

Lecture 26

Mon. 11.25.2019

Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb Orbital Dynamics

(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5)

Rutherford scattering and hyperbolic orbit geometry

Backward vs forward scattering angles and orbit construction example

Parabolic “kite” and orbital envelope geometry

Differential and total scattering cross-sections

Eccentricity vector $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and (ε, λ) -geometry of orbital mechanics

Projection $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ geometry of $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ -vector and orbital radius \mathbf{r}

Review and connection to usual orbital algebra (previous lecture)

Projection $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{p}$ geometry of $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ -vector and momentum $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$

General geometric orbit construction using $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ -vector and (γ, R) -parameters

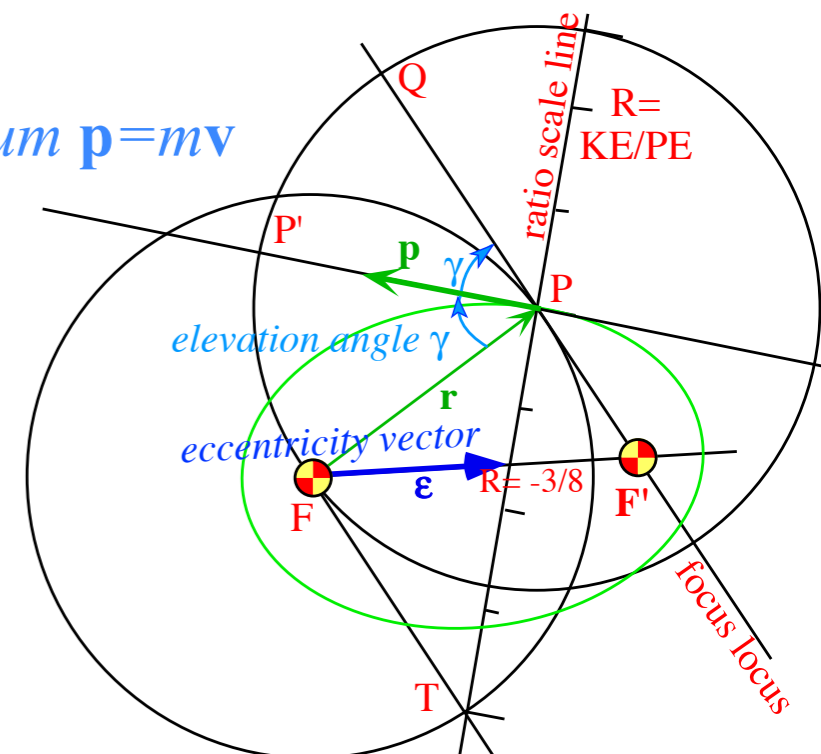
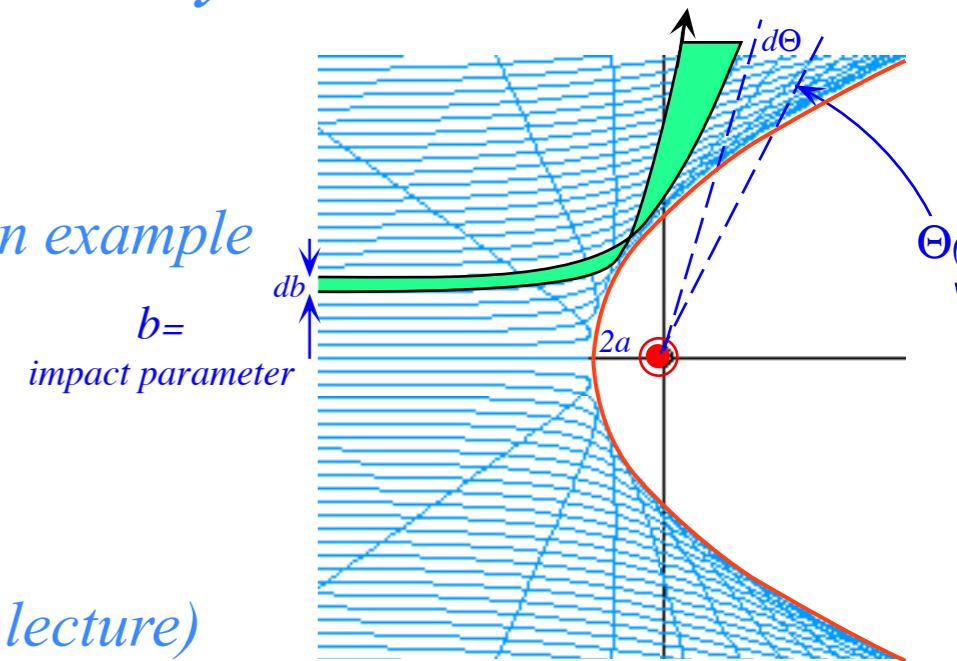
Derivation of $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ -construction by analytic geometry

Coulomb orbit algebra of $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ -vector and Kepler dynamics of momentum $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$

Example of complete (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) -geometry of elliptical orbit

Connection formulas for (γ, R) -parameters with (a, b) and (ε, λ)

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[Coullt Web App Simulations: p19, p32, p72, p73, p92, R=-0.375, R=+0.5, Rutherford](#)

[OscillatorPE Web App: IHO Scenario 2, Coulomb Scenario 3](#)

[RelaWavity Web App/Simulator/Calculator: Elliptical - IHO orbits](#)

[JerkIt Web App: 2-, 2+, Amp50Omega147-, Amp50Omega296, Amp50Omega602, Gap\(1\)](#)

[MolVibes Web App: C3vN3](#)

[Wavelt Web App:](#)

[Dim = 3 w/Wave Components;](#)

[Static Char Table: 6, 12, 12\(b\), 16, 36, 256](#)

[Quantum Carpet with N=20: Gaussian, Boxcar](#)

[Quantum Revivals of Morse Oscillators and Farey-Ford Geometry - Li-Harter-CPL-2015](#)

[QTCA Unit 5 Ch14 2013](#)

[Lester. R. Ford, Am. Math. Monthly 45,586\(1938\)](#)

[John Farey, Phil. Mag.\(1816\) Wolfram](#)

[Harter, J. Mol. Spec. 210, 166-182 \(2001\)](#)

[Harter, Li IMSS \(2013\)](#)

[Li, Harter, Chem.Phys.Letters \(2015\)](#)

[Advanced Atomic and Molecular Optical Physics 2018 Class #9, pages: 5, 61](#)

[BoxIt Web Simulations](#)

[Pure A-Type A=4.9, B=0, C=0, & D=4.0](#)

[Pure B-Type: A=4.0, B=-0.2, C=0, & D=4.0](#)

[Pure C-Type A,D=4.055, B=0, C=0.1](#)

[Mixed AB-Type w/Cosine](#)

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[Mixed AB Type A=5.086 B=-0.27 C=0 D=2.024 w/Stokes plot](#)

[Mixed ABC Type A=4.833 B=0.2403 C=0.4162 D=4.277 w/Stokes plot](#)

[Recent mixed ABC Type A=0.325 B=0.375 C=0.825 D=0.05 w/Stokes plot](#)

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[This Indestructible NASA Camera Revealed Hidden Patterns on Jupiter - seeker-yt-2019](#)

[What did NASA's New Horizons discover around Pluto? - Astrum-yt-2018](#)

[Synthetic Chiral Light for Efficient Control of Chiral Light-Matter Interaction - Ayuso-np-2019](#)

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More Advanced QM and classical references will soon be available through our: [References Page](#)

Would be great to have our [Apache SOLR Search & Index system up for a bigger Bang!](#)

[Classical Mechanics with a Bang! 2018](#)

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[Text Unit 6, page=27](#)

[ColorU2 for the Web - in development](#)

[Group Theory for Quantum Mechanics - 2017 Lectures: 6, 7, 8, and the combined 9-10](#)

[Quantum Theory for the Computer Age Unit 3 Ch.7-10, page=90](#)

[Spectral Decomposition with Repeated Eigenvalues - 2017 GTQM - Lecture 5](#)

[Web based 3D & XR \(\$x \in \{A, M, V\}\$, R=Reality\) <https://www.babylonjs.com/>](#)

[Web based 3D graphics WebGL API \(Graphics Layer modeled after OpenGL\)](#)

Recent In-House draft Articles:

[Springer handbook on Molecular Symmetry and Dynamics - Ch_32 - Molecular Symmetry](#)

[AMOP Ch 0 Space-Time Symmetry - 2019](#)

[Seminar at Rochester Institute of Optics, Auxiliary slides, June 19, 2018](#)

[Quantum Computing - \(Current\) State of the Art - Reimer-www-2019](#)

[Geometric Algebra- A Guided Tour through Space and Time - Reimer-www-2019](#)

[Wildlife Monitoring Identification and Behavioral Study - Section 1 - Reimer-www-2019](#)

[Wildlife Monitoring Identification and Behavioral Study - Section 2 - Reimer-www-2019](#)

Quantum Computing (QC) and Geometric Algebra (GA) references:

[Quantum Supremacy Using a Programmable Superconducting Processor - Arute-n-2019](#)

[Quantum Computing for Computer Scientists - Helwer-mr-yt-2018, Slides](#)

[Quantum Computing and Workforce, Curriculum, and App Devel - Roetteler-MS-2019](#)

[Quantum Computing - \(Current\) State of the Art - Reimer-www-2019](#)

[Excerpts \(Page 44-47 in Preliminary Draft\) for a GA take on the Complex Numbers](#)

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[GA & QC references \(Page 11-16 in Preliminary Draft\)](#)

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[Wiki on Pafnuty Chebyshev](#)

[Nobelprize.org](#)

[2005 Physics Award](#)

BoxIt Web Simulations:

[A-Type w/Cosine, A-Type w/Freq ratios,](#)

[AB-Type w/Cosine, AB-Type 2:1 Freq ratio](#)

OscillIt Web Simulations:

[Default/Generic, Weakly Damped #18,](#)

[Forced : Way below resonance, On resonance](#)

[Way above resonance, Underdamped](#)

[Complex Response Plot](#)

Coullt Web Simulations:

[Stark-Coulomb : Bound-state motion in parabolic coordinates](#)

[Molecular Ion : Bound-state motion in hyperbolic coordinates](#)

[Synchrotron Motion, Synchrotron Motion #2](#)

[Mechanical Analog to EM Motion \(YouTube video\)](#)

[iBall demo - Quasi-periodicity \(YouTube video\)](#)

Trebuchet Web Simulations:

[Default/Generic URL, Montezuma's Revenge, Seige of Kenilworth, "Flinger",](#)

[Position Space \(Course\), Position Space \(Fine\)](#)

[Wacky Waving Solid Metal Arm Flailing Chaos Pendulum - Scooba Steeve-yt-2015](#)

[Triple Double-Pendulum - Cohen-yt-2008](#)

[Punkin Chunkin - TheArmchairCritic-2011](#)

[Jersey Team Claims Title in Punkin Chunkin - sussexcountyonline-1999](#)

[Shooting range for medieval siege weapons. Anybody knows? - twcenter.net/forums](#)

[The Trebuchet - Chevedden-SciAm-1995](#)

[NOVA Builds a Trebuchet](#)

Recent Articles of Interest:

[A Semi-Classical Approach to the Calculation of Highly Excited Rotational Energies for ...](#)

[Asymmetric-Top Molecules - Schmiedt-pccp-2017](#)

[Tunable and broadband coherent perfect absorption by ultrathin blk phos metasurfaces - Guo-josab-2019](#)

[Vortex Detection in Vector Fields Using Geometric Algebra - Pollock-aaca-2013.pdf](#)

Pirelli Relativity Challenge (Introduction level) - Visualizing Waves:

[Using Earth as a clock,](#)

[Tesla's AC Phasors ,](#)

[Phasors using complex numbers.](#)

[CM wBang Unit 1 - Chapter 10, pdf_page=135](#)

[Calculus of exponentials, logarithms, and complex fields,](#)

[RelaWavity Web Simulation - Unit Circle and Hyperbola \(Mixed labeling\)](#)

[Smith Chart, Invented by Phillip H. Smith \(1905-1987\)](#)

Select, exciting, and related Research

[Clifford_Algebra_And_The_Projective_Model_Of_Homogeneous_Metric_Spaces - Foundations - Sokolov-x-2013](#)

[Geometric Algebra 3 - Complex Numbers - MacDonald-yt-2015](#)

[Biquaternion -Complexified Quaternion- Roots of -1 - Sangwine-x-2015](#)

[An_Introduction_to_Clifford_Algebras_and_Spinors - Vaz-Rocha-op-2016](#)

[Unified View on Complex Numbers and Quaternions- Bongardt-wemms-2015](#)

[Complex Functions and the Cauchy-Riemann Equations - complex2 - Friedman-columbia-2019](#)

[An_sp-hybridized_Molecular_Carbon_Allotrope- cyclo-18-carbon - Kaiser-s-2019](#)

[An_Atomic-Scale_View_of_Cyclocarbon_Synthesis - Maier-s-2019](#)

[Discovery_Of_Topological_Weyl_Fermion_Lines_And_Drumhead_Surface_States_in_a Room_Temperature_Magnet - Belopolski-s-2019](#)

["Weyl"ing_away_Time-reversal_Symmetry - Neto-s-2019](#)

[Non-Abelian_Band_Topology_in_Noninteracting_Metals - Wu-s-2019](#)

[What_Industry_Can_Teach_Academia - Mao-s-2019](#)

[RoVib- quantum_state_resolution_of_the_C60_fullerene - Changala-Ye-s-2019 \(Alt\)](#)

[A_Degenerate_Fermi_Gas_of_Polar_molecules - DeMarco-s-2019](#)

An assist from *Physics Girl!* (YouTube Channel):

[How to Make VORTEX RINGS in a Pool](#)

[Crazy pool vortex - pg-yt-2014](#)

[Fun with Vortex Rings in the Pool - pg-yt-2014](#)

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Lectures #11 through #7

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Eric J Heller Gallery:

[Main portal](#), [Consonance and Dissonance II](#), [Bessel 21](#), [Chladni](#)

[The Semiclassical Way to Molecular Spectroscopy - Heller-acs-1981](#)
[Quantum dynamical tunneling in bound states - Davis-Heller-jcp-1981](#)

[Pendulum Web Simulation](#)

[Cycloidulum Web Simulation](#)

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[Pendulum Web Sim](#)

[Cycloidulum Web Sim](#)

JerkIt Web Simulations: [Basic/Generic](#); [Inverted](#), [FVPlot](#)

[CMwithBang Lecture 8, page=20](#)

[WWW.sciencenewsforstudents.org: Cassini - Saturnian polar vortex](#)

“RelaWavity” Web Simulations:

[2-CW laser wave](#), [Lagrangian vs Hamiltonian](#),

[Physical Terms Lagrangian L\(u\) vs Hamiltonian H\(p\)](#)

[CoulIt Web Simulation of the Volcanoes of Io](#)

[BohrIt Multi-Panel Plot:](#)

[Relativistically shifted Time-Space plots of 2 CW light waves](#)

BoxIt Web Simulations:

[Generic/Default](#)

[Most Basic A-Type](#)

[Basic A-Type w/reference lines](#)

[Basic A-Type A-Type with Potential energy](#)

[A-Type with Potential energy and Stokes Plot](#)

[A-Type w/3 time rates of change](#)

[A-Type w/3 time rates of change with Stokes Plot](#)

[B-Type \(A=1.0, B=-0.05, C=0.0, D=1.0\)](#)

RelaWavity Web Elliptical Motion Simulations:

[Orbits with b/a=0.125](#)

[Orbits with b/a=0.5](#)

[Orbits with b/a=0.7](#)

[Exegesis with b/a=0.125](#)

[Exegesis with b/a=0.5](#)

[Exegesis with b/a=0.7](#)

[Contact Ellipsometry](#)

CoulIt Web Simulations:

[Basic/Generic](#)

[Exploding Starlet](#)

[Volcanoes of Io \(Color Quantized\)](#)

JerkIt Web Simulations:

[Basic/Generic](#)

[Catcher in the Eye - IHO with Linear Hooke perturbation - Force-potential-Velocity Plot](#)

OscillatorPE Web Simulation:

[Coulomb-Newton-Inverse Square](#),

[Hooke-Isotropic Harmonic](#),

[Pendulum-Circular Constraint](#)

[AMOP Ch 0 Space-Time Symmetry - 2019](#)

[Seminar at Rochester Institute of Optics, Aux. slides-2018](#)

[NASA Astronomy Picture of the Day -](#)

[Io: The Prometheus Plume \(Just Image\)](#)

[NASA Galileo - Io's Alien Volcanoes](#)

[New Horizons - Volcanic Eruption Plume on Jupiter's moon IO](#)

[NASA Galileo - A Hawaiian-Style Volcano on Io](#)

[Pirelli Site: Phasors animimation](#)

[CMwithBang Lecture #6, page=70 \(9.10.18\)](#)

Select, exciting, and related Research & Articles of Interest:

[Burning a hole in reality—design for a new laser may be powerful enough to pierce space-time - Sumner-KOS-2019](#)

[Trampoline mirror may push laser pulse through fabric of the Universe - Lee-ArsTechnica-2019](#)

[Achieving Extreme Light Intensities using Optically Curved Relativistic Plasma Mirrors - Vincenti-prl-2019](#)

[A Soft Matter Computer for Soft Robots - Garrad-sr-2019](#)

[Correlated Insulator Behaviour at Half-Filling in Magic-Angle Graphene Superlattices - cao-n-2018](#)

[Sorting ultracold atoms in a three-dimensional optical lattice in a realization of Maxwell's Demon - Kumar-n-2018](#)

[Synthetic three-dimensional atomic structures assembled atom by atom - Barredo-n-2018](#)

Older ones:

[Wave-particle duality of C60 molecules - Arndt-ltn-1999](#)

[Optical Vortex Knots - One Photon At A Time - Tempone-Wiltshire-Sr-2018](#)

[Baryon Deceleration by Strong Chromofields in Ultrarelativistic](#)

[Nuclear Collisions - Mishustin-PhysRevC-2007, APS Link & Abstract](#)

[Hadronic Molecules - Guo-x-2017](#)

[Hidden-charm pentaquark and tetraquark states - Chen-pr-2016](#)

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[RelaWavity Web Simulation: Contact Ellipsometry](#)

[BoxIt Web Simulation: Elliptical Motion \(A-Type\)](#)

[CMwBang Course: Site Title Page](#)

[Pirelli Relativity Challenge: Describing Wave Motion With Complex Phasors](#)

[UAF Physics UTube channel](#)

[Velocity Amplification in Collision Experiments Involving Superballs - Harter, 1971](#)

[MIT OpenCourseWare: High School/Physics/Impulse and Momentum](#)

[Hubble Site: Supernova - SN 1987A](#)

BounceIt Web Animation - Scenarios:

[49:1 y vs t, 49:1 V2 vs V1, 1:500:1 - 1D Gas Model w/ faux restorative force \(Cool\),](#)

[1:500:1 - 1D Gas \(Warm\), 1:500:1 - 1D Gas Model \(Cool, Zoomed in\),](#)

[Farey Sequence - Wolfram](#)

[Fractions - Ford-AMM-1938](#)

Monstermash BounceIt Animations:

[1000:1 - V2 vs V1, 1000:1 with t vs x - Minkowski Plot](#)

[Quantum Revivals of Morse Oscillators and Farey-Ford Geometry - Li-Harter-2013](#)

[Quantum Revivals of Morse Oscillators and Farey-Ford Geometry - Li-Harter-cpl-2015](#)

[Quant. Revivals of Morse Oscillators and Farey-Ford Geom. - Harter-Li-CPL-2015 \(Publ.\)](#)

[Velocity Amplification in Collision Experiments Involving Superballs-Harter-1971](#)

WaveIt Web Animation - Scenarios:

[Quantum Carpet, Quantum Carpet wMBars,](#)

[Quantum Carpet BCar, Quantum Carpet BCar wMBars](#)

[Wave Node Dynamics and Revival Symmetry in Quantum Rotors - Harter-JMS-2001](#)

[Wave Node Dynamics and Revival Symmetry in Quantum Rotors - Harter-jms-2001 \(Publ.\)](#)

[AJP article on superball dynamics](#)

[AAPT Summer Reading List](#)

[Scitation.org - AIP publications](#)

[HarterSoft Youtube Channel](#)

BounceIt Web Animation - Scenarios:

[Generic Scenario: 2-Balls dropped no Gravity \(7:1\) - V vs V Plot \(Power=4\)](#)

[1-Ball dropped w/Gravity=0.5 w/Potential Plot: Power=1, Power=4](#)

[7:1 - V vs V Plot: Power=1](#)

[3-Ball Stack \(10:3:1\) w/Newton plot \(y vs t\) - Power=4](#)

[3-Ball Stack \(10:3:1\) w/Newton plot \(y vs t\) - Power=1](#)

[3-Ball Stack \(10:3:1\) w/Newton plot \(y vs t\) - Power=1 w/Gaps](#)

[4-Ball Stack \(27:9:3:1\) w/Newton plot \(y vs t\) - Power=4](#)

[4-Newton's Balls \(1:1:1:1\) w/Newtonian plot \(y vs t\) - Power=4 w/Gaps](#)

[6-Ball Totally Inelastic \(1:1:1:1:1:1\) w/Gaps: Newtonian plot \(t vs x\), V6 vs V5 plot](#)

[5-Ball Totally Inelastic Pile-up w/ 5-Stationary-Balls - Minkowski plot \(t vs x1\) w/Gaps](#)

[1-Ball Totally Inelastic Pile-up w/ 5-Stationary-Balls - Vx2 vs Vx1 plot w/Gaps](#)

BounceIt Dual plots

$m_1:m_2 = 3:1$

[v2 vs v1 and V2 vs V1, \(v1, v2\)=\(1, 0.1\), \(v1, v2\)=\(1, 0\)](#)

[y2 vs y1 plots: \(v1, v2\)=\(1, 0.1\), \(v1, v2\)=\(1, 0\), \(v1, v2\)=\(1, -1\)](#)

[Estrangian plot V2 vs V1: \(v1, v2\)=\(0, 1\), \(v1, v2\)=\(1, -1\)](#)

$m_1:m_2 = 4:1$

[v2 vs v1, y2 vs y1](#)

$m_1:m_2 = 100:1$, (v1, v2)=(1, 0): V2 vs V1 Estrangian plot, y2 vs y1 plot

[With g=0 and 70:10 mass ratio](#)

[With non zero g, velocity dependent damping and mass ratio of 70:35](#)

[M1=49, M2=1 with Newtonian time plot](#)

[M1=49, M2=1 with V2 vs V1 plot](#)

[Example with friction](#)

[Low force constant with drag displaying a Pass-thru, Fall-Thru, Bounce-Off](#)

[m1:m2= 3:1 and \(v1, v2\) = \(1, 0\) Comparison with Estrangian](#)

X2 paper: [Velocity Amplification in Collision Experiments Involving Superballs - Harter, et. al. 1971 \(pdf\)](#)

Car Collision Web Simulator: <https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/CMMotionWeb.html>

Superball Collision Web Simulator: <https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/BounceItWeb.html>; with Scenarios: [1007](#)

[BounceIt web simulation with g=0 and 70:10 mass ratio](#)

[With non zero g, velocity dependent damping and mass ratio of 70:35](#)

[Elastic Collision Dual Panel Space vs Space: Space vs Time \(Newton\), Time vs. Space\(Minkowski\)](#)

[Inelastic Collision Dual Panel Space vs Space: Space vs Time \(Newton\), Time vs. Space\(Minkowski\)](#)

[Matrix Collision Simulator: M1=49, M2=1 V2 vs V1 plot <<Under Construction>>](#)

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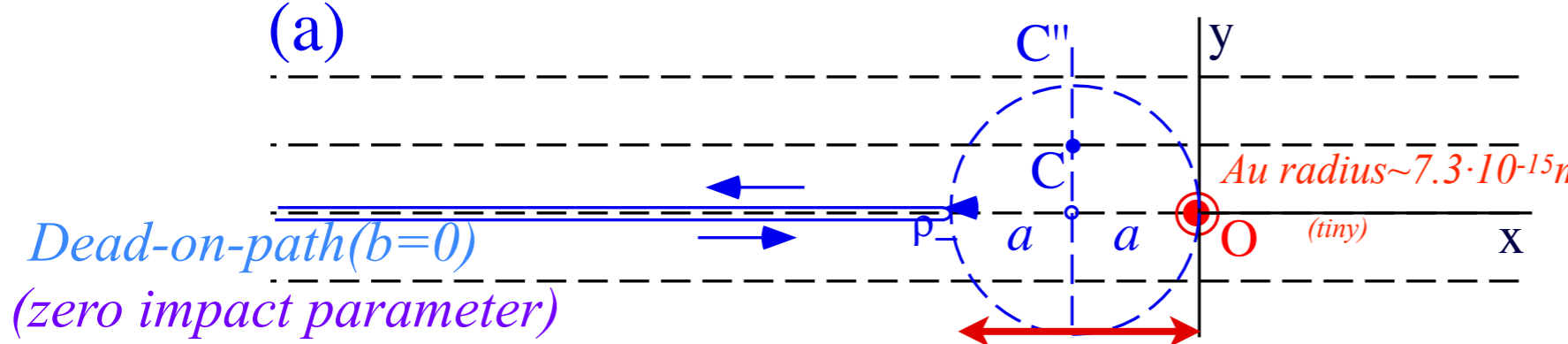
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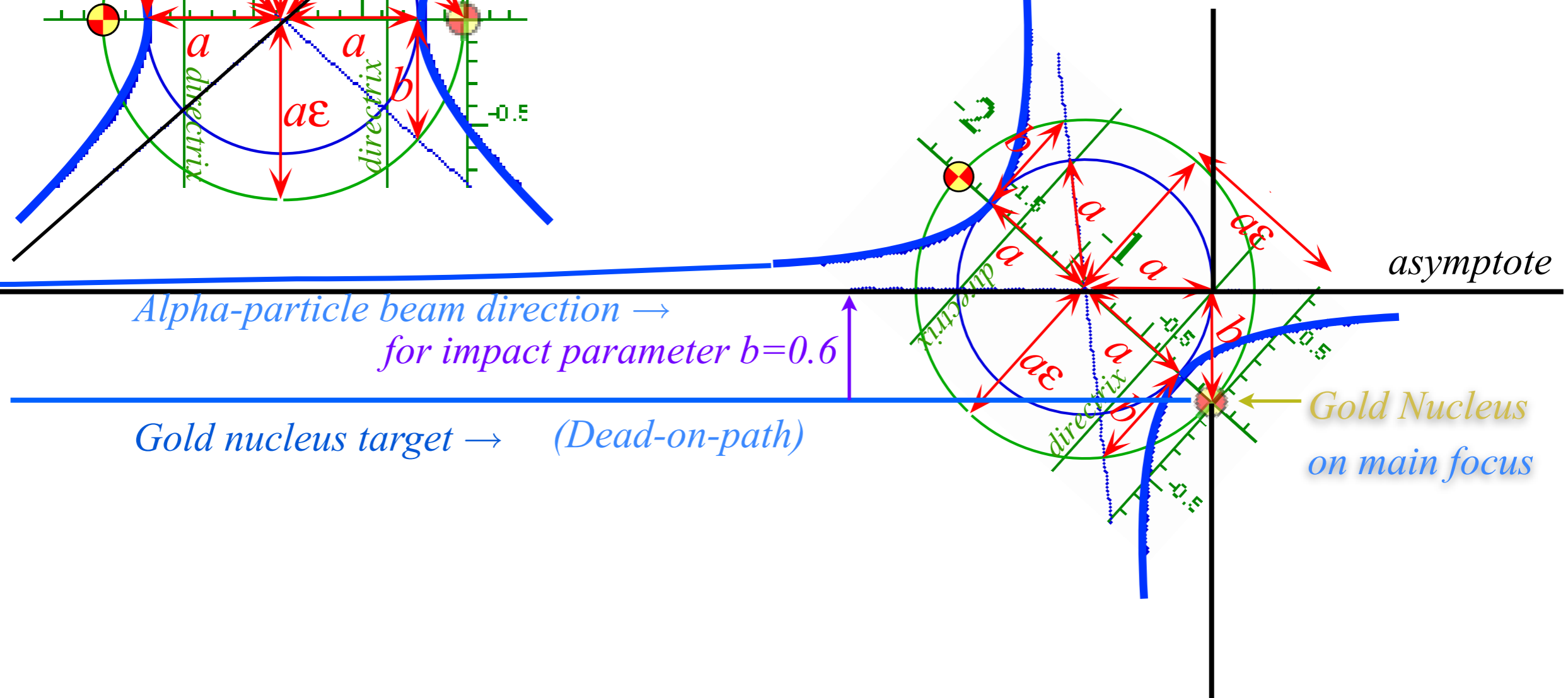
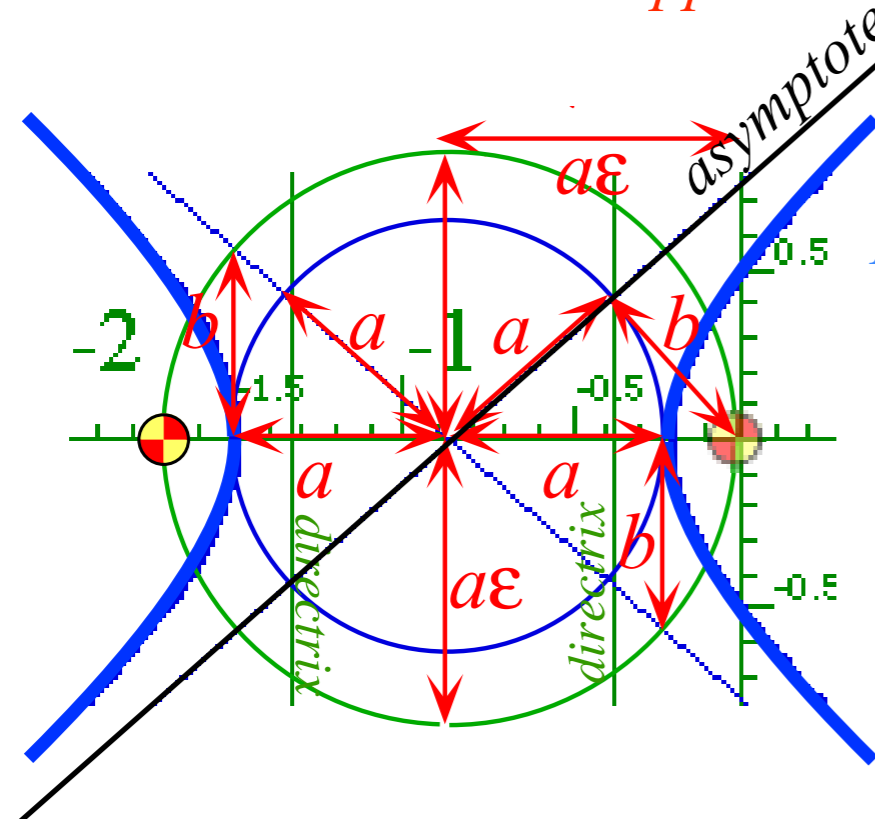
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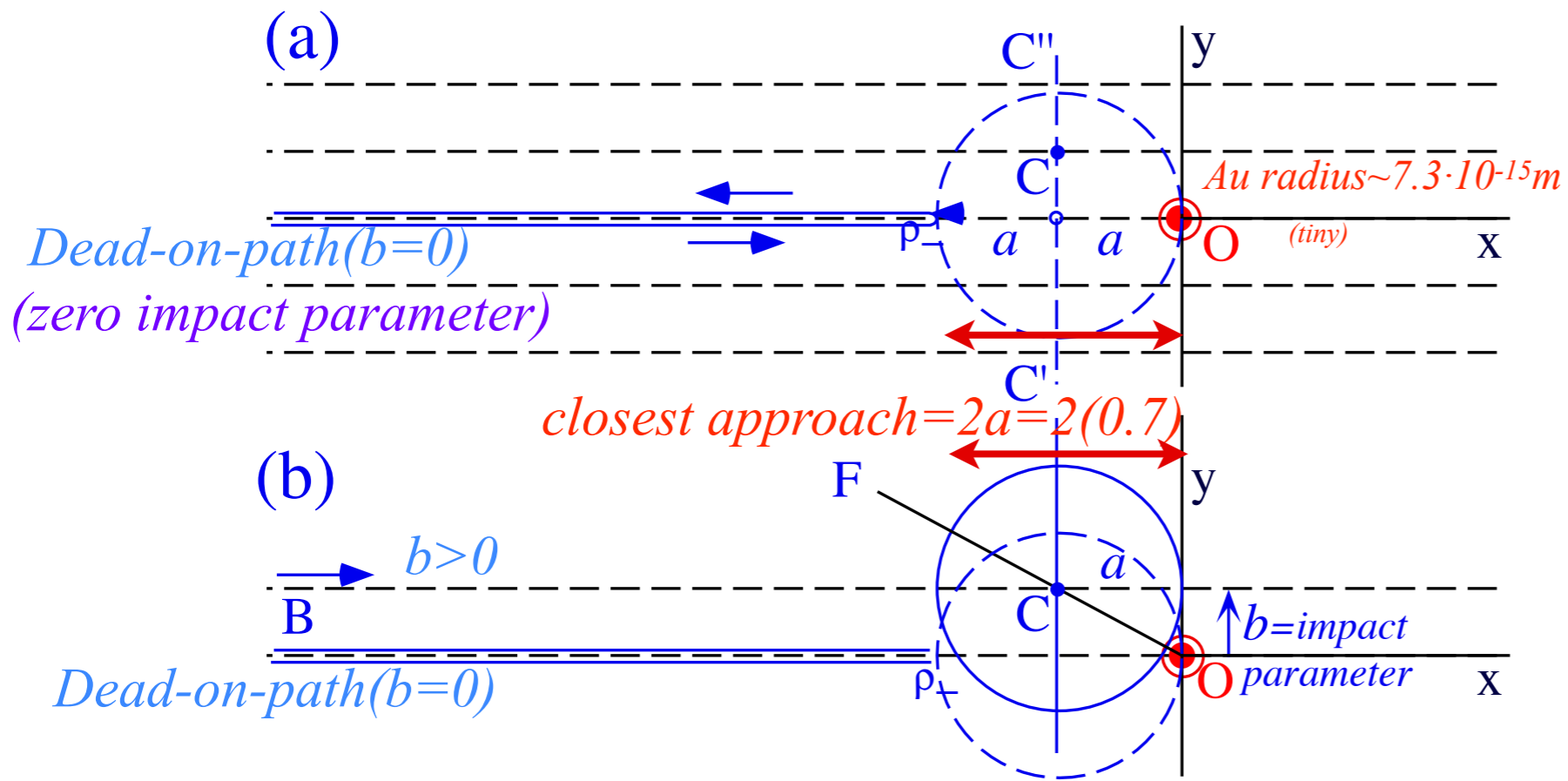
Connection formulas for (γ, R) -parameters with (a, b) and (ε, λ)



Rutherford scattering of α^{+2} particles from Au^{+79} nucleus at O
Assume "Dead-On" closest approach $2a$.
($E=k/2a$) $a \sim 10^{-11}m \gg 7.3 \cdot 10^{-15}m$

closest approach $= 2a = 2(0.7)$





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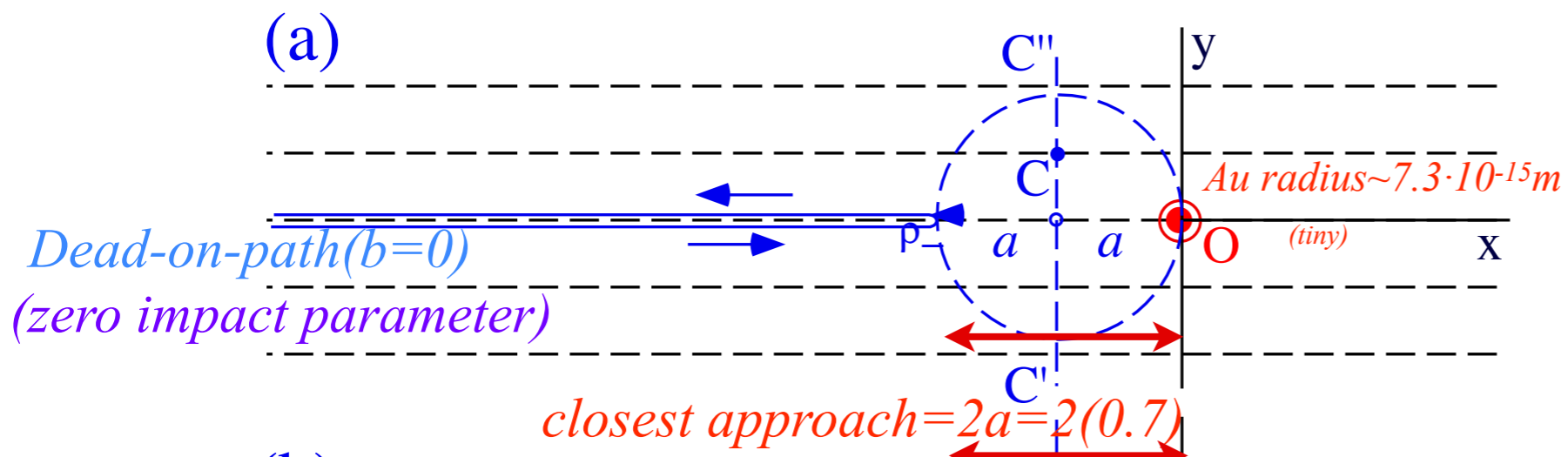
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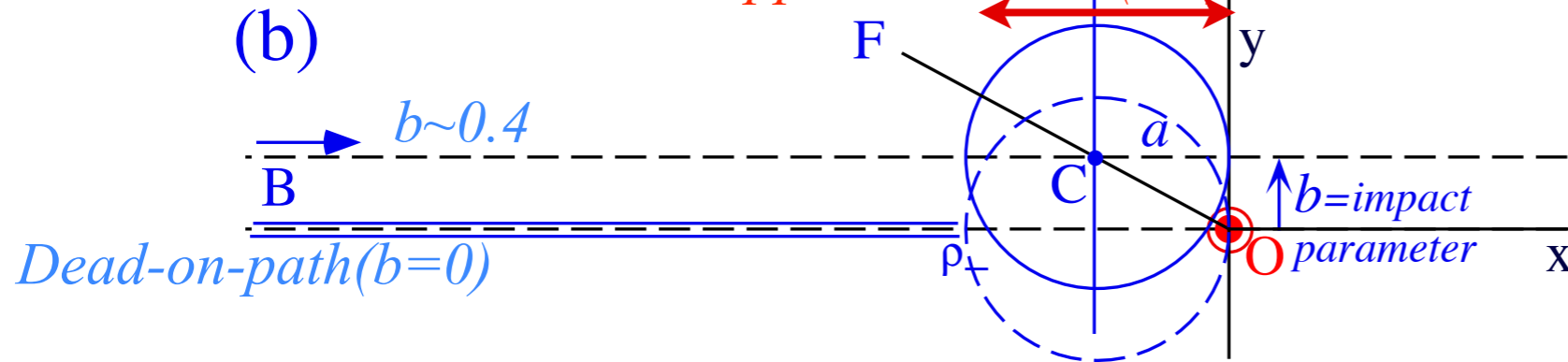
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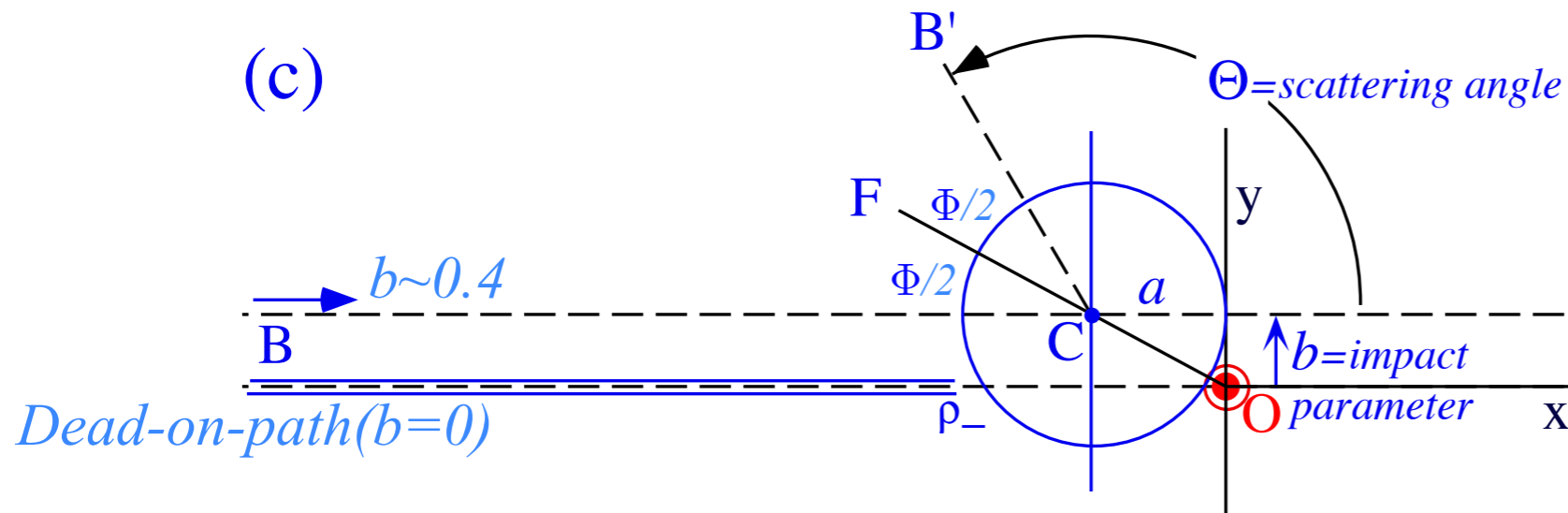
Draw "focus-locus" line OCF.



