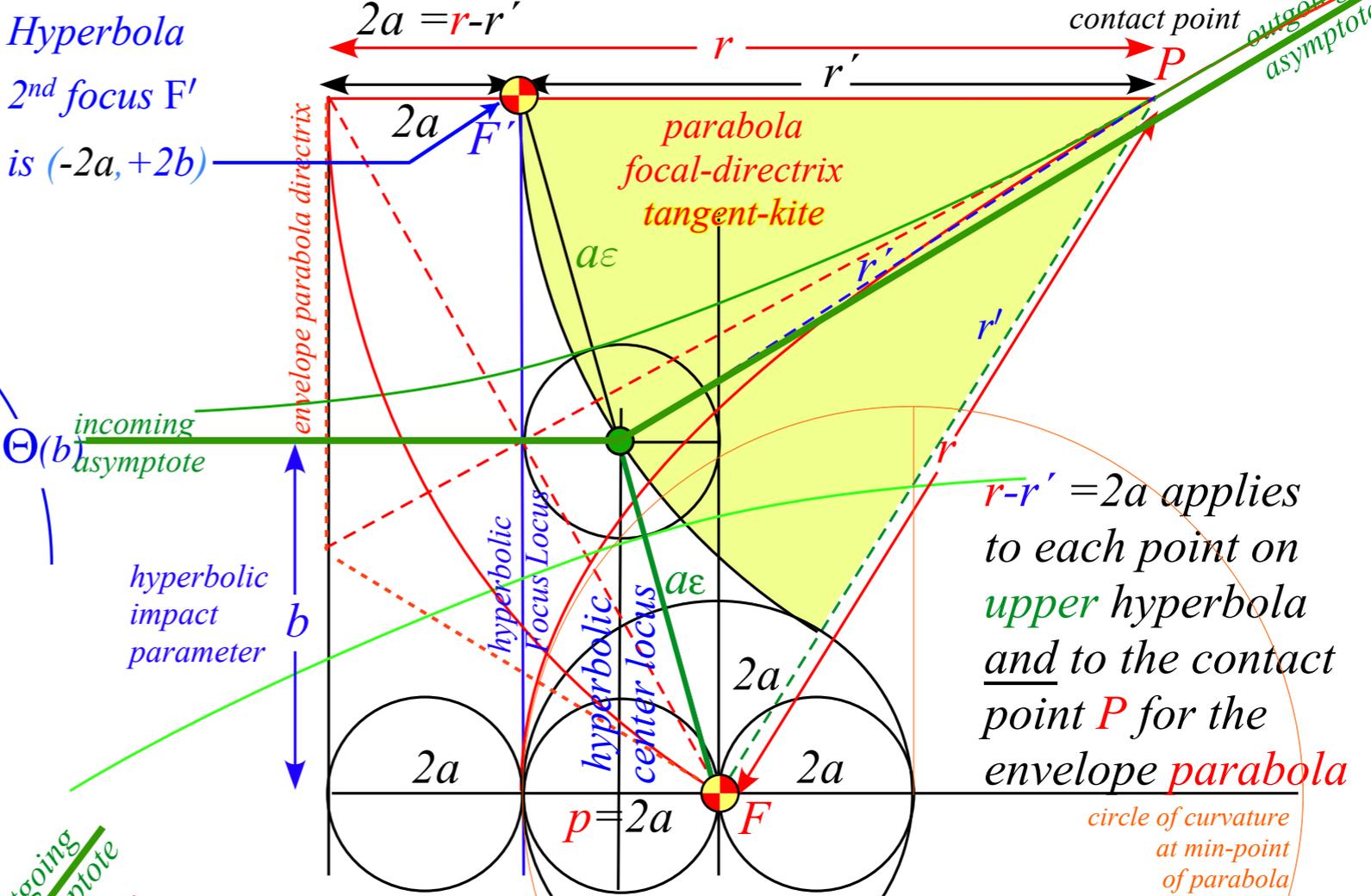
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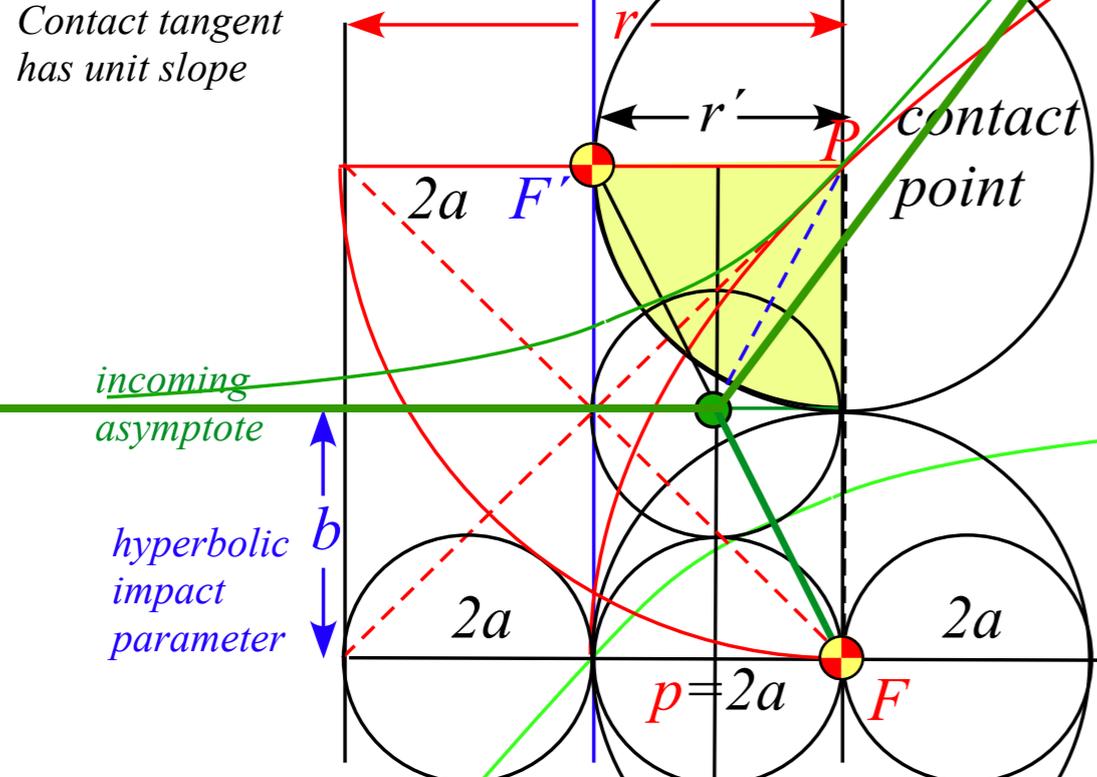
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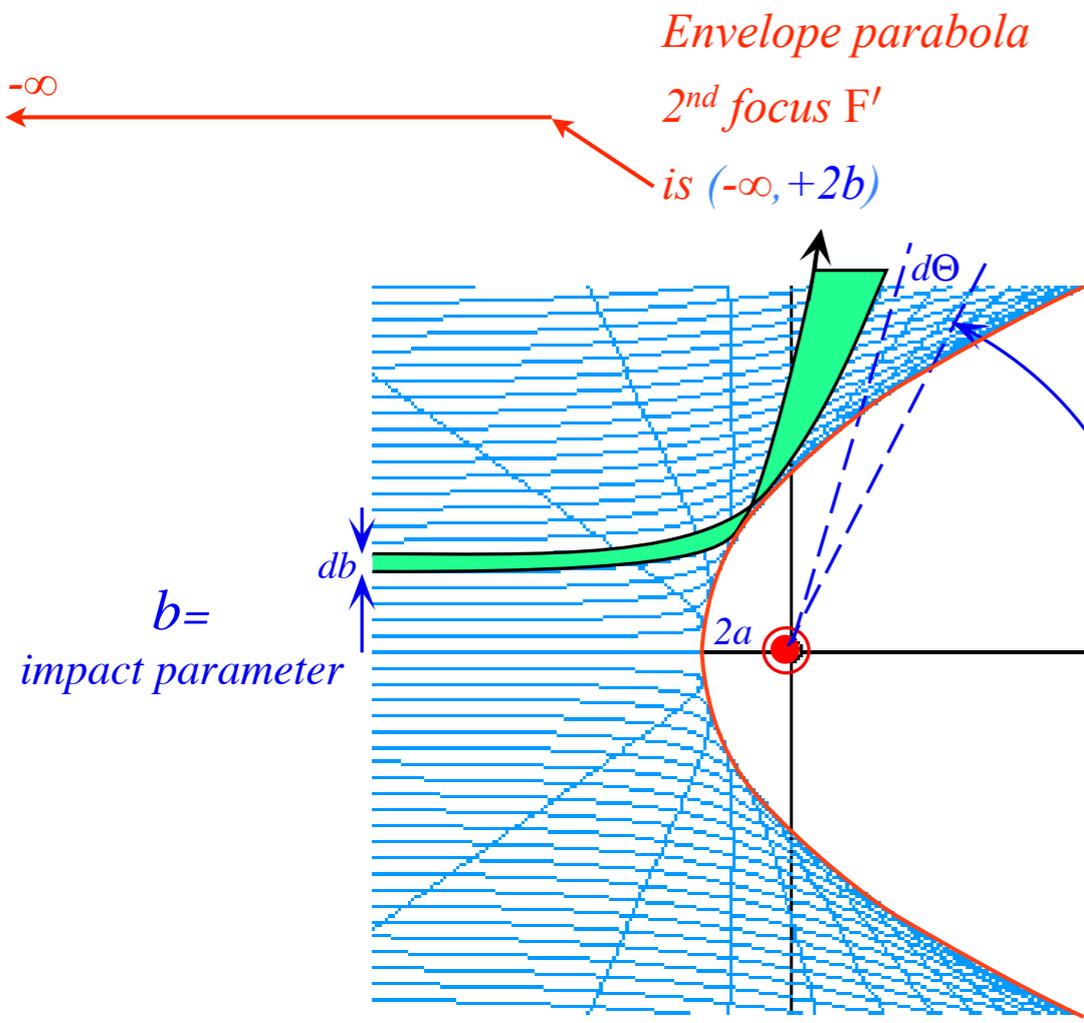
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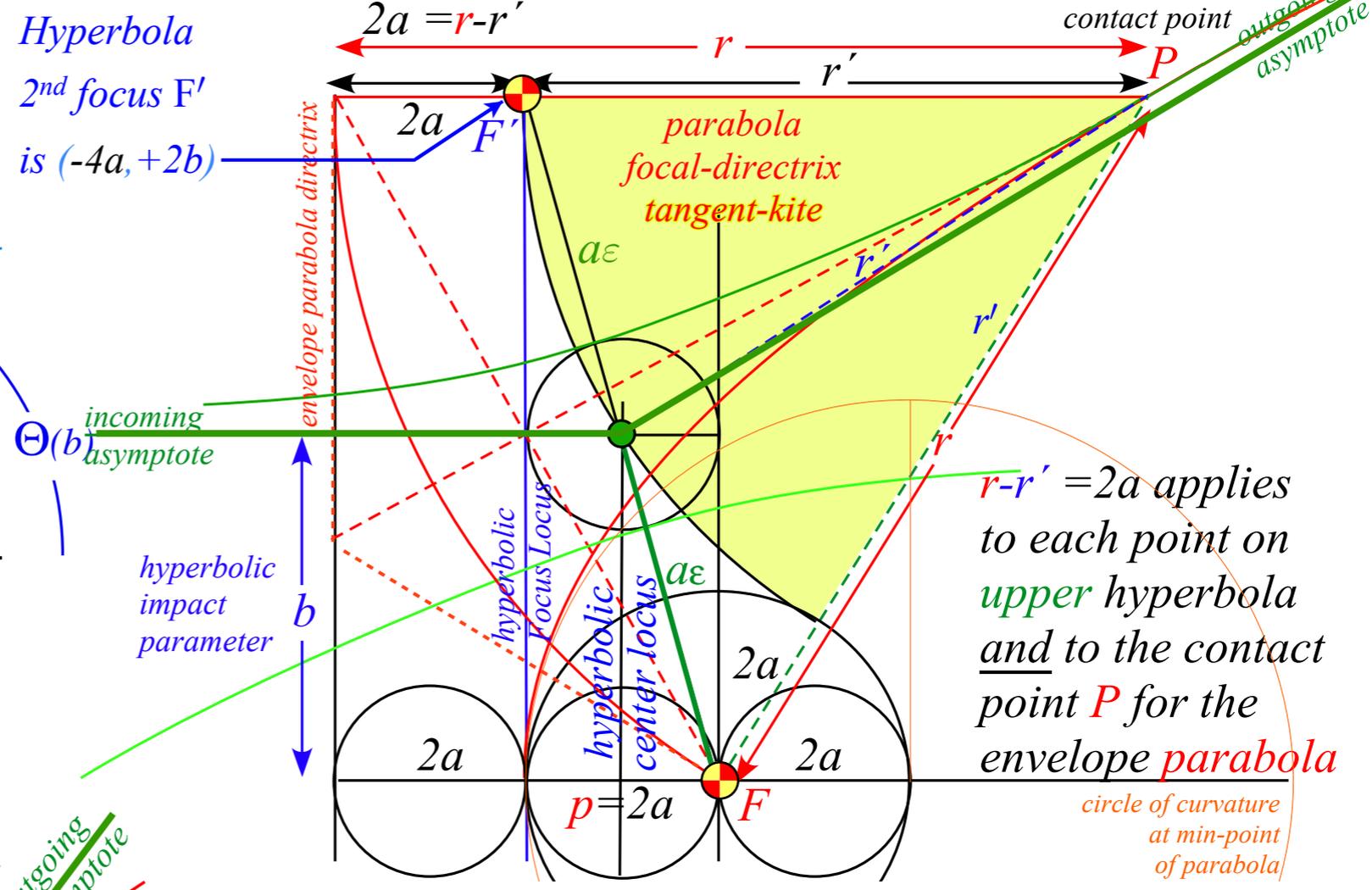
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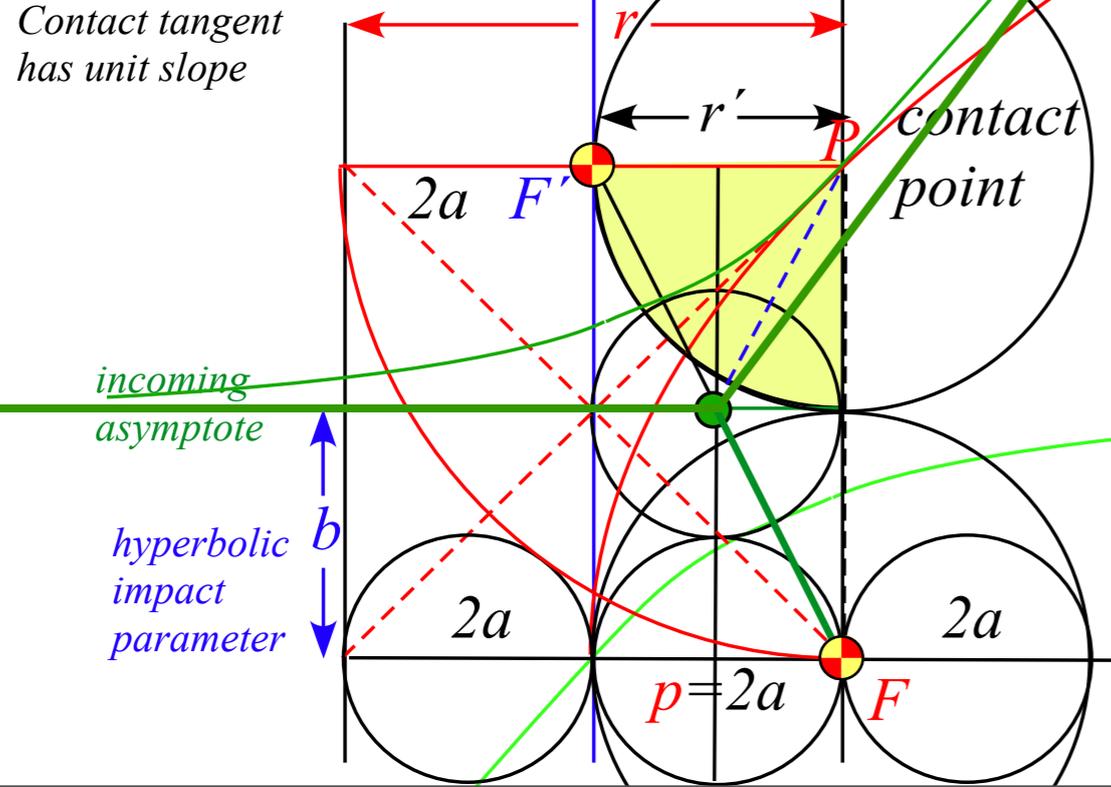
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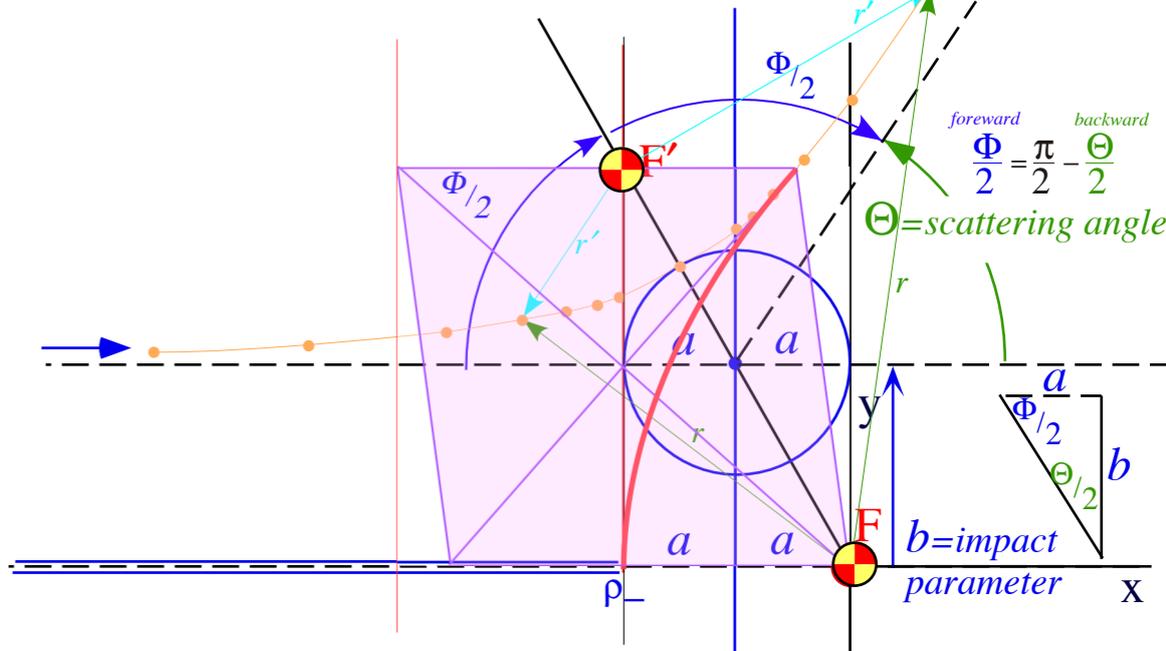
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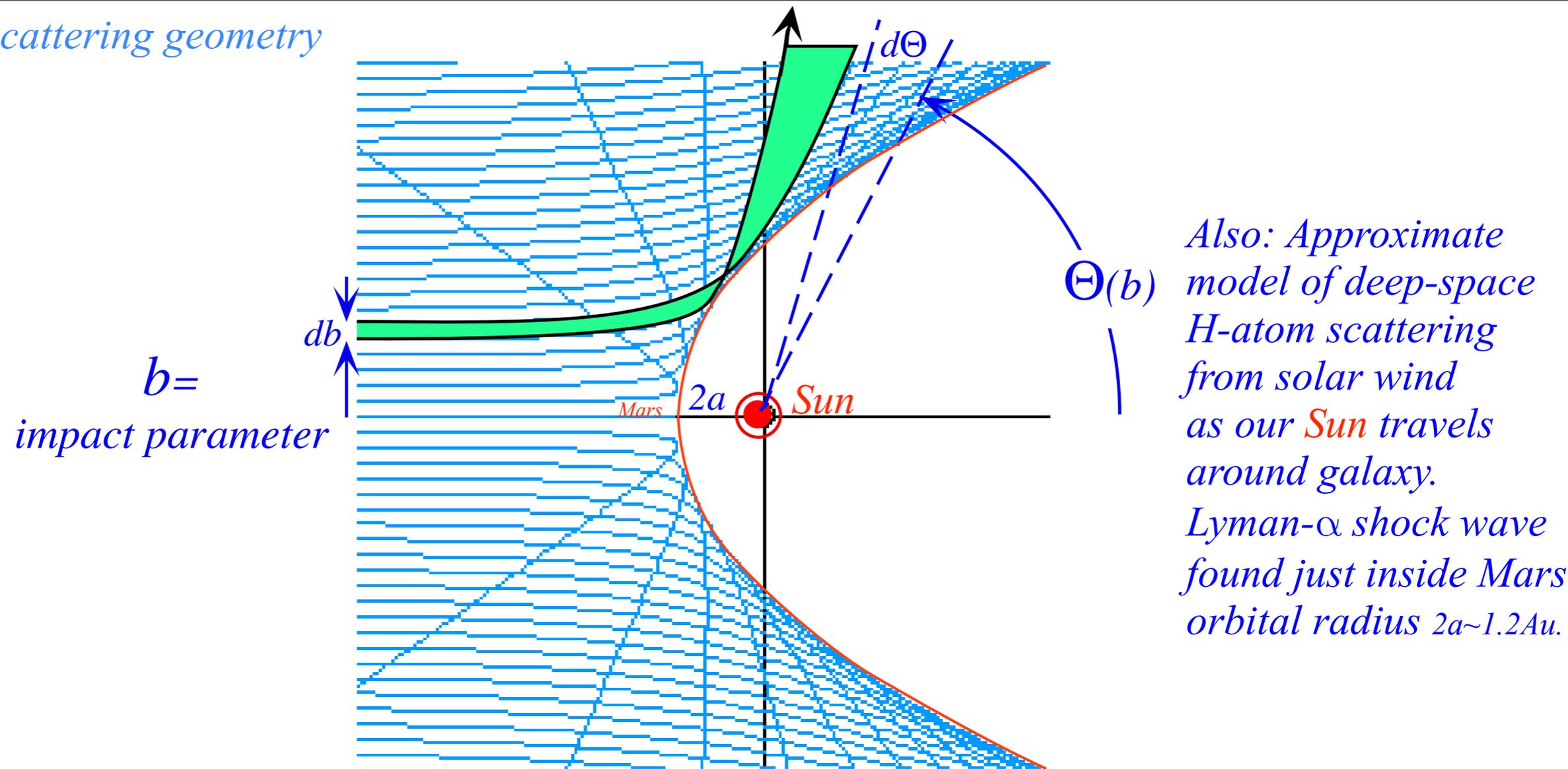


Fig. 5.3.2 Family of iso-energetic Rutherford scattering orbits with varying impact parameter.

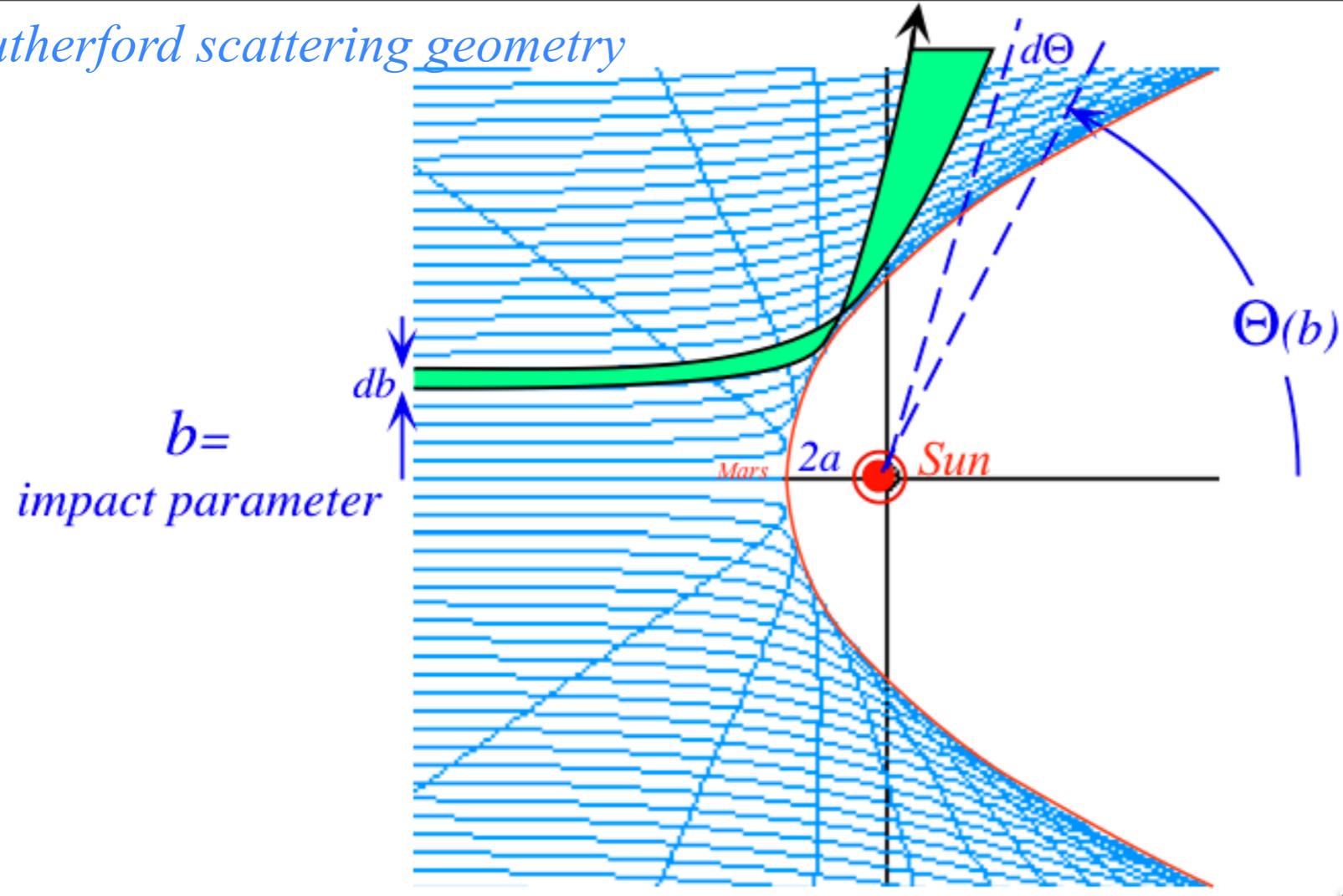
Incremental window  $d\sigma = b \cdot db$  normal to beam axis at  $x = -\infty$  scatters to area  $dA = R^2 \sin \Theta d\Theta d\phi = R^2 d\Omega$  onto a sphere at  $R = +\infty$  where is called the *incremental solid angle*  $d\Omega = \sin \Theta d\Theta d\phi$

Ratio  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b db d\phi}{\sin \Theta d\Theta d\phi} = \frac{b}{\sin \Theta} \frac{db}{d\Theta}$  is called the *differential scattering crosssection (DSC)*

Geometry  $b = a \cot \frac{\Theta}{2} = \frac{k}{2E} \cot \frac{\Theta}{2}$  gives the *Rutherford DSC*.  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{k^4}{16E^2} \sin^{-4} \frac{\Theta}{2}$

Agrees exactly with 1<sup>st</sup> Born approximation to *quantum Coulomb DSC!*

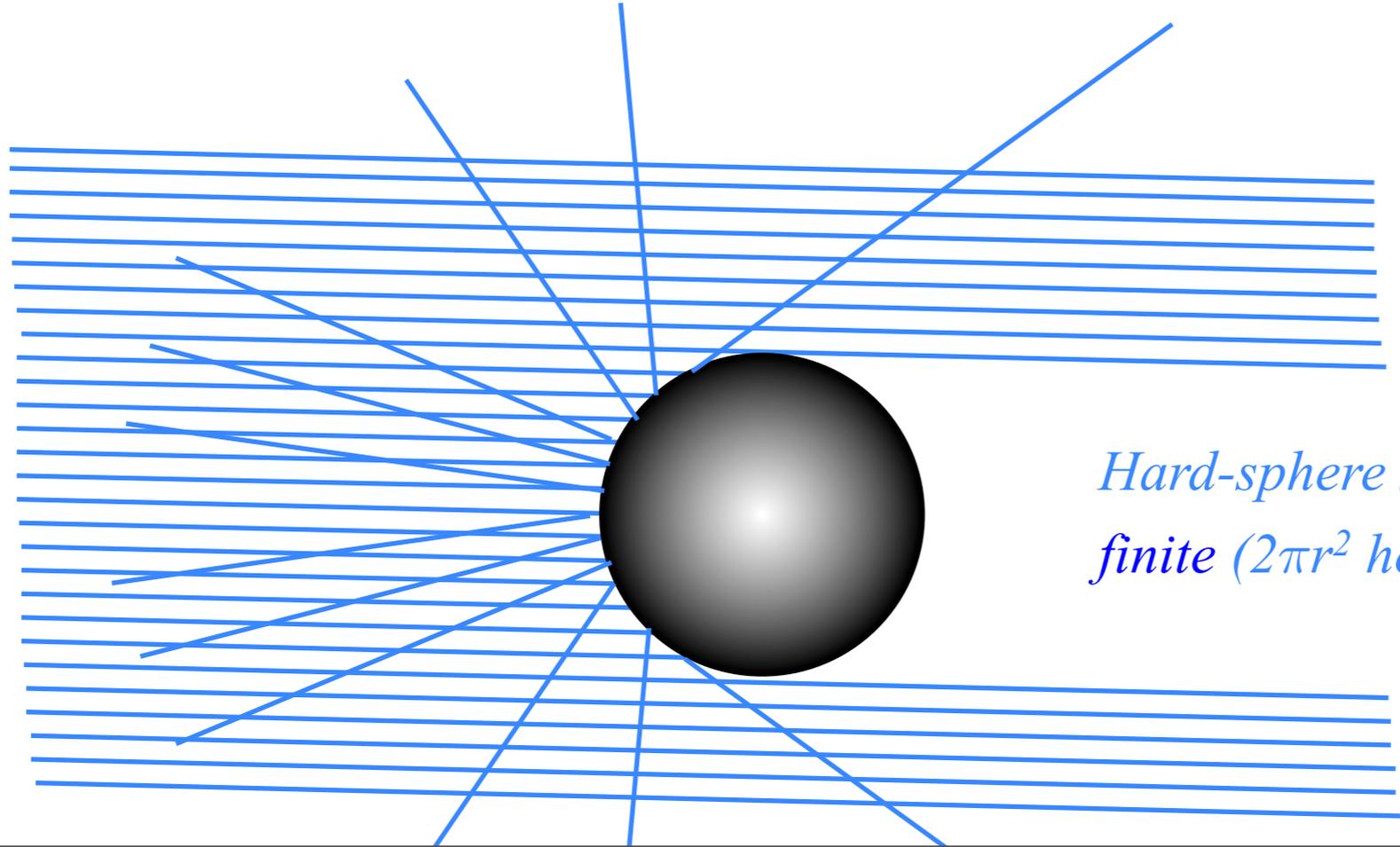
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*Two Extremes:*

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$$\sigma = \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \int d\Omega \frac{k^4}{16E^2} \sin^{-4} \frac{\Theta}{2} = \infty$$



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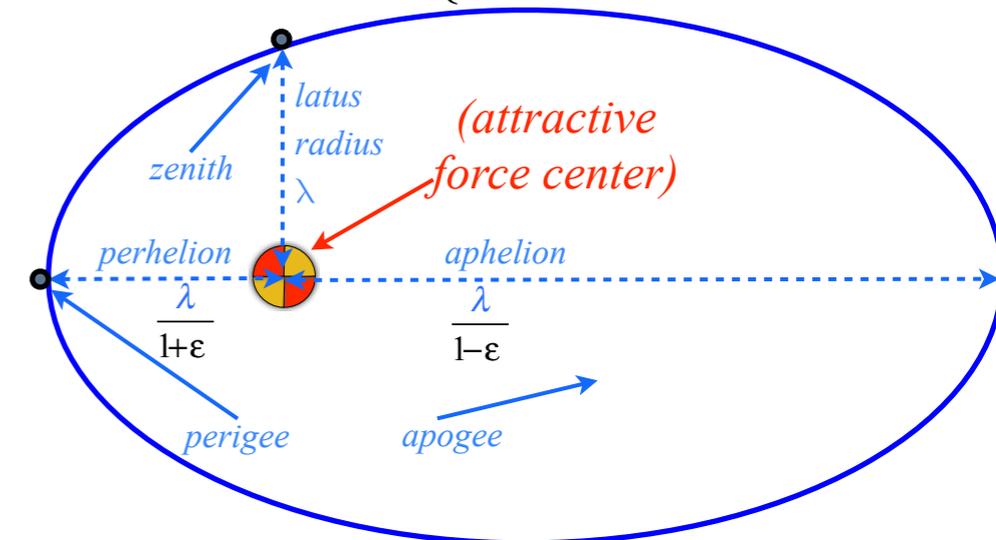
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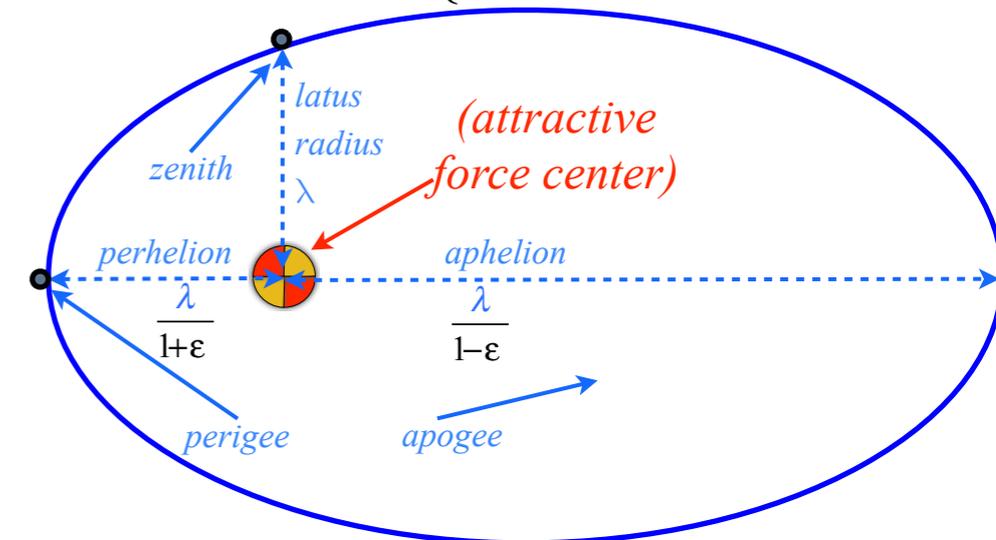
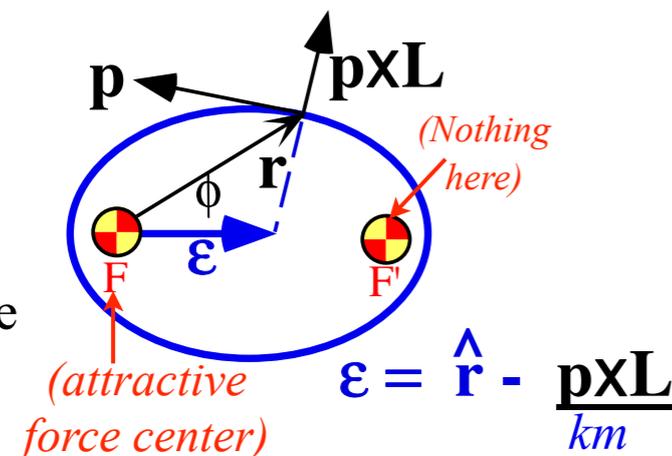
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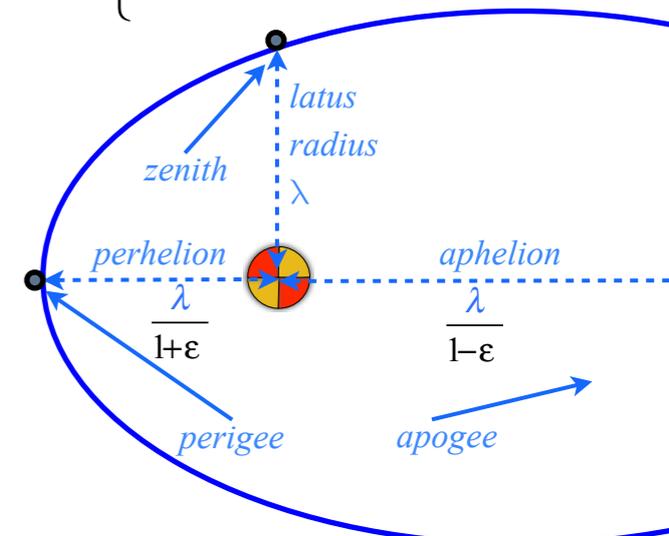
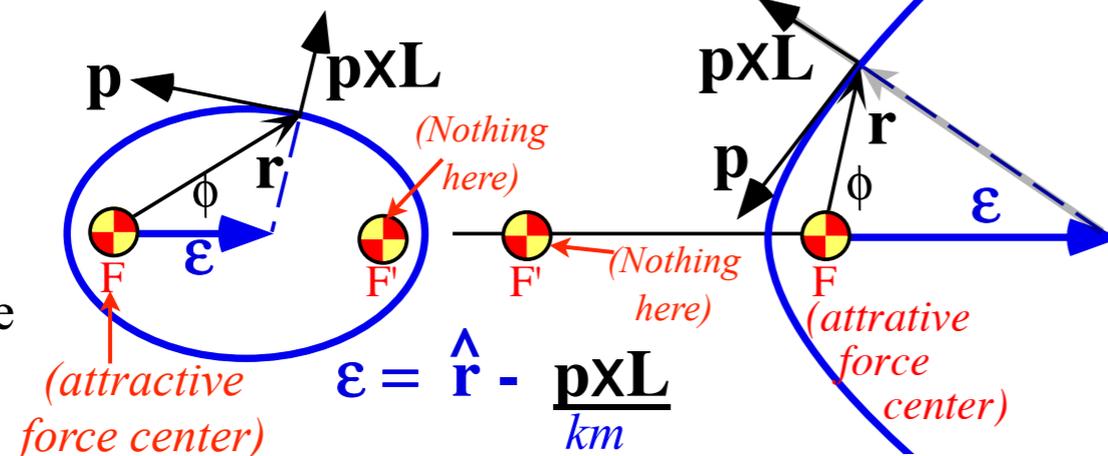
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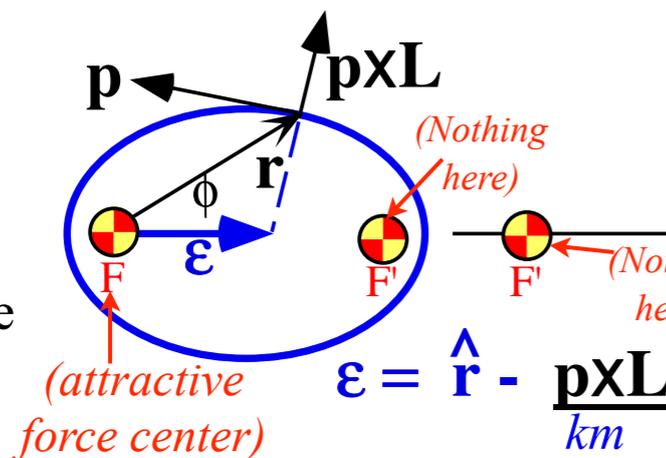
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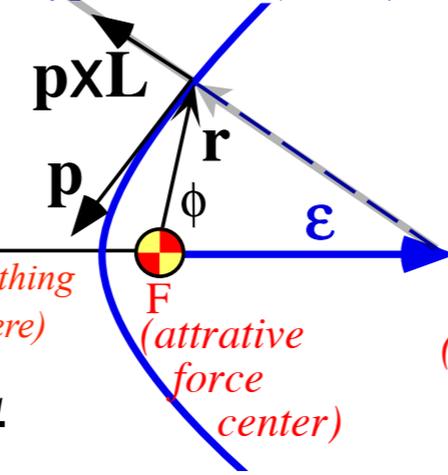
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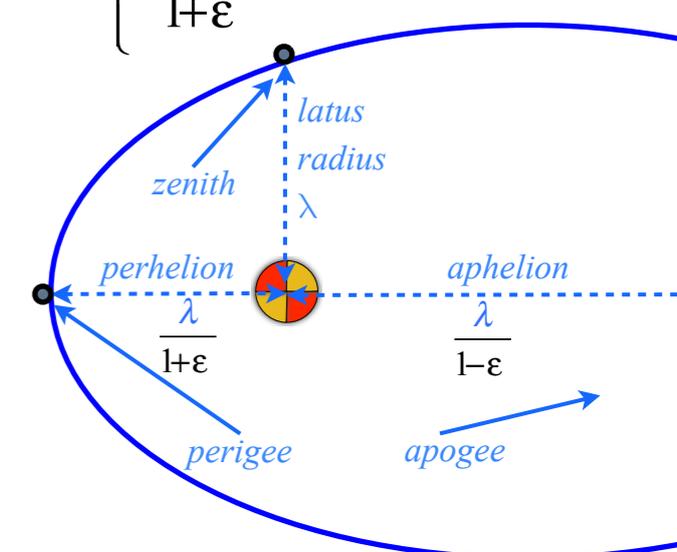
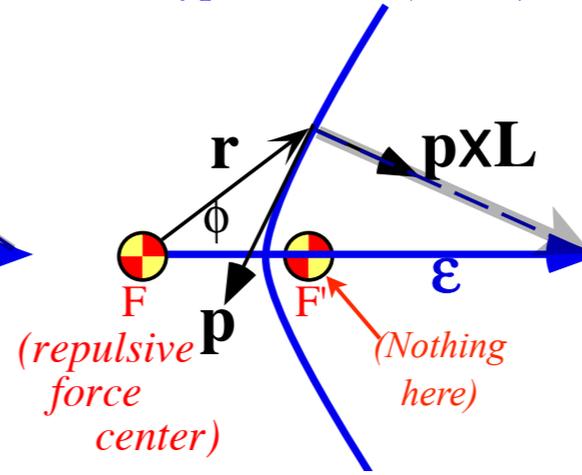
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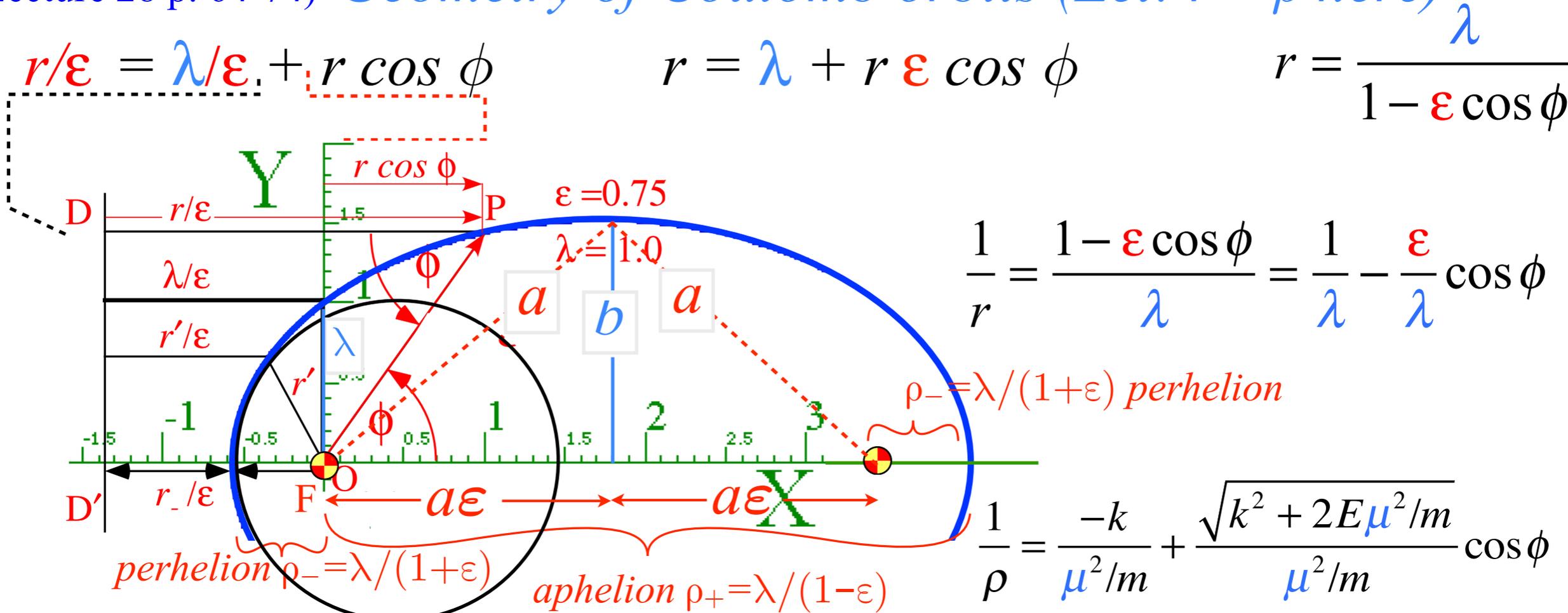
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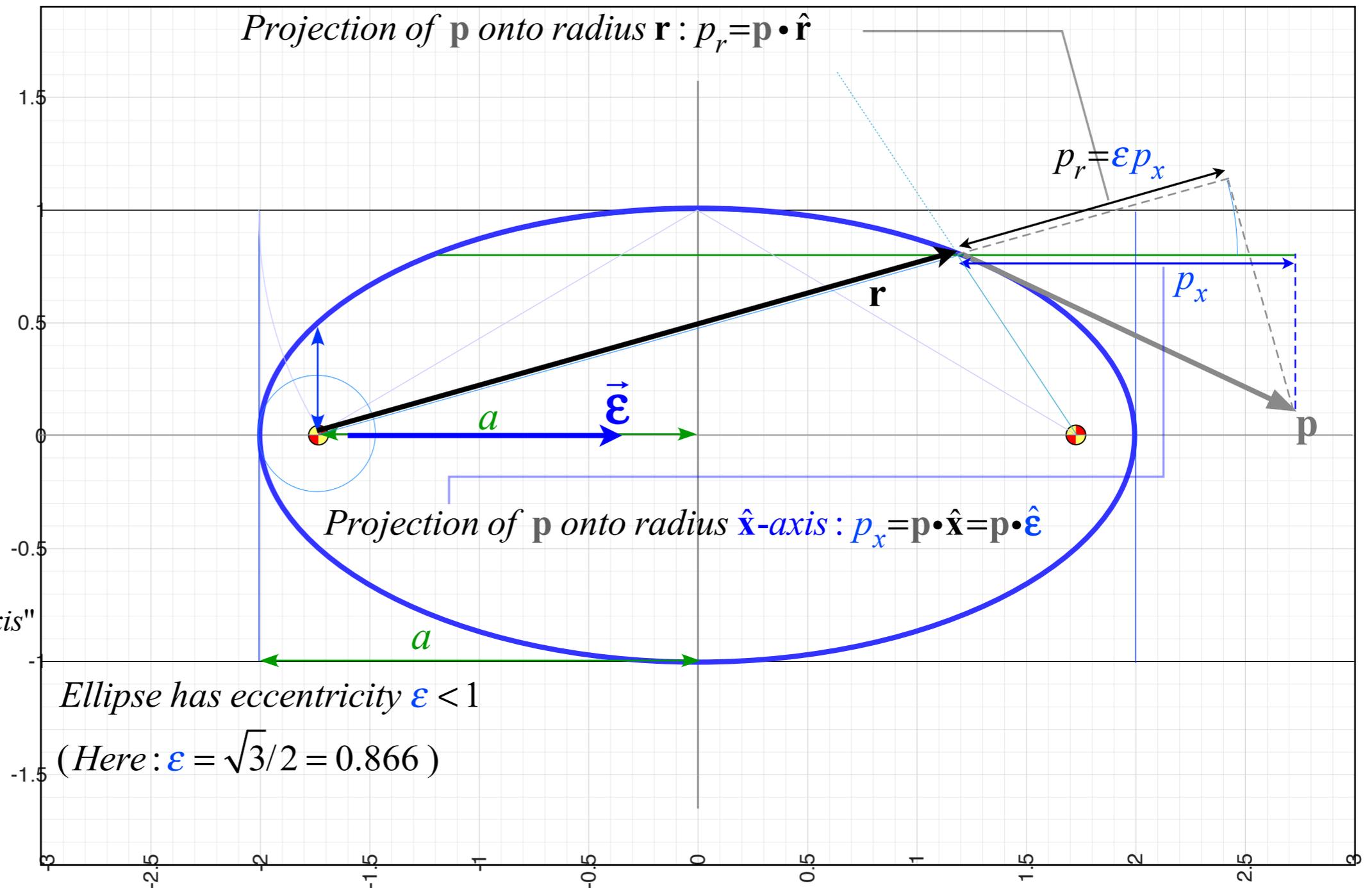
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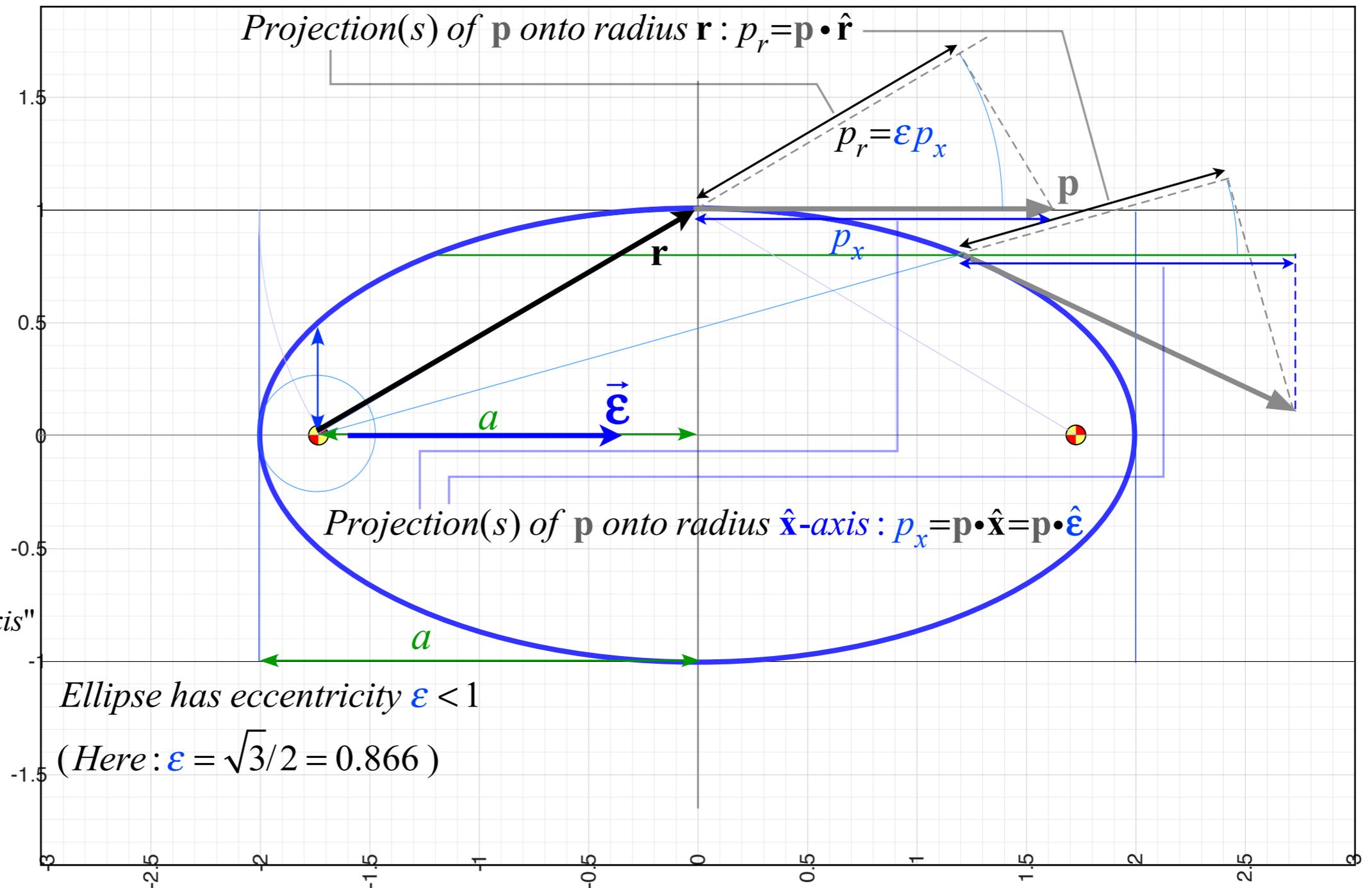


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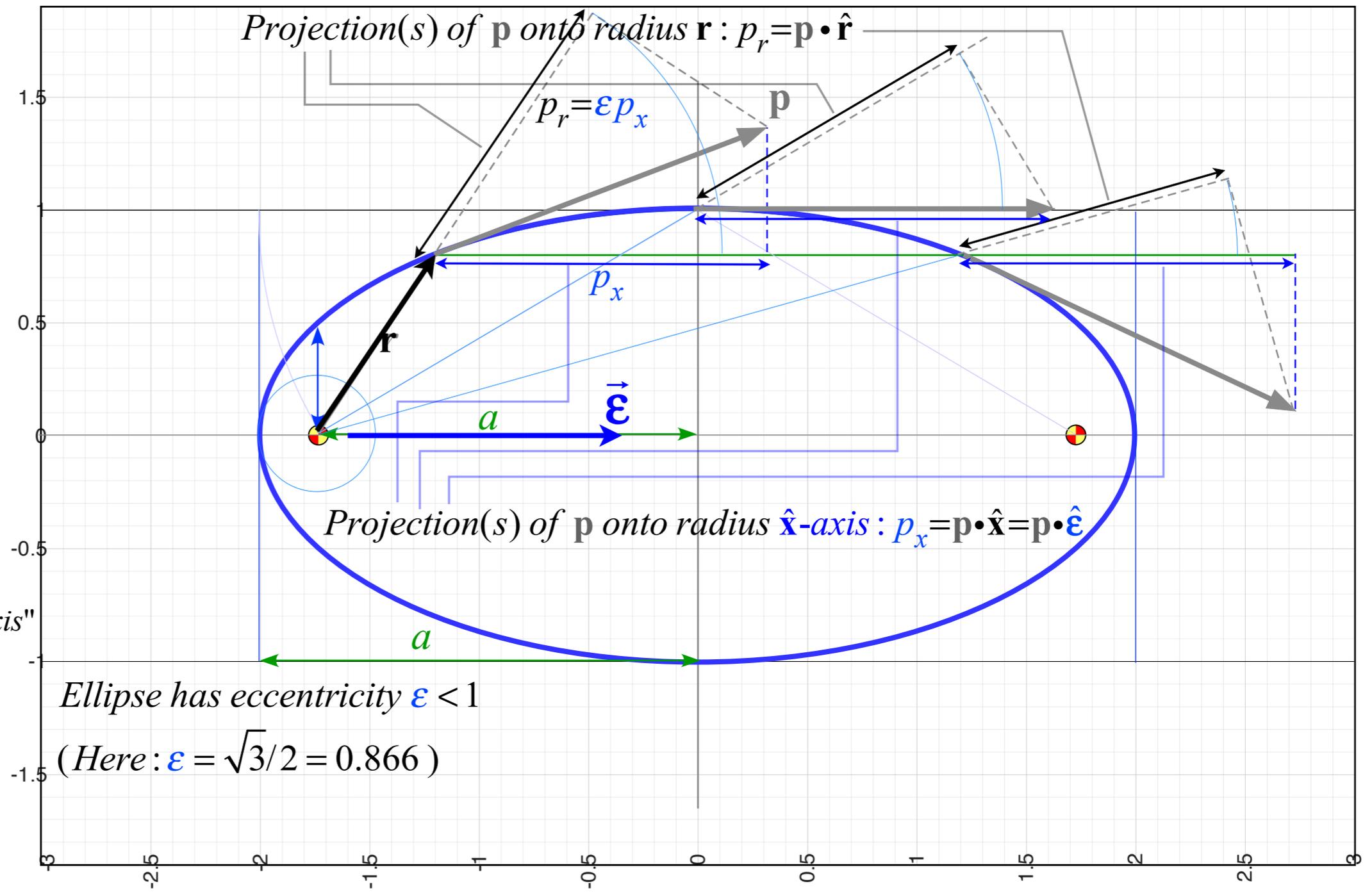
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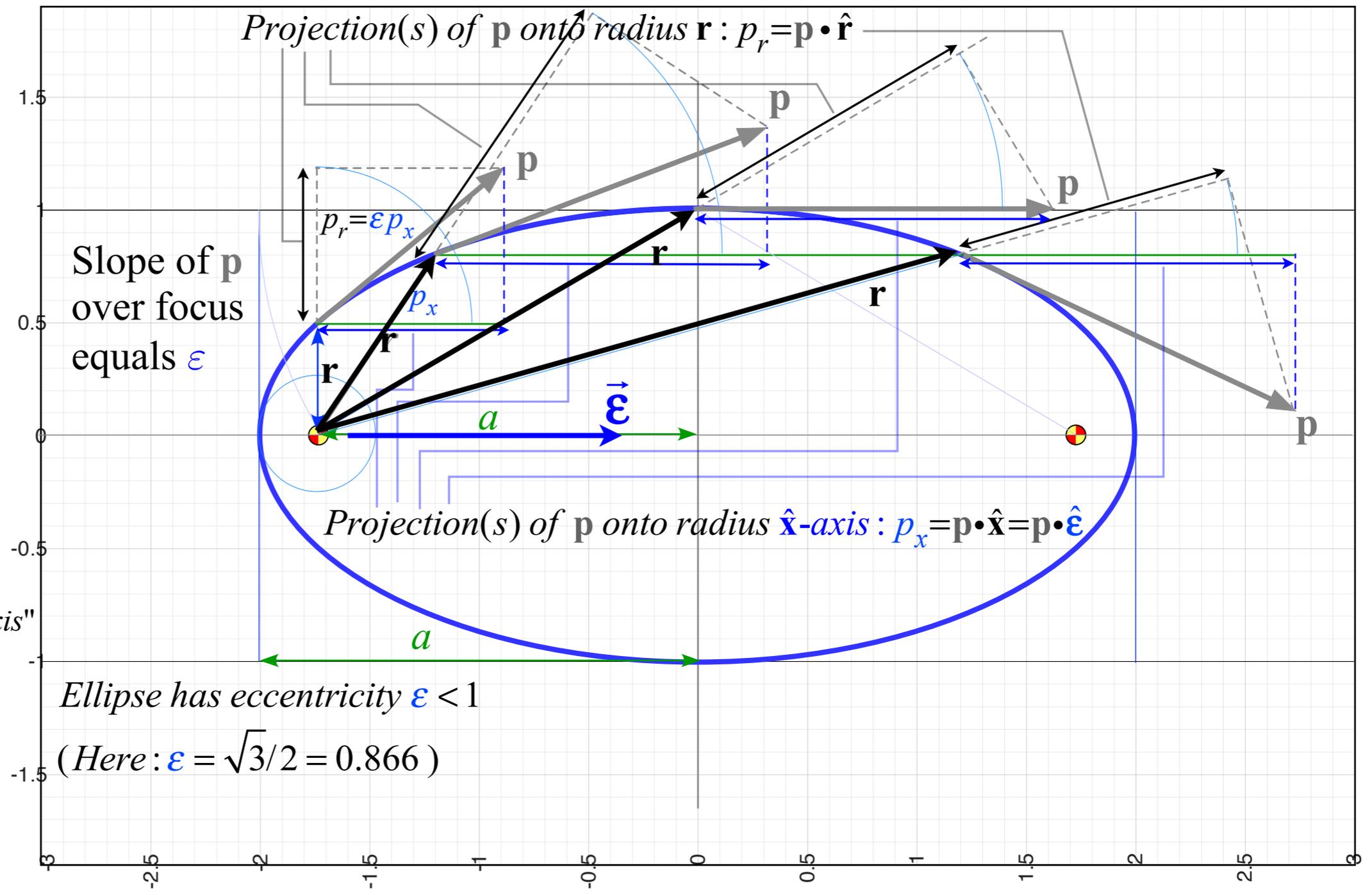
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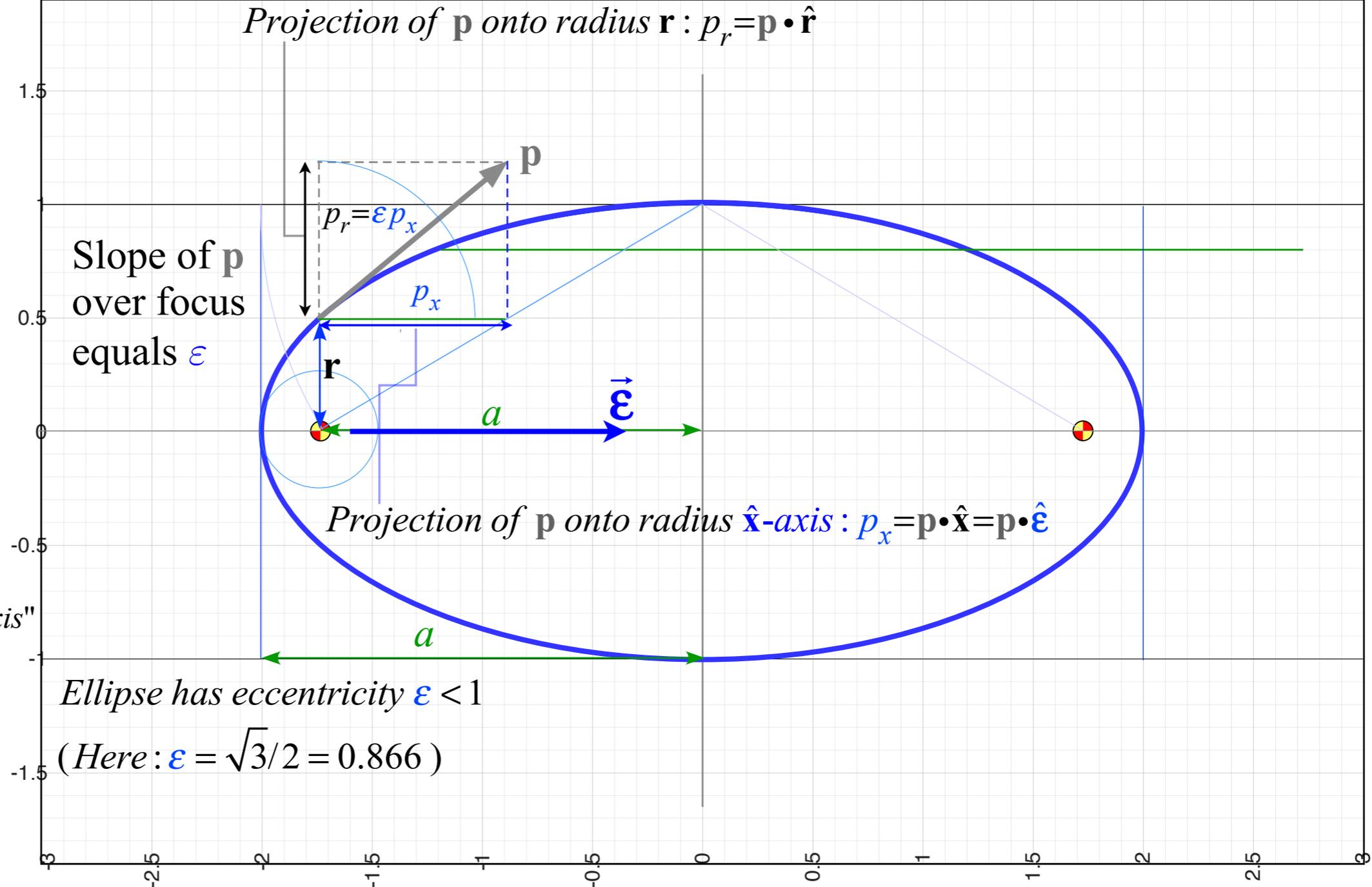
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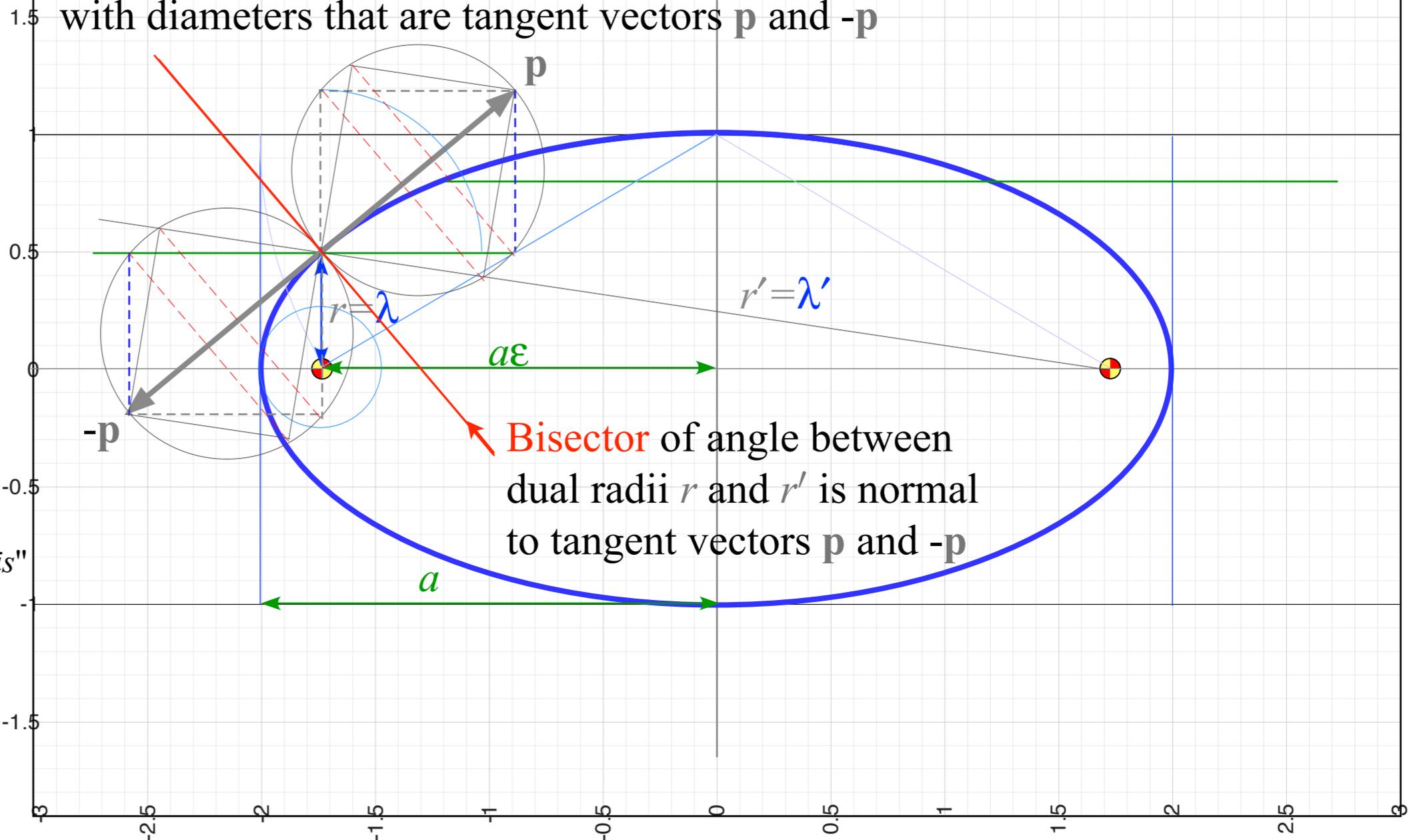
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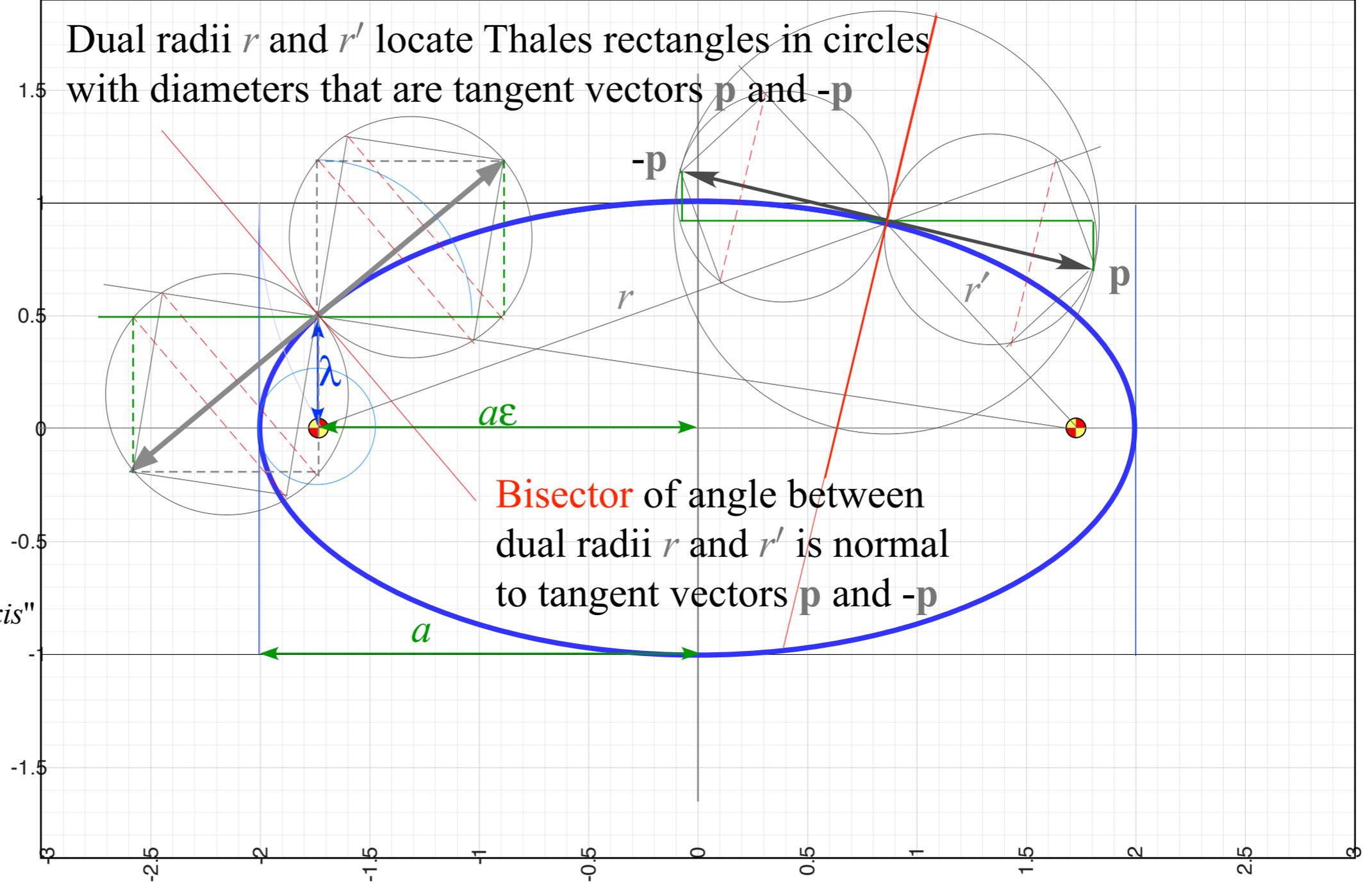
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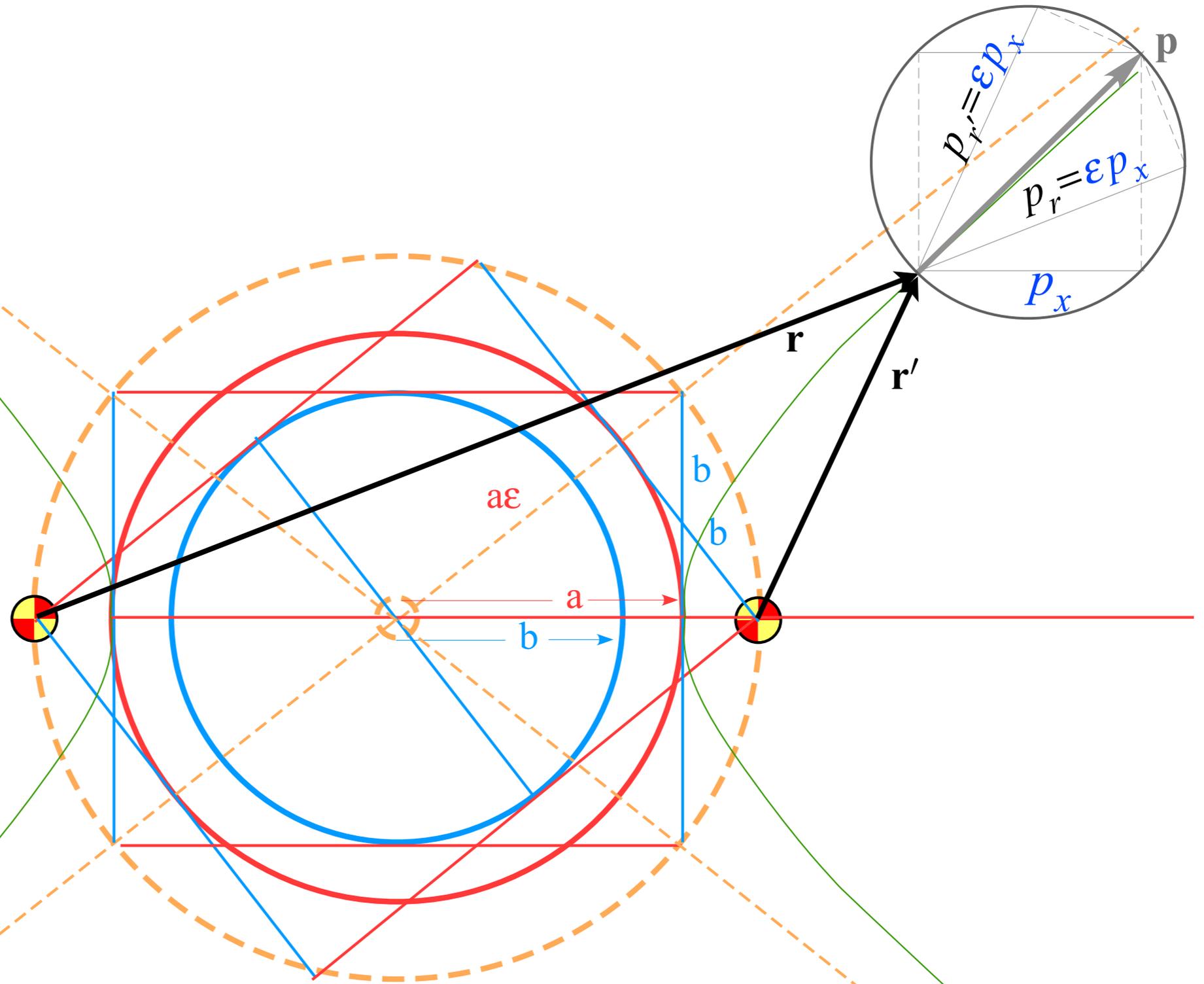
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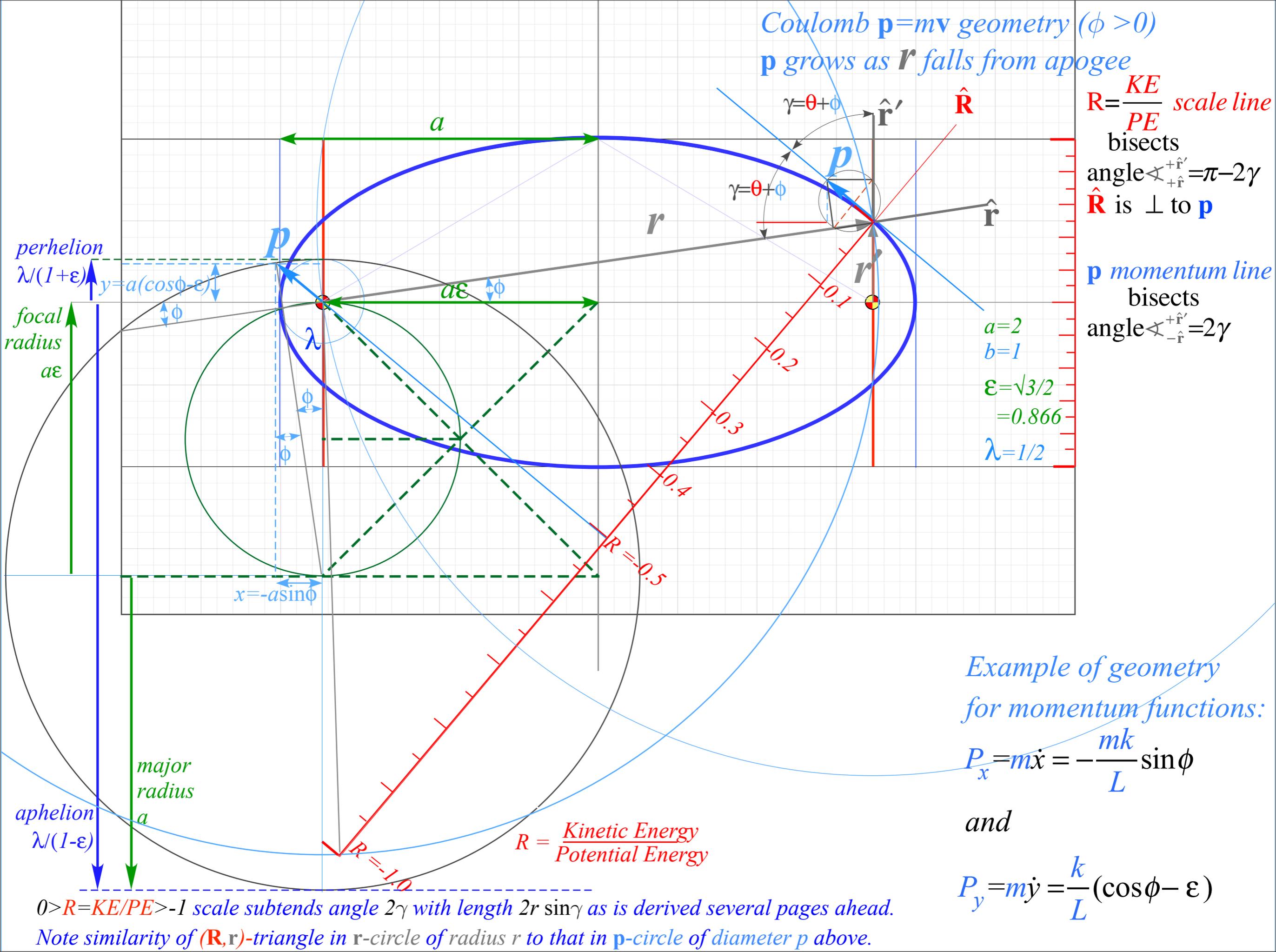
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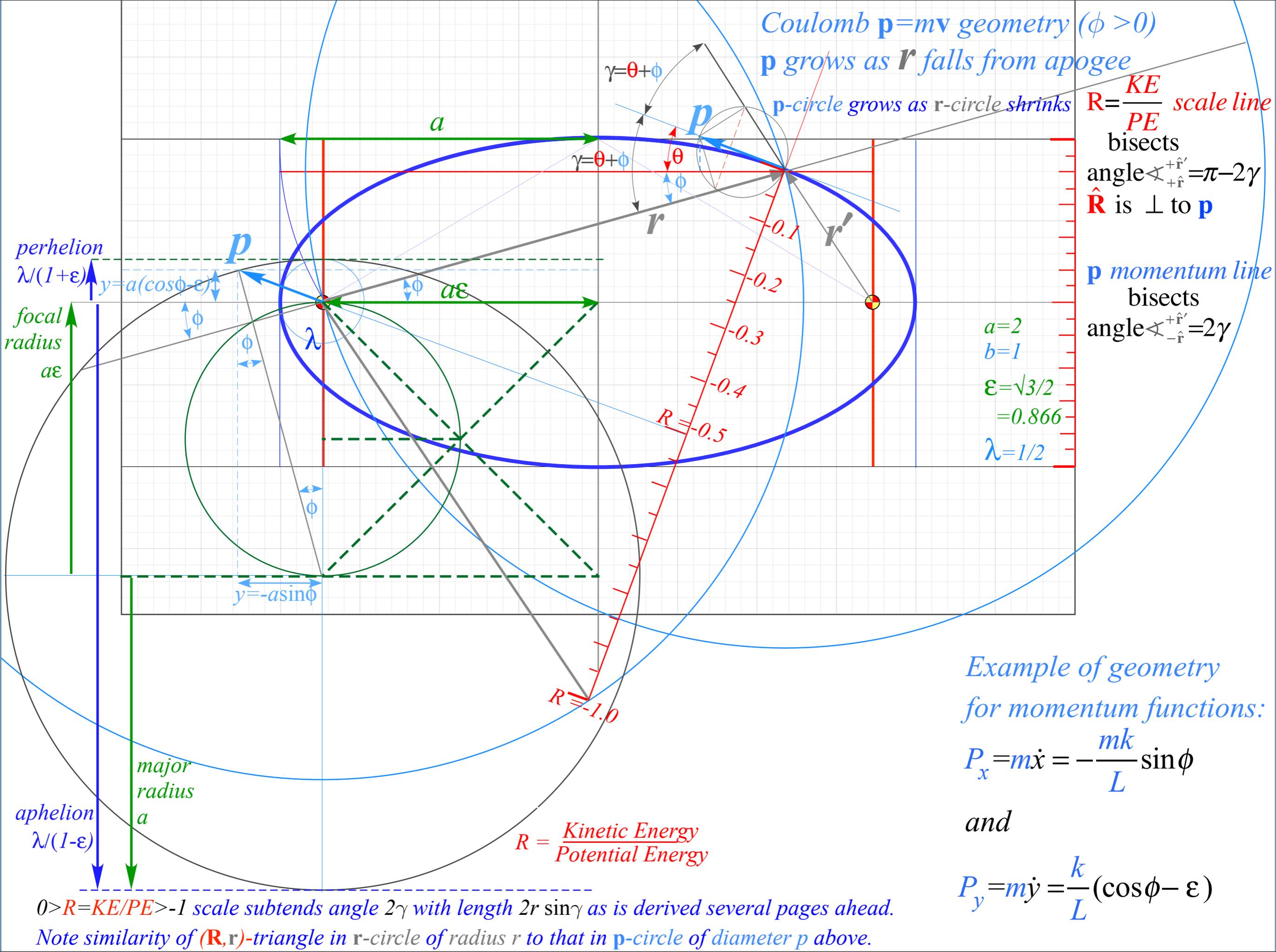
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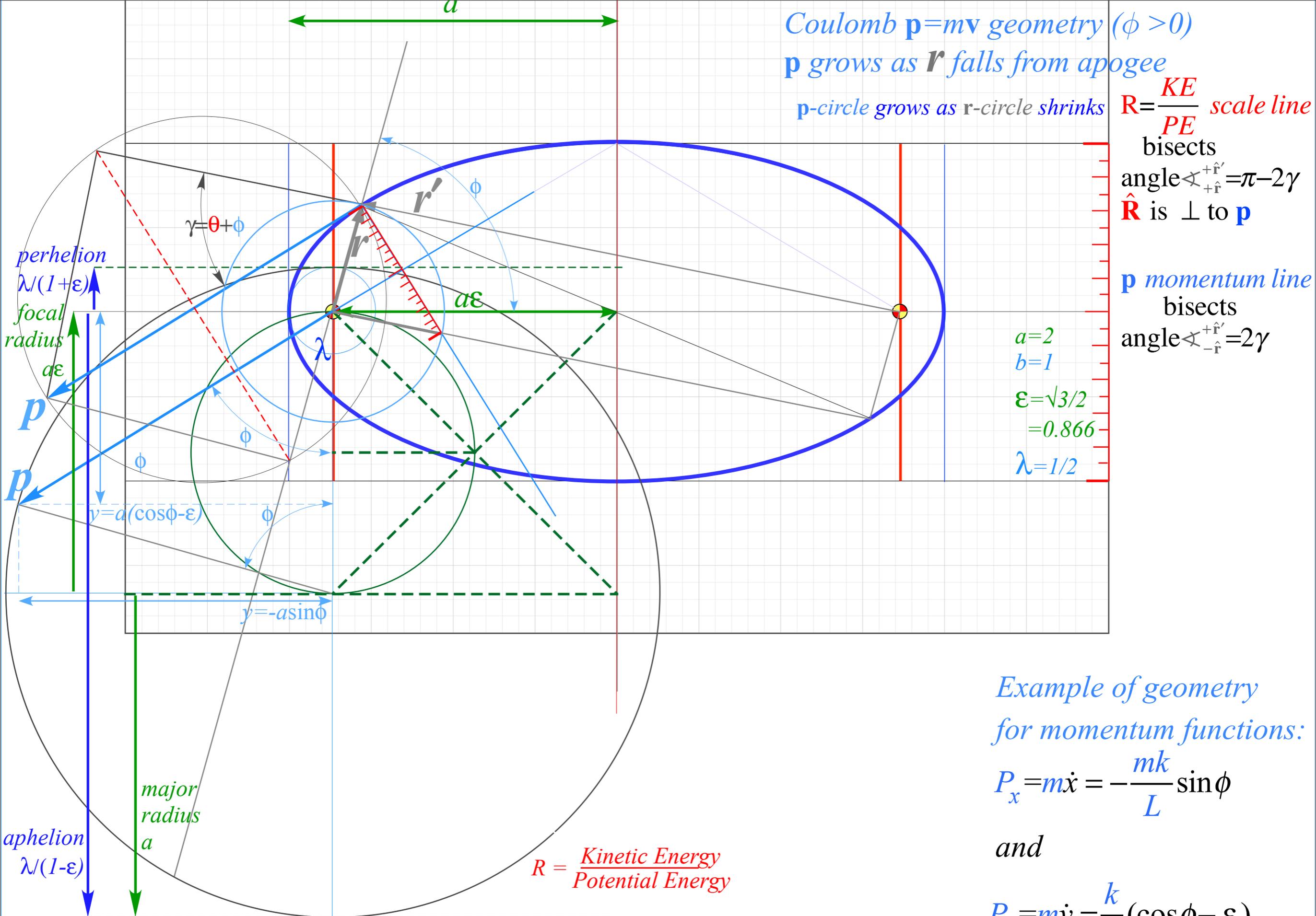












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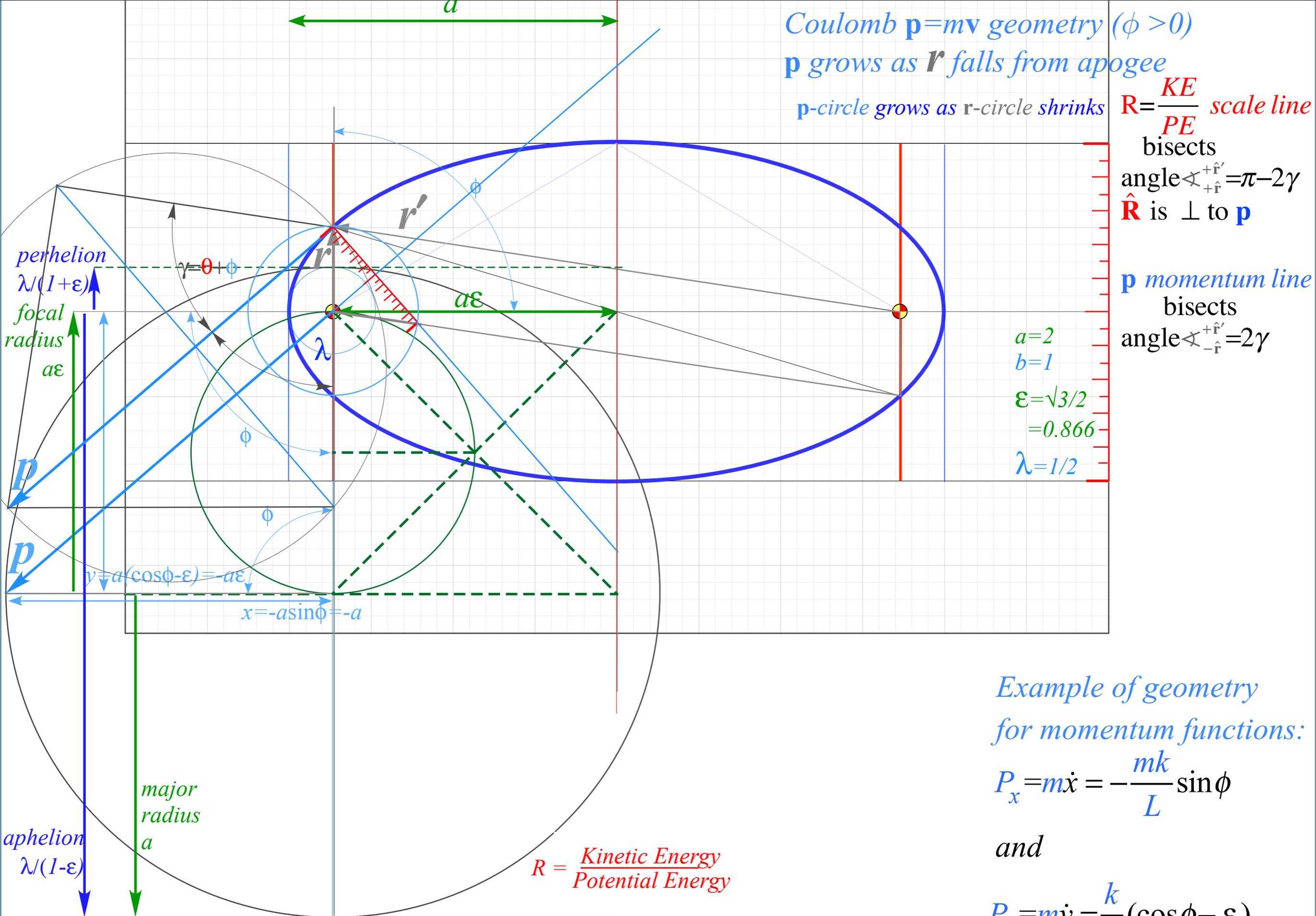
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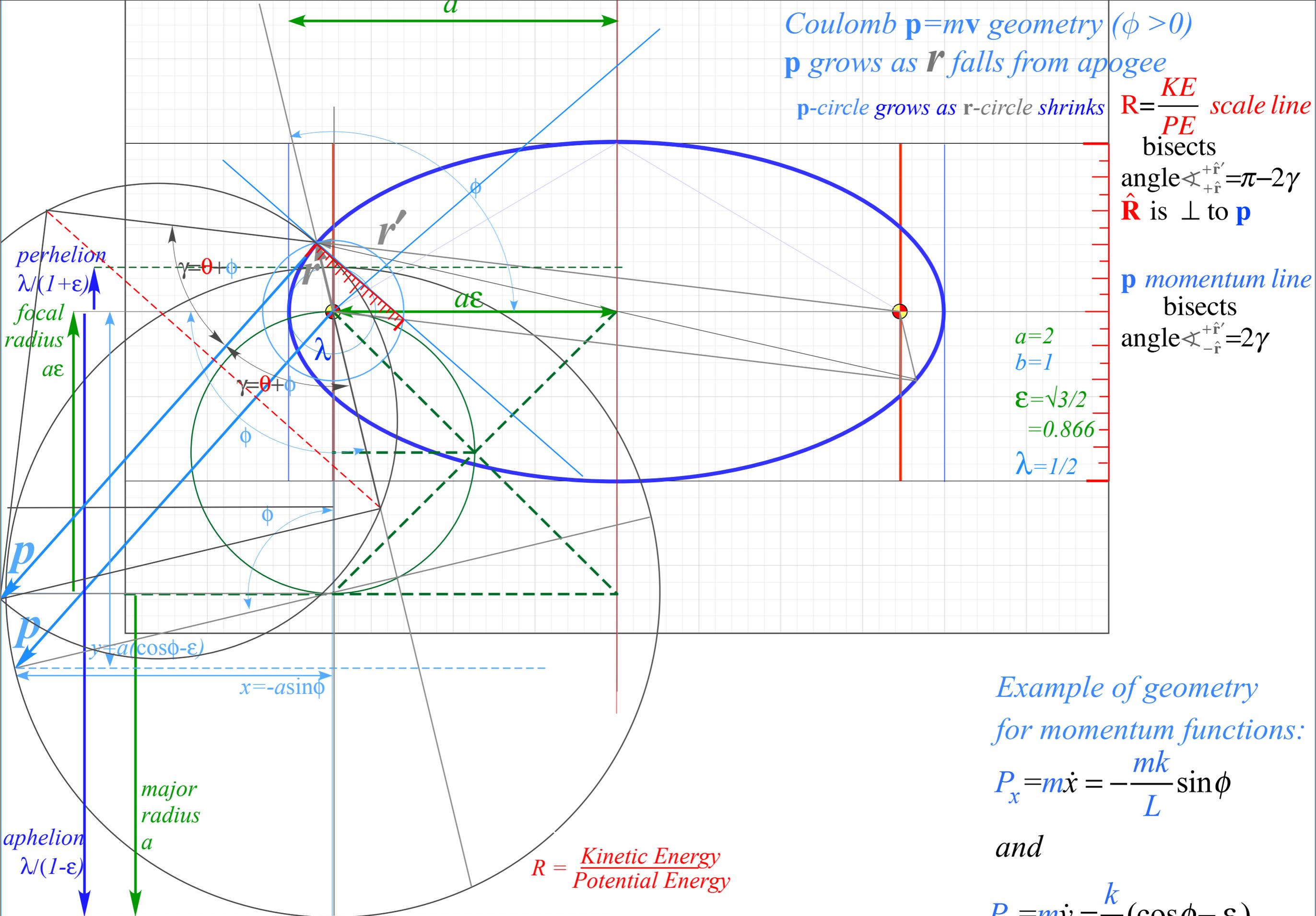
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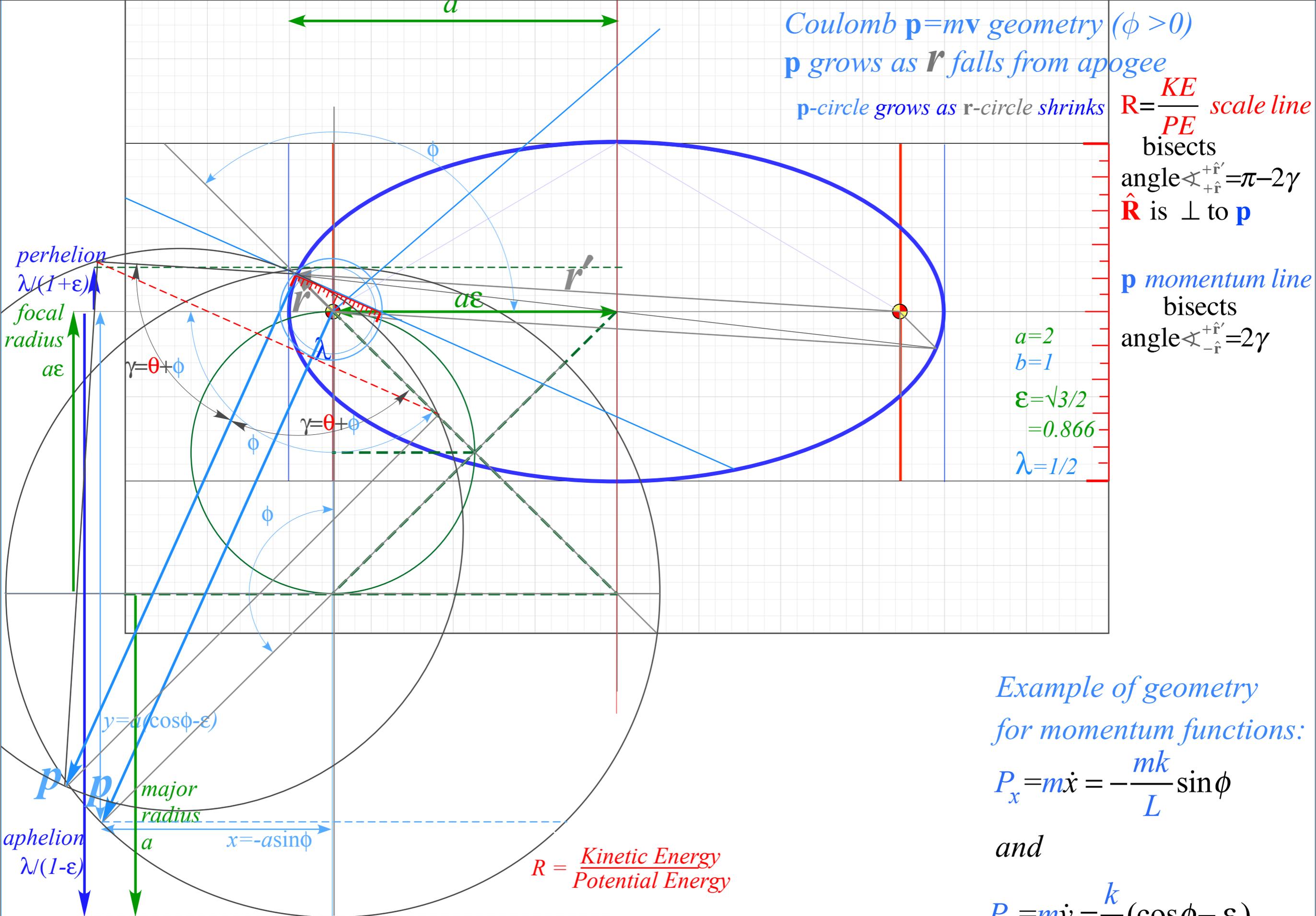
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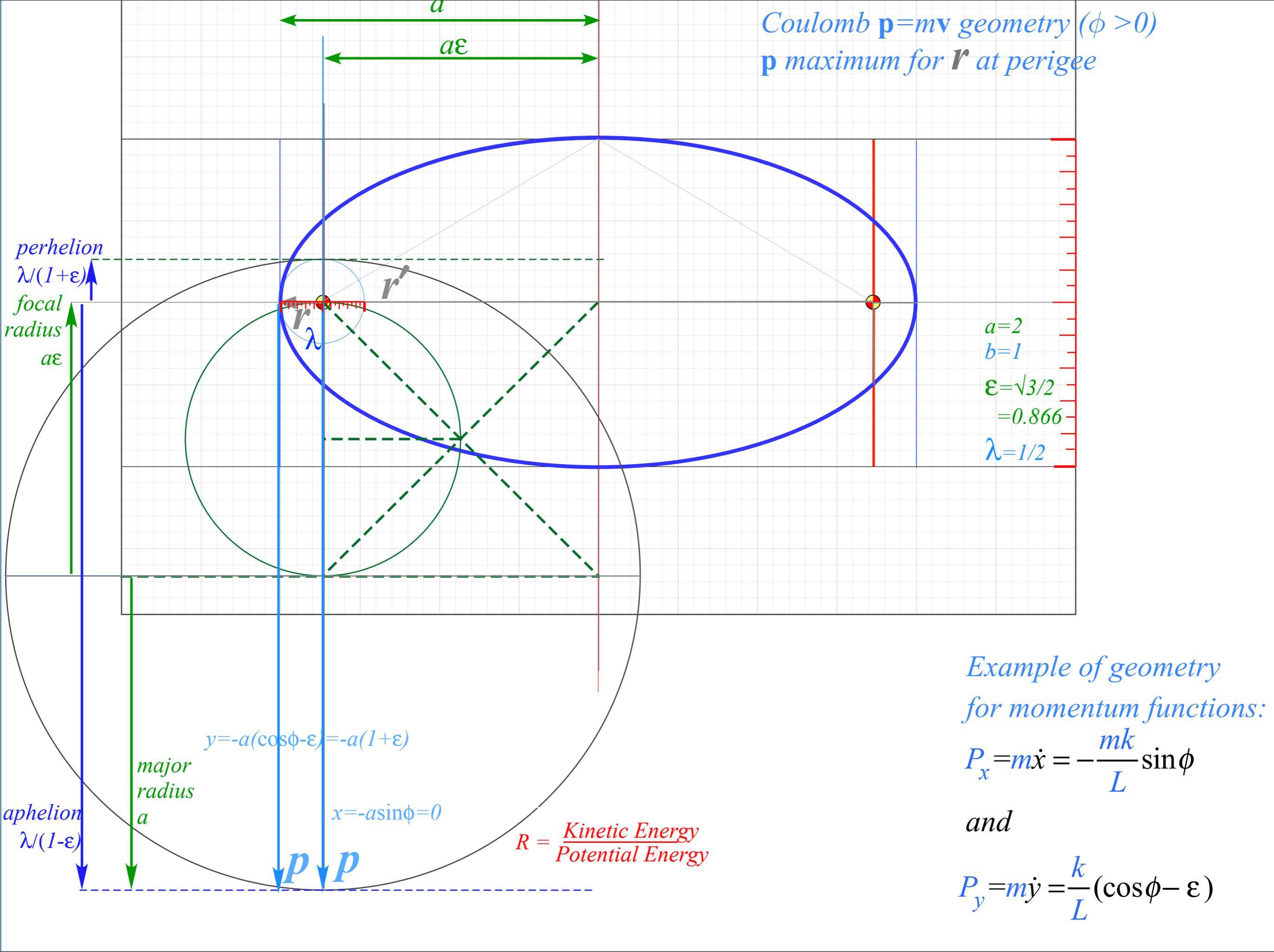
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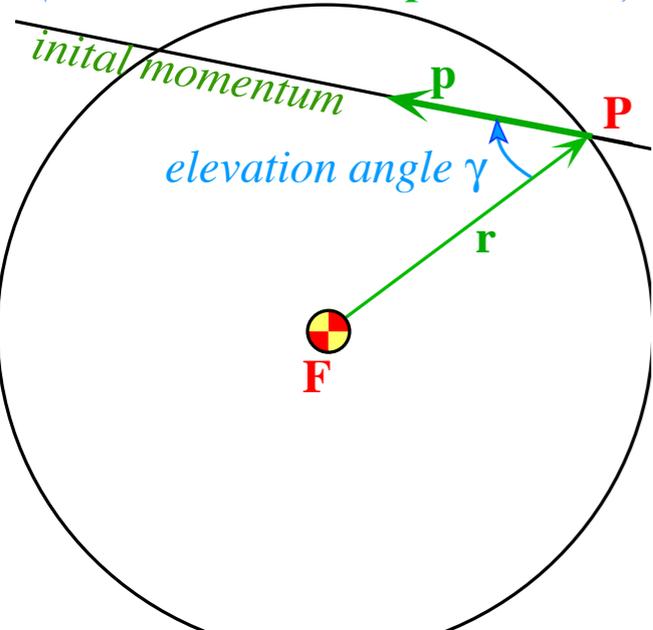
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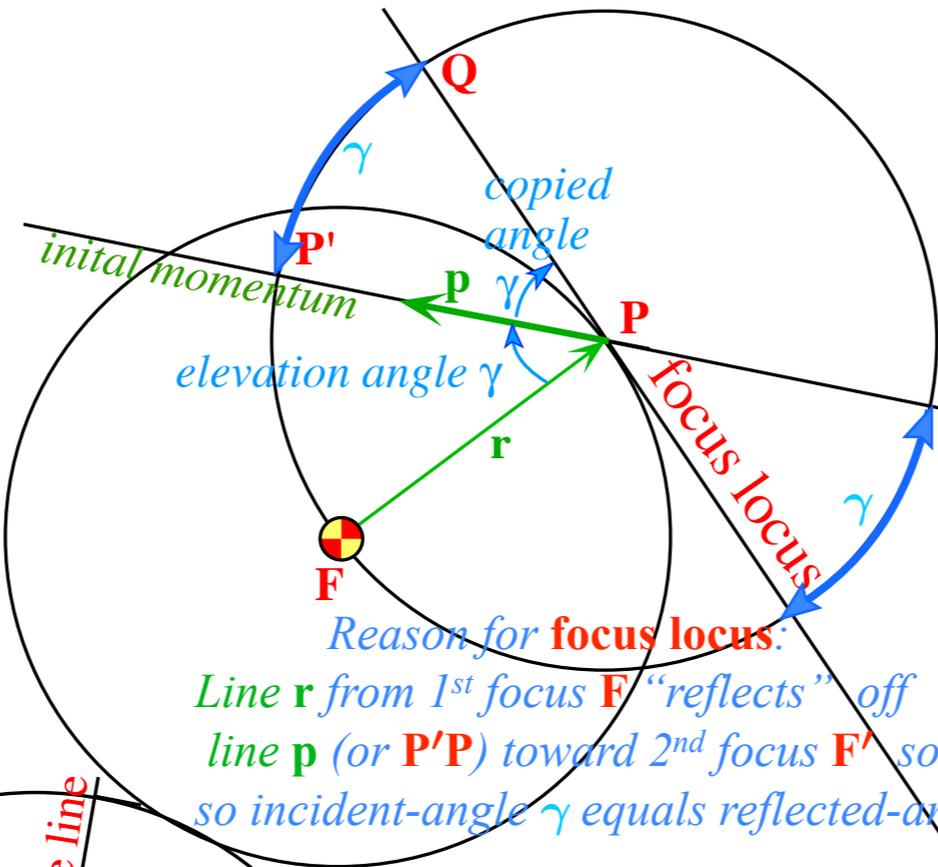
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# $\epsilon$ -vector and Coulomb orbit construction steps

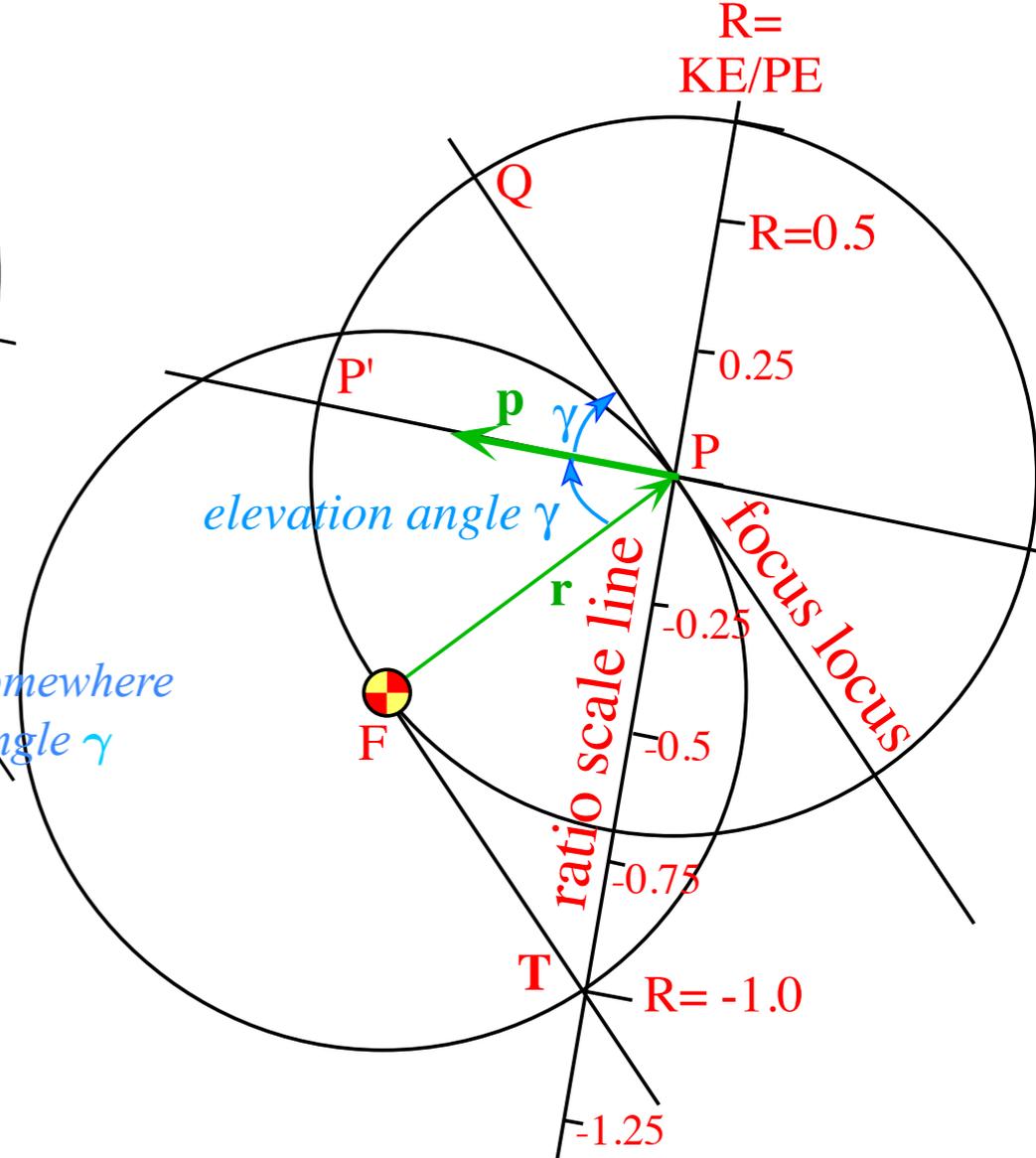
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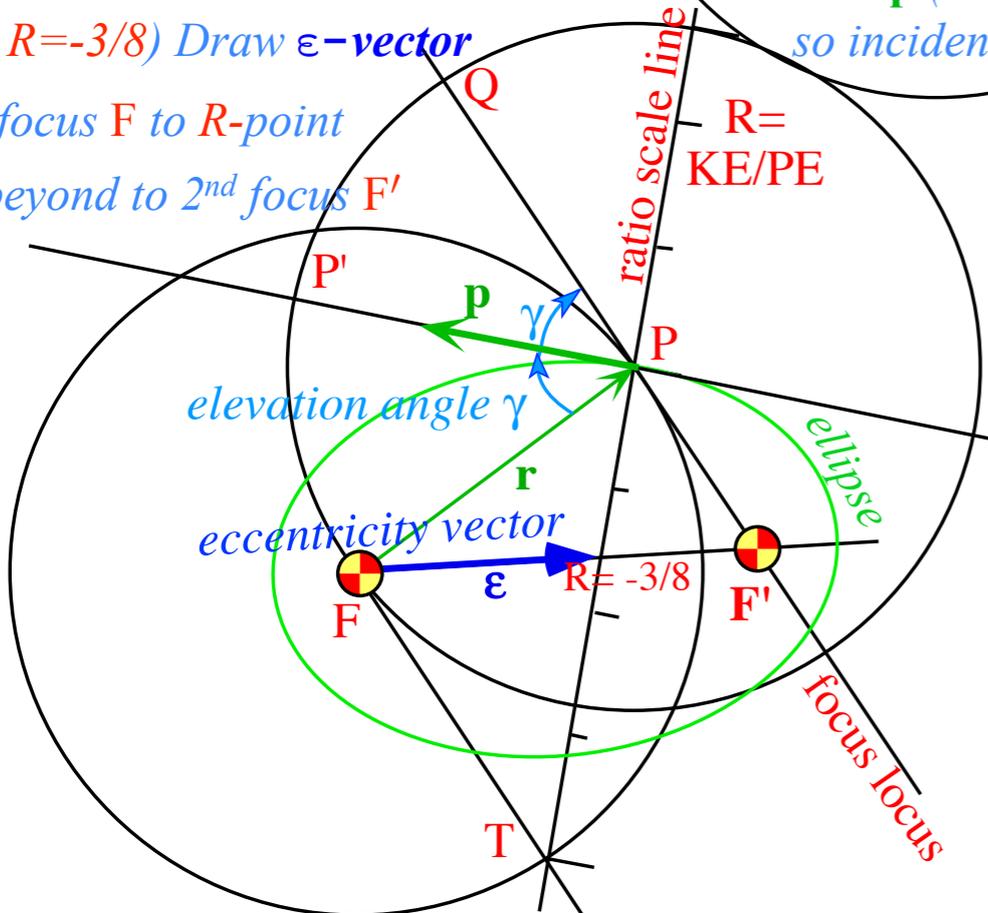
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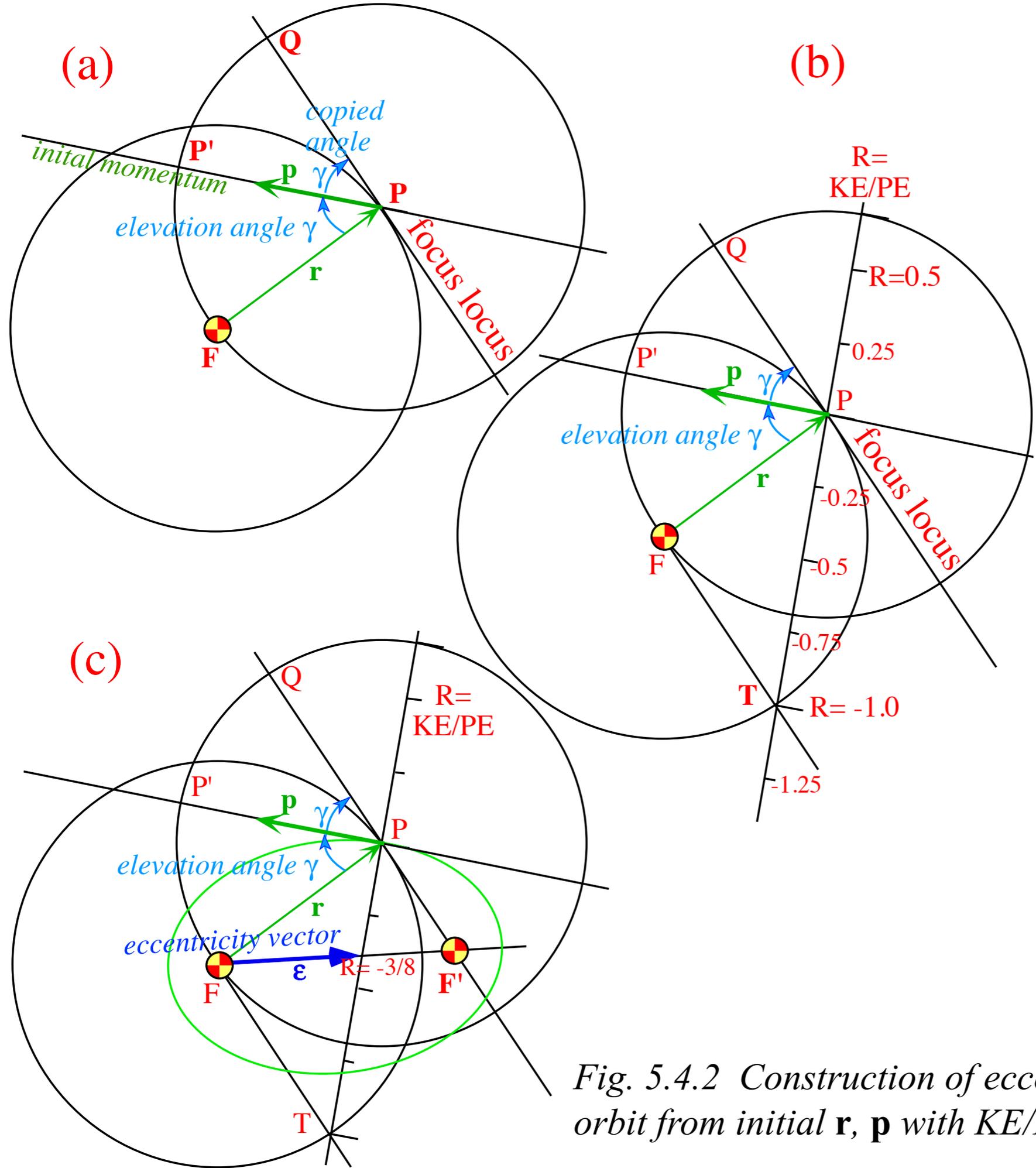
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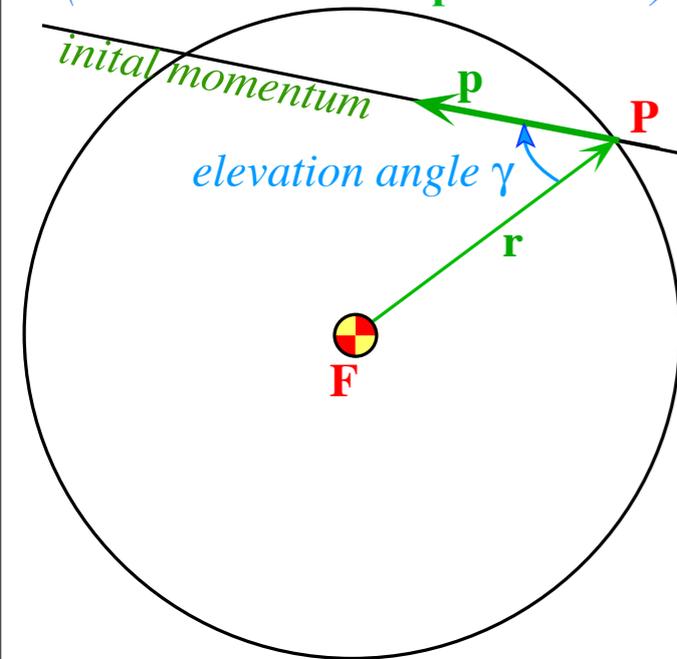
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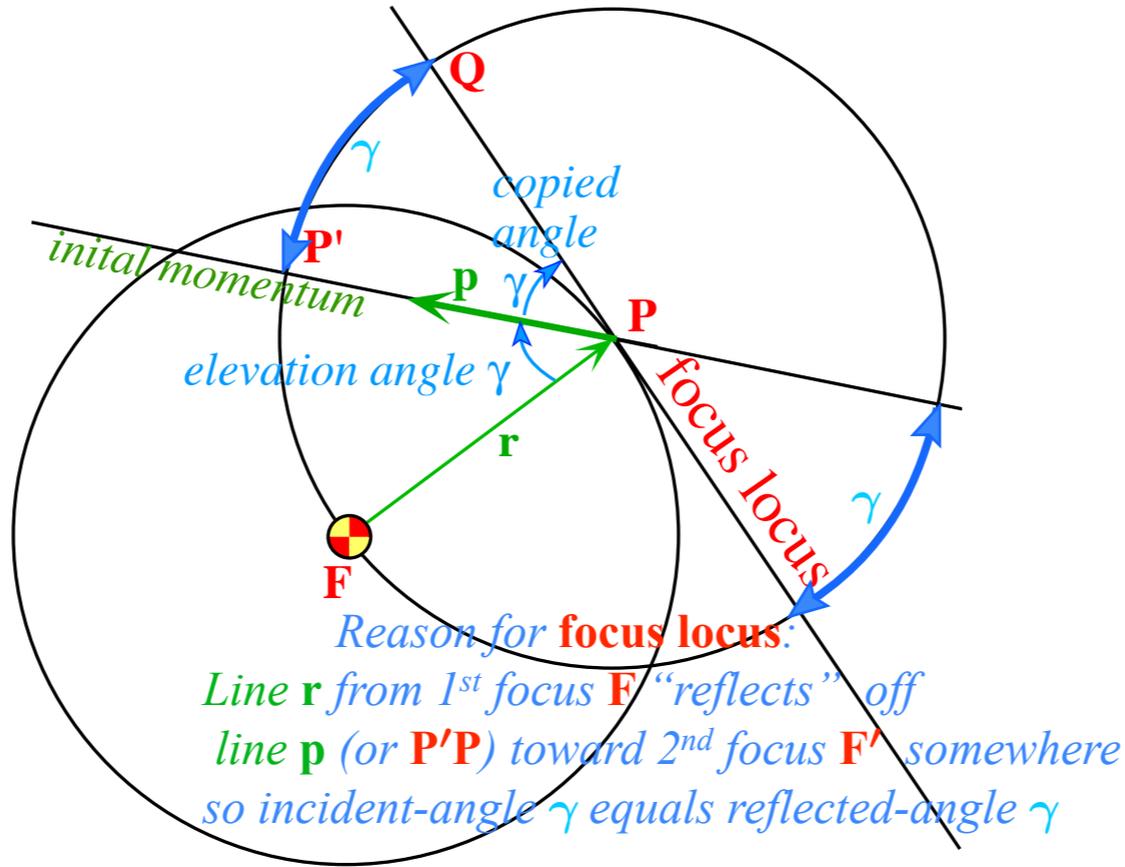
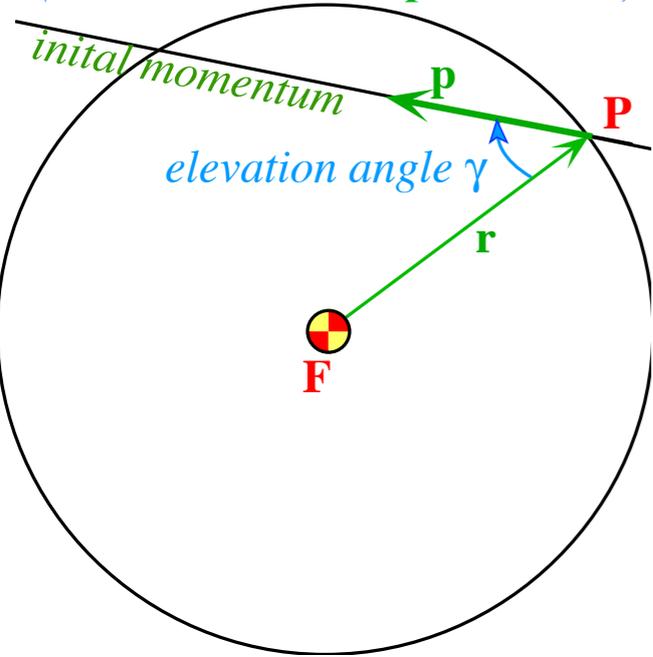
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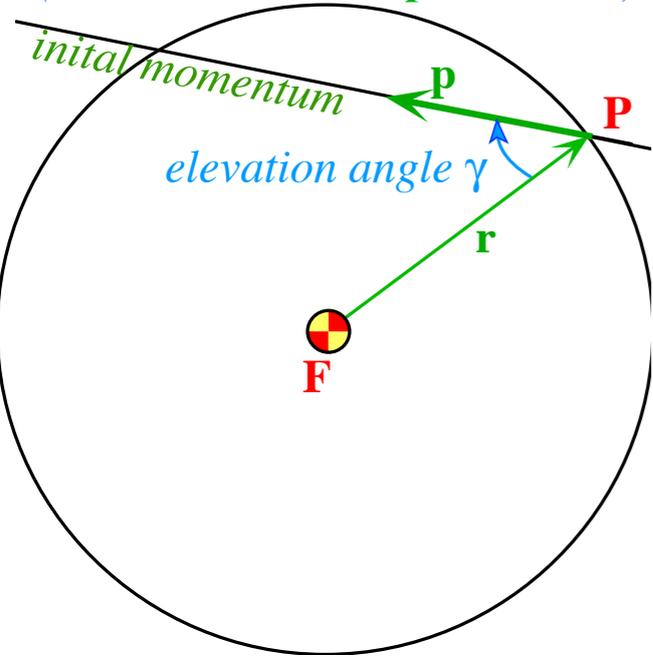
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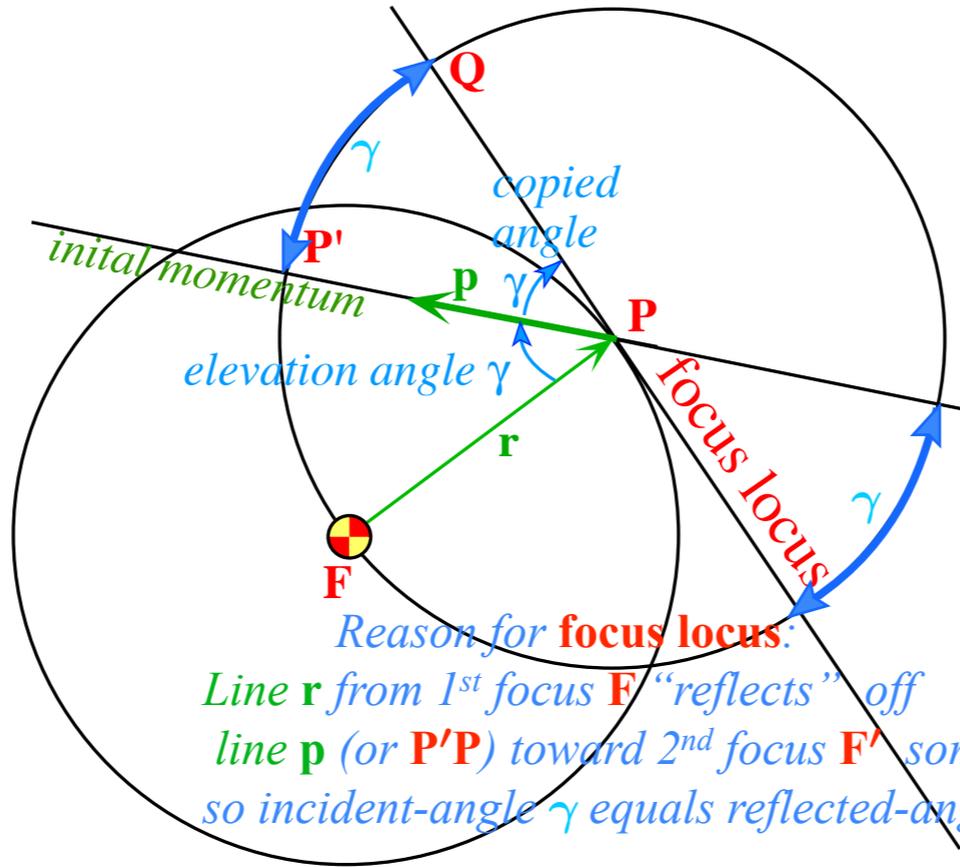


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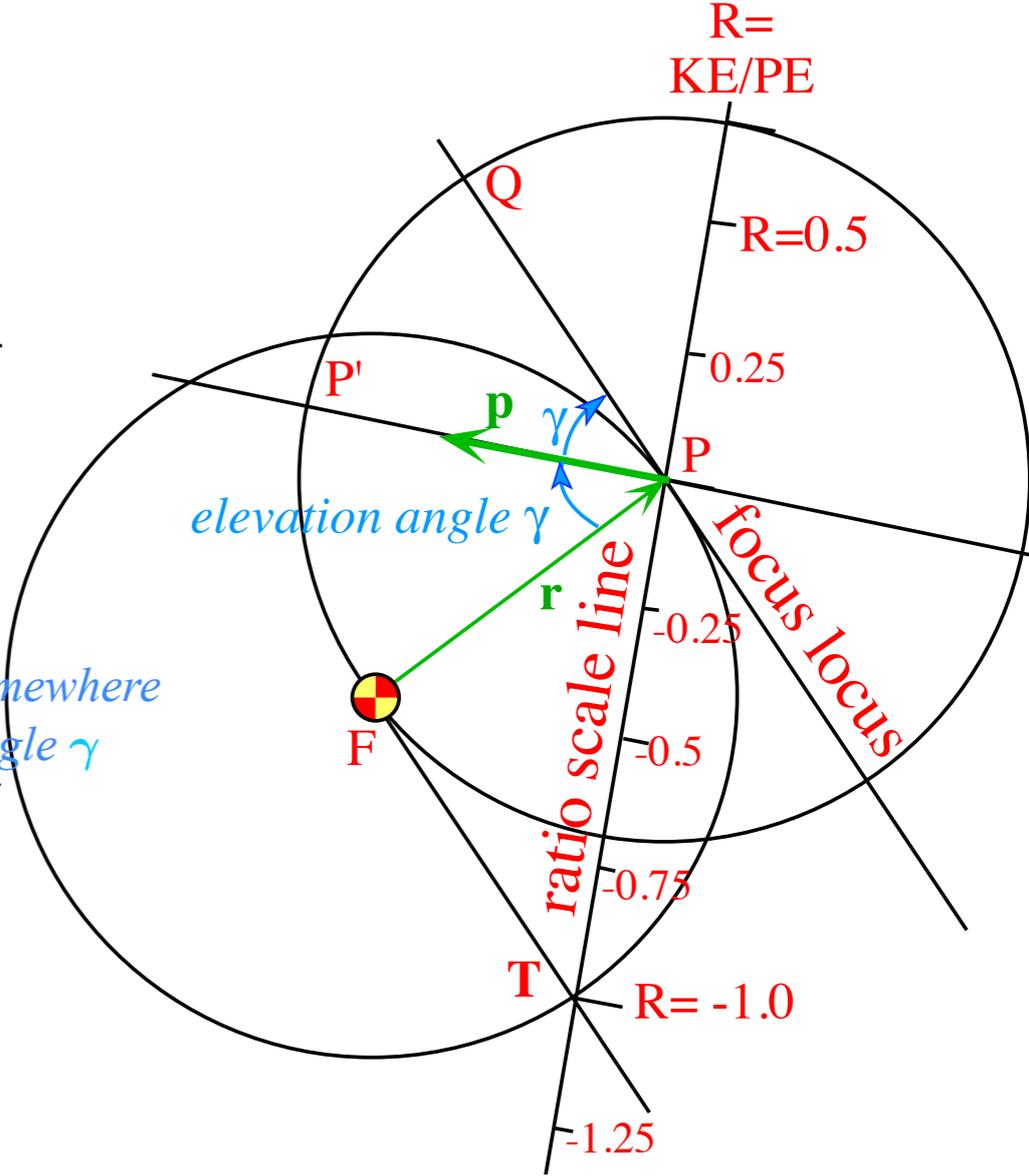
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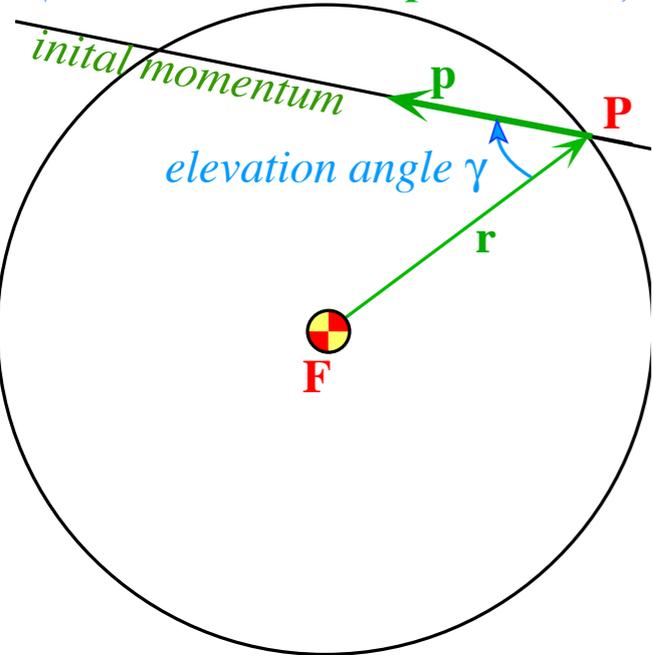


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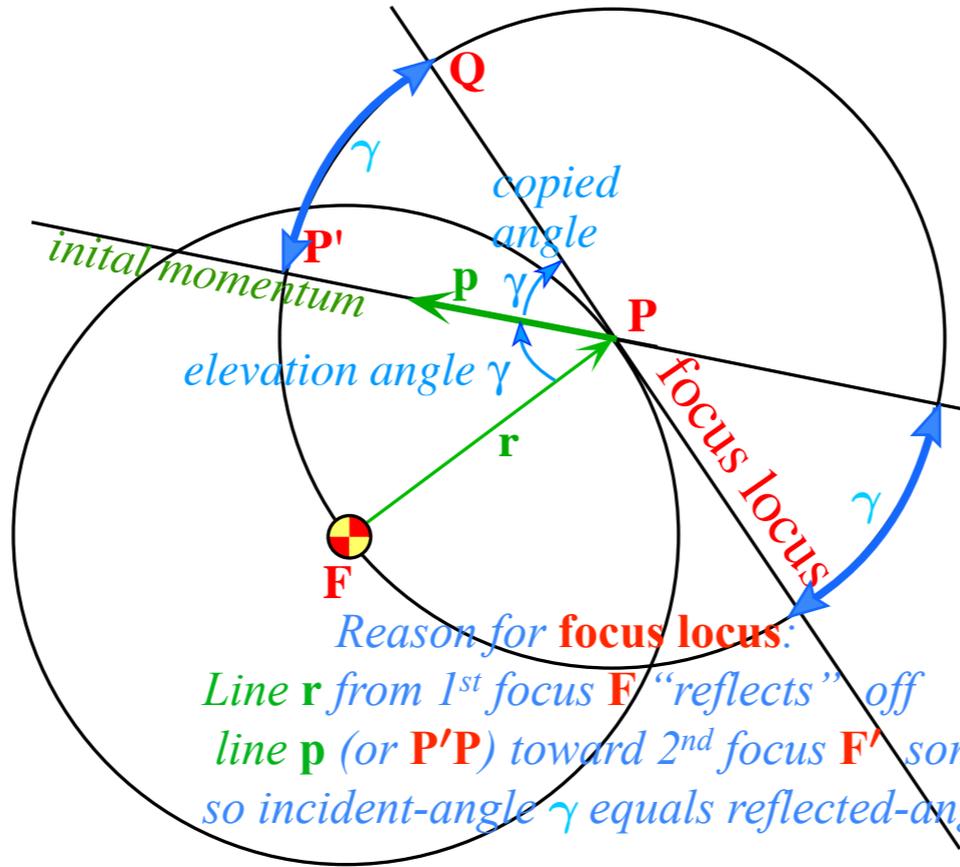


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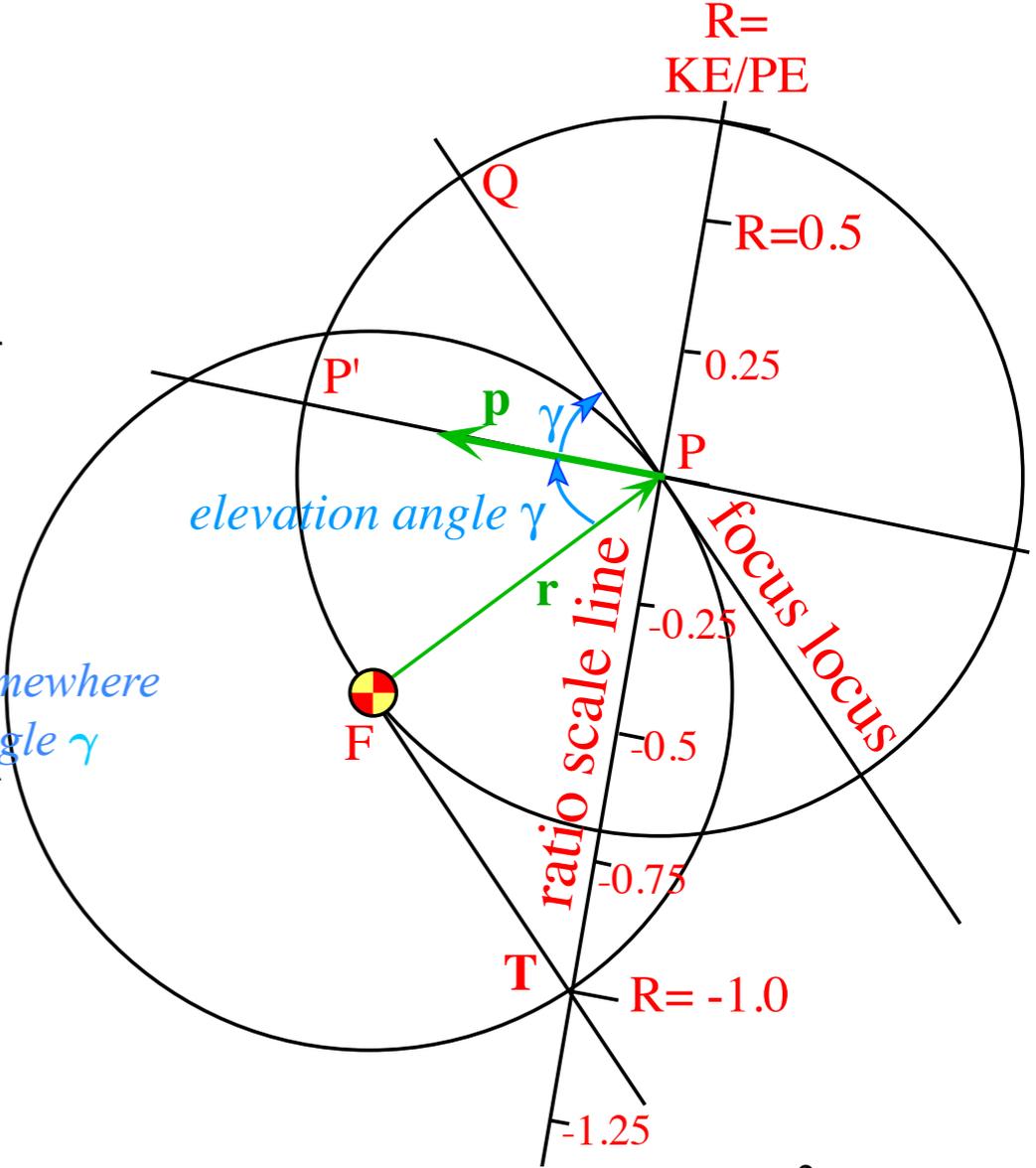
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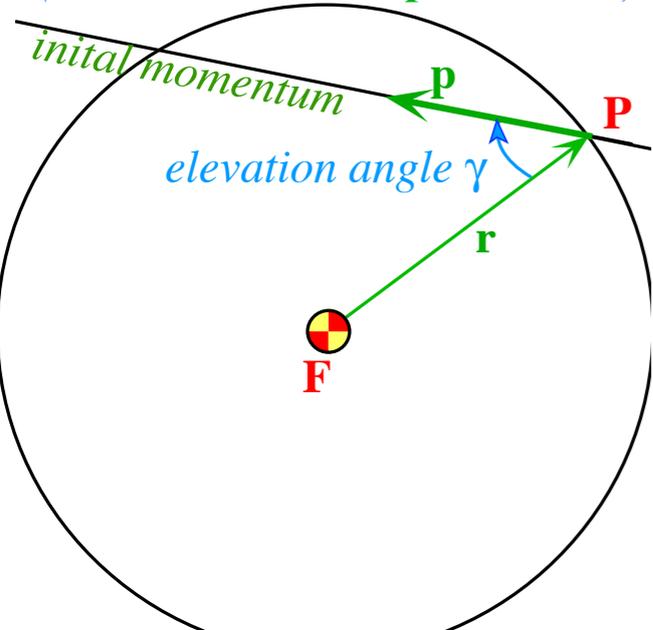


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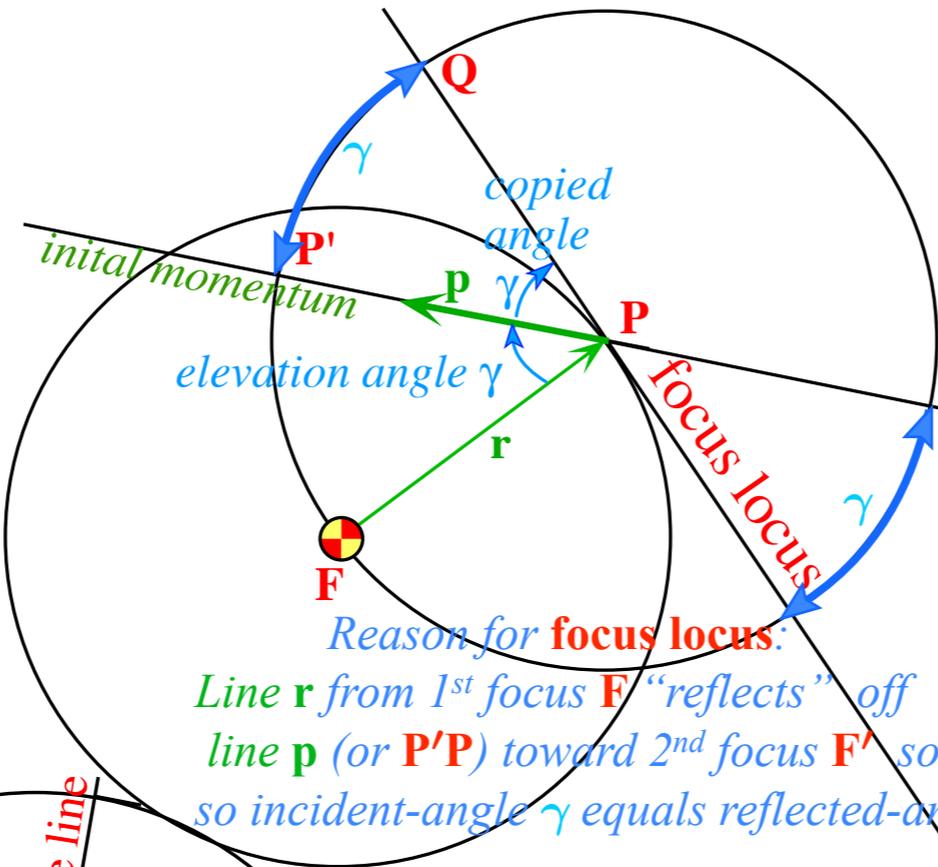
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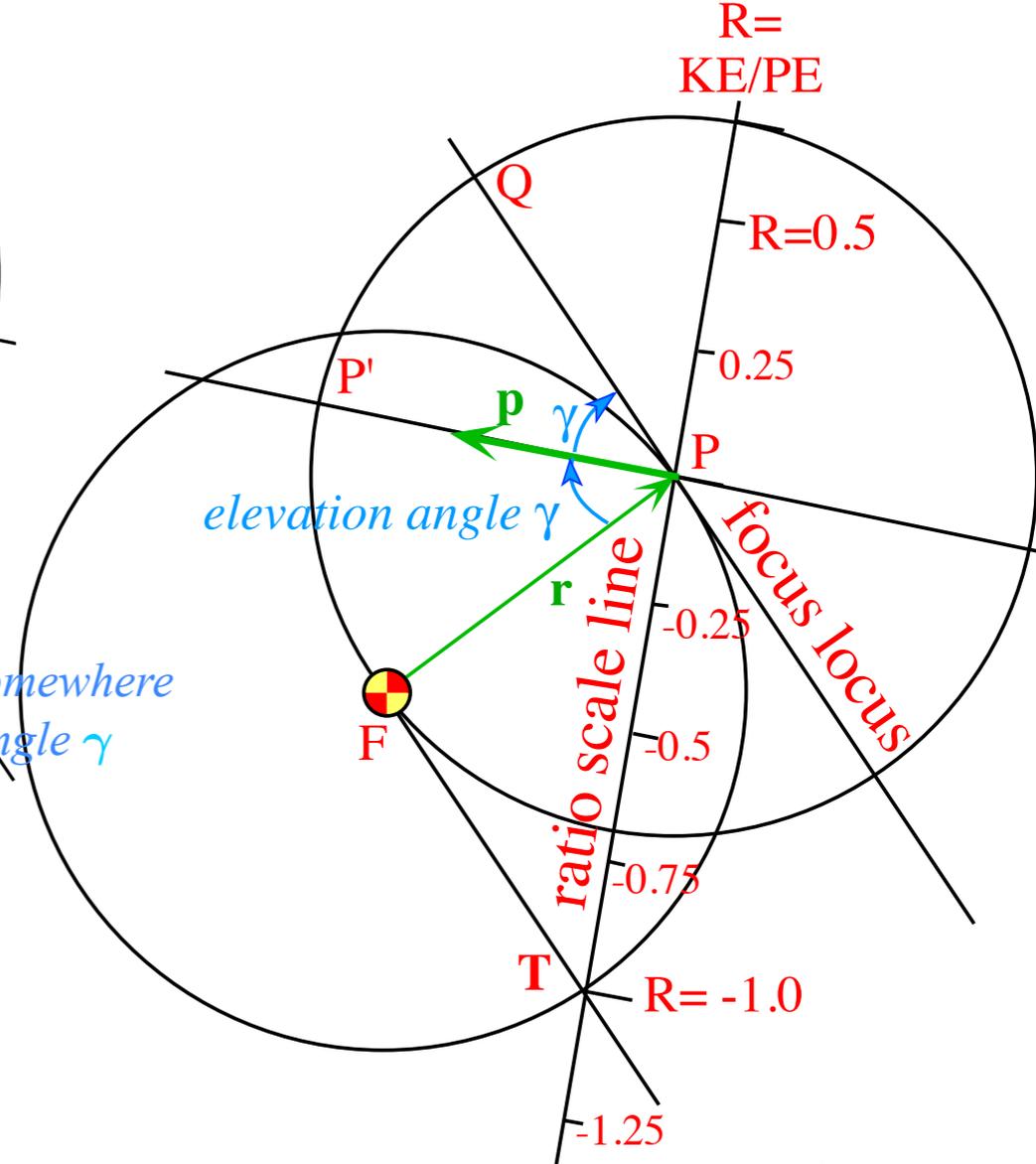


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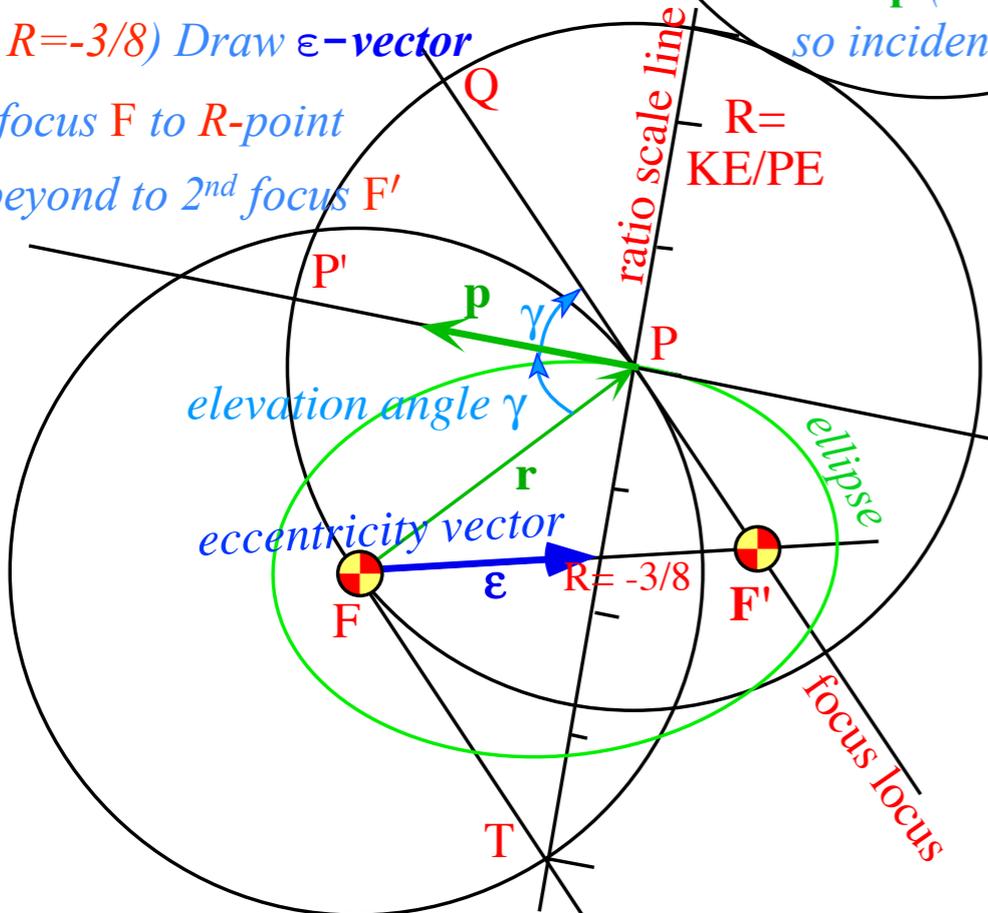
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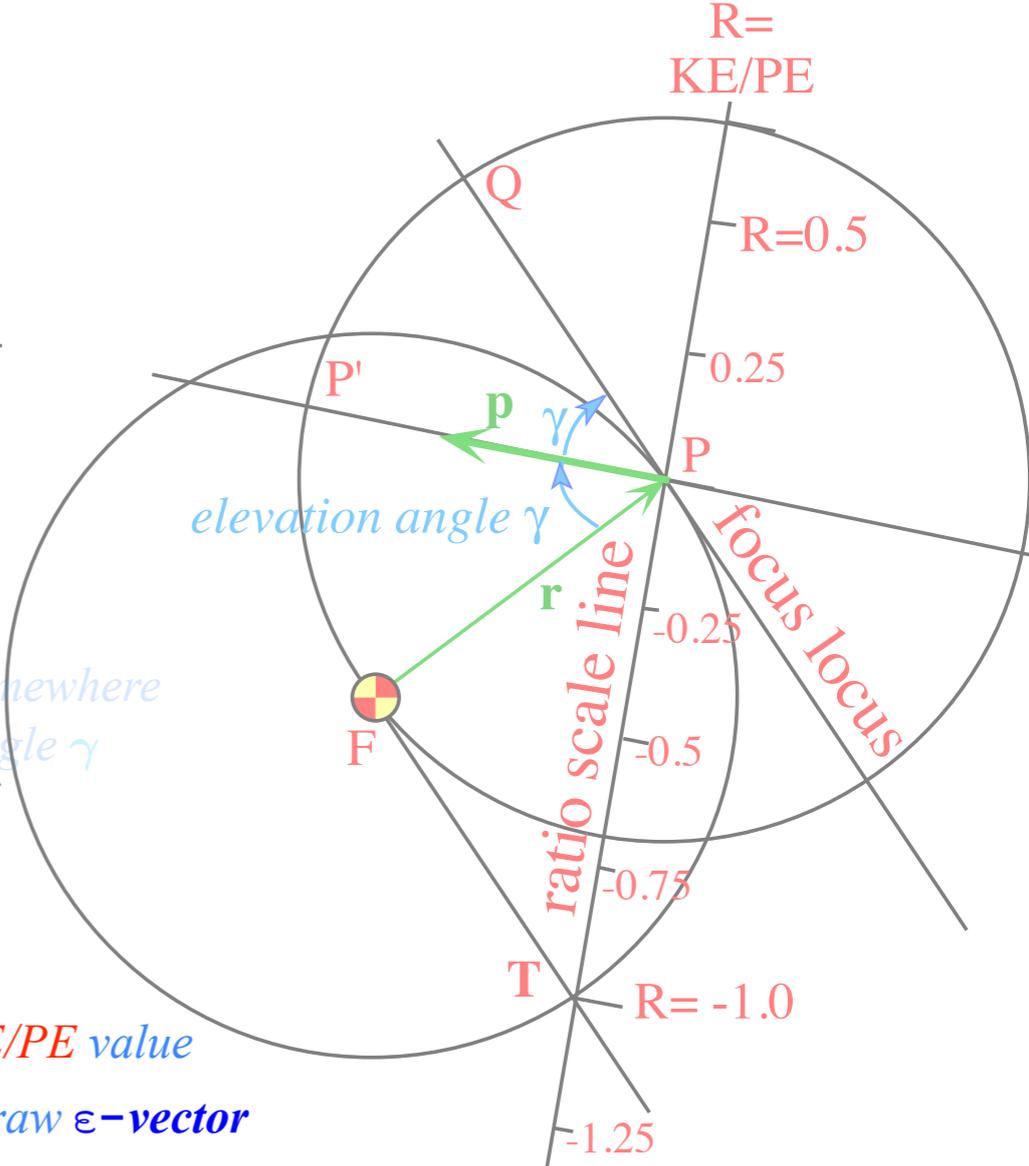
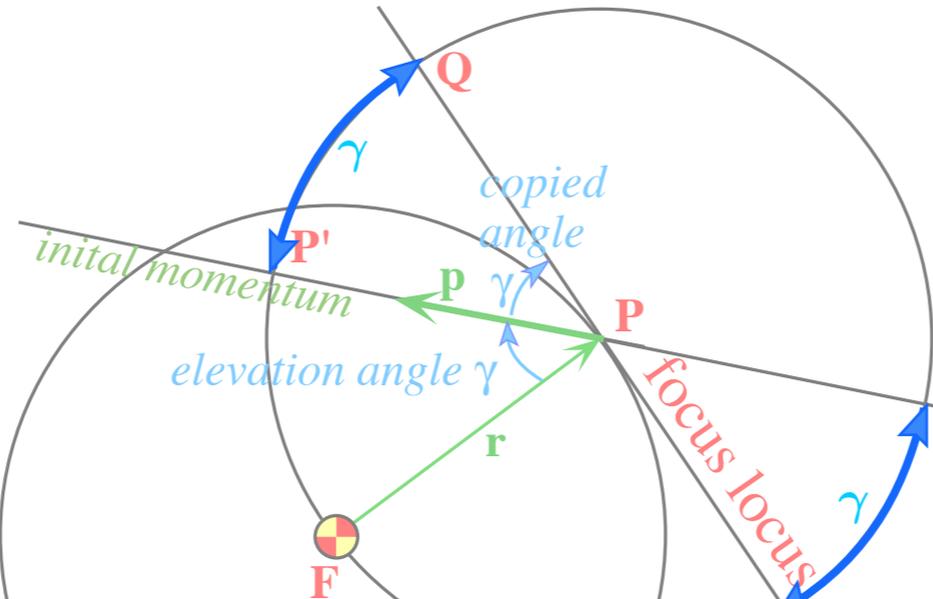
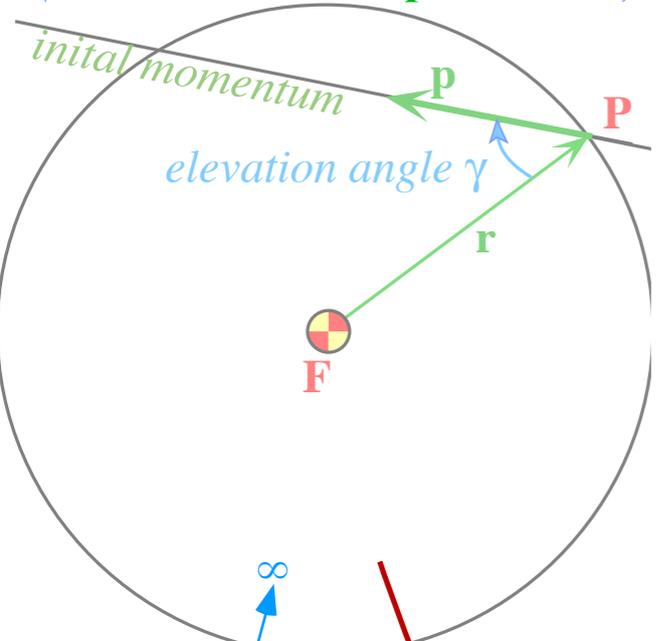


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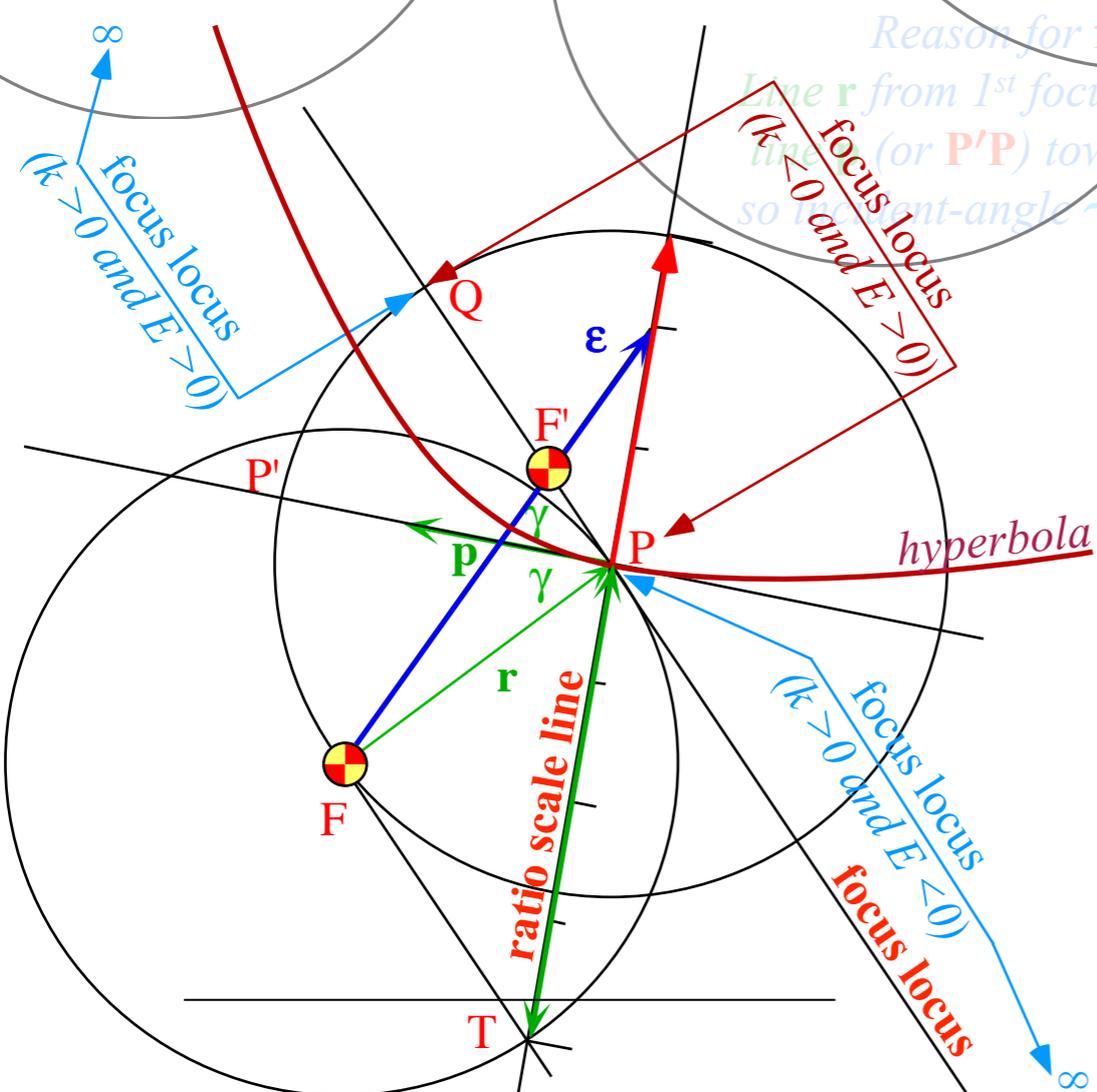
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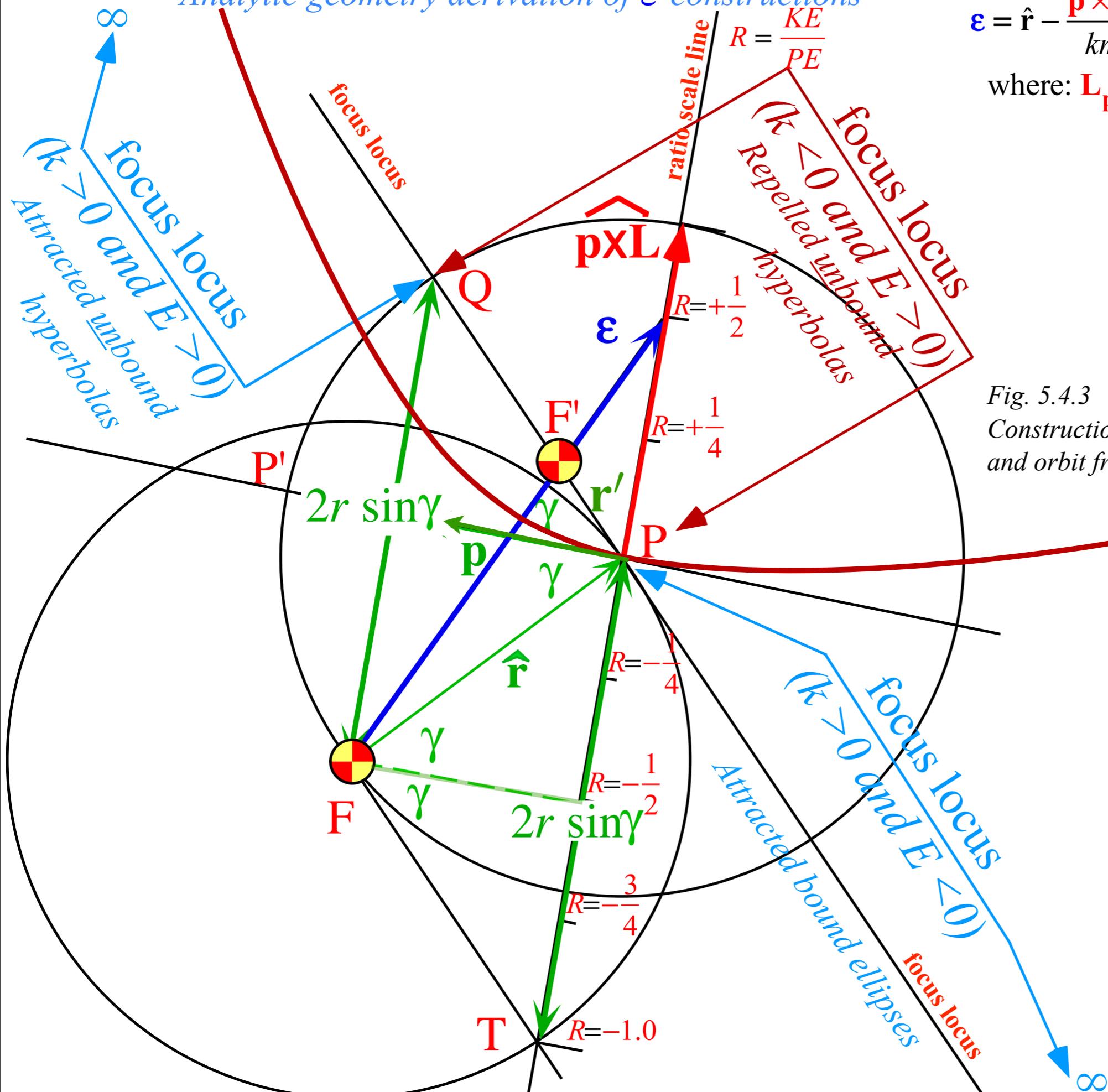


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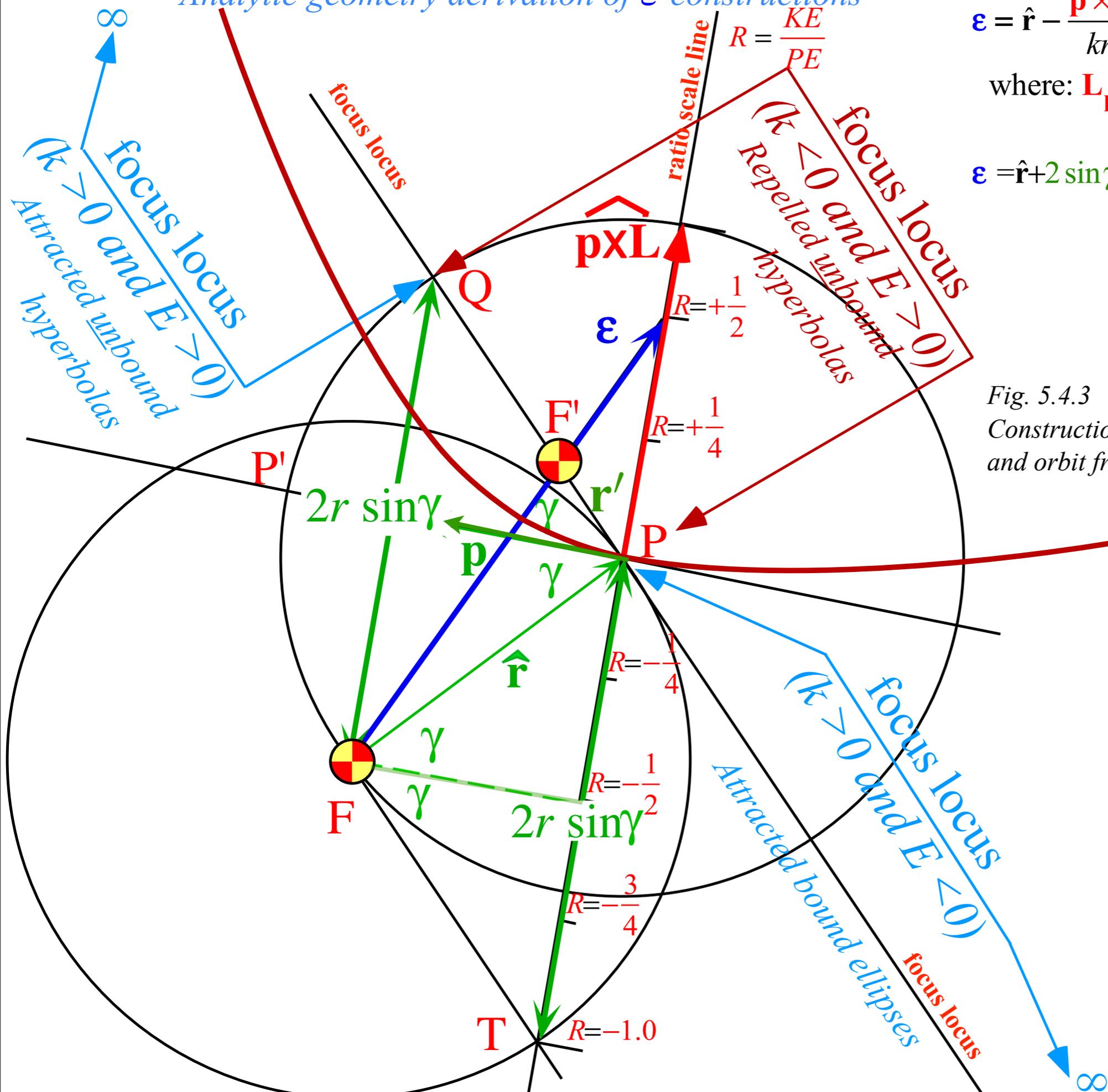


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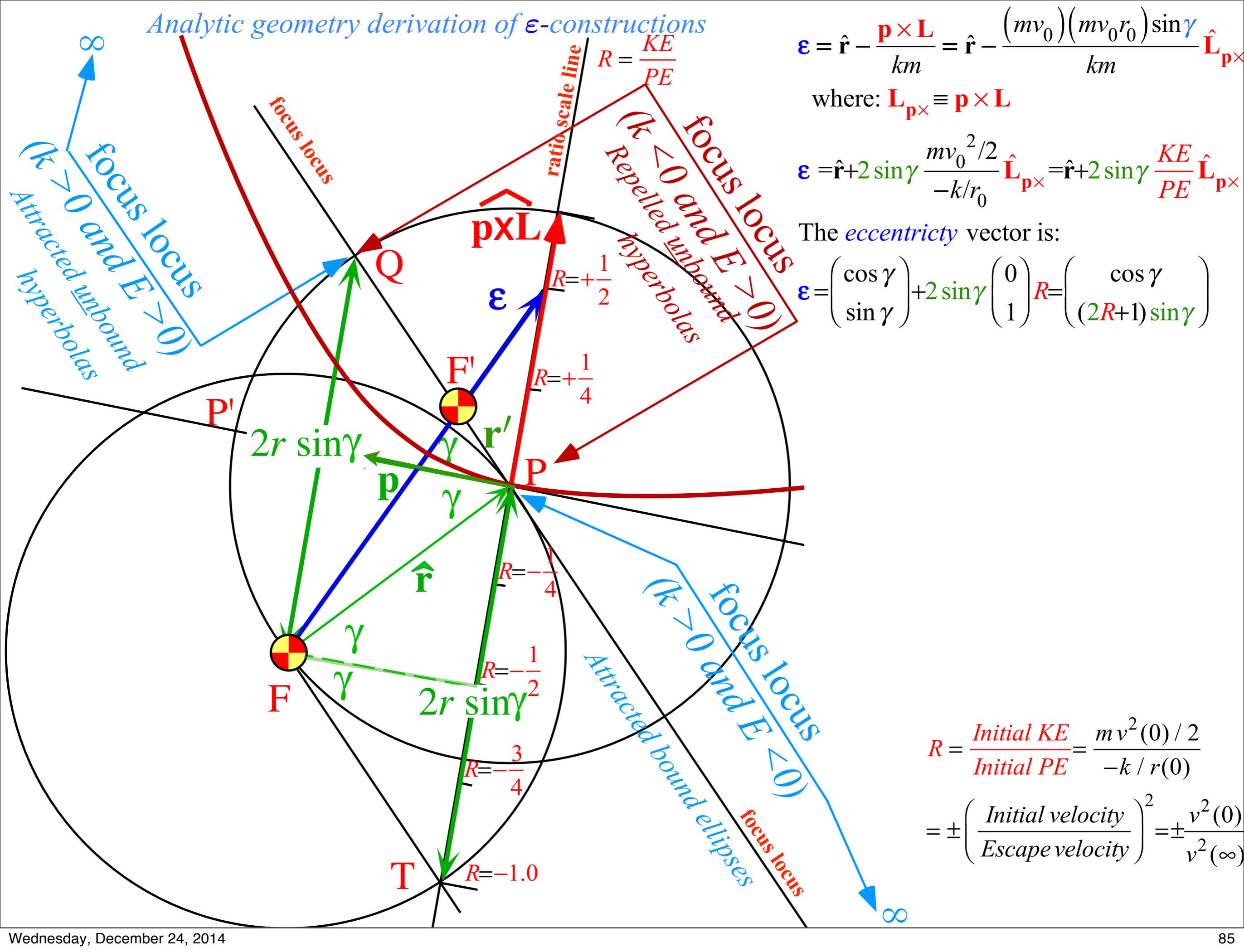
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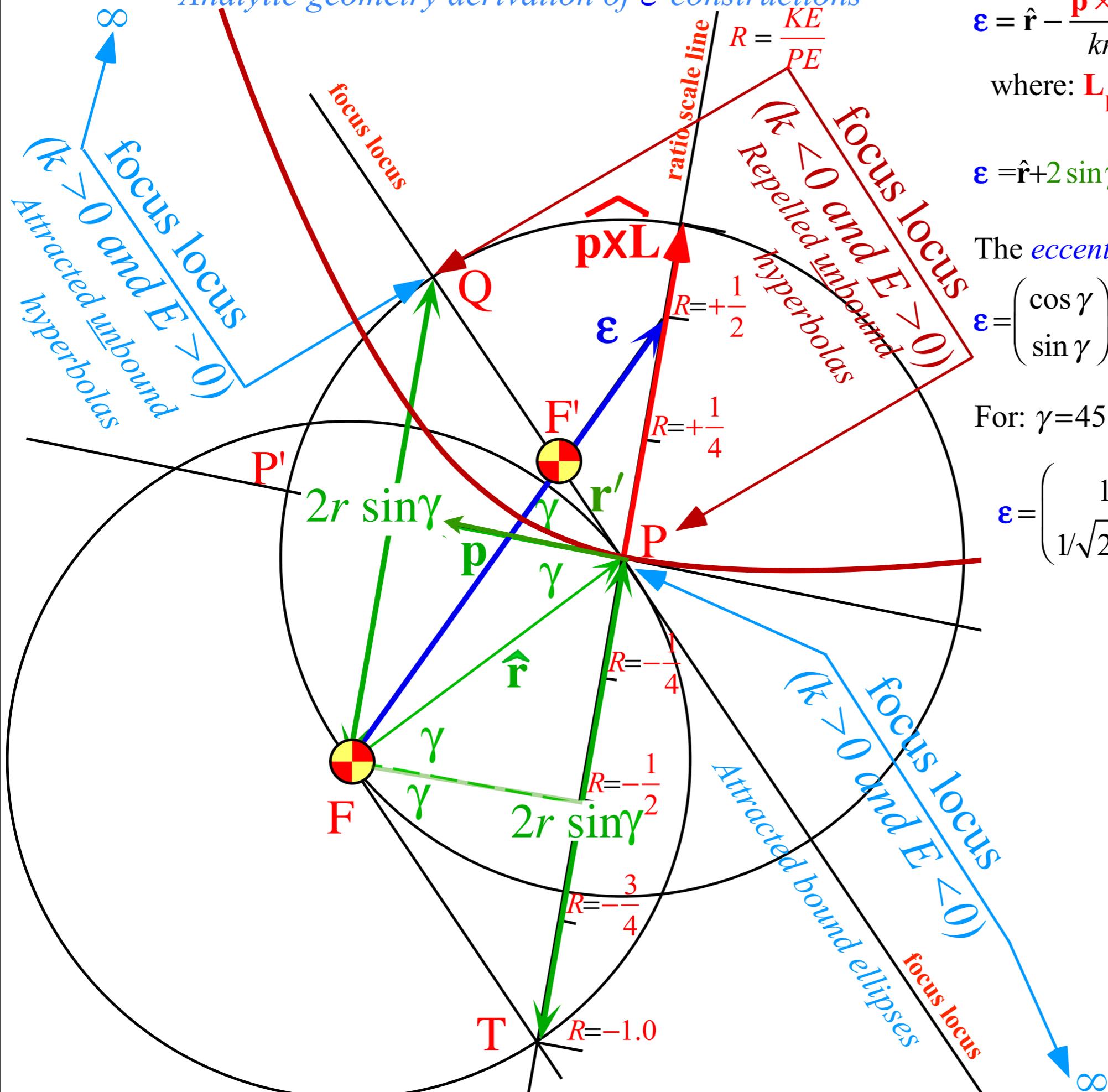
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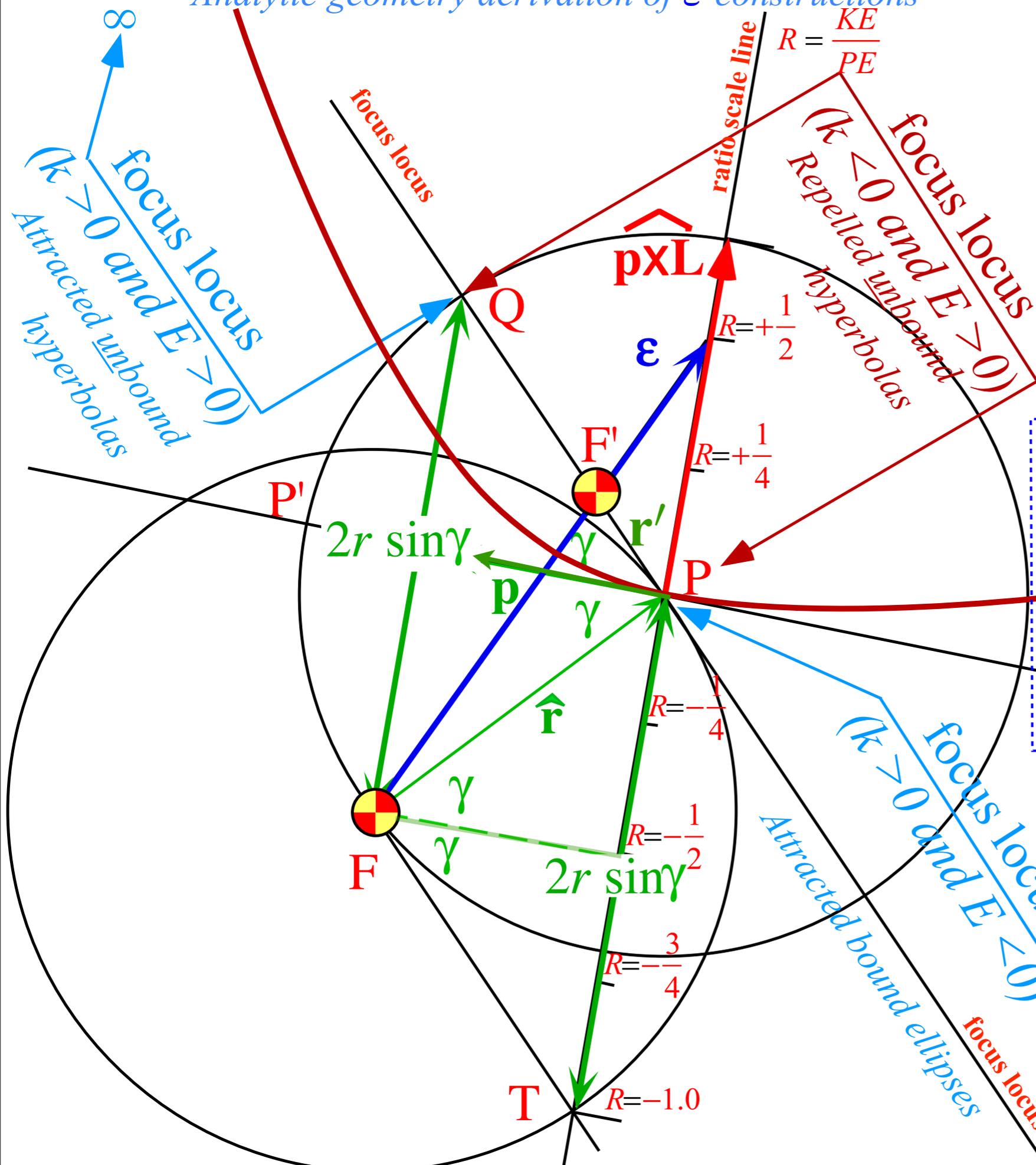
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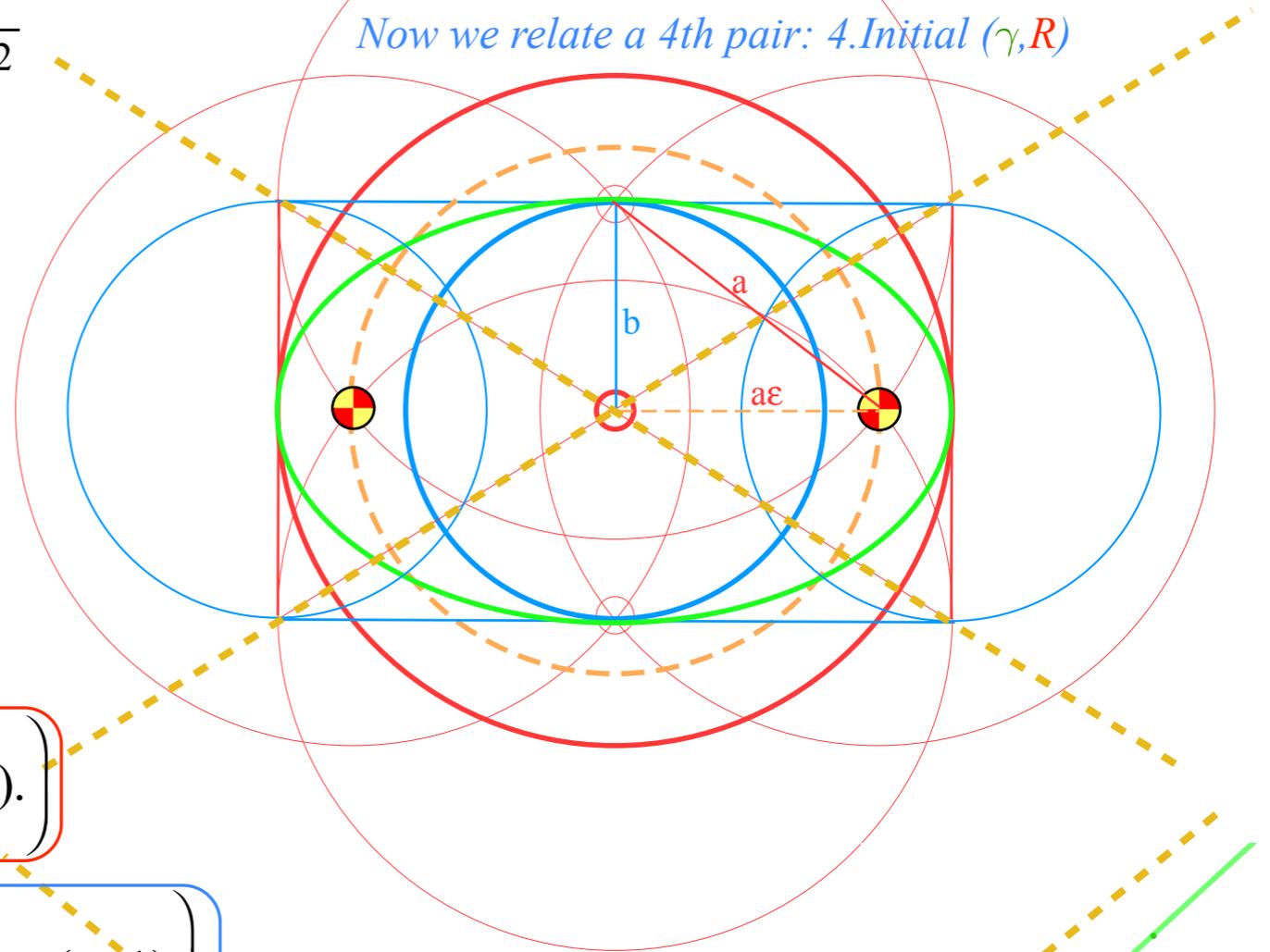
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