

Lecture 26
Thur. 11.30.2017

Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb Orbital Dynamics

(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5 11.30.17)

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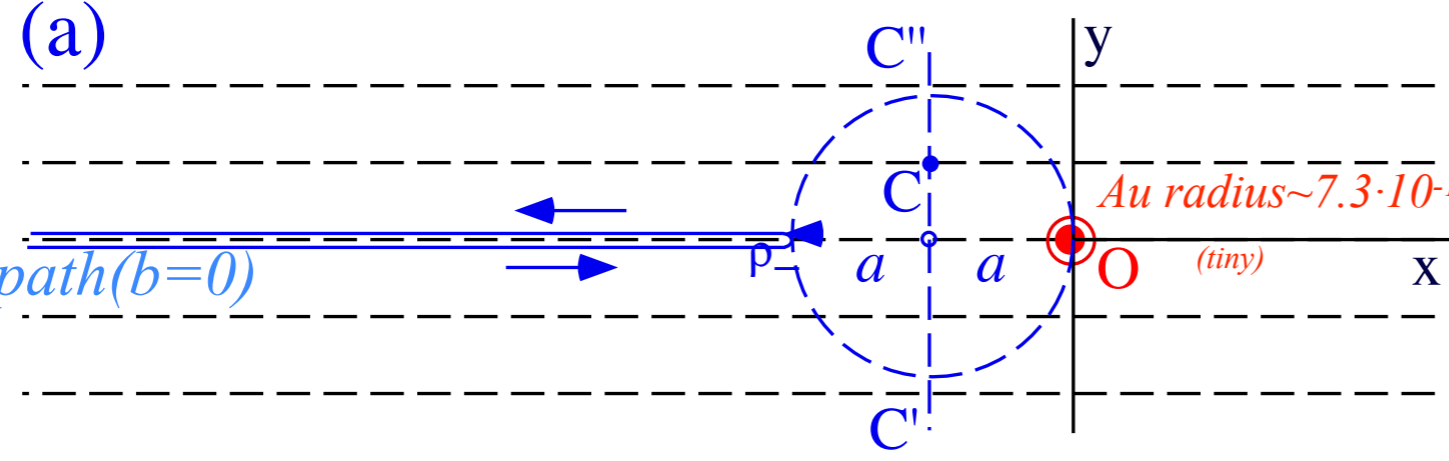
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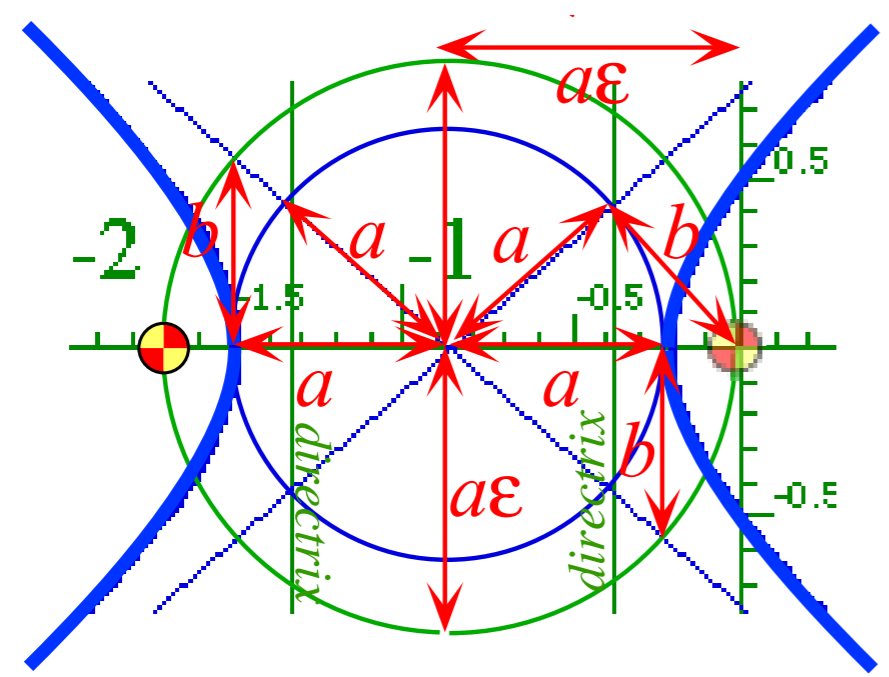
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(a)

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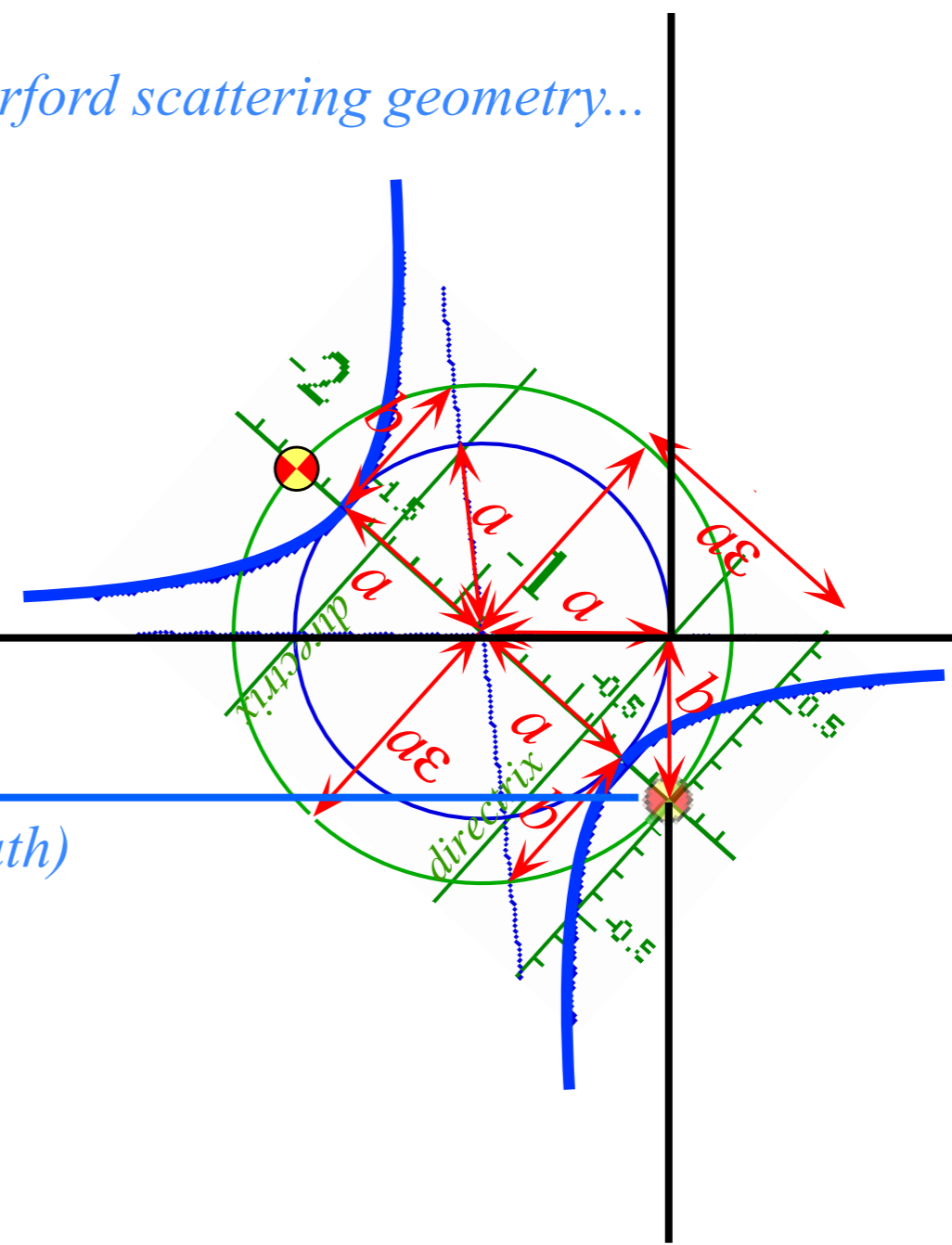
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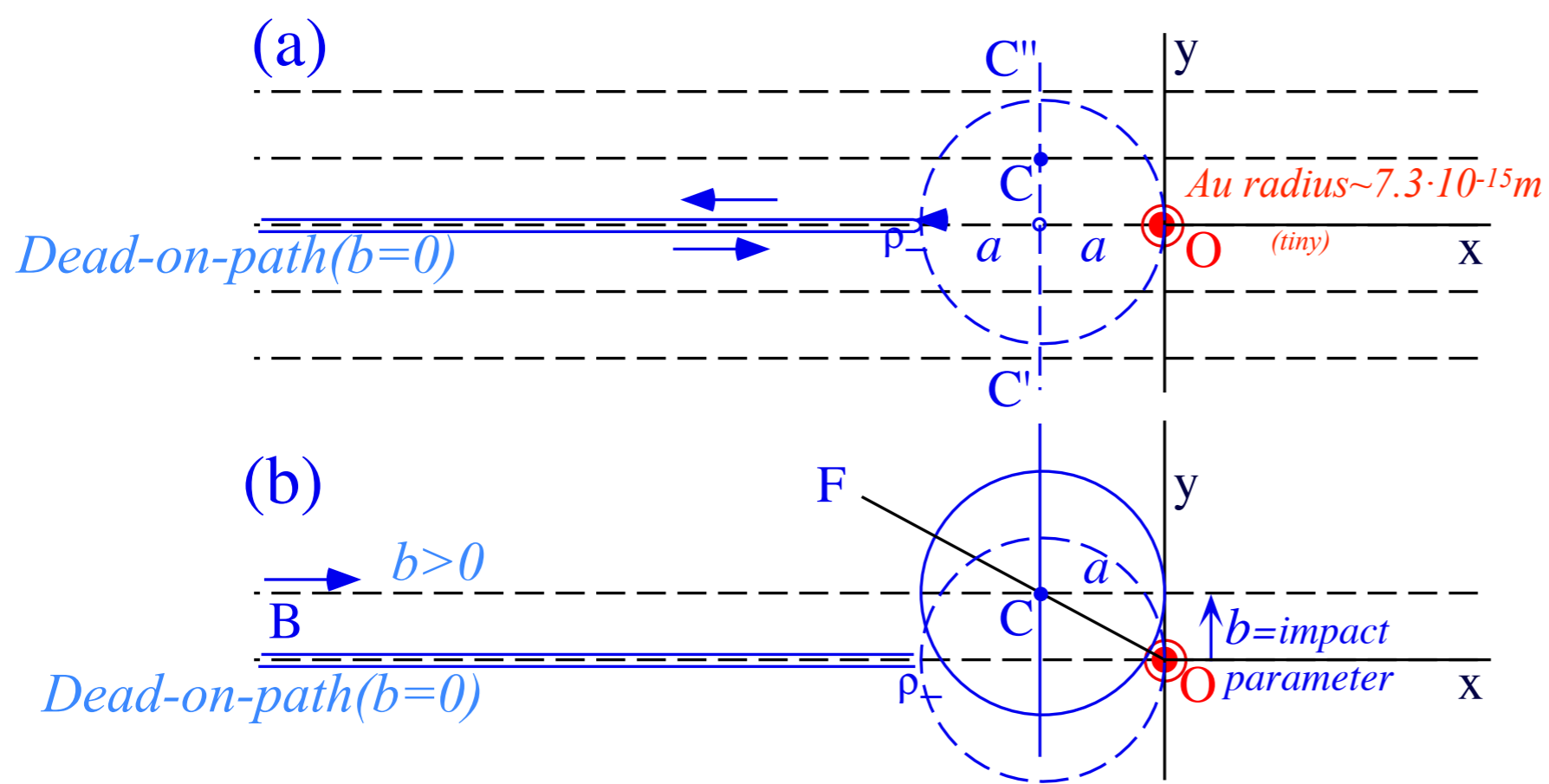


Rutherford scattering geometry...

Alpha-particle beam direction \rightarrow

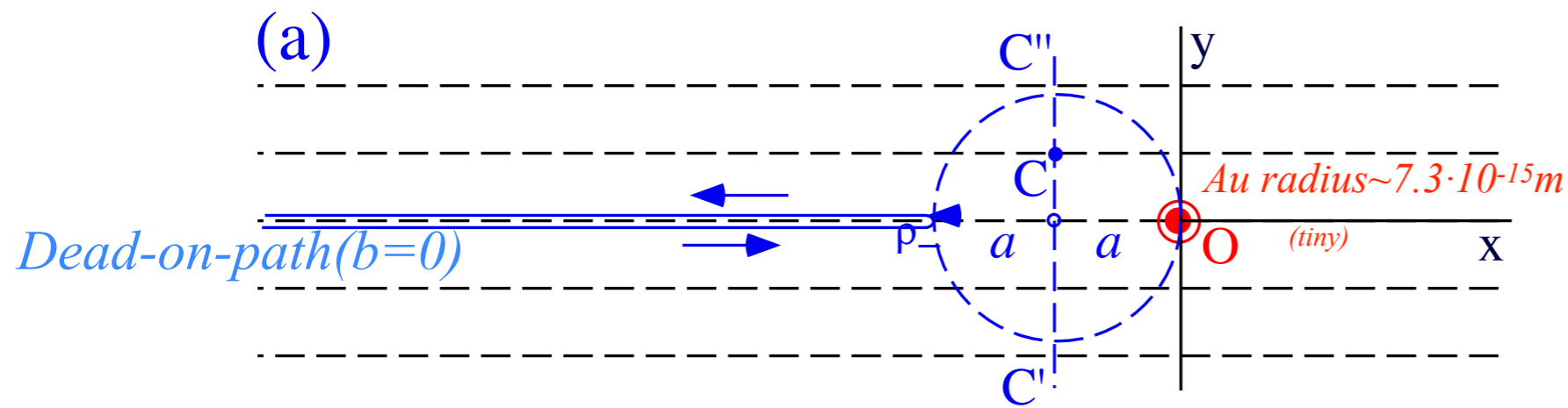
Gold nuclear target \rightarrow (Dead-on-path)



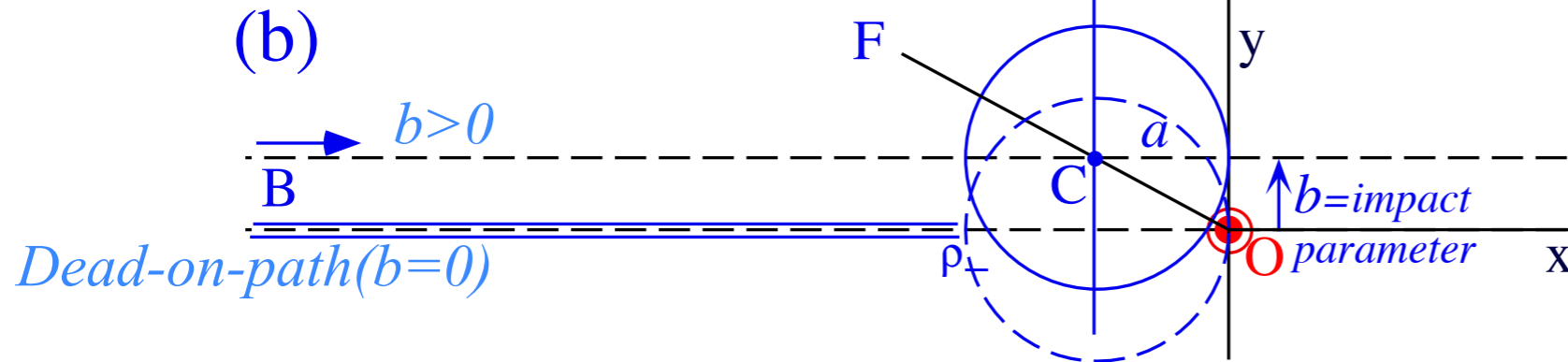


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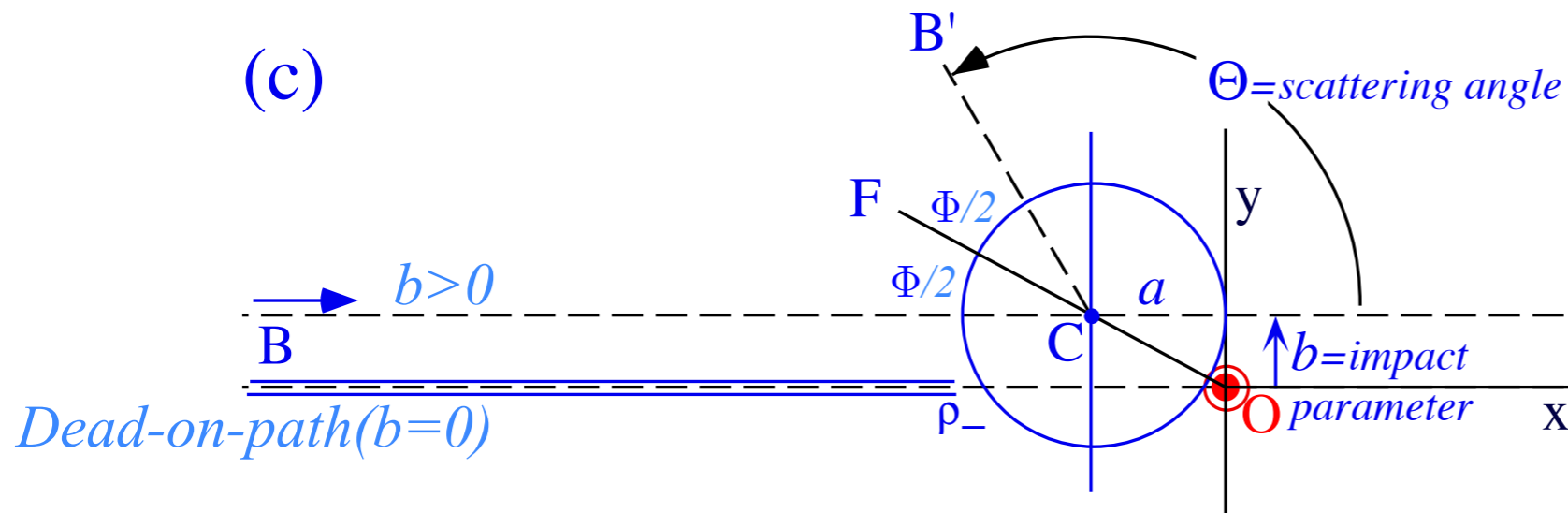
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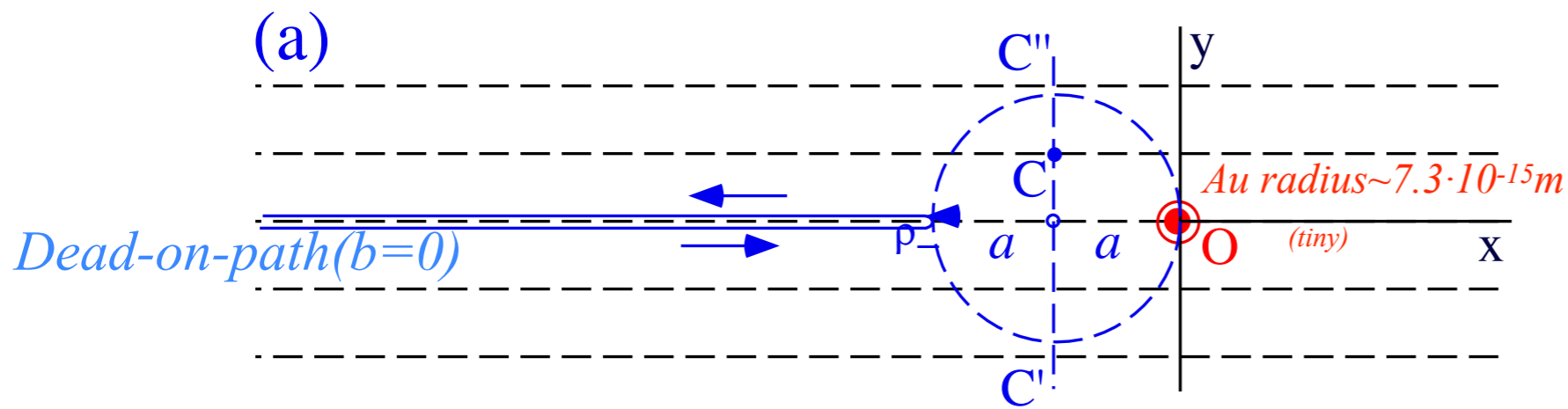
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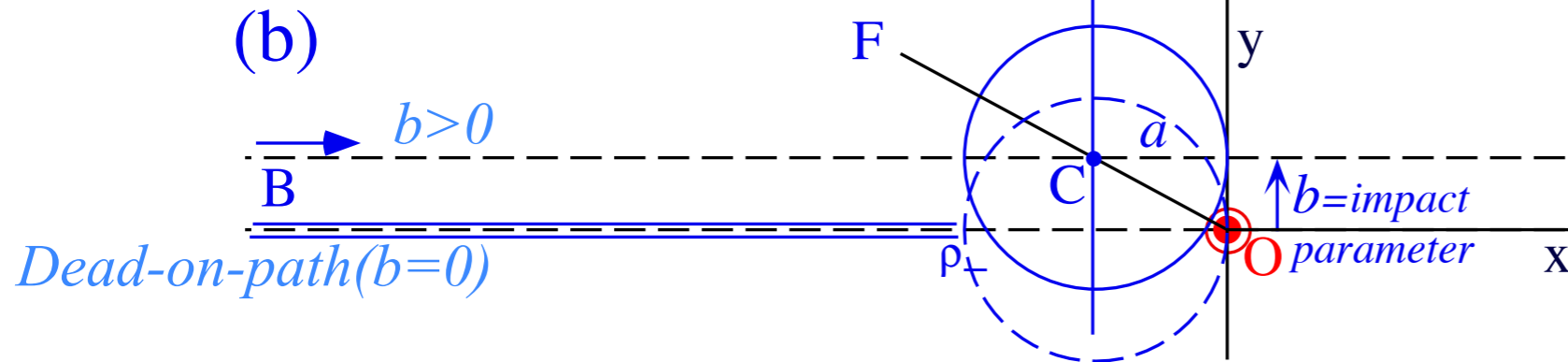
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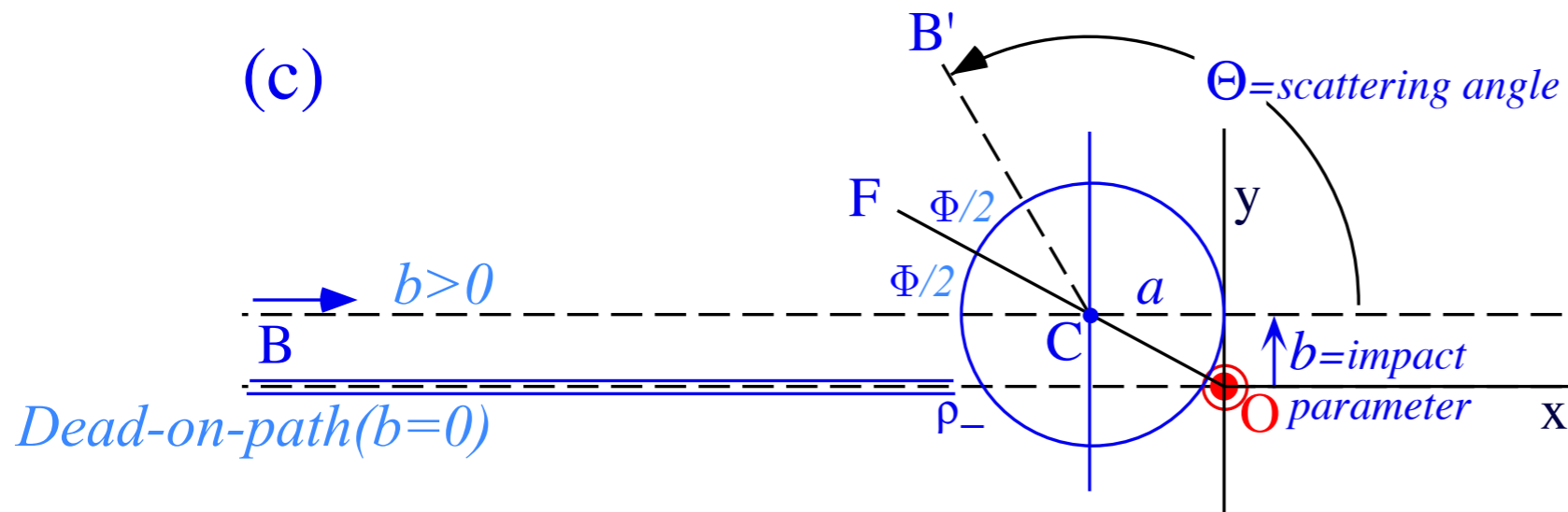
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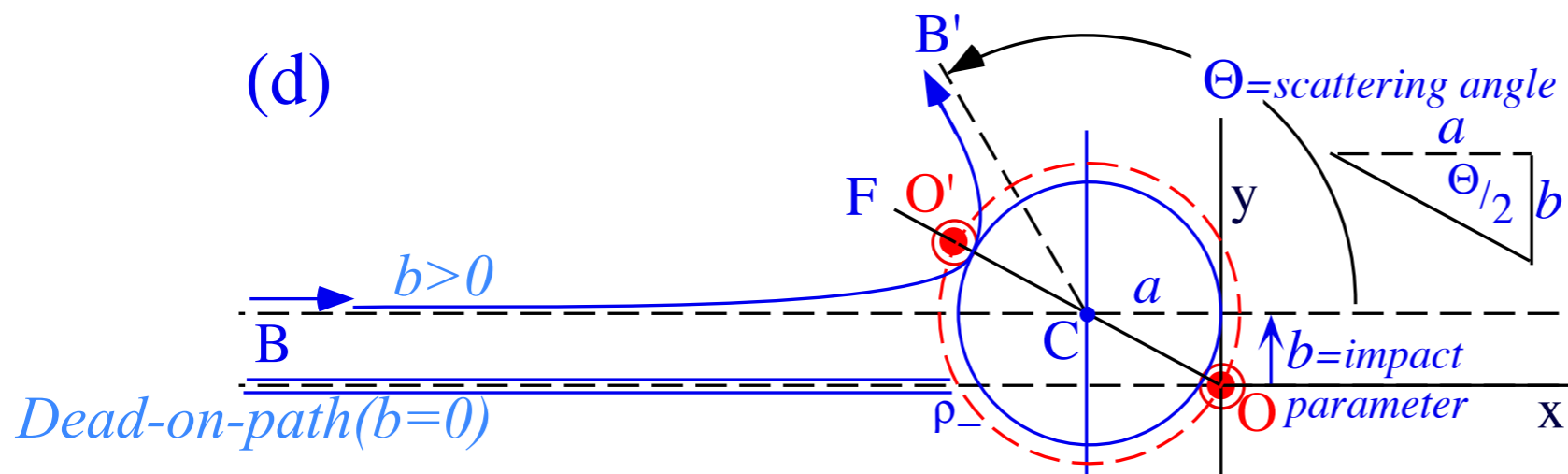
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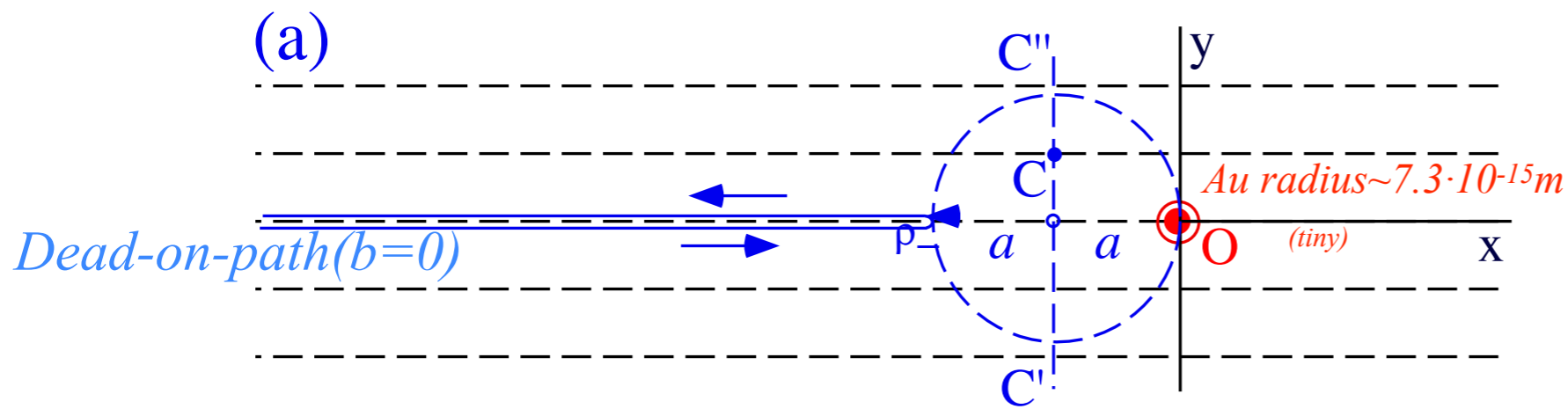
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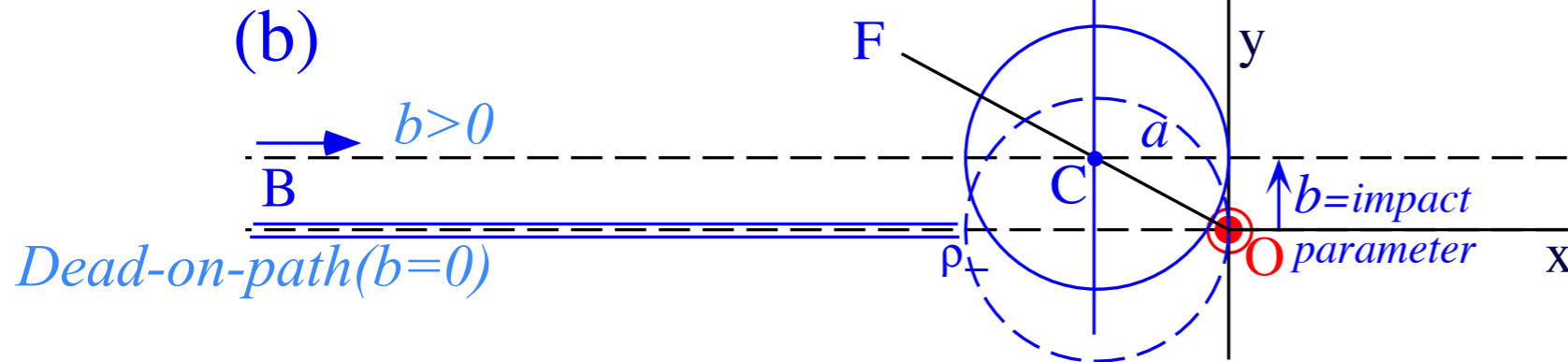
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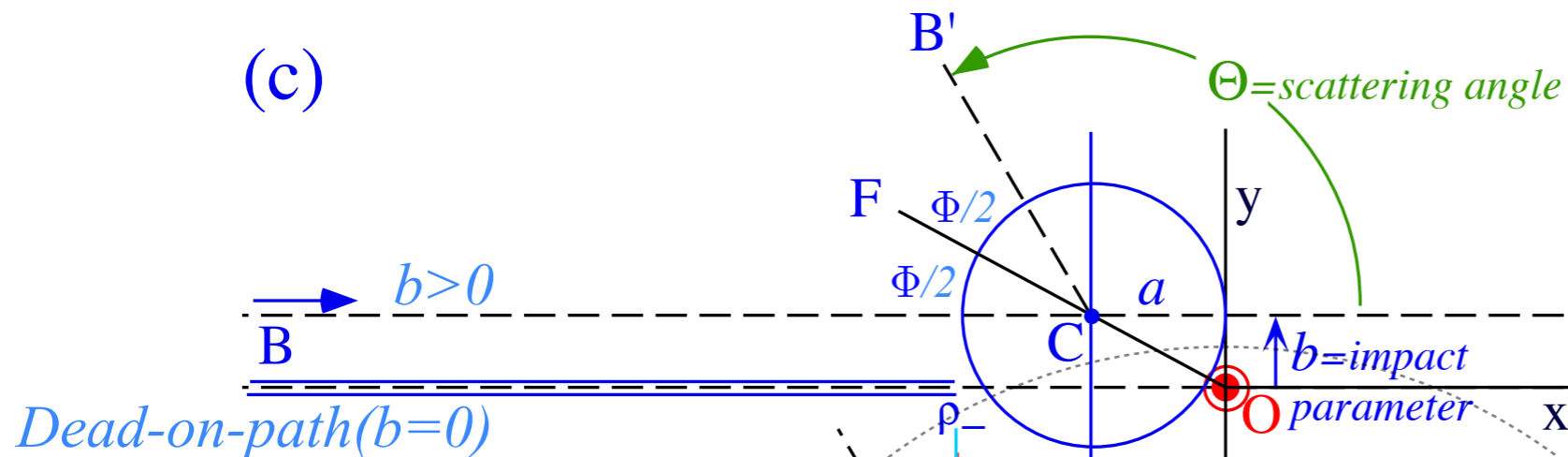
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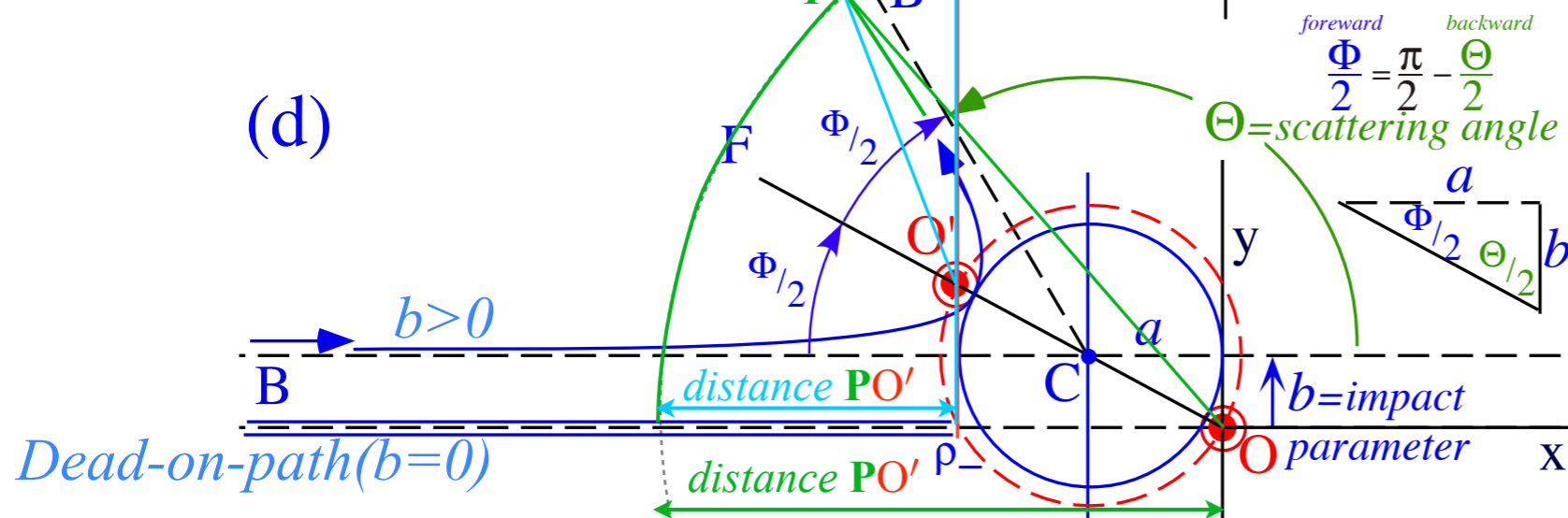
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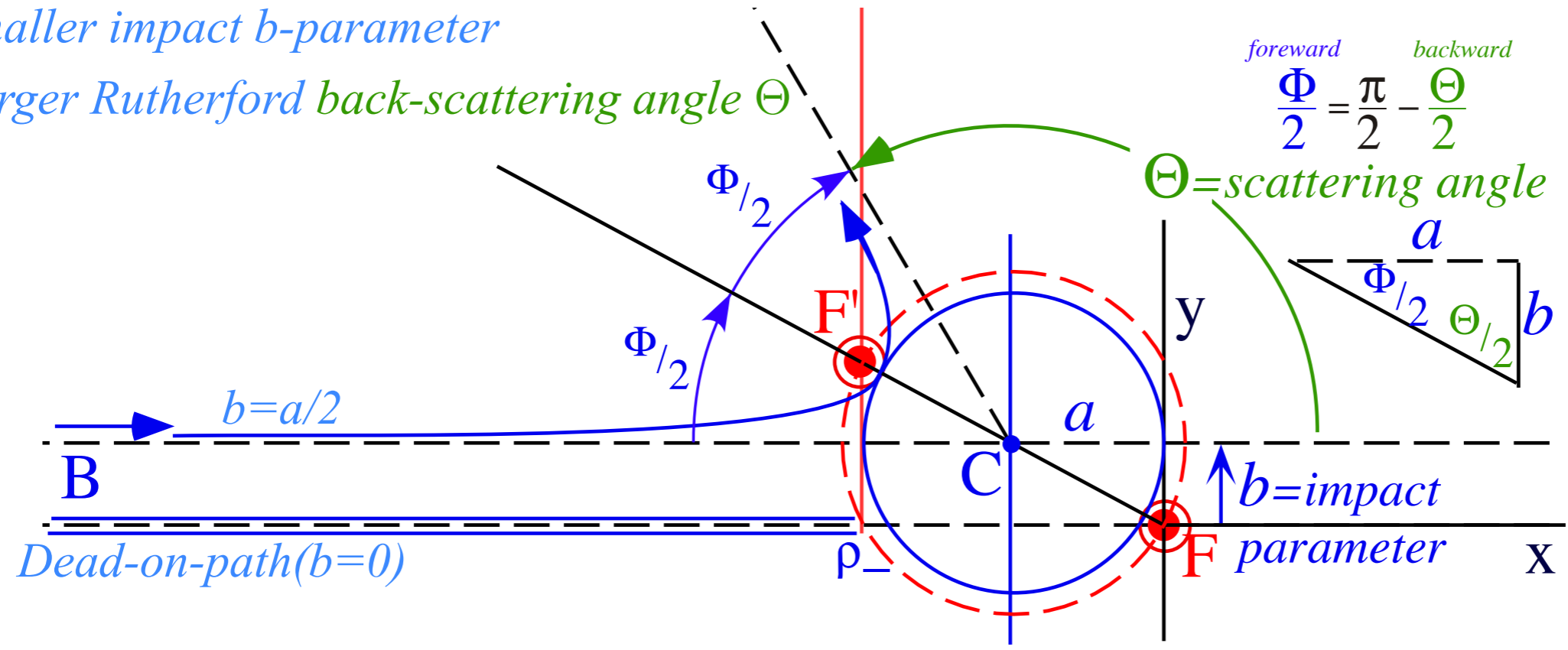
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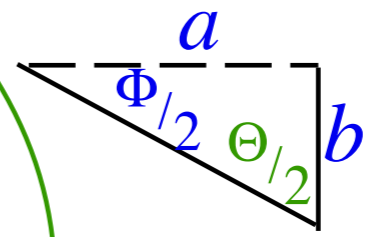
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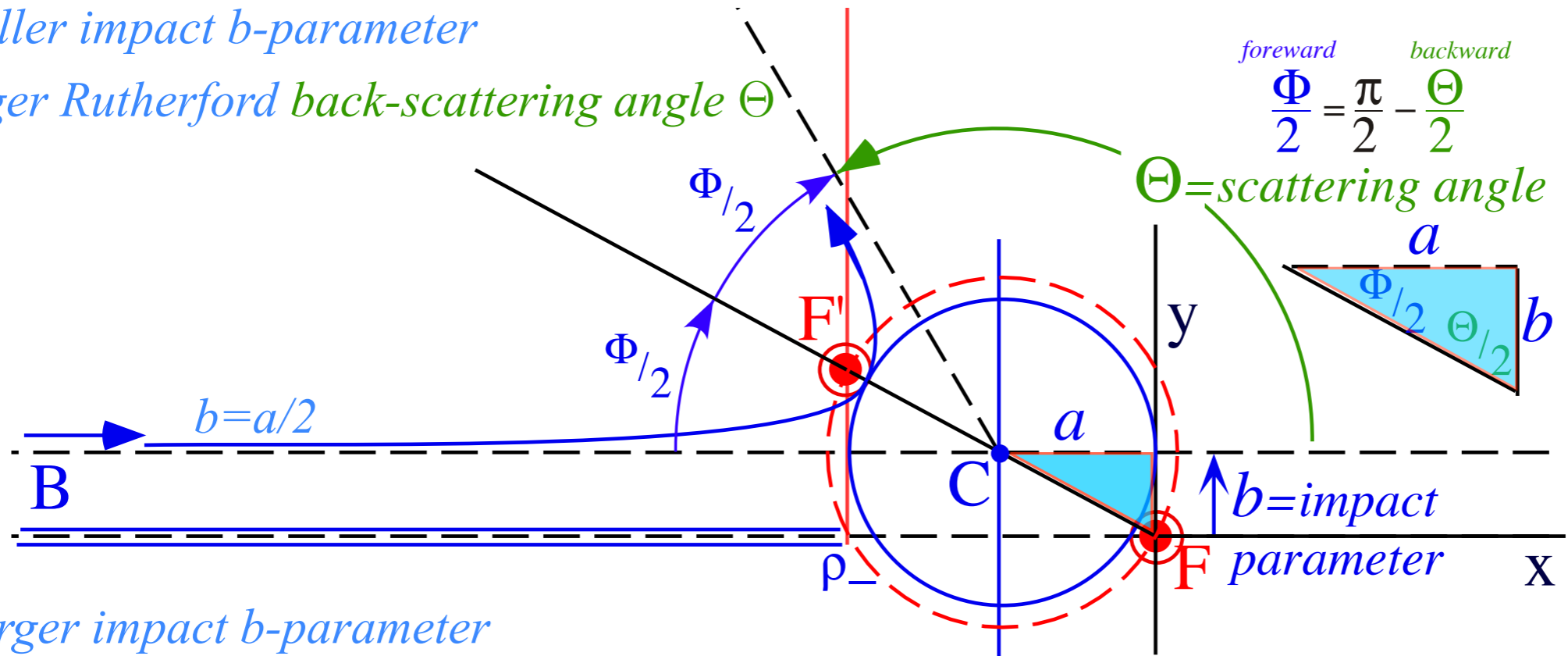
forward backward
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Θ = scattering angle



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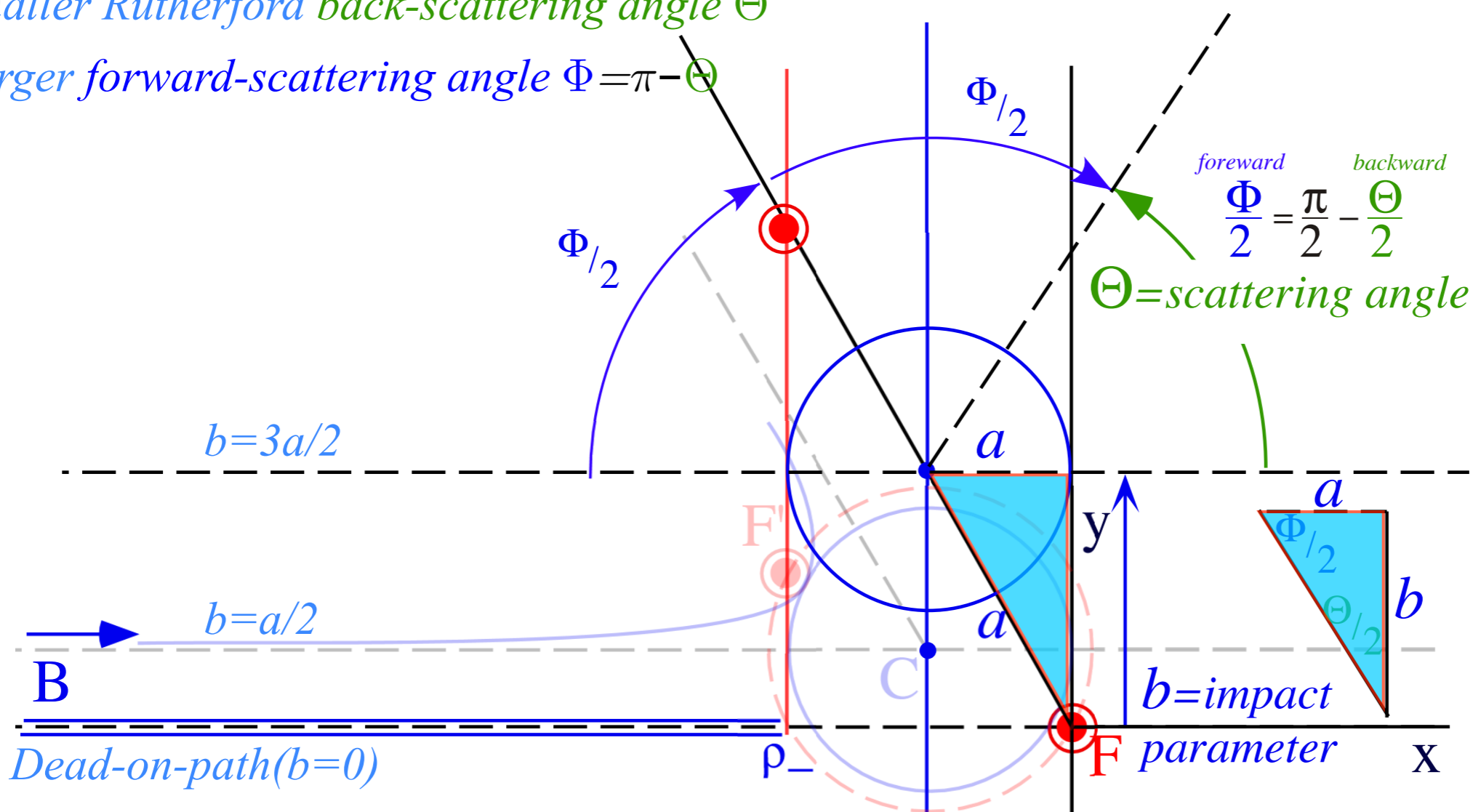
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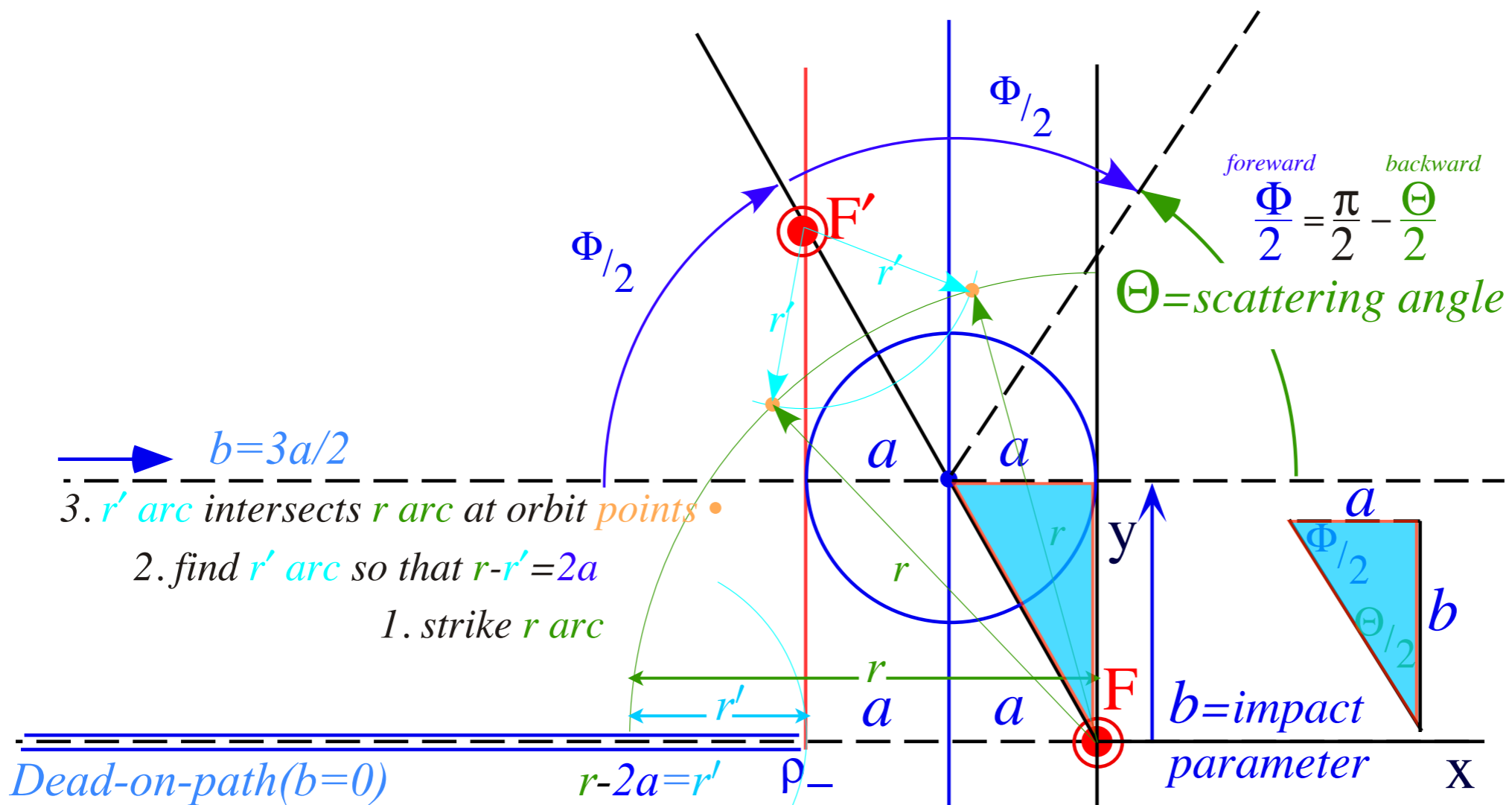
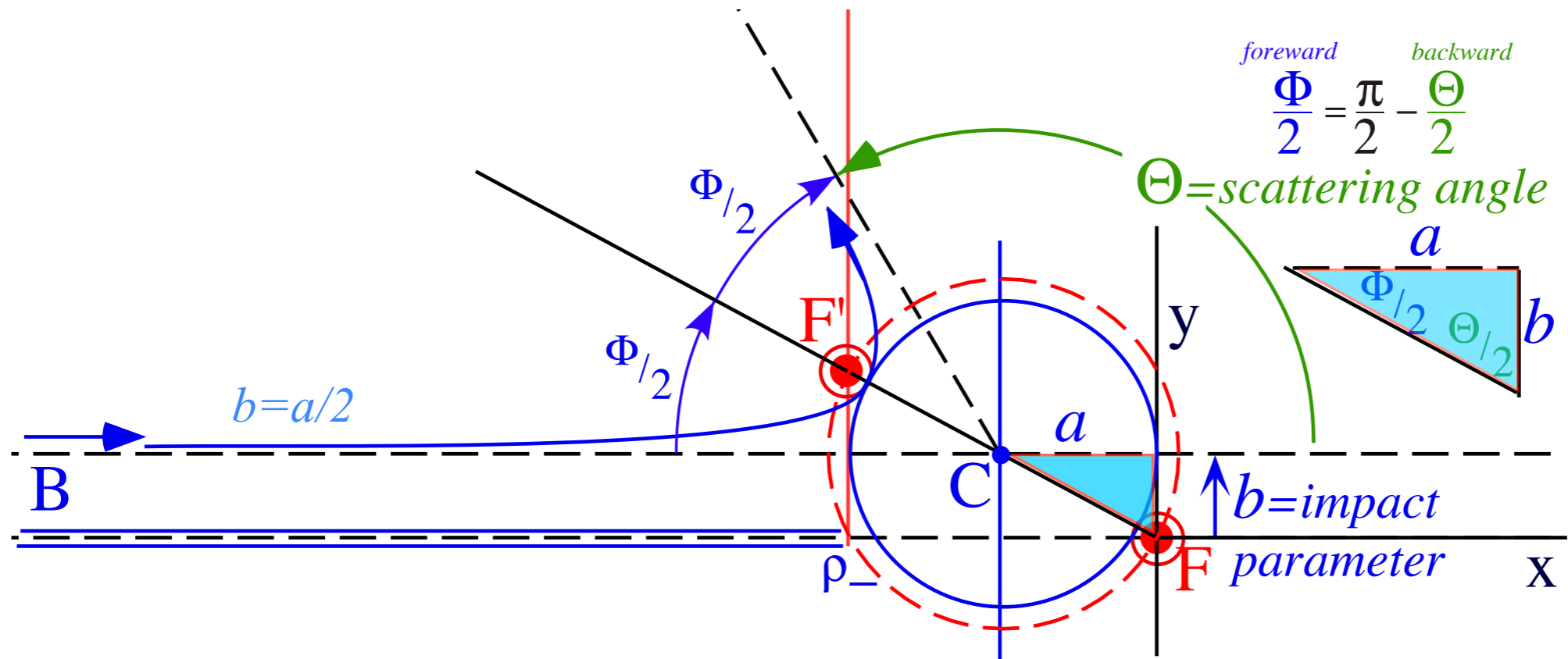
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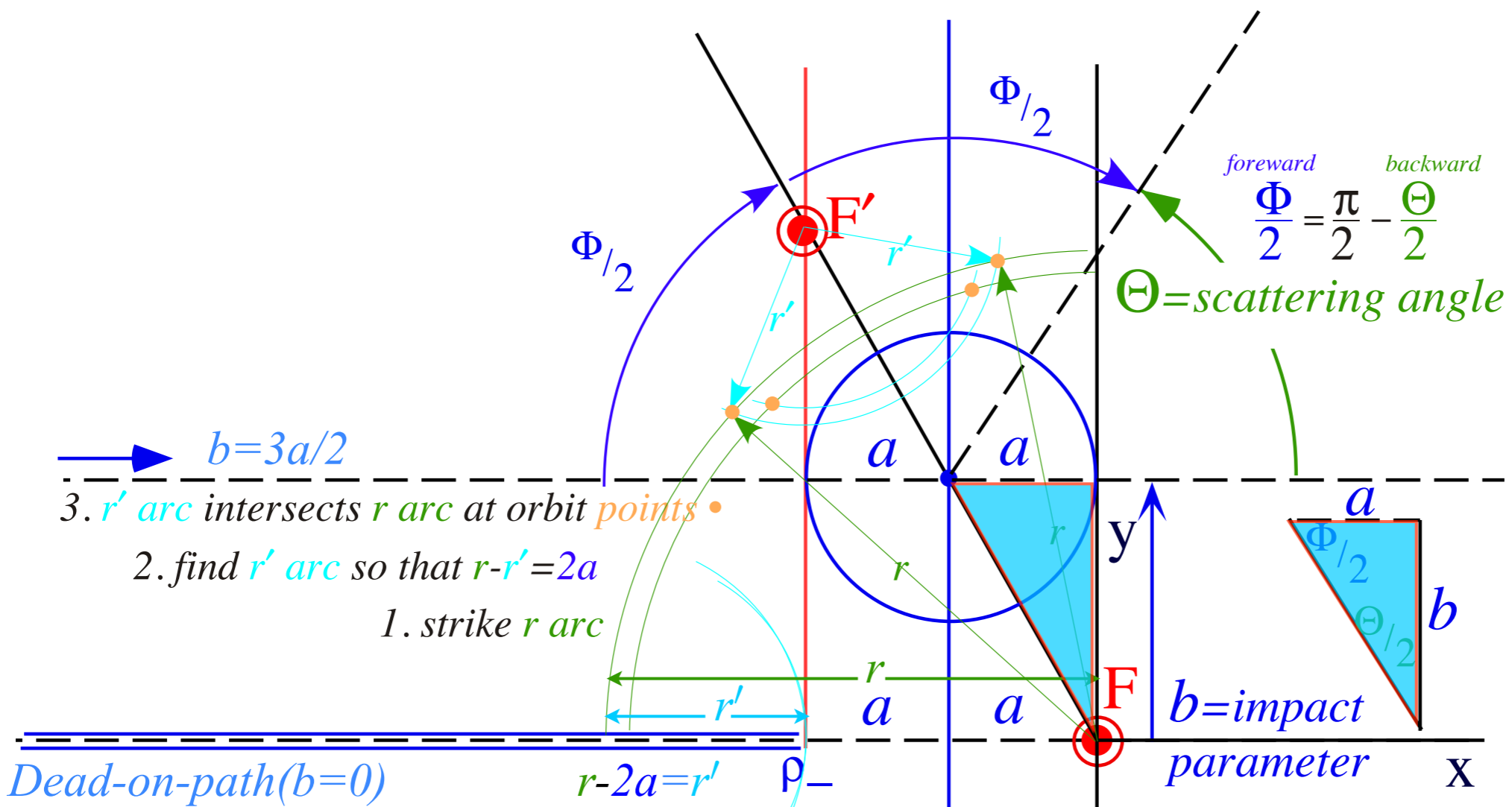
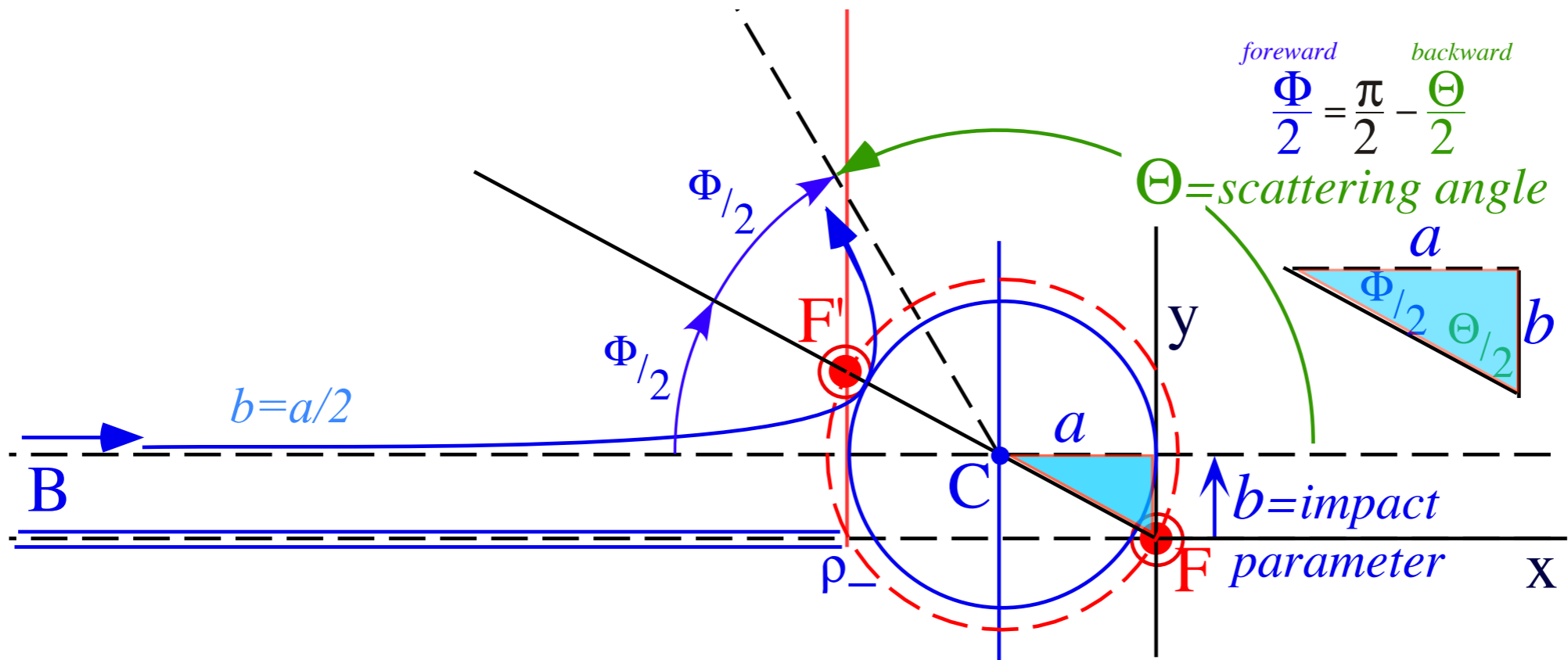
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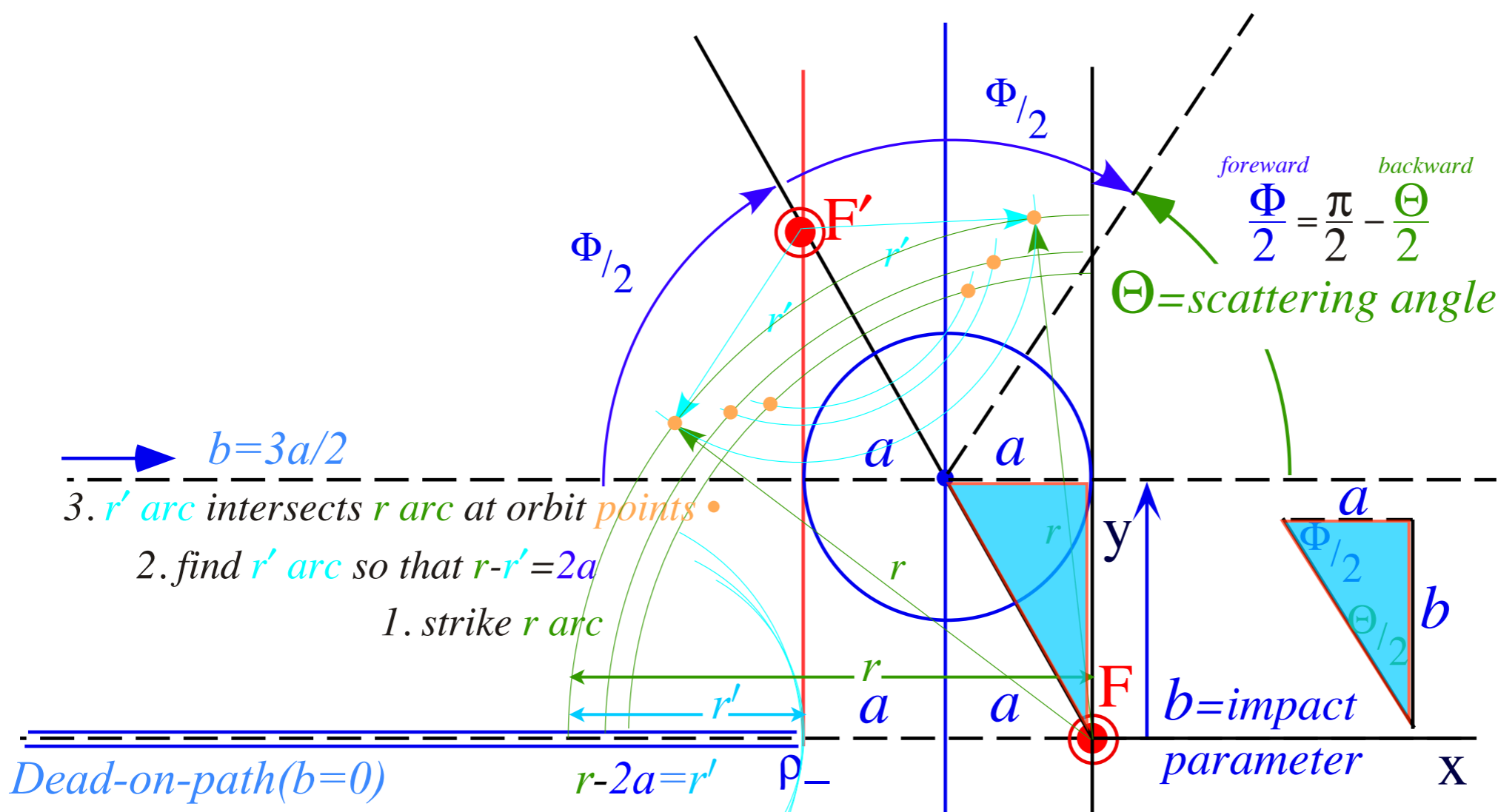
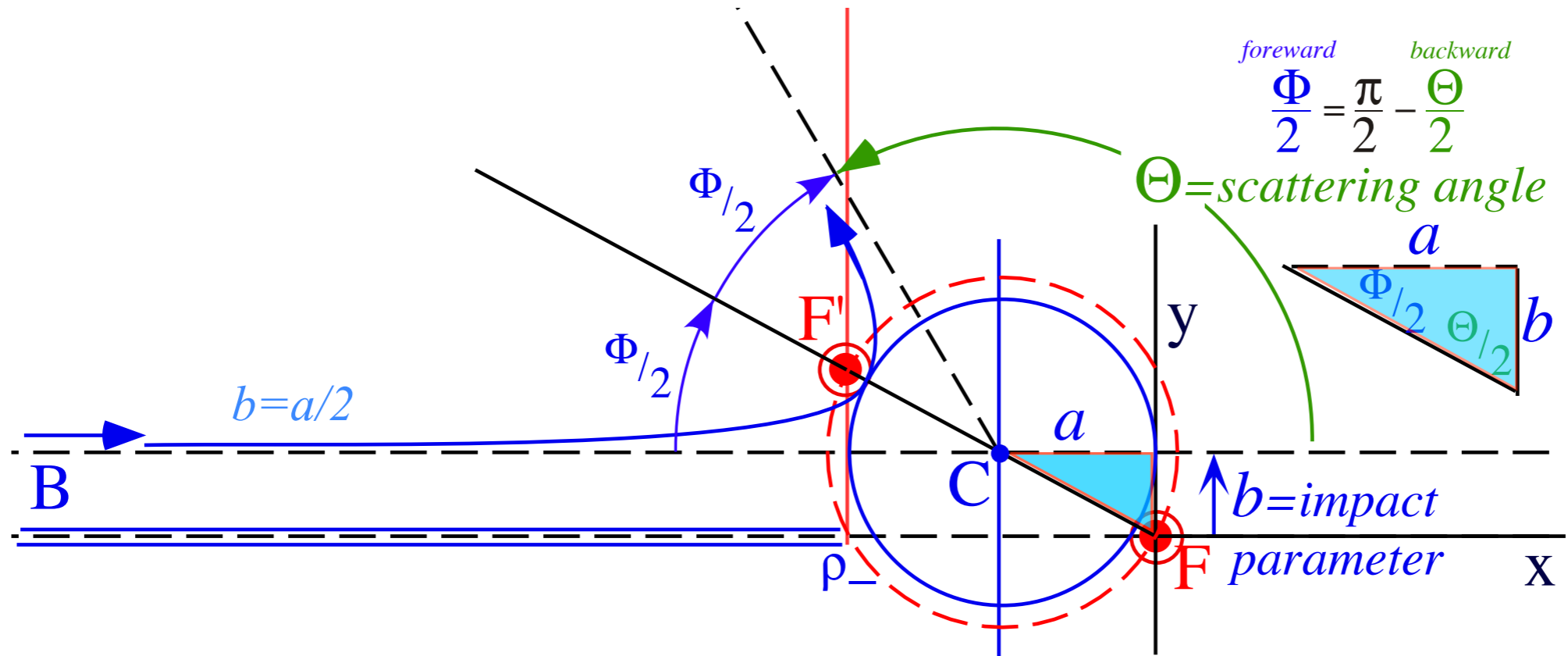
Larger forward-scattering angle $\Phi = \pi - \Theta$

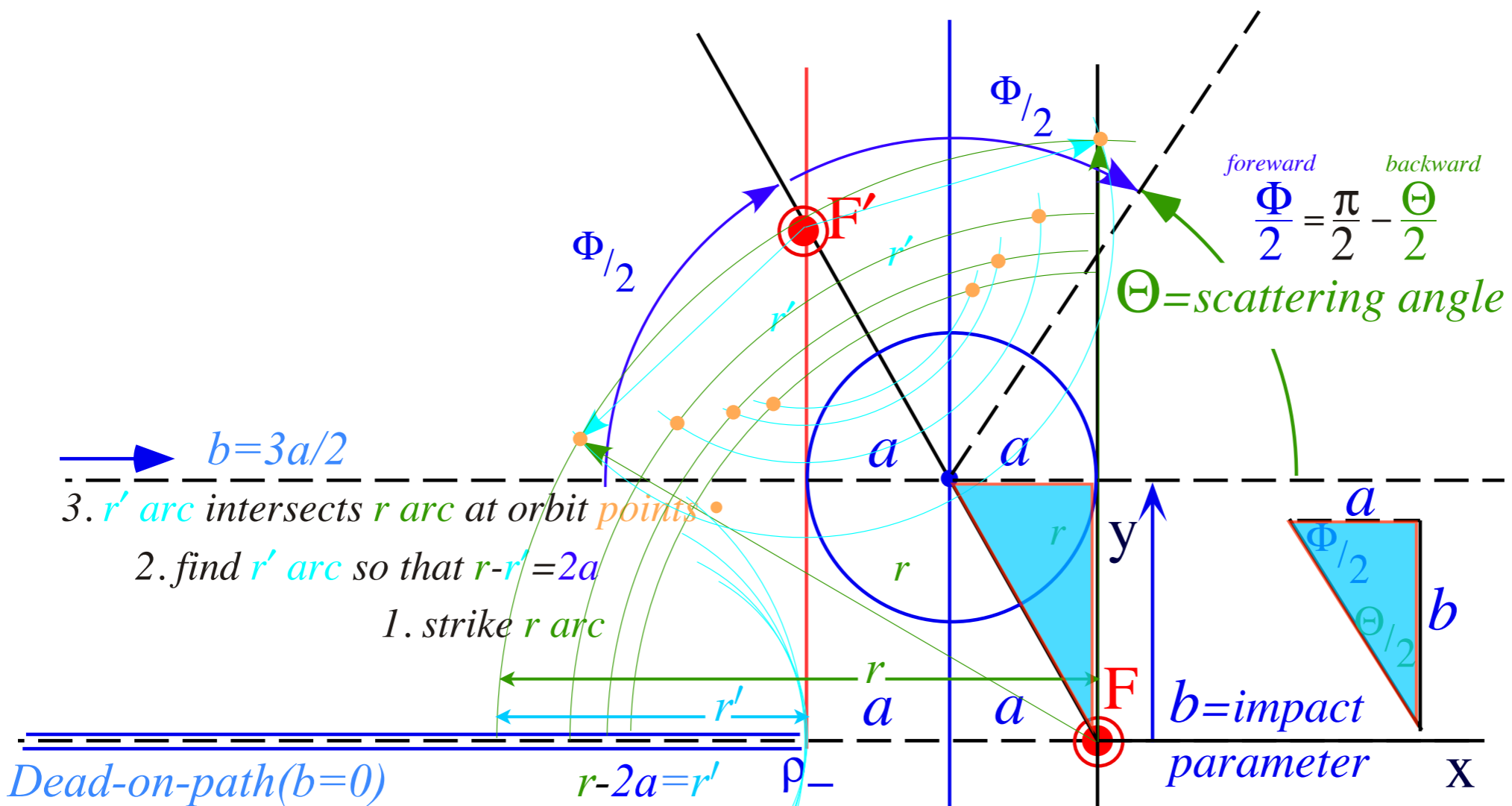
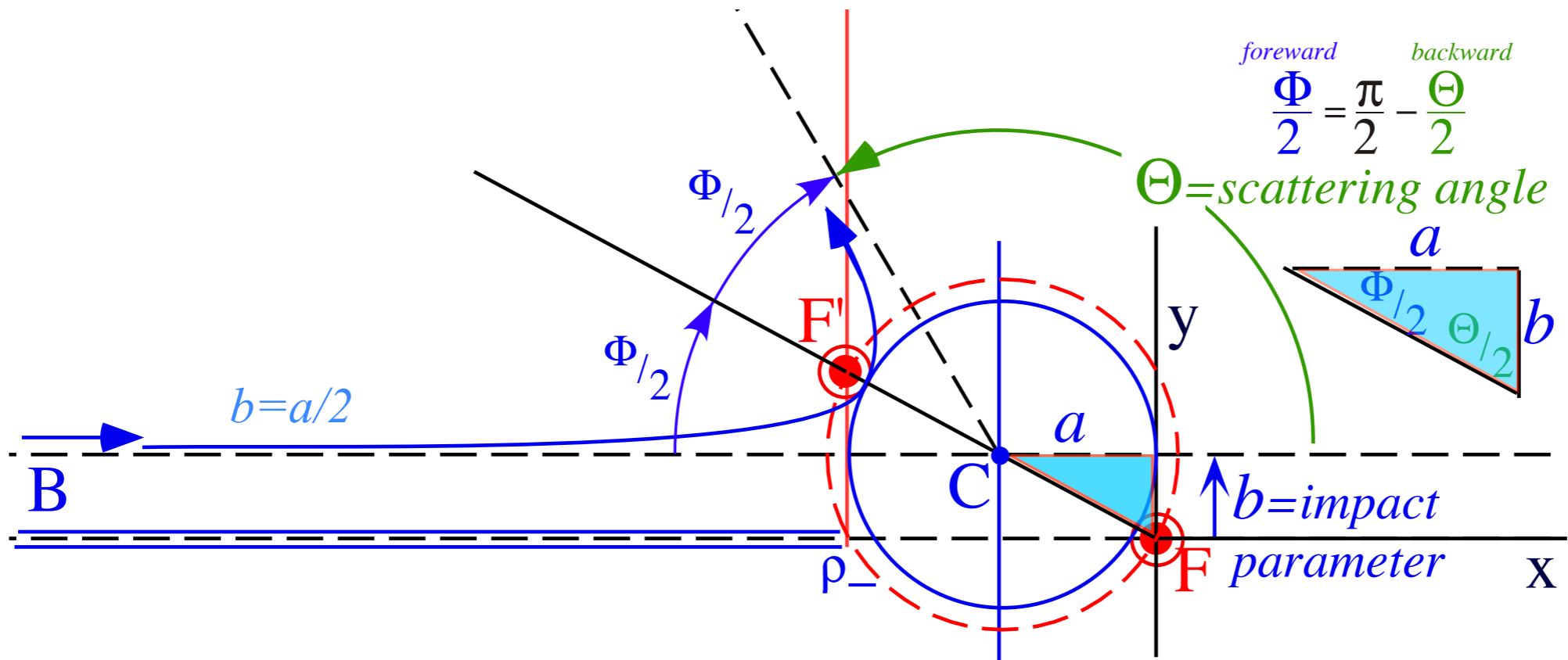


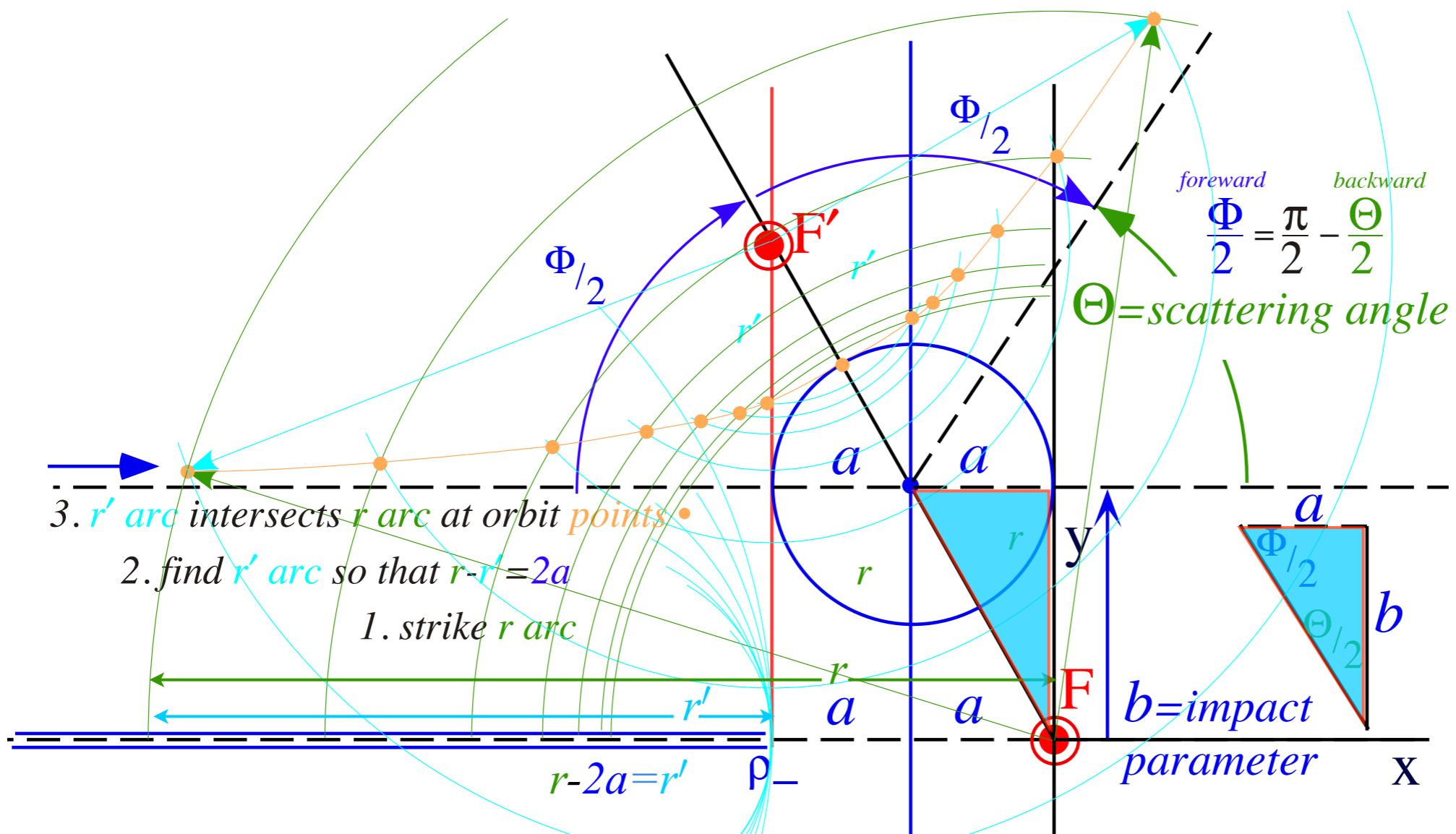
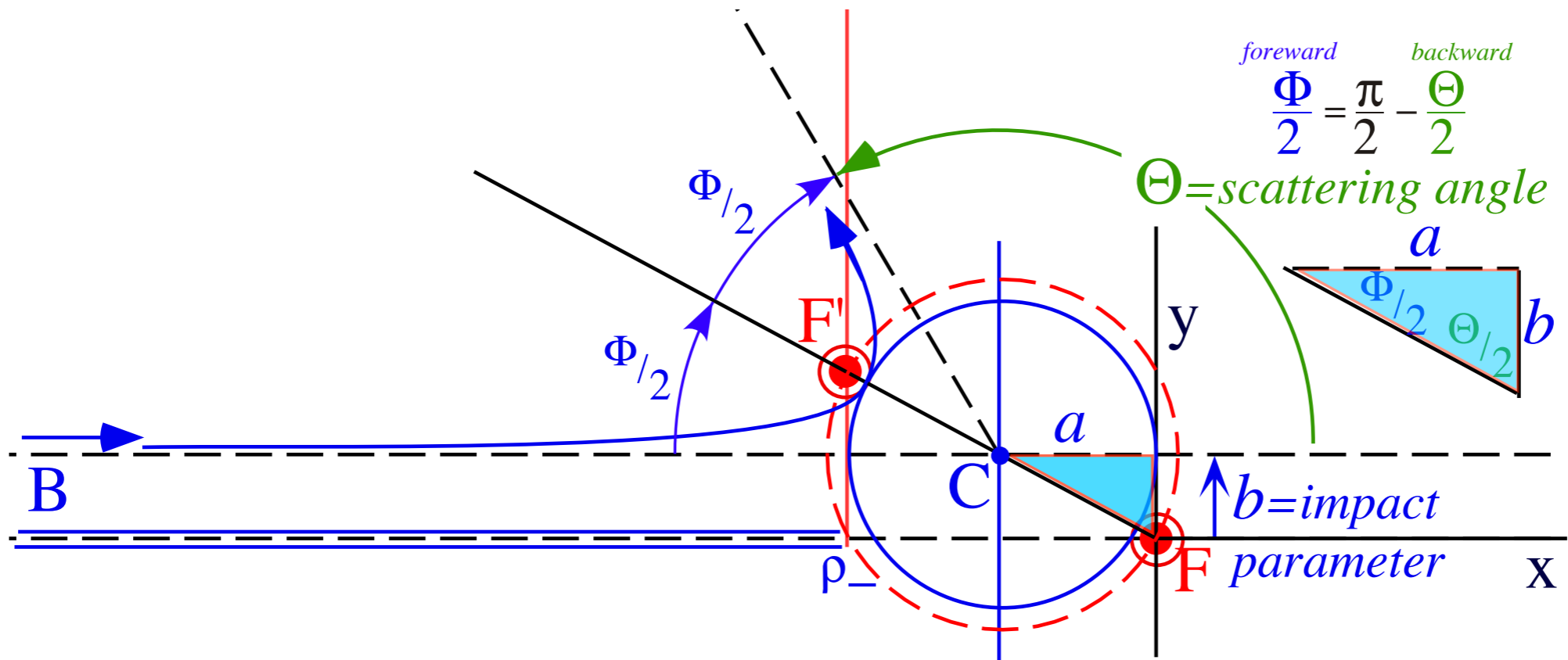
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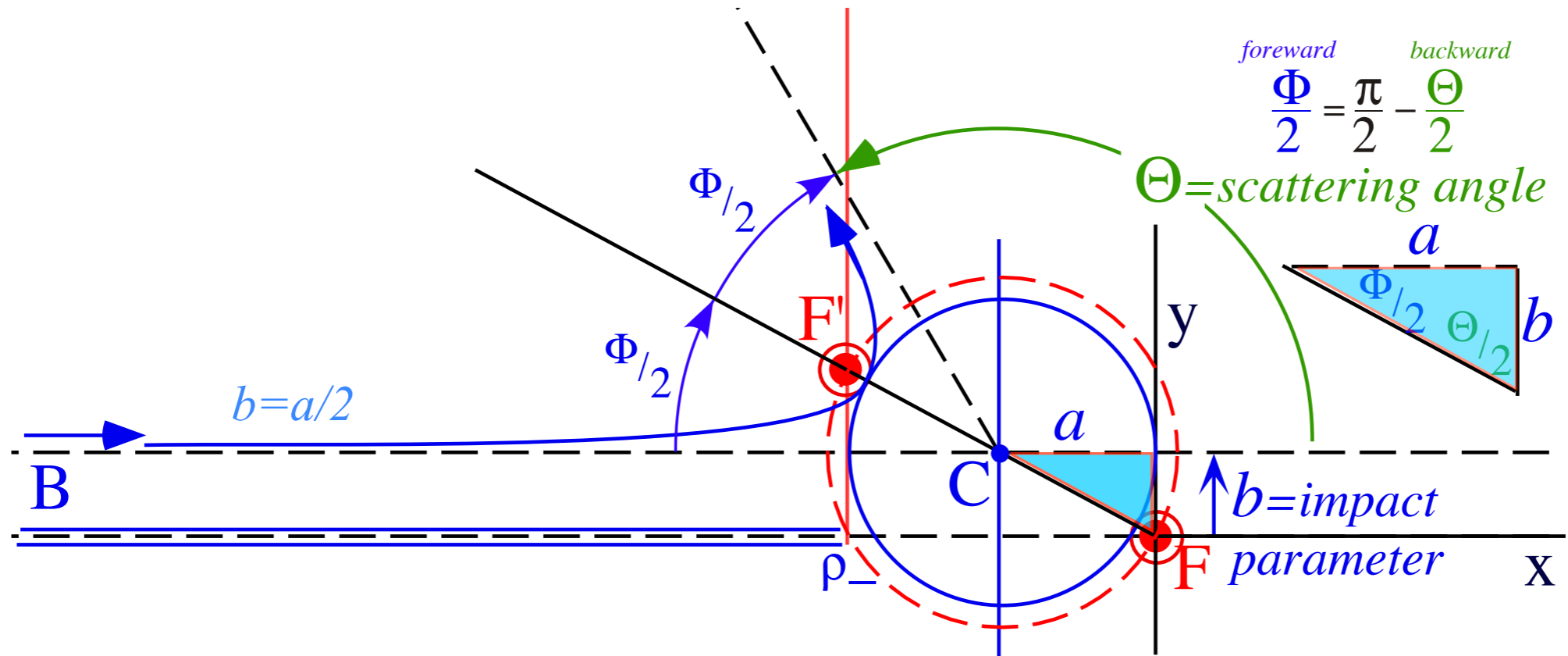








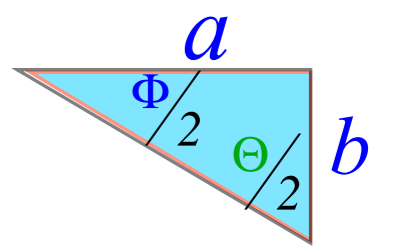




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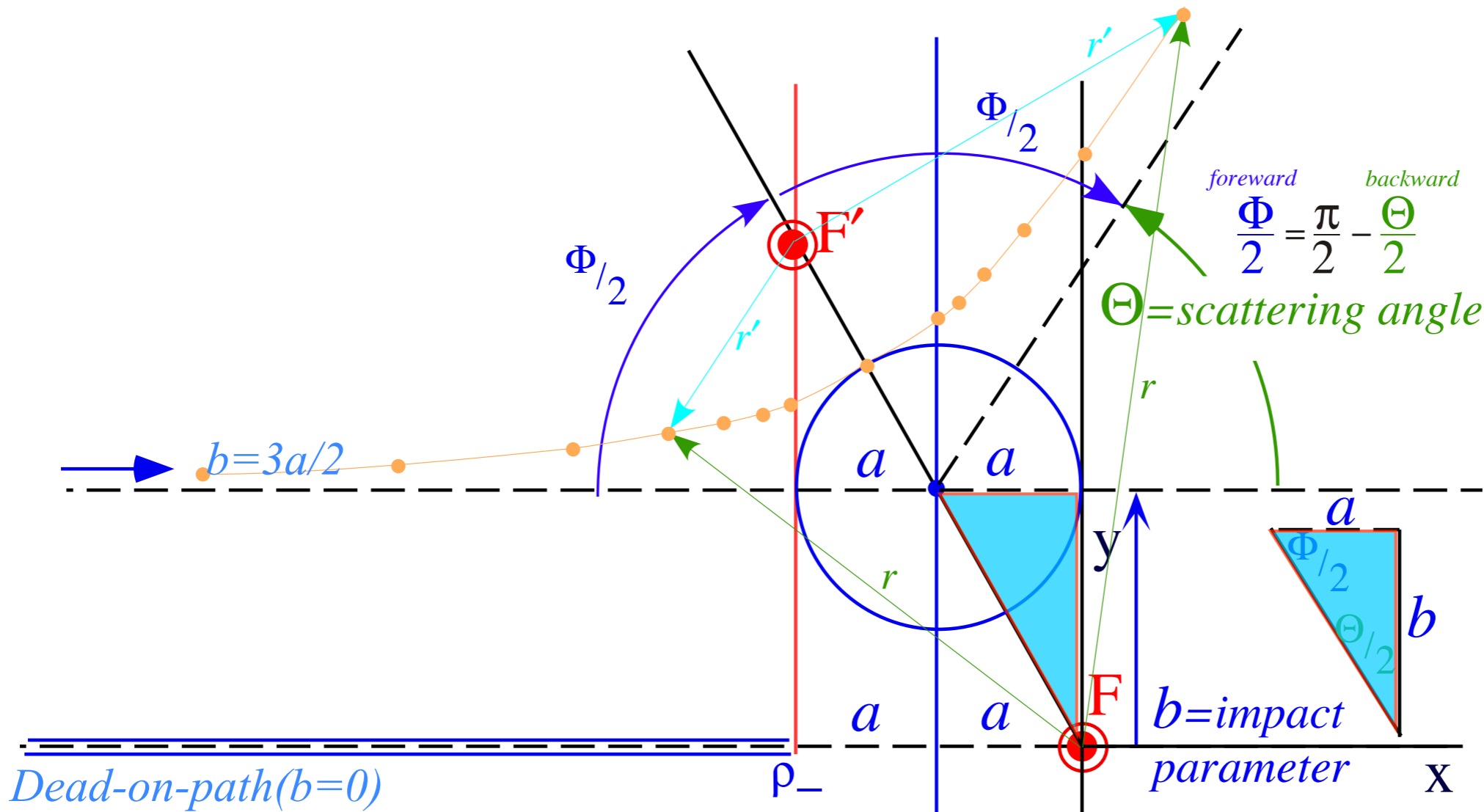
forward *backward*

$\Theta = \text{scattering angle}$



$$\frac{a}{b} = \tan \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

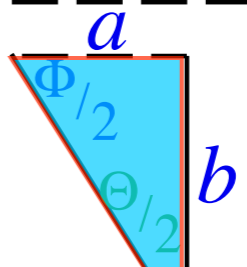
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ρ_-

$b = \text{impact parameter}$

x

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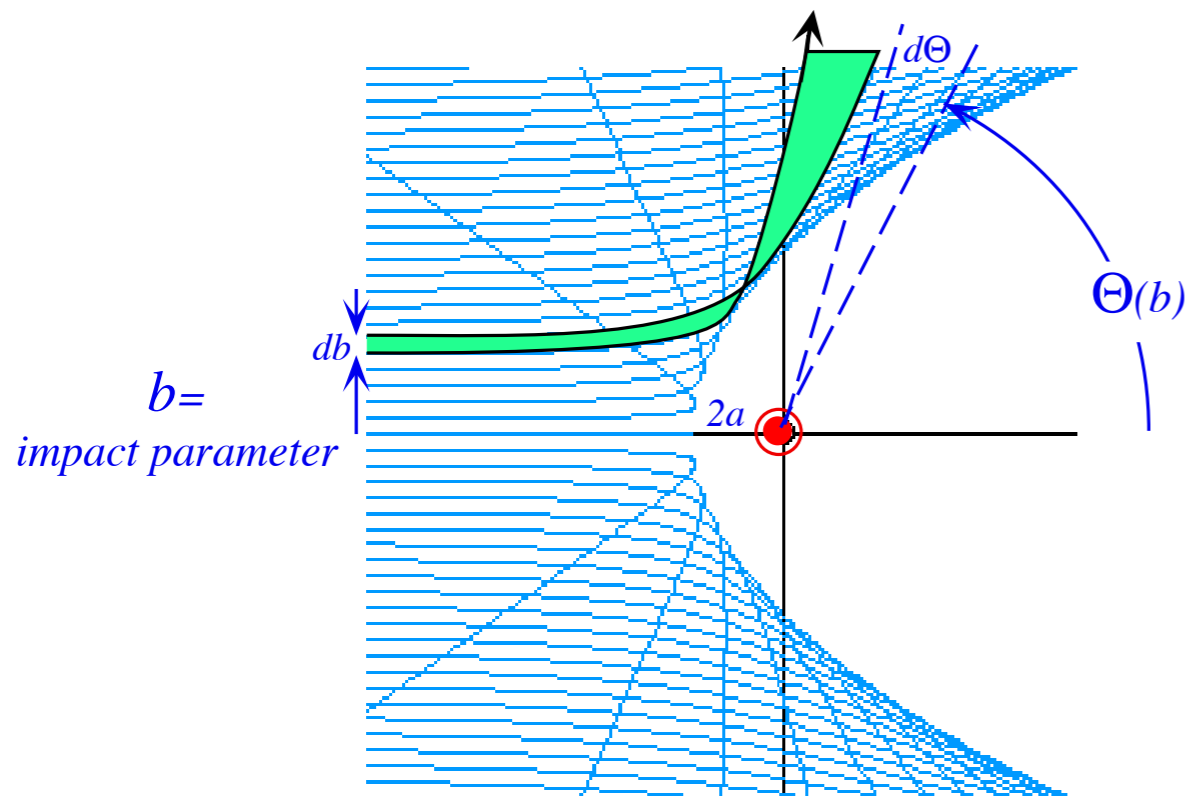
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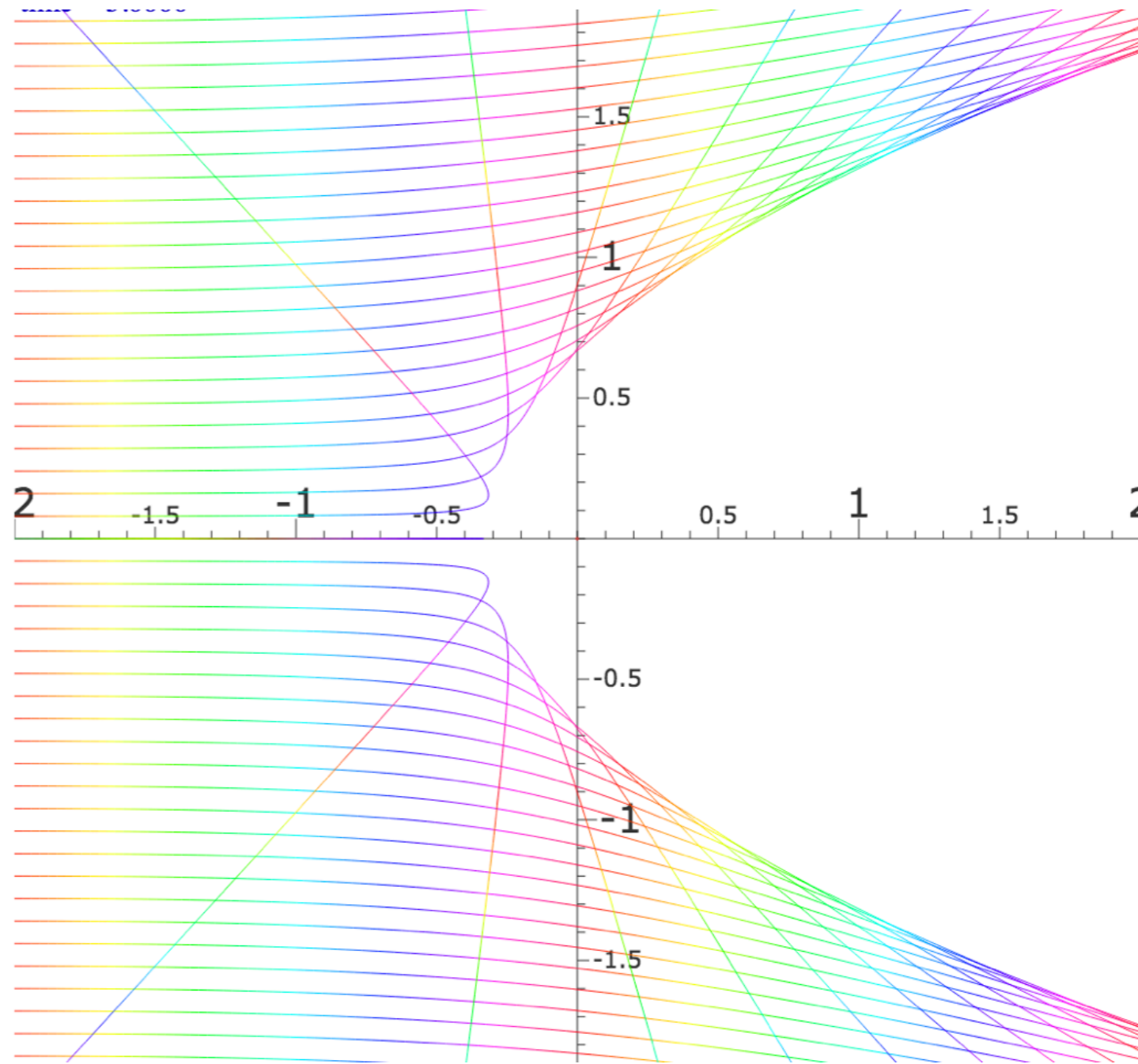
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<http://www.uark.edu/ua/modphys/markup/CoulItWeb.html?scenario=Rutherford>



Chapter 1 Orbit Families and Action

Families of particle orbits are drawn in a varying color which represents the classical action or Hamilton's characteristic function $SH = \int p dq$. (Sometimes SH is called 'reduced action'.) The color is chosen by first calculating $c = SH \text{ modulo } h\text{-bar}$ (You can change Planck's constant from its default value $h/2\pi = 1.0$) The chromatic value c assigns the hue by its position on the color wheel (e.g.; $c=0$ is red, $c=0.2$ is a yellow, $c=0.5$ is a green, etc.).

Chapter 2 Rutherford Scattering

A parallel beam of iso-energetic alpha particles undergo Rutherford scattering from a coulomb field of a nucleus as calculated in these demos. It is also the ideal pattern of paths followed by intergalactic hydrogen in perturbed by the solar wind.

Chapter 3 Coulomb Field (H atom)

Orbits in an attractive Coulomb field are calculated here. You may select the initial position $(x(0), y(0))$ by moving the mouse to a desired launch point, and then select the initial momentum $(p_x(0), p_y(0))$ by pressing the mouse button and dragging.

Chapter 4 Molecular Ion Orbits

Orbits around two fixed nuclei are calculated here. A set of elliptic coordinates are drawn in the background. After running a few trajectories you may notice that their caustics conform to one or two of the elliptic coordinate lines.

Volcanoes of Io (Paths=180, No color quant.) Parabolic Fountain (Uniform)

Space Bomb (Coulomb) Exploding Starlet (IHO)

Synchrotron Motion (Crossed E & B fields)

Rutherford scattering 2-Electron Orbits

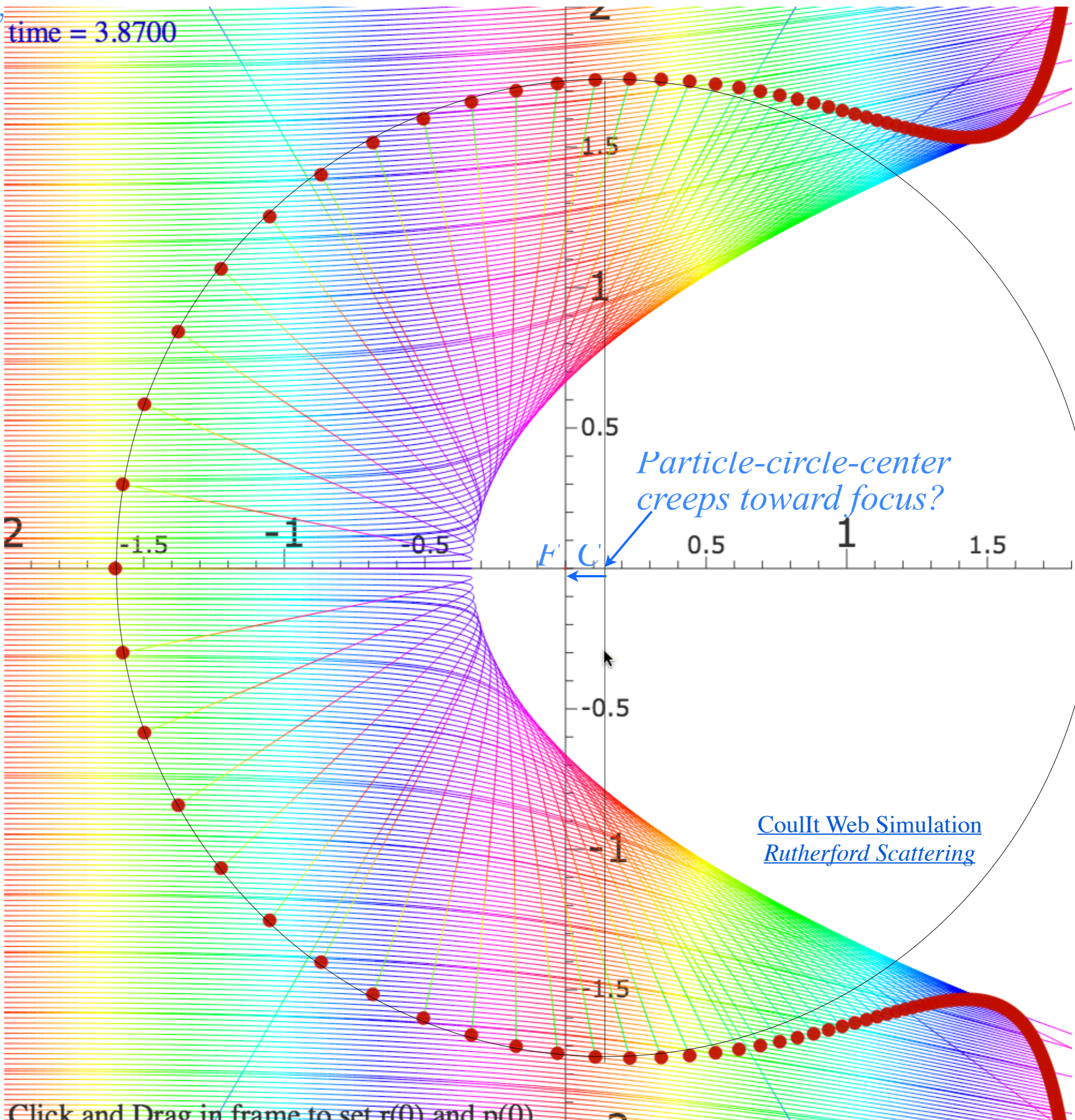
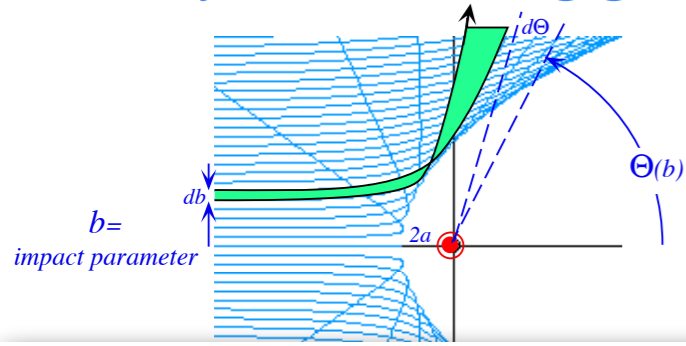
Atomic Orbits

Molecular Ion Orbits

Oscillator Scattering 2-Particle Orbits 2-Particle Collision

Rutherford scattering geometry

time = 3.8700



Terminal time t(off) = 5

Maximum step size dt = 0.03

Start launch angle phi1 = -180

Start launch angle phi2 = 180

Number of burst paths = 221

Charge of Nucleus 1 = 0.2

x-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0

y-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0

Charge of Nucleus 2 = 0

Coulomb (k12) = -1

Core thickness r = 0.000001

x-Stark field Ex = 0

y-Stark field Ey = 0

Zeeman field Bz = 0

Diamagnetic strength k = 0

Plank constant h-bar = 2

Color quantization hues = 64

Color quantization bands = 2

Fractional Error (e^-x), x = 8

Particle Size = 6

Fix r(0) Fix p(0) Do swarm Beam

Plot r(t) Plot p(t)

Color action No stops Field vectors Info

Draw masses Axes Coordinates Lenz

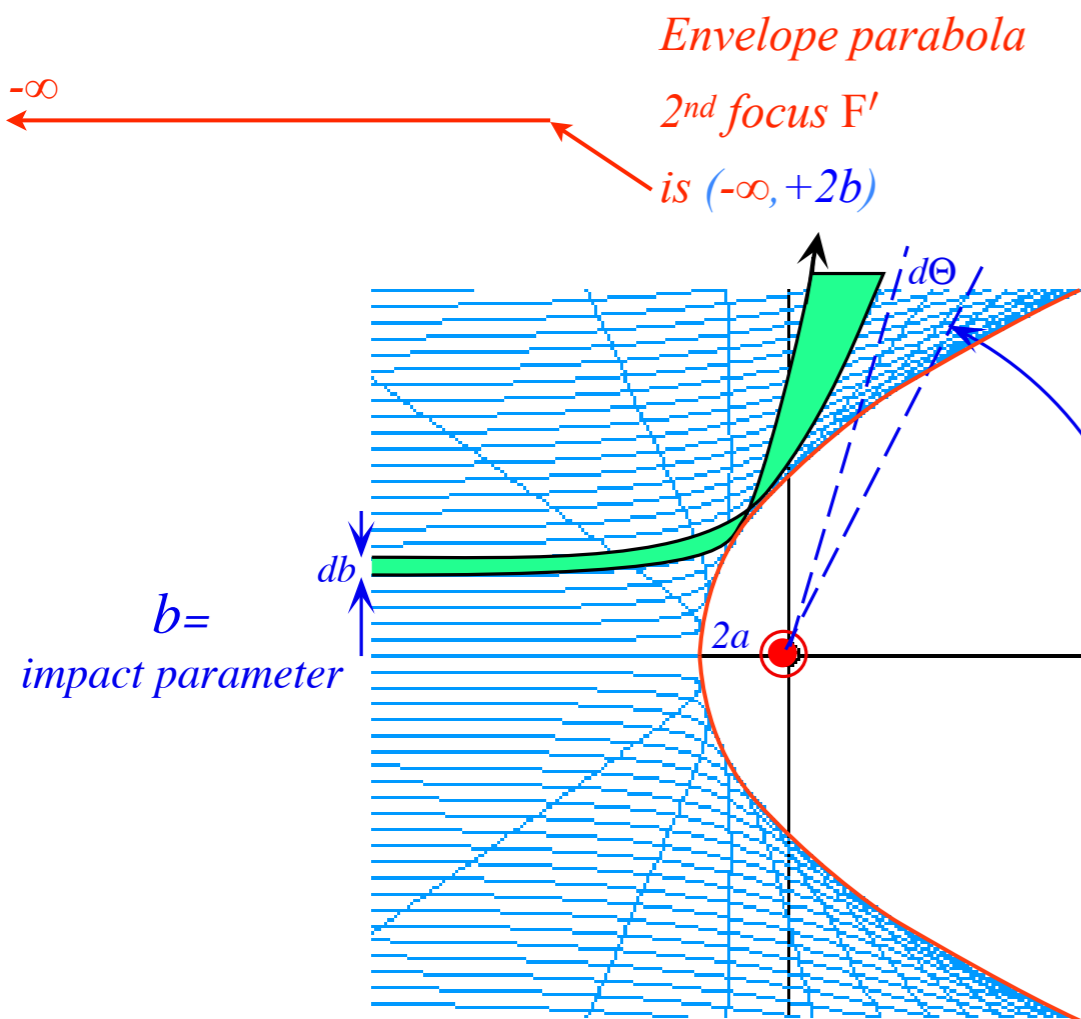
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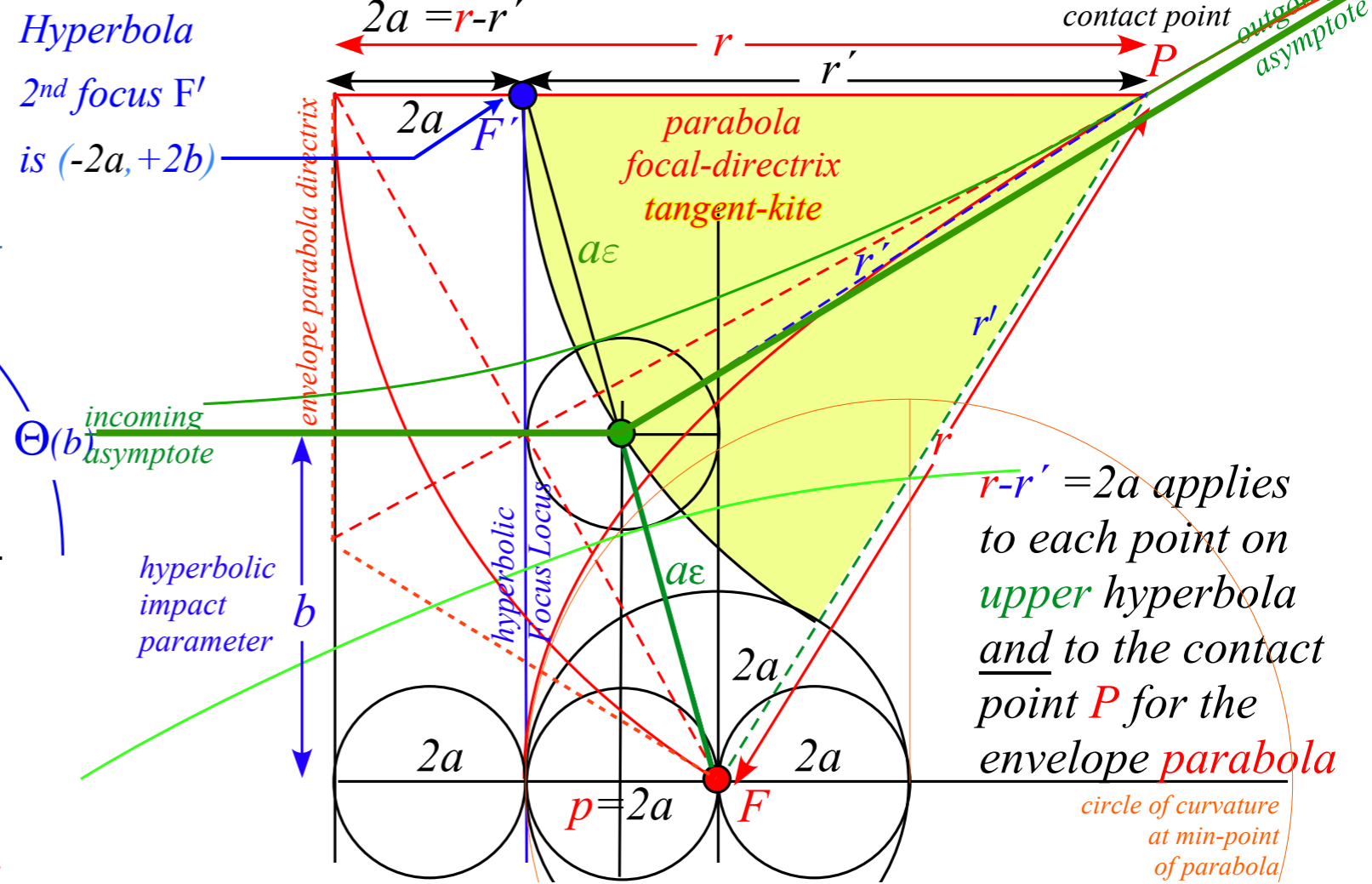
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Rutherford Scattering

Click and Drag in frame to set r(t) and p(t)

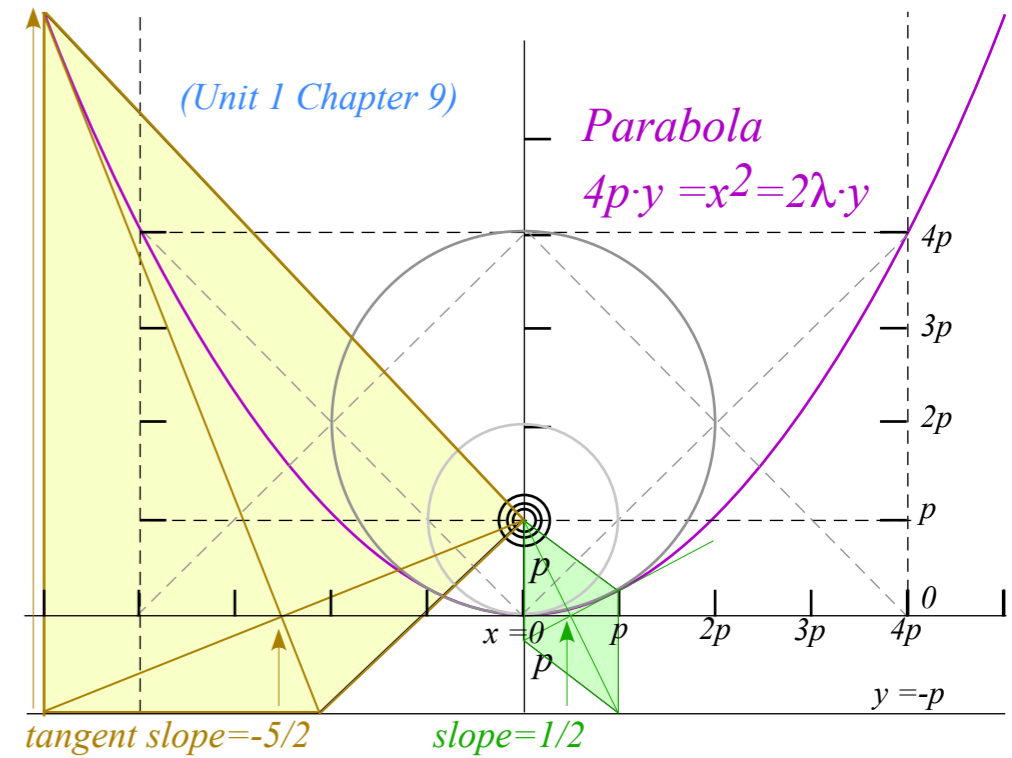
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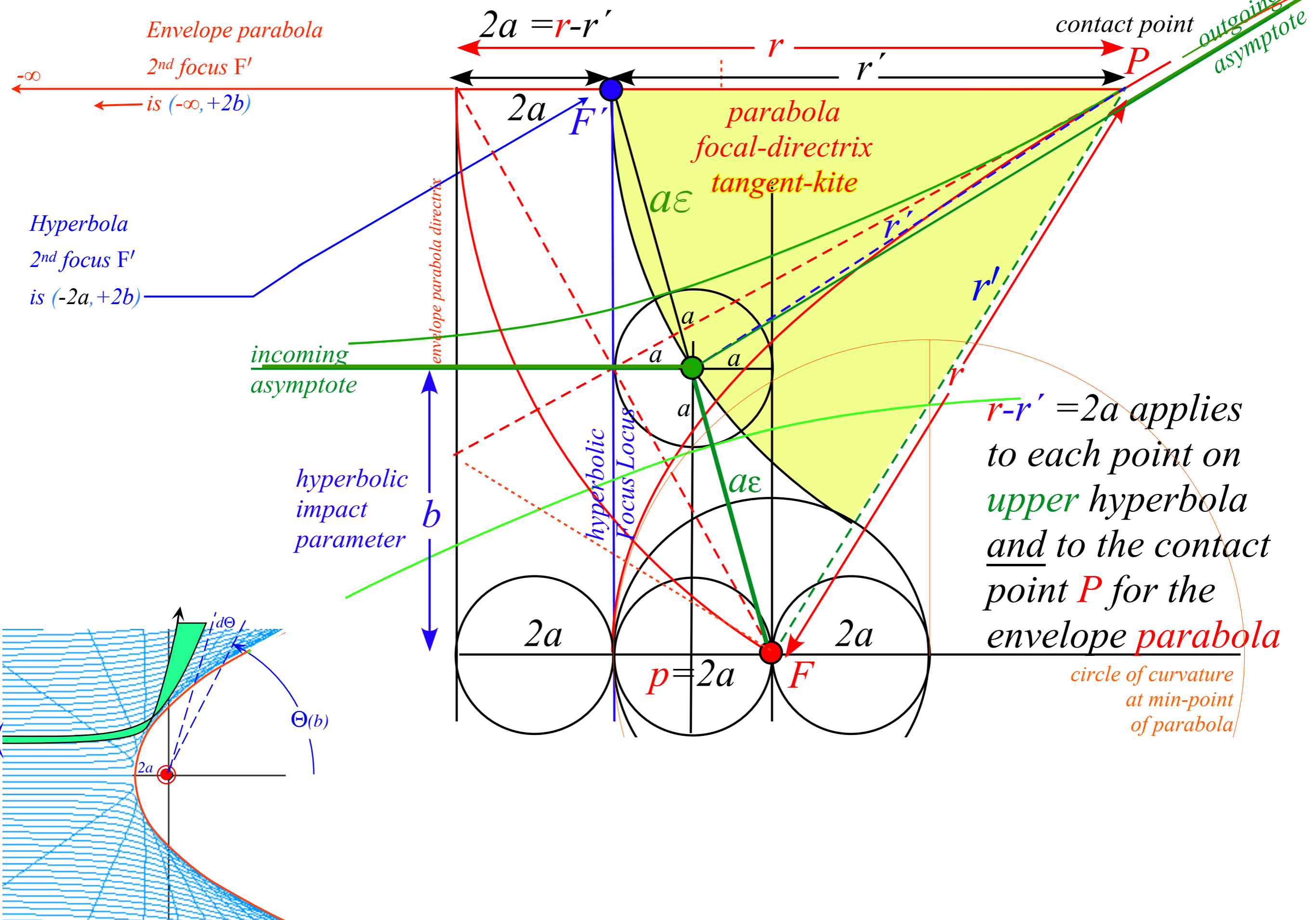


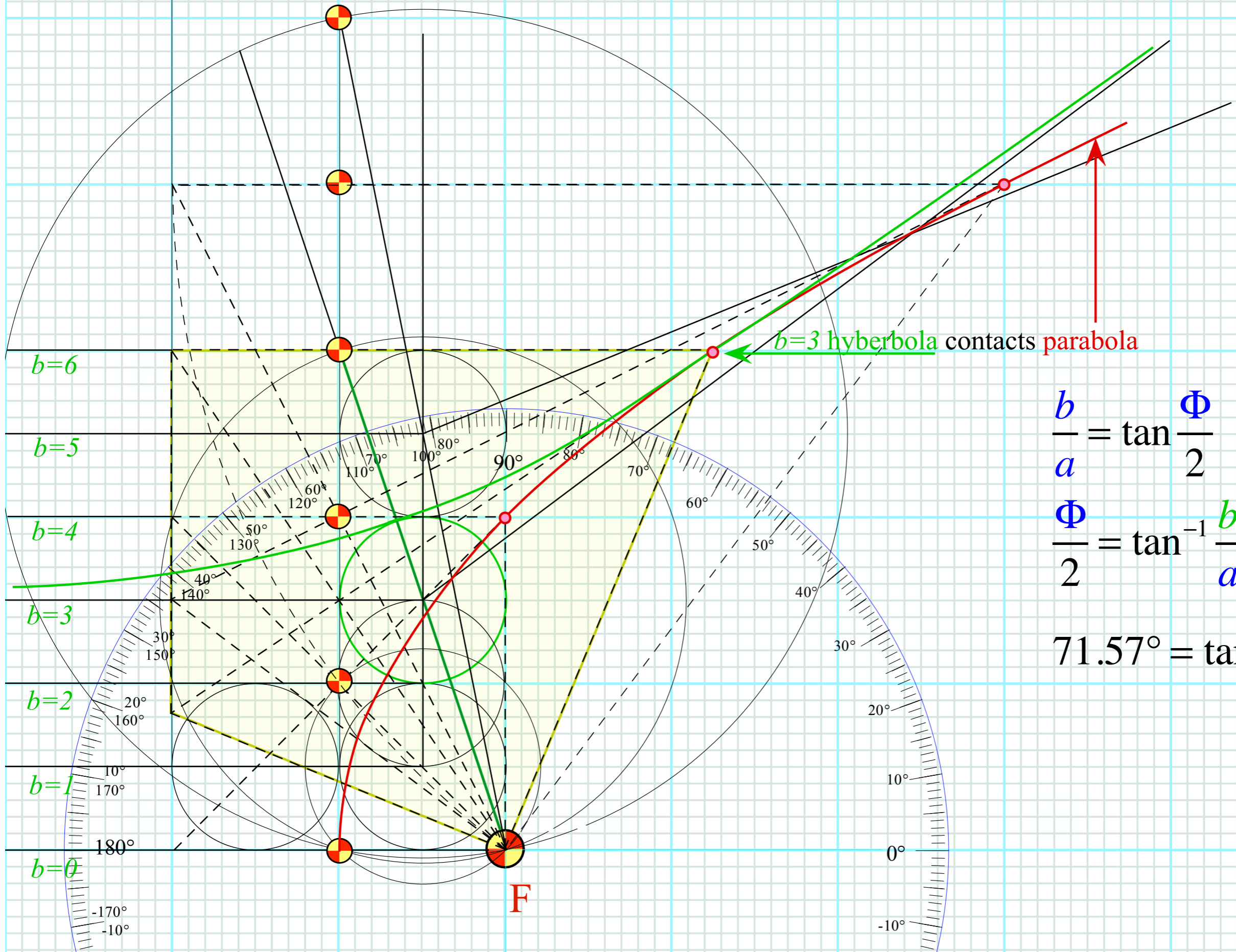
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$b=6$

$b=5$

$b=4$

$b=3$

$b=2$

$b=1$

$b=0$

$b=3$ hyperbola contacts parabola

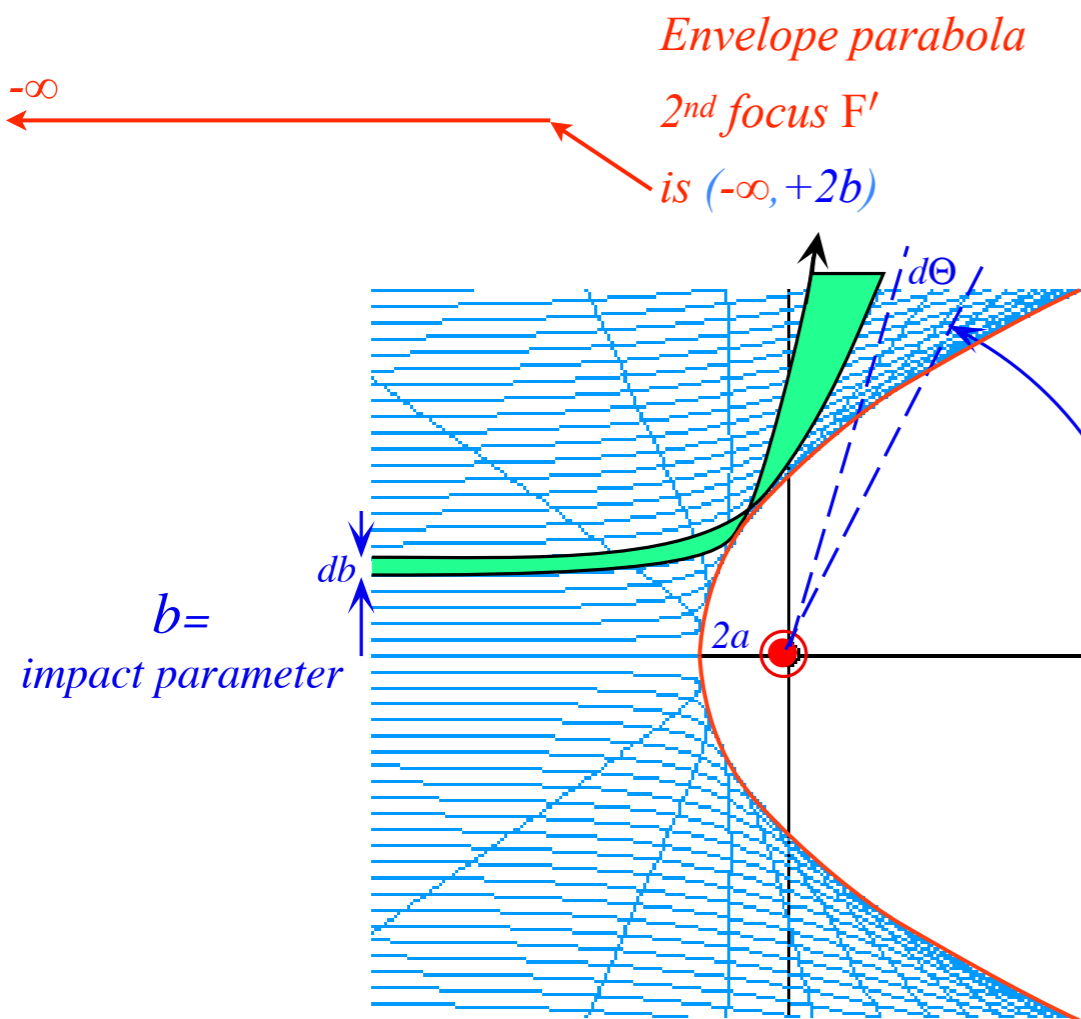
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$$71.57^\circ = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{1}$$

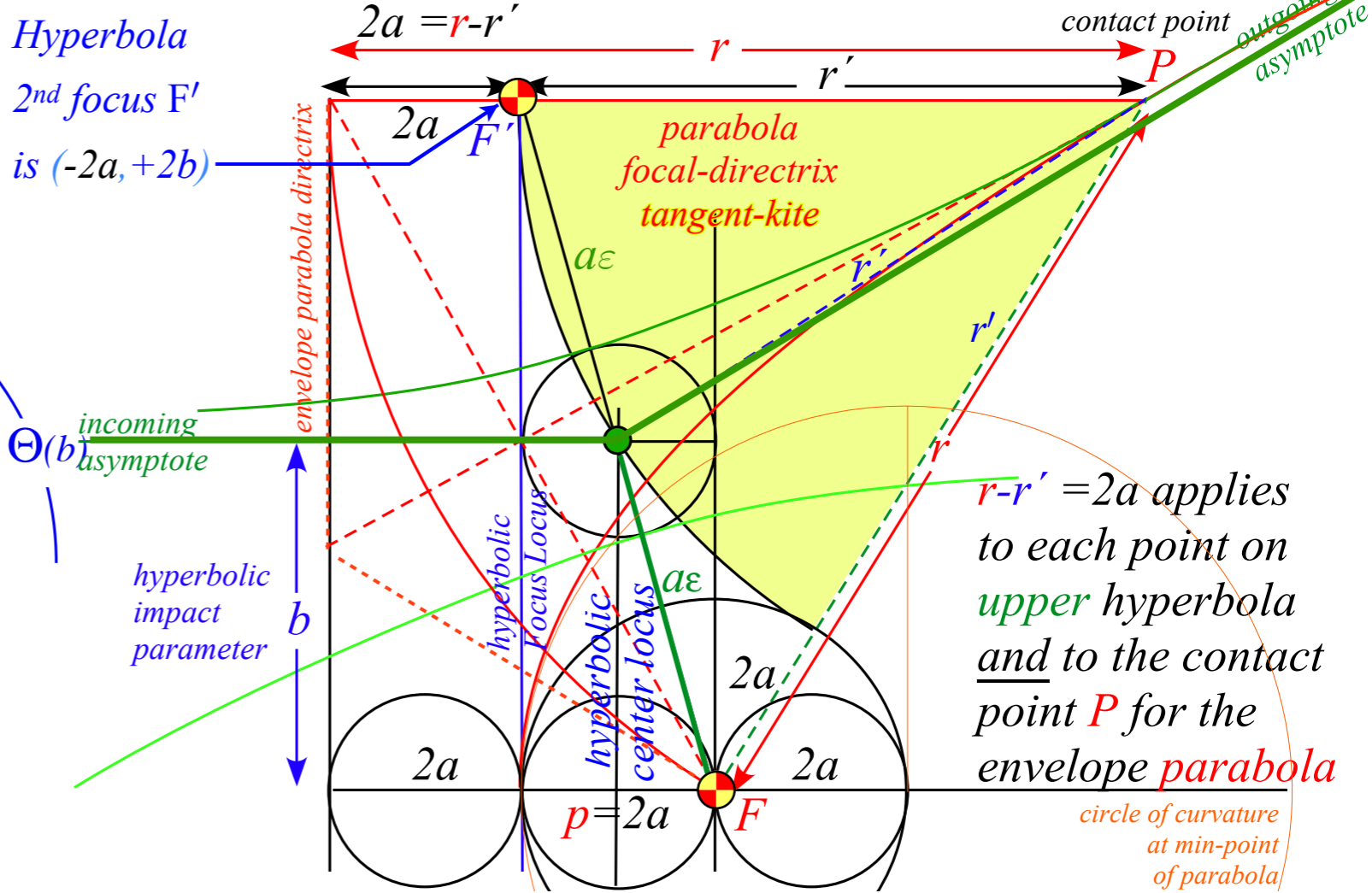
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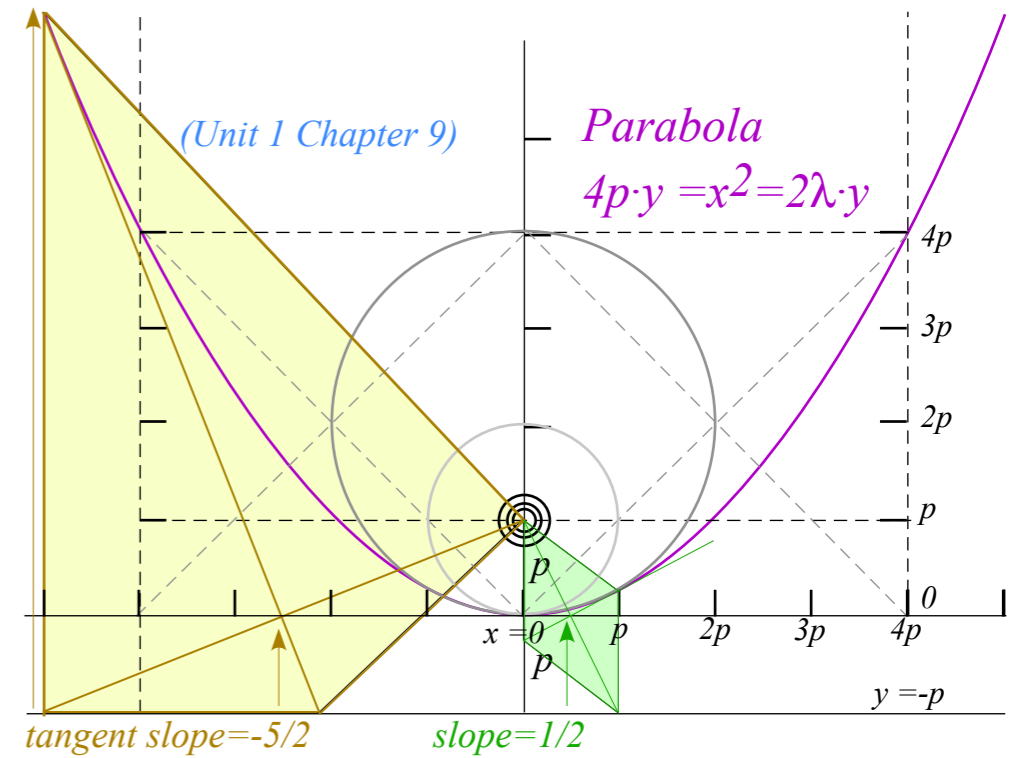


Hyperbola
2nd focus F'
is $(-2a, +2b)$

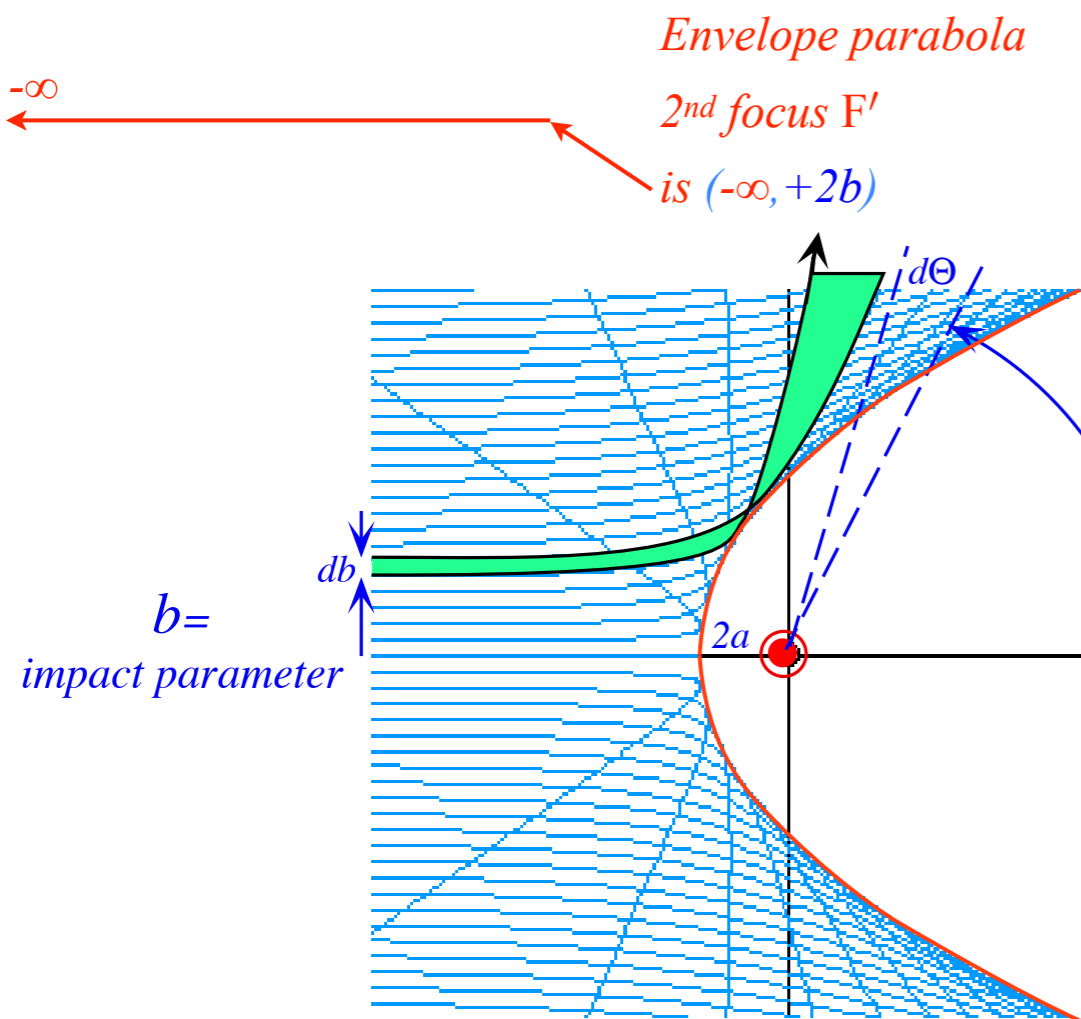
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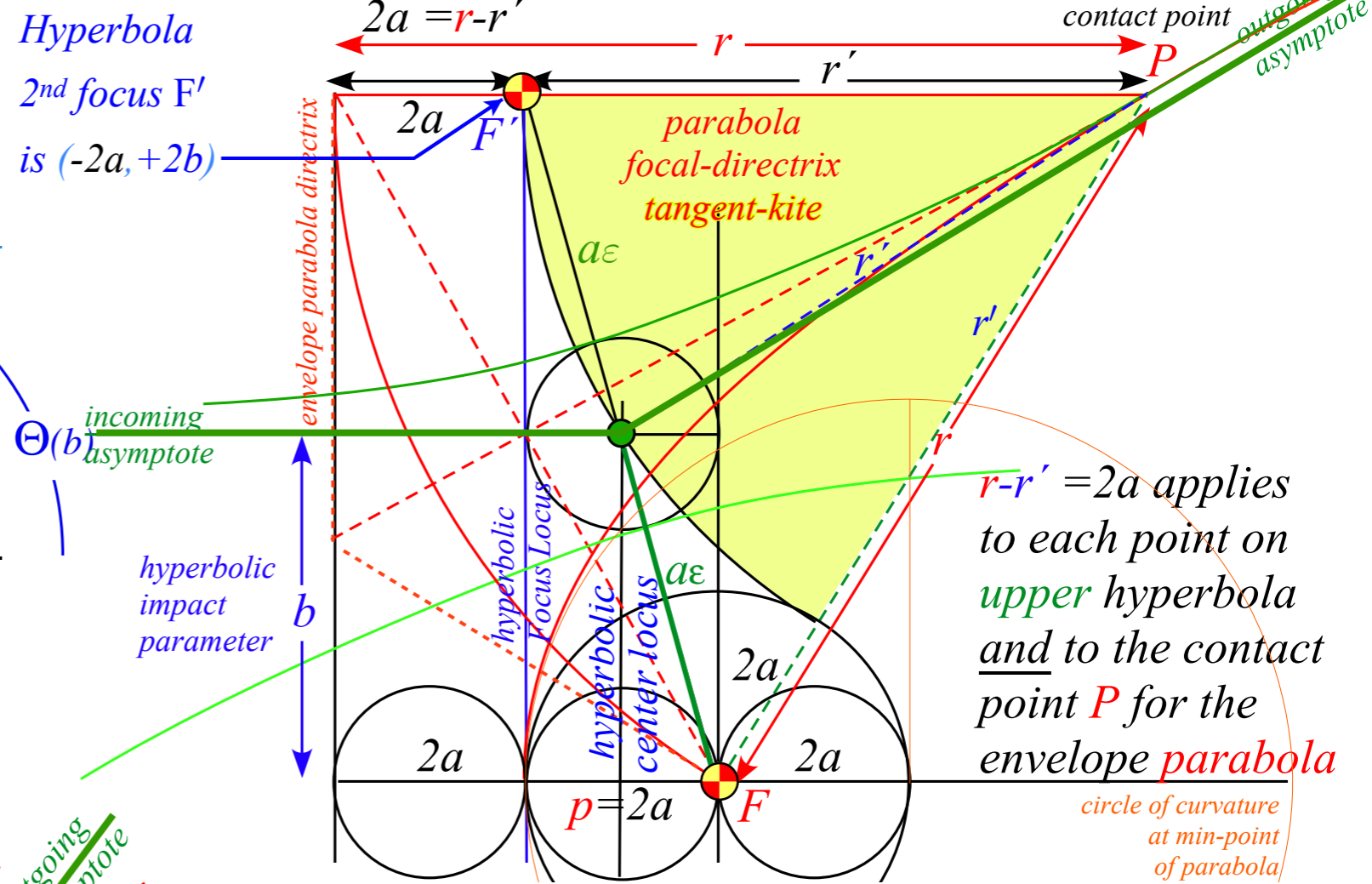
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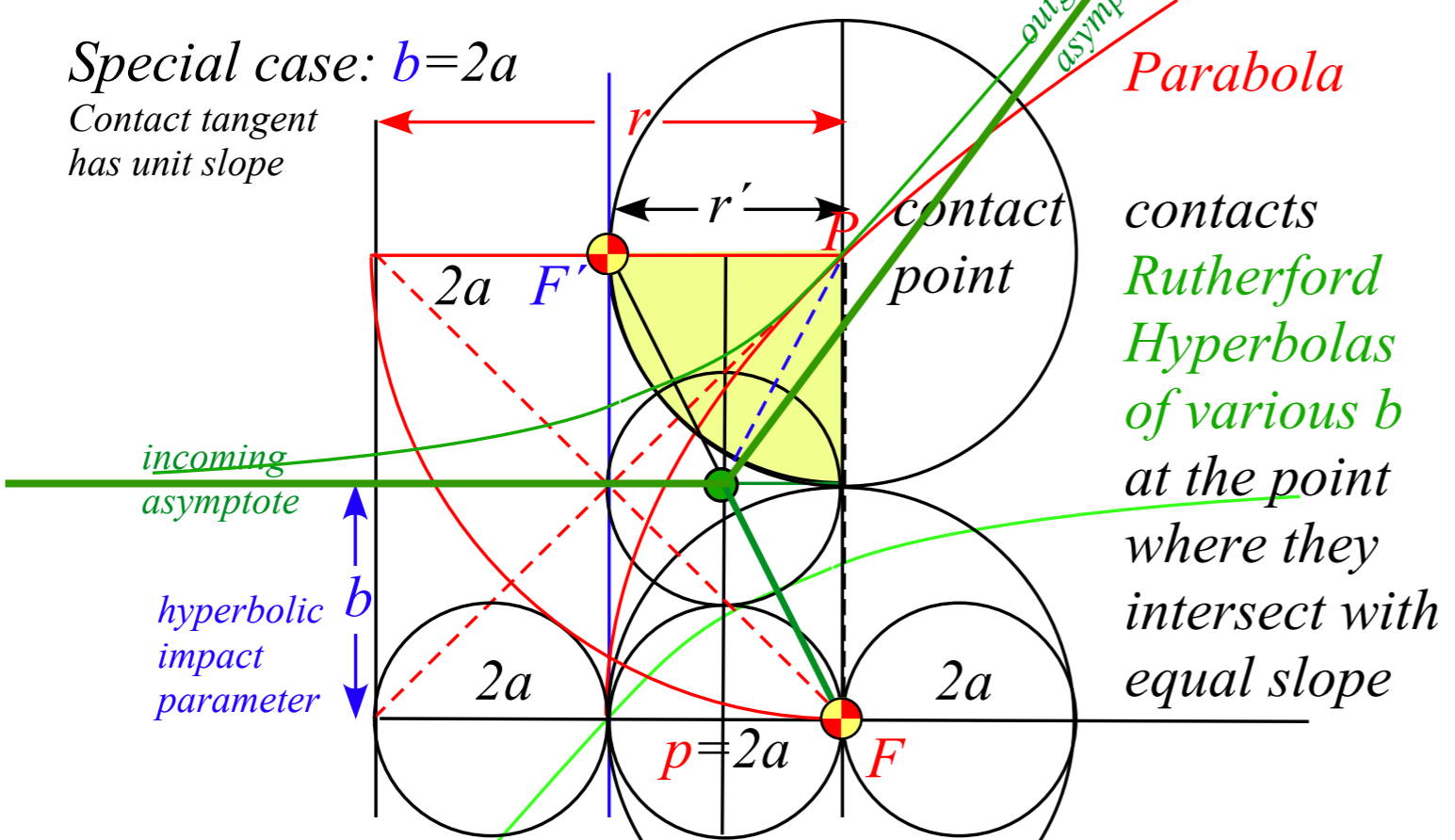


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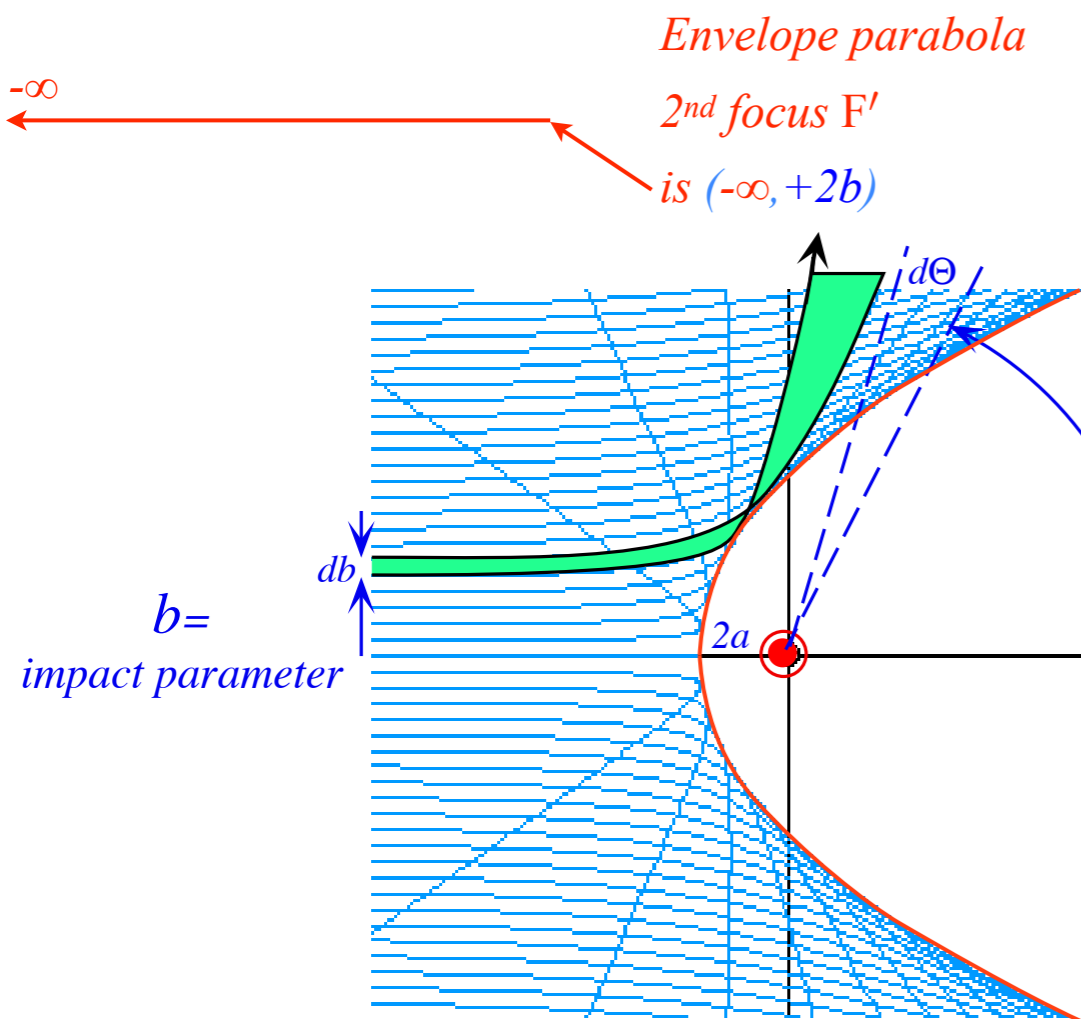


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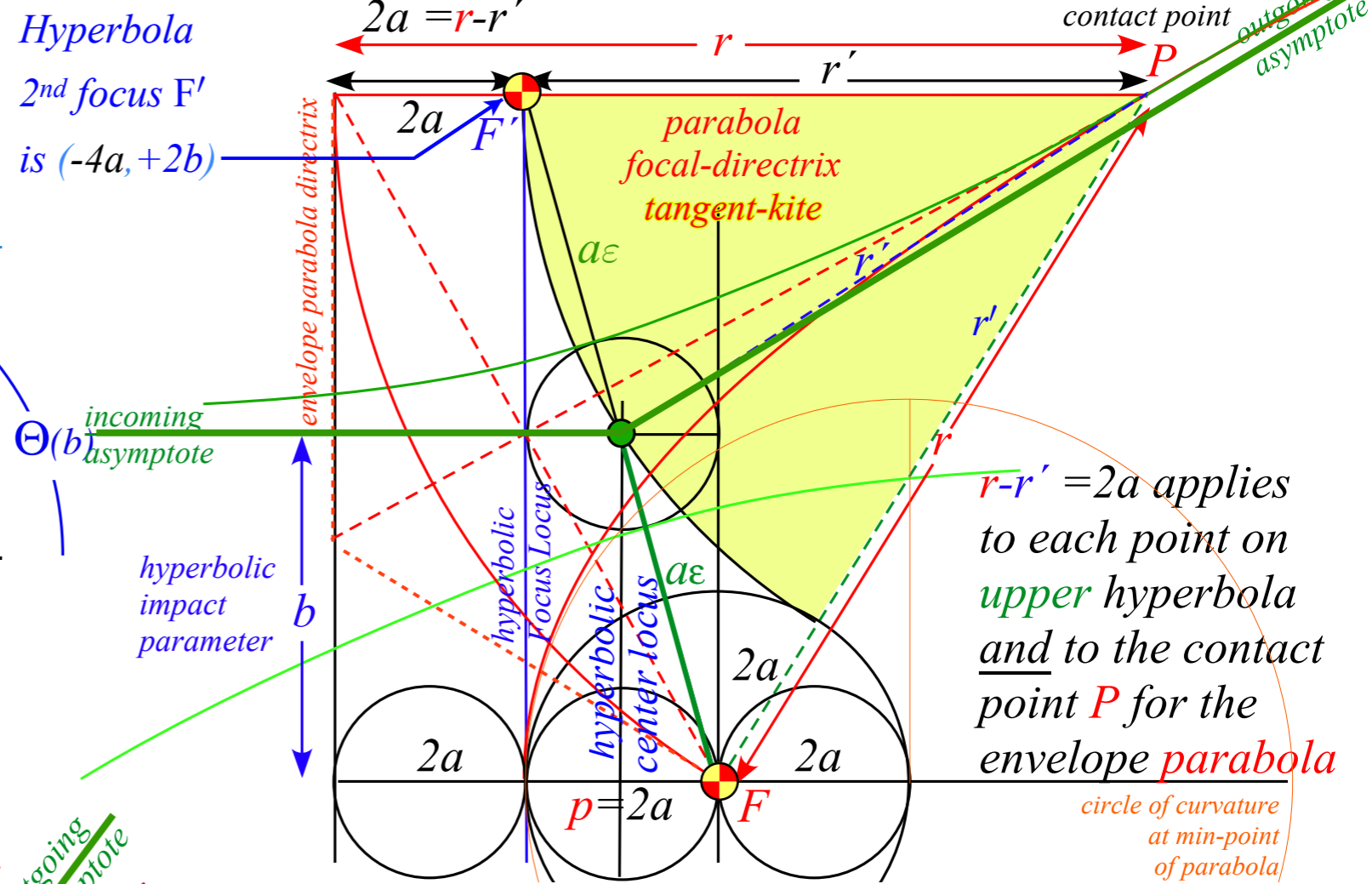
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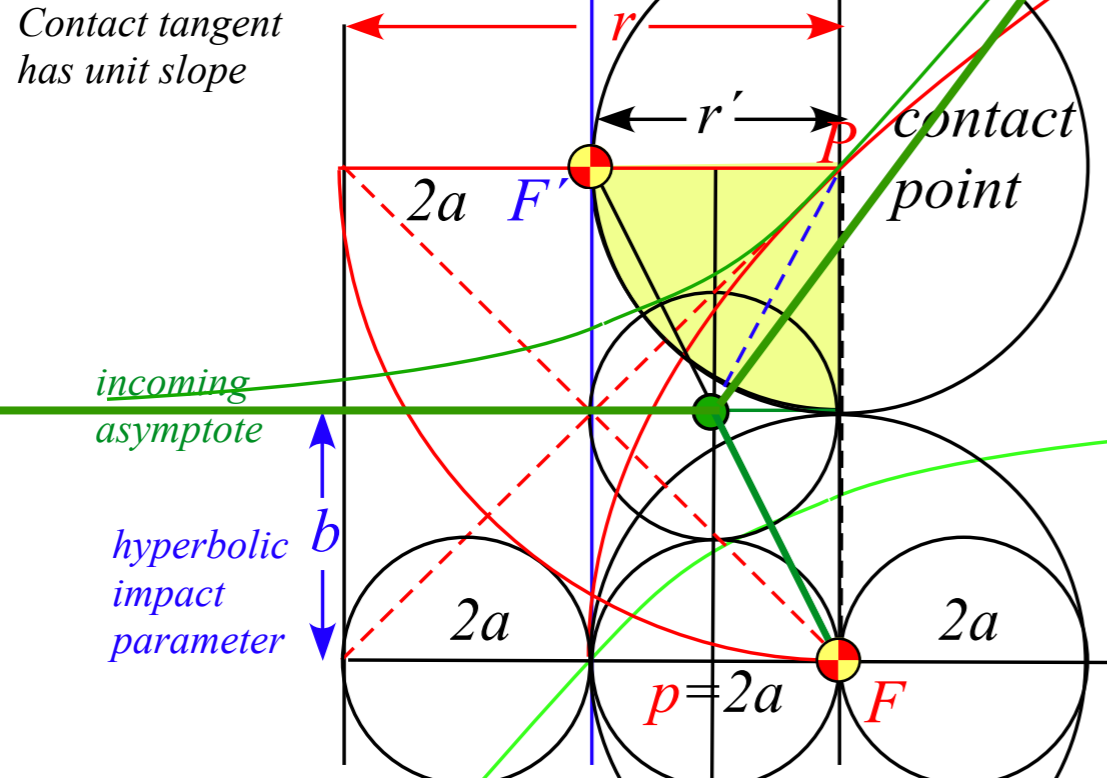
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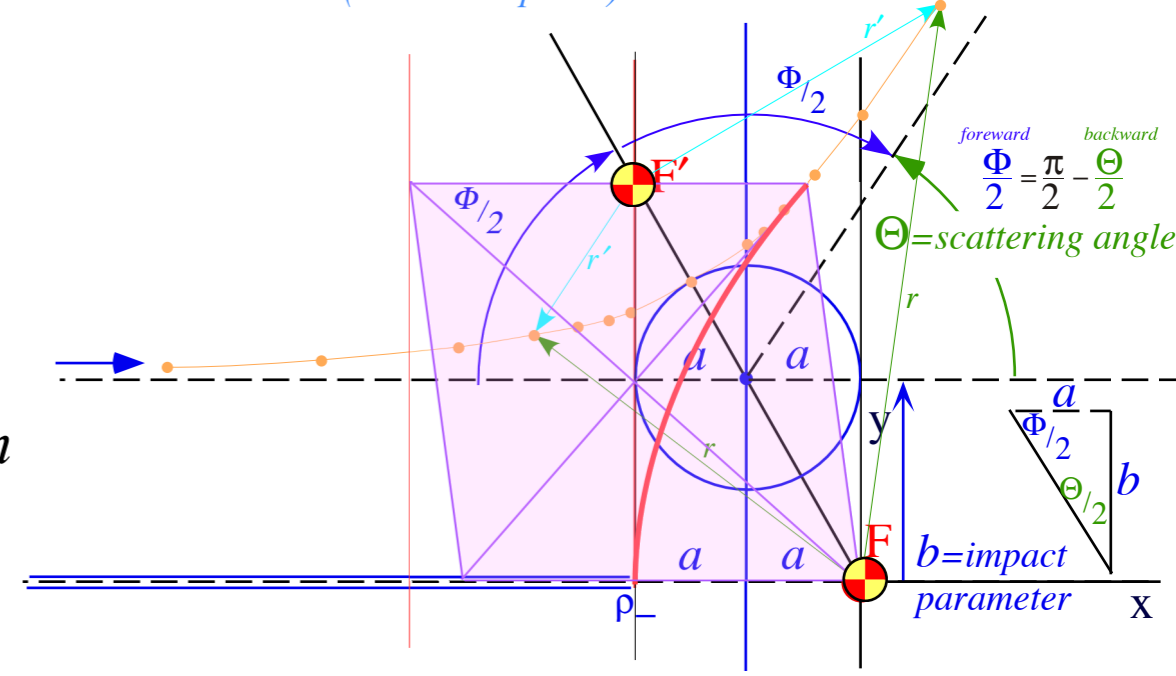


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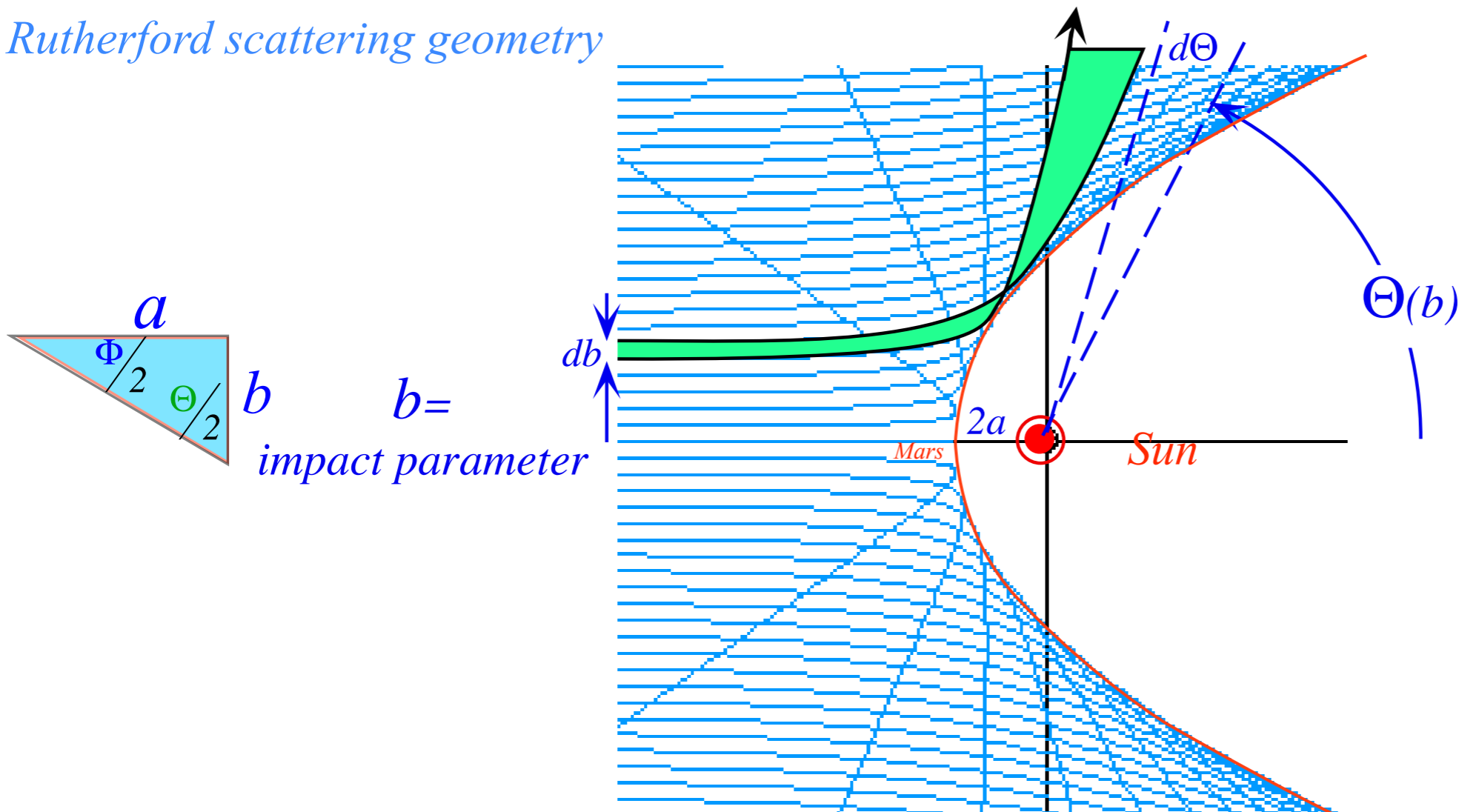
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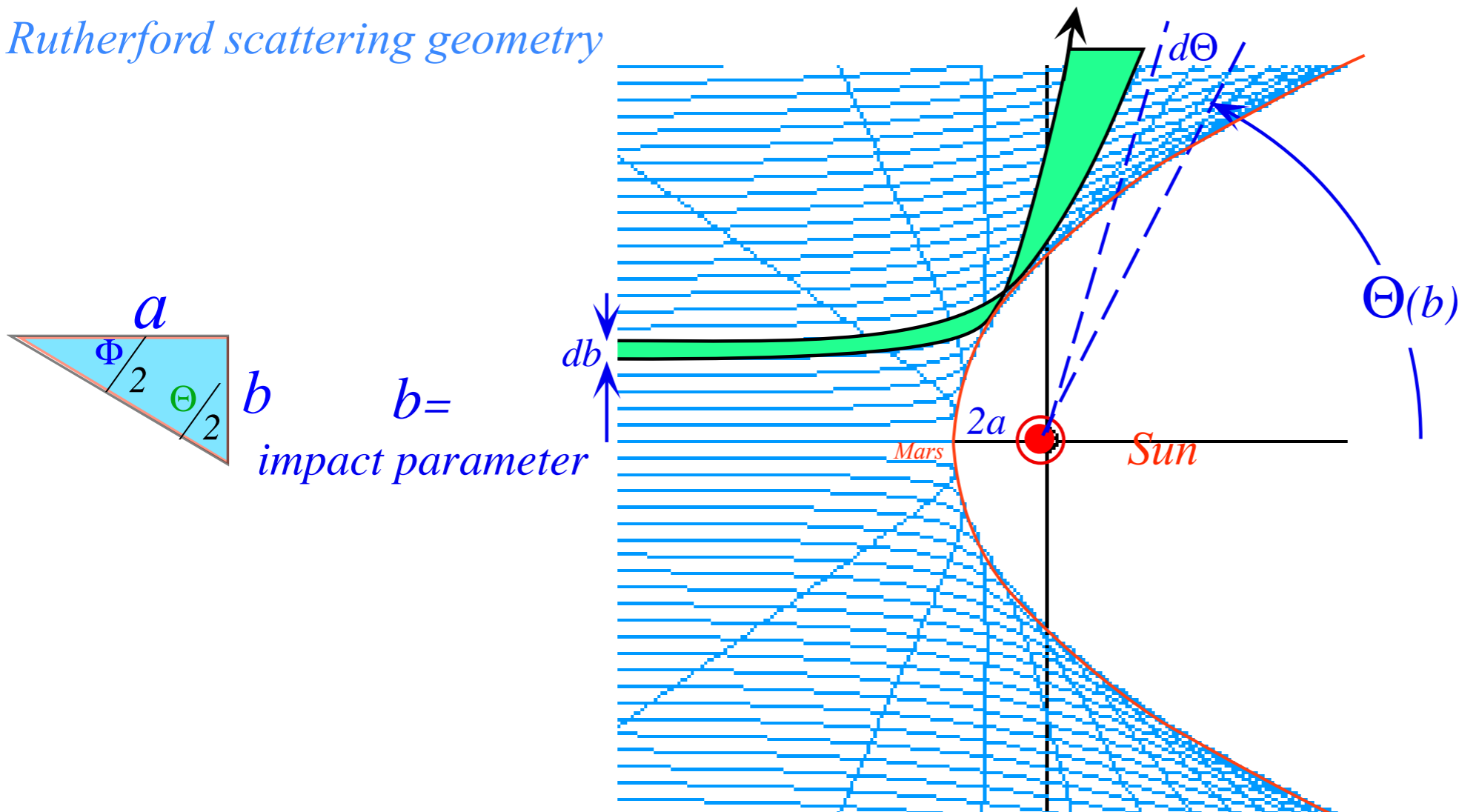


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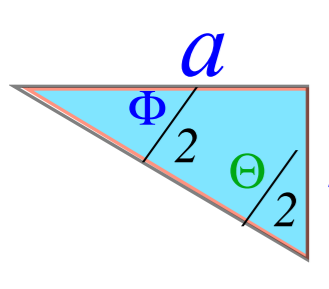
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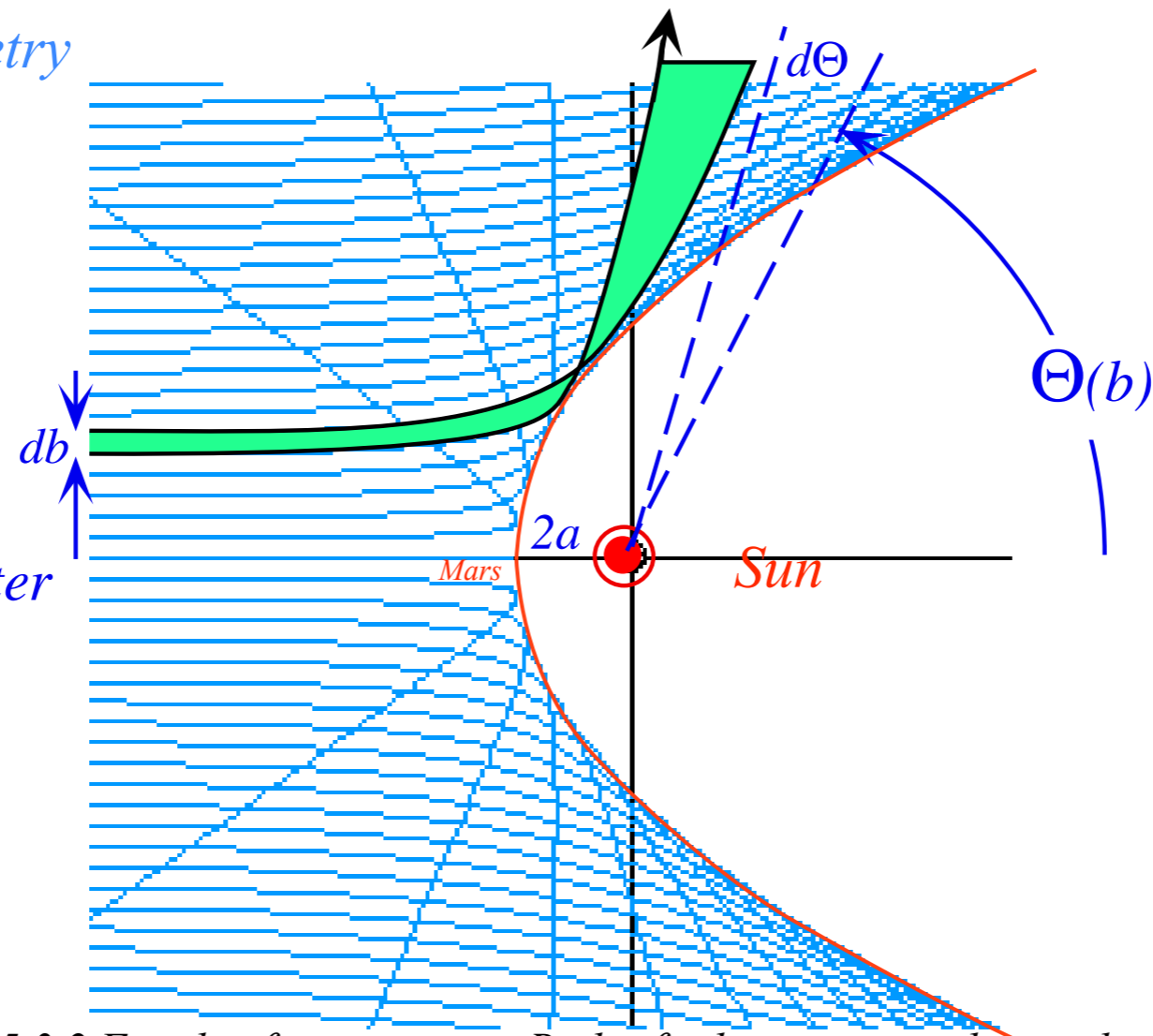
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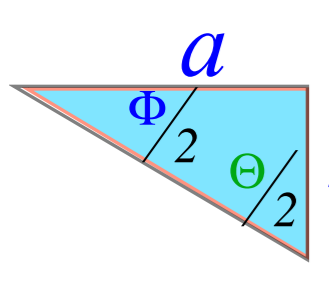
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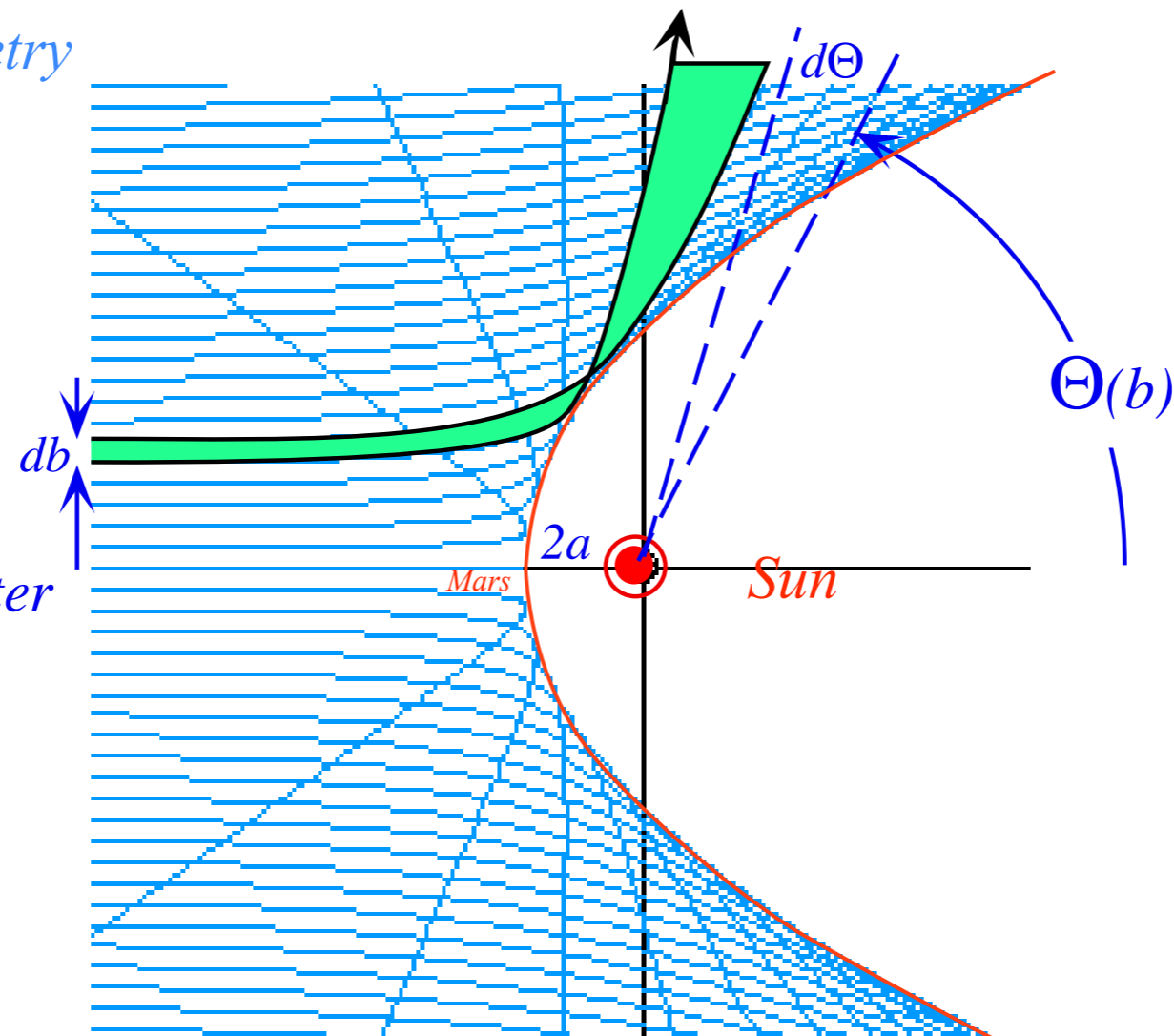
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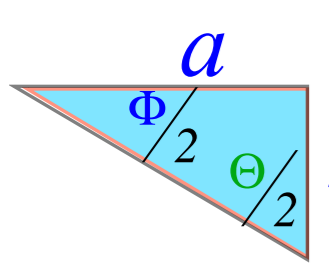
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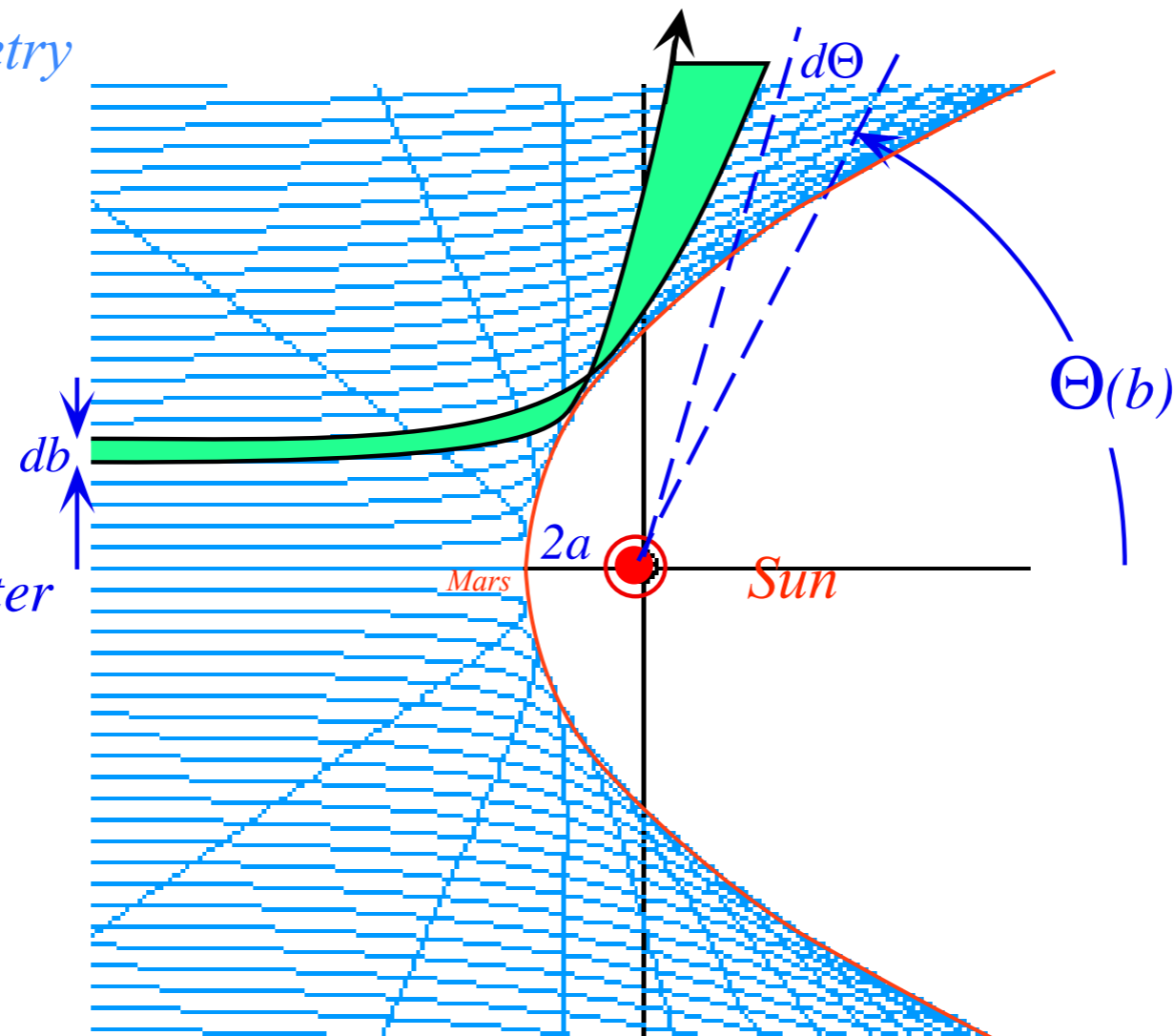
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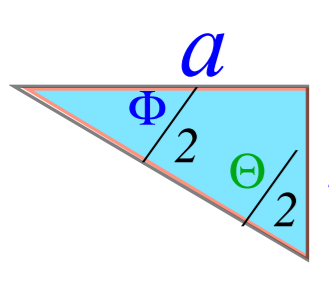
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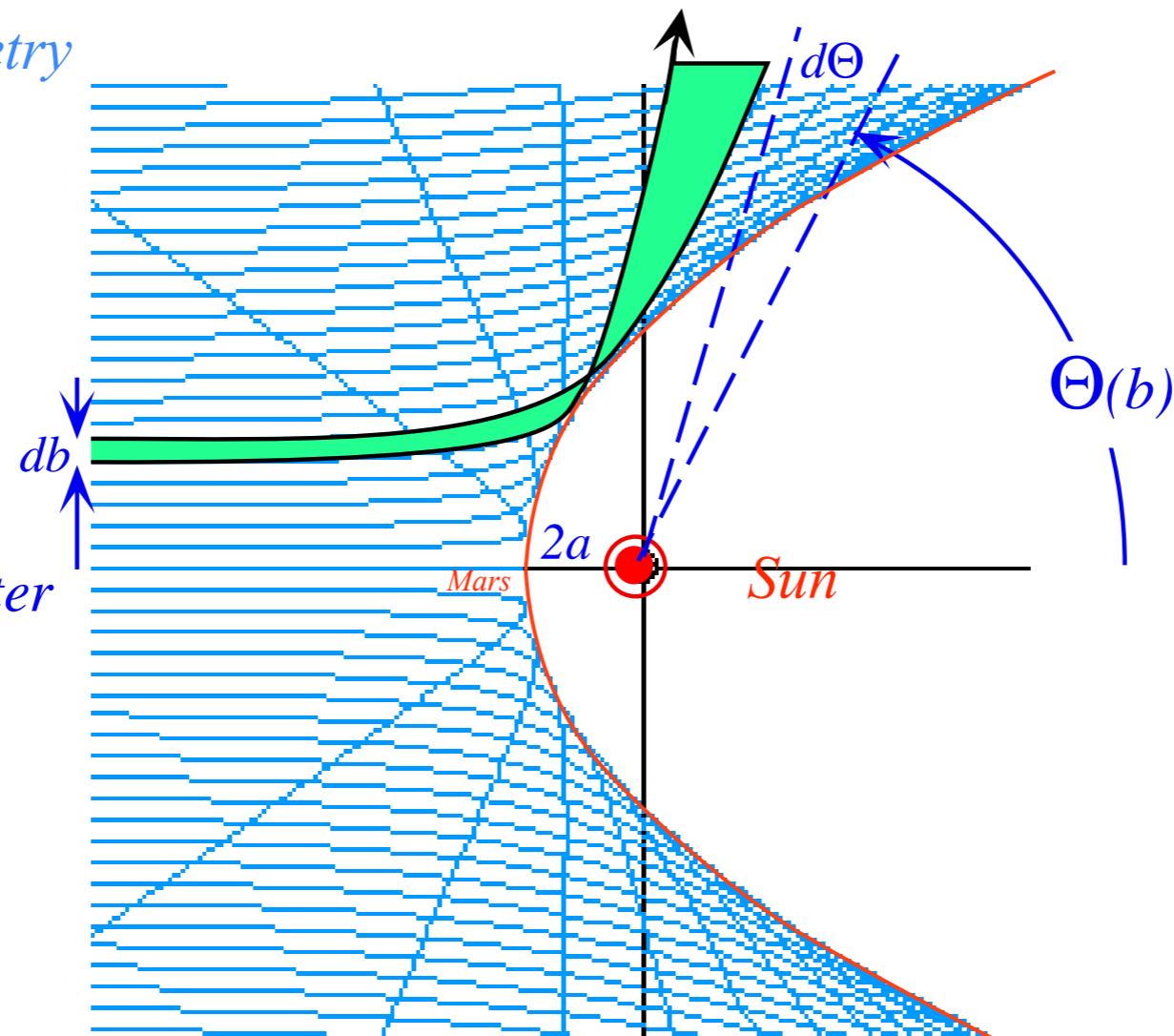
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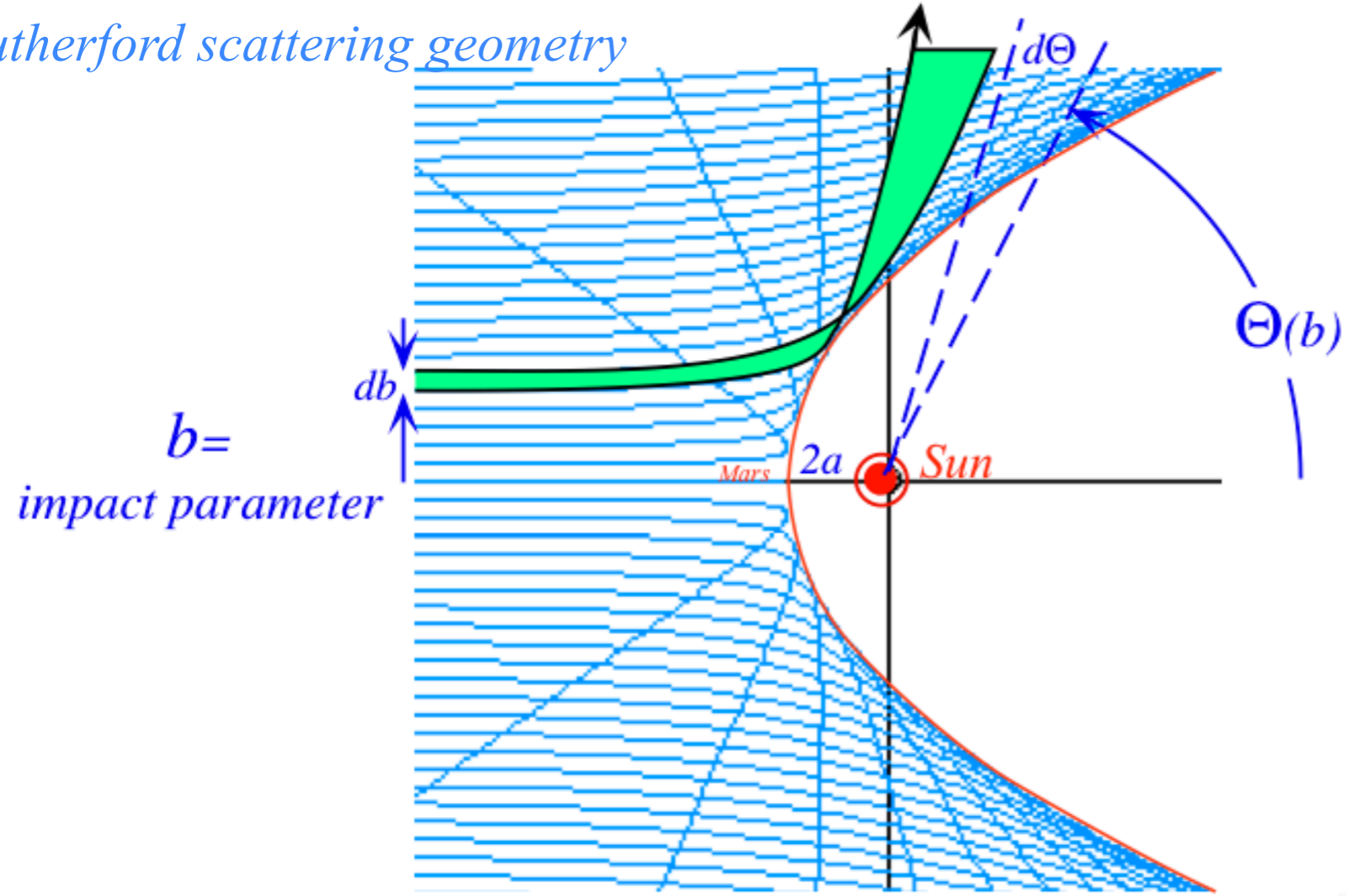
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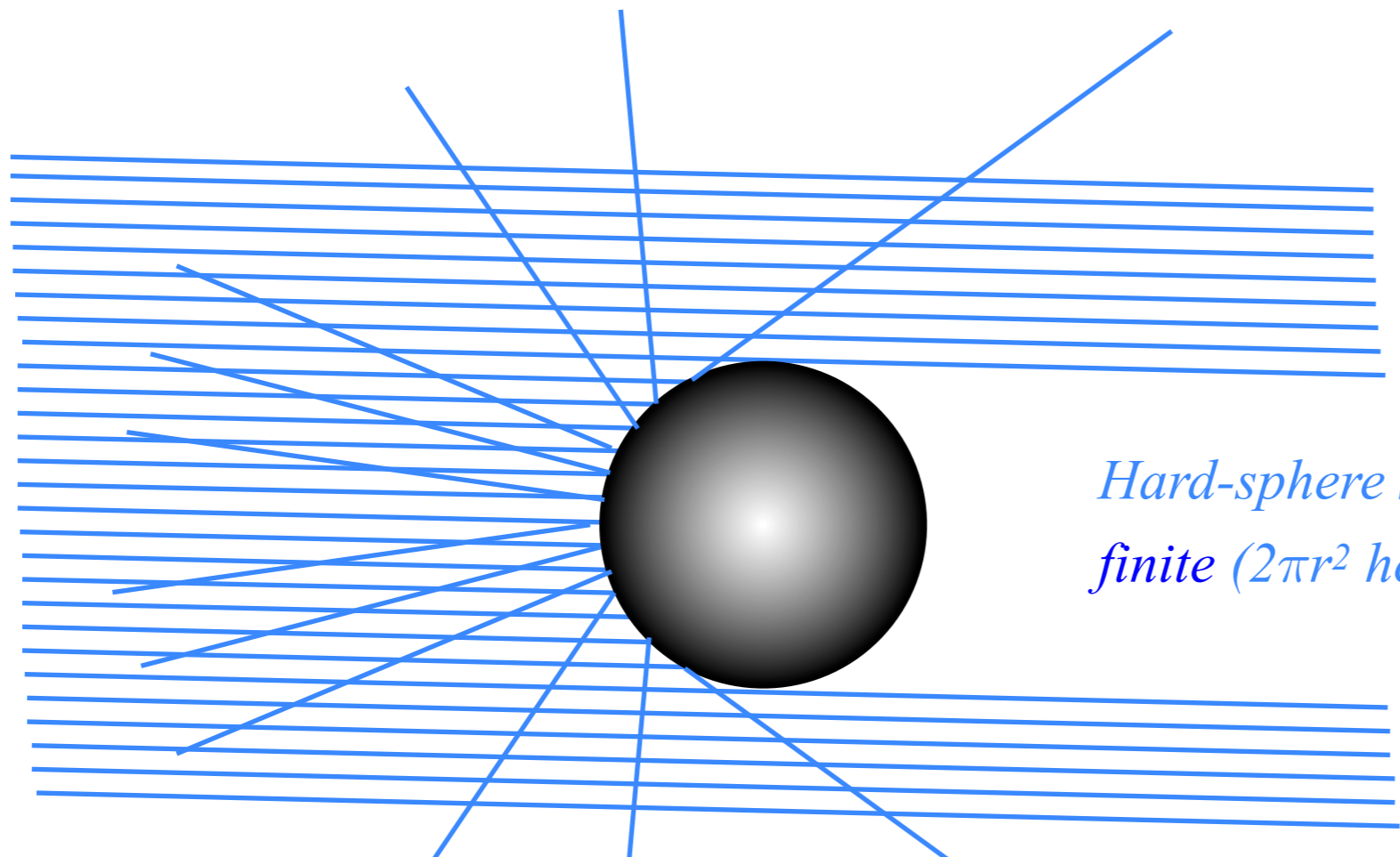
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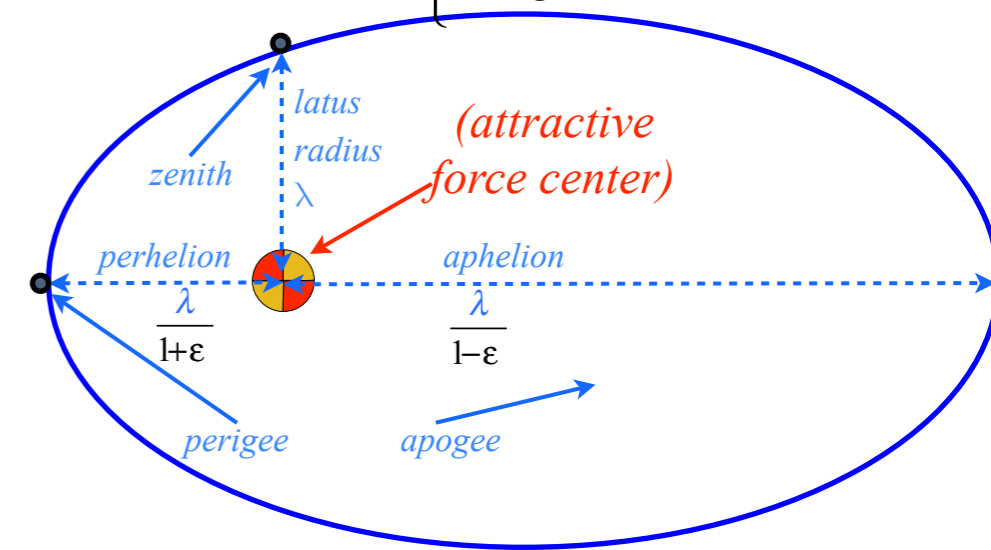
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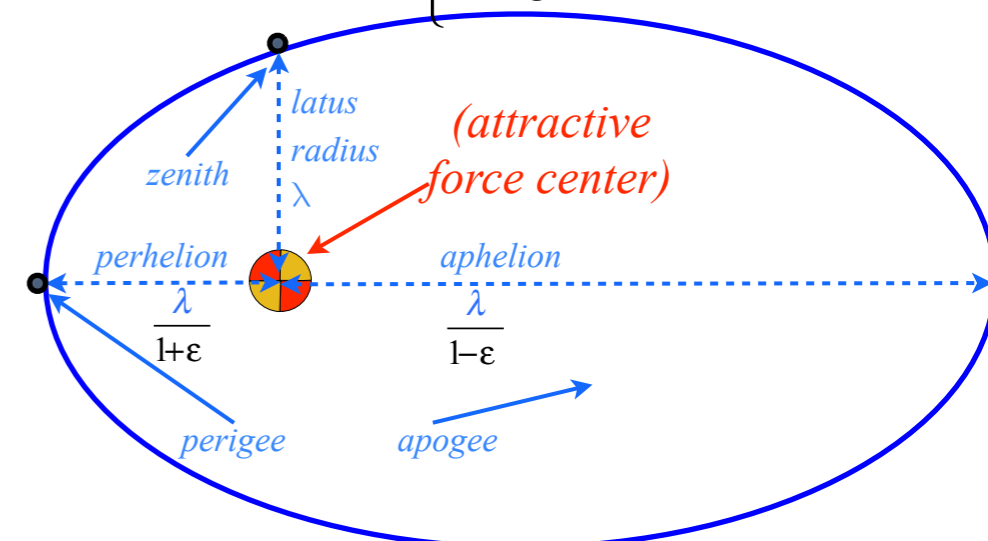
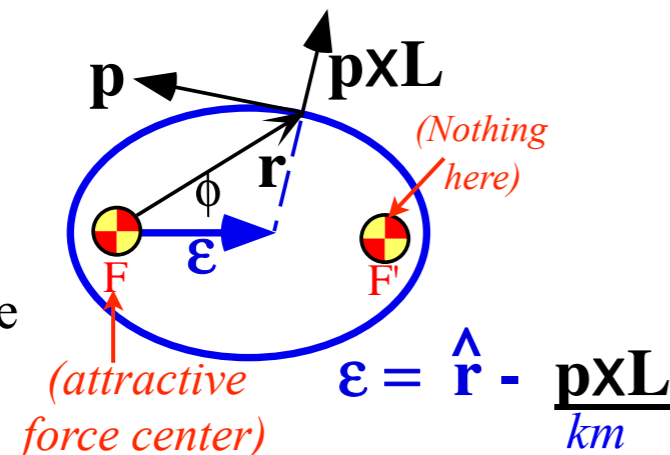
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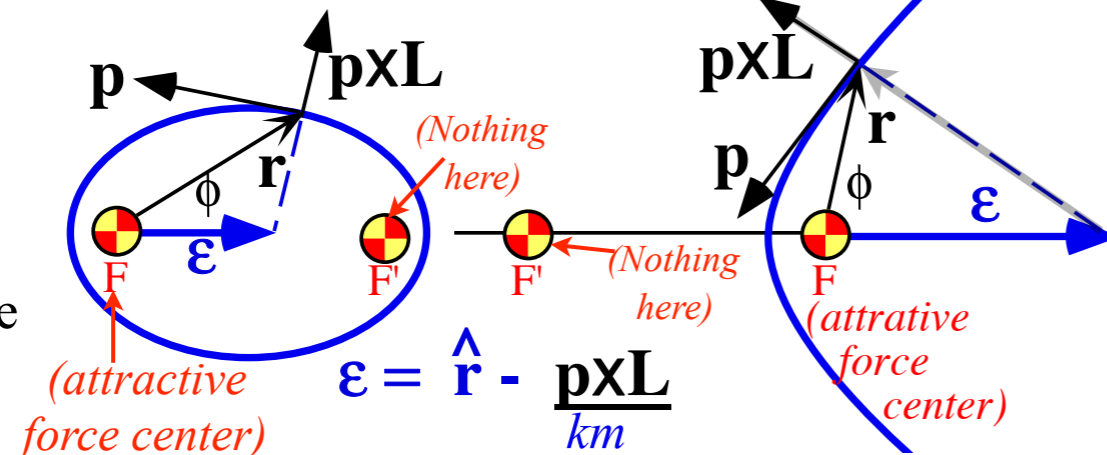
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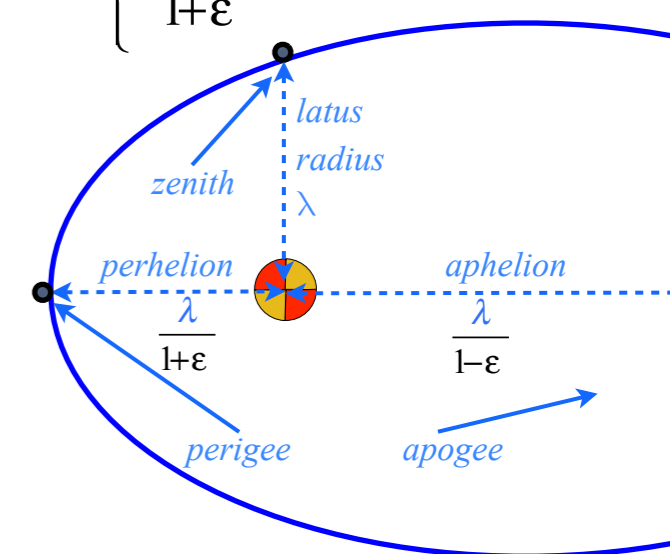
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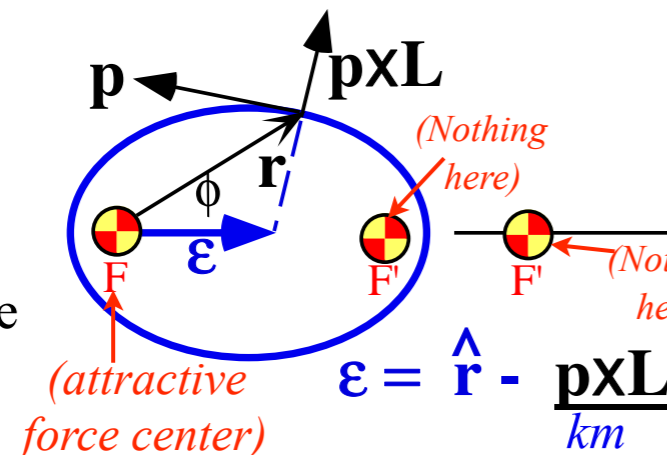
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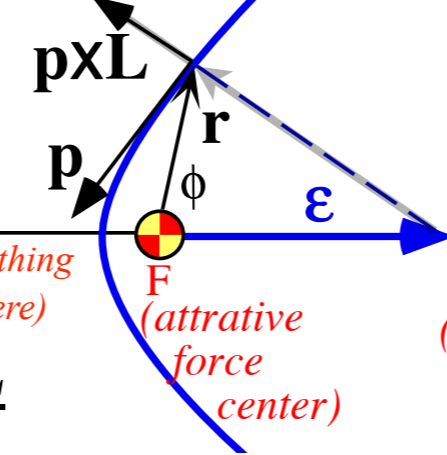
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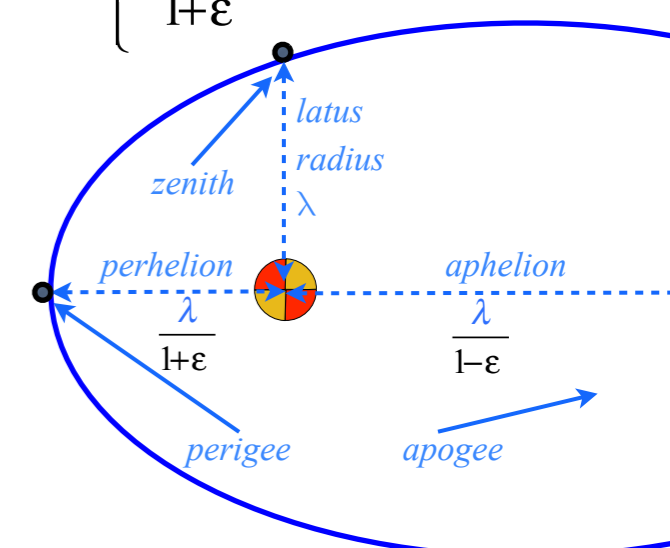
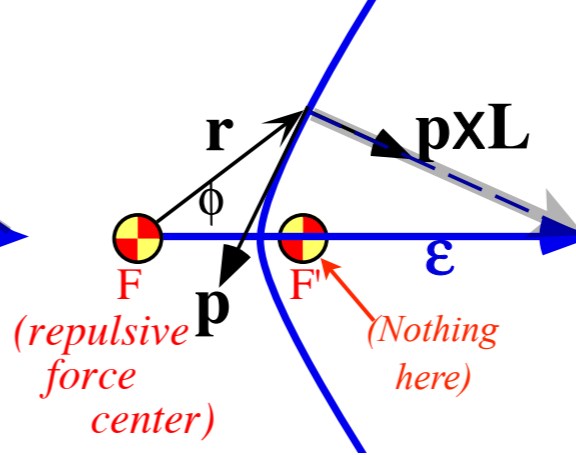
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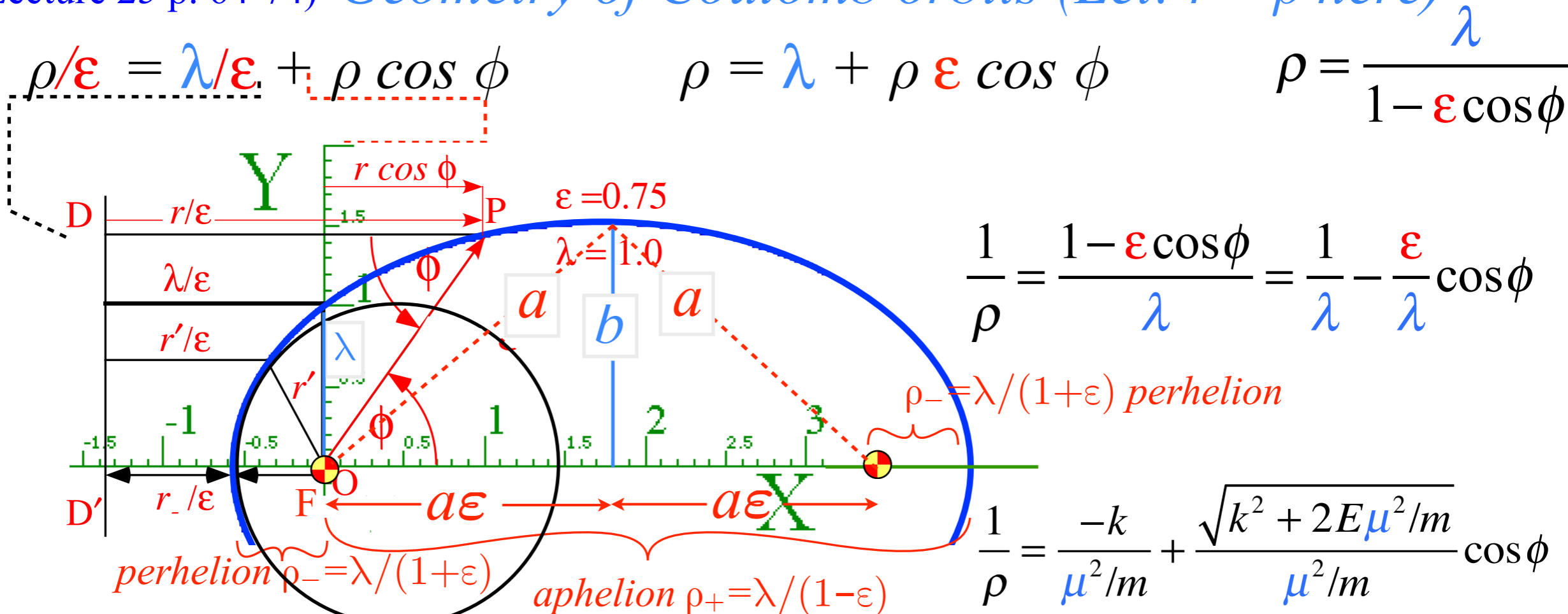
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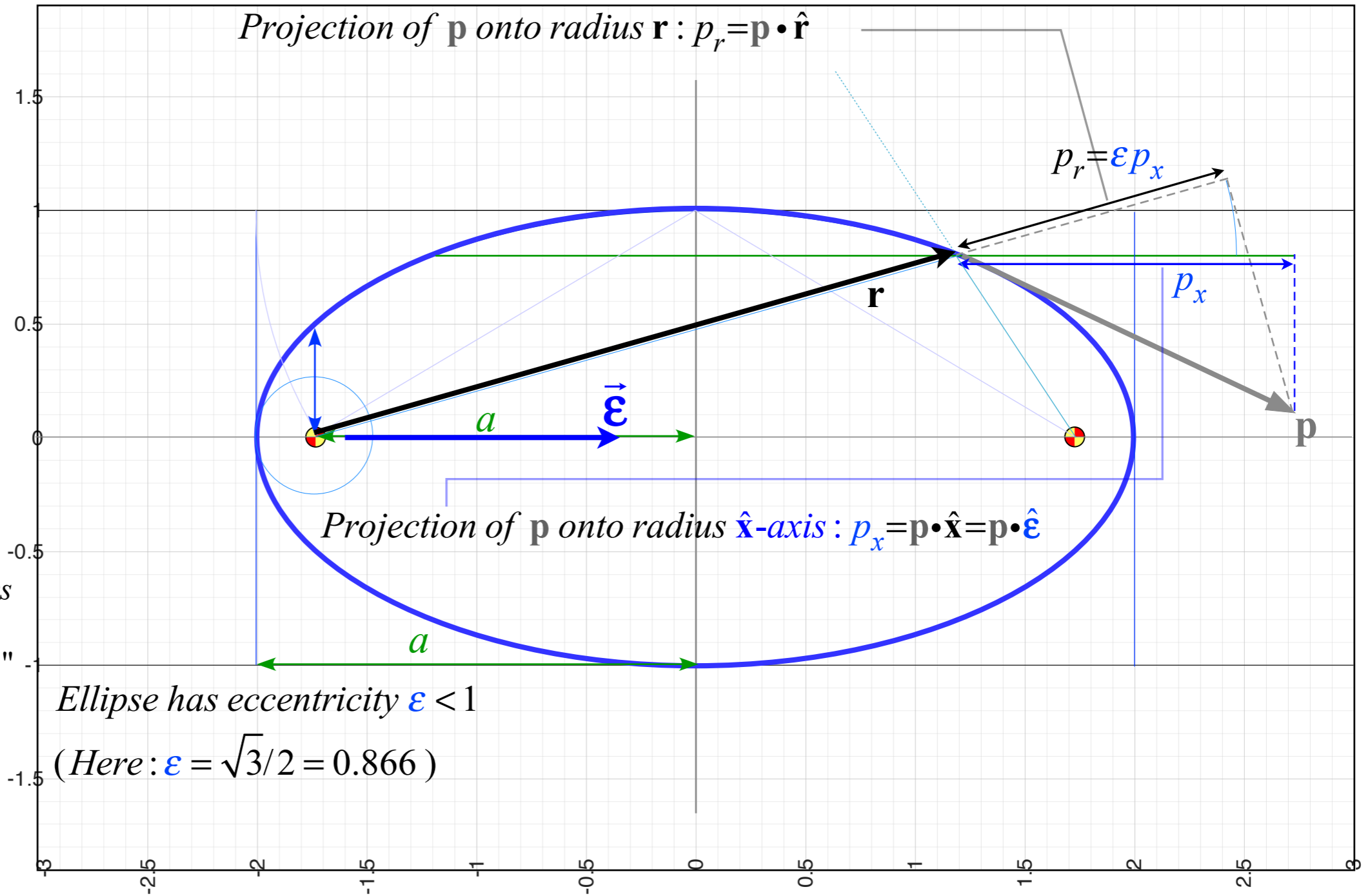
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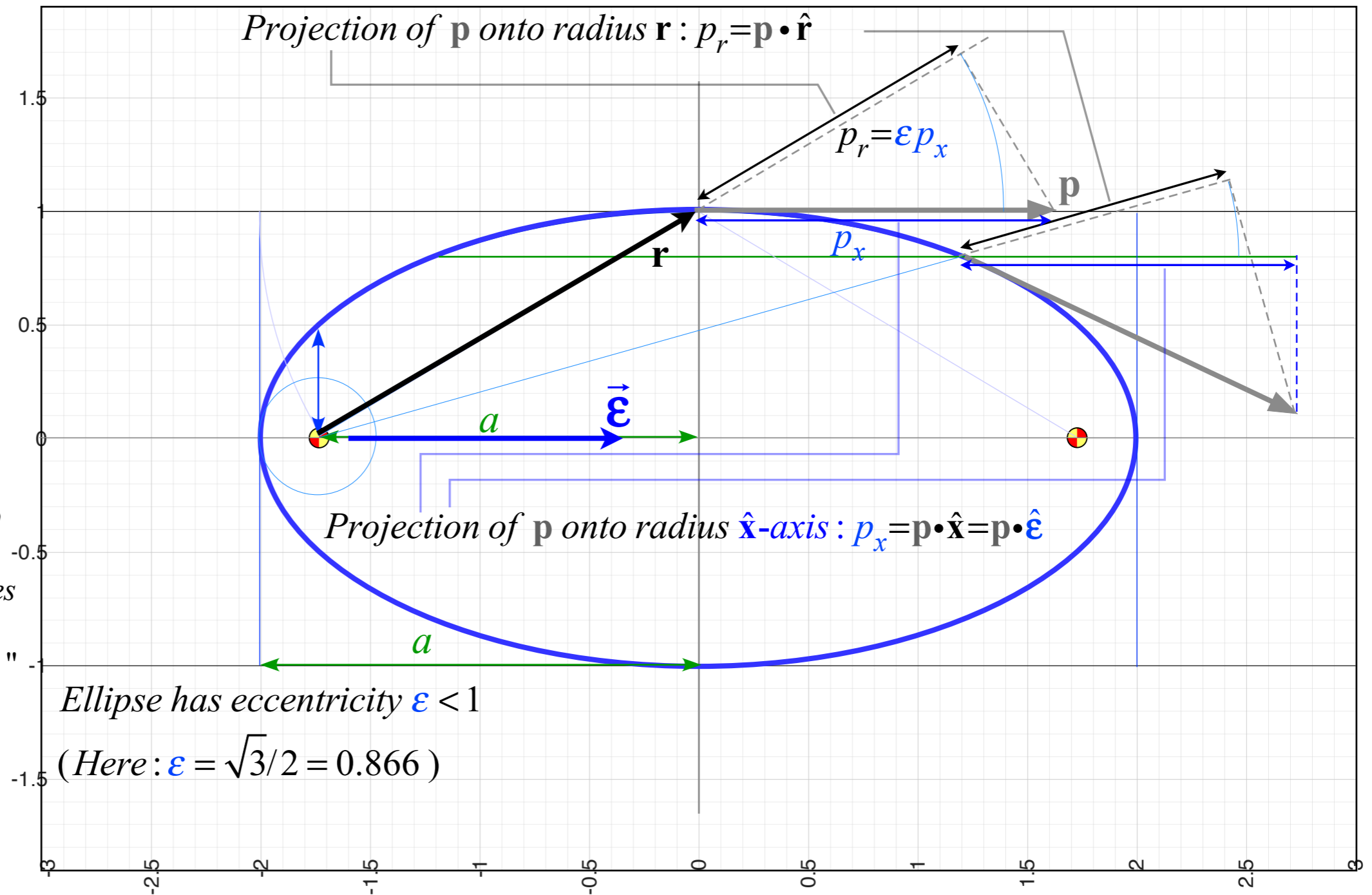


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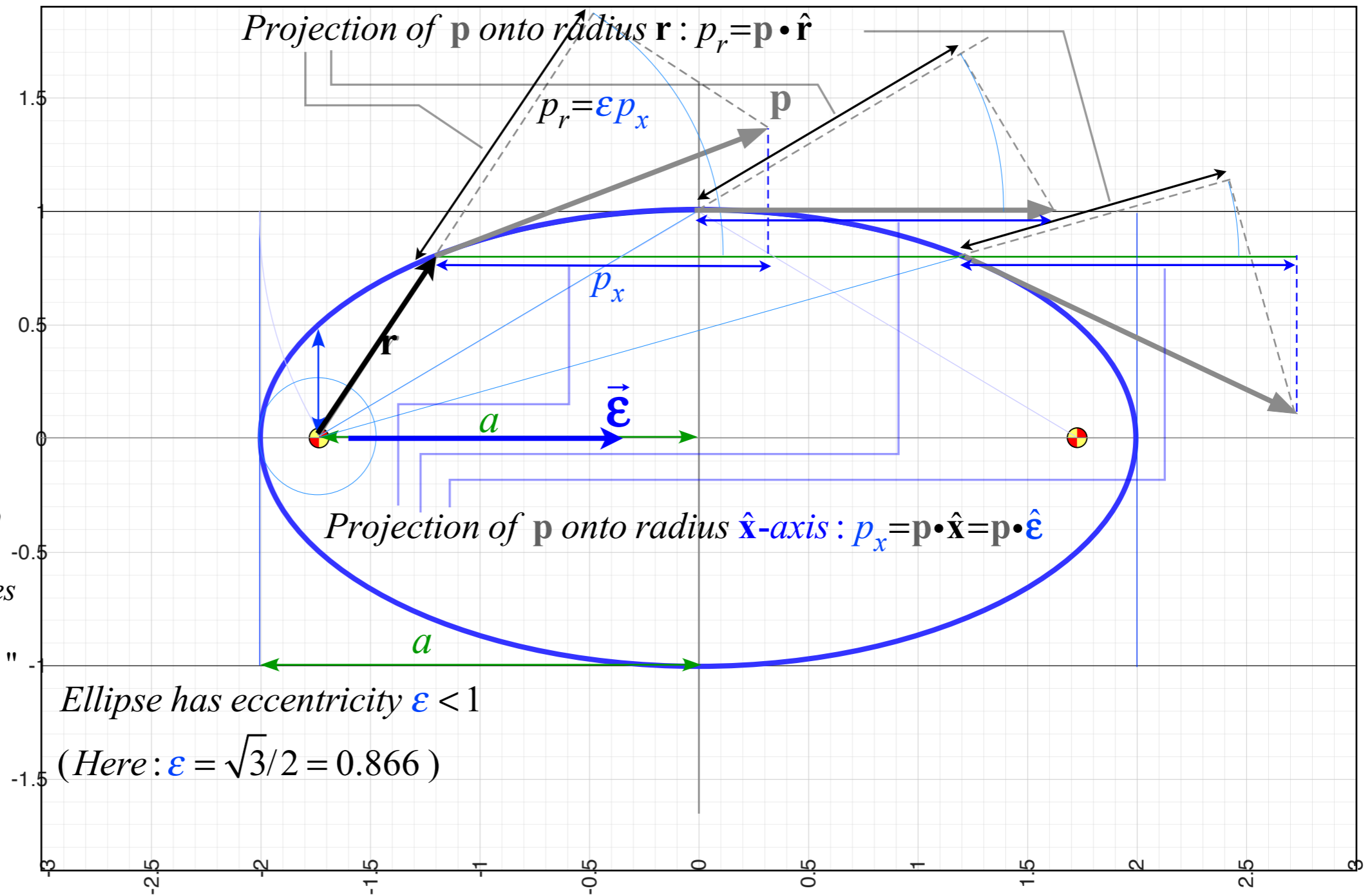
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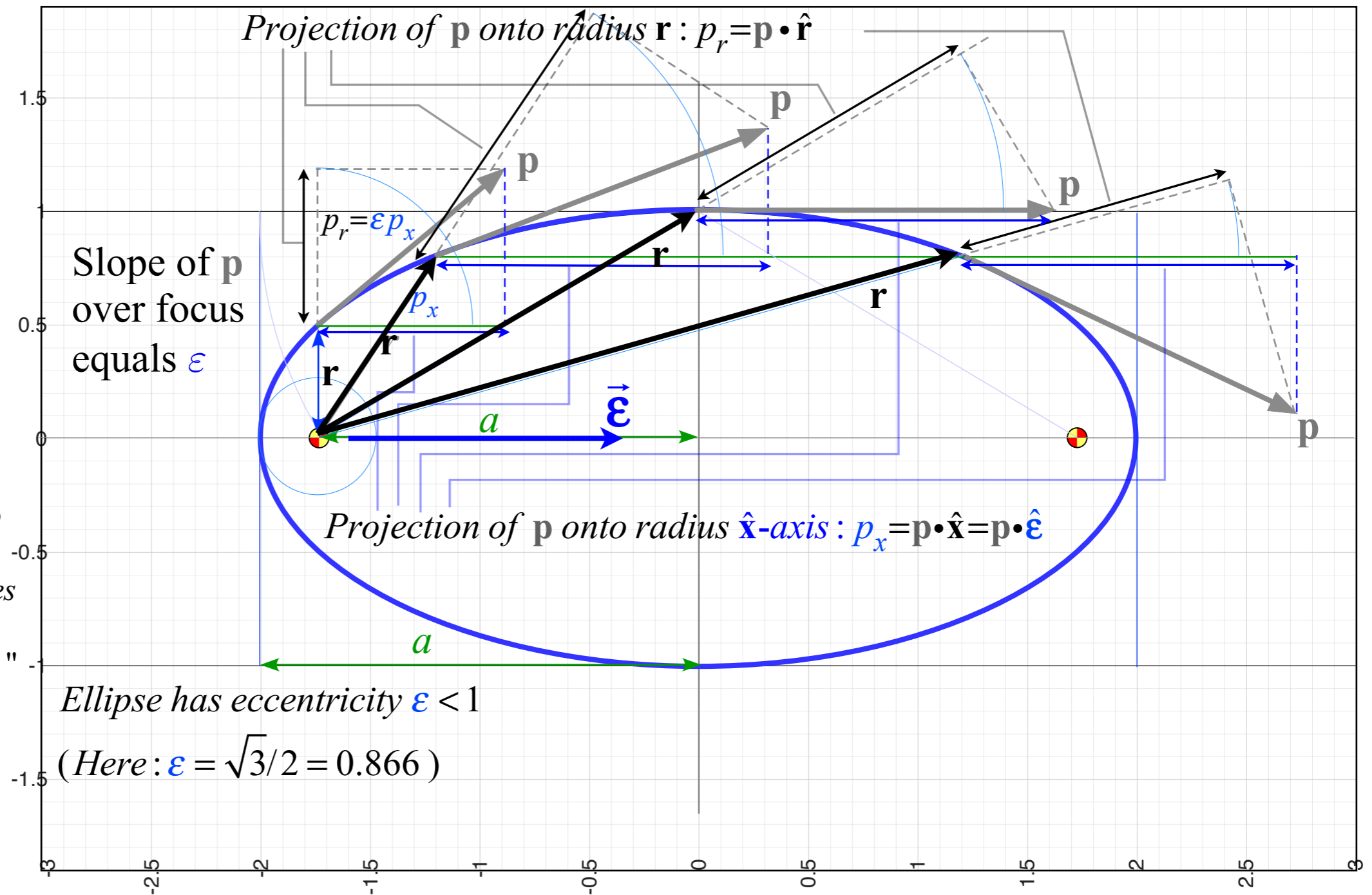
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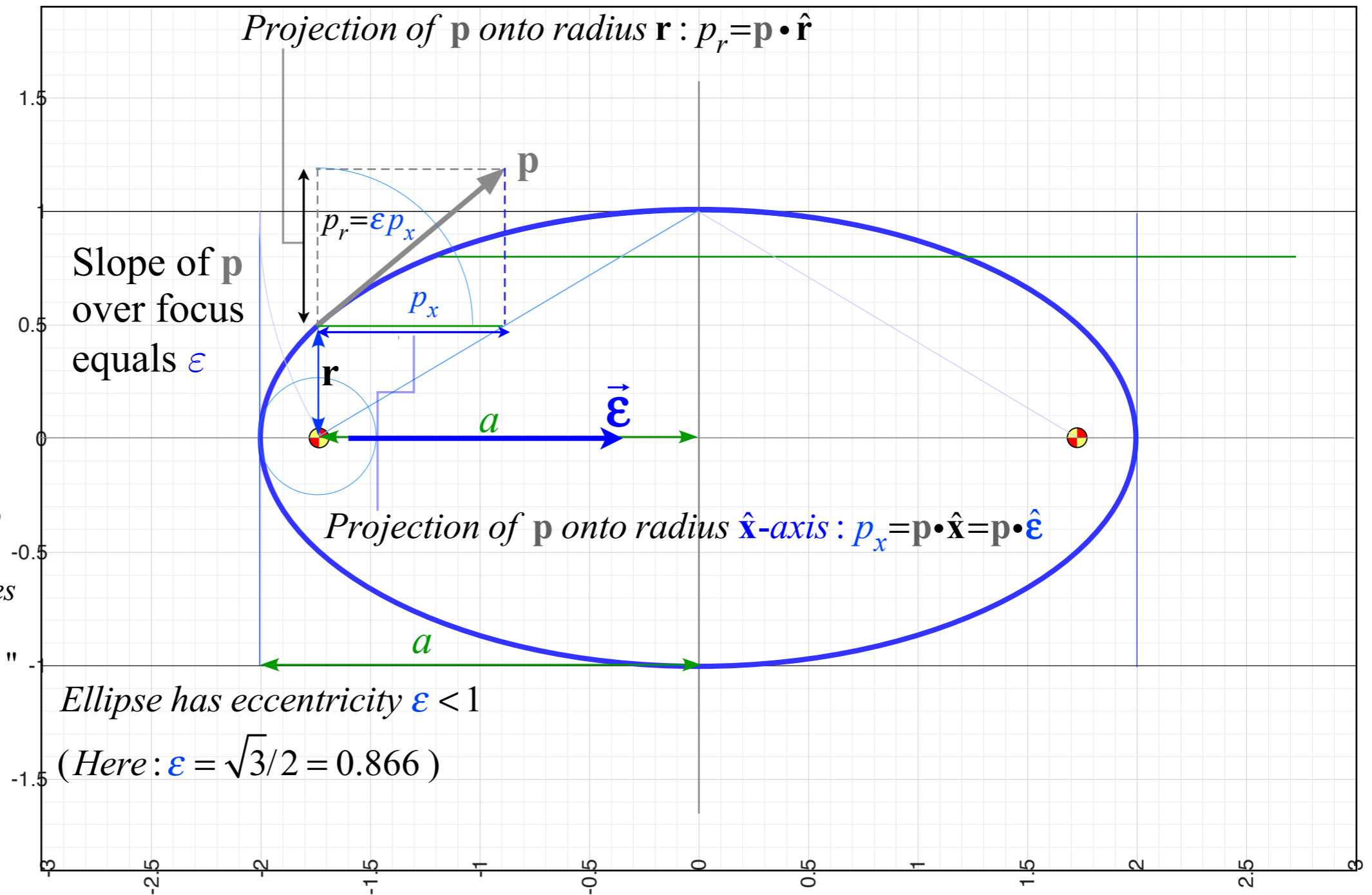
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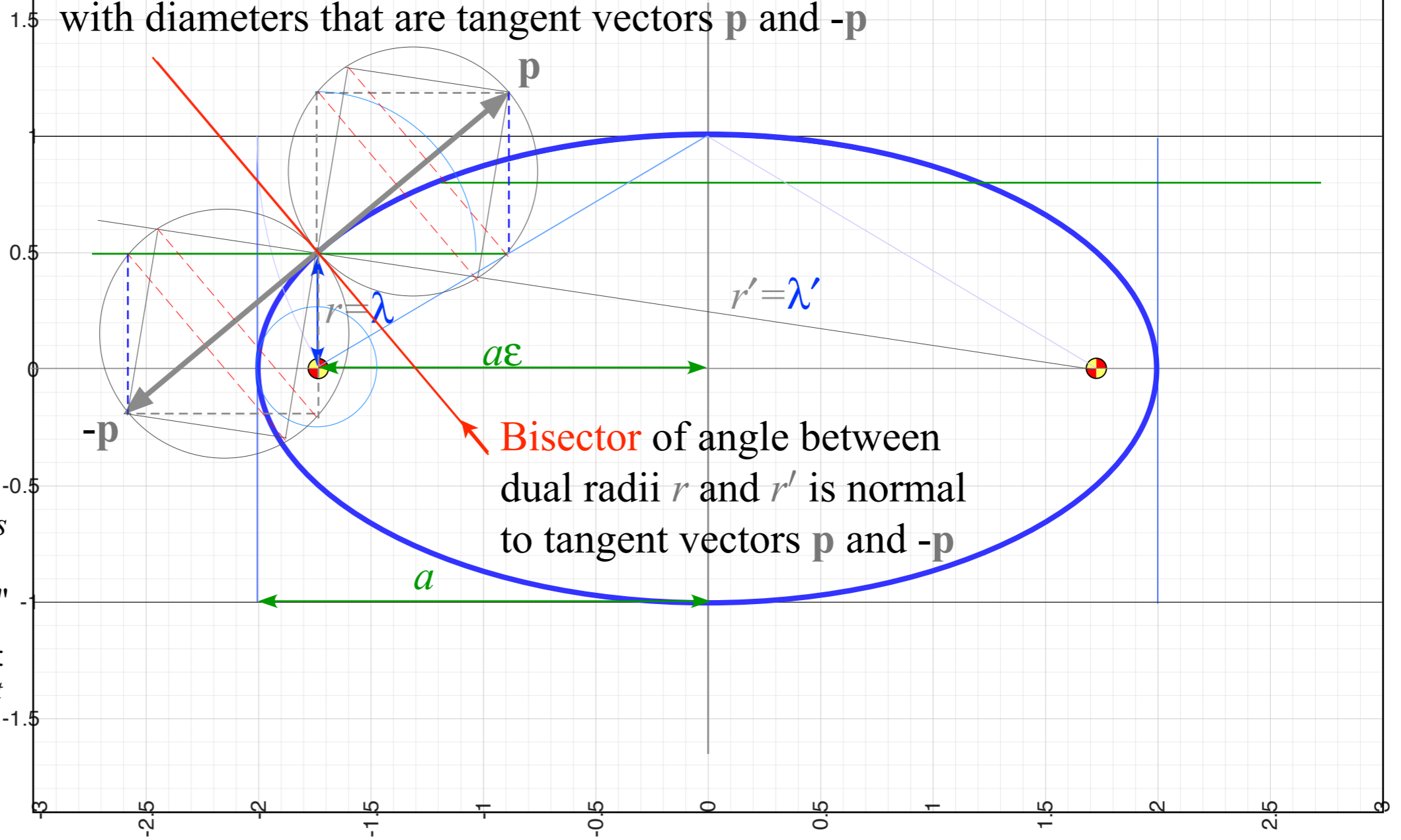
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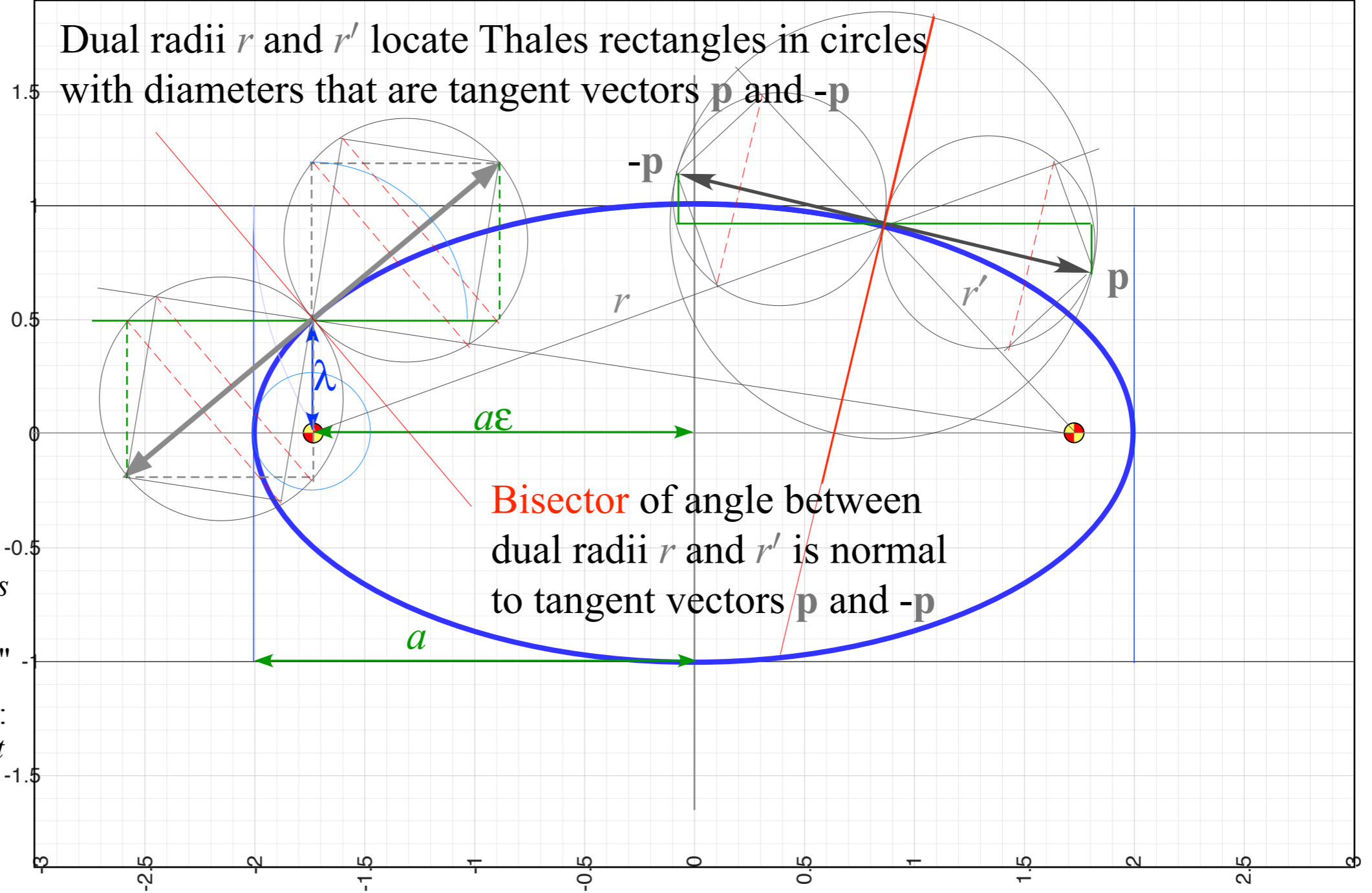
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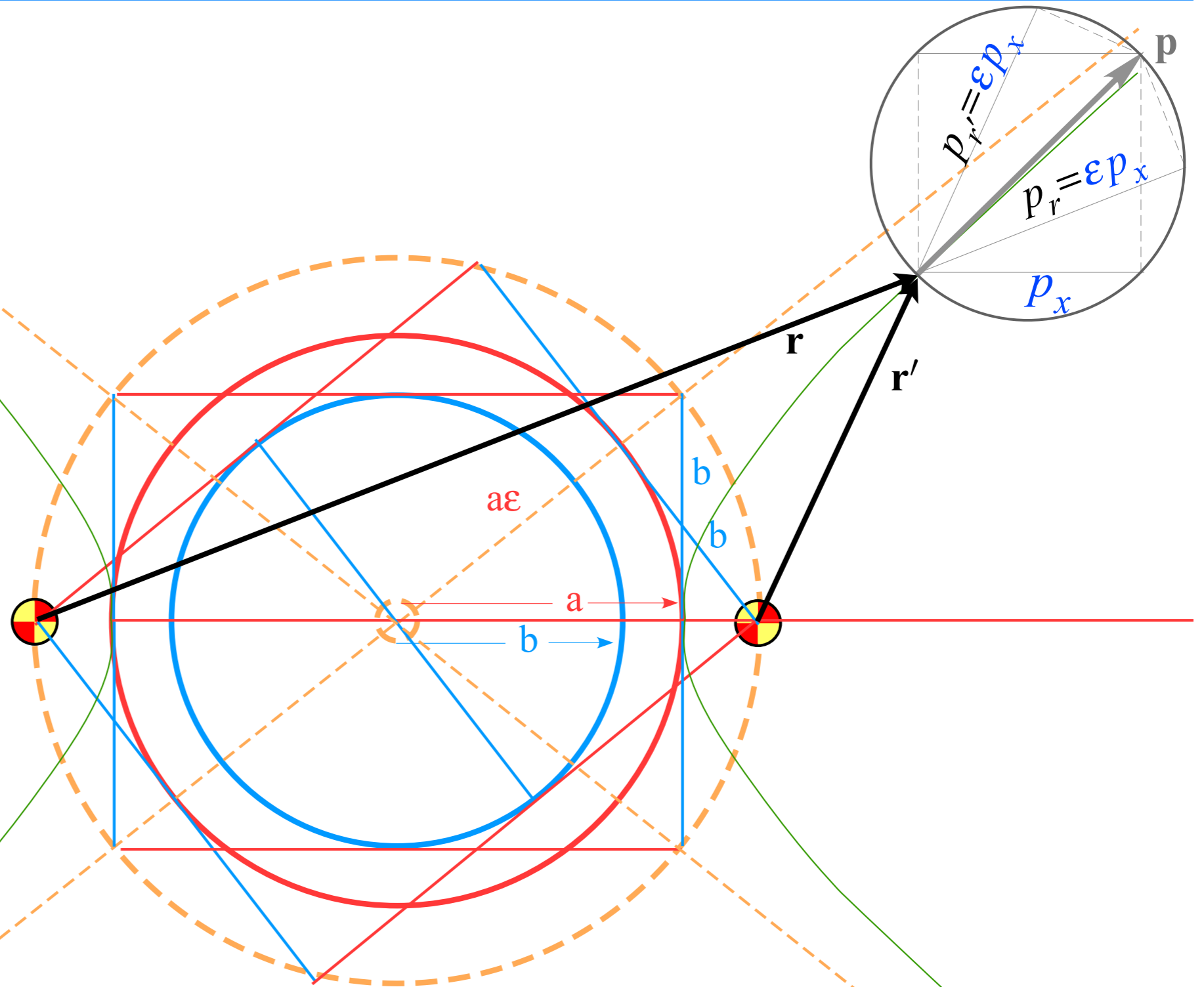
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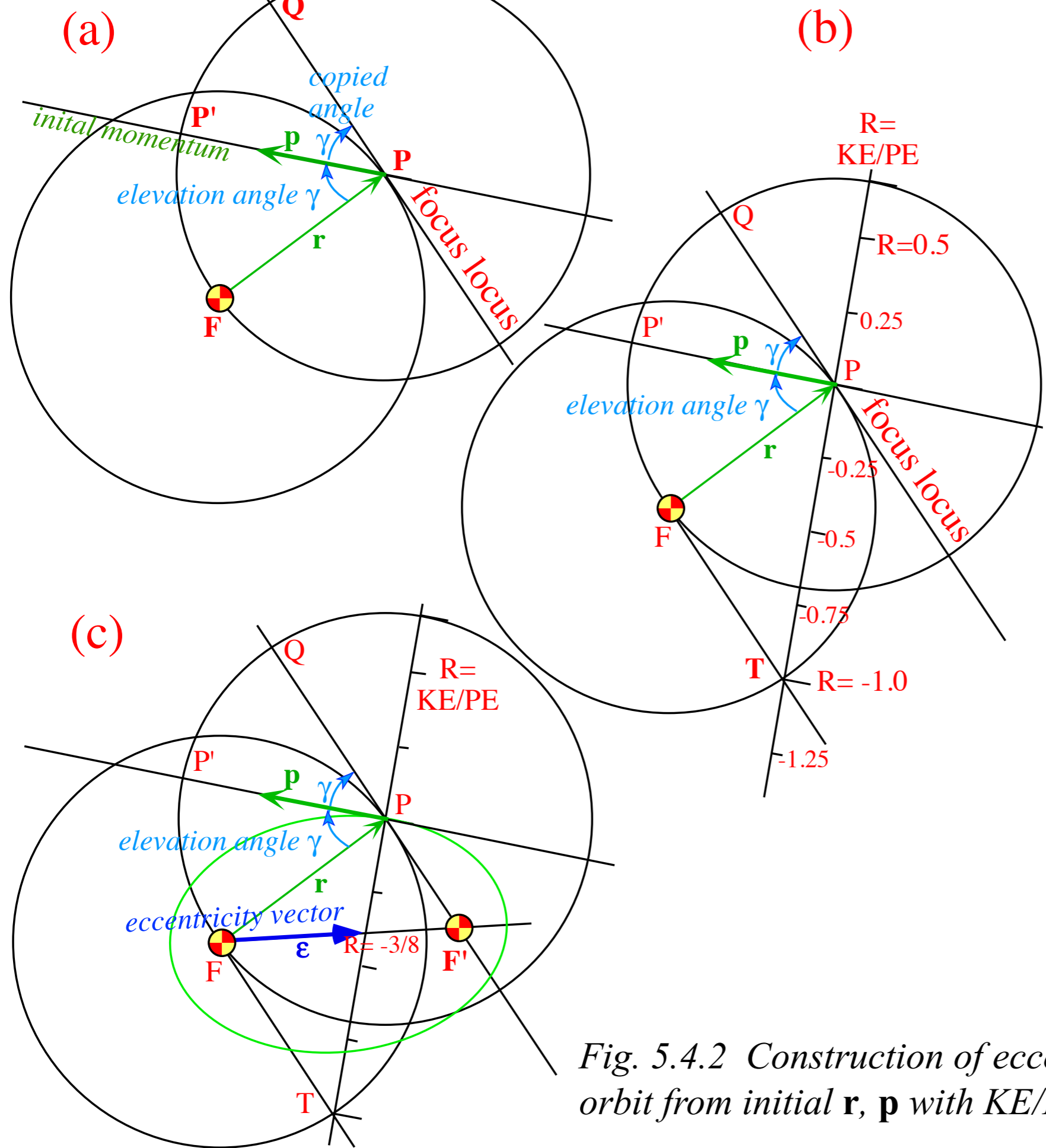


Fig. 5.4.2 Construction of eccentricity vector ϵ and orbit from initial \mathbf{r} , \mathbf{p} with $KE/PE = -3/8$.

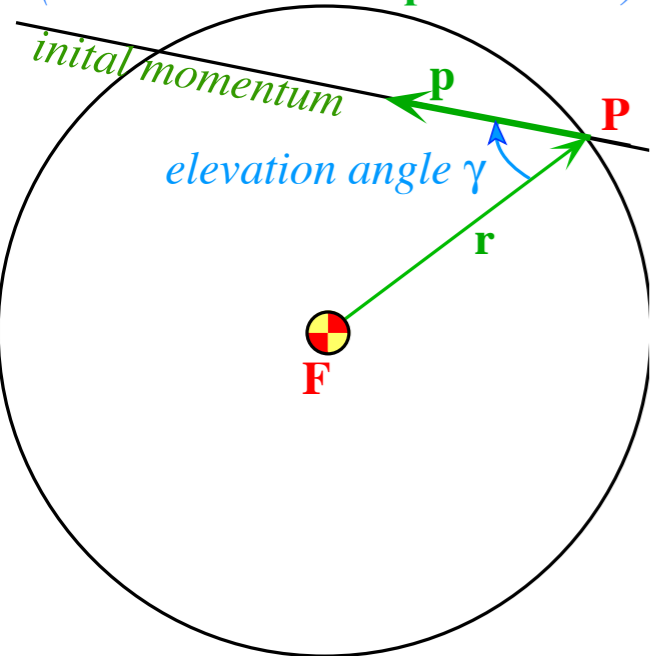
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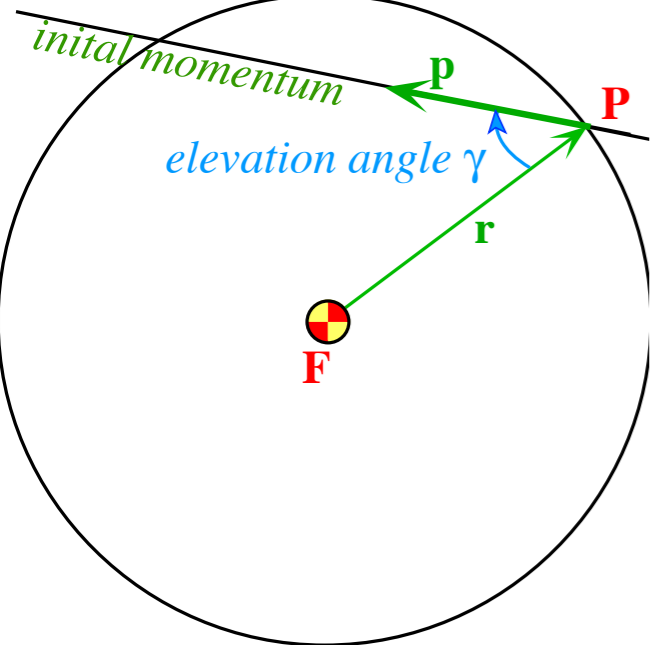
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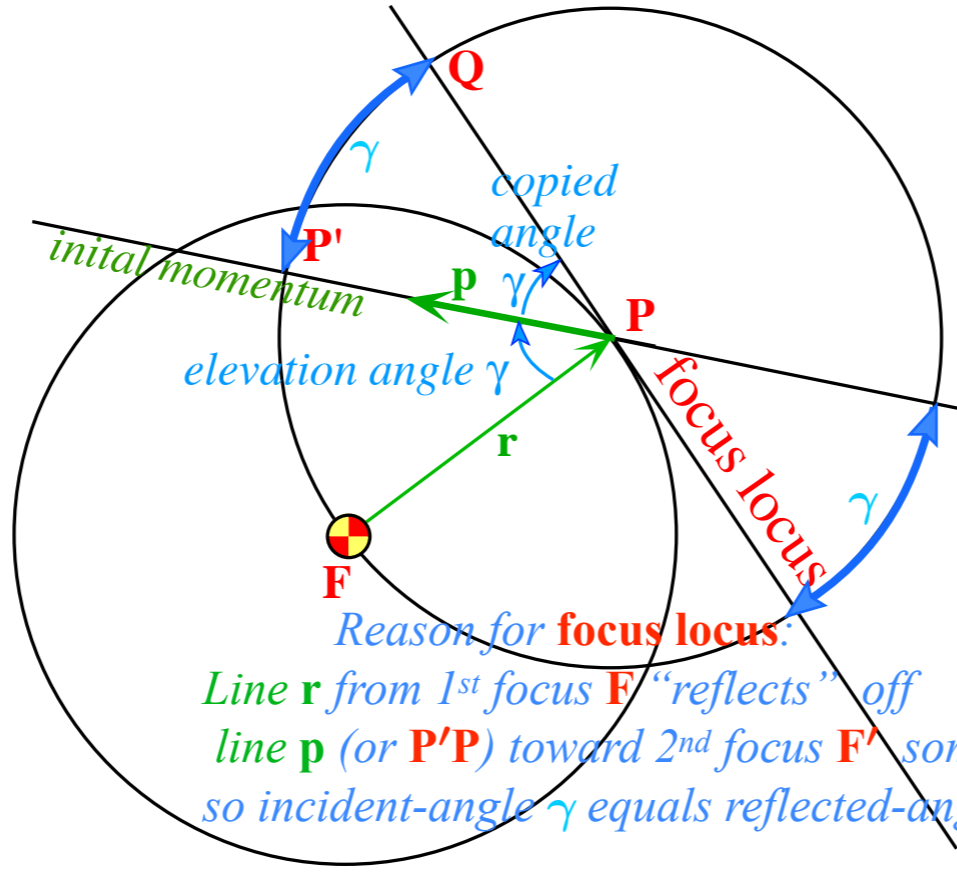


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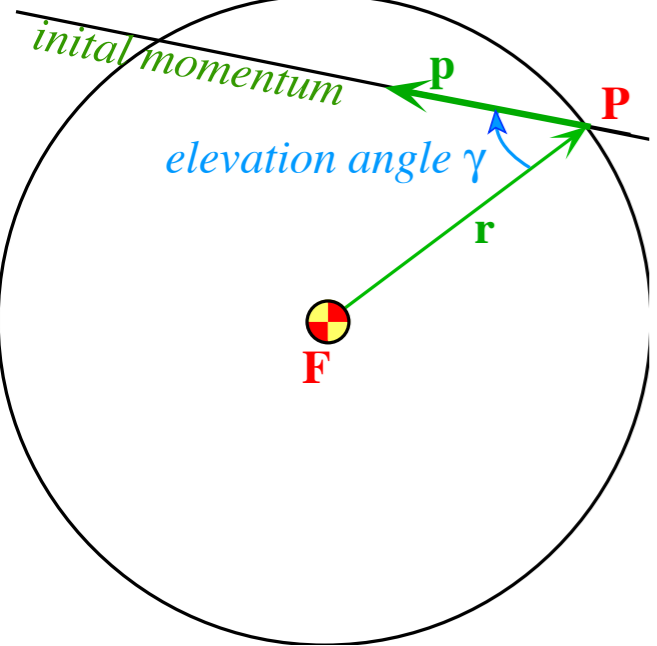
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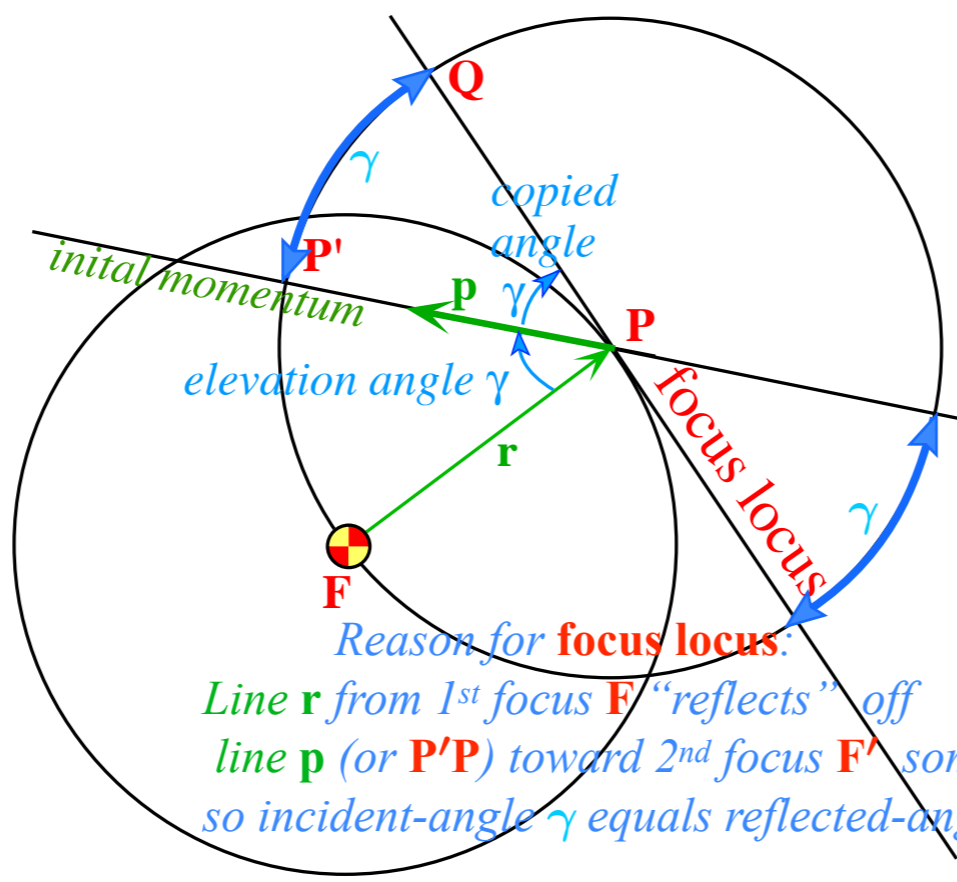
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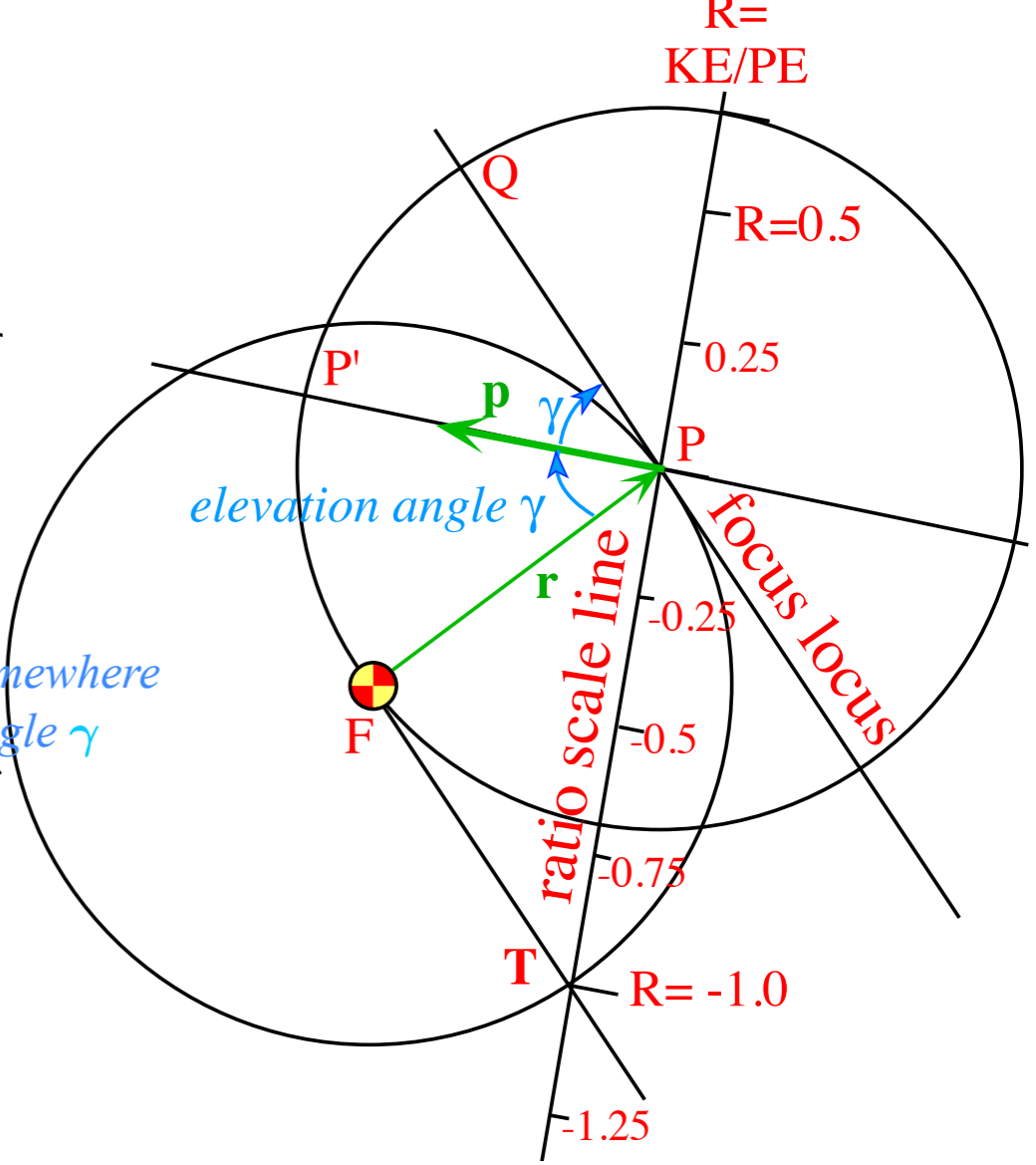


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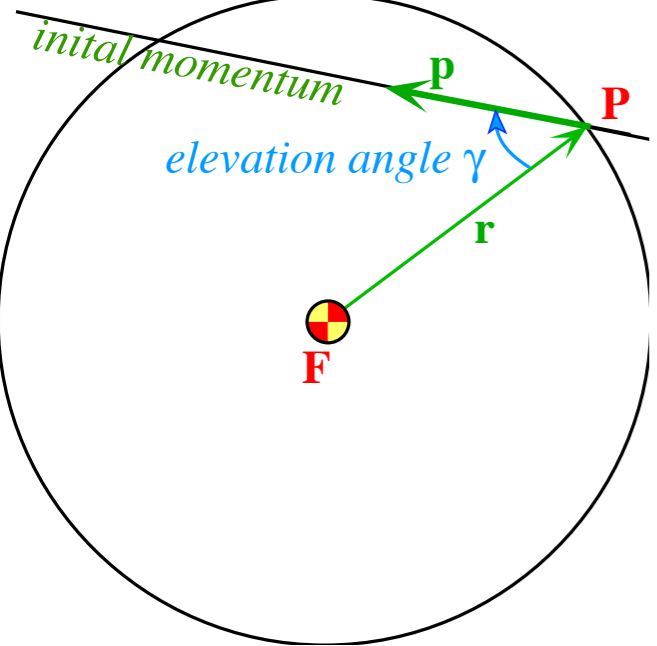
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 Mark **R-line** fractions $R=0, +1/4, +1/2, \dots$ above **P** and
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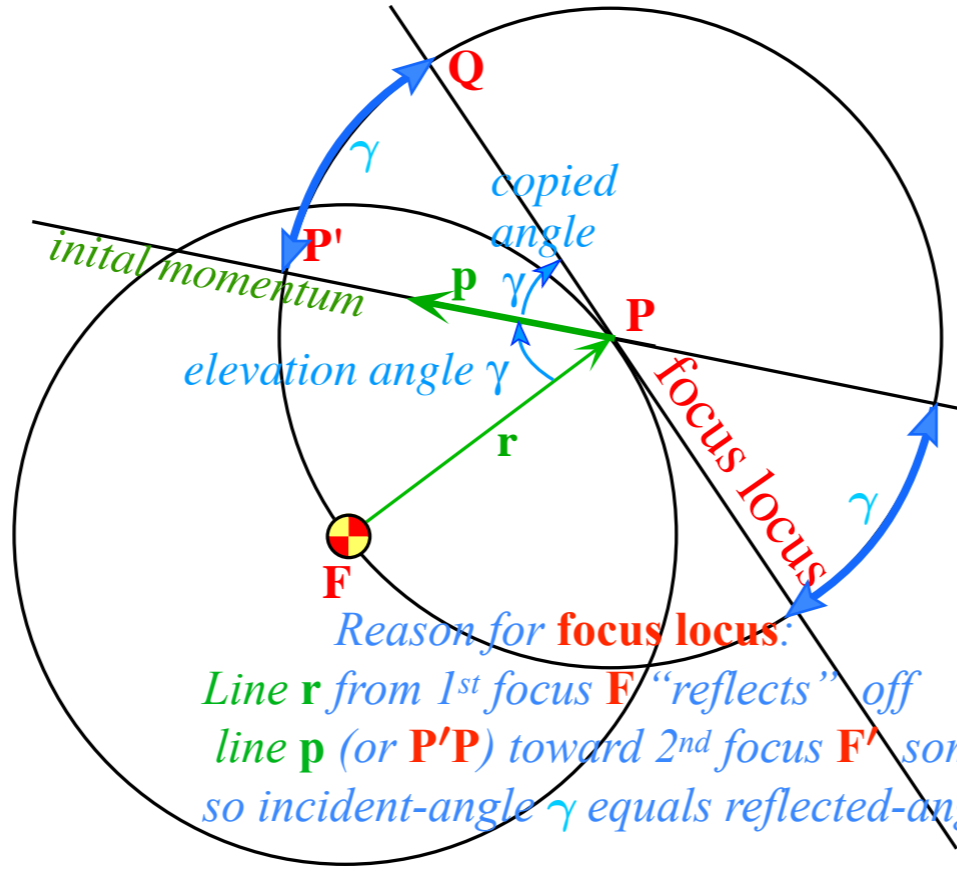
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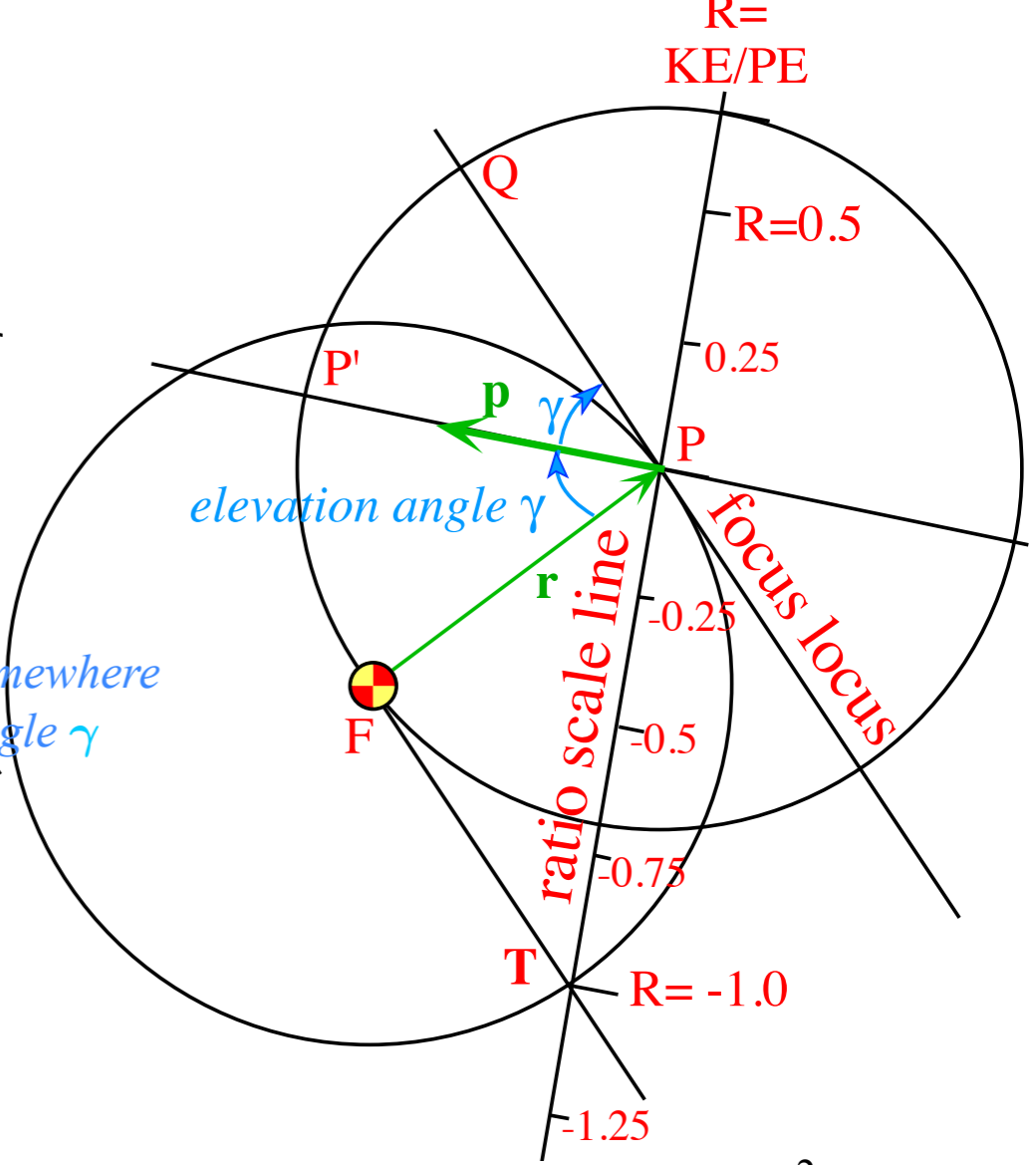
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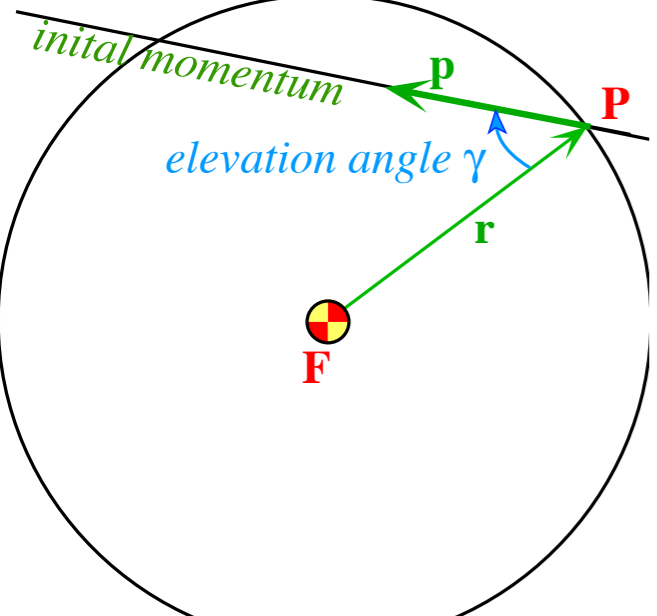


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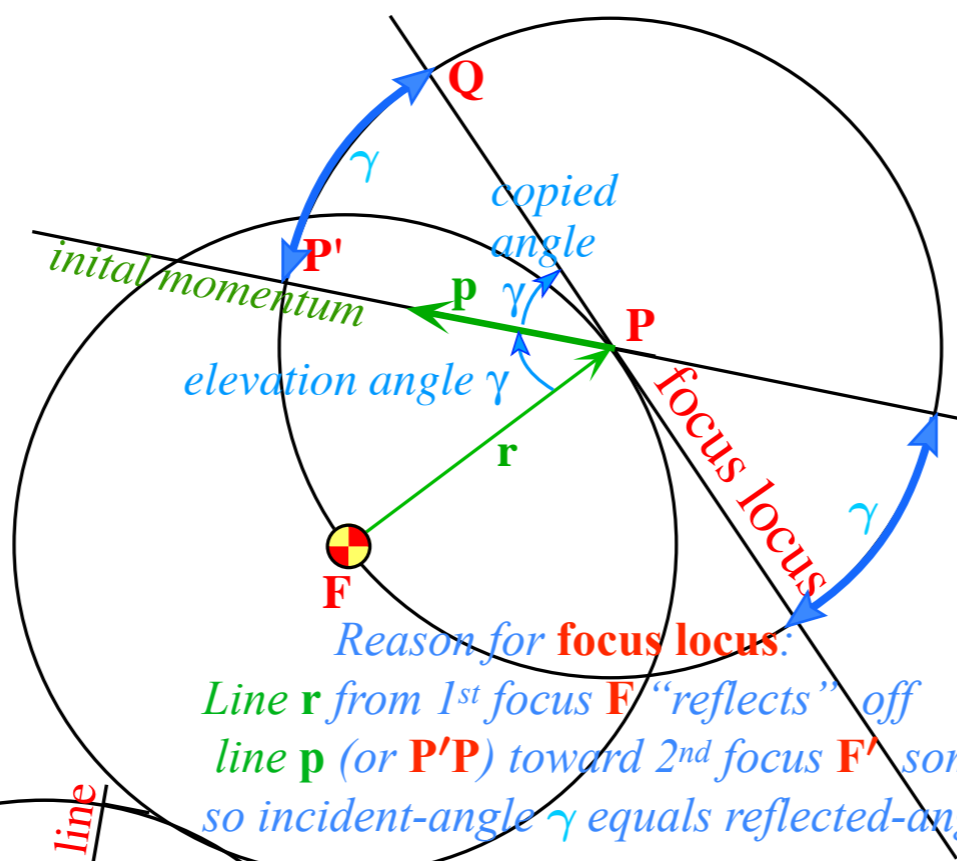
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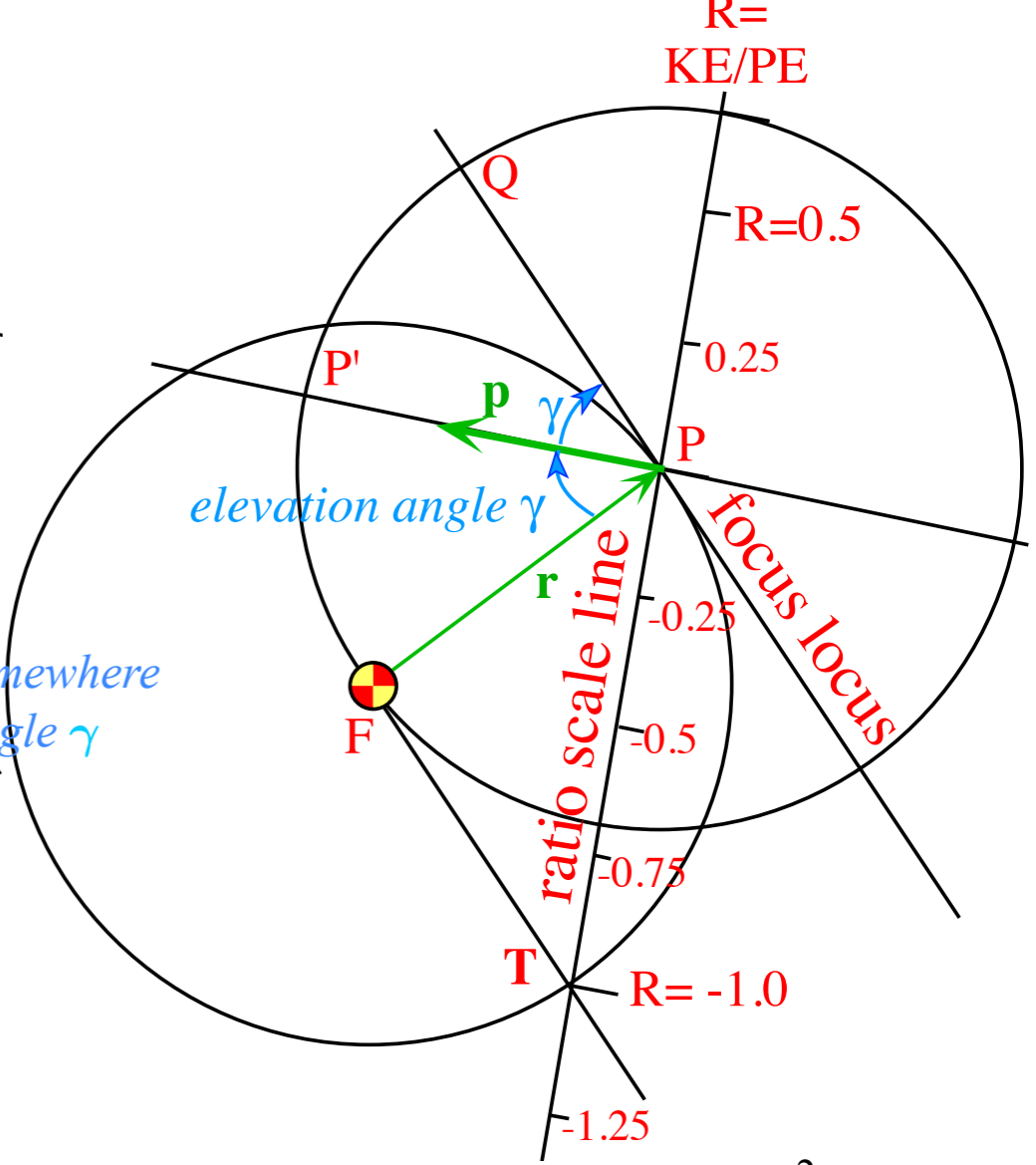


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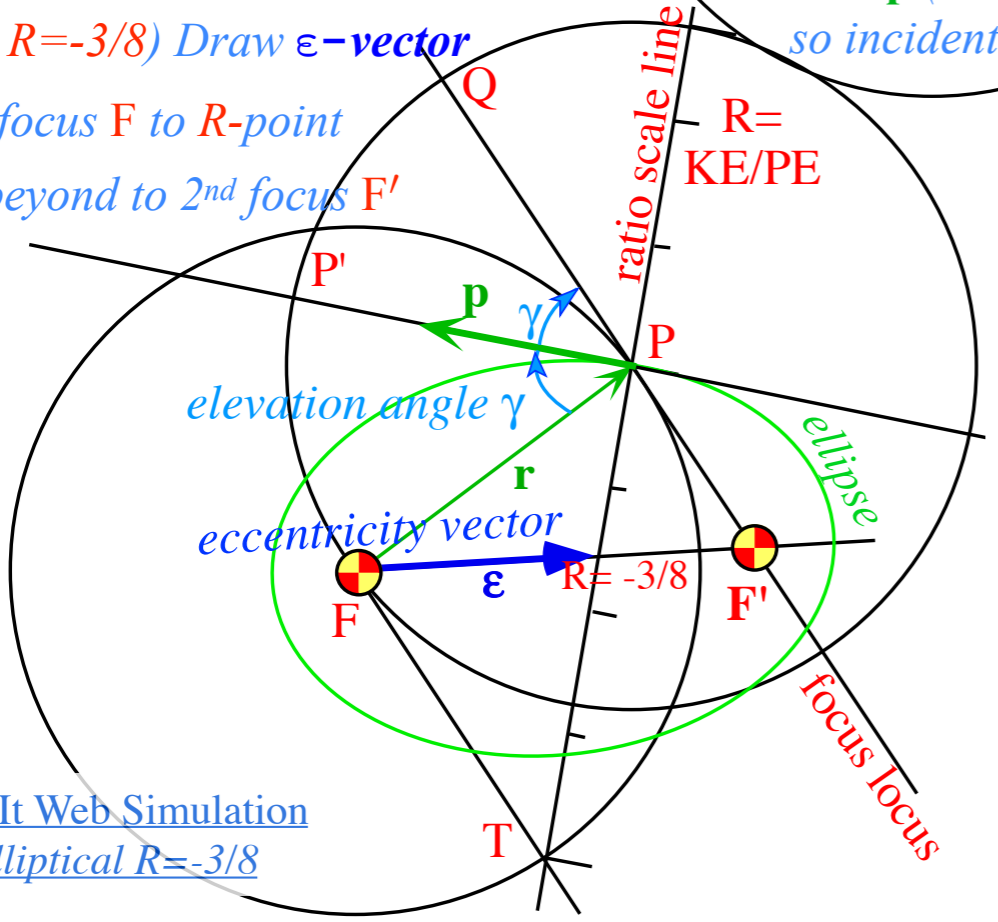


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Pick initial $R=KE/PE$ value
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from focus **F** to **R-point**
and beyond to 2nd focus **F'**



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

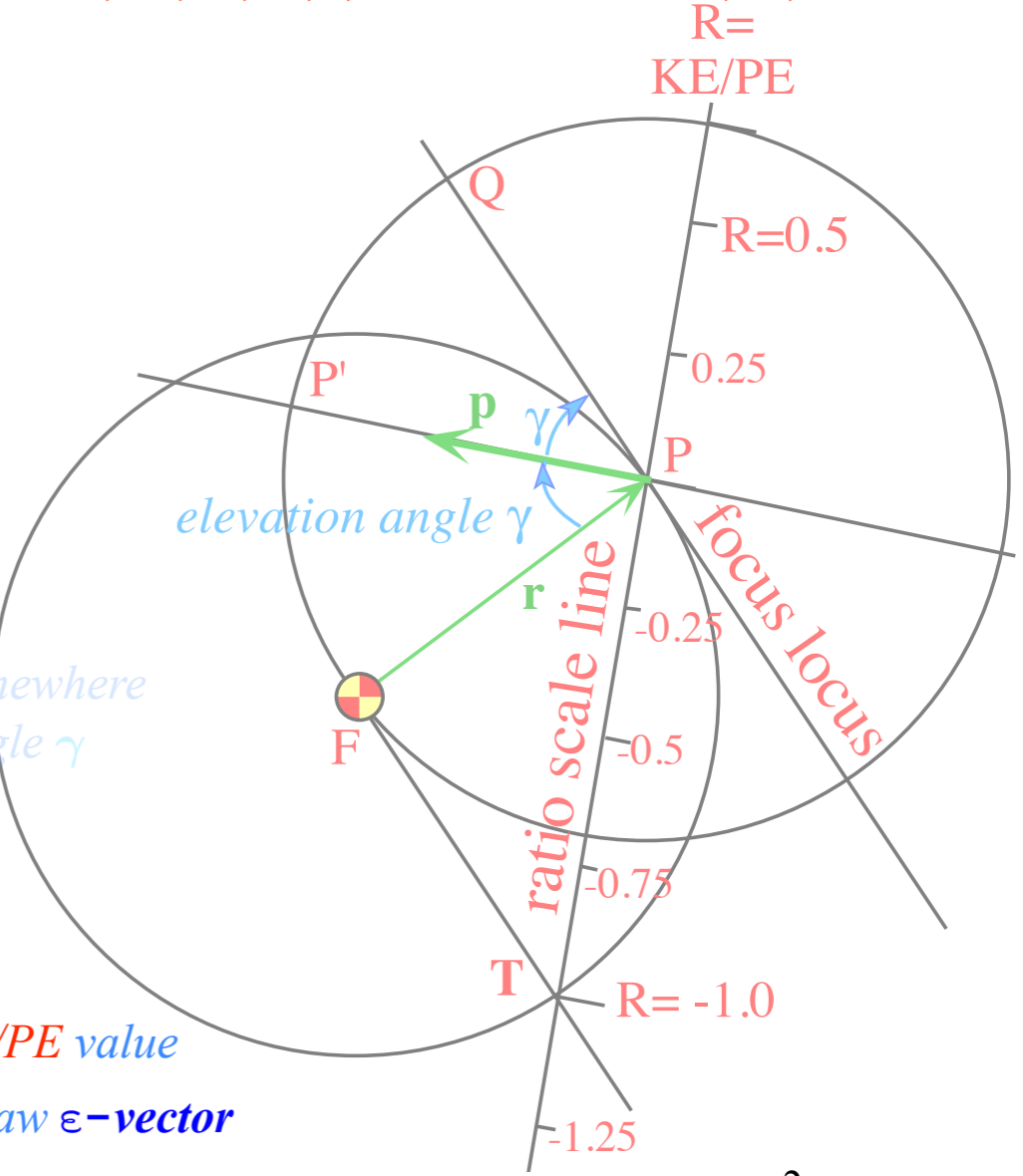
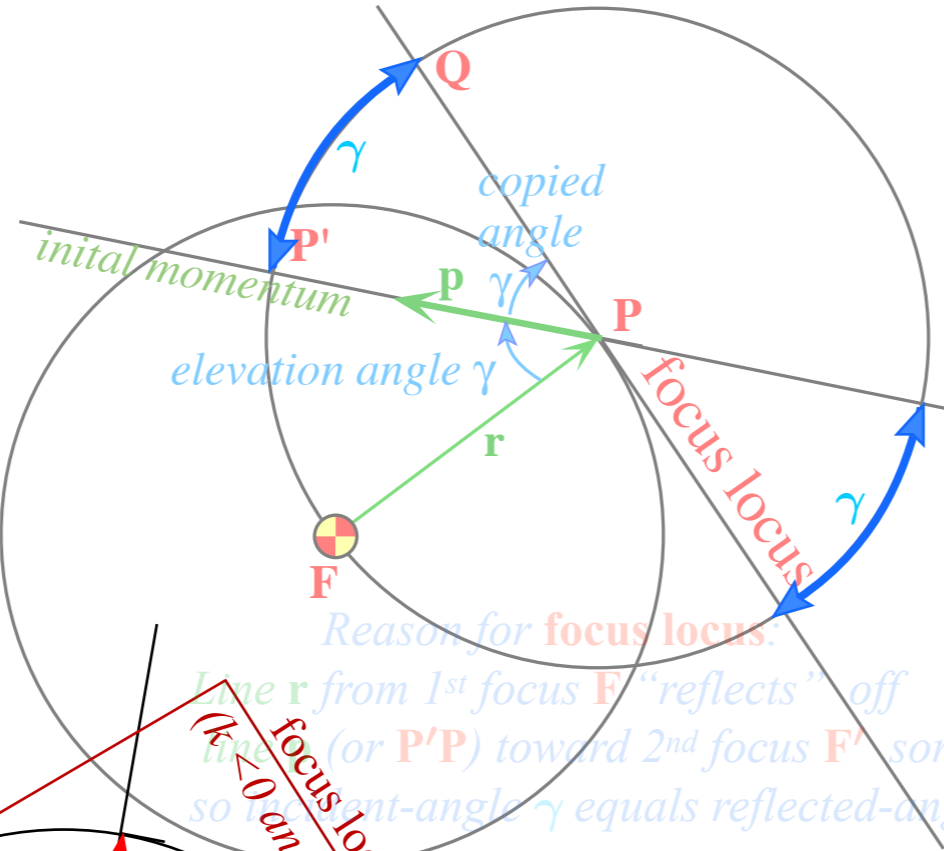
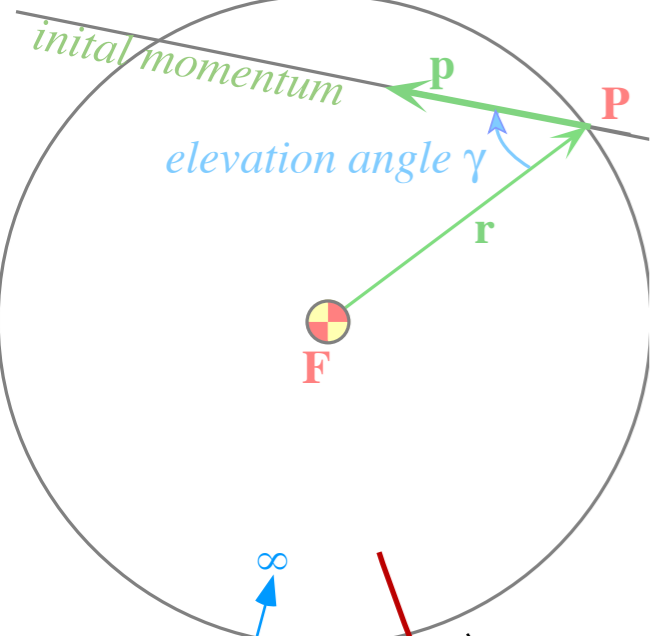
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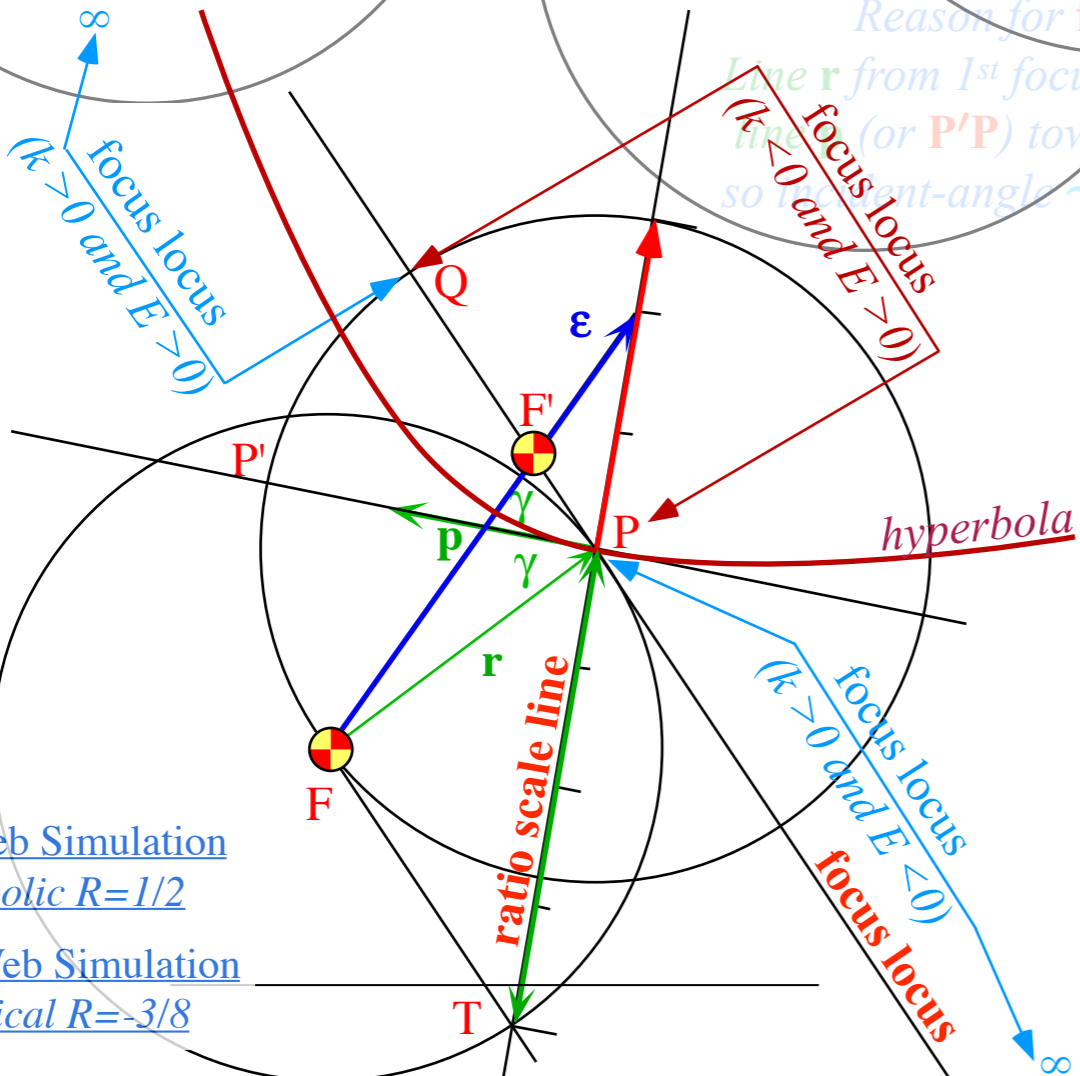
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(Here it intersects 2nd focus **F'**)

focus **F** and 2nd focus **F'** allow final construction of orbital trajectory.
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[CouIt Web Simulation](#)
Hyperbolic $R=1/2$
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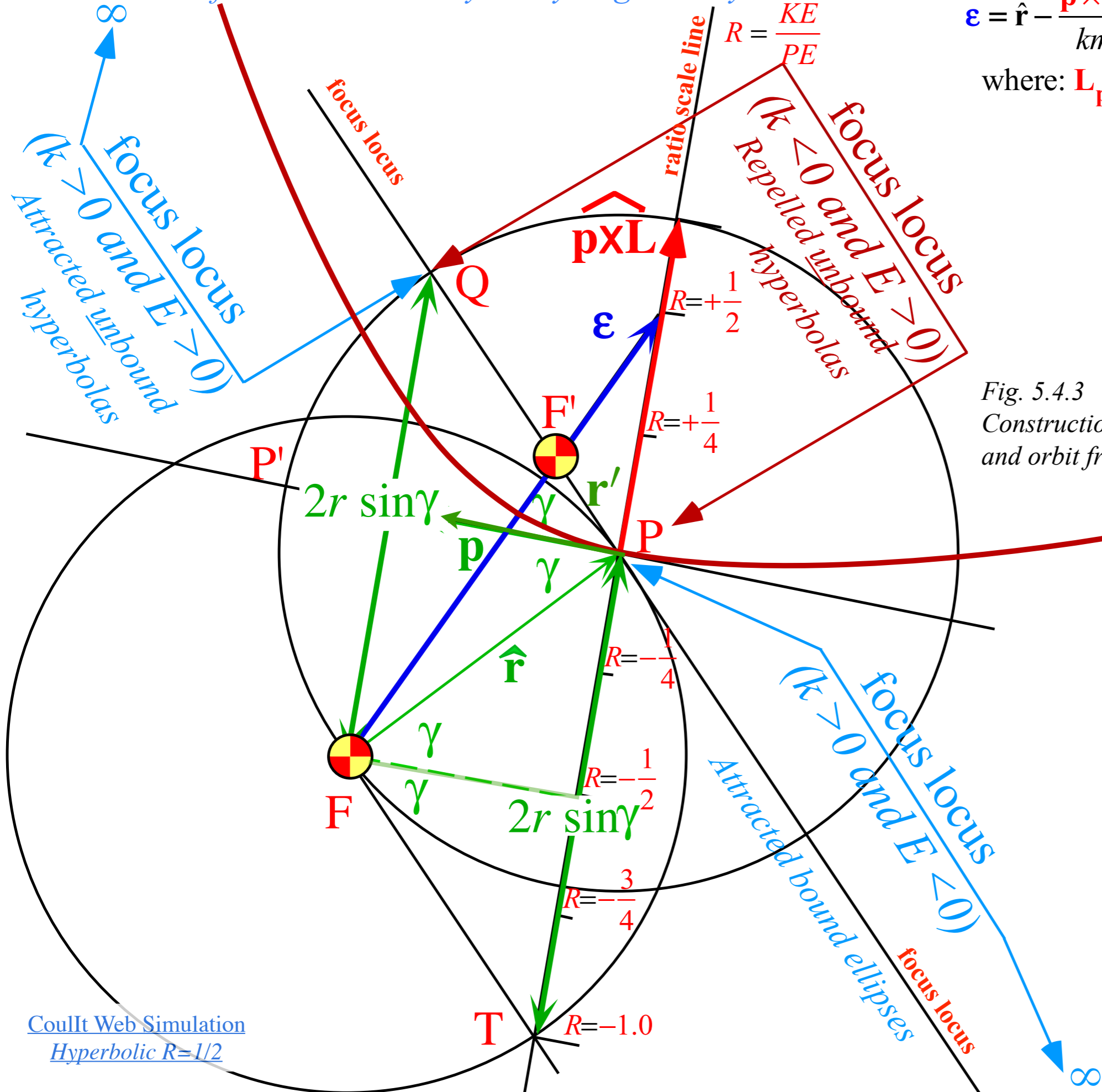
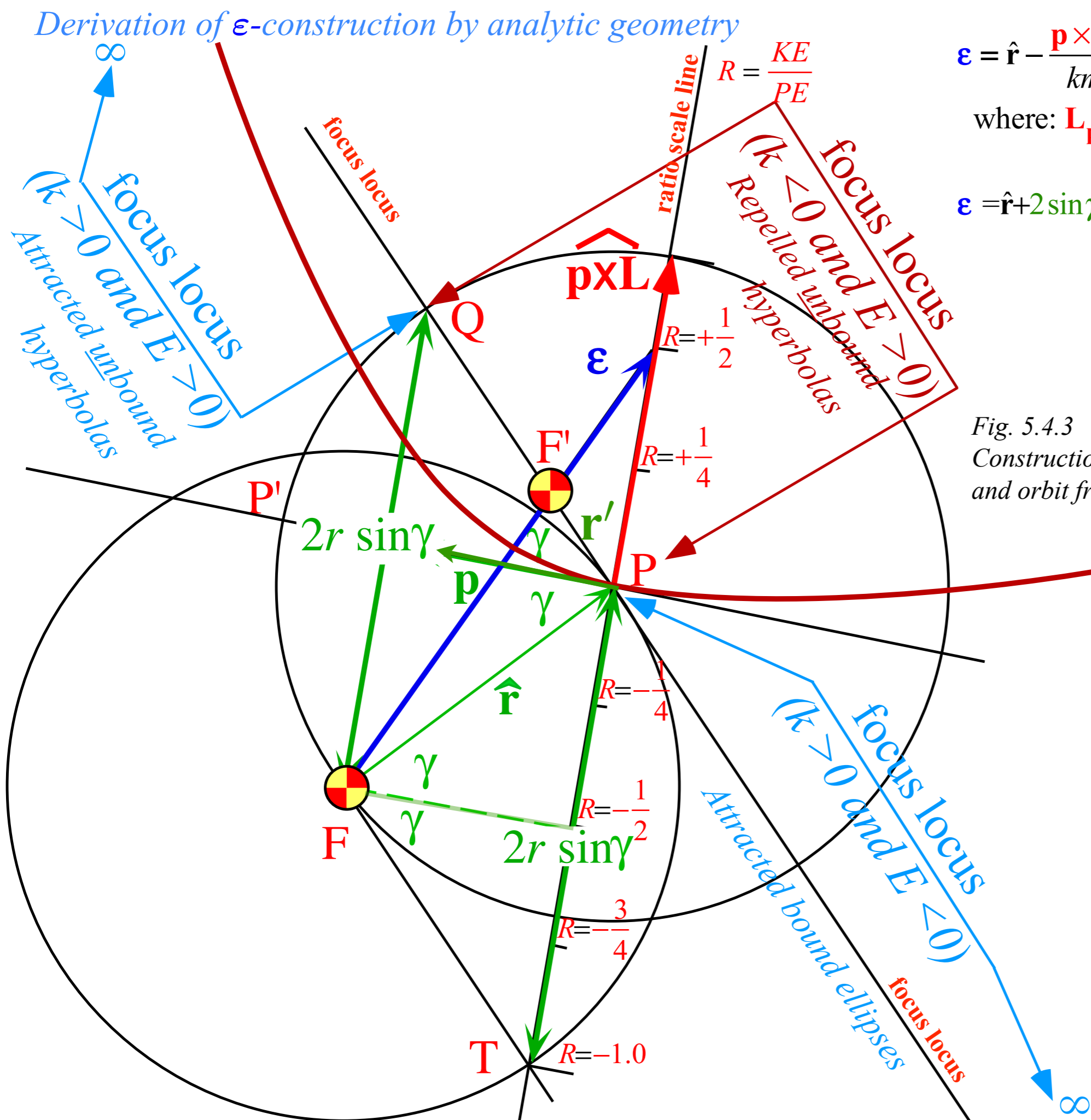


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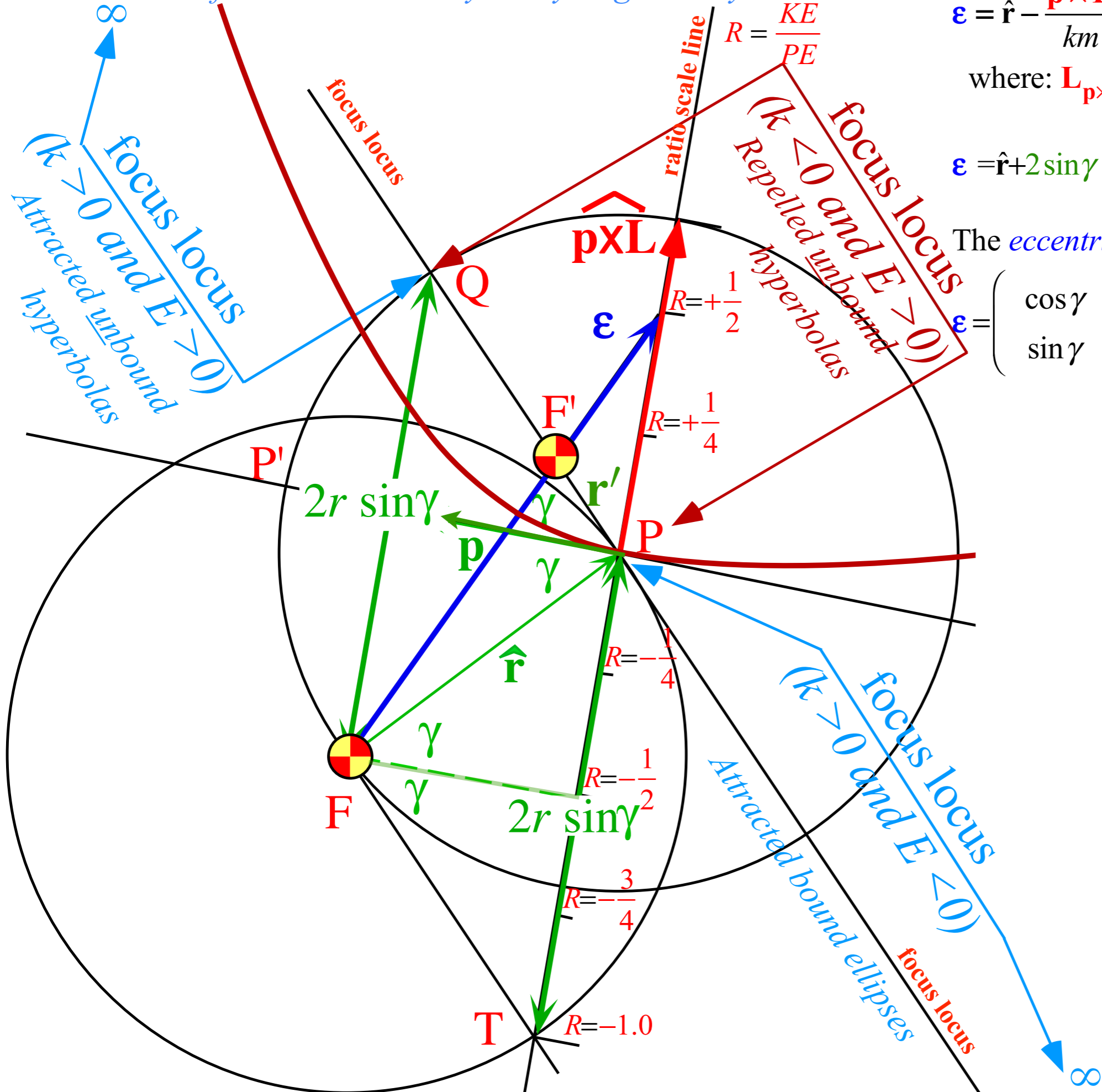
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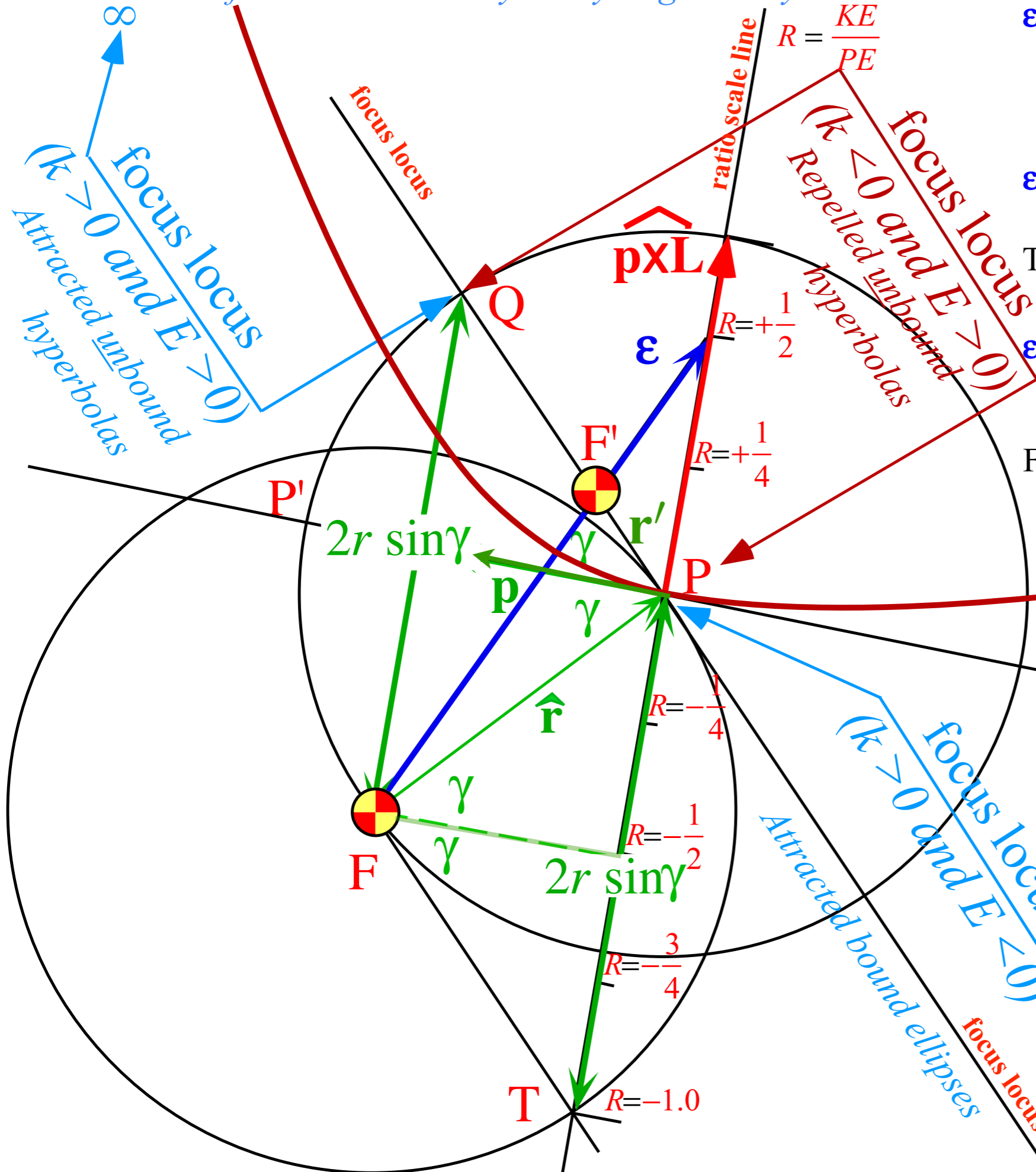
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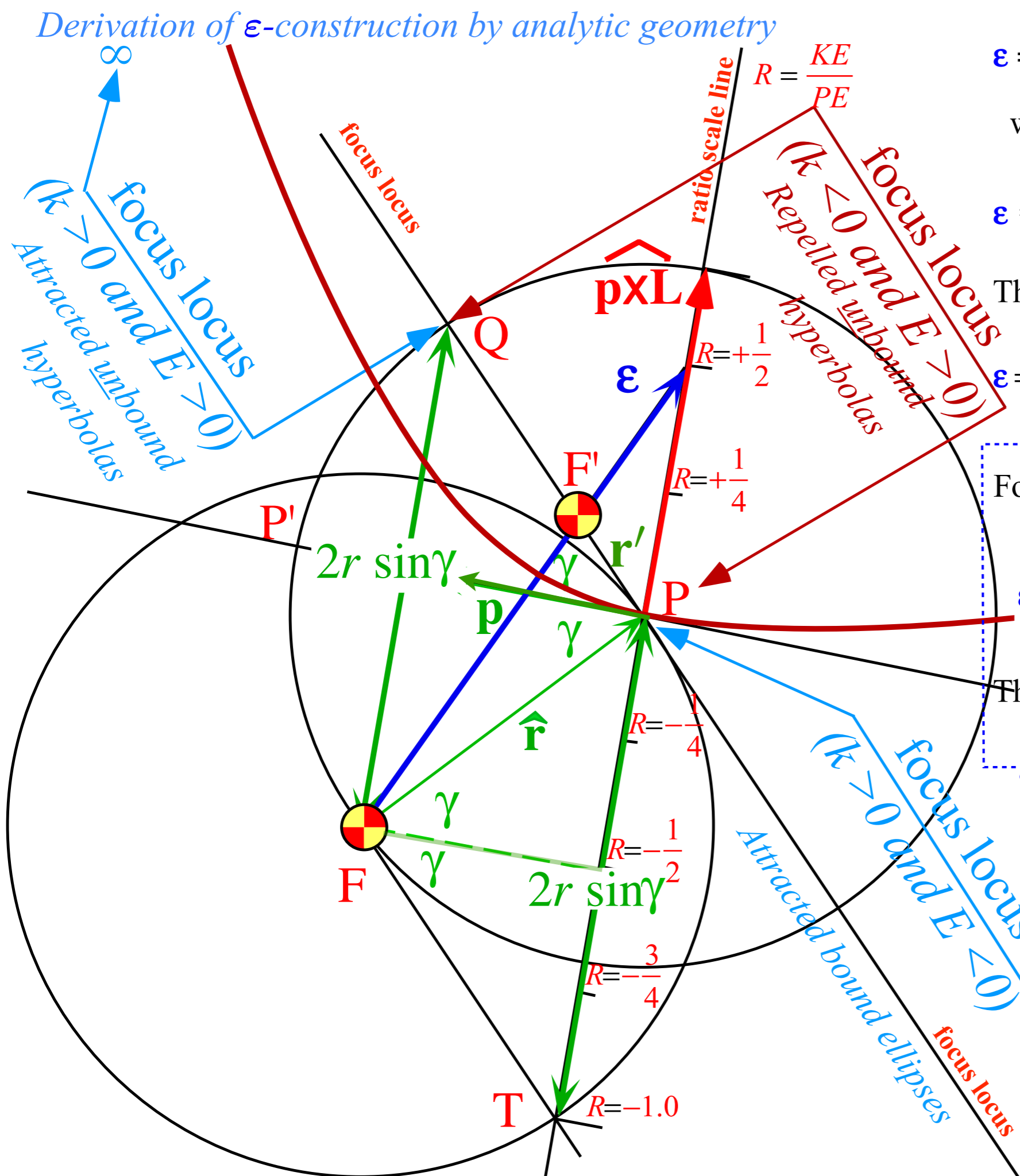
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Initial position $y(0) = 1.156488$

Initial momentum $p_x(0) = 0.591603$

Initial momentum $p_y(0) = 0.435114$

Terminal time $t(\text{off}) = 20$

Maximum step size $dt = 0.01$

Charge of Nucleus 1 = -1

x-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0

y-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0

Charge of Nucleus 2 = 0

Coulomb (k_{12}) = -1

Core thickness $r = 0.000001$

x-Stark field $E_x = 0$

y-Stark field $E_y = 0$

Zeeman field $B_z = 0$

Diamagnetic strength $k = 0$

Plank constant $\hbar = 2$

Color quantization hues = 64

Color quantization bands = 2

Fractional Error (e^{-x}), $x = 8$

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Fix $r(0)$ Fix $p(0)$ Do swarm Beam

Plot $r(t)$ Plot $p(t)$

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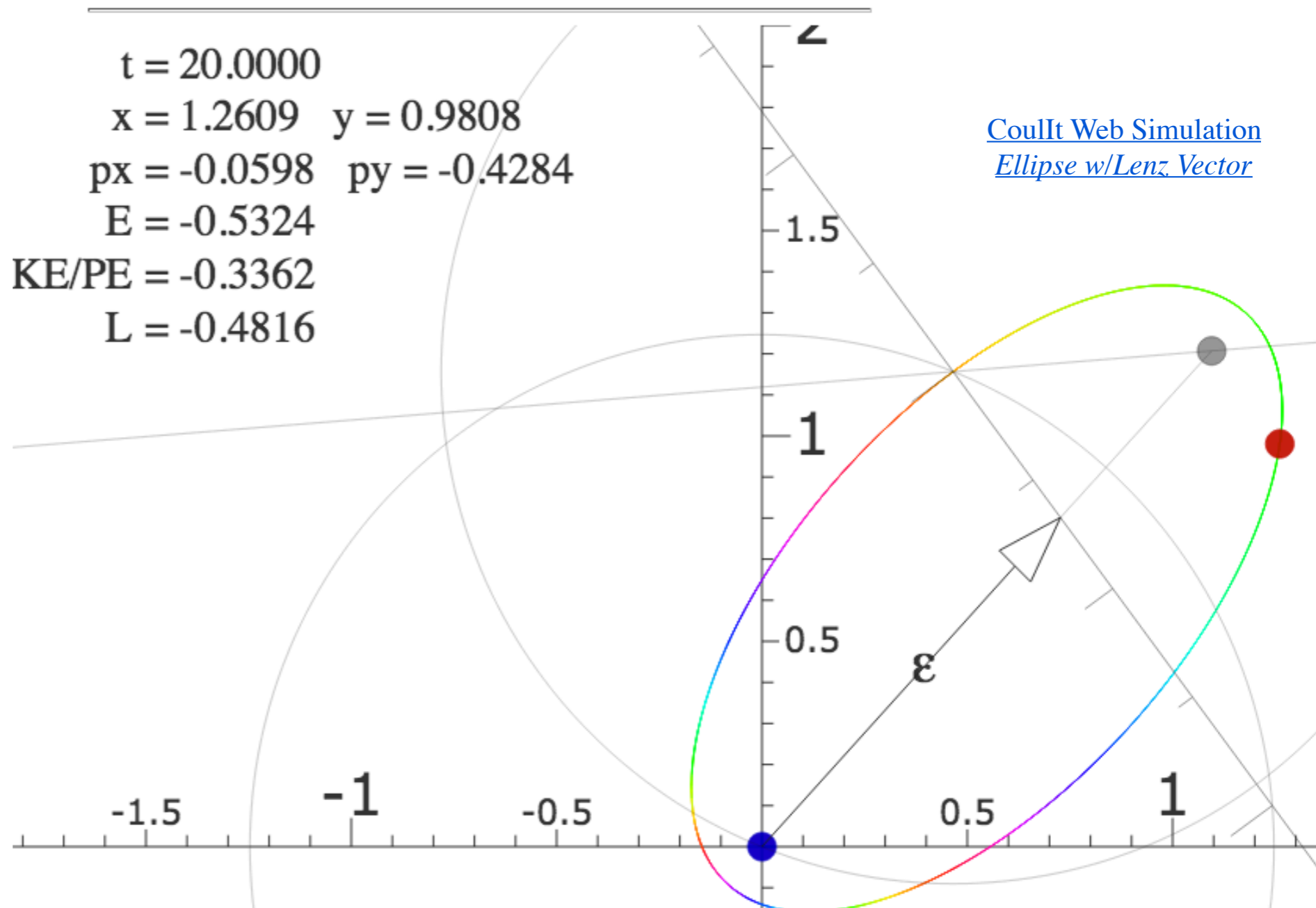
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$t = 20.0000$
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 $E = -0.5324$
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[Ellipse w/Lenz Vector](#)



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Families of particle orbits are drawn in a varying color which represents the classical action or Hamilton's characteristic function $SH = \int p dq$. (Sometimes SH is called 'reduced action'.) The color is chosen by first calculating $c = SH \text{ modulo } \hbar$ (You can change Planck's constant from its default value $\hbar/2\pi = 1.0$) The chromatic value c assigns the hue by its position on the color wheel (e.g.; $c=0$ is red, $c=0.2$ is a yellow, $c=0.5$ is a green, etc.).

Chapter 2 Rutherford Scattering

A parallel beam of iso-energetic alpha particles undergo Rutherford scattering from a coulomb field of a nucleus as calculated in these demos. It is also the ideal pattern of paths followed by intergalactic hydrogen in perturbed by the solar wind.

Chapter 3 Coulomb Field (H atom)

Orbits in an attractive Coulomb field are calculated here. You may select the initial position $(x(0), y(0))$ by moving the mouse to a desired launch point, and then select the initial momentum $(p_x(0), p_y(0))$ by pressing the mouse button and dragging.

Chapter 4 Molecular Ion Orbits

Orbits around two fixed nuclei are calculated here. A set of elliptic coordinates are drawn in the background. After running a few trajectories you may notice that their caustics conform to one or two of the elliptic coordinate lines.

Volcanoes of l_0 (Paths=180, No color quant.) Parabolic Fountain (Uniform)

Space Bomb (Coulomb) Exploding Starlet (IHO)

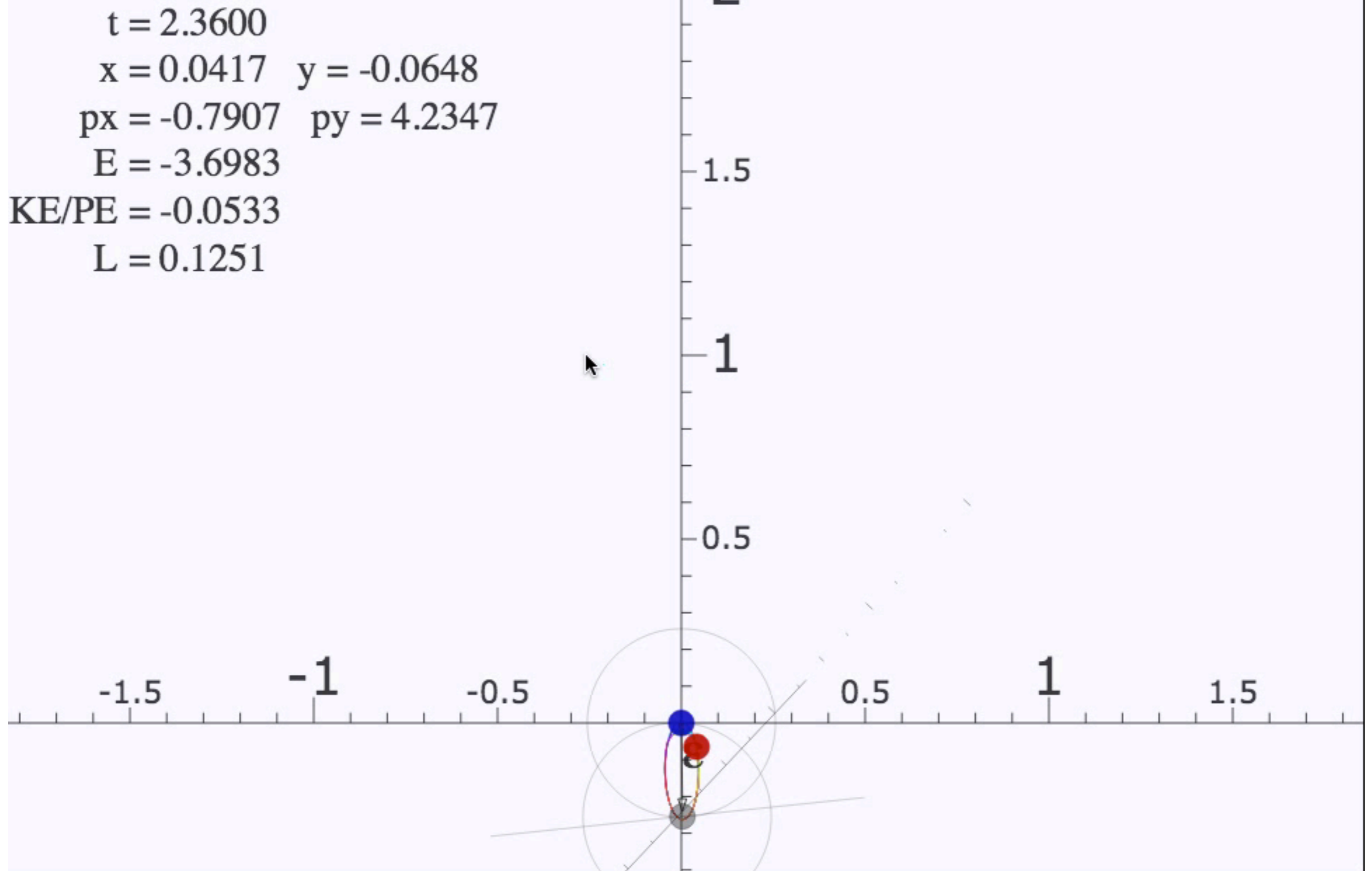
Synchrotron Motion (Crossed E & B fields)

Rutherford scattering 2-Electron Orbits

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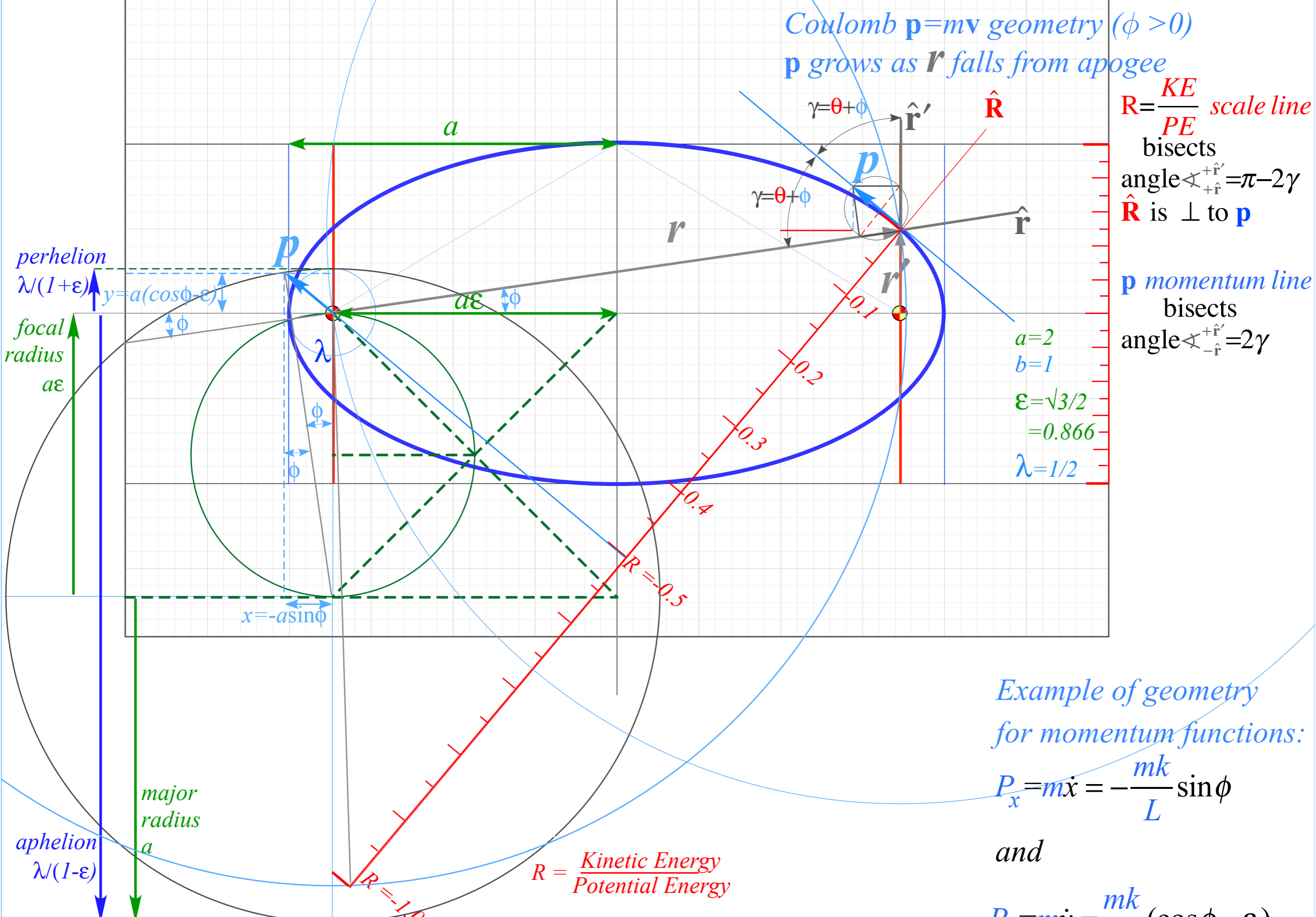
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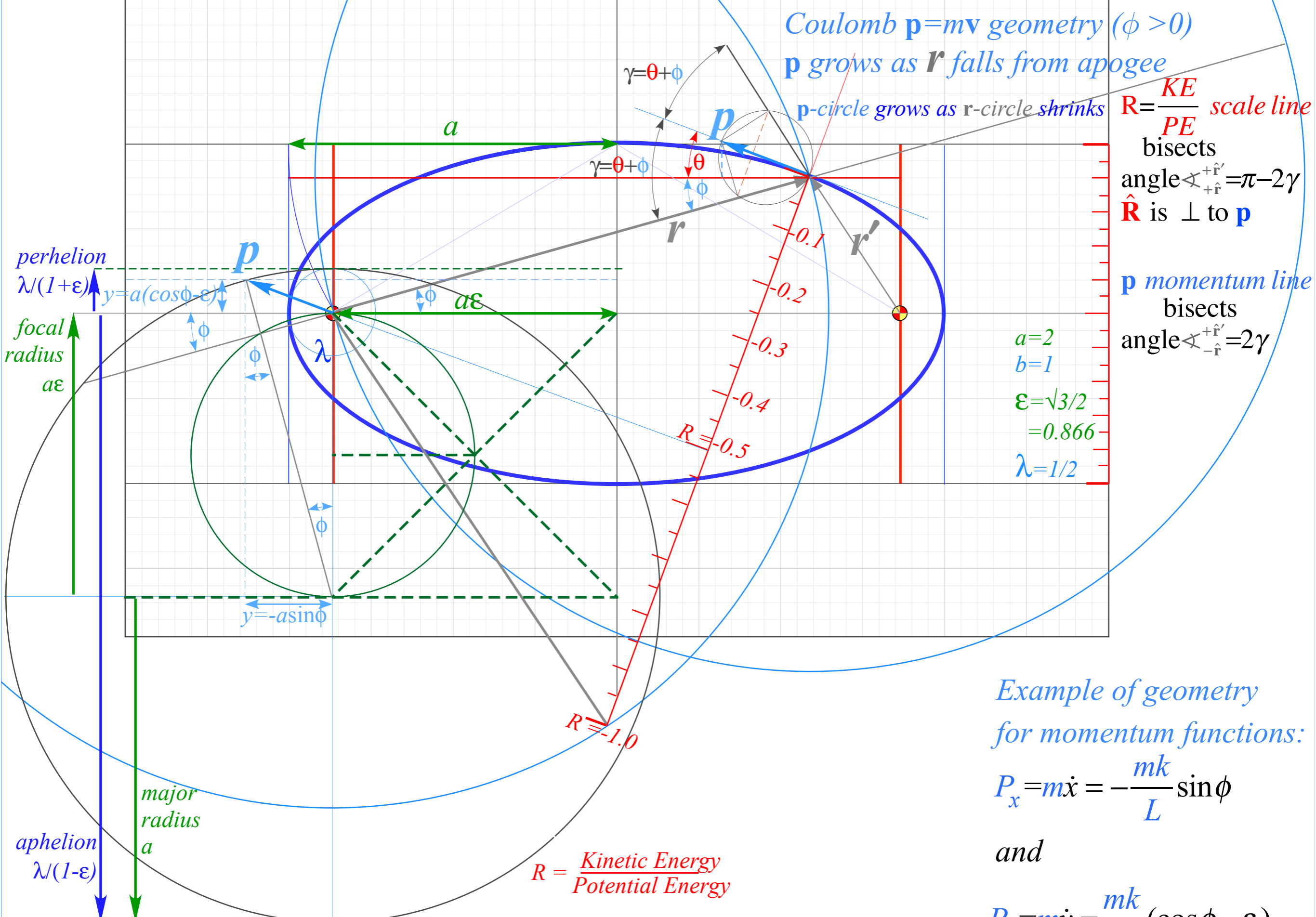
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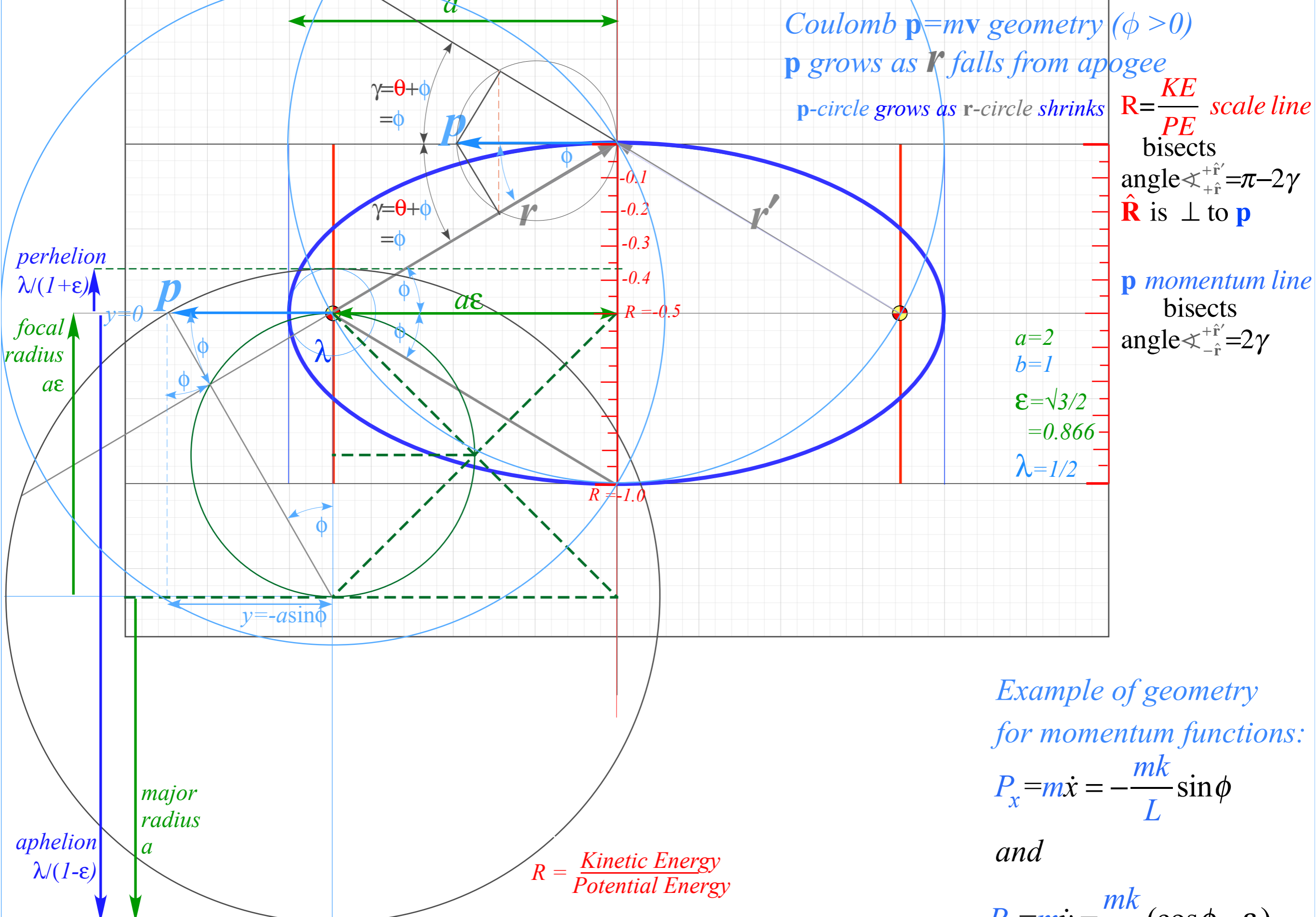
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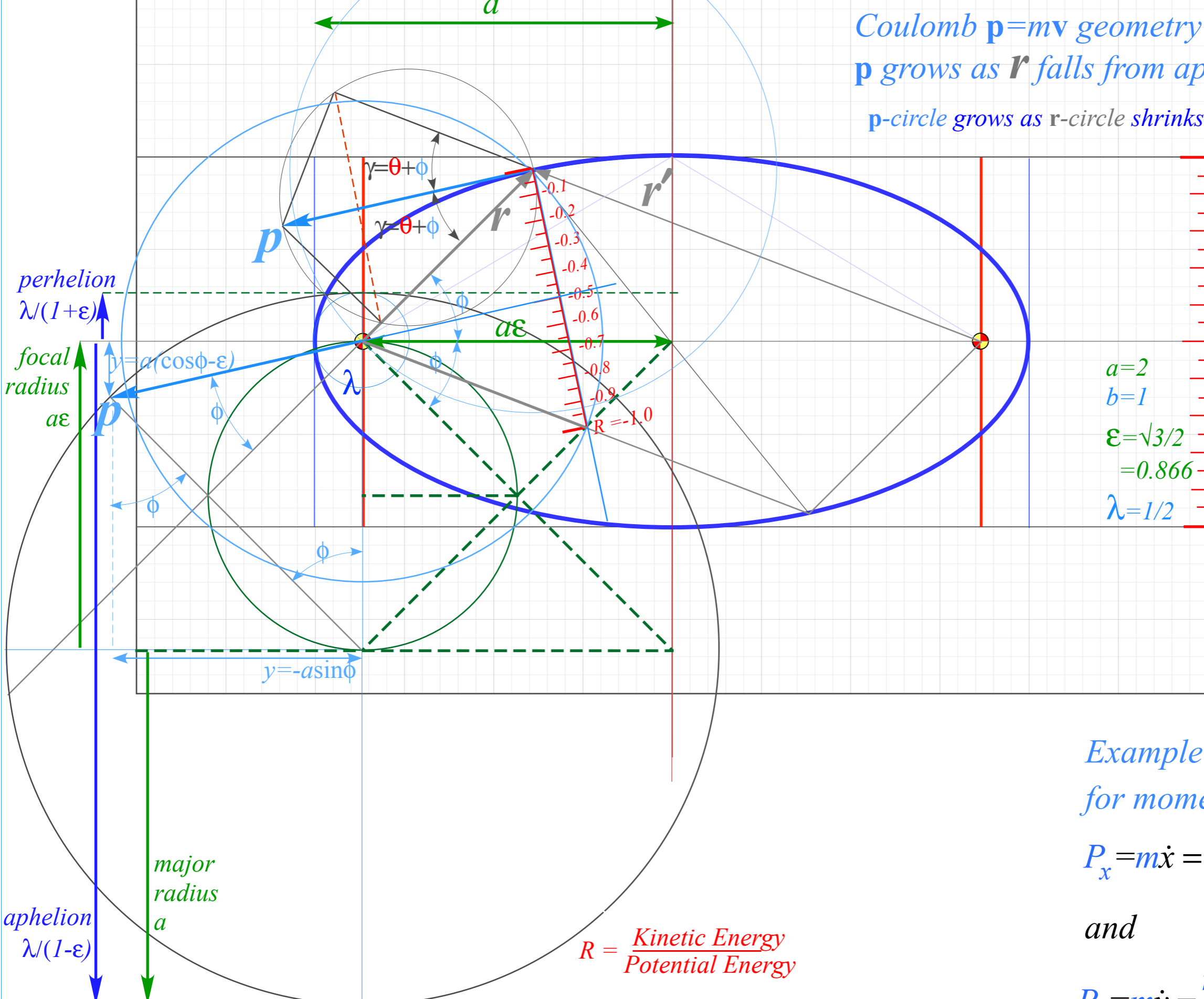
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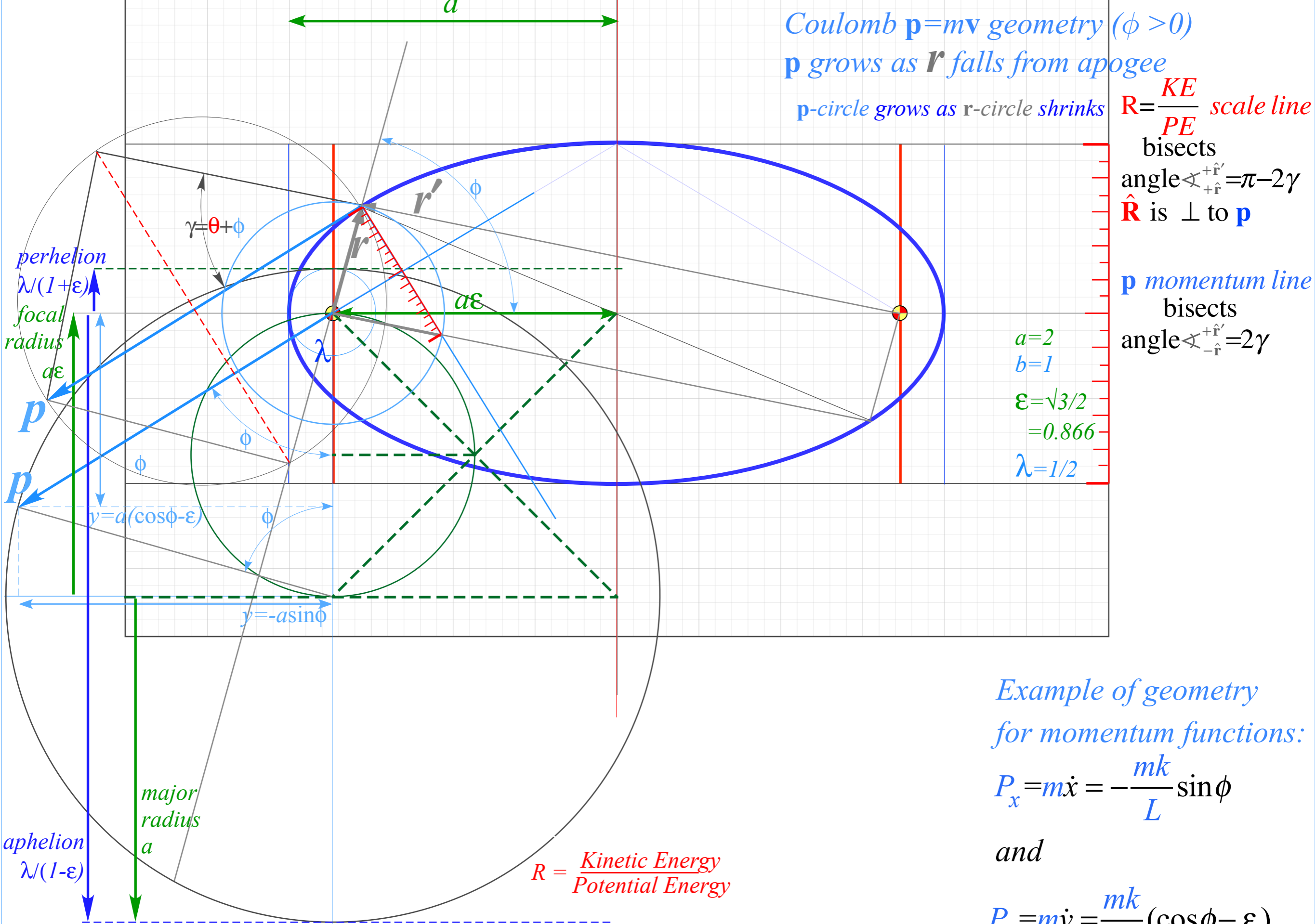
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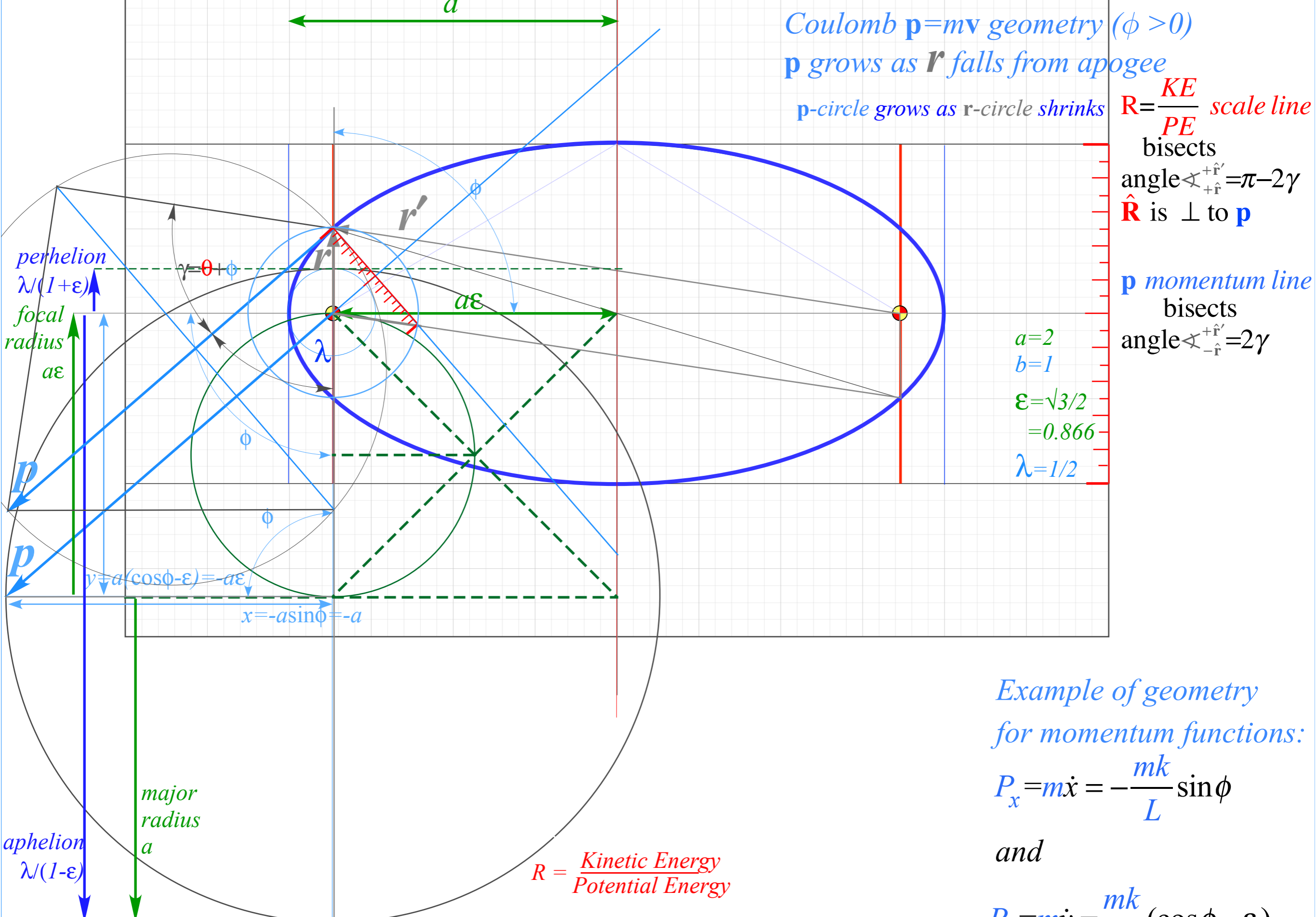
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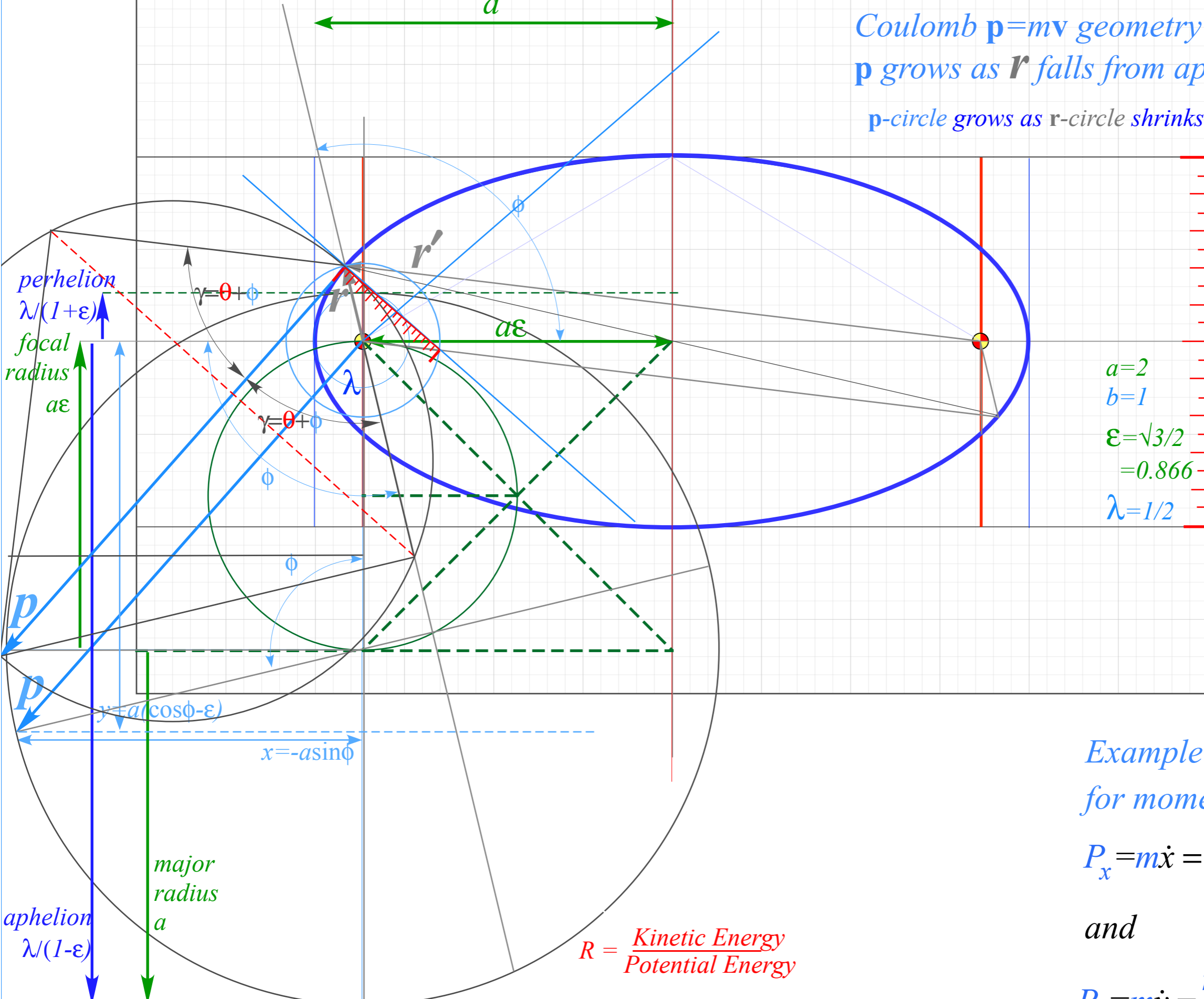
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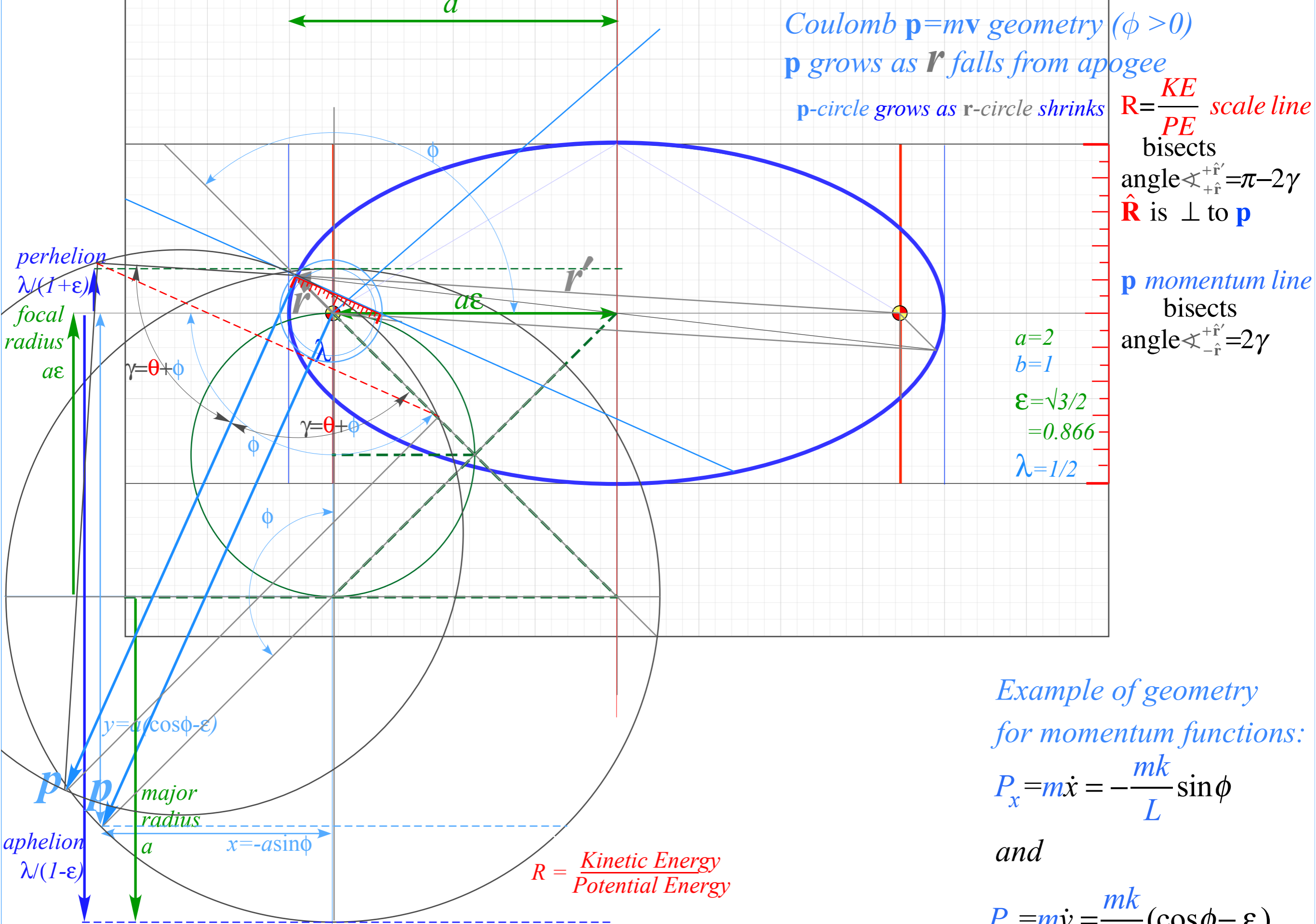
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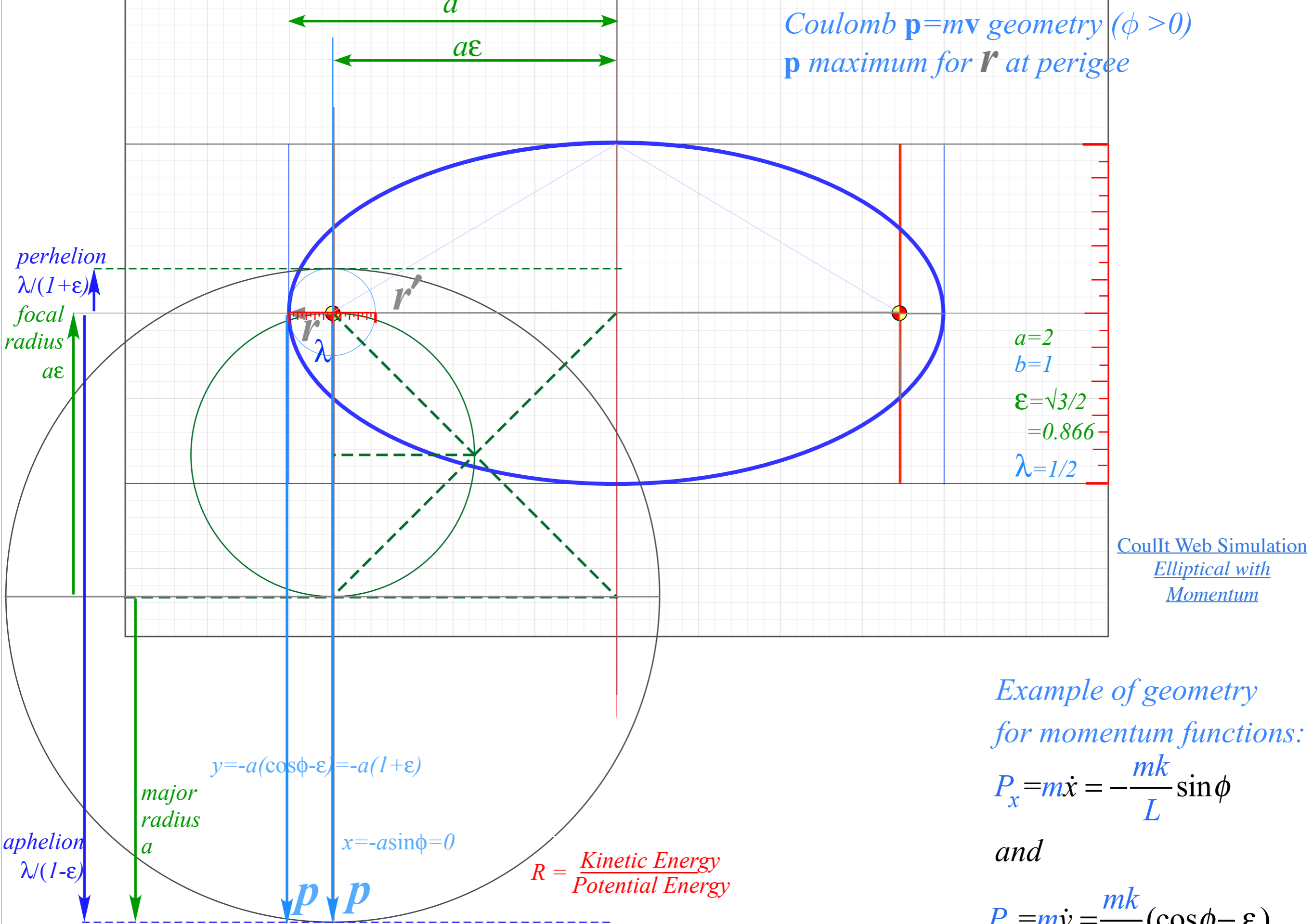
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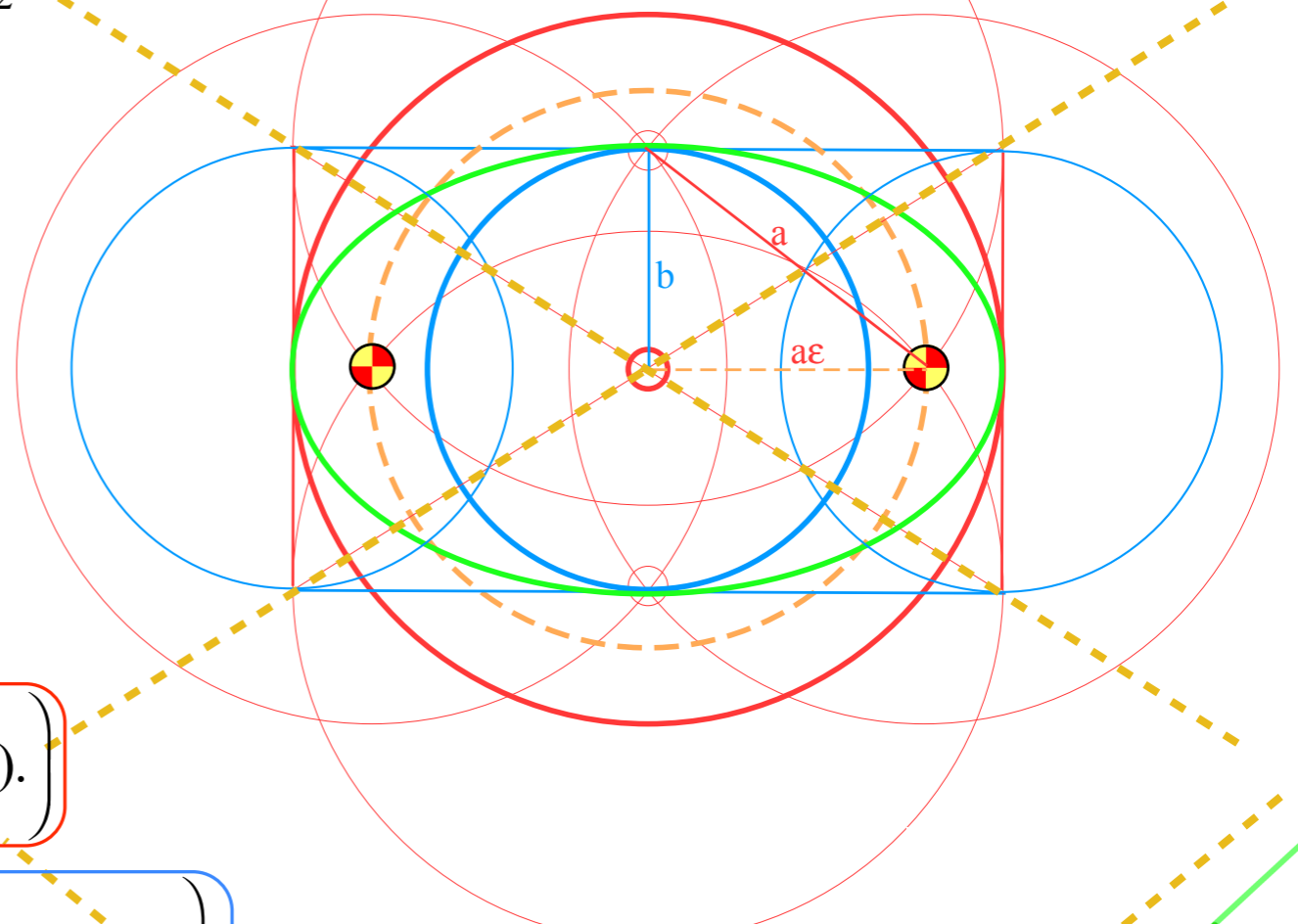
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