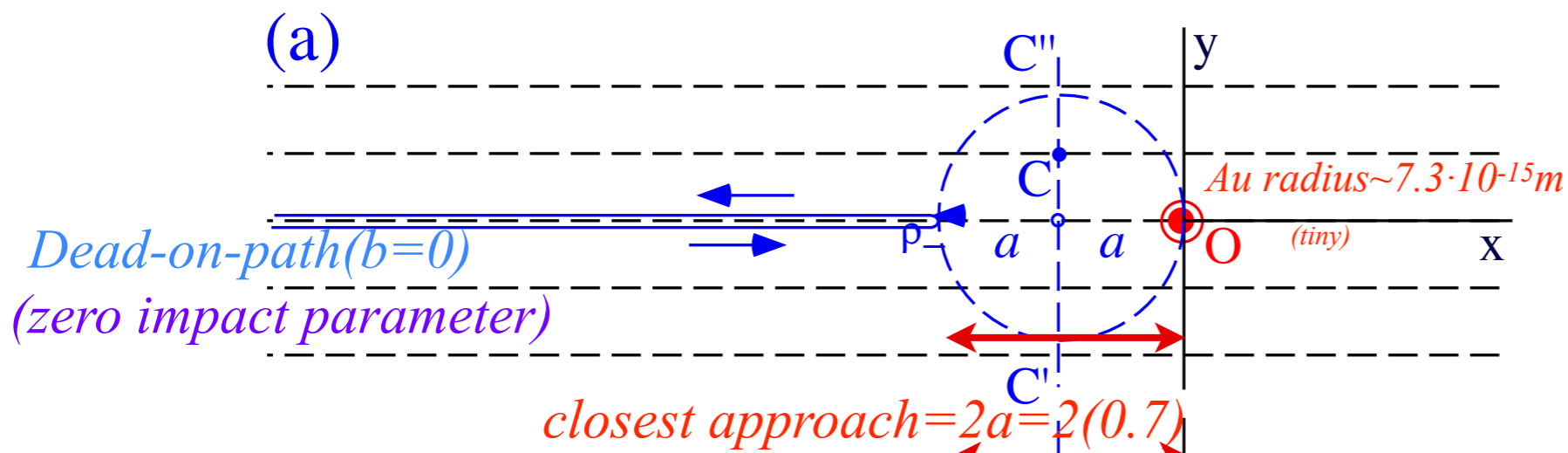
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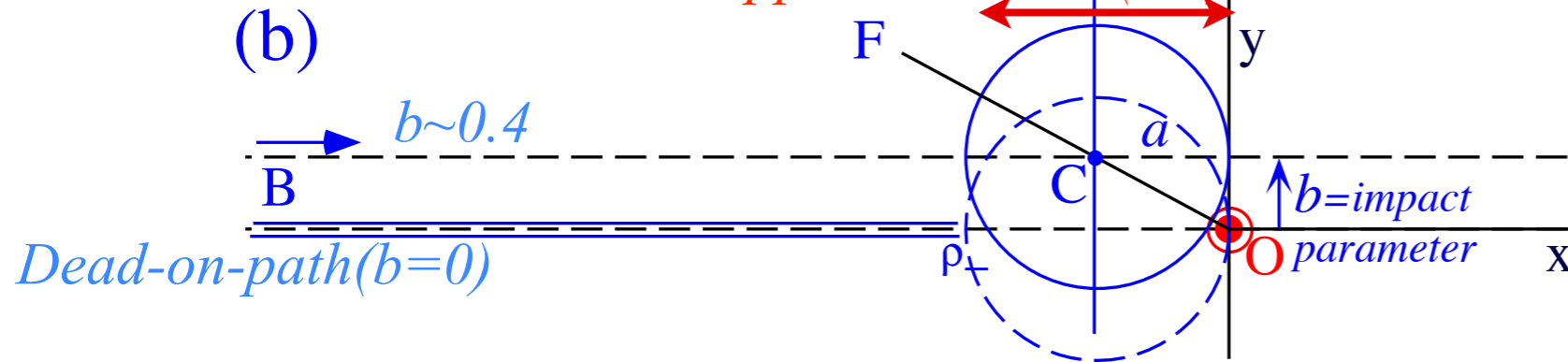
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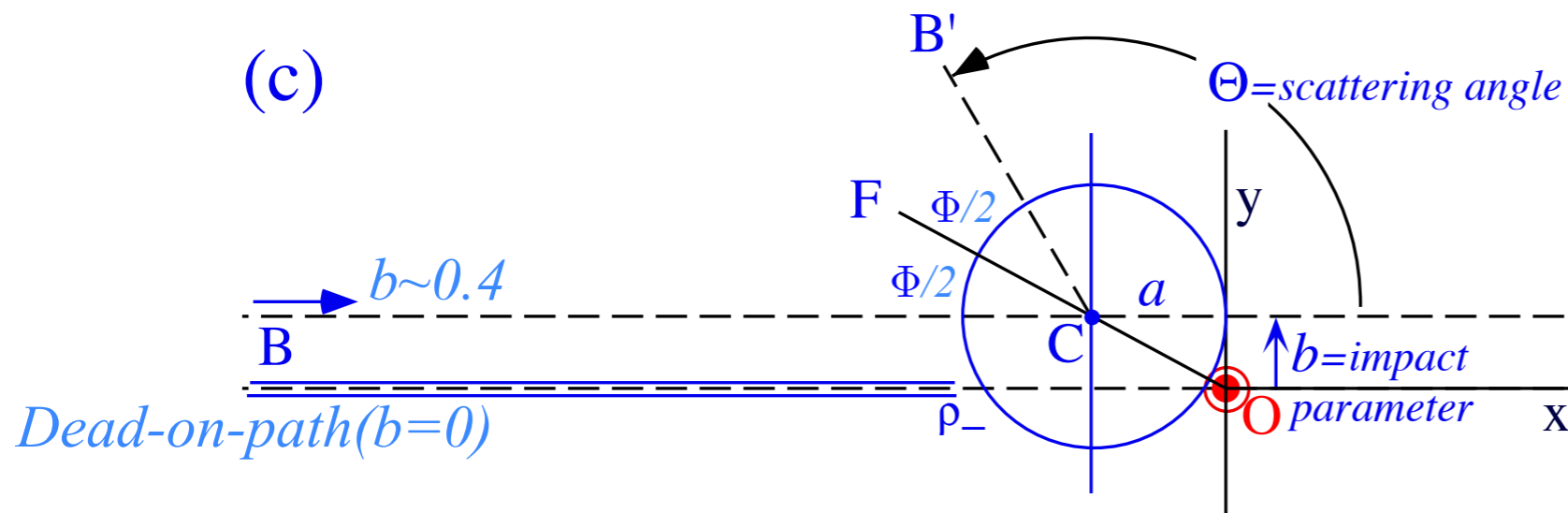
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 to make angle $\angle FCB'$ (also equal to $\Phi/2$)
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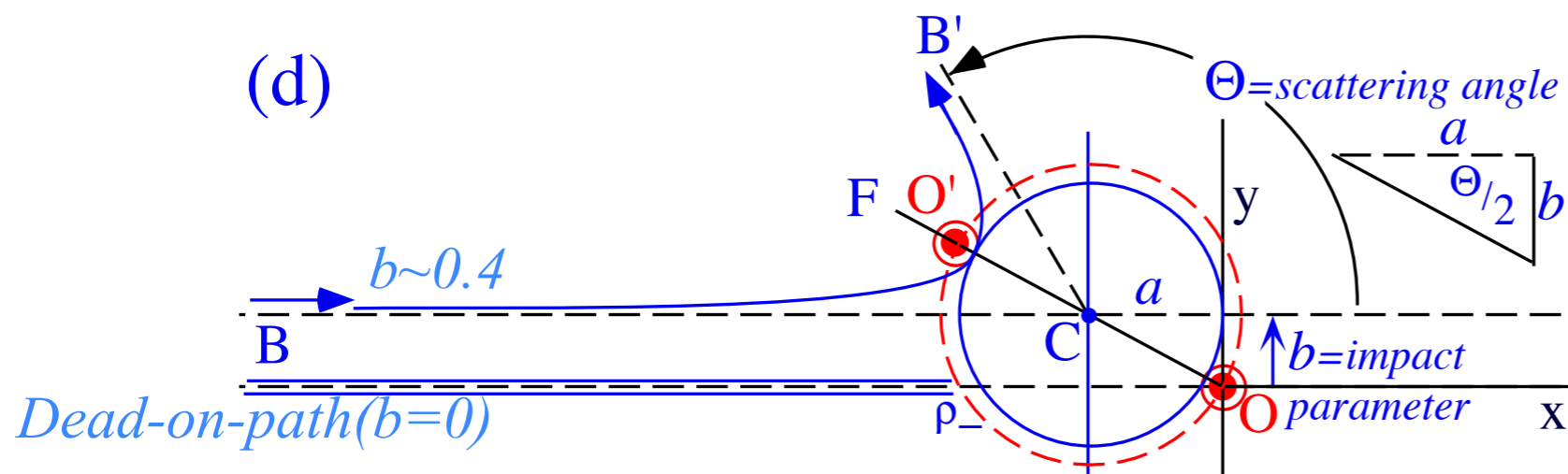
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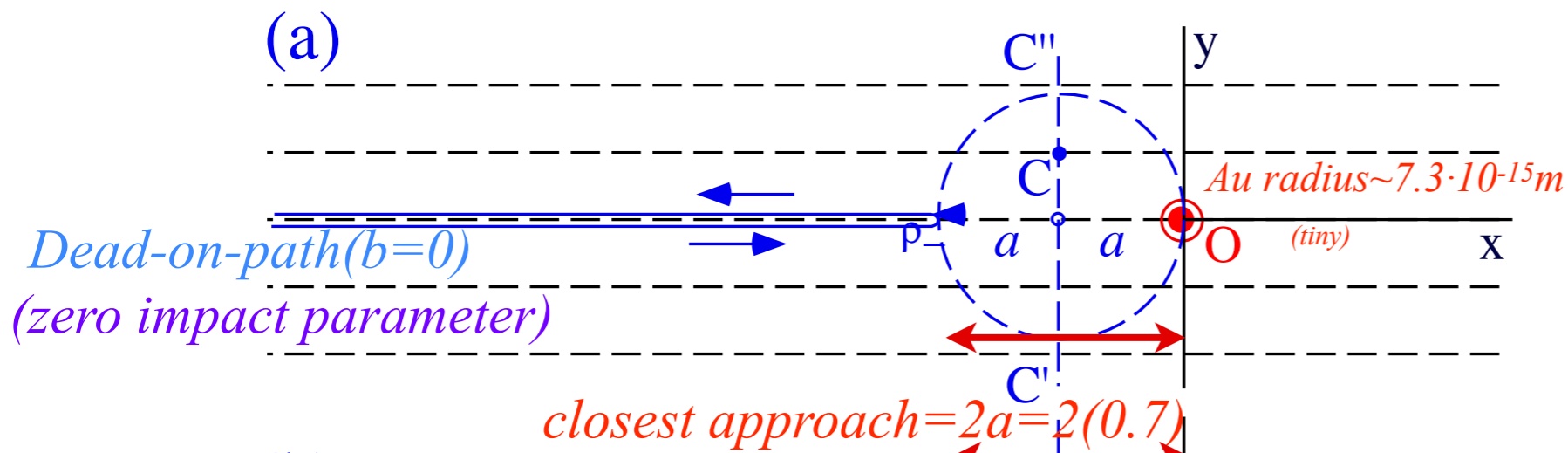
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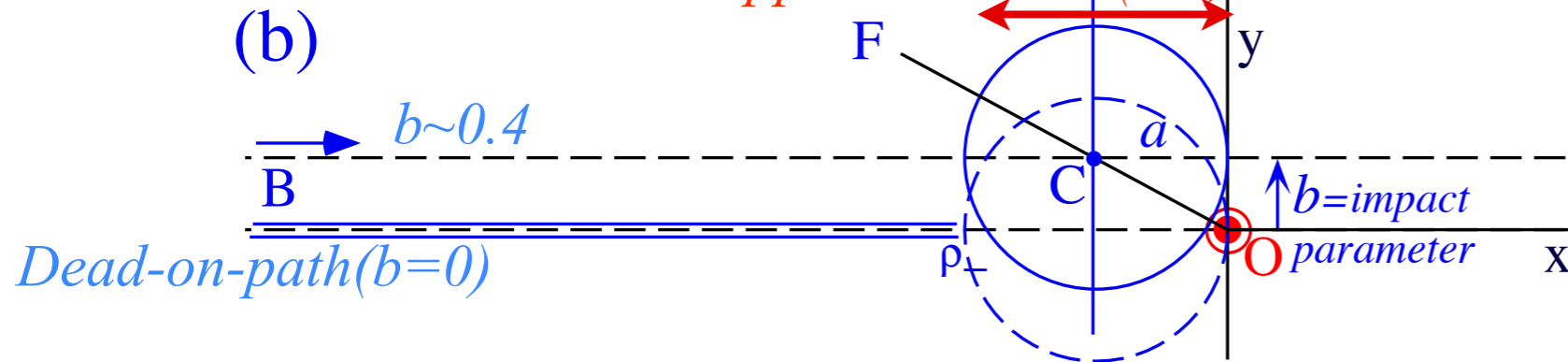
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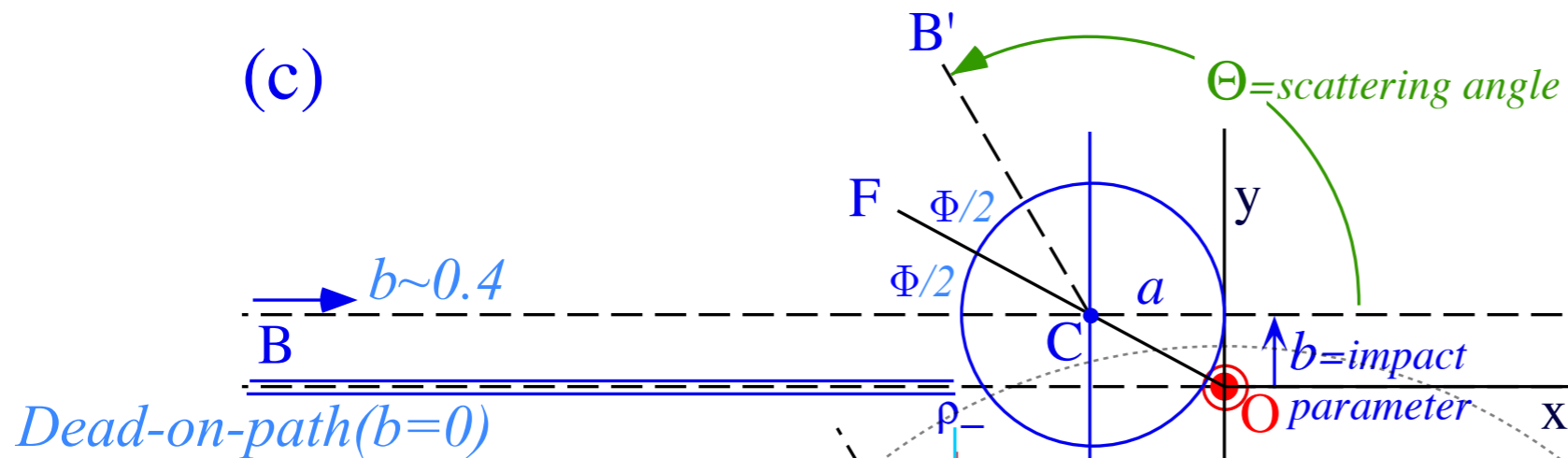
Locate secondary focus O' by drawing circle around point C of diameter CO thru point O. Diameter $\text{O}'\text{CO}$ is $2a\epsilon$.
Hyperbolic orbit points P now found using constant $2a = \text{PO} - \text{PO}'$



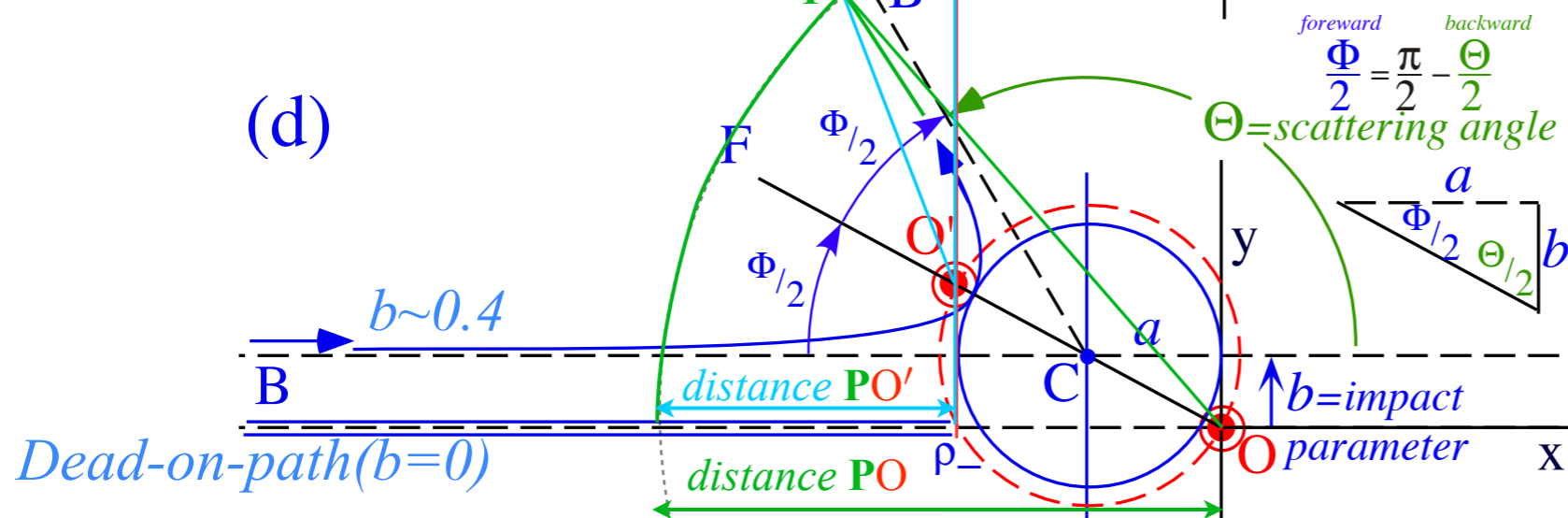
Rutherford scattering of α^{+2} particles from Au^{+79} nucleus at O
 Assume "Dead-On" closest approach $2a$.
 $(E = k/2a)$ $a \sim 10^{-11} \text{m} \gg 7.3 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{m}$



Pick an "impact parameter" line $y = b$.
Draw circle of radius a around center point $C = (-a, b)$ tangent to y -axis.
Draw "focus-locus" line OCF.



Copy angle $\angle BCF$ (equal to $\Phi/2$) to make angle $\angle FCB'$ (also equal to $\Phi/2$)
Resulting line CB' is outgoing asymptote at scattering angle Θ .



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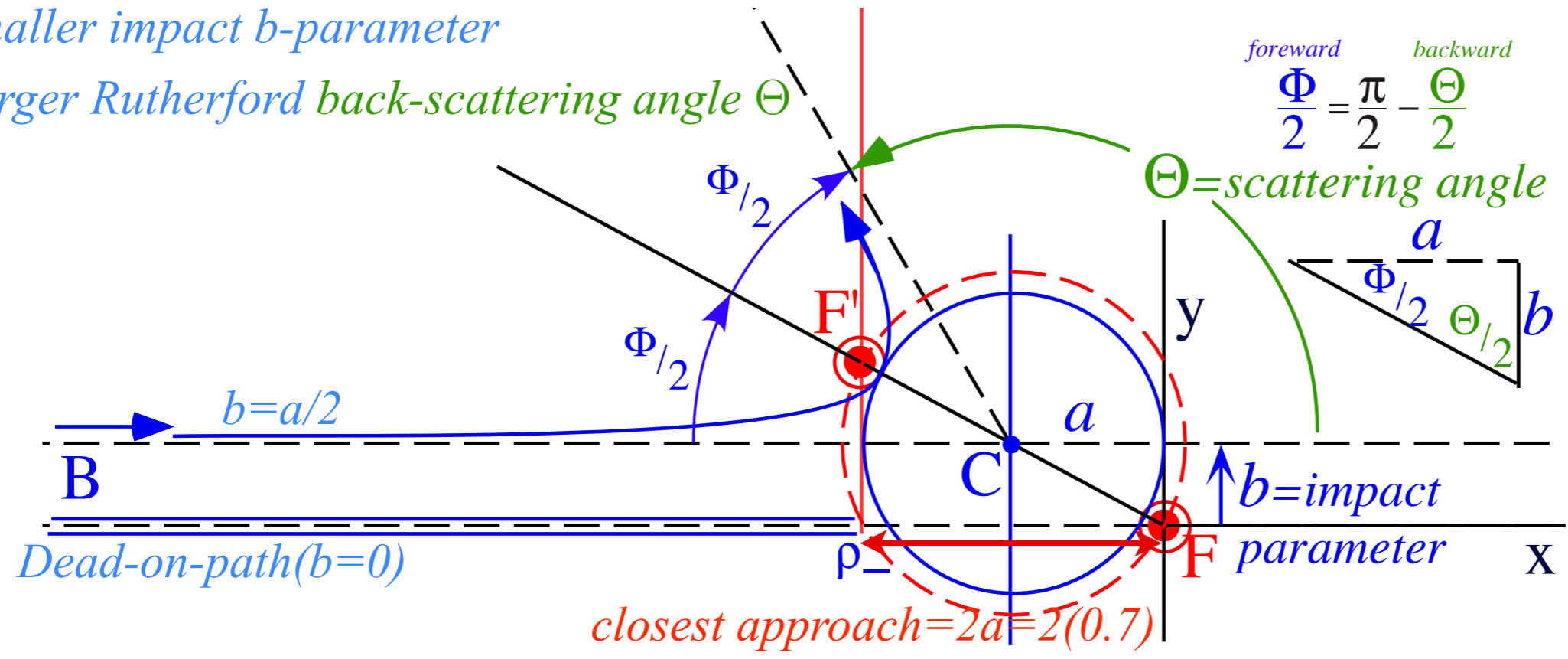
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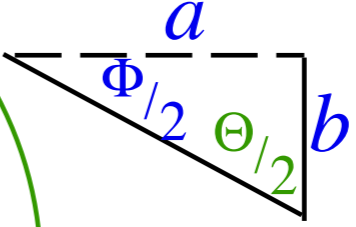
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forward *backward*

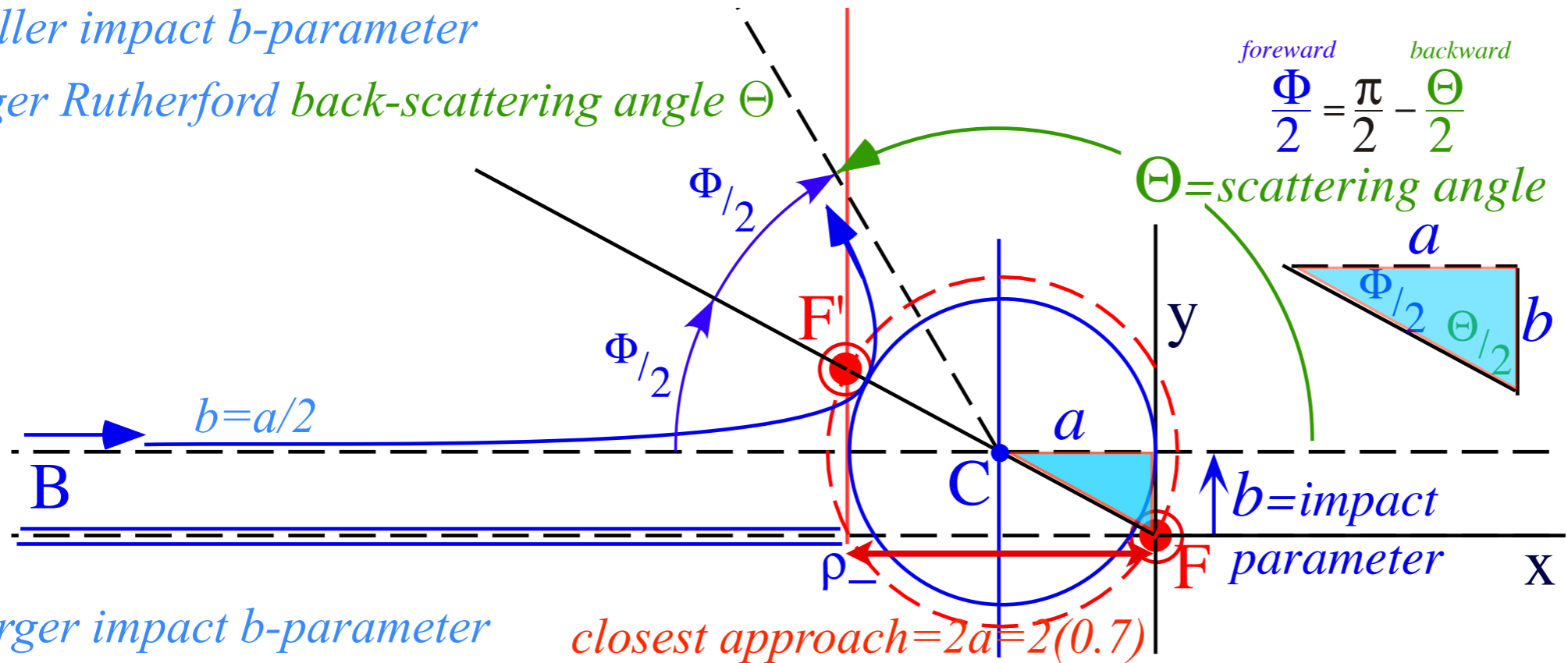
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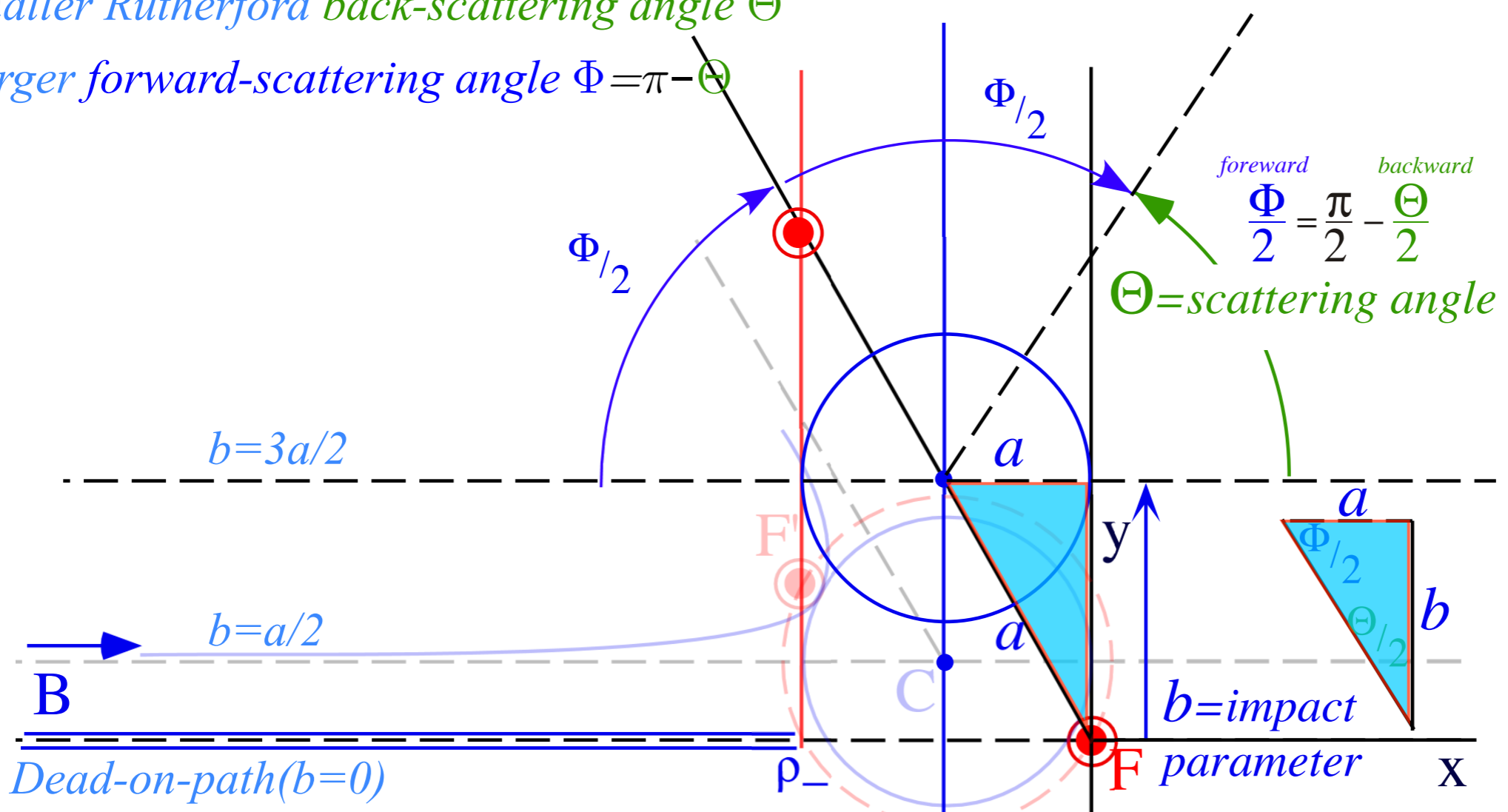


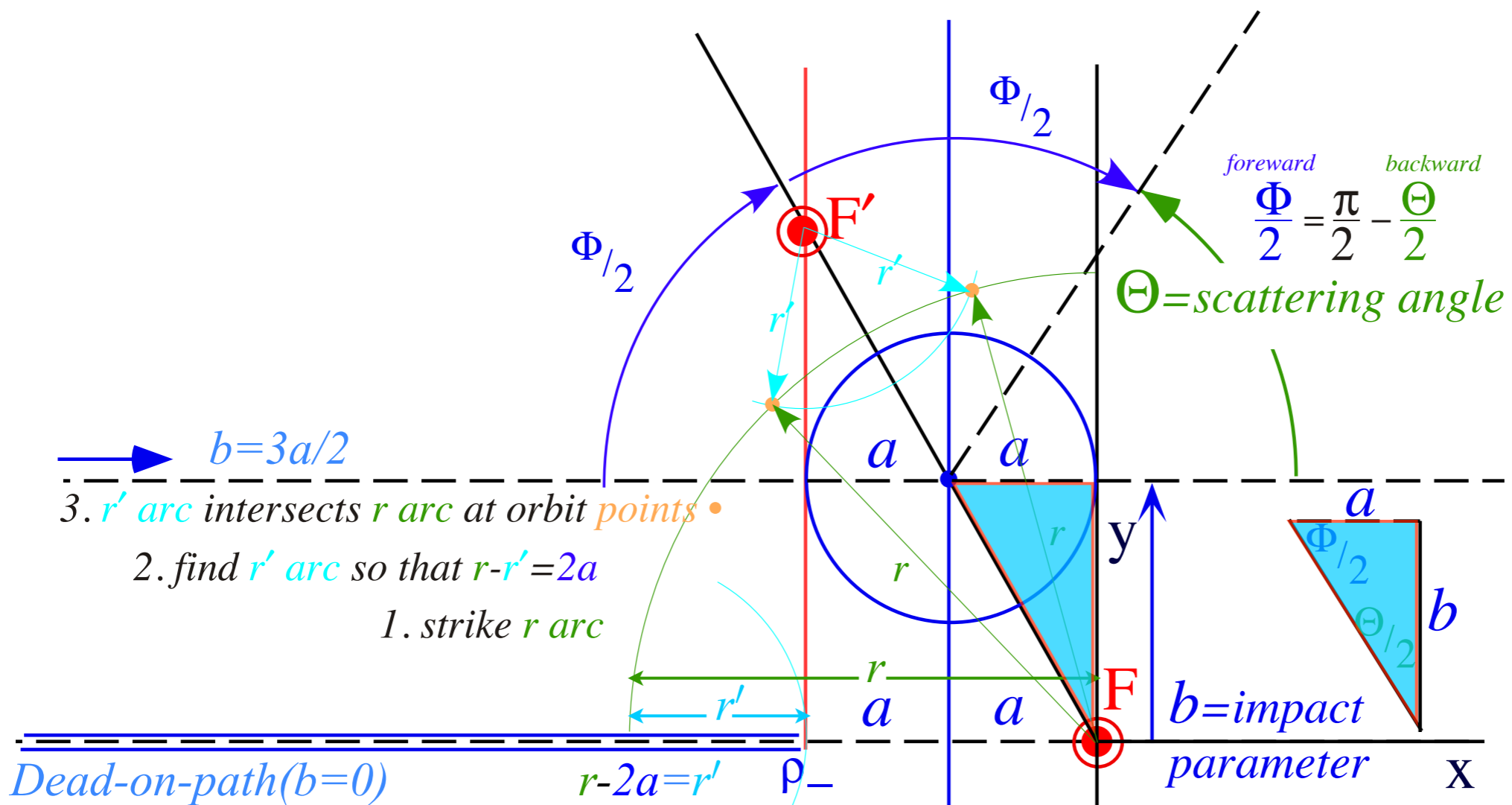
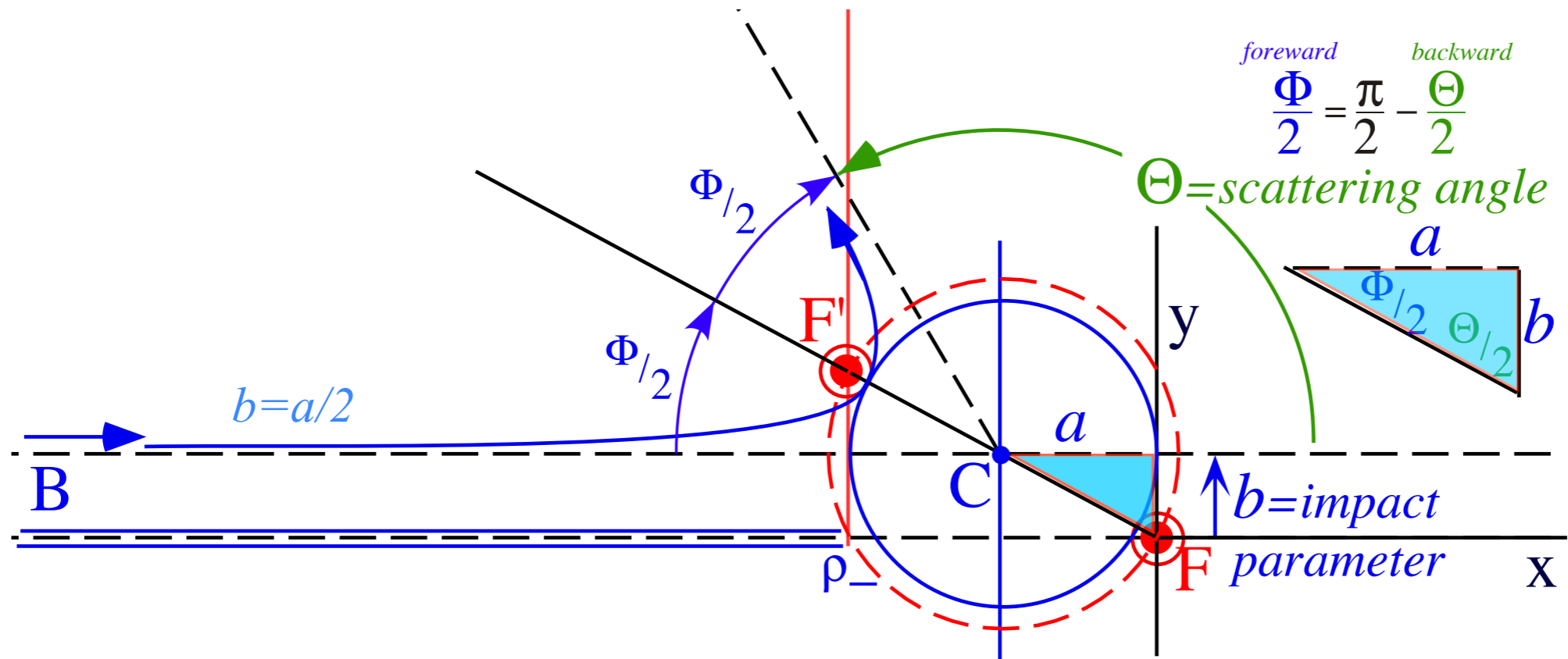
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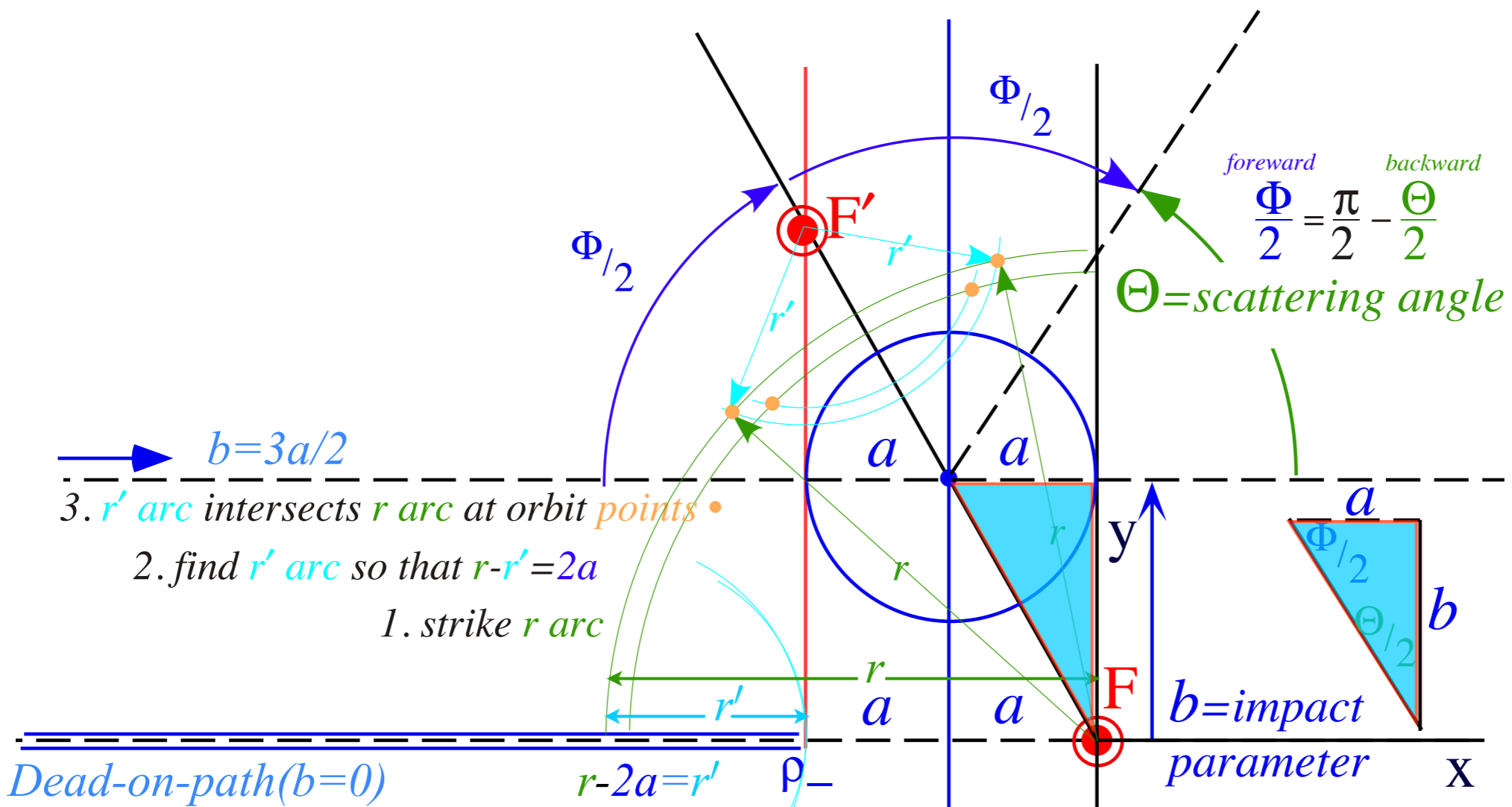
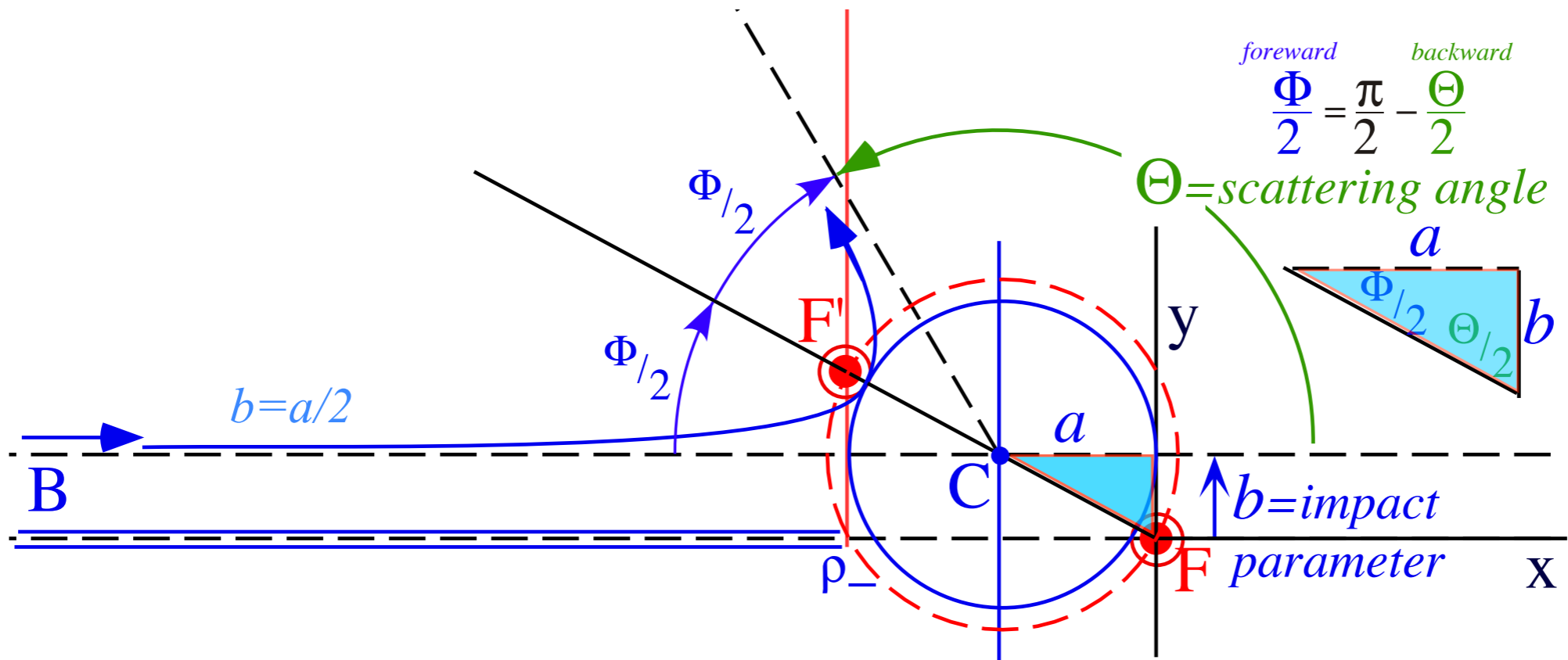
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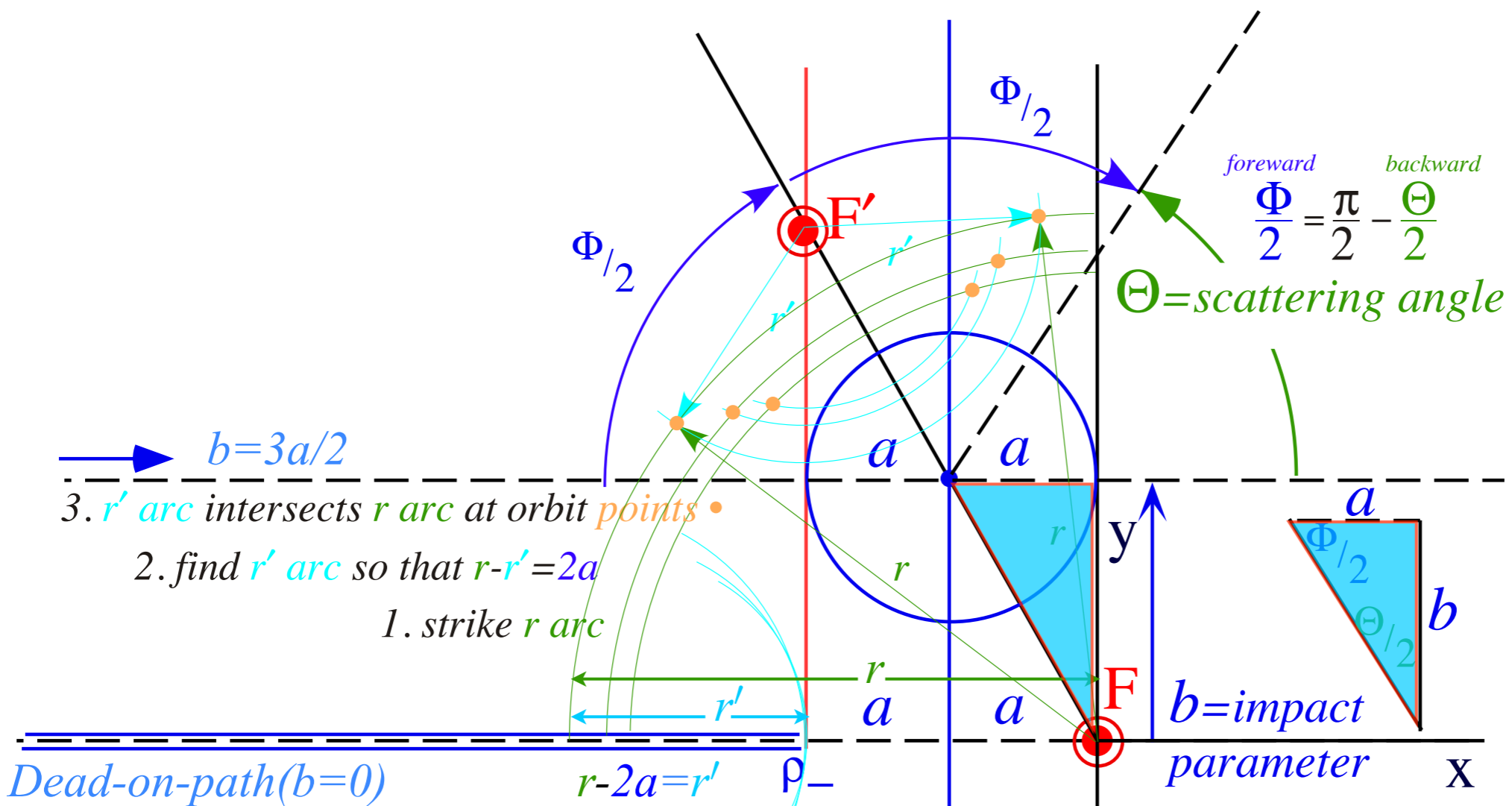
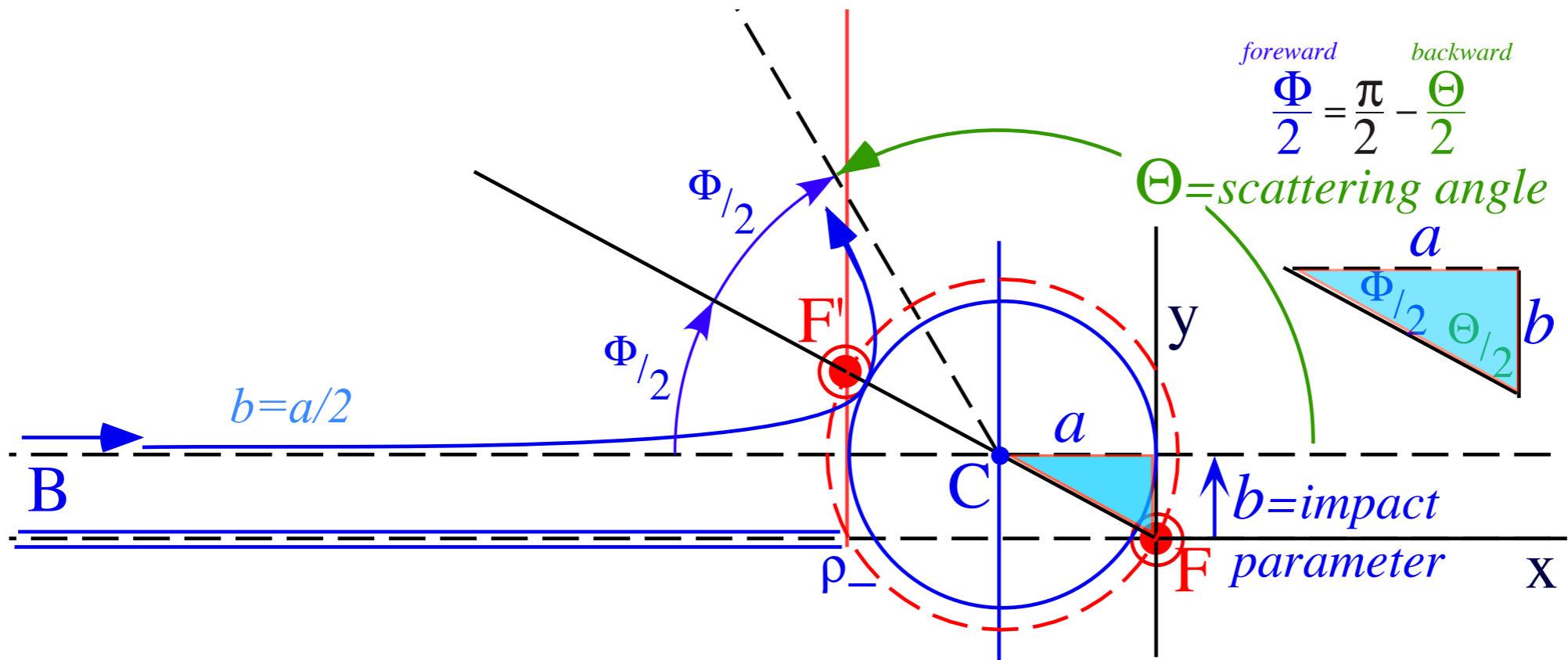
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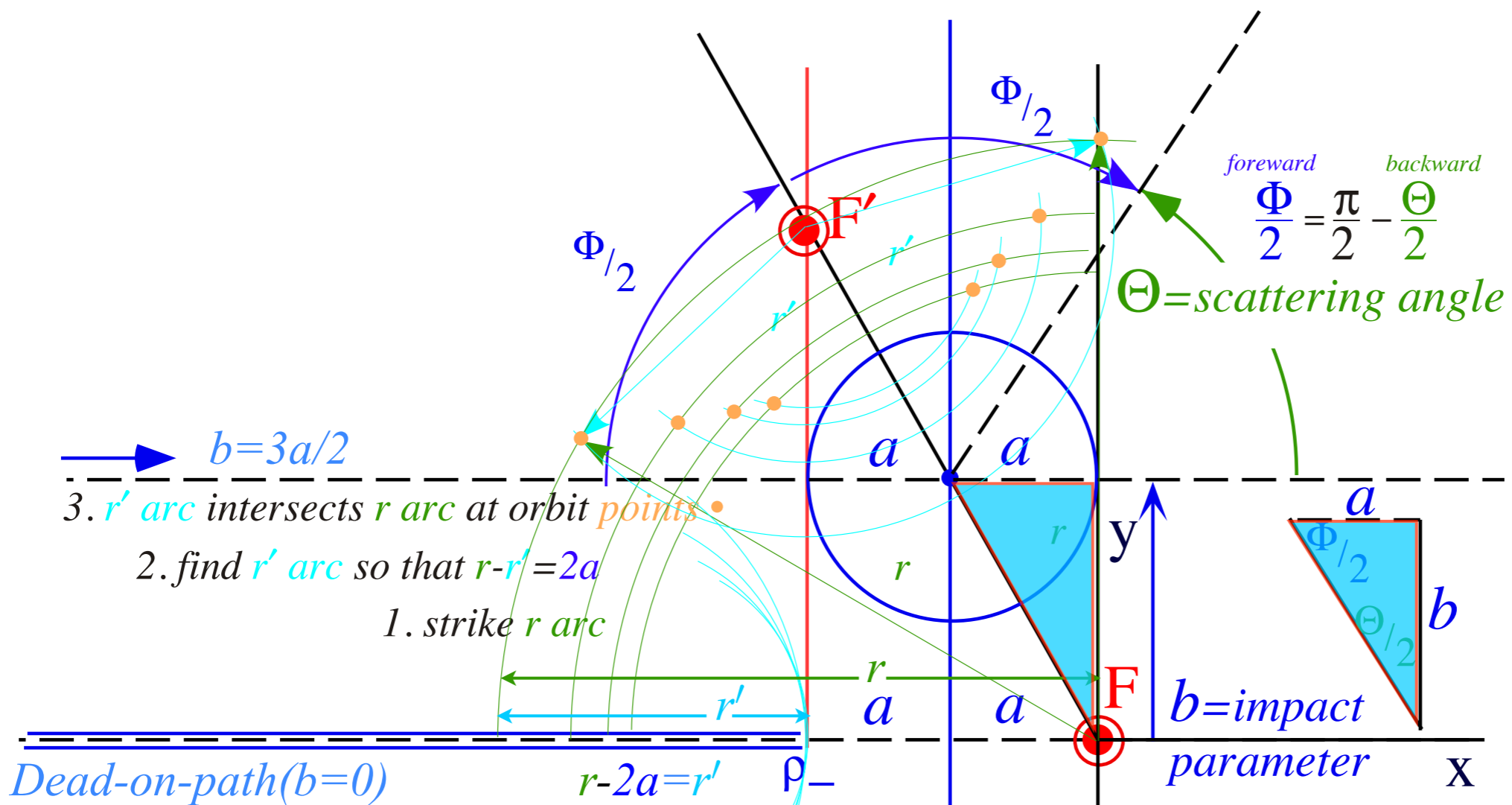
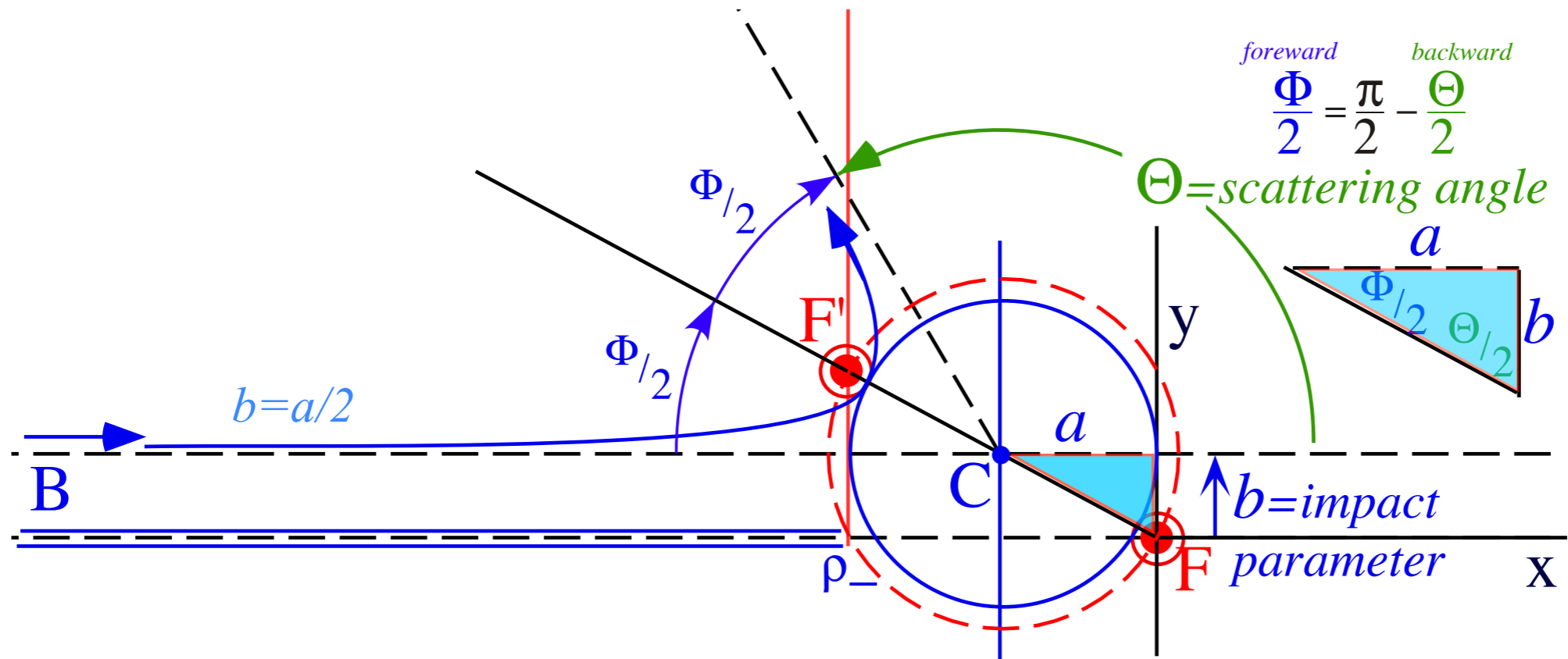
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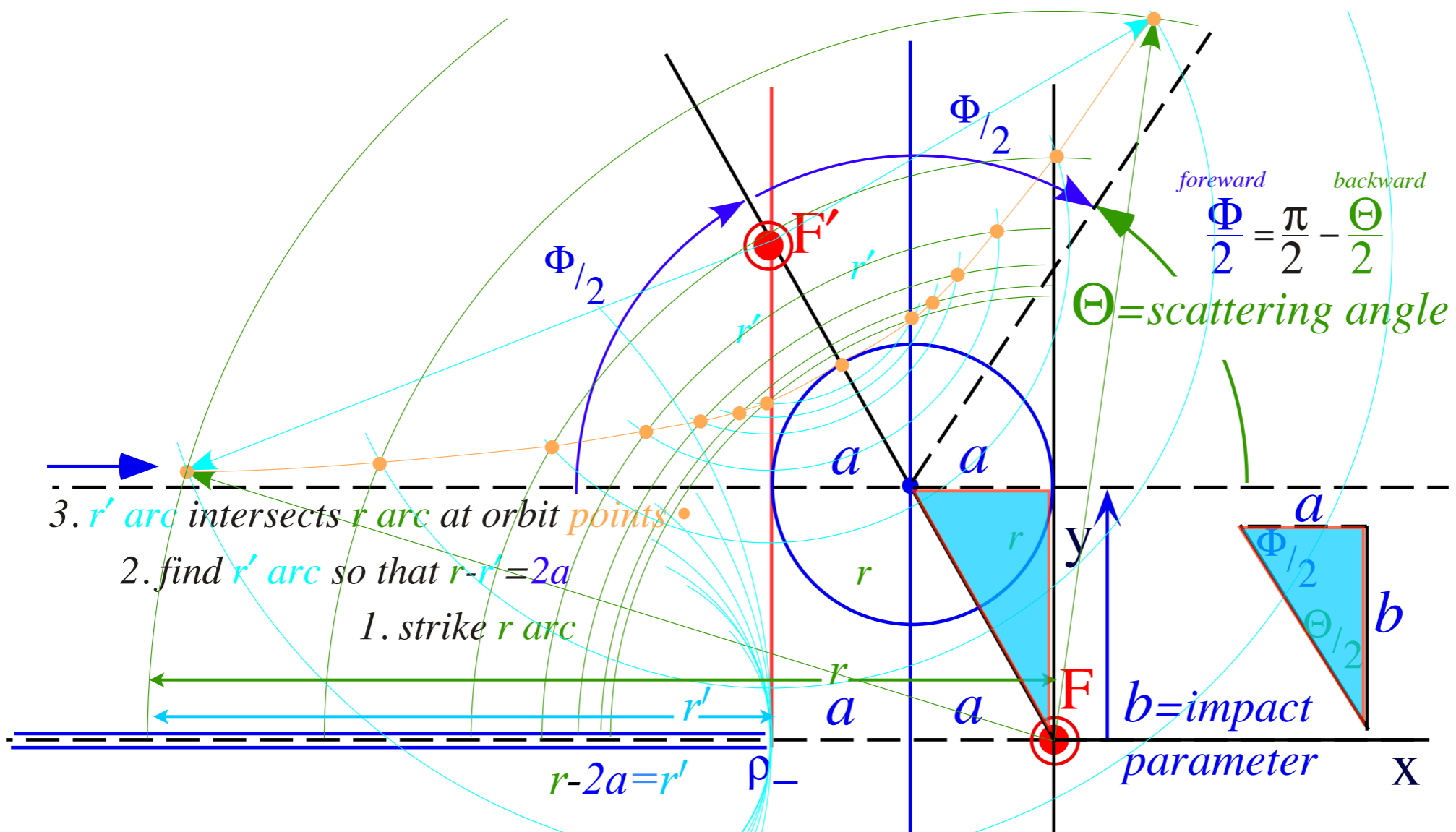
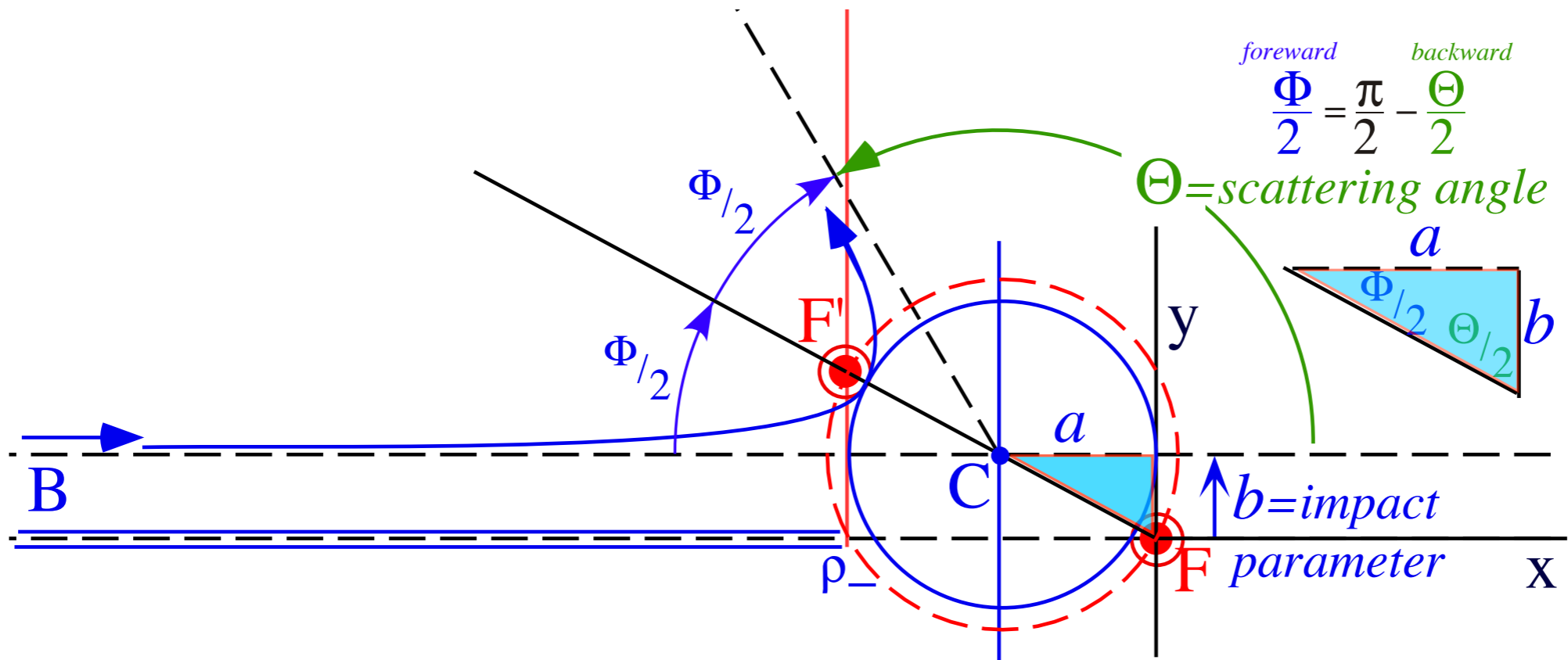


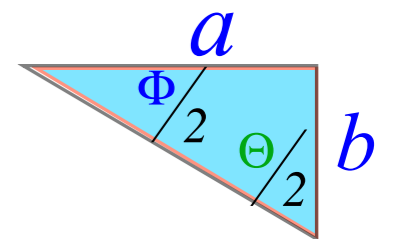
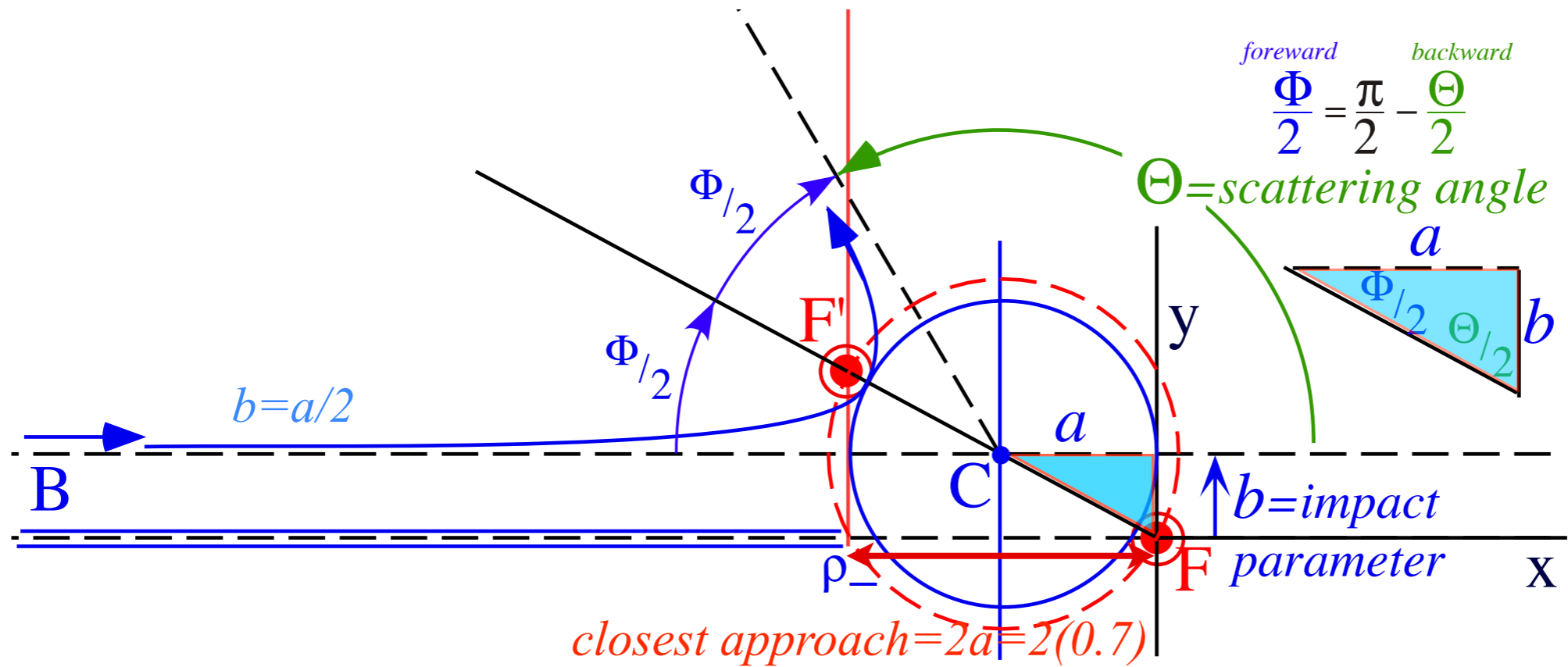








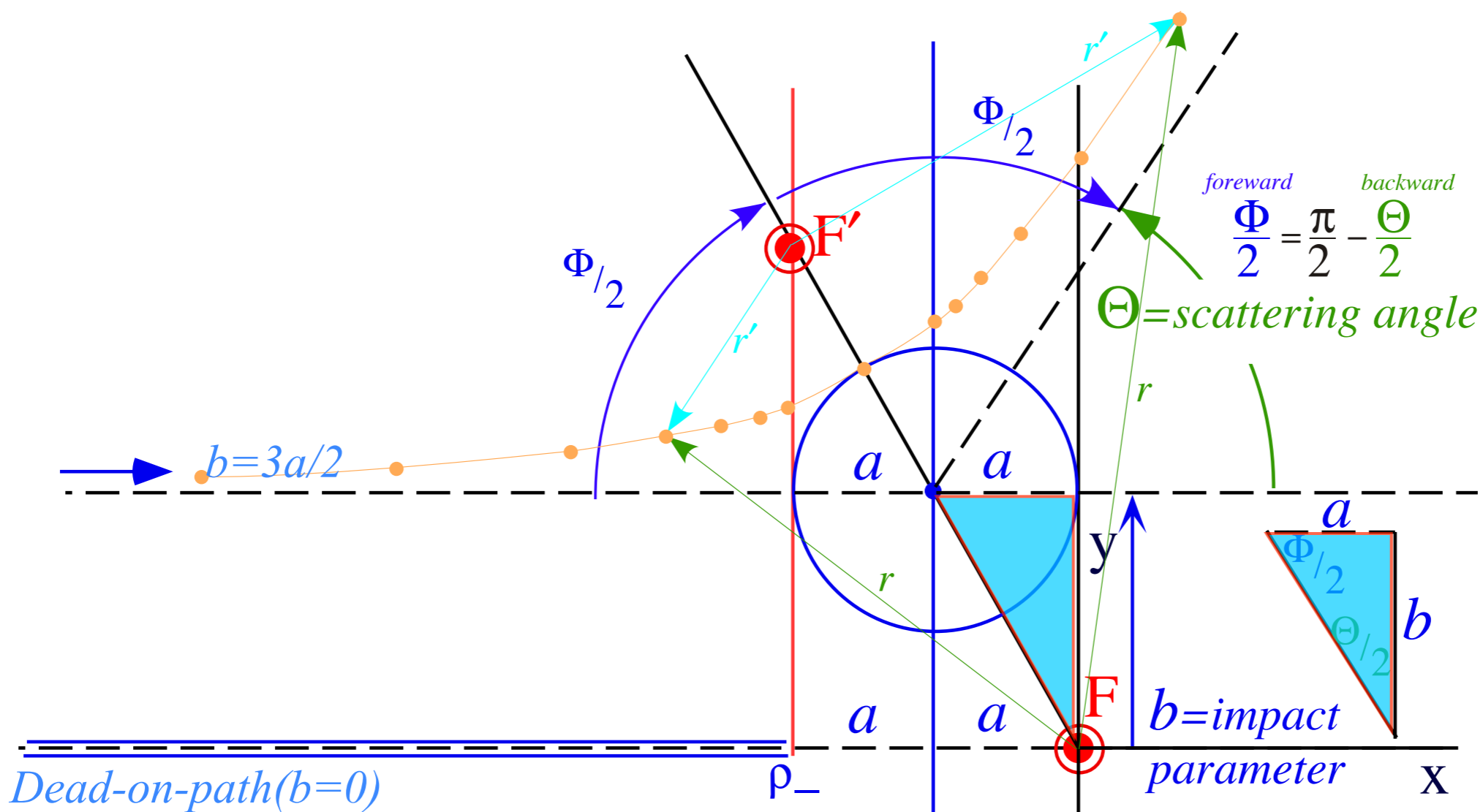




$$\frac{a}{b} = \tan \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

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

$$\frac{a}{b} = \cot \frac{\Phi}{2}$$



Angle $\frac{\Phi}{2}$
subtended
by F (easy
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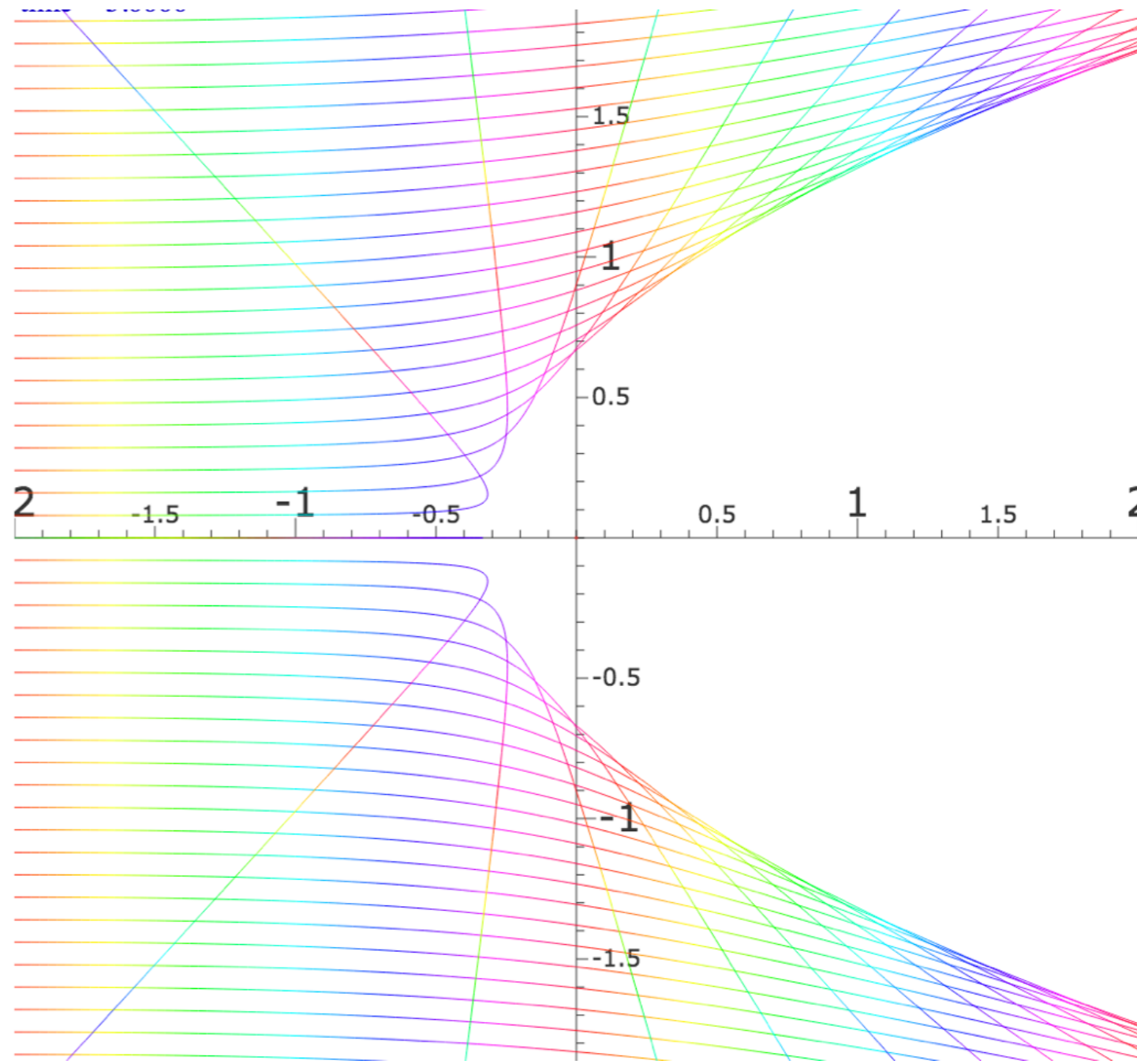
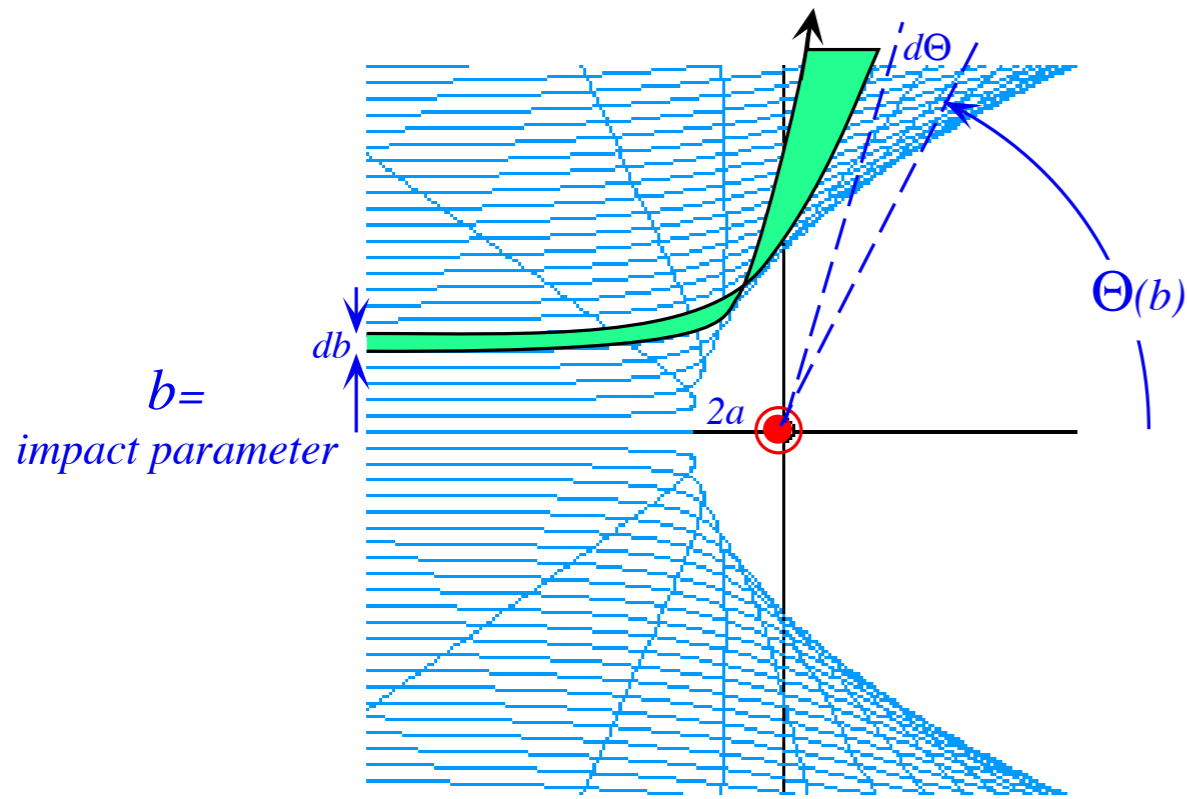
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<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/CoulItWeb.html?scenario=Rutherford>

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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.

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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

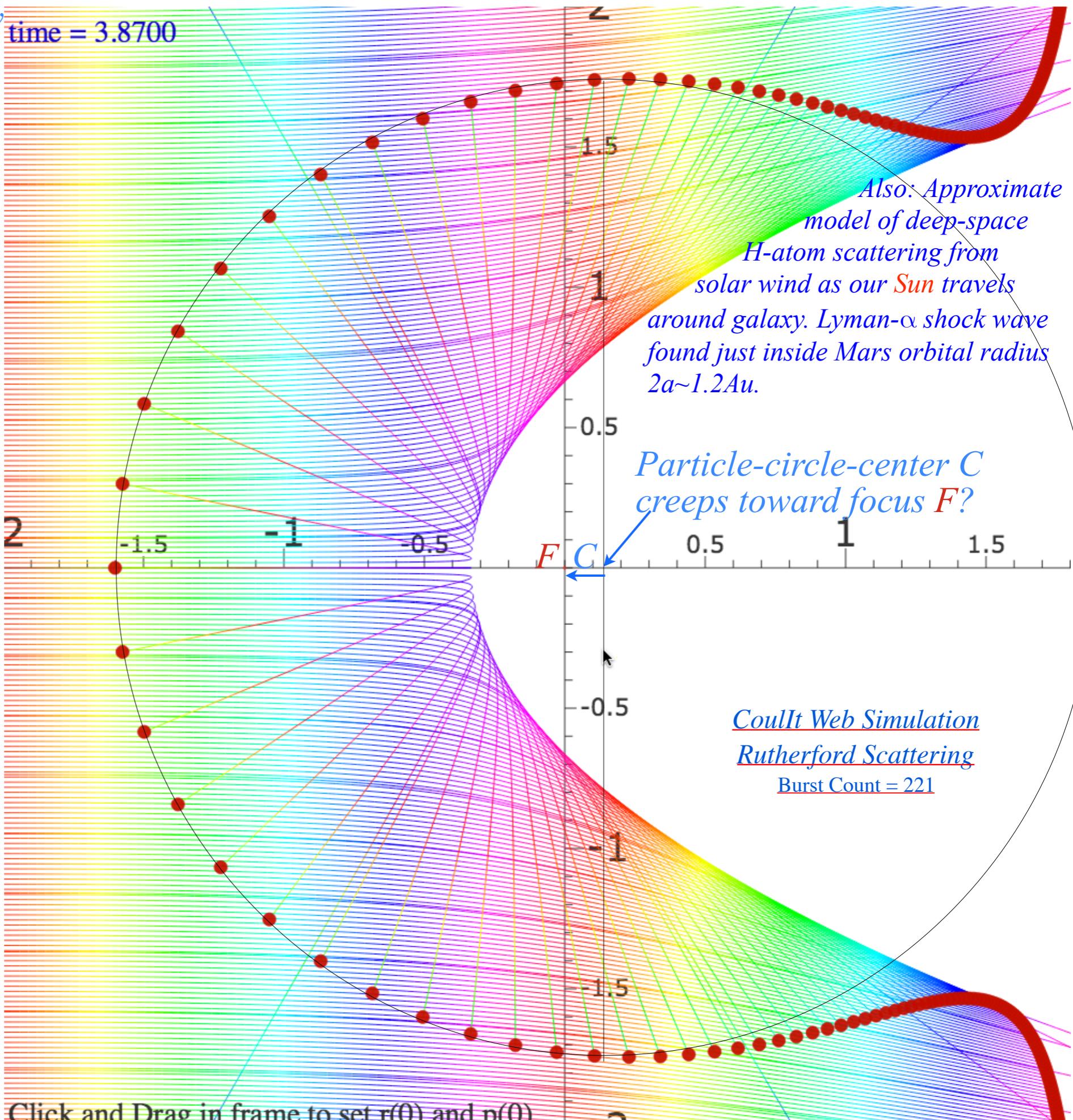
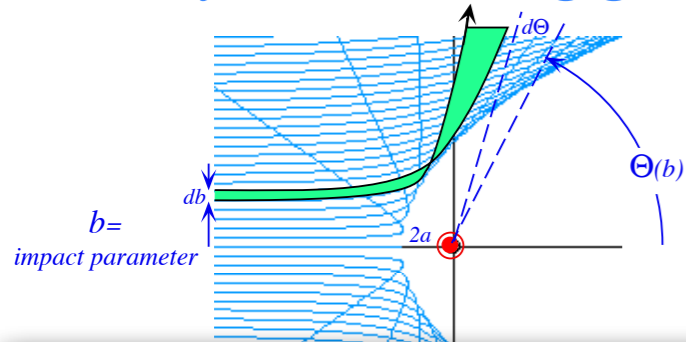
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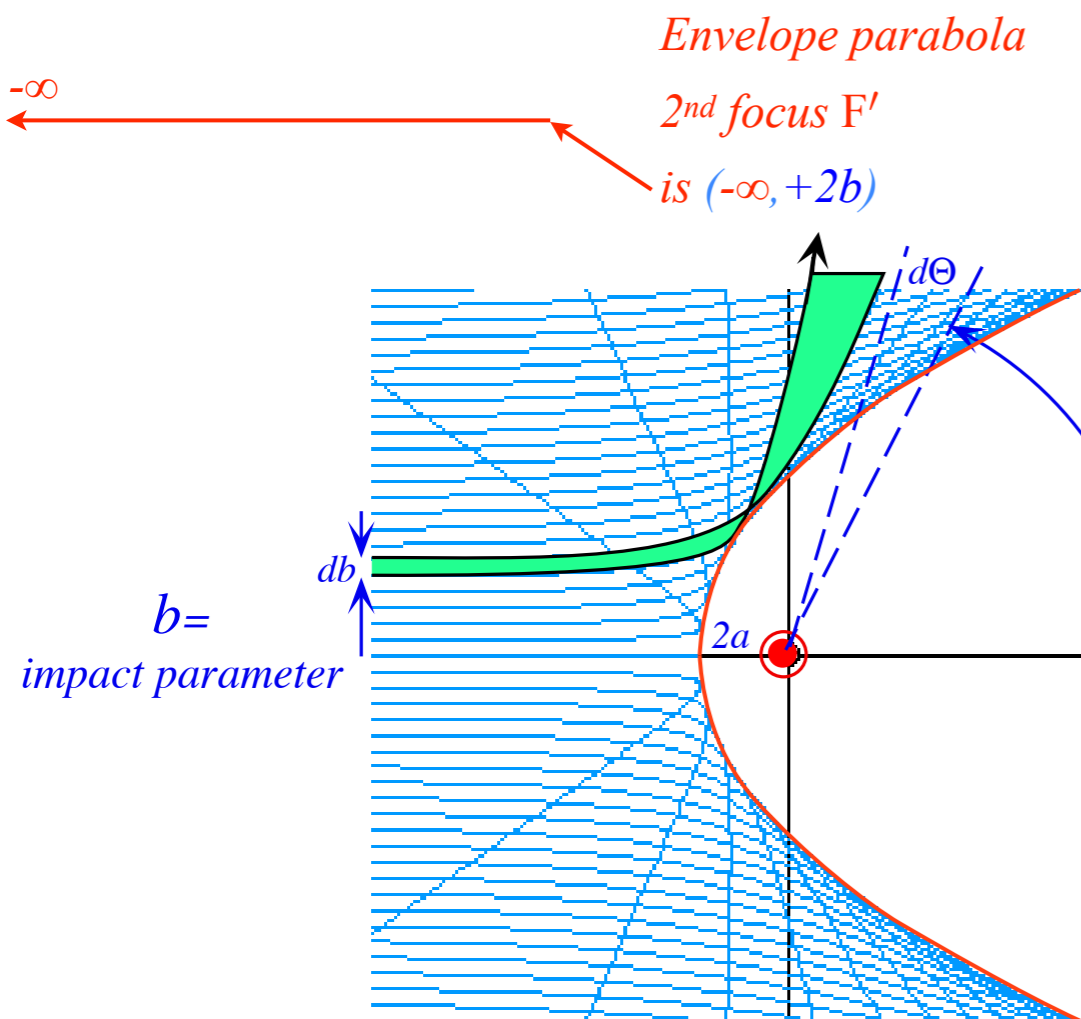
CouIt Web Simulation
Rutherford Scattering
 Burst Count = 221

Click and Drag in frame to set $r(t)$ and $n(t)$

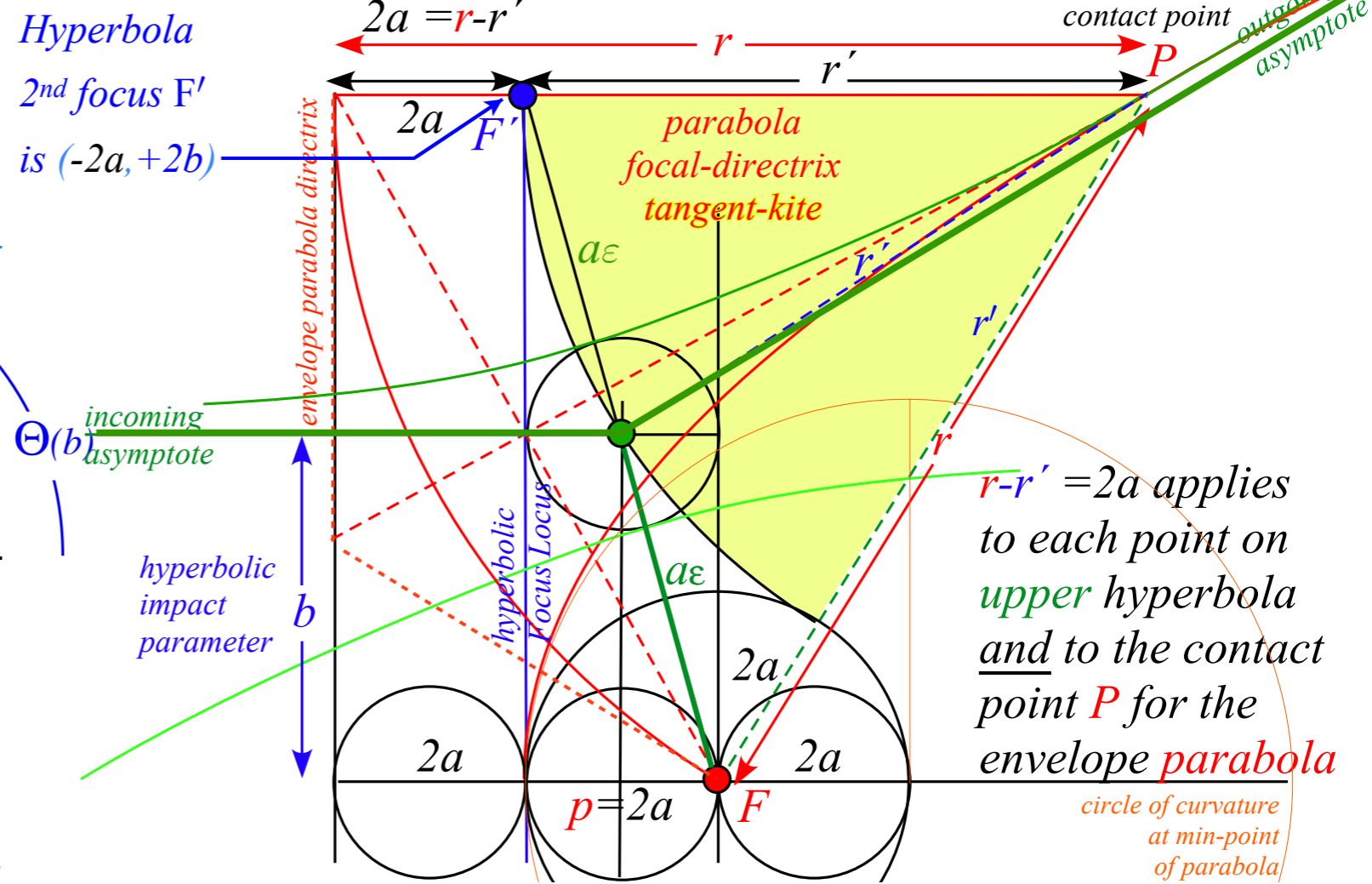
- Terminal time t(off) = 5
- Maximum step size dt = 0.03
- Start launch angle phi1 = -180
- Start launch angle phi2 = 180
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- Charge of Nucleus 1 = 0.2
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- Charge of Nucleus 2 = 0
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- y-Stark field Ey = 0
- Zeeman field Bz = 0
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- Particle Size = 6

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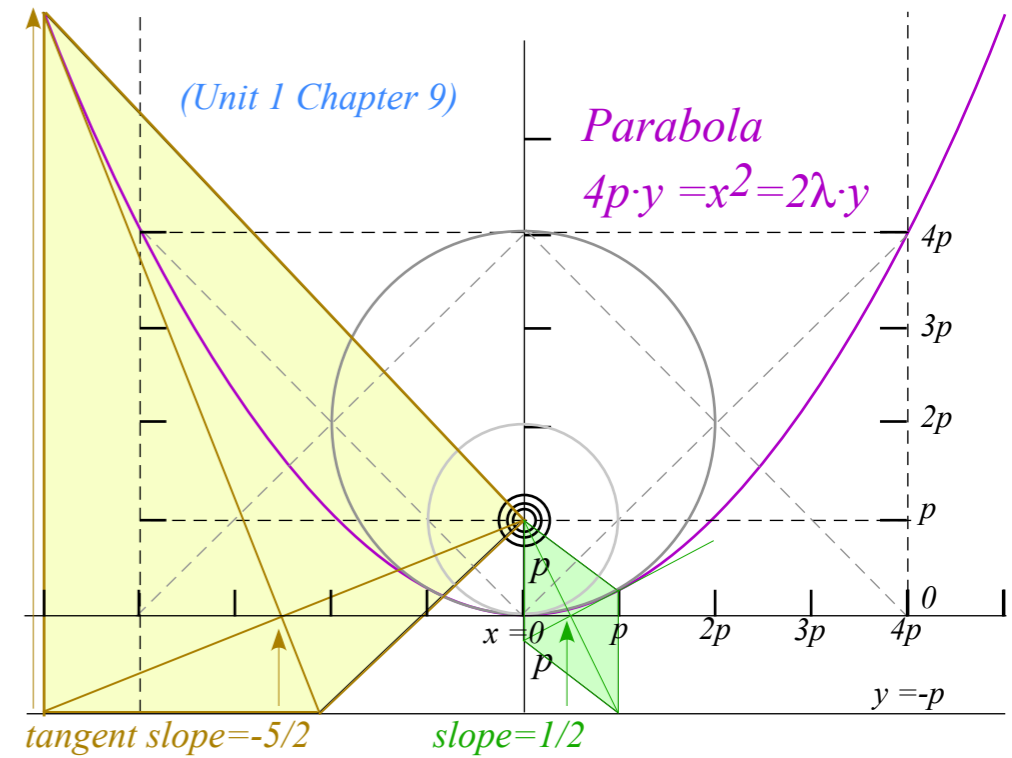
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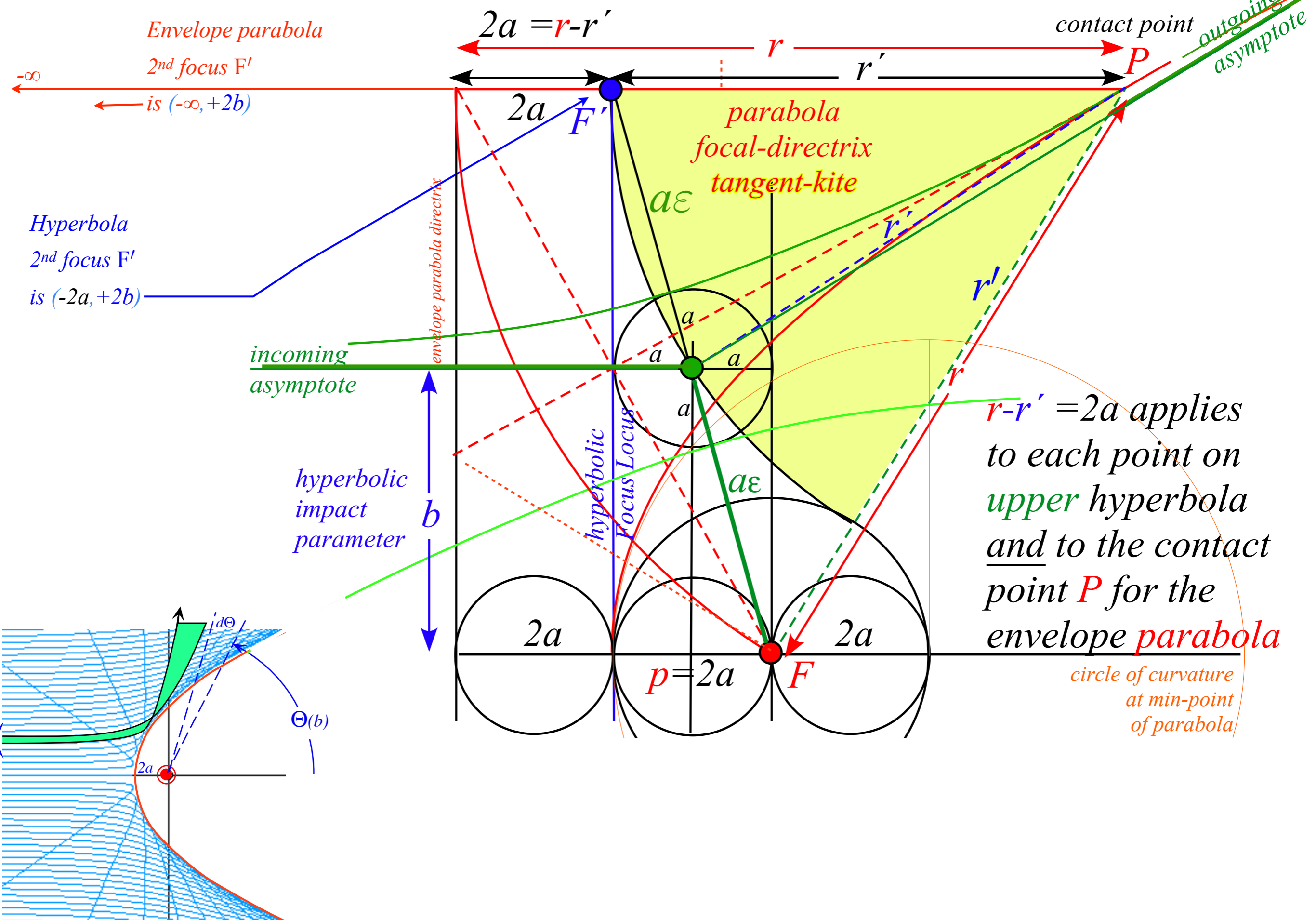


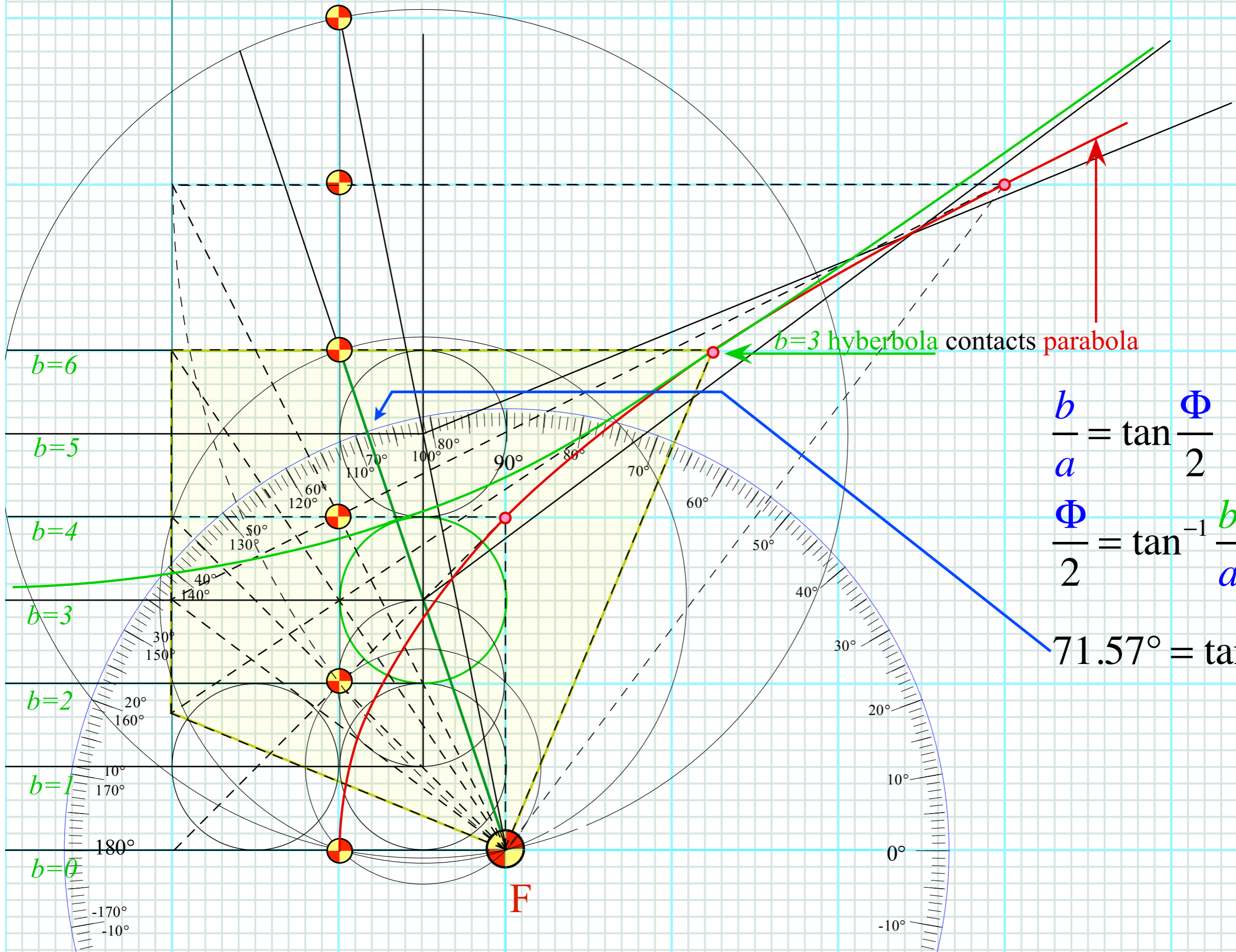
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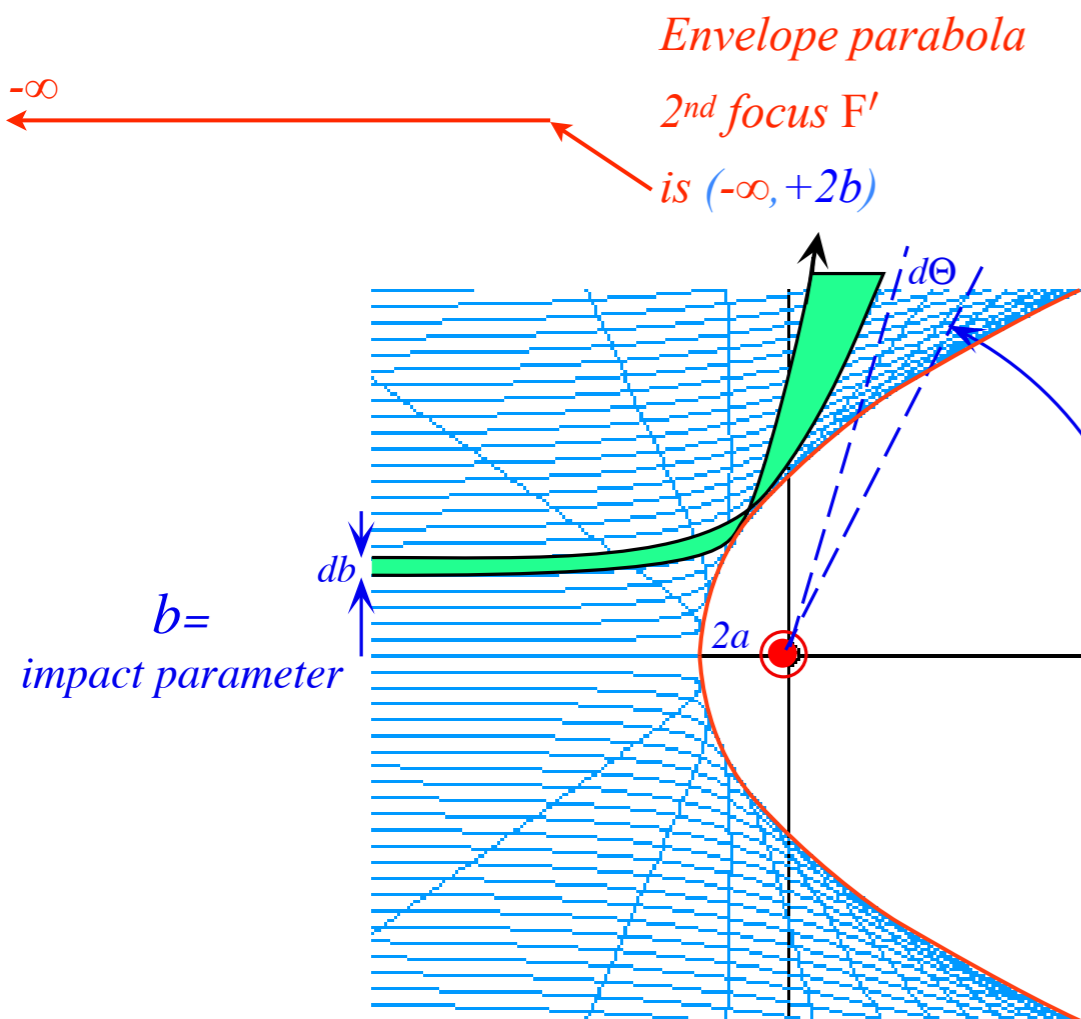


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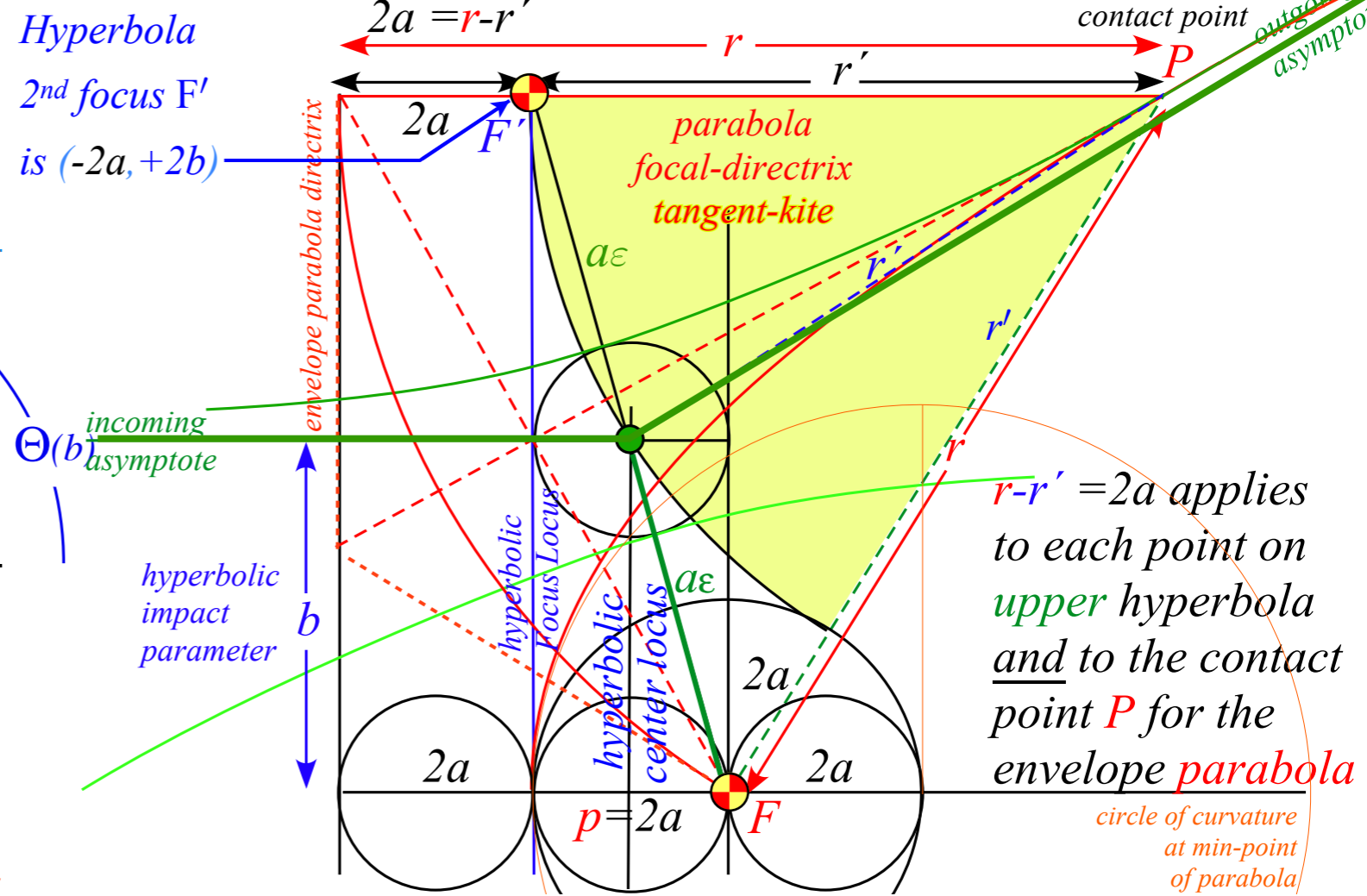
$$\frac{\Phi}{2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

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

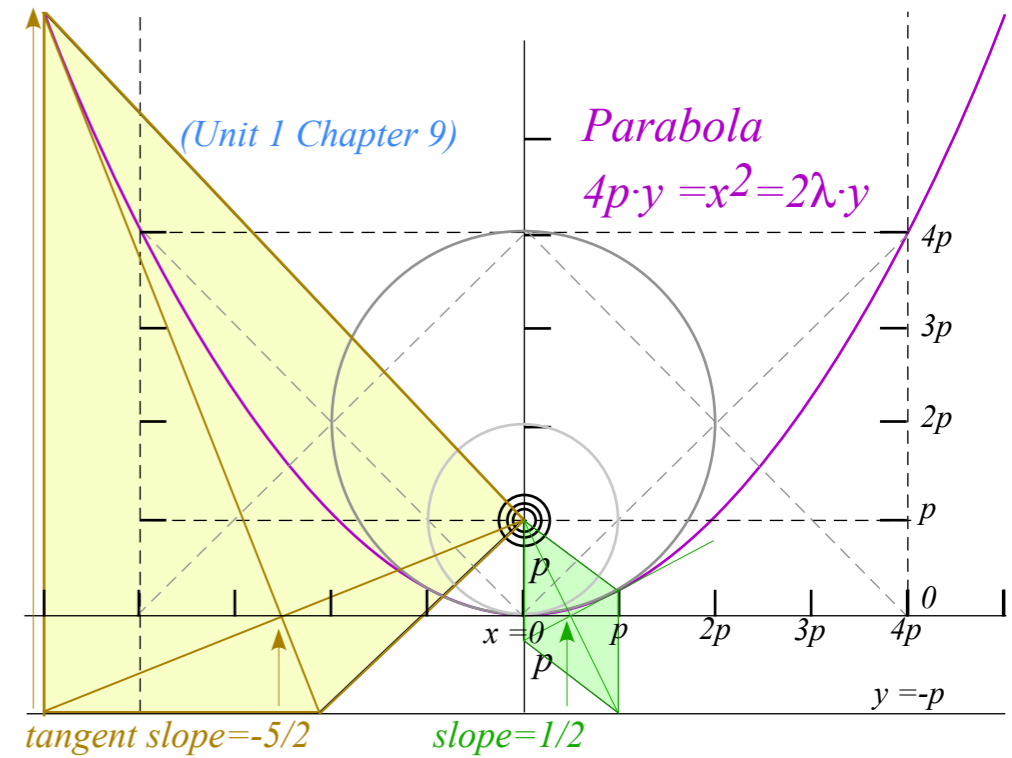
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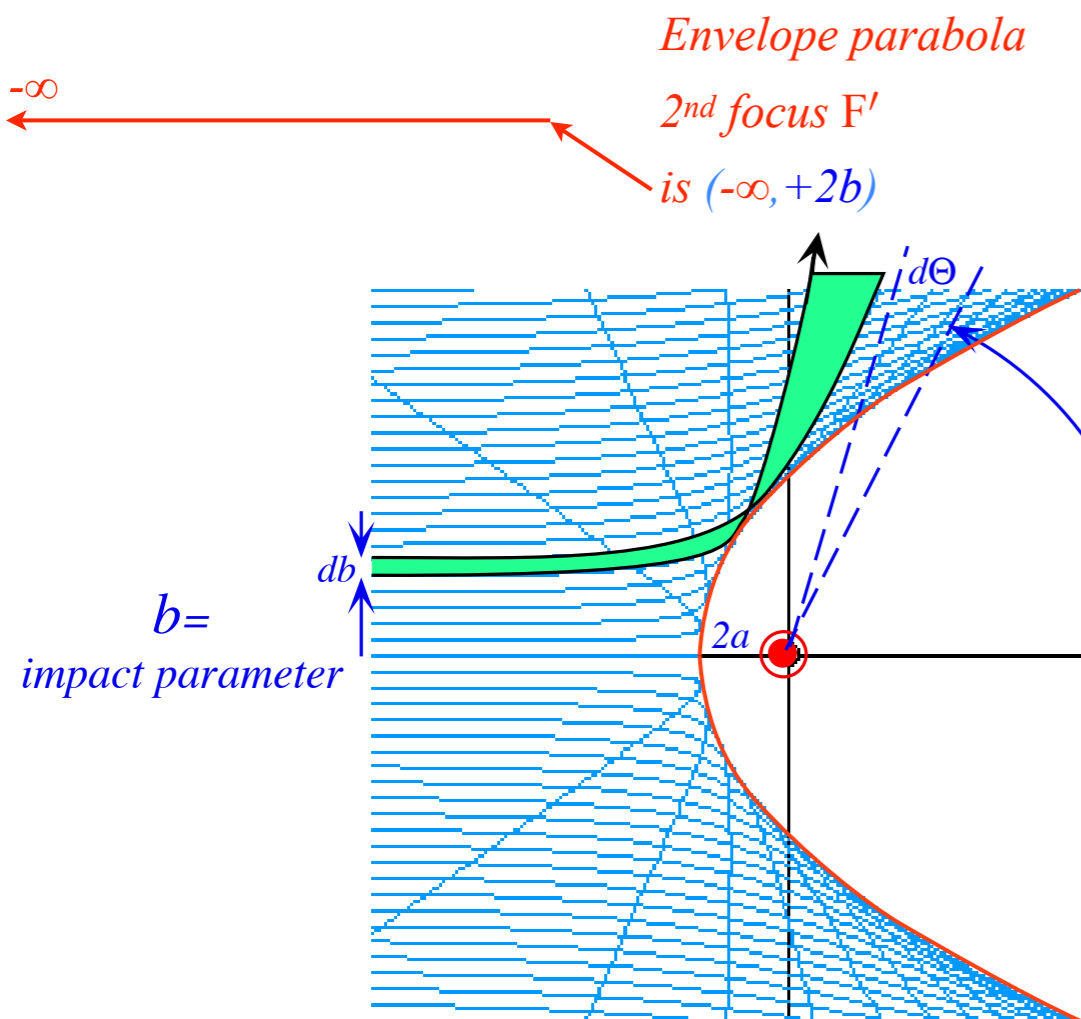
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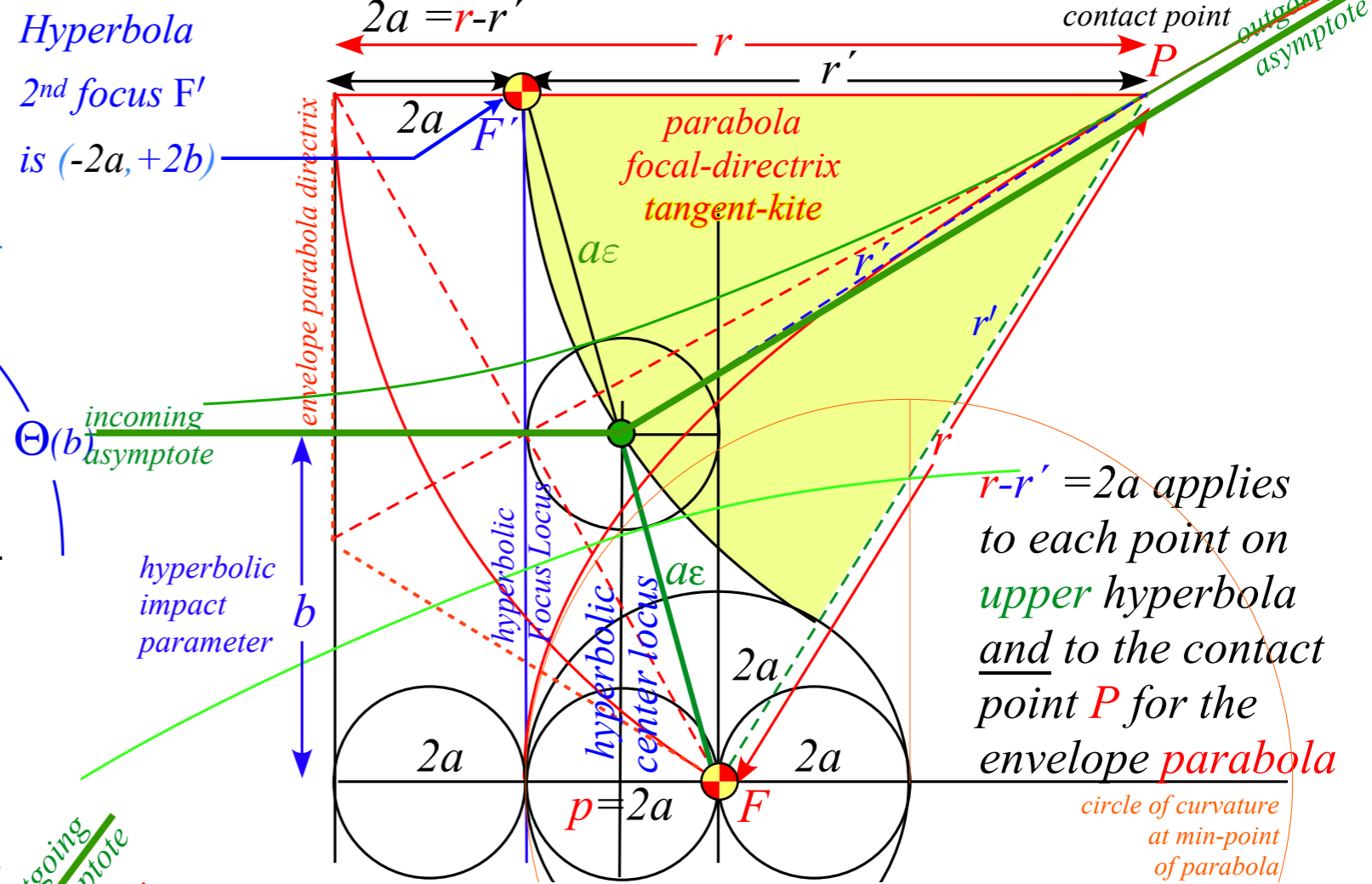
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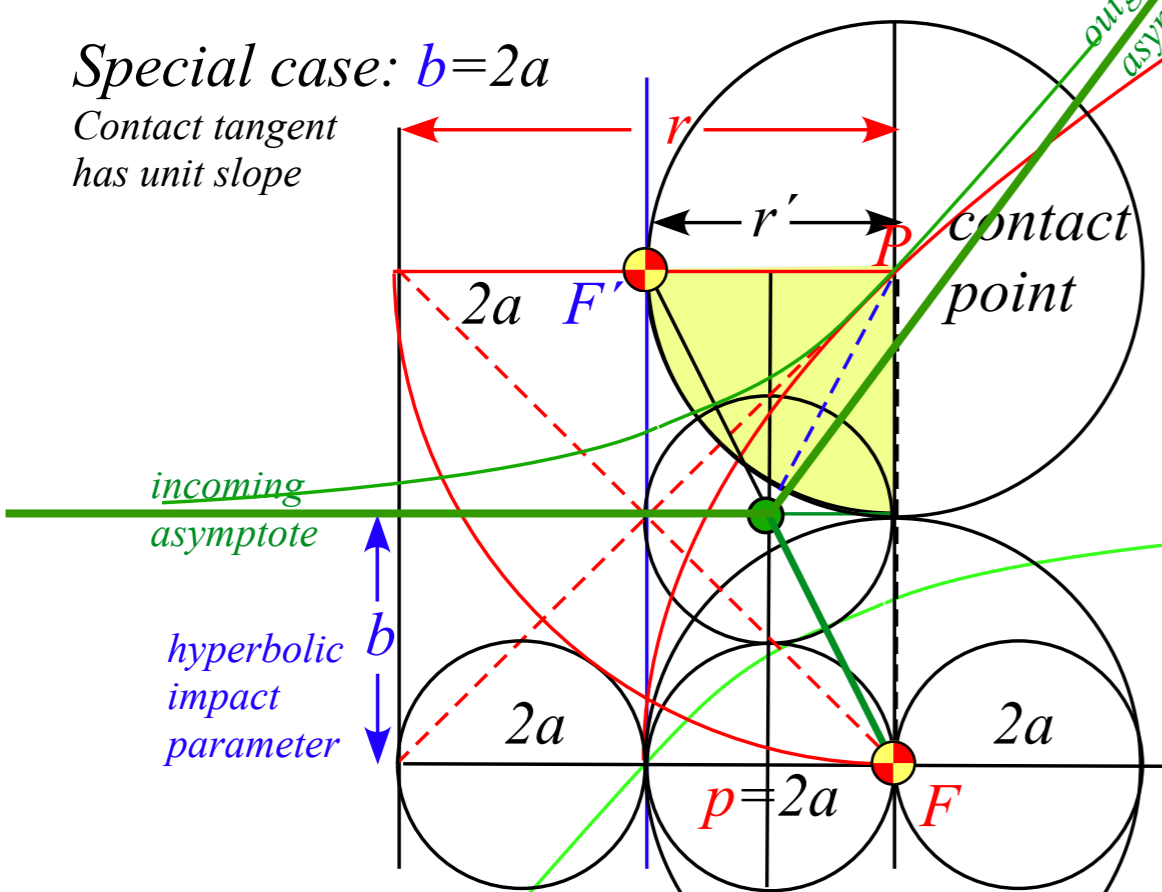


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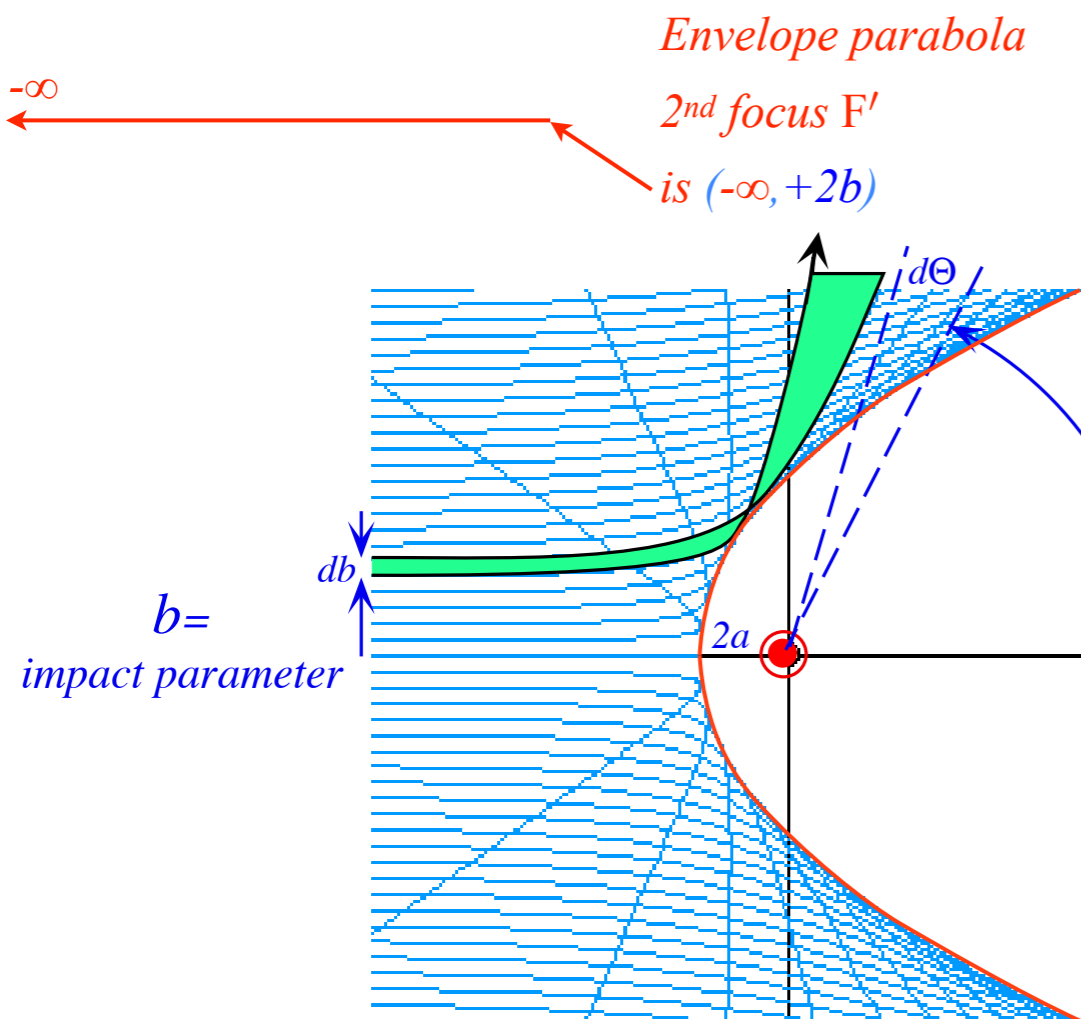


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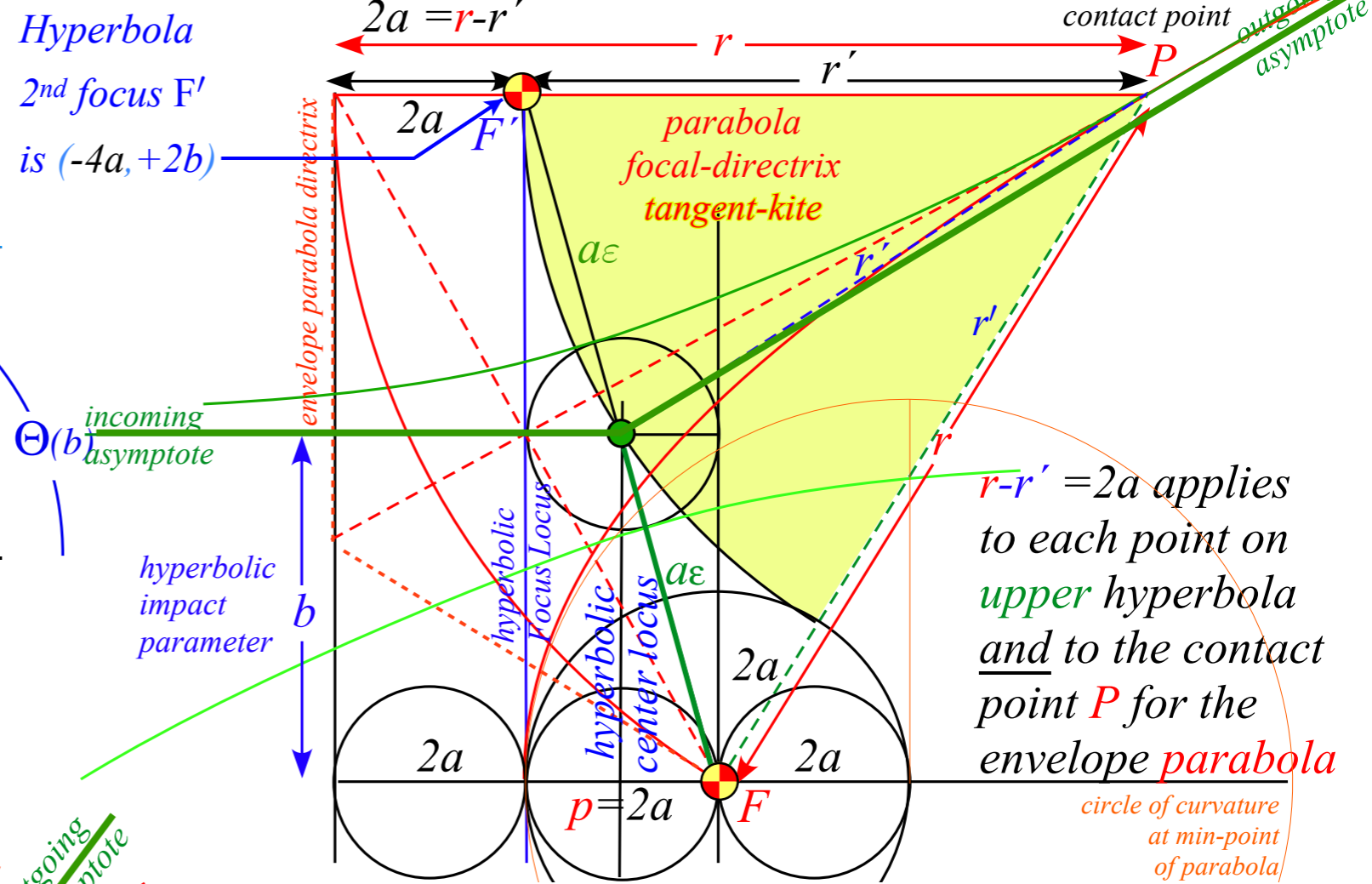
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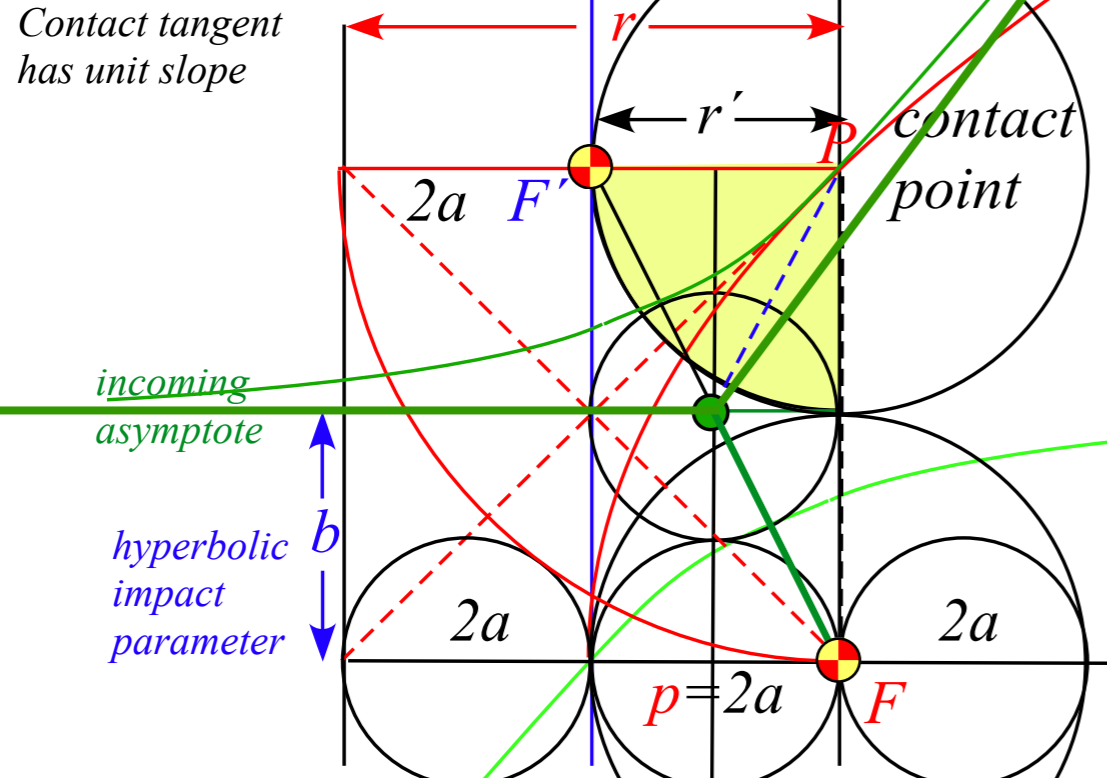
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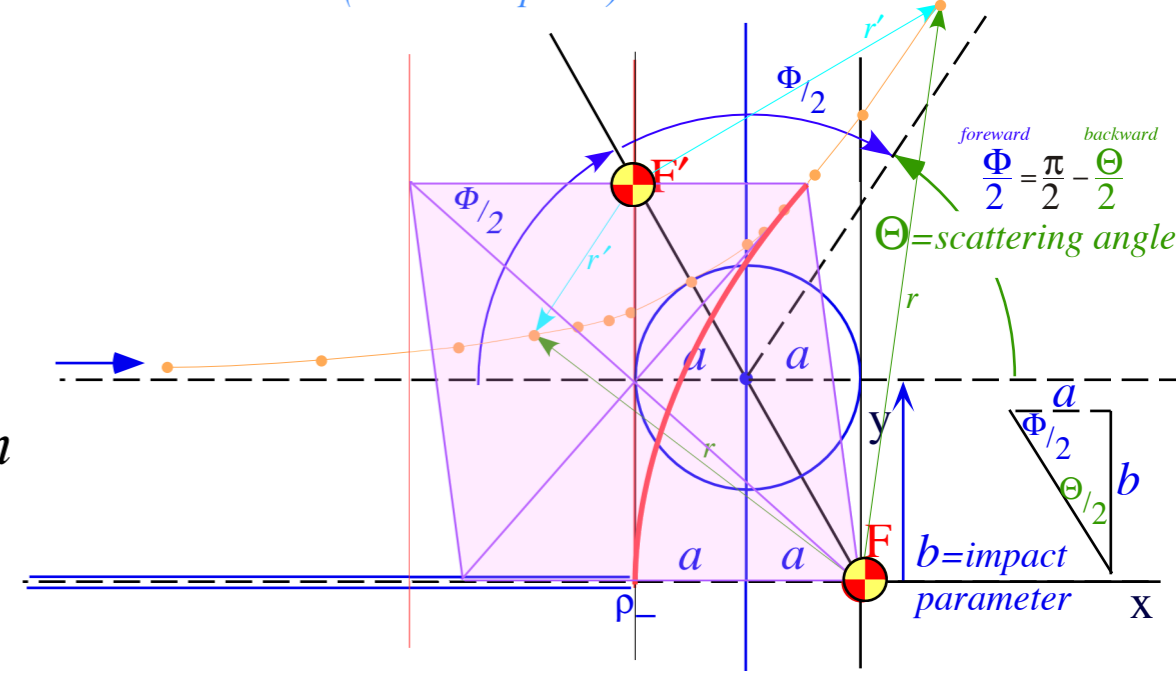


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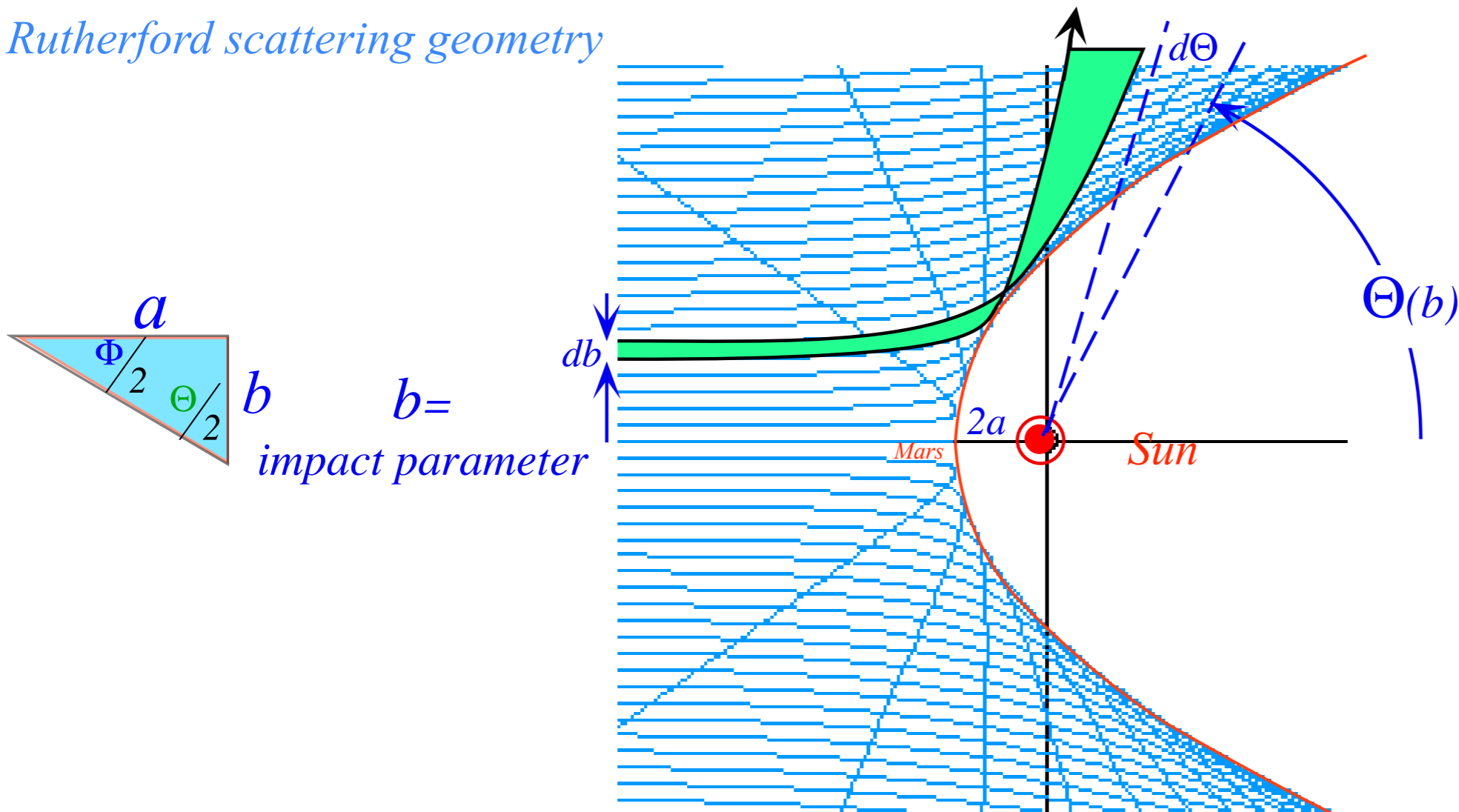
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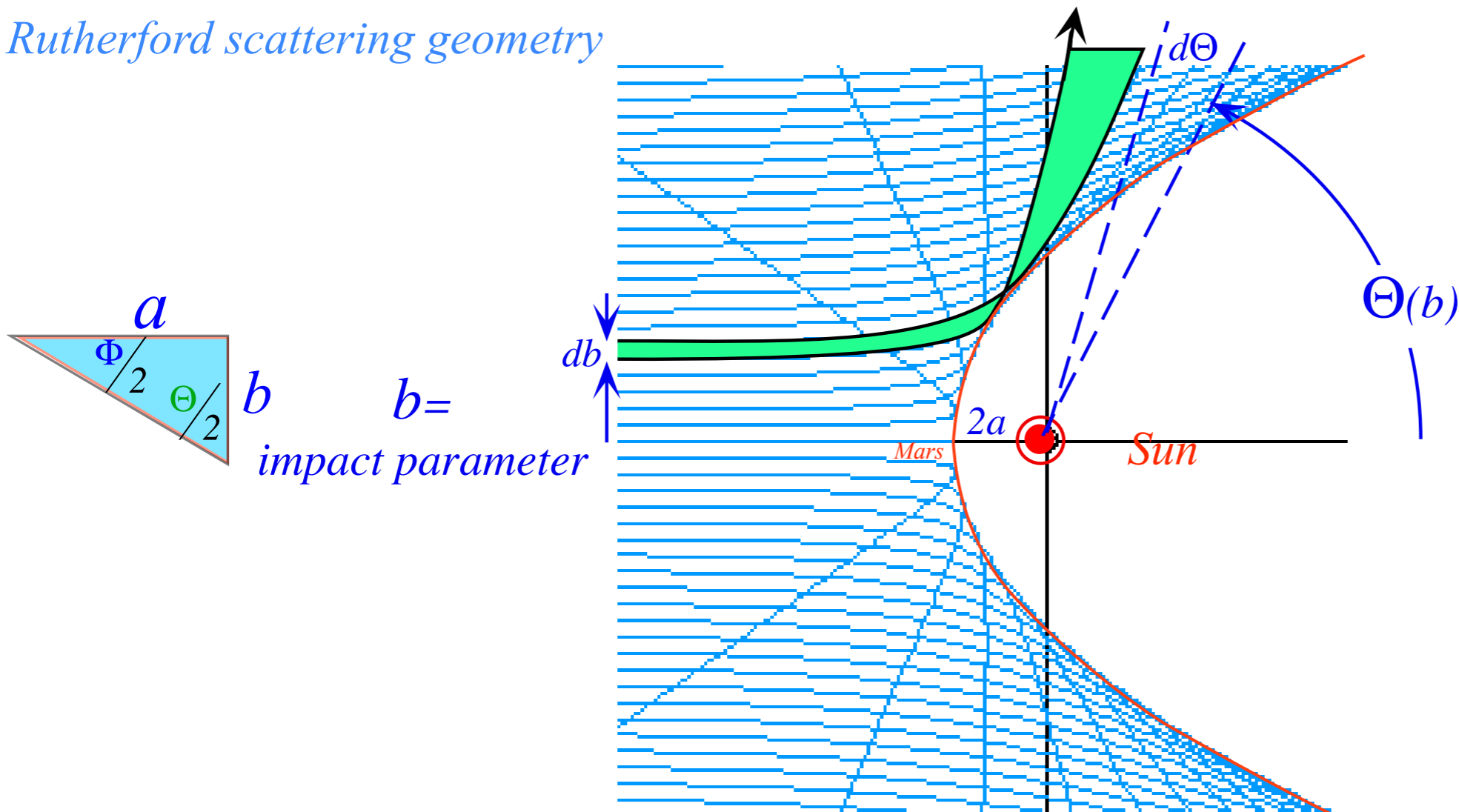


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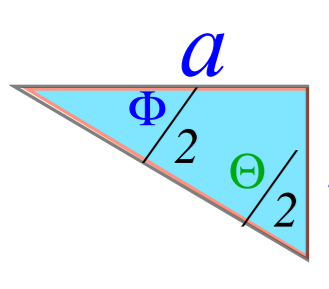
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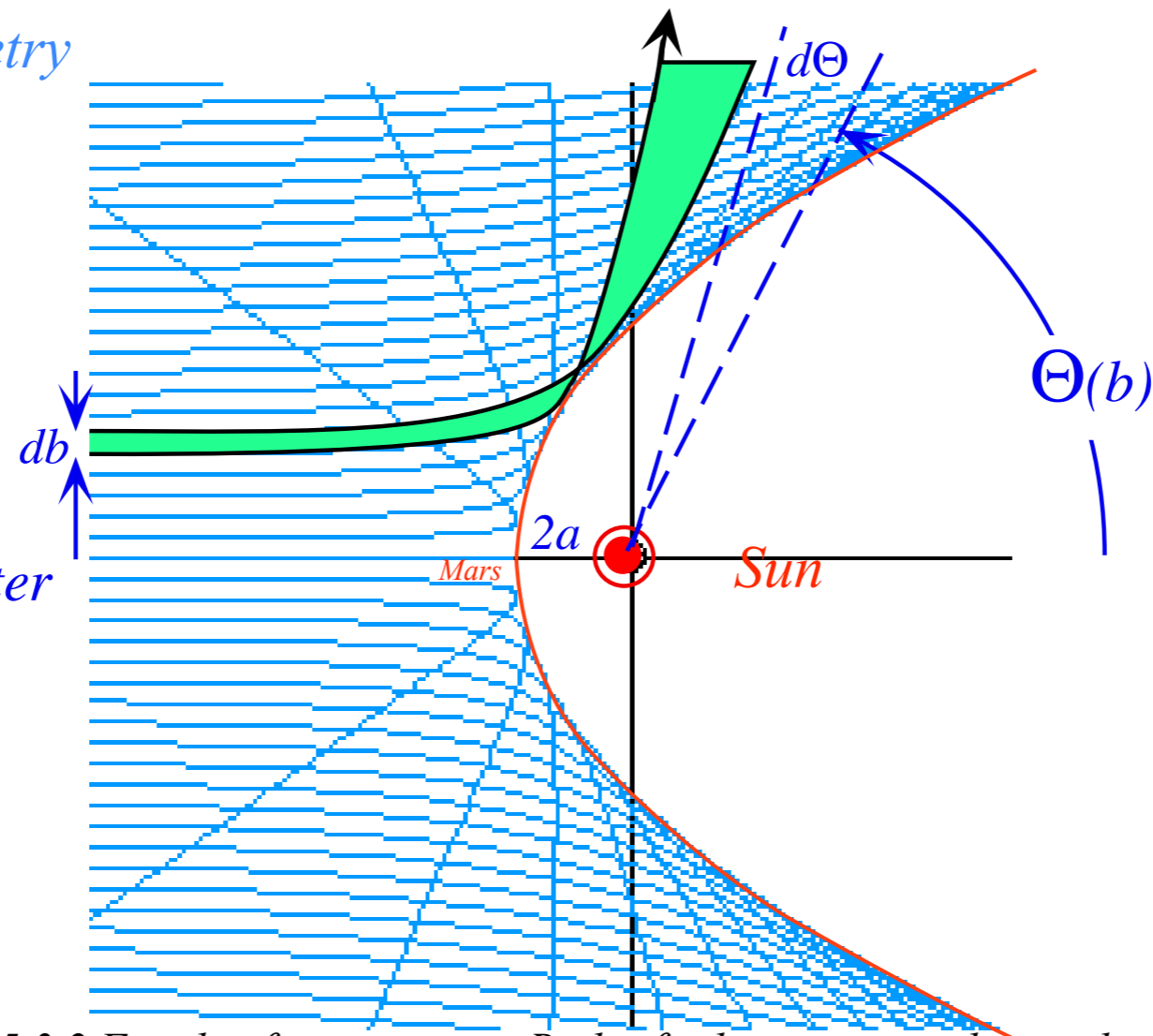
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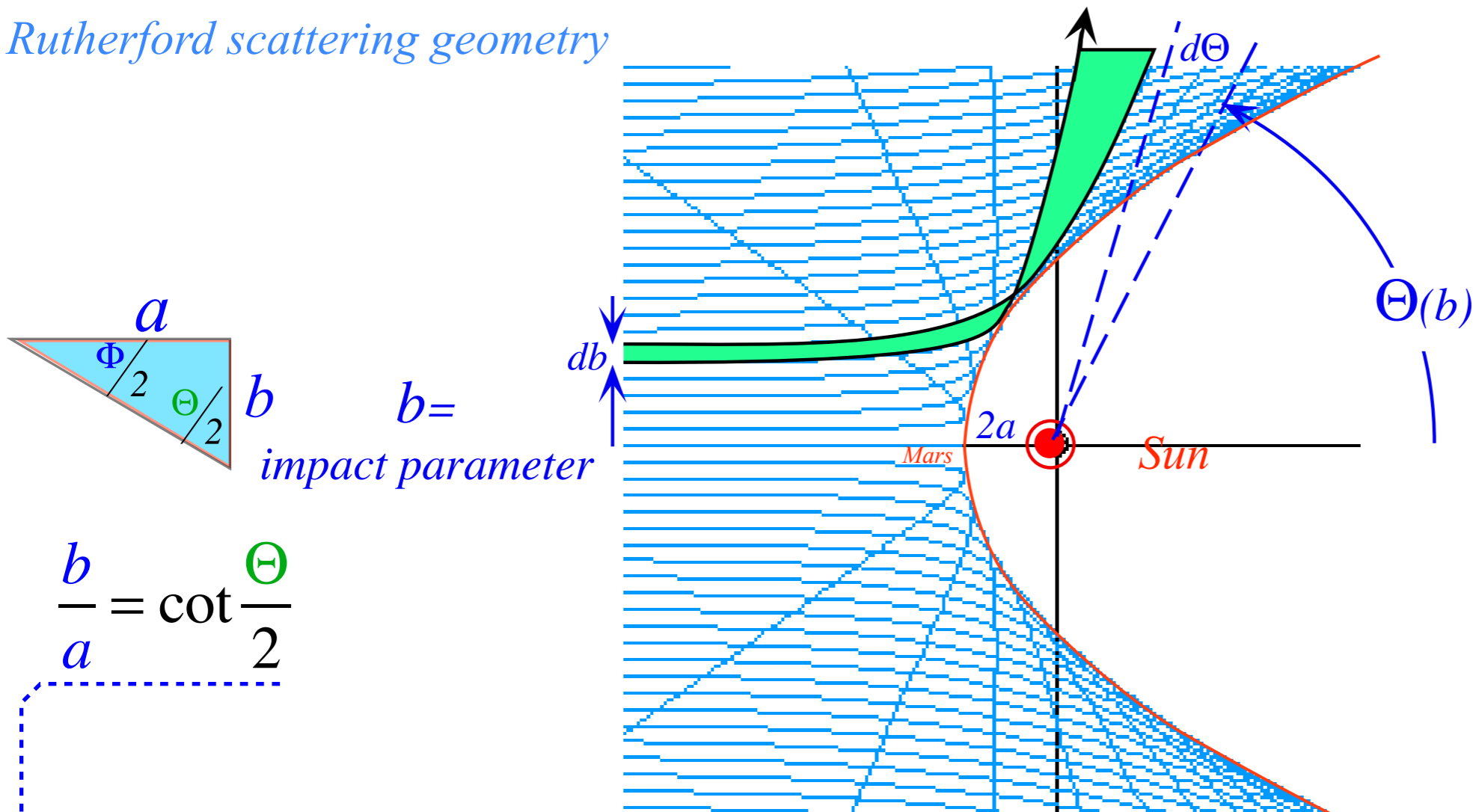
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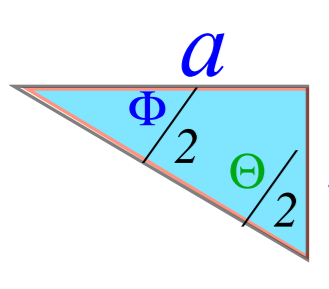
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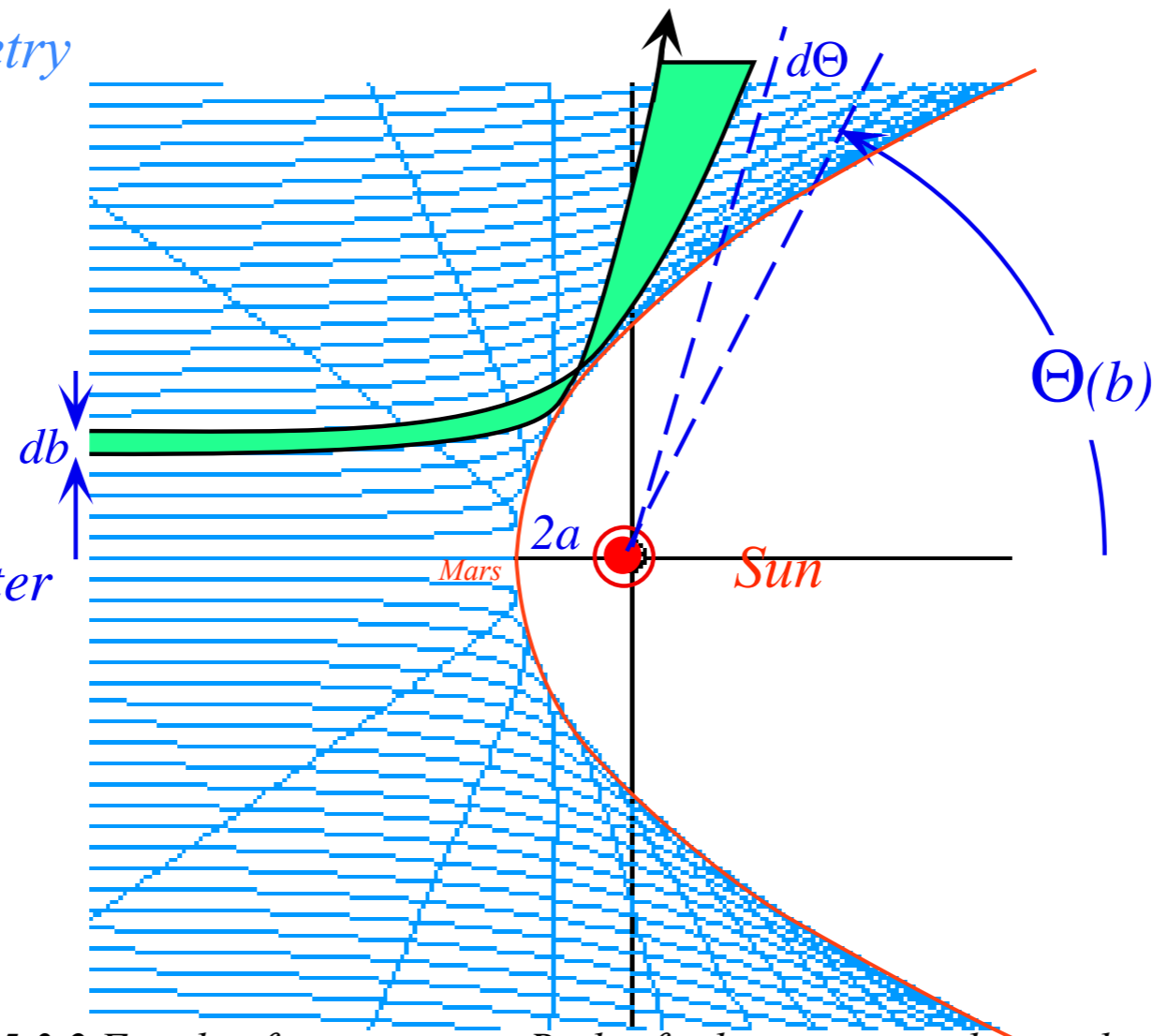
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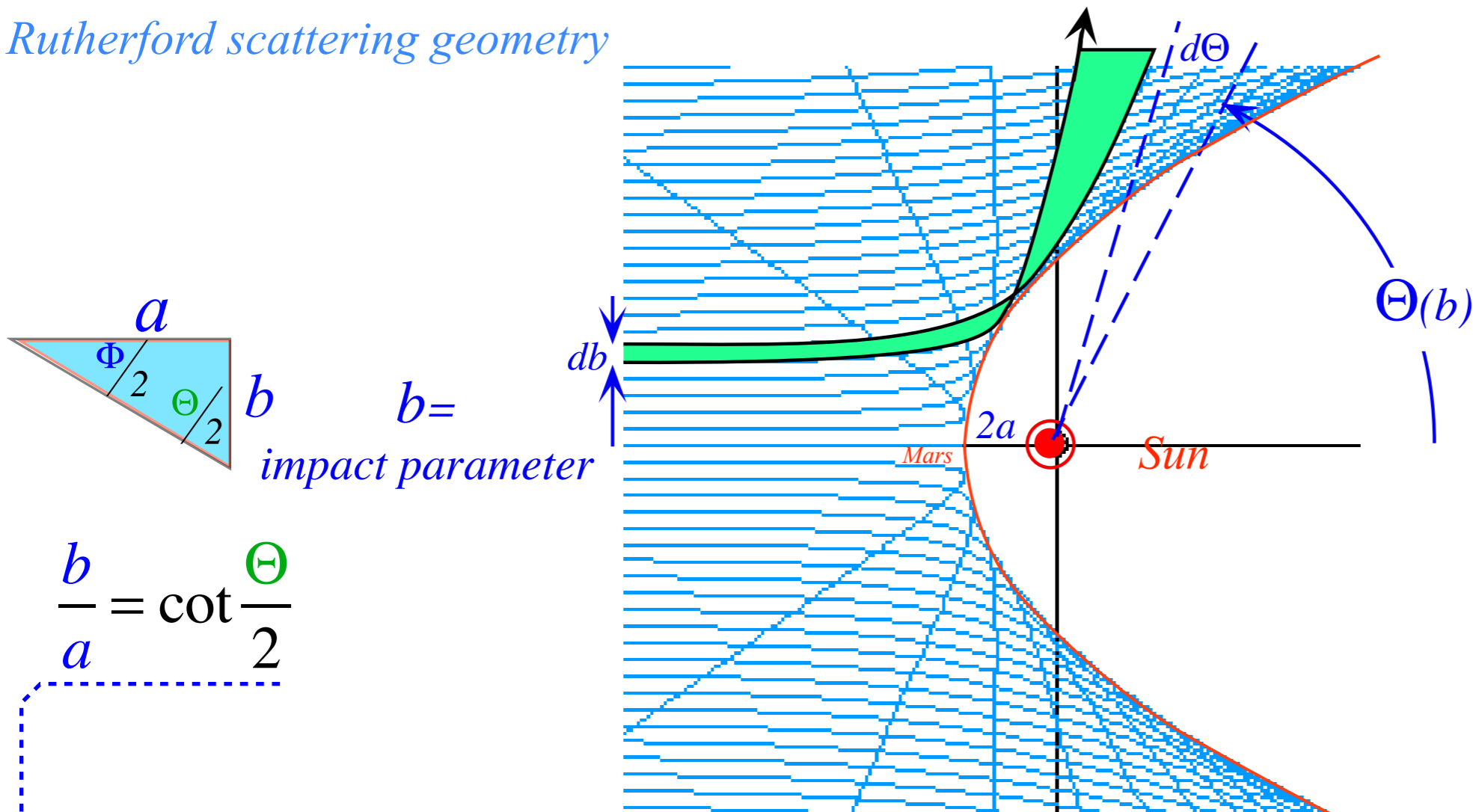
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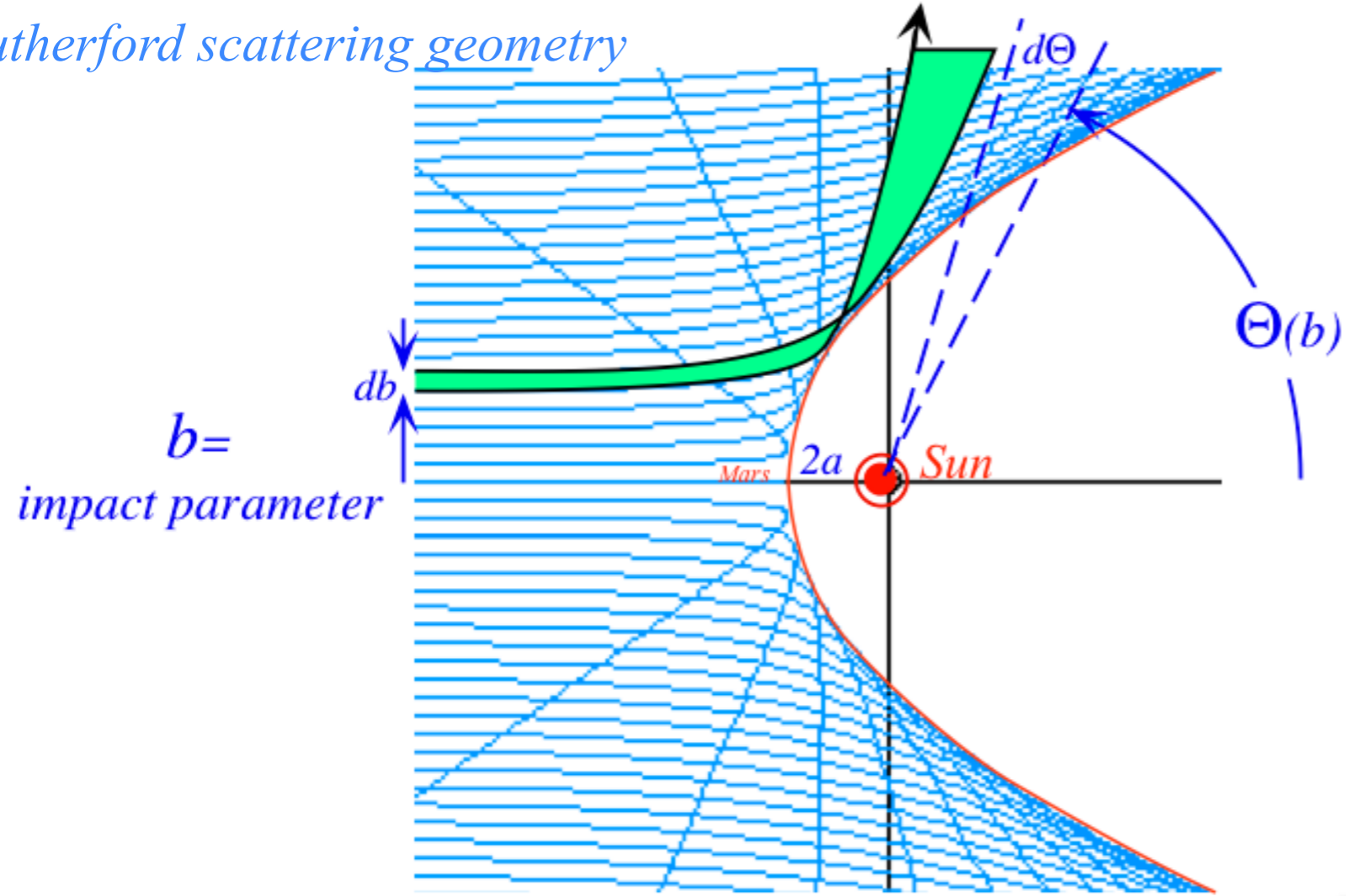
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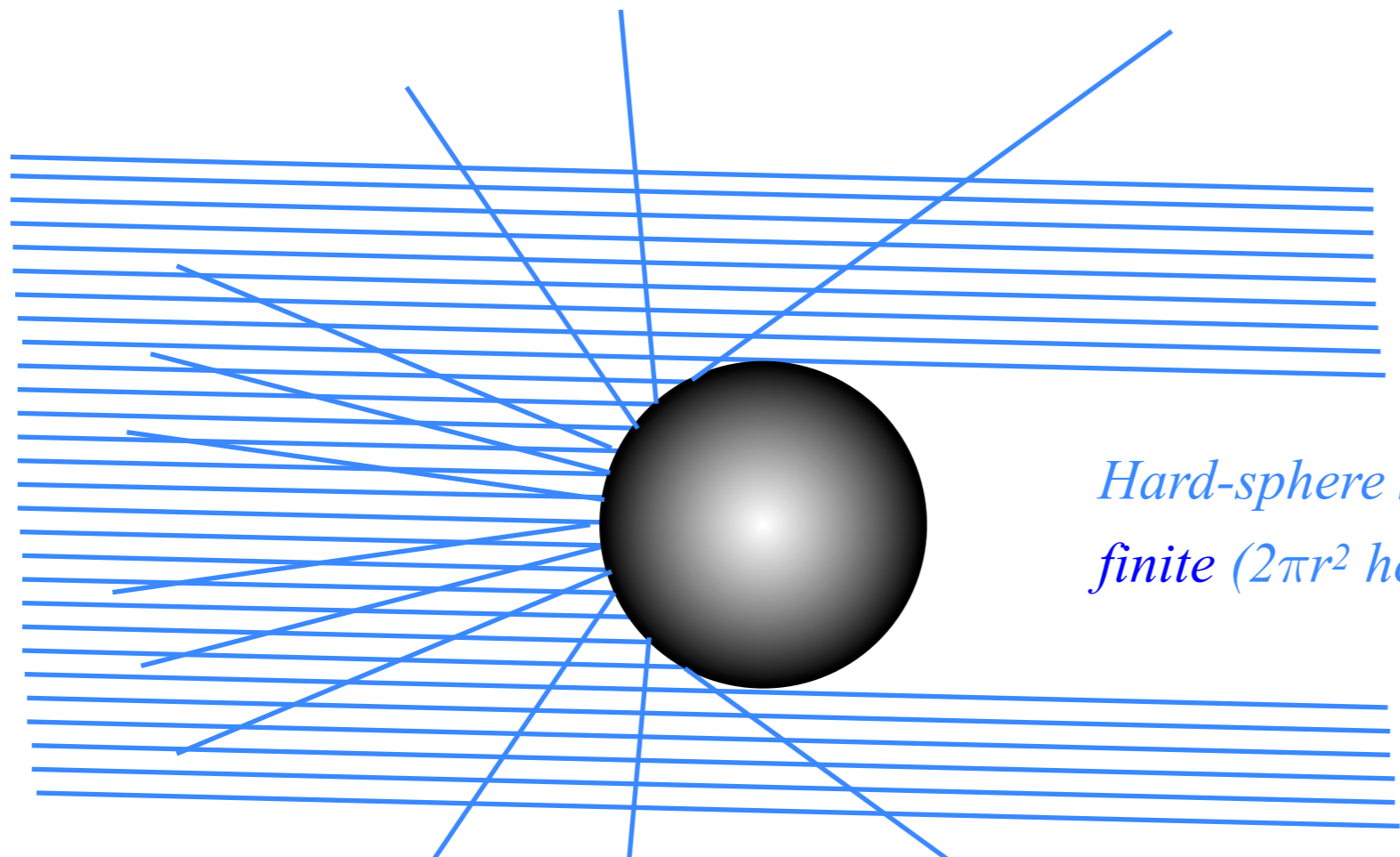
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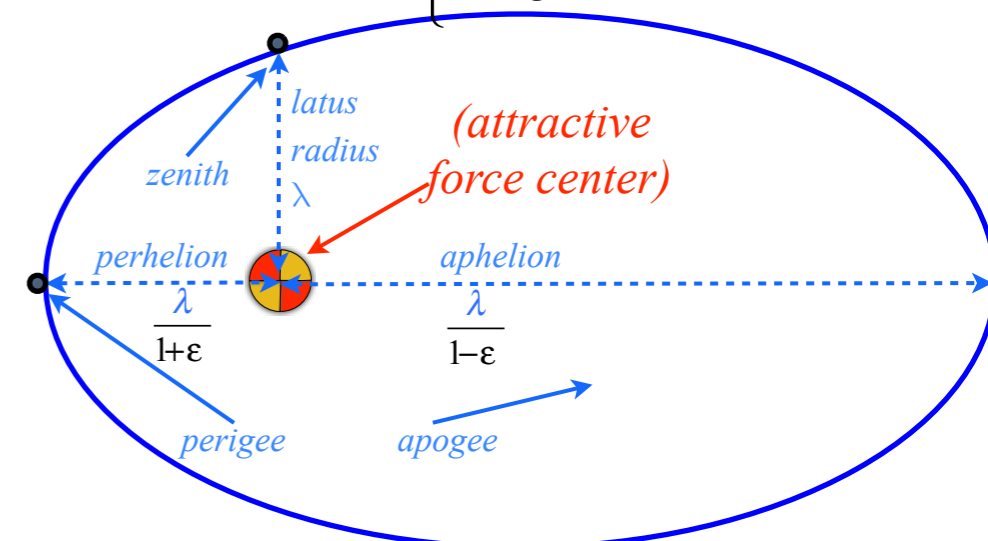
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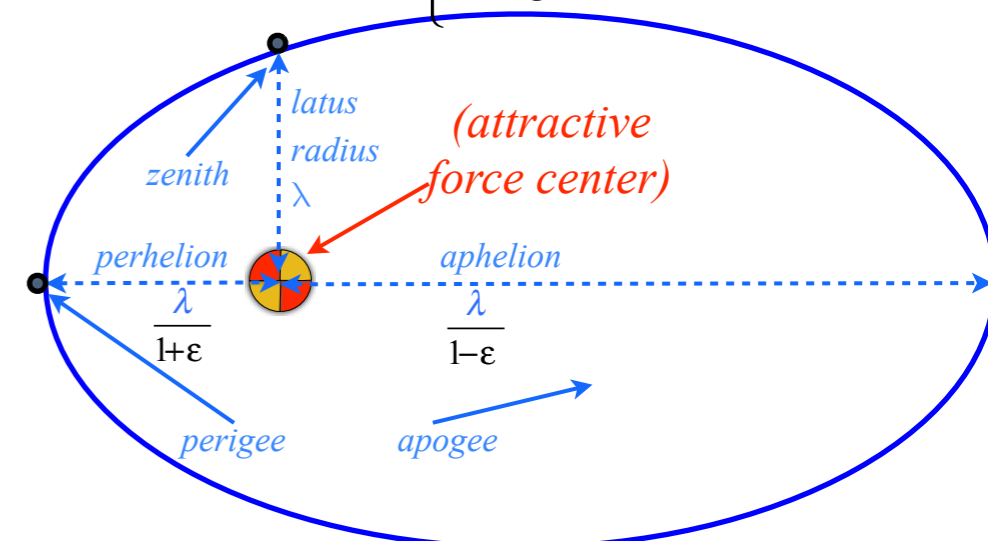
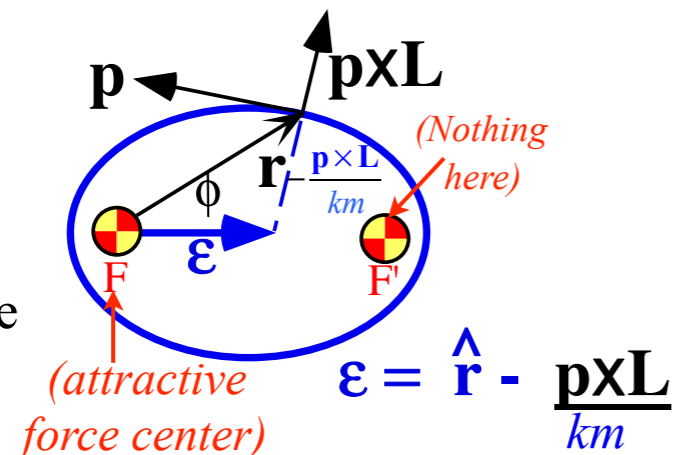
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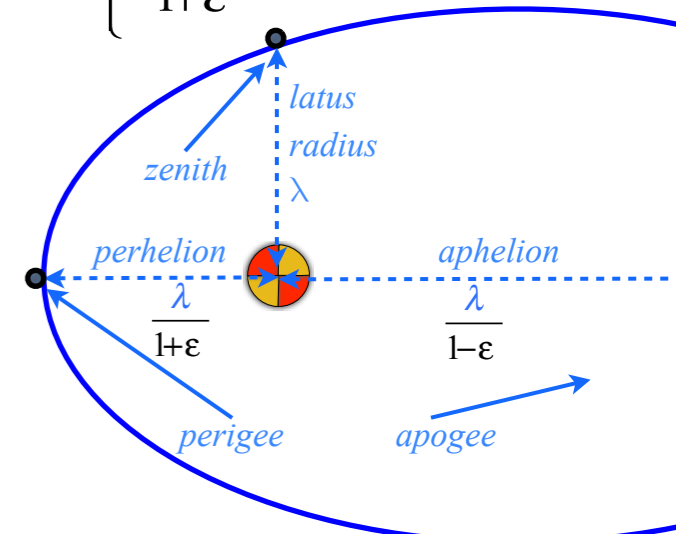
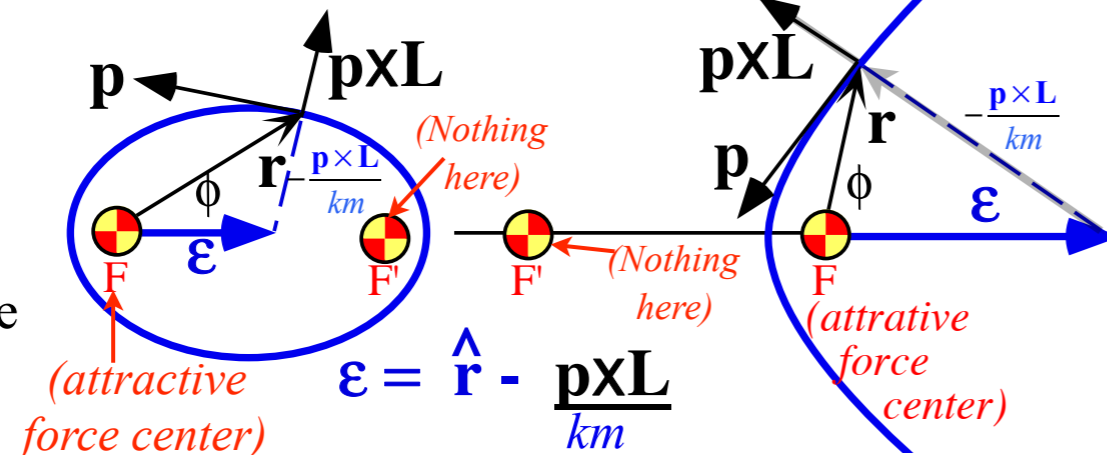
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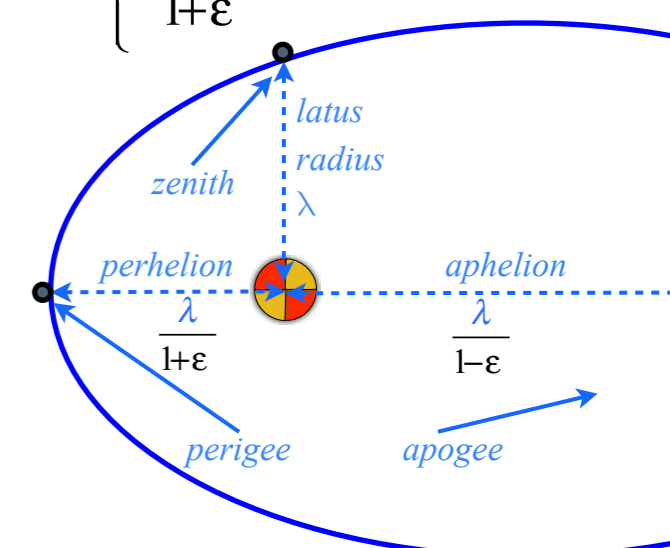
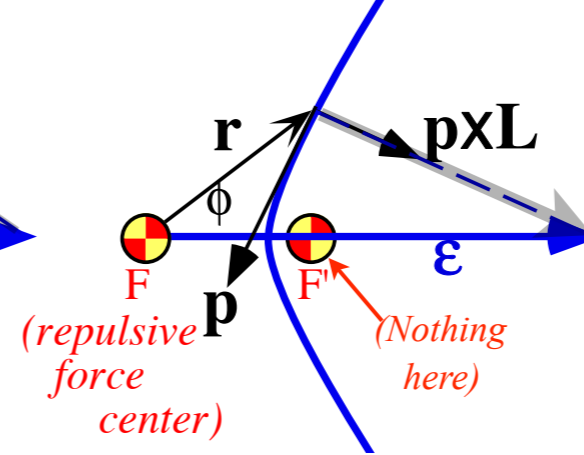
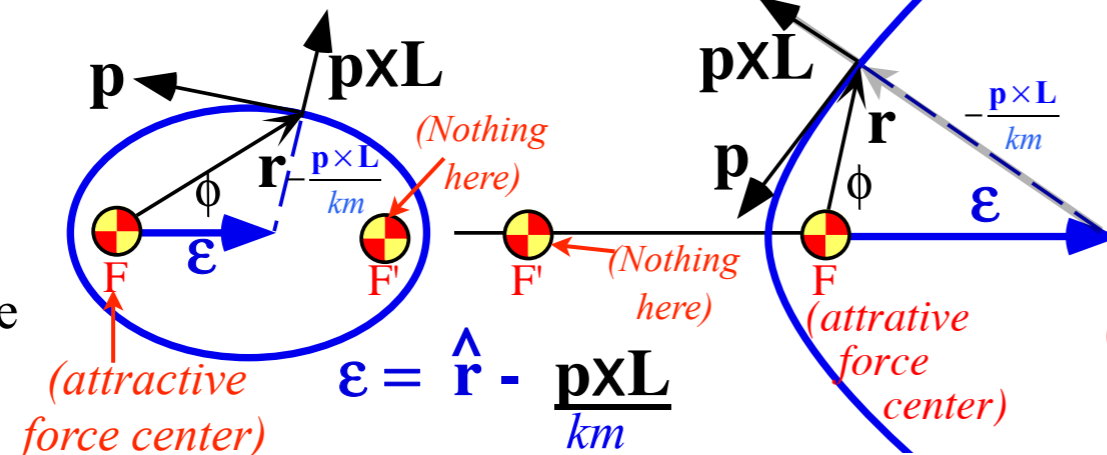
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(c) Repulsive ($k < 0$)
Hyperbolic ($E > 0$)



(Rotational momentum $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$ is normal to the orbit plane.)

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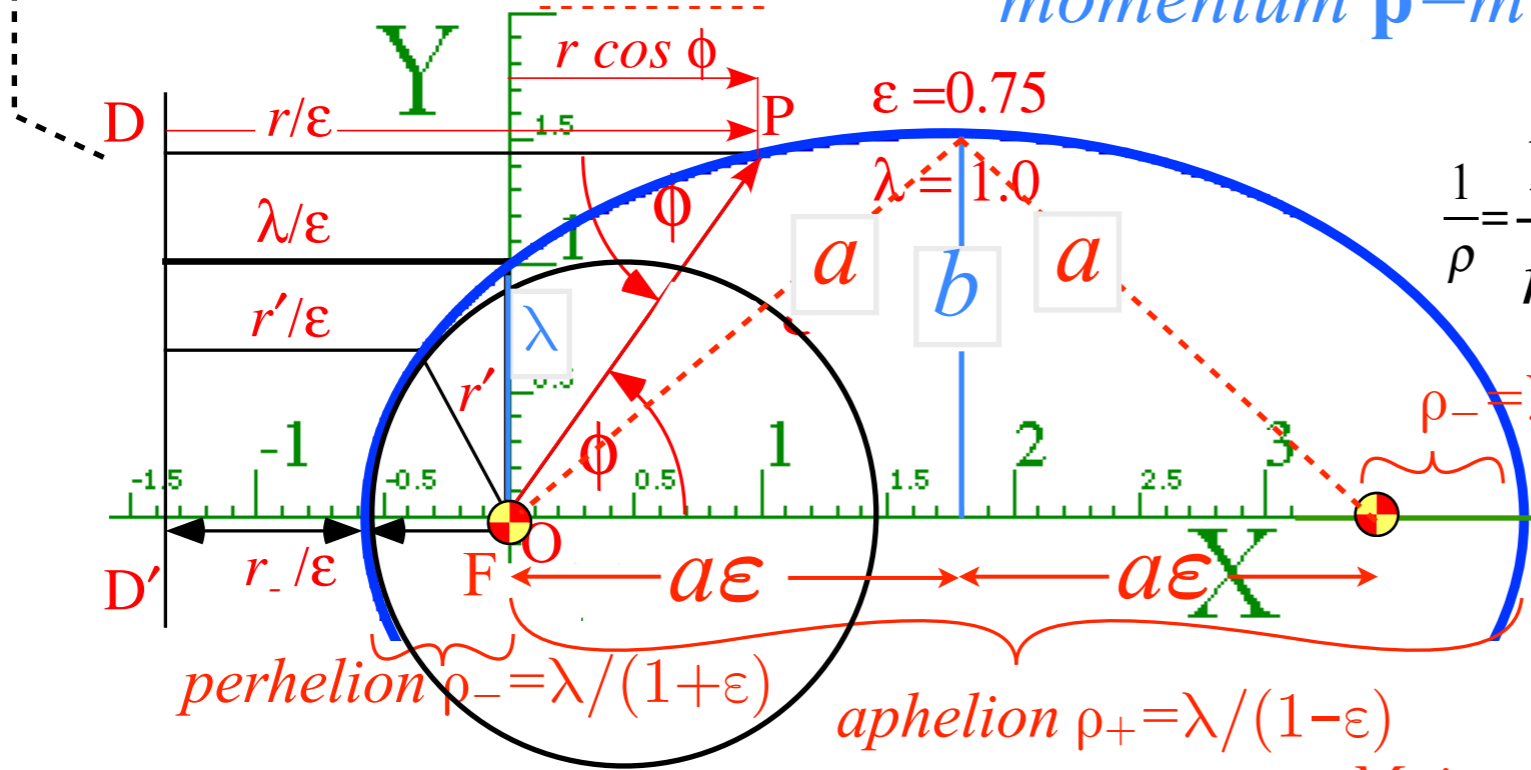
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$$r/\epsilon = \lambda/\epsilon + r \cos \phi$$

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

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

momentum $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$: p.81 to p.104



By geometry:

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

Parameter table on p.79

Recall p.66 formula:

$$r_{\pm} = \rho_{\pm} = \frac{-k \pm \sqrt{k^2 + 2E\mu^2/m}}{2E}$$

All conics defined by: Eccentricity ϵ
 Distance to Focus $F = \epsilon \cdot$ Distance to Directrix DD'

Major axis: $\rho_+ + \rho_- = 2a$
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 Focal axis: $\rho_+ + \rho_- = 2a\epsilon$
 $\rho_+ - \rho_- = [\lambda(1+\epsilon) - \lambda(1-\epsilon)] / (1-\epsilon^2) = 2\lambda\epsilon / (1-\epsilon^2)$
 Latus radius: $\lambda = a(1-\epsilon^2)$

Very important result!

$$\rho_+ + \rho_- = \frac{-k}{E} = 2a \quad \text{implies:} \quad E = \frac{-k}{2a}$$

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

$$\rho_+ - \rho_- = \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{E}\right)^2 + \frac{2\mu^2}{Em}} = \left|\frac{k}{E}\right| \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\mu^2 E}{k^2 m}} = 2a\epsilon = \frac{2\lambda\epsilon}{|1 - \epsilon^2|}$$

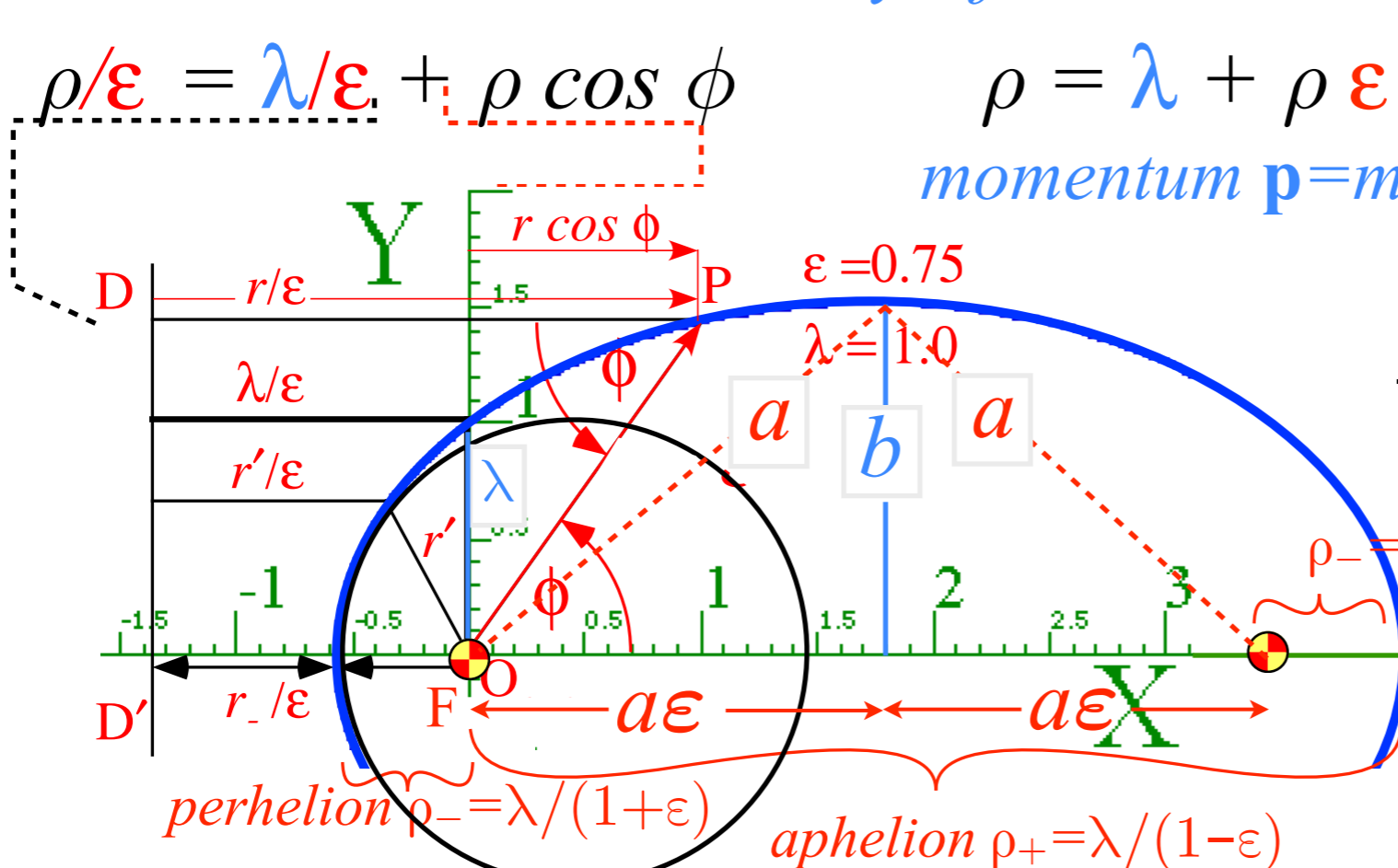
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$$\frac{\rho_+ - \rho_-}{\rho_+ + \rho_-} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\mu^2 E}{k^2 m}} = \epsilon \quad \text{implies:} \quad \lambda = a(1 - \epsilon^2) = a \frac{2\mu^2 E}{k^2 m} = \frac{\mu^2}{km}$$

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Also important! $\mu = \sqrt{km\lambda}$

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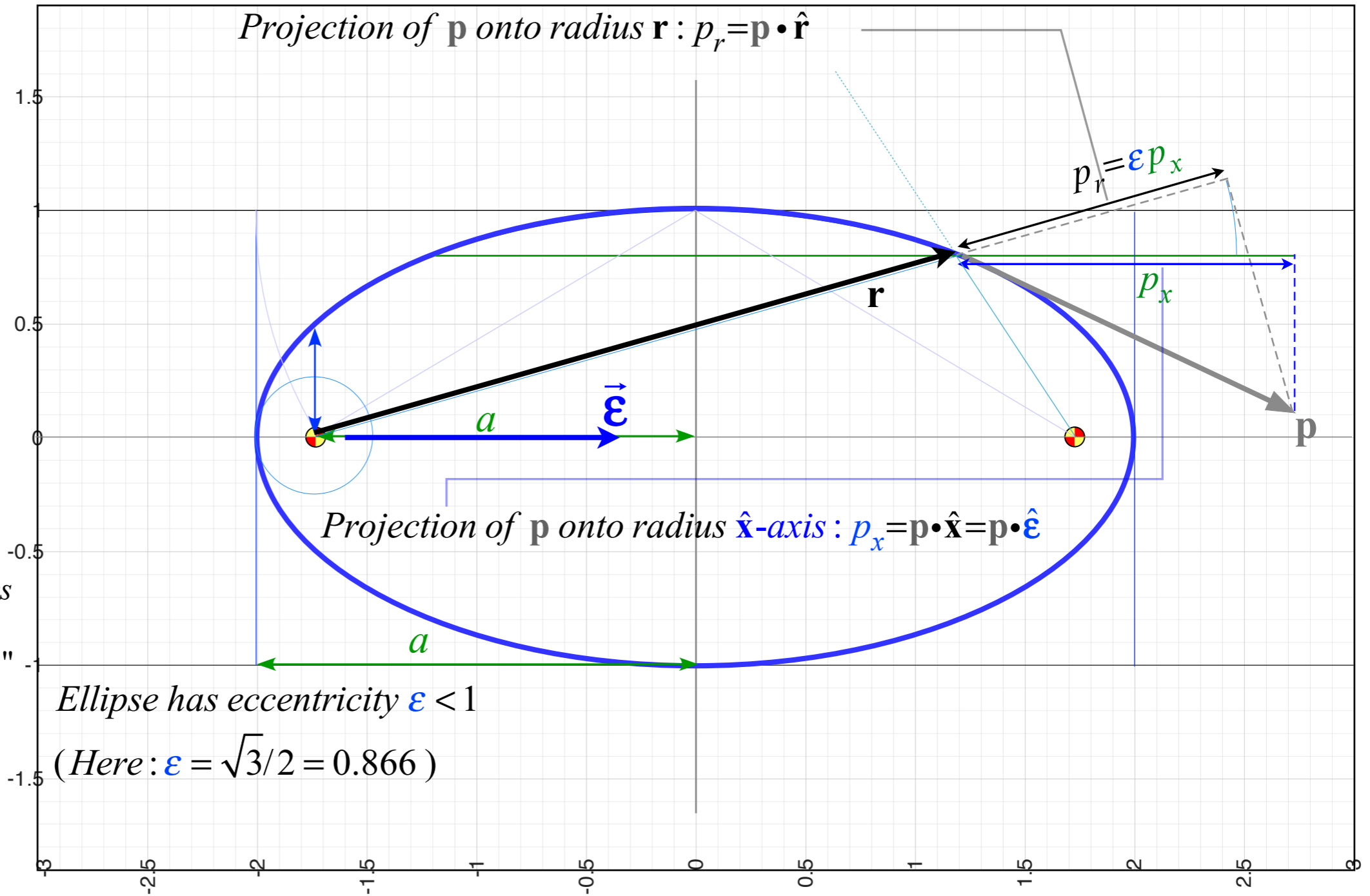
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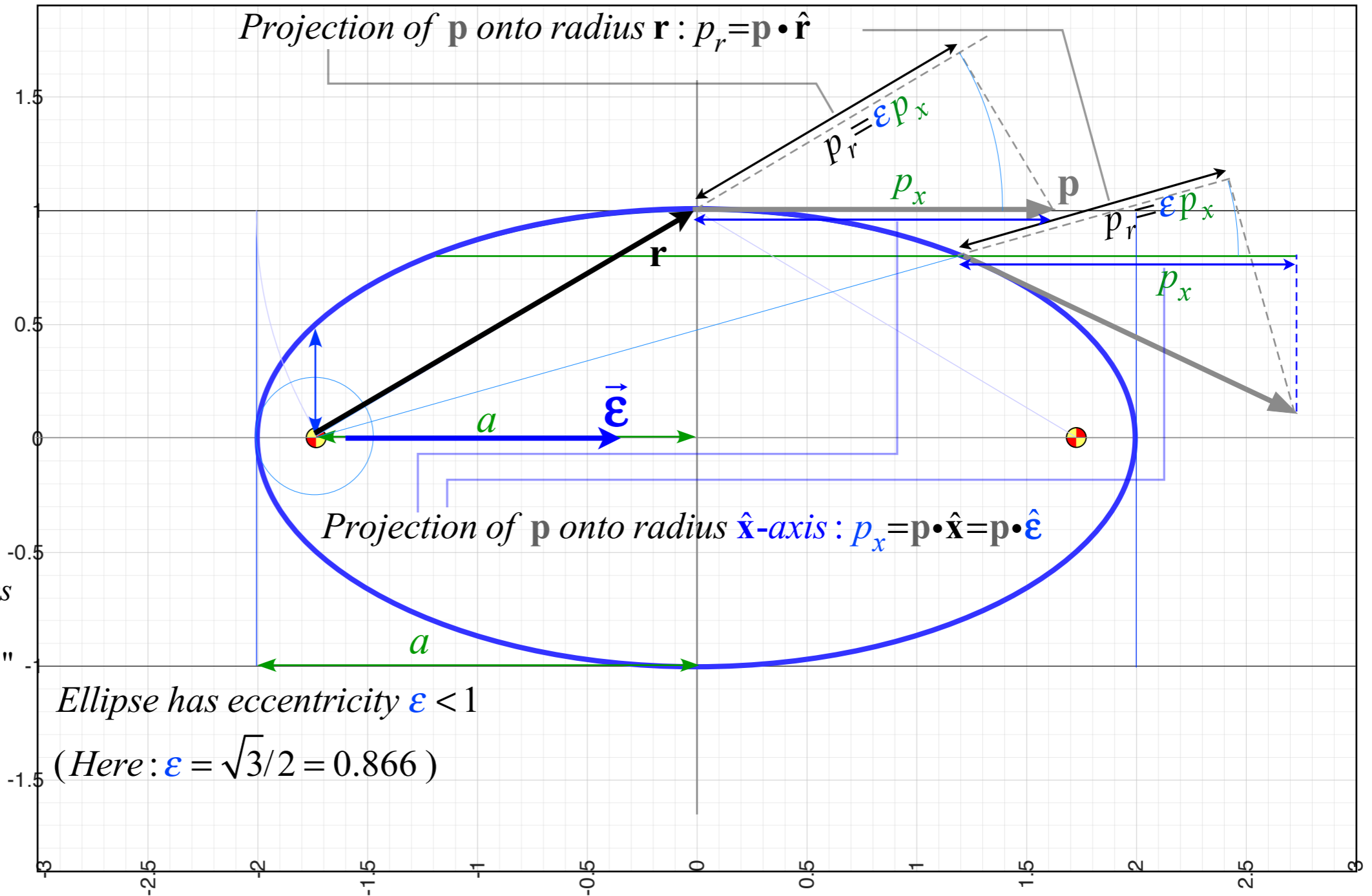
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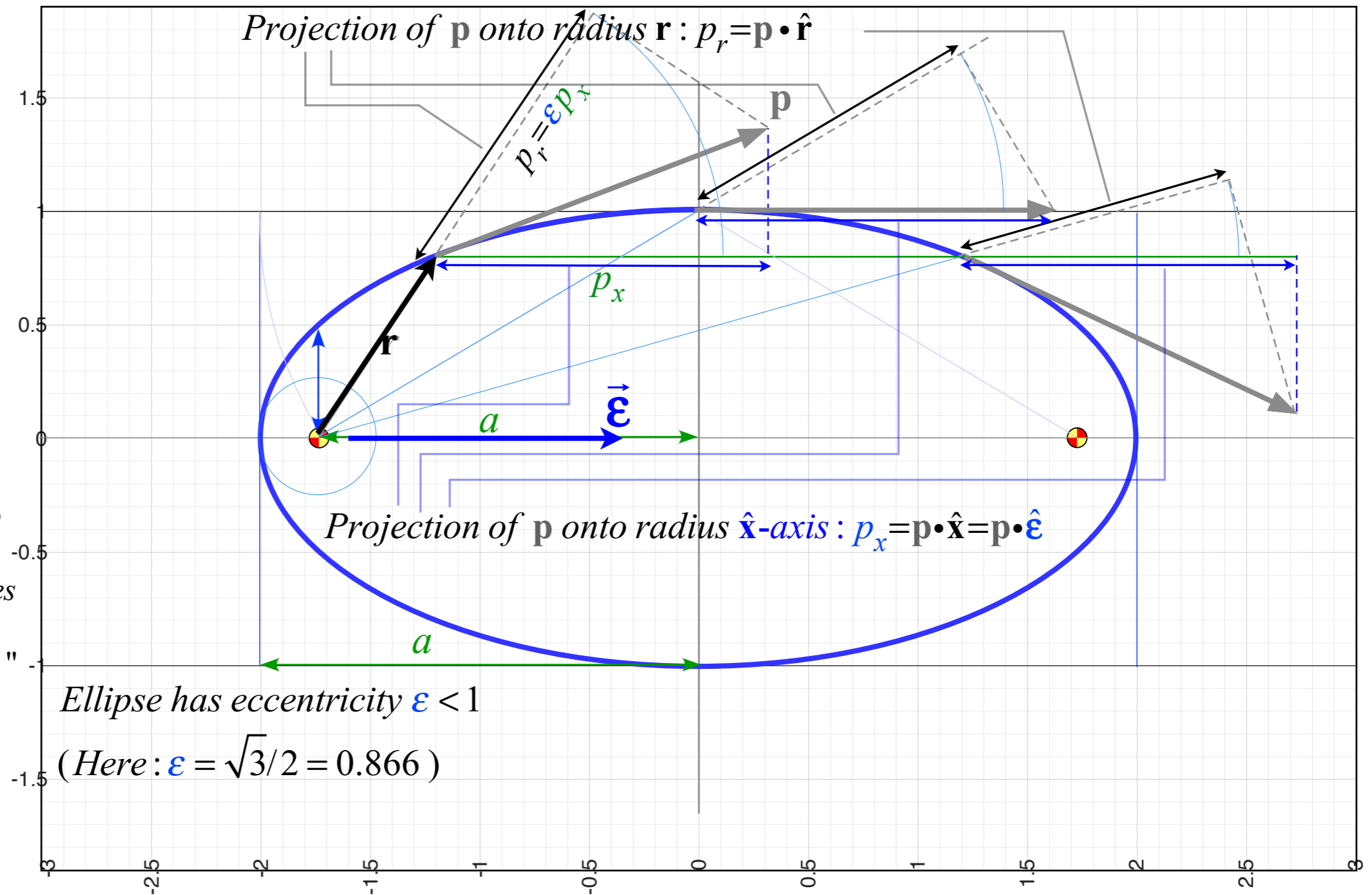
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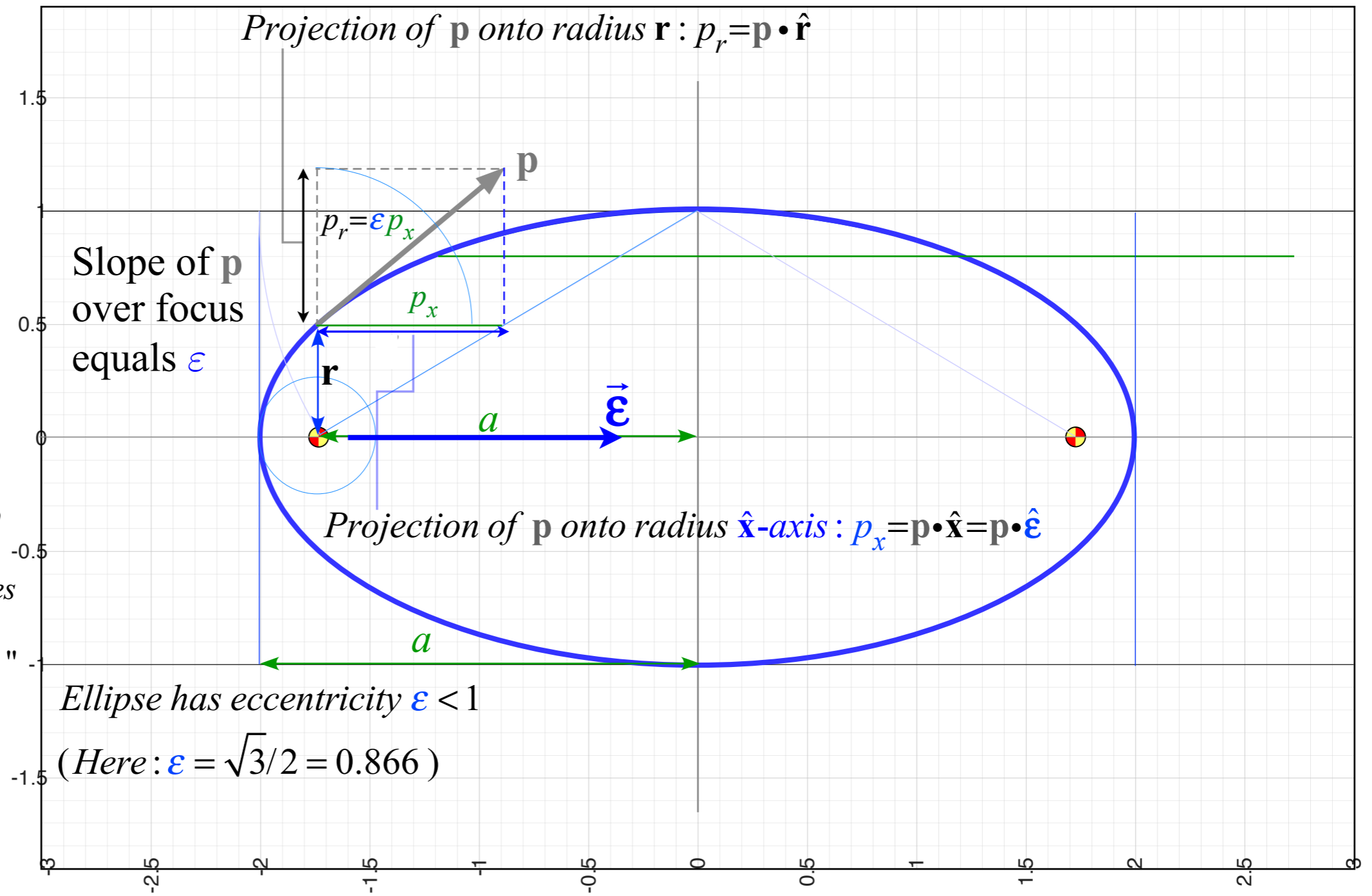
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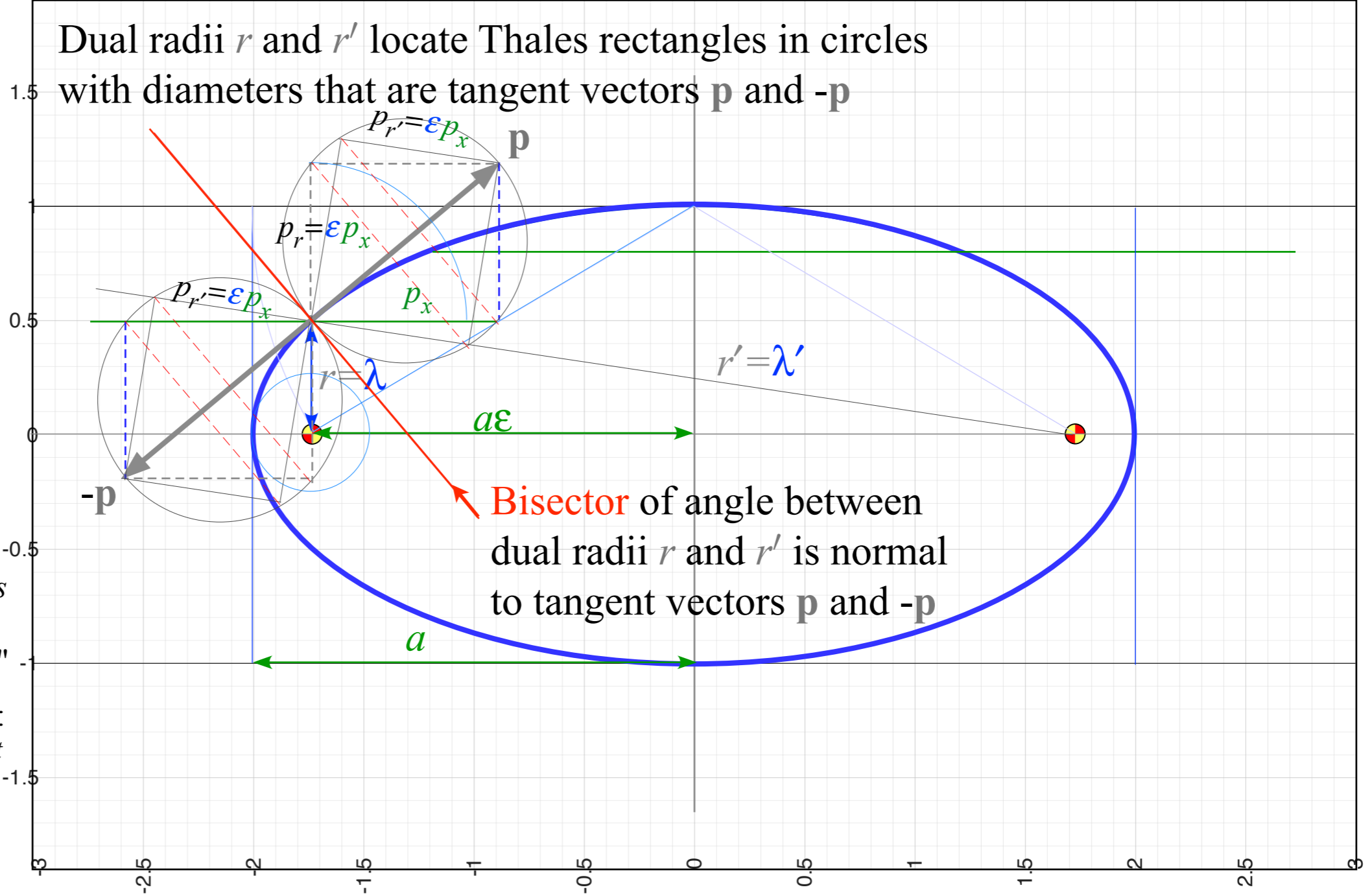
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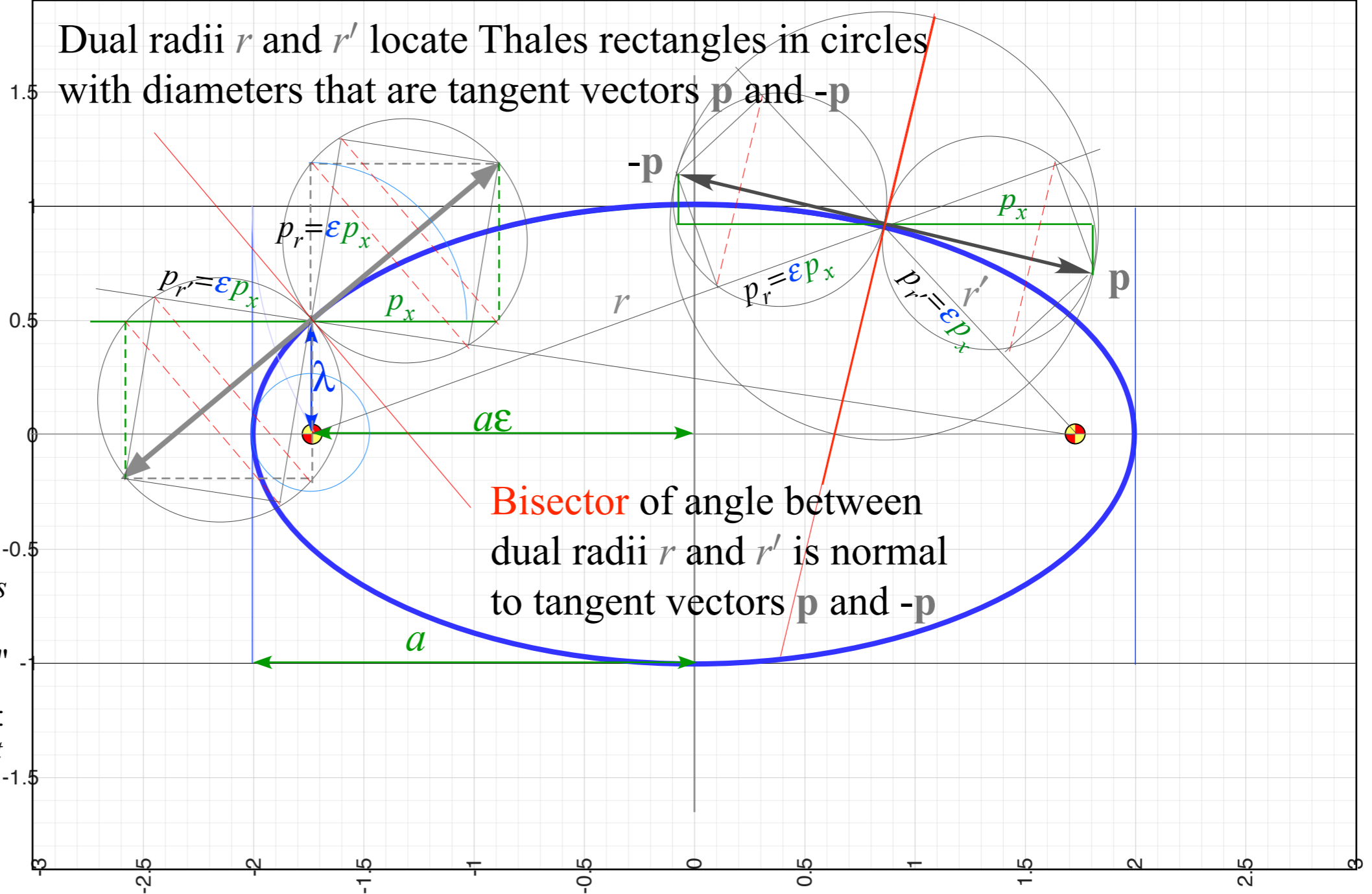
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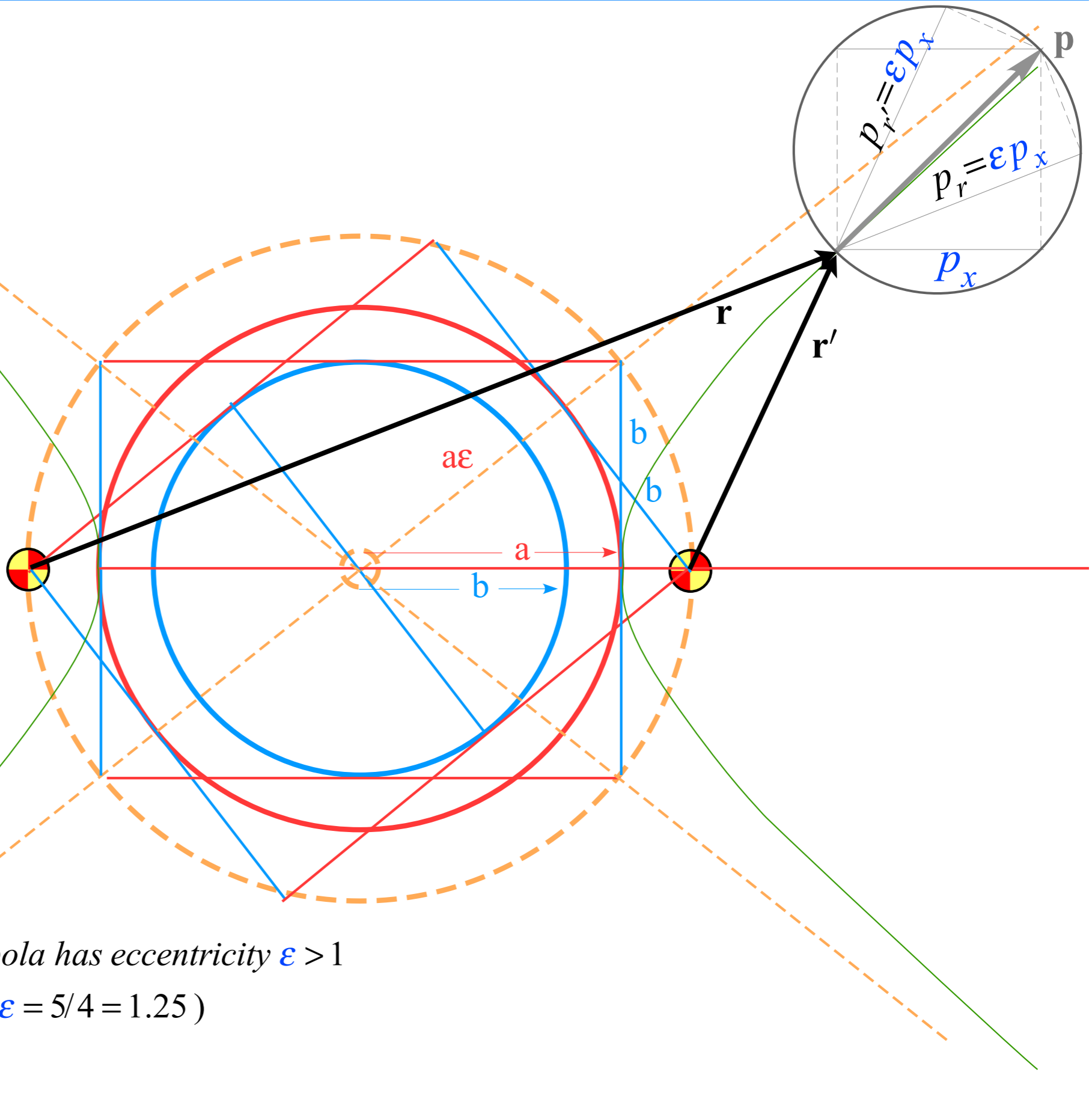
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Next several pages give step-by-step constructions of ϵ -vector and Coulomb orbit and trajectory physics

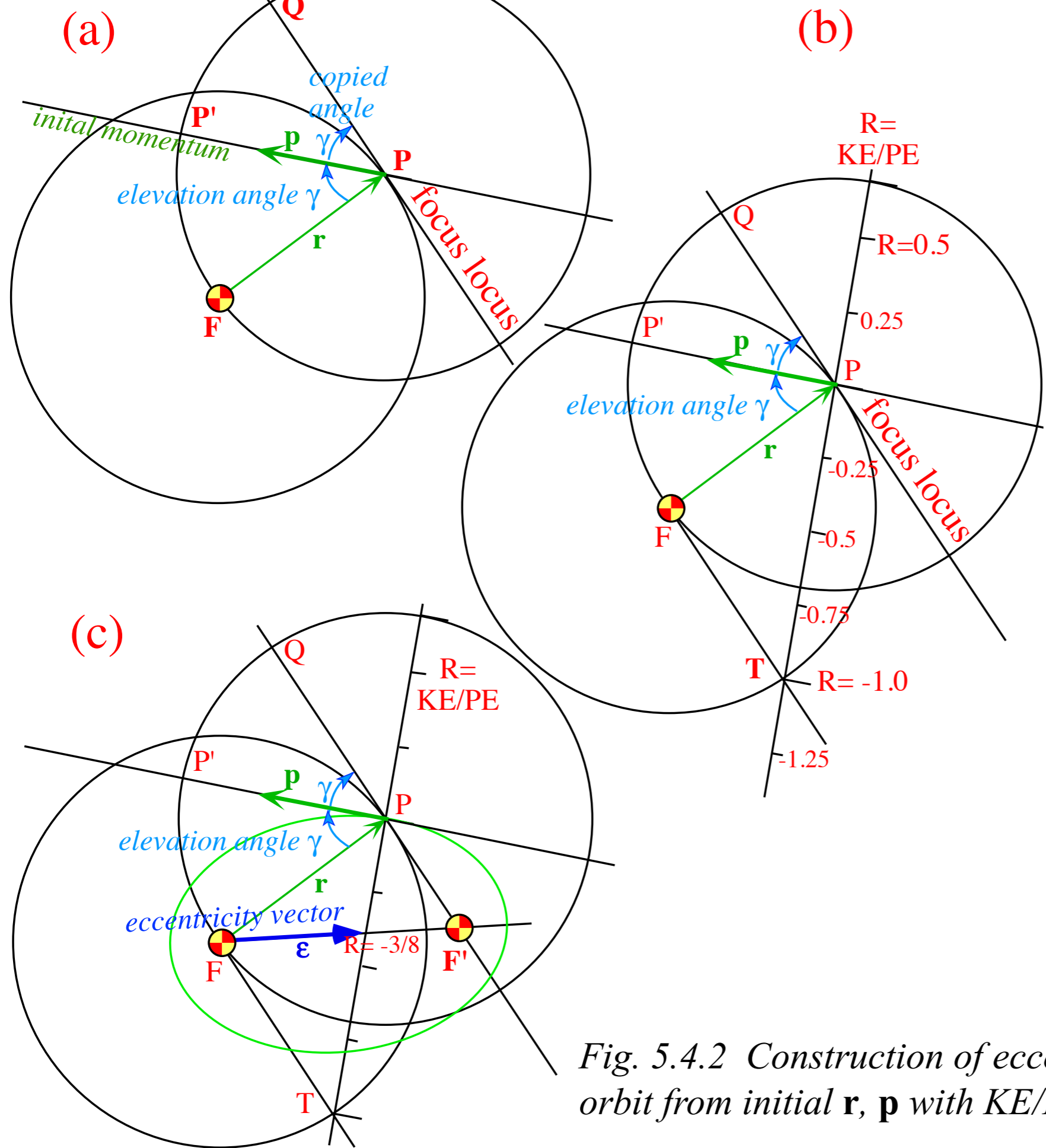


Fig. 5.4.2 Construction of eccentricity vector ϵ and orbit from initial \mathbf{r} , \mathbf{p} with $KE/PE = -3/8$.

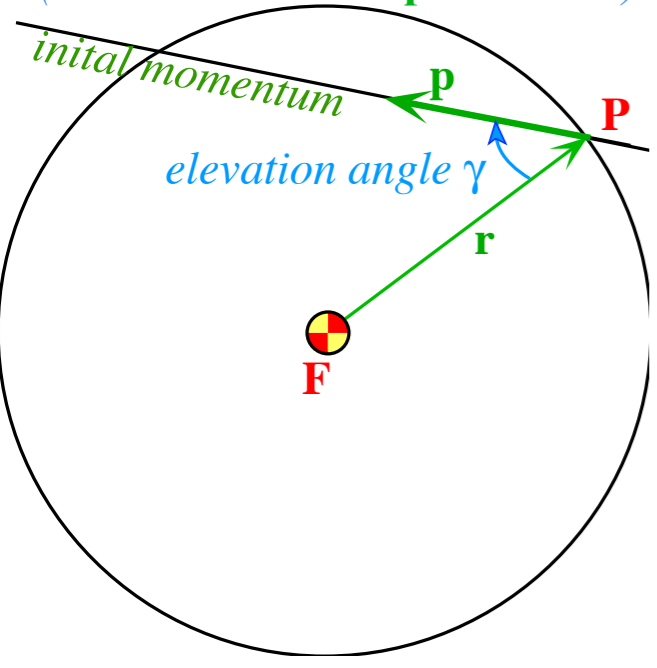
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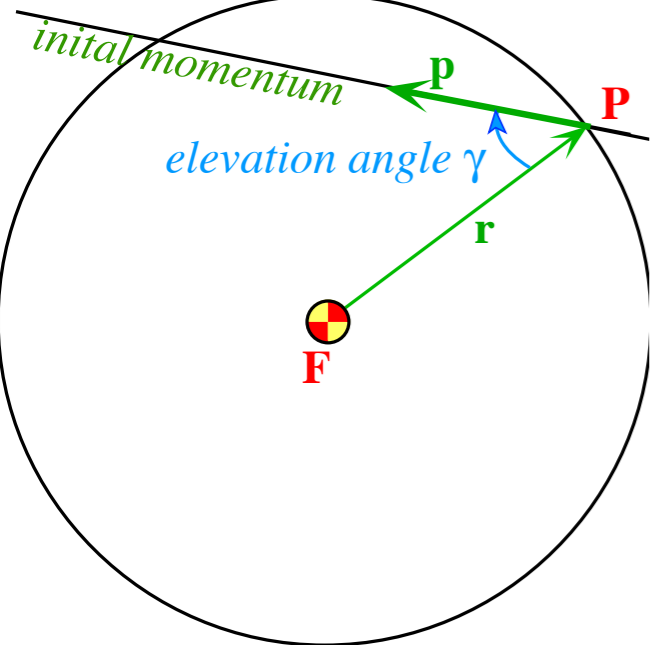
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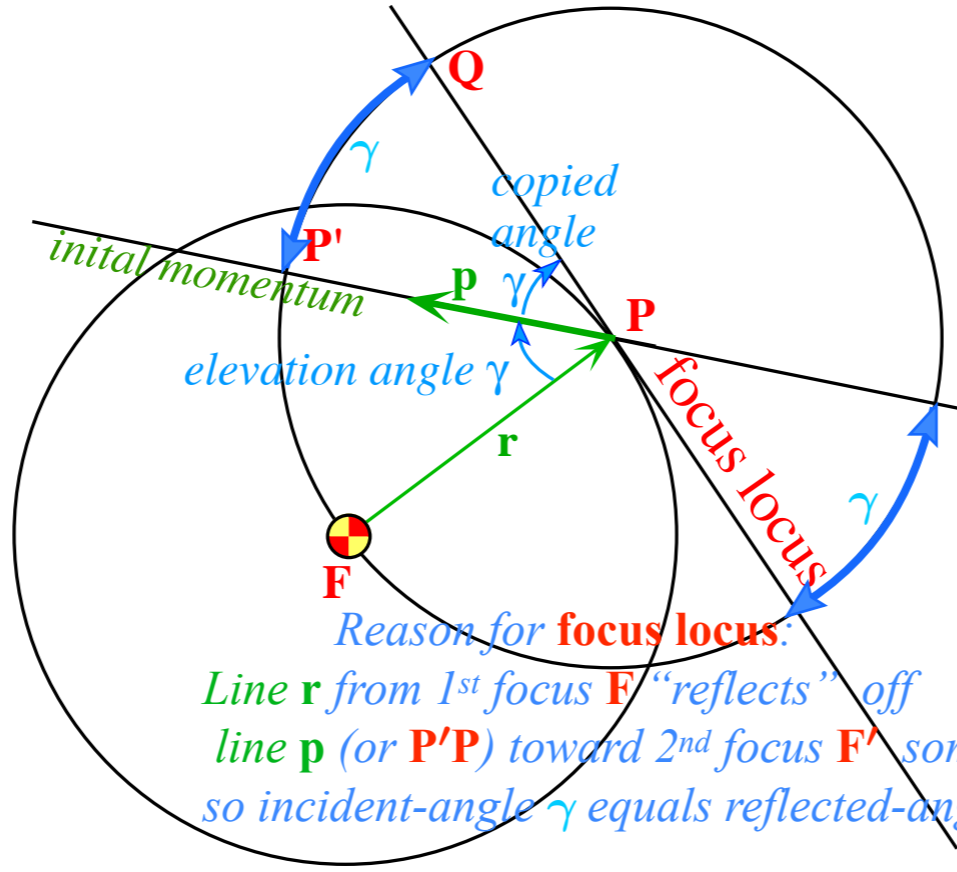


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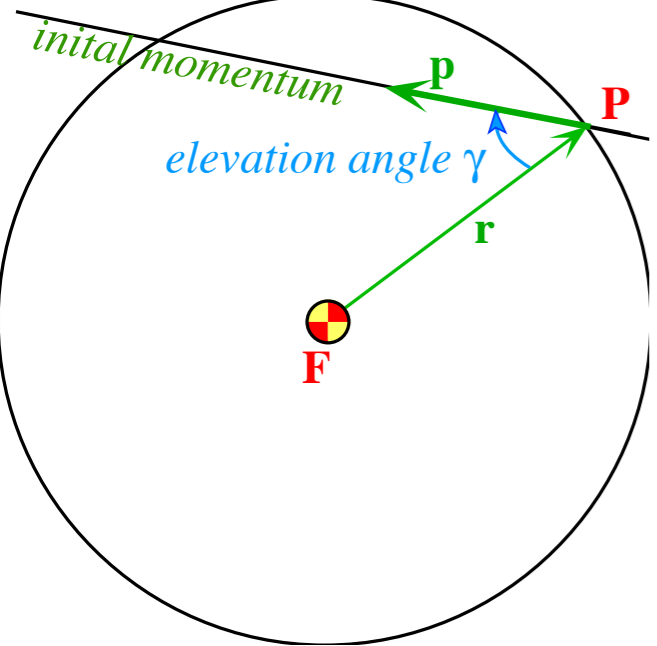
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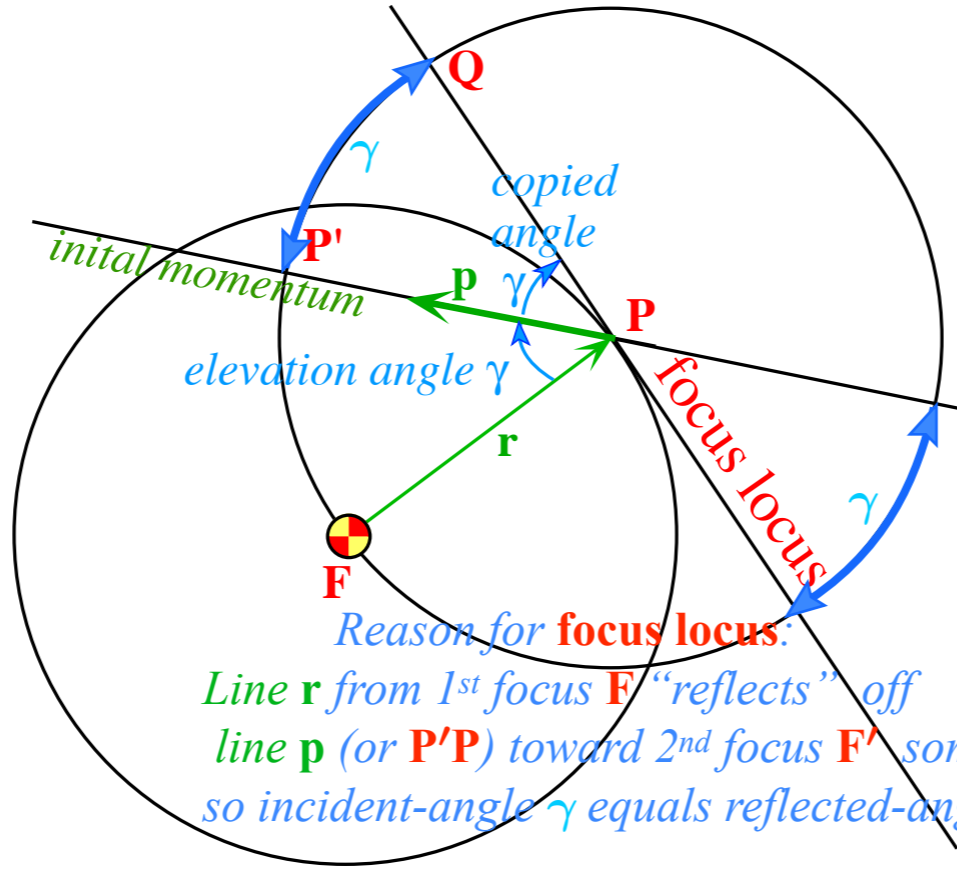
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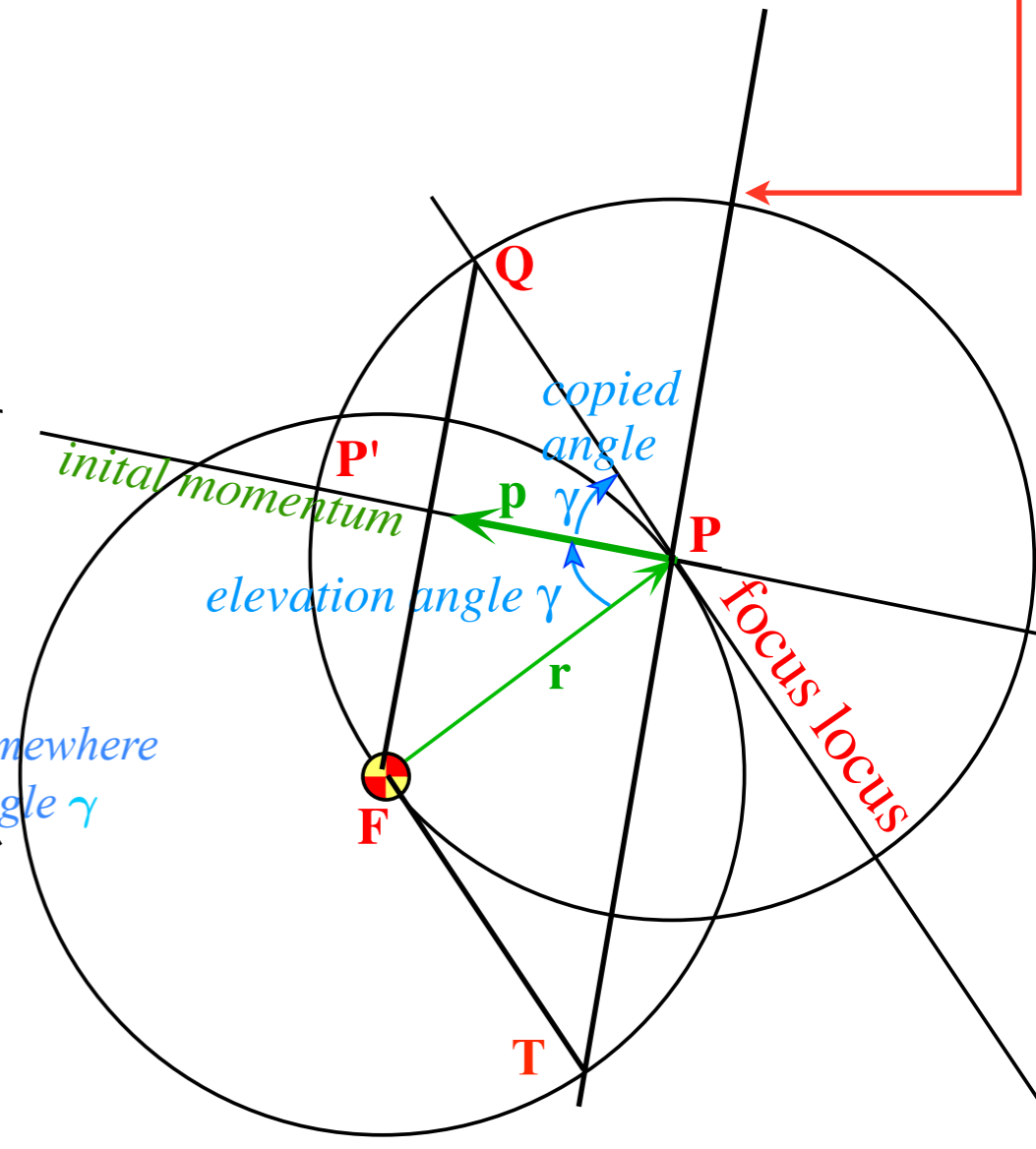
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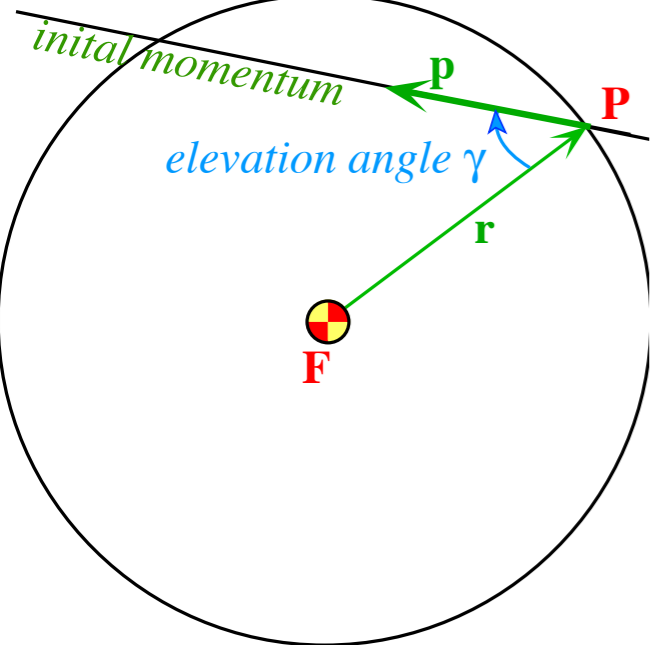


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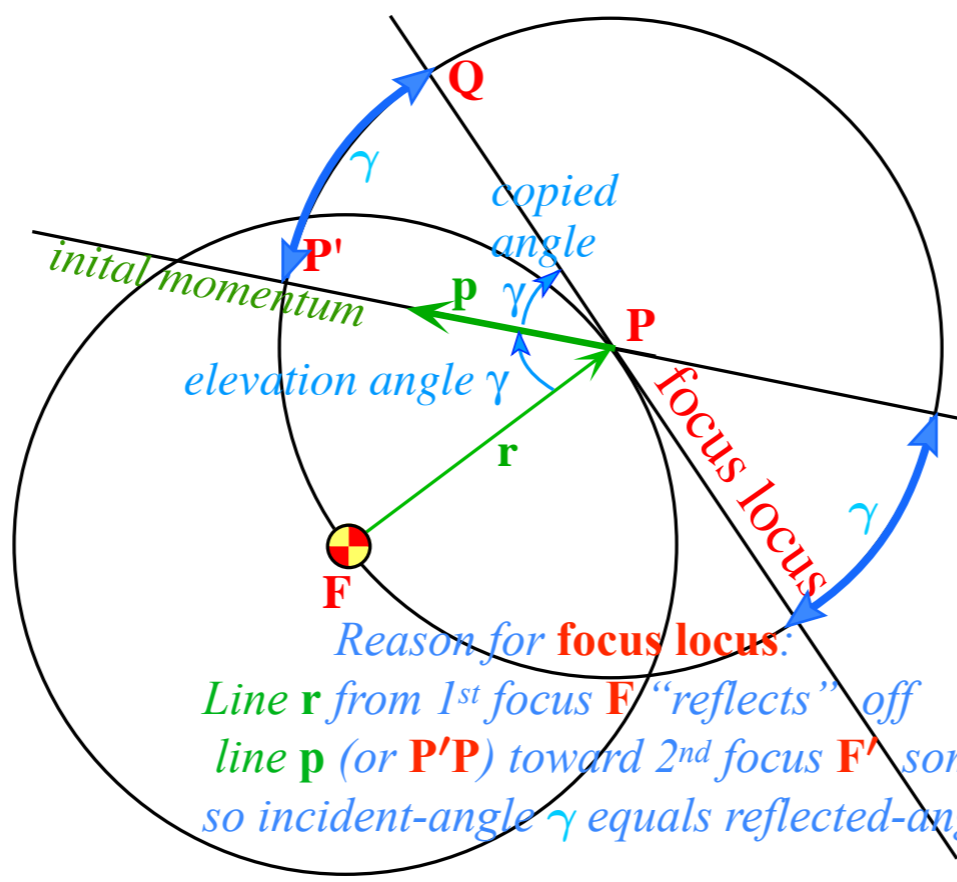


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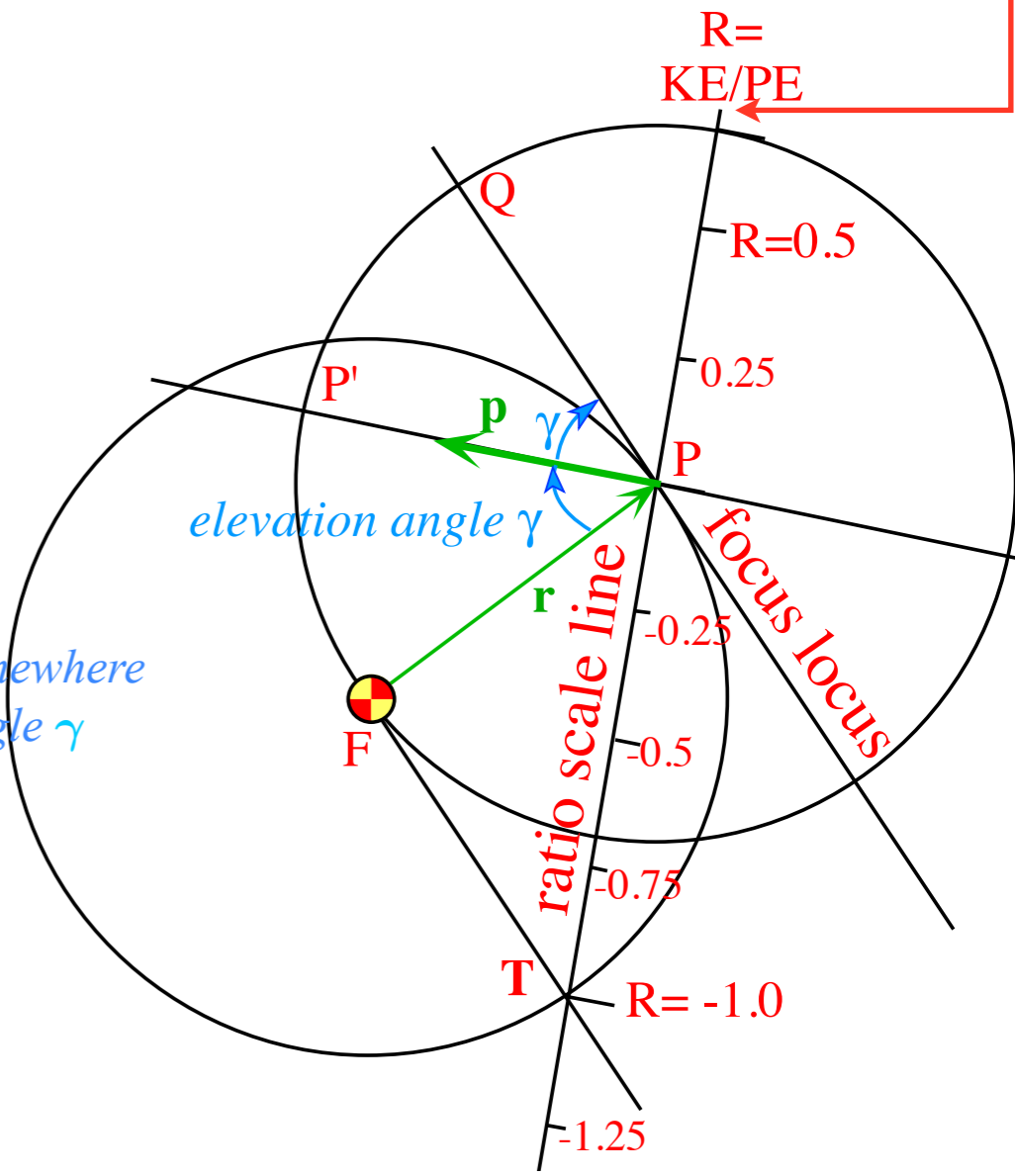


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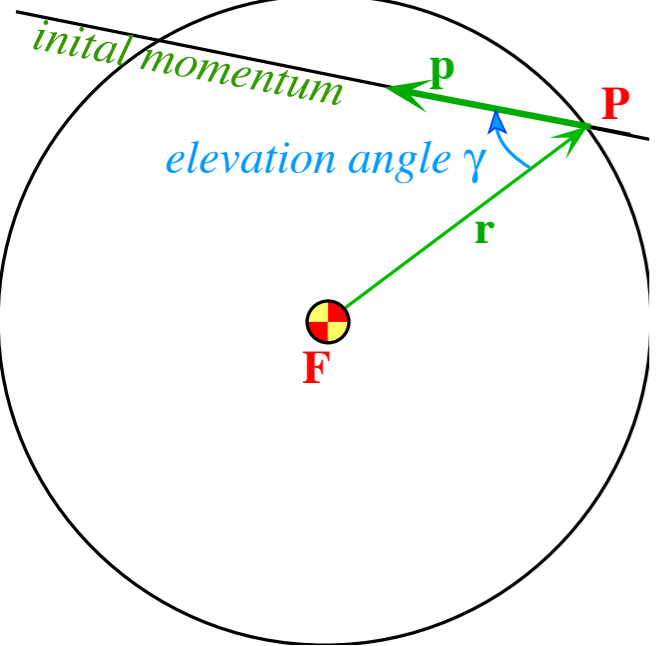
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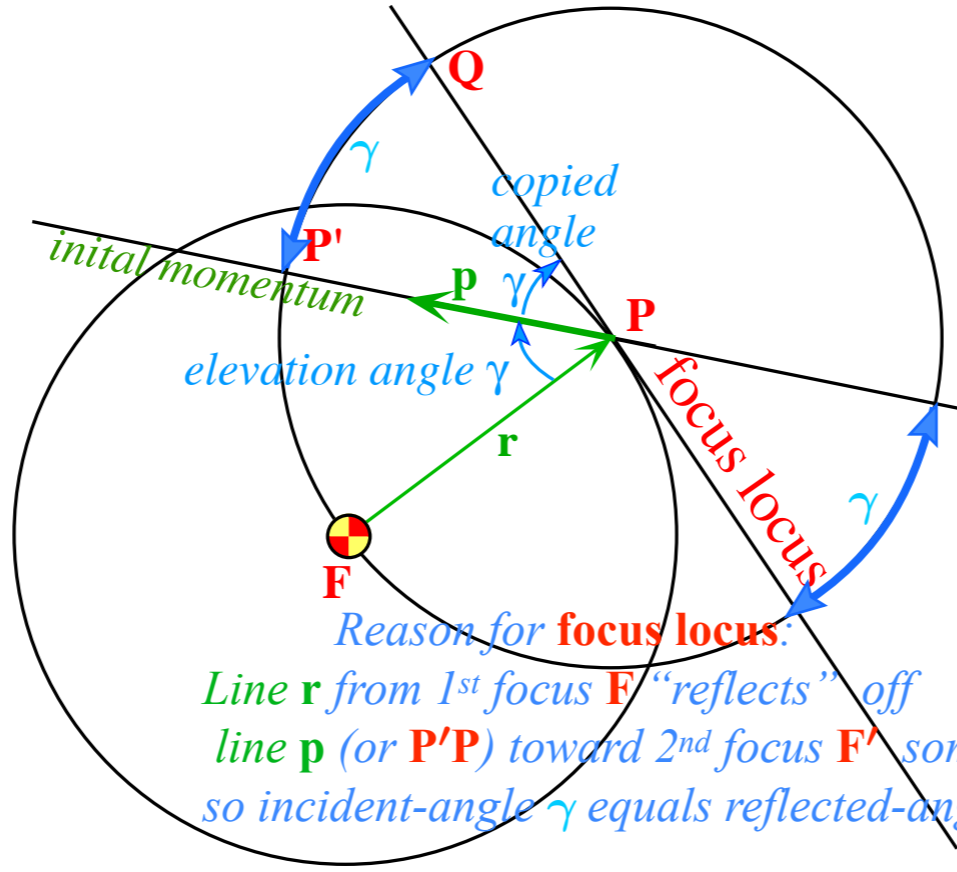
$$R = \frac{KE}{PE}$$

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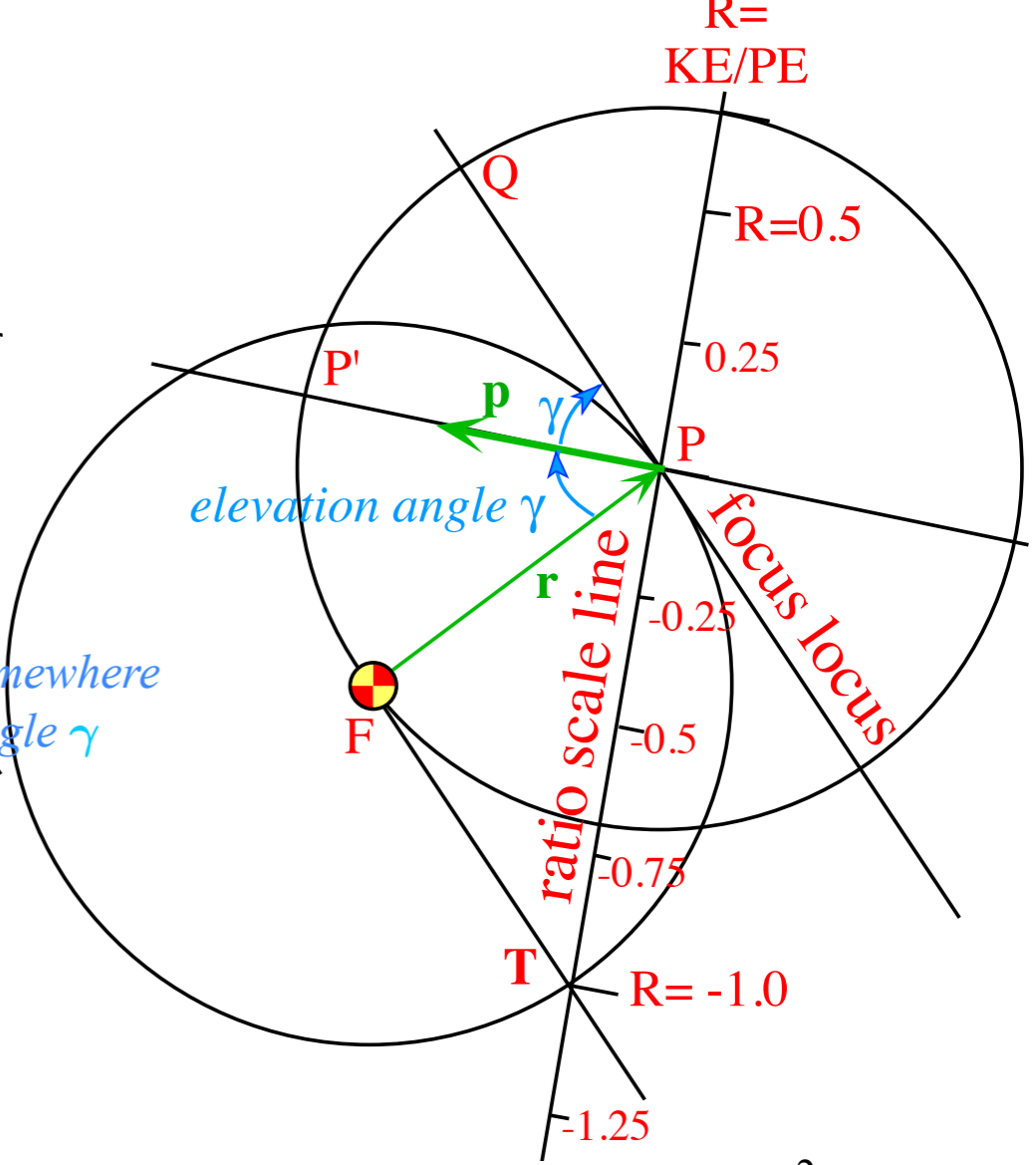
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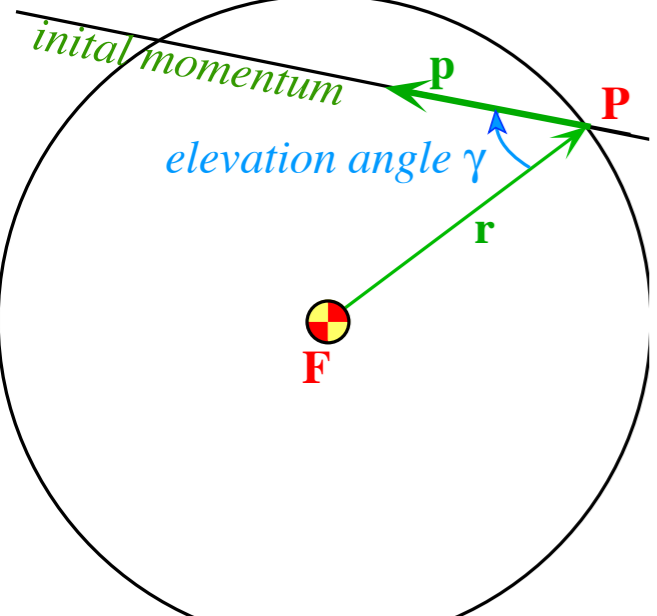
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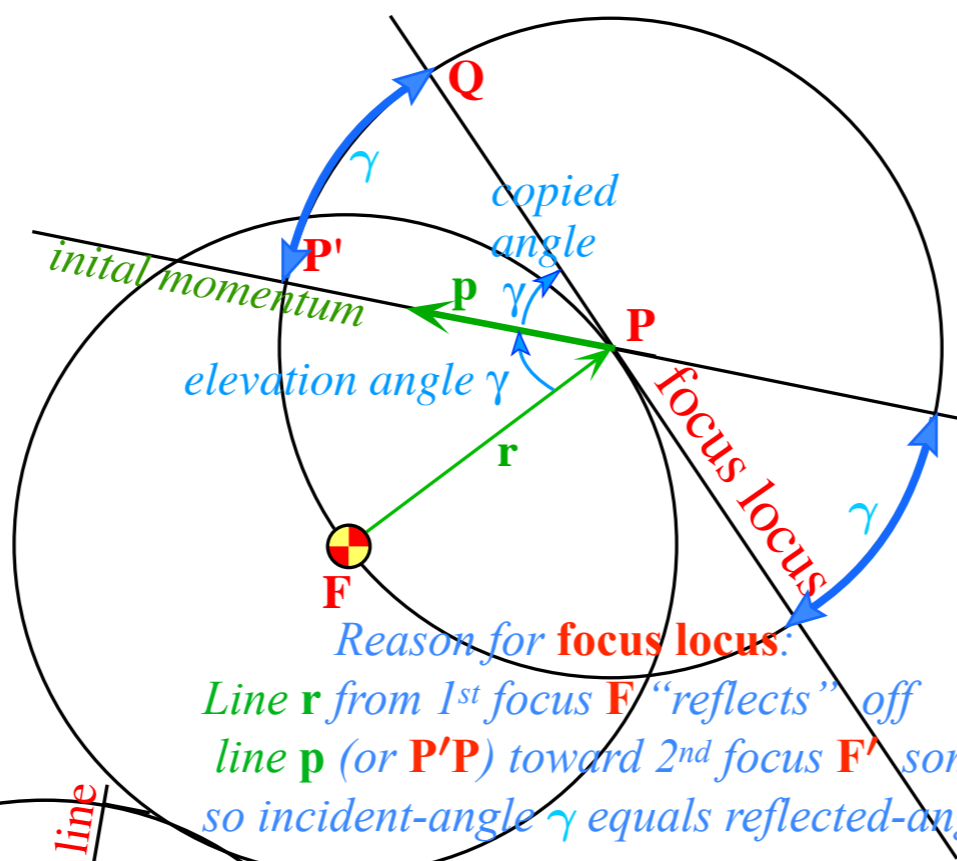
(To be proved on [p.74](#) to [p.77](#))

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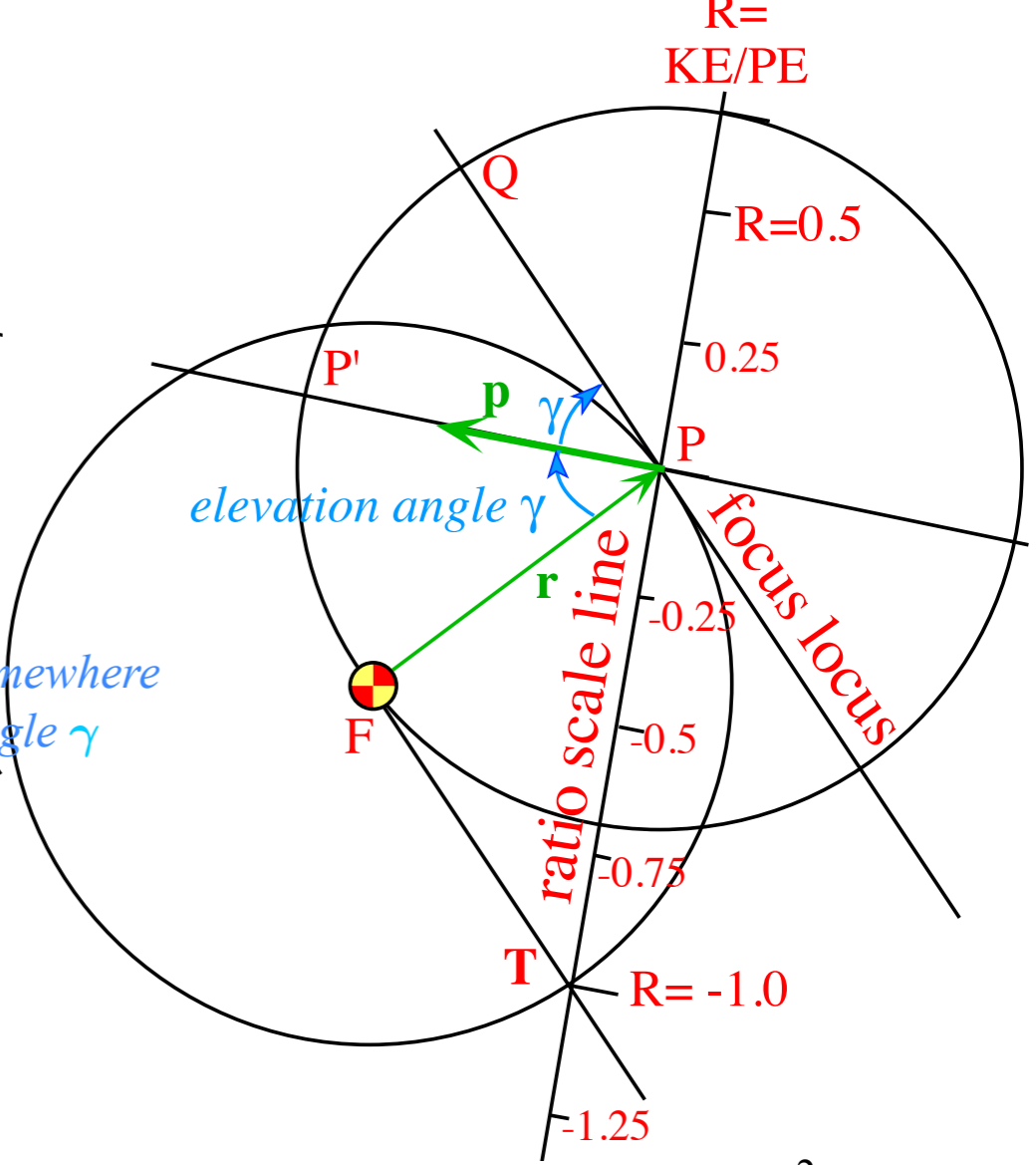


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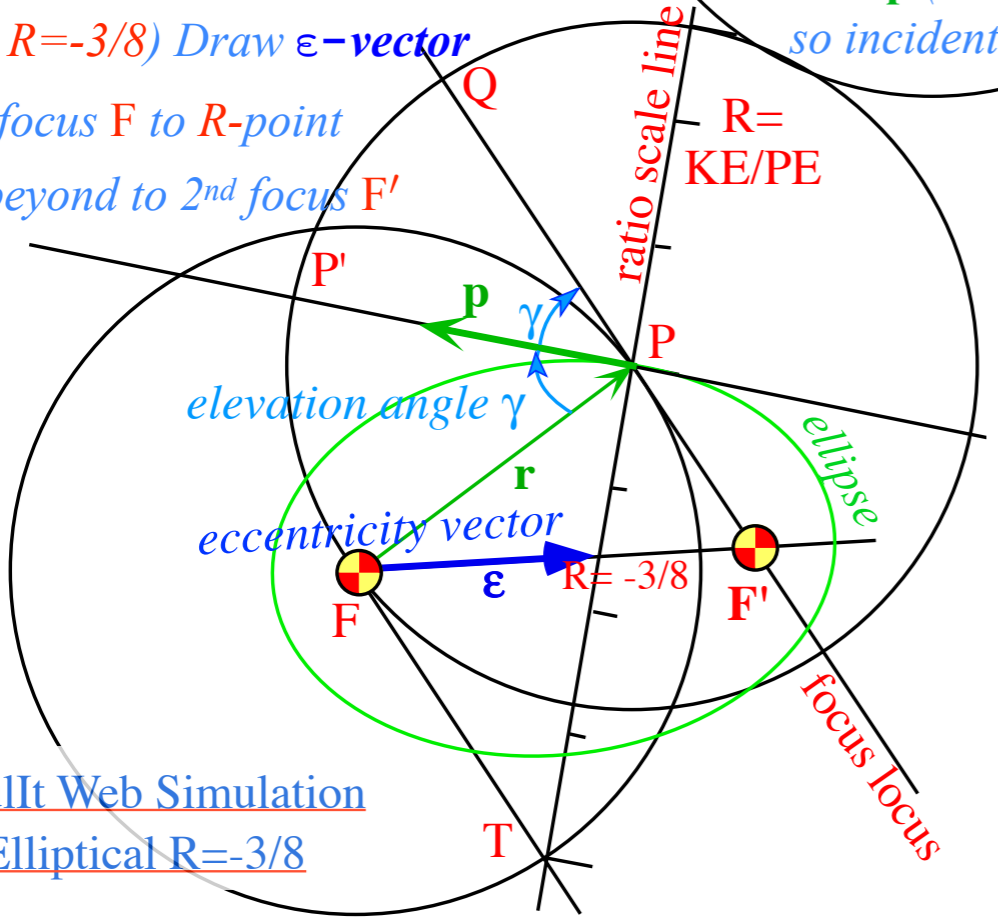


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Pick initial $R=KE/PE$ value
(here $R=-3/8$) Draw ϵ -vector
from focus **F** to **R-point**
and beyond to 2nd focus **F'**



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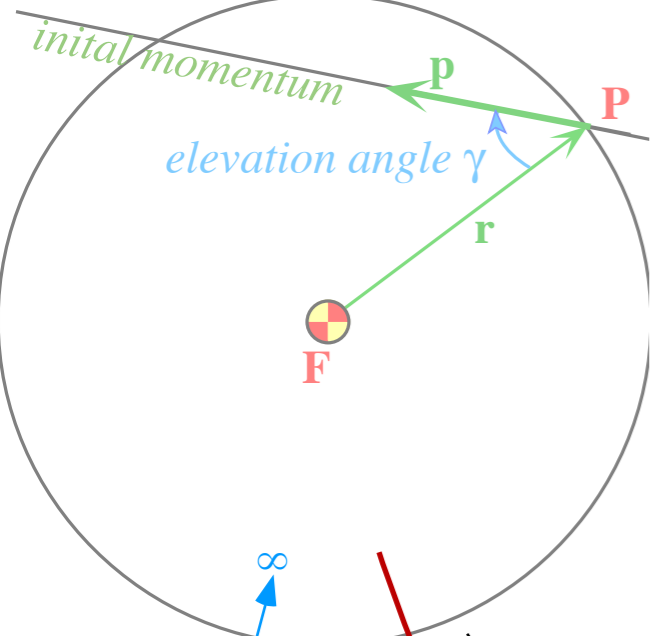
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focus **F** and 2nd focus **F'** allow final
construction of **orbital trajectory**.
Here it is an $R=-3/8$ **ellipse**.

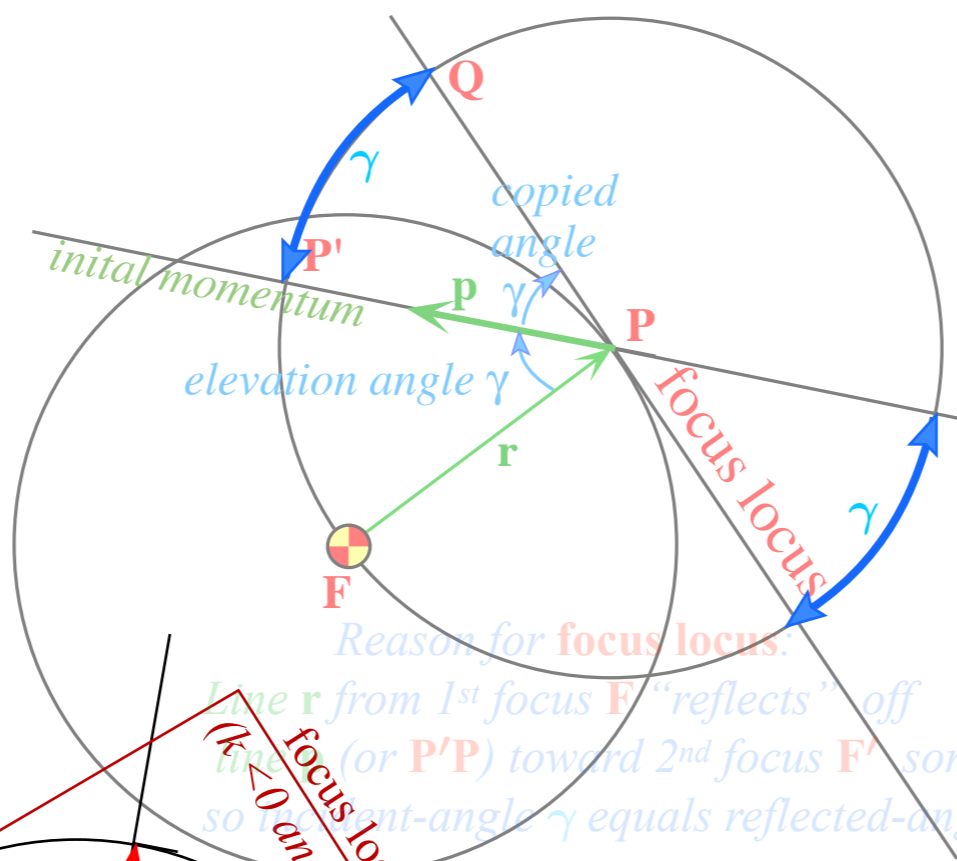
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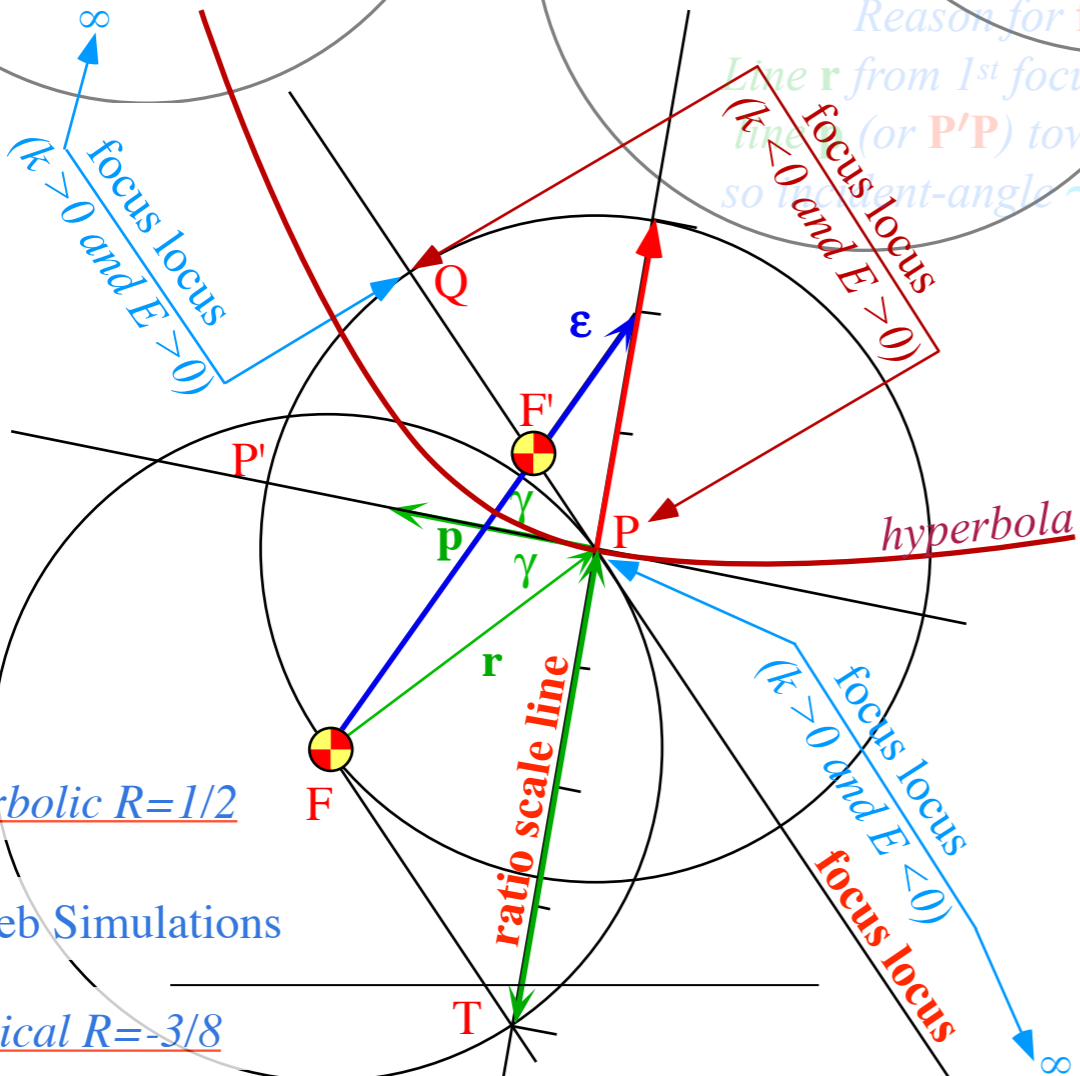
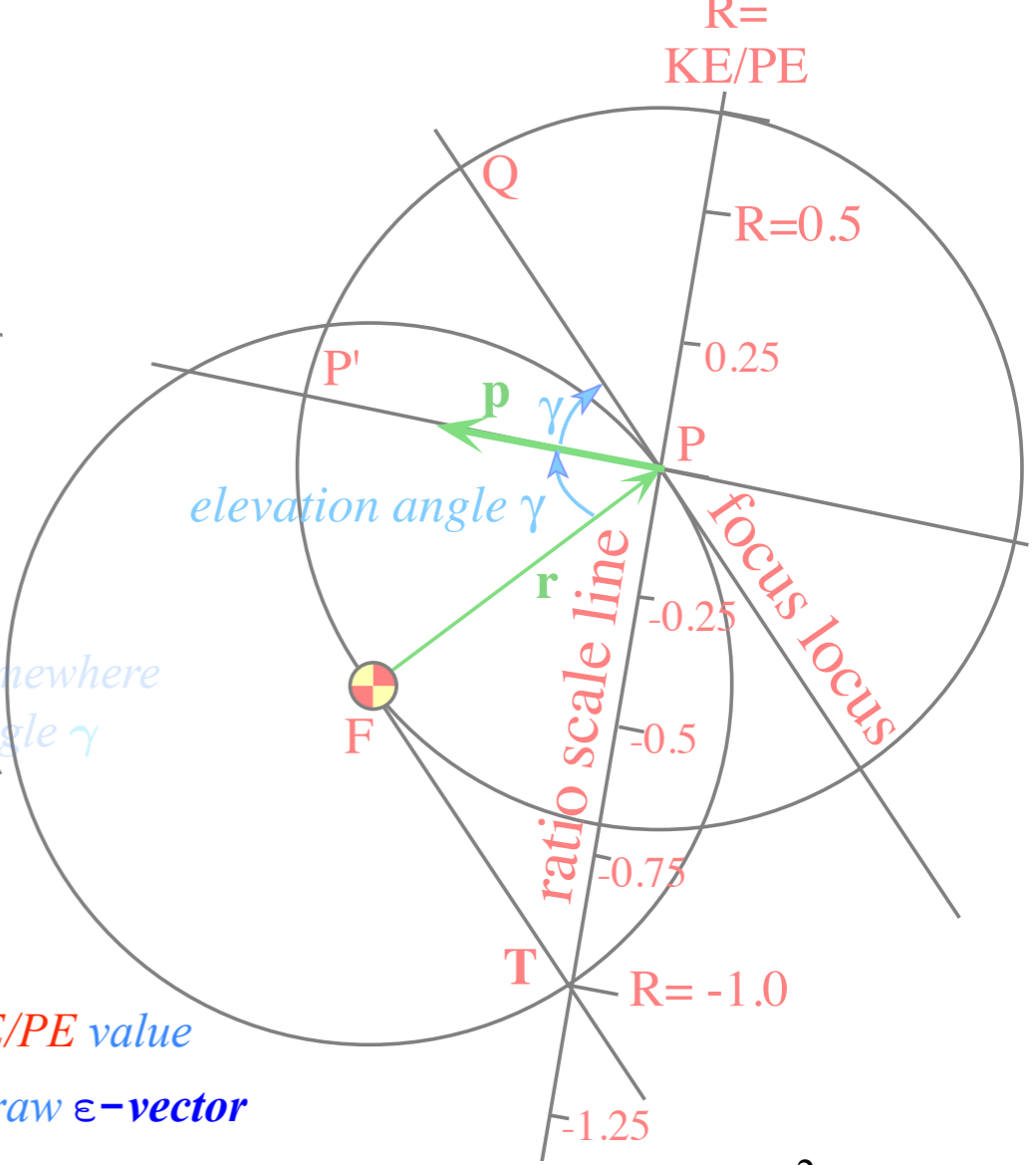
Pick launch point **P**
(radius vector **r**)
and elevation angle γ from radius
(momentum initial **p** direction)



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**
Label chord **PT** with $R=0$ at **P** and $R=-1.0$ at **T**.
Mark **R-line** fractions $R=0, +1/4, +1/2, \dots$ above **P** and $R=0, -1/8, -1/4, -1/2, \dots, -3/4$ below **P** and $-5/4, -3/2, \dots$ below **T**.



Pick initial $R=KE/PE$ value
(here $R=+1/2$) Draw ϵ -vector
from focus **F** to **R-point**
(Here it intersects 2nd focus **F'**)

focus **F** and 2nd focus **F'** allow final
construction of orbital trajectory.
Here it is an $R=+1/2$ hyperbola.

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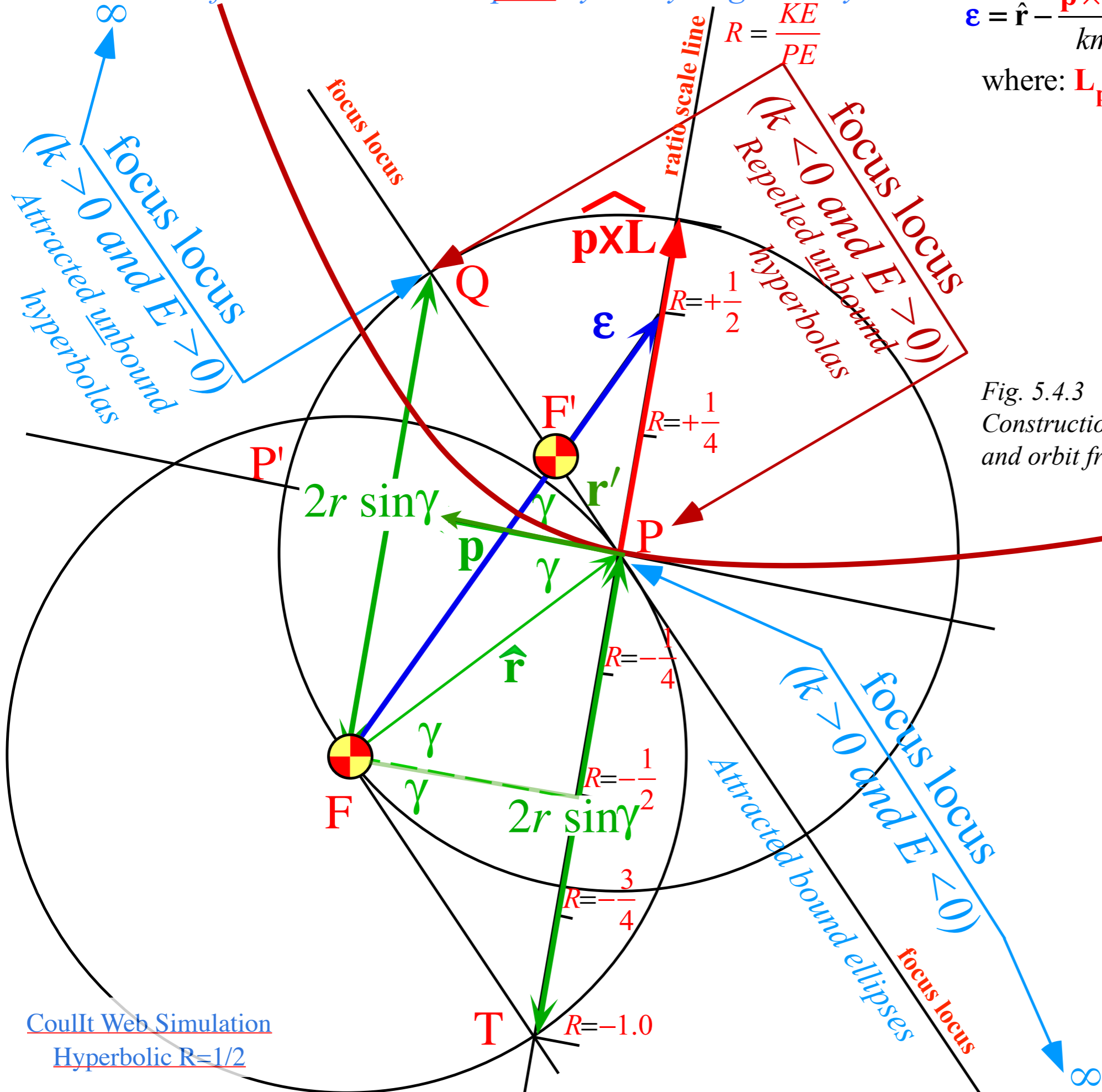
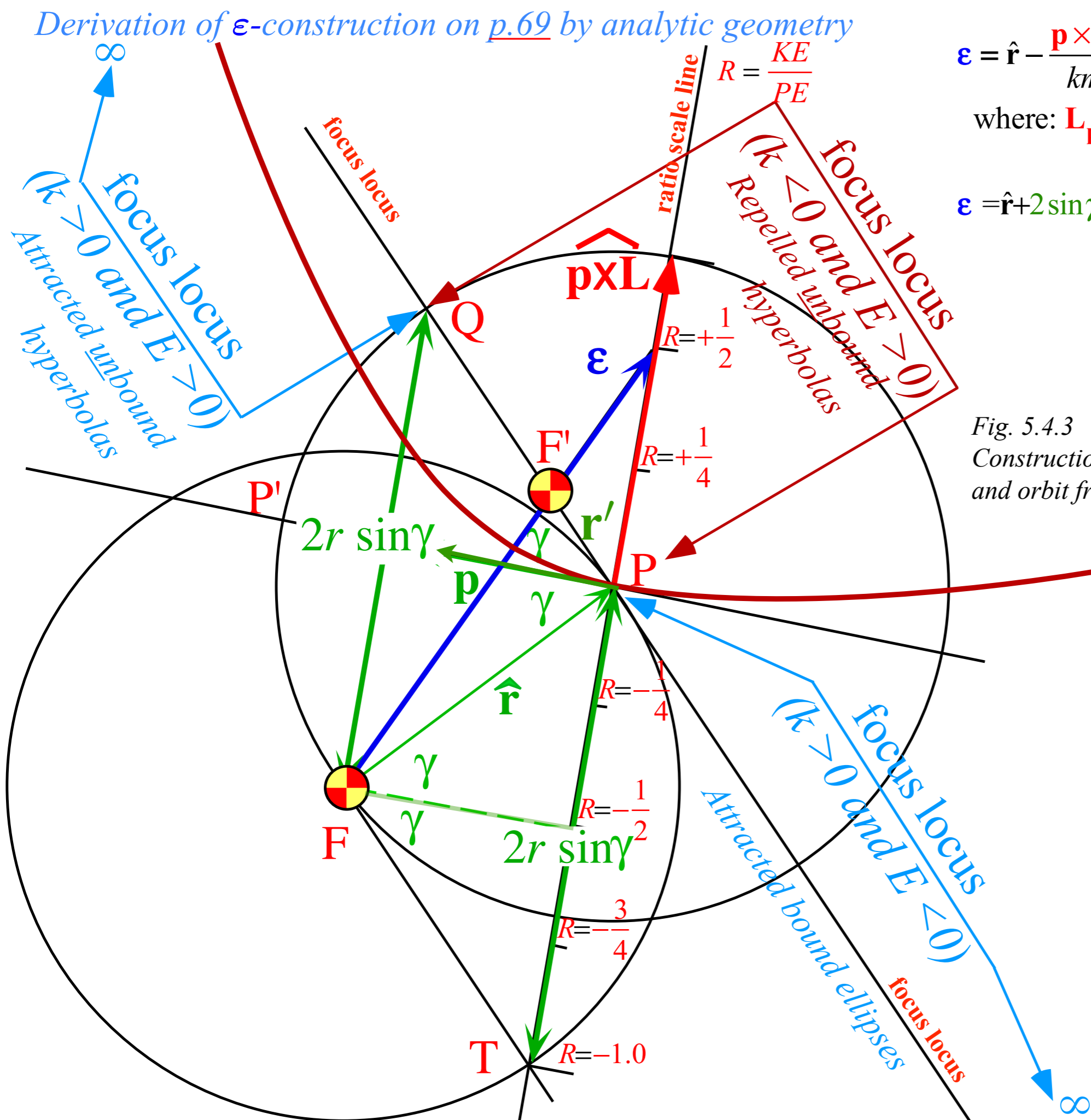


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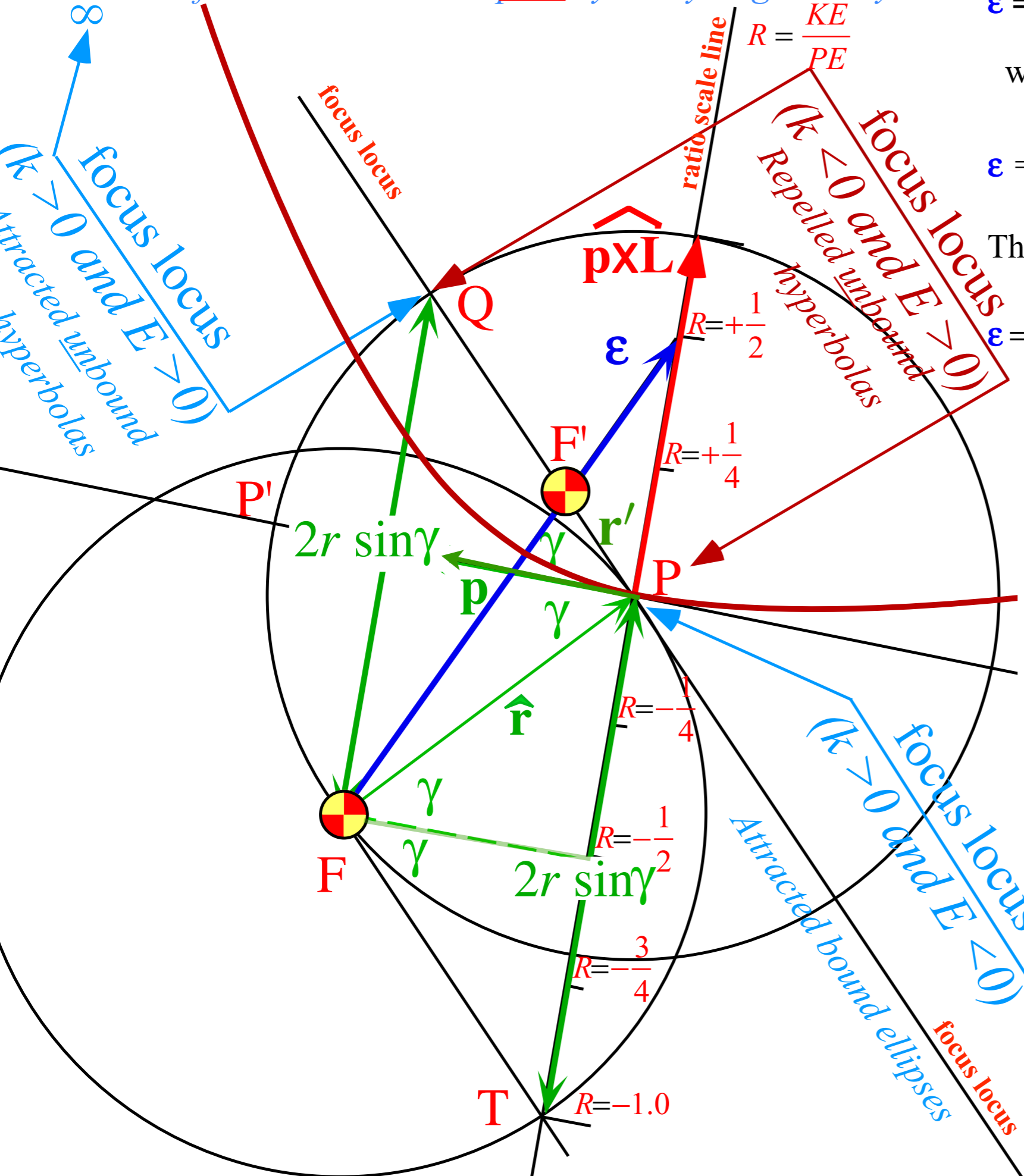
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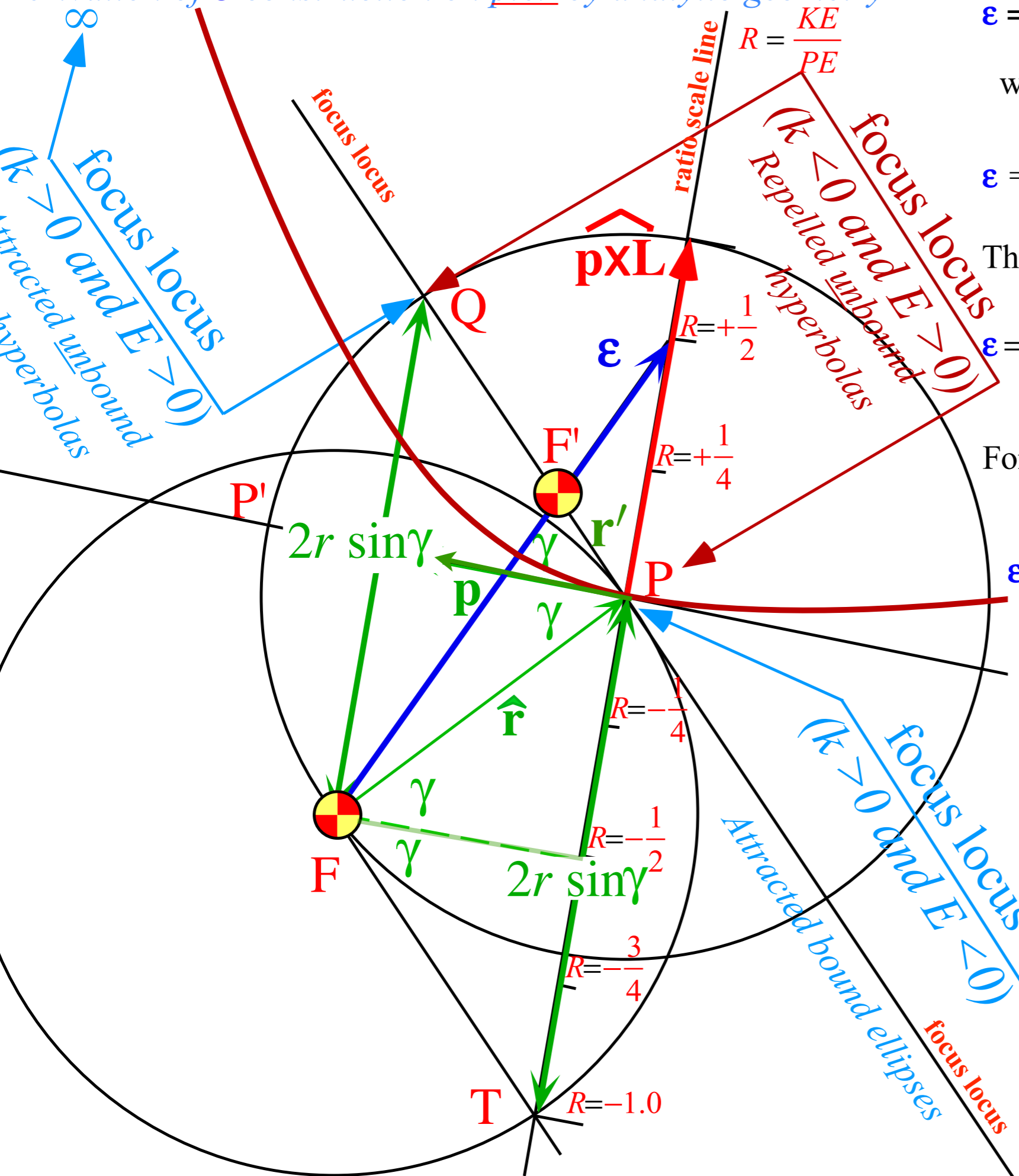
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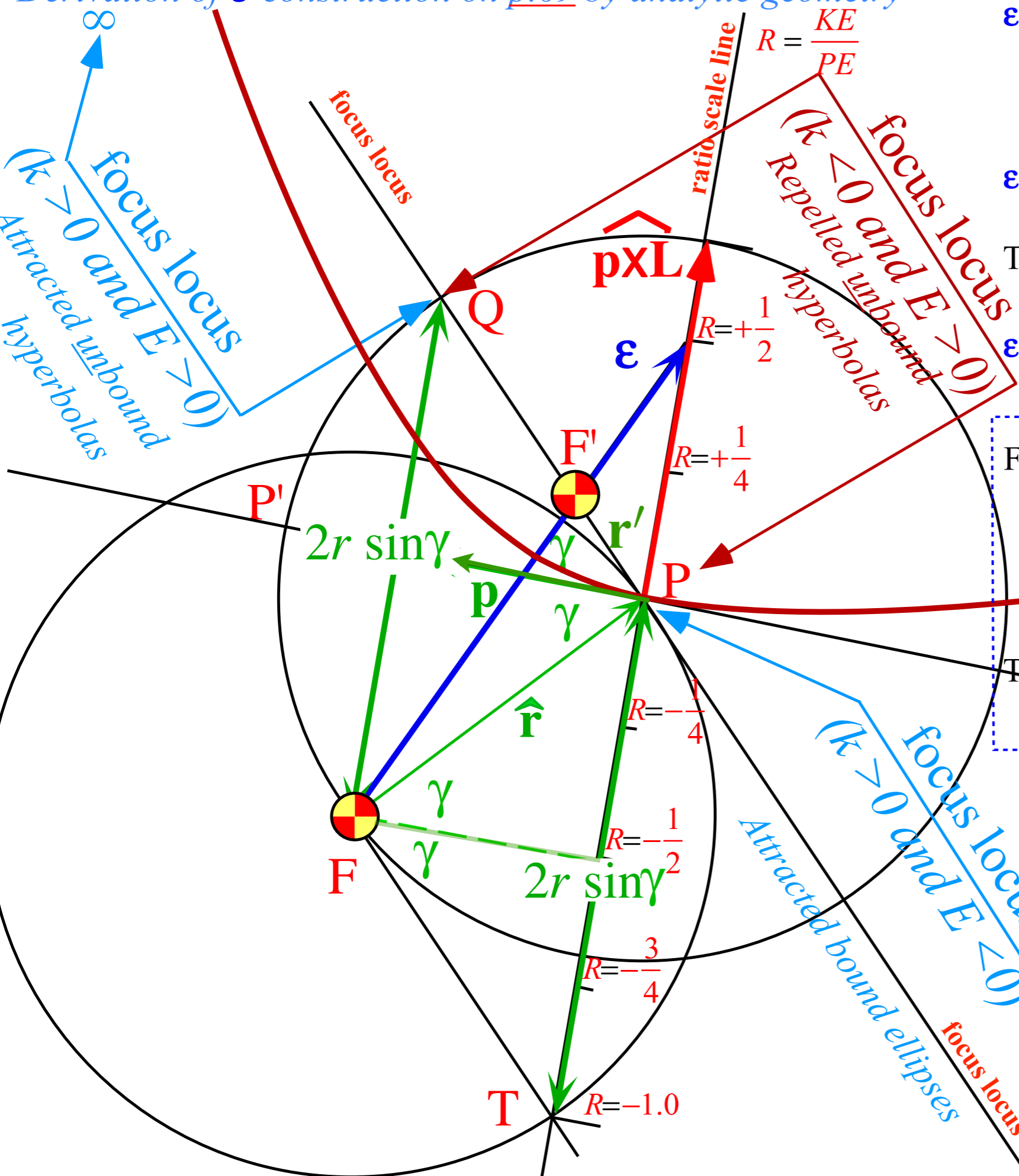
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Initial position $x(0) = 0.465648$

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}), $x = 8$

Particle Size = 9

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

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

Color action No stops Field vectors Info

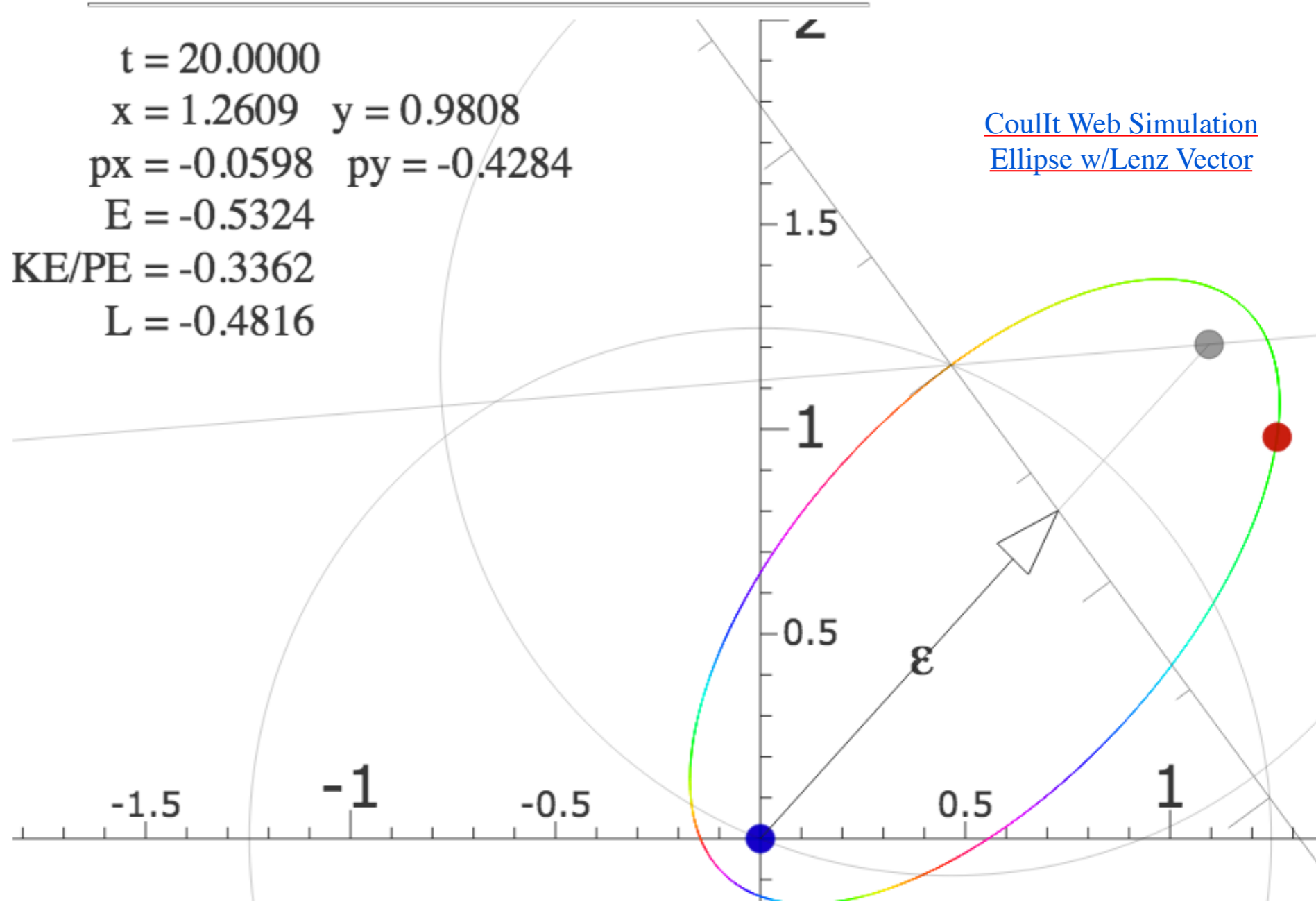
Draw masses Axes Coordinates Lenz

Set p by ϕ Elastic 2 Free

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$t = 20.0000$
 $x = 1.2609$ $y = 0.9808$
 $p_x = -0.0598$ $p_y = -0.4284$
 $E = -0.5324$
 $KE/PE = -0.3362$
 $L = -0.4816$

[CoulIt Web Simulation](#)
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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 Io (Paths=180, No color quant.) Parabolic Fountain (Uniform)

Space Bomb (Coulomb) Exploding Starlet (IHO)

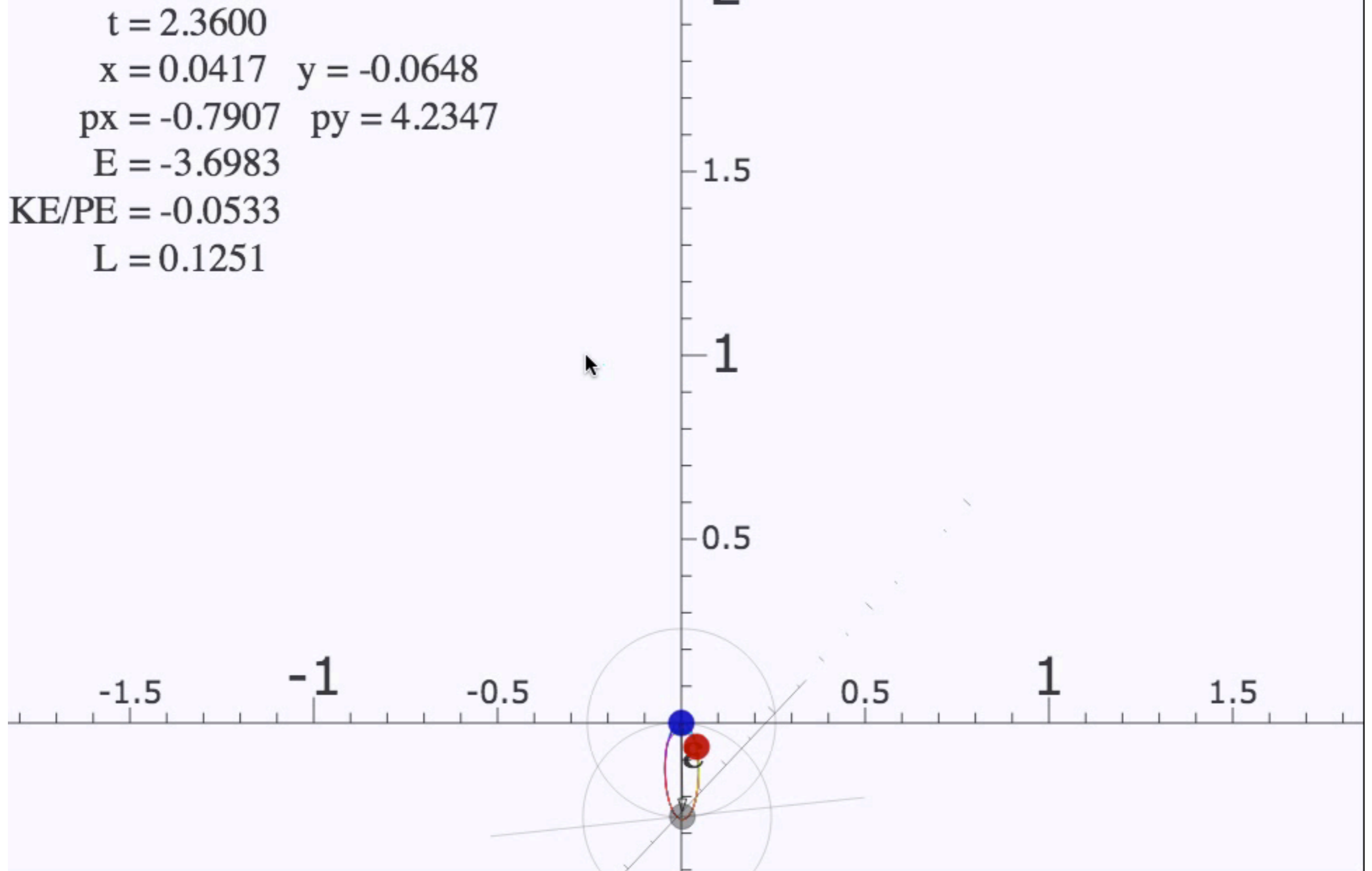
Synchrotron Motion (Crossed E & B fields)

Rutherford scattering 2-Electron Orbits

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Oscillator Scattering 2-Particle Orbits 2-Particle Collision



Play embedded movie with controls above.

[or follow this link to try your hand at \$\epsilon\$ -construction using the CoulIt Web App](#)

Just click and drag in main window to set new initial conditions. The Lenz vector will display as part of an overlay.

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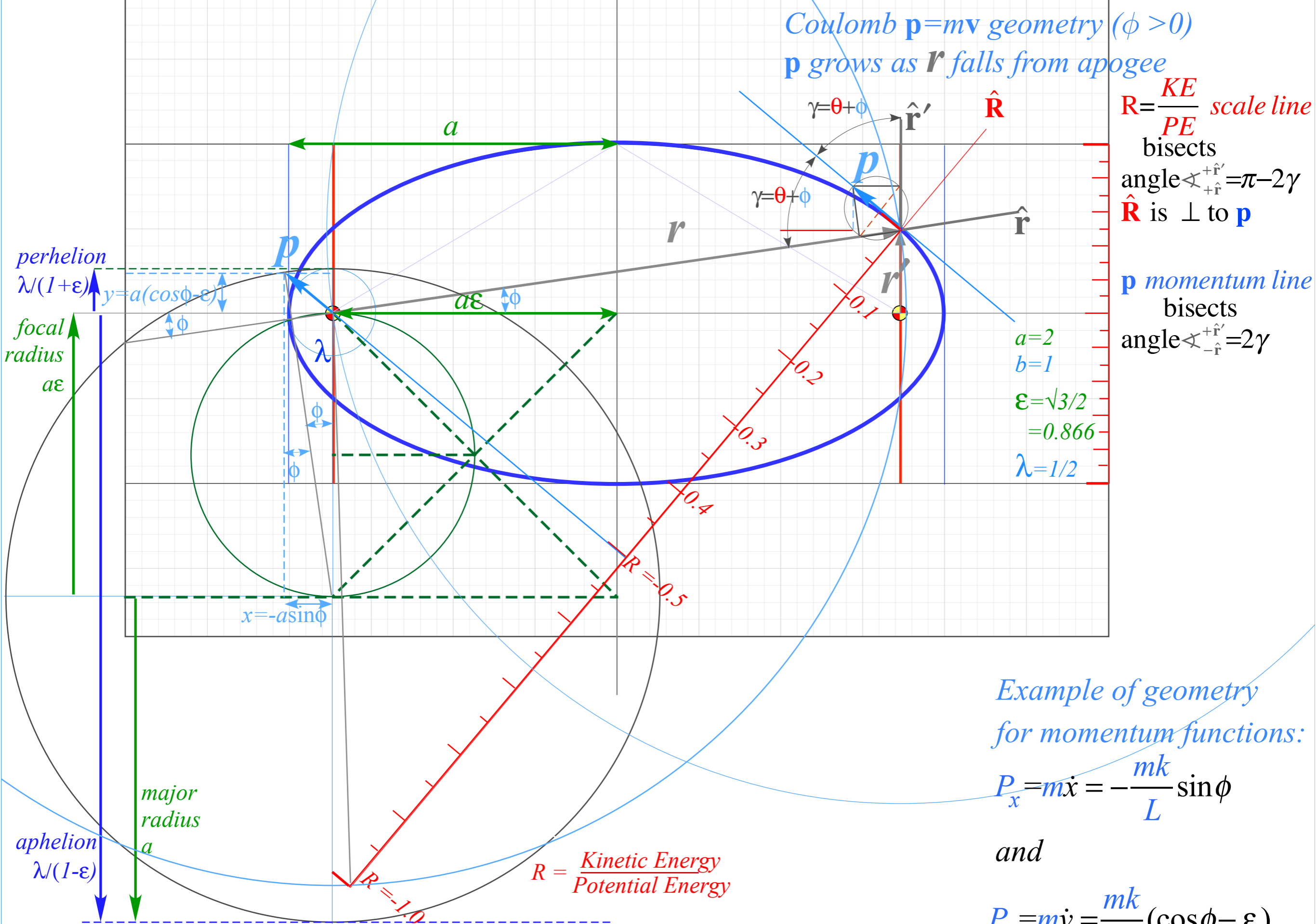
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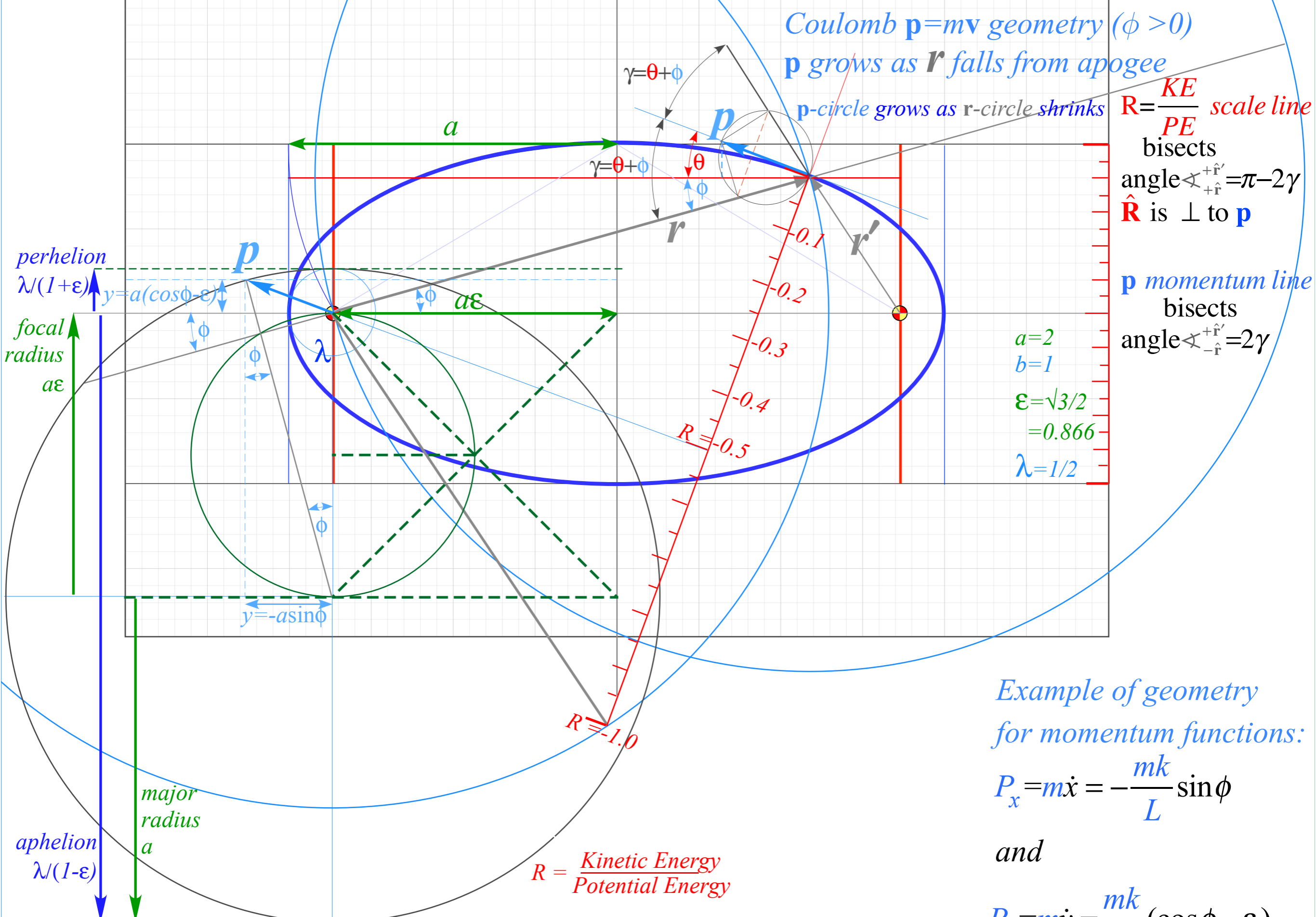
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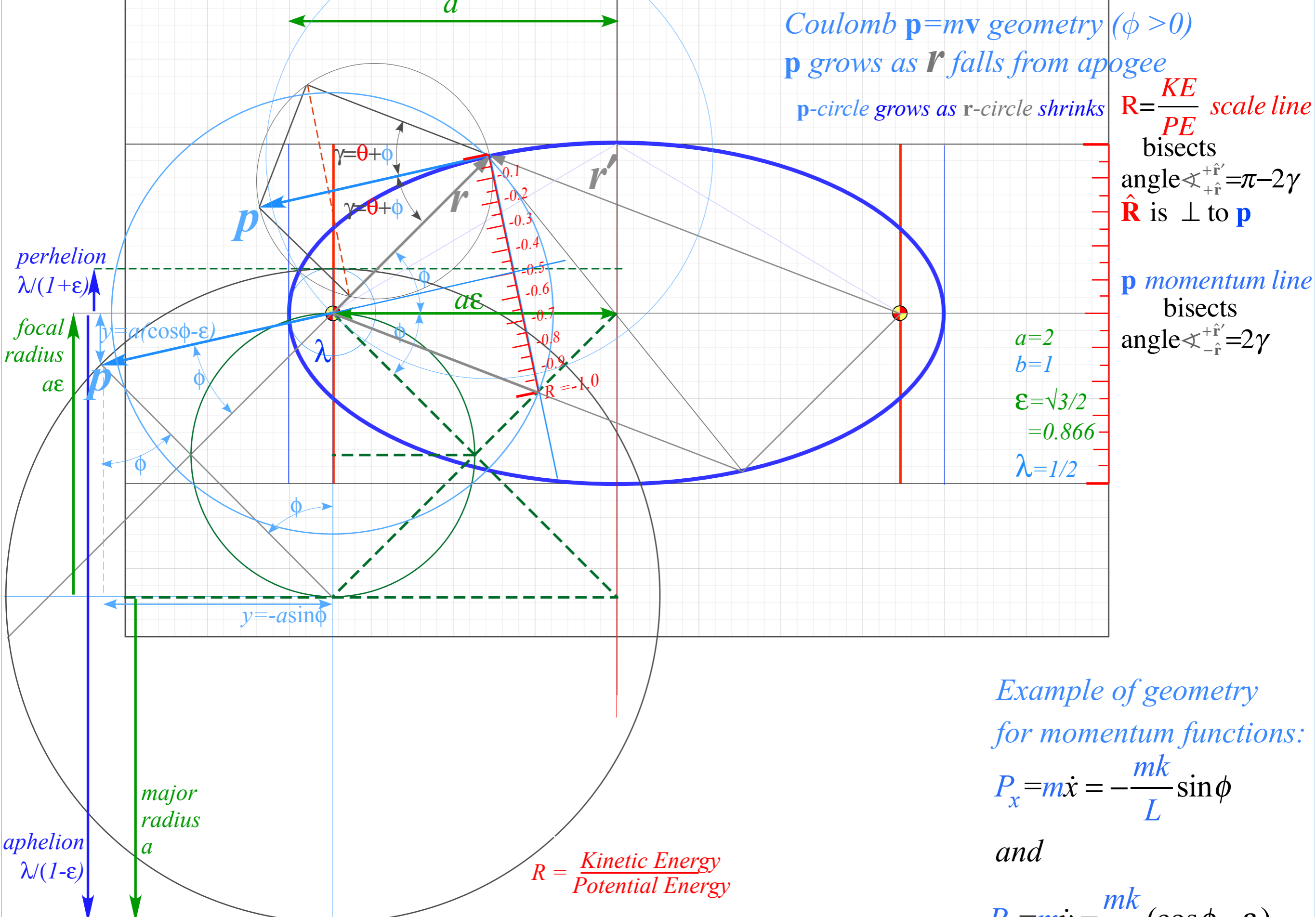
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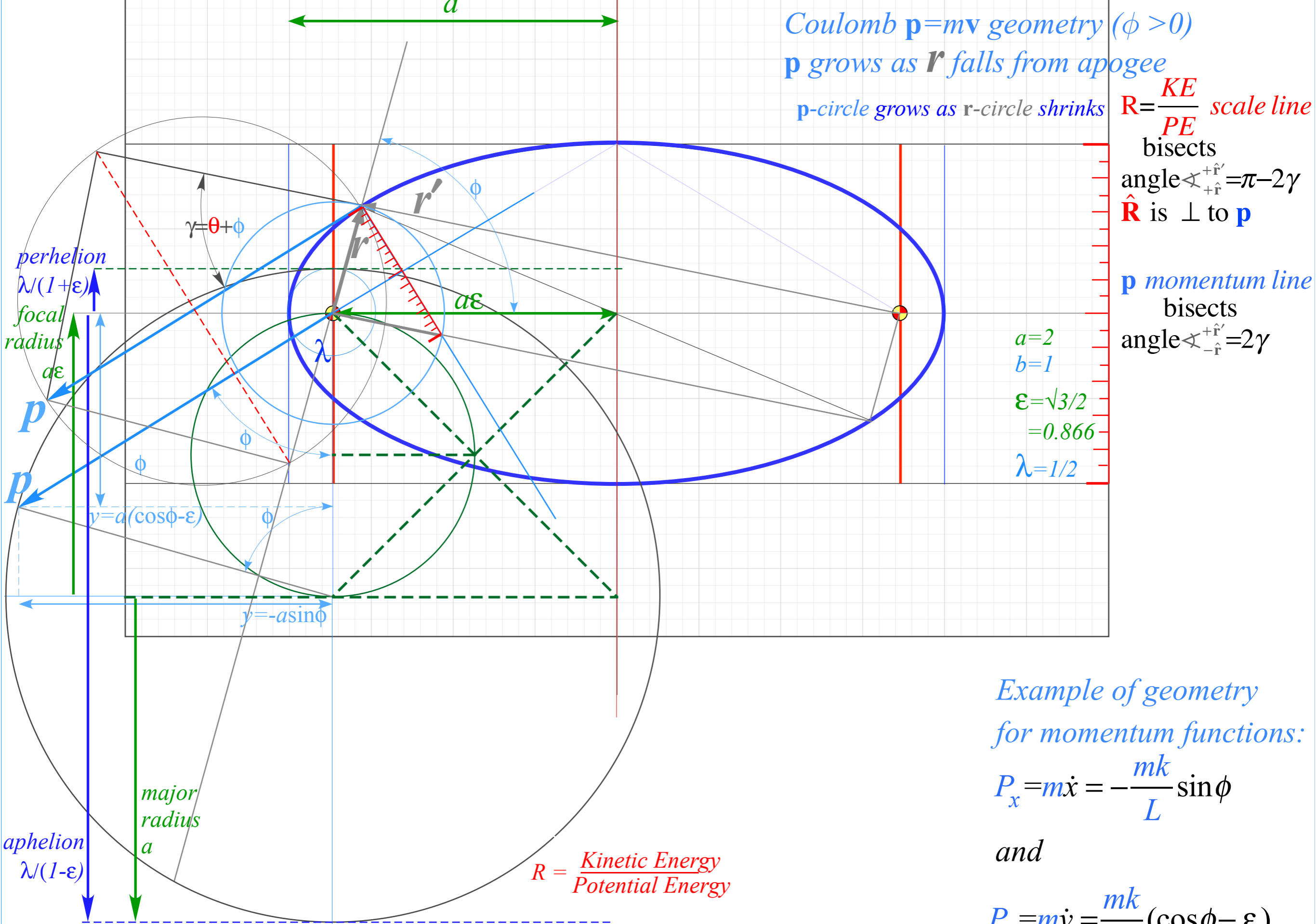
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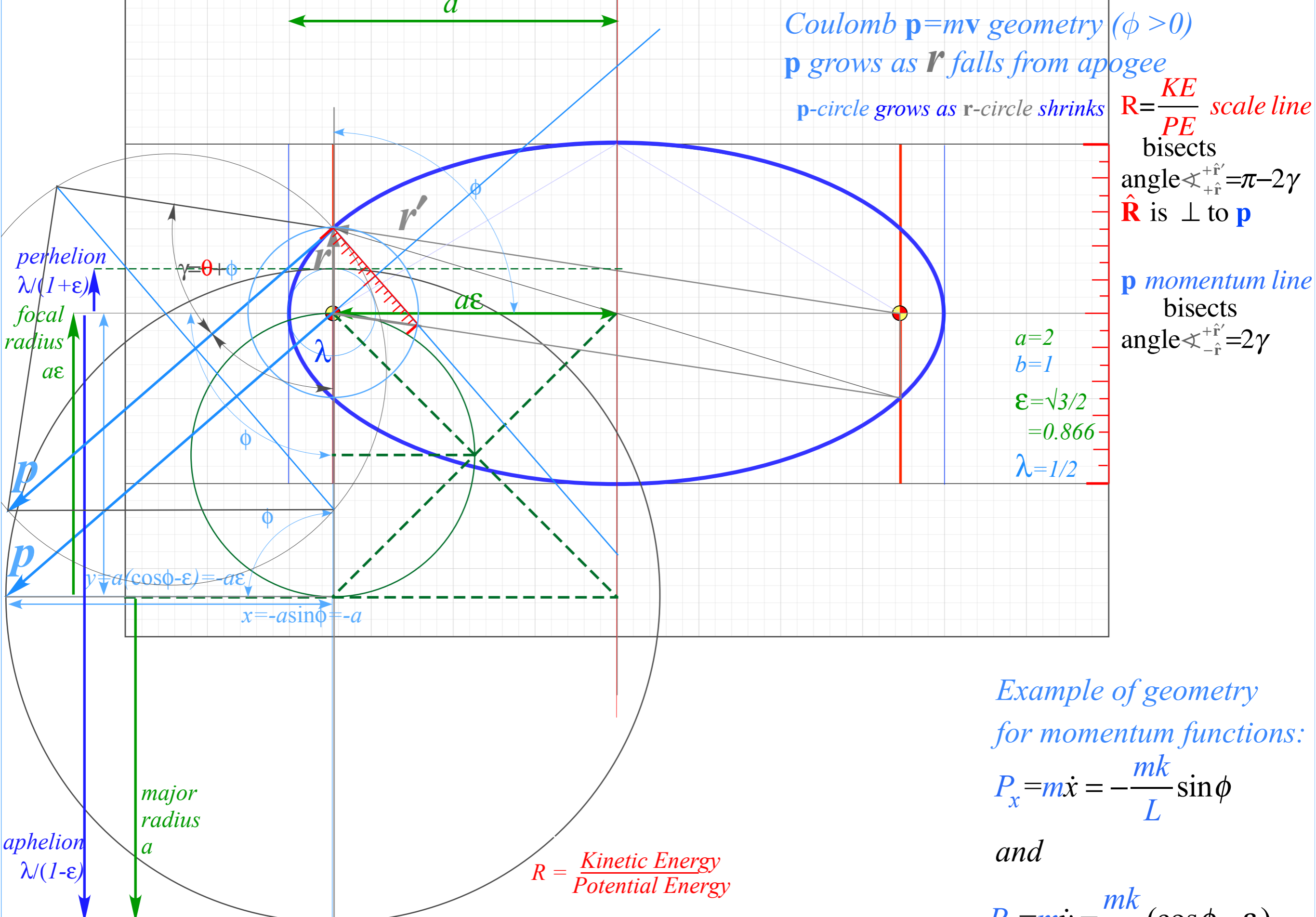
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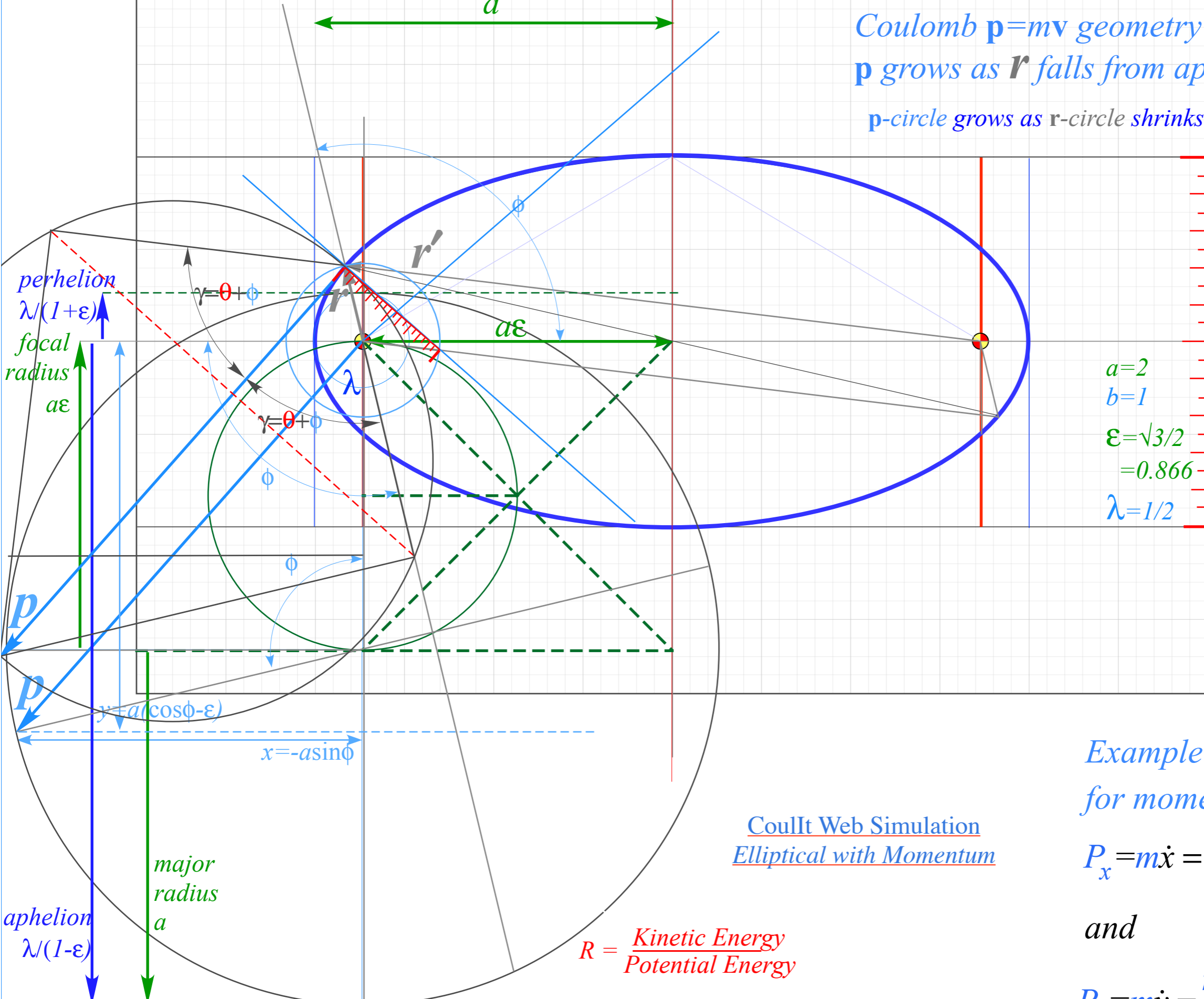
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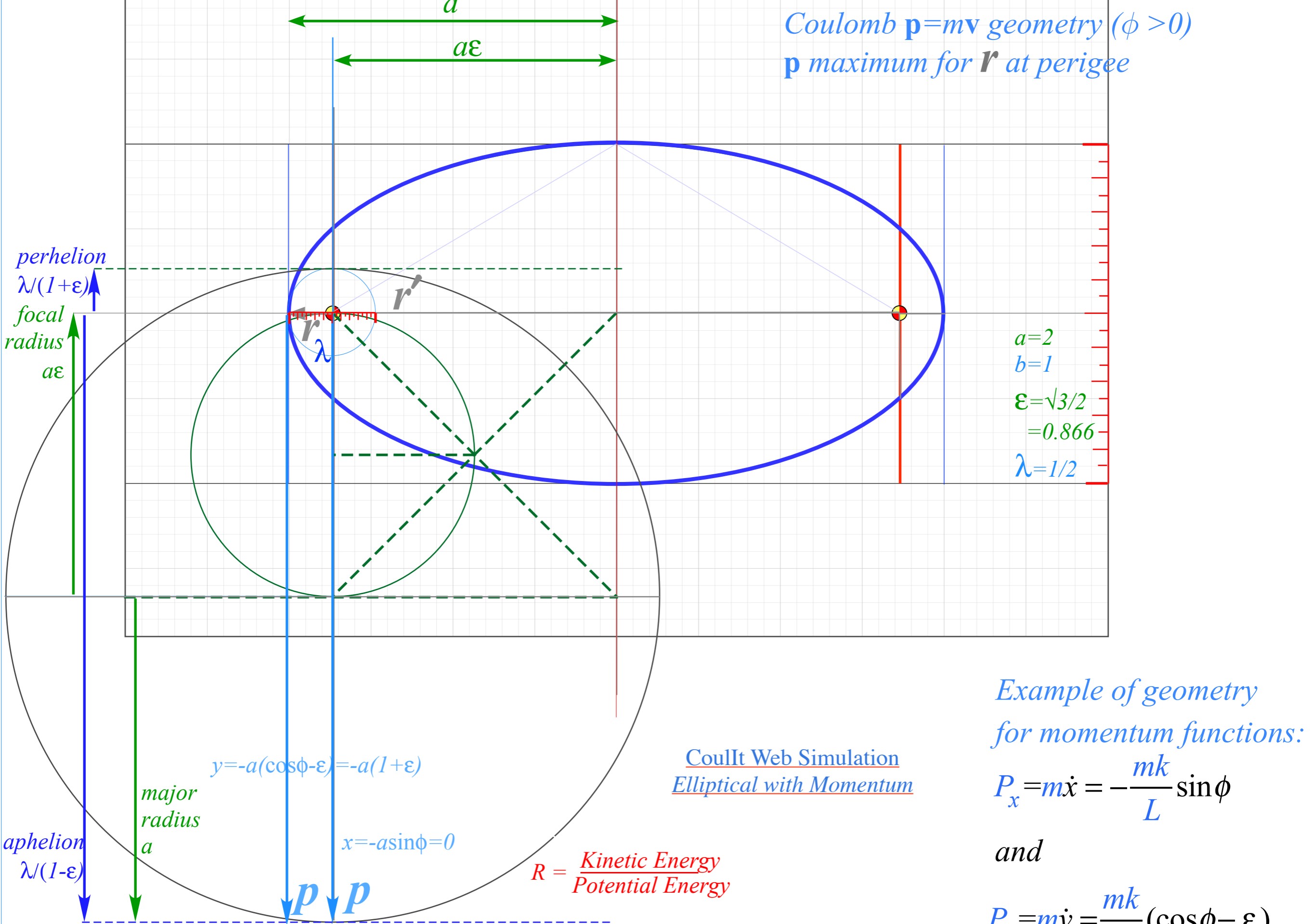
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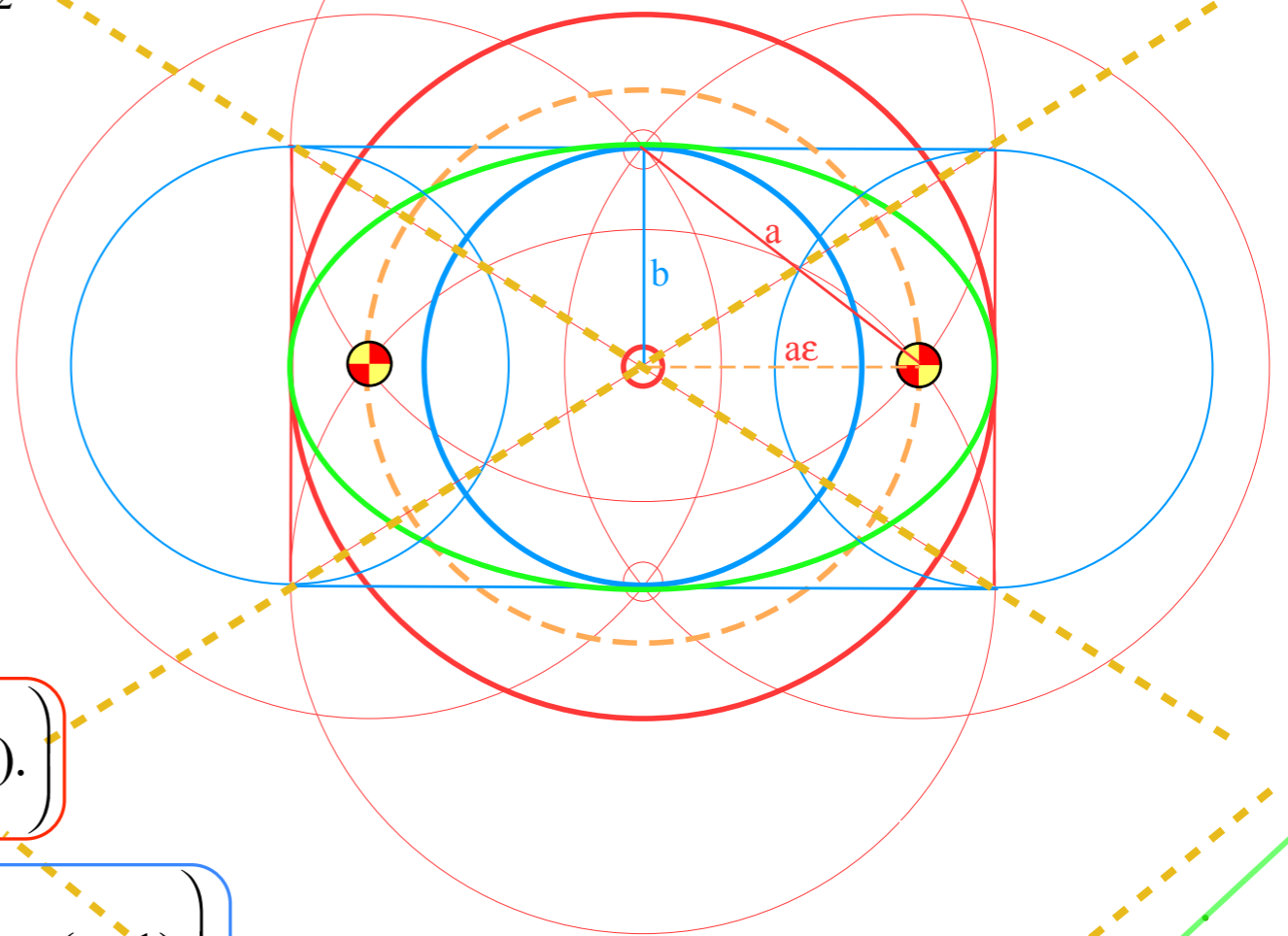
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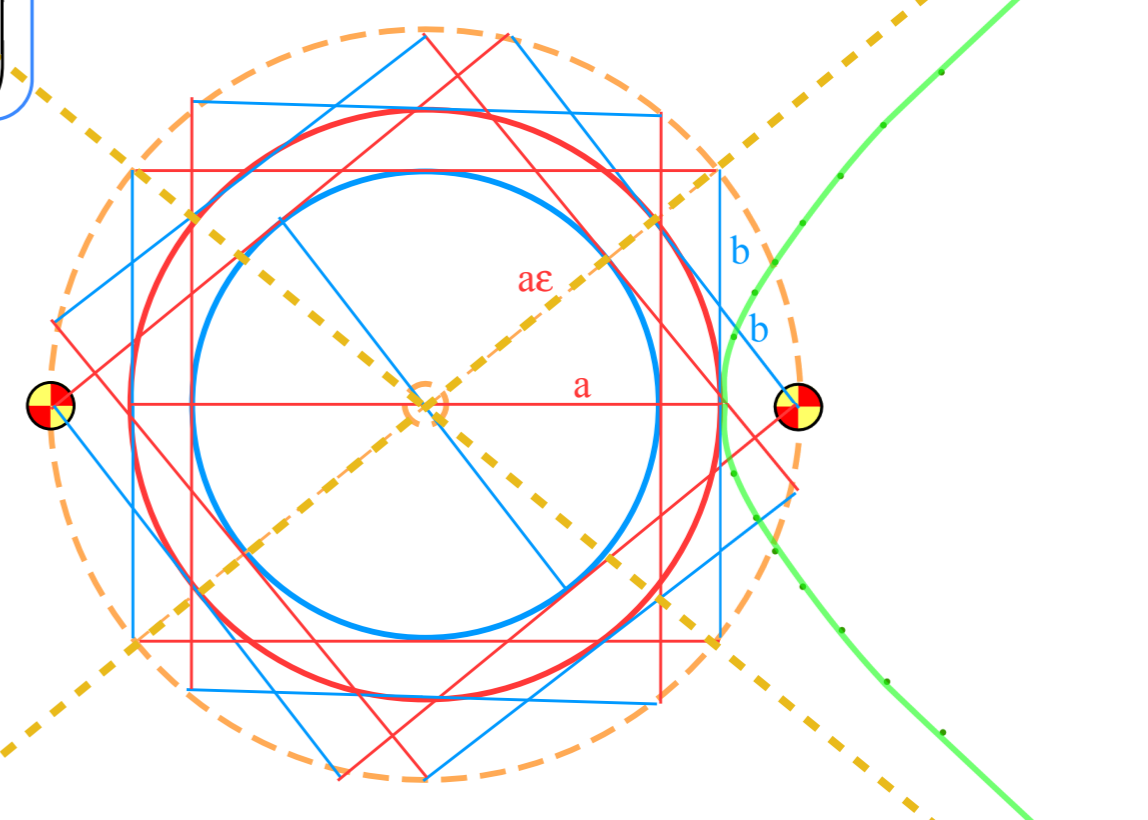
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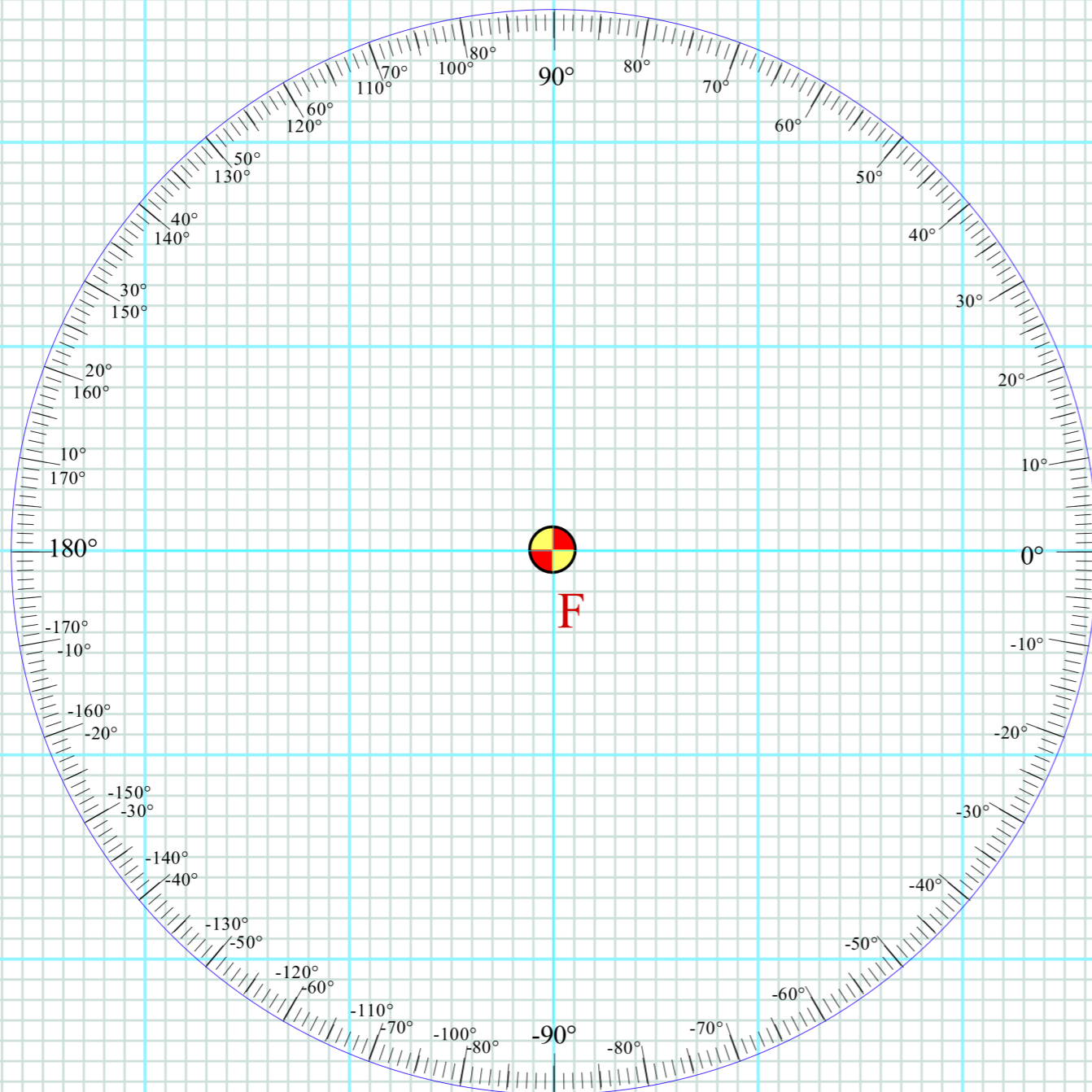
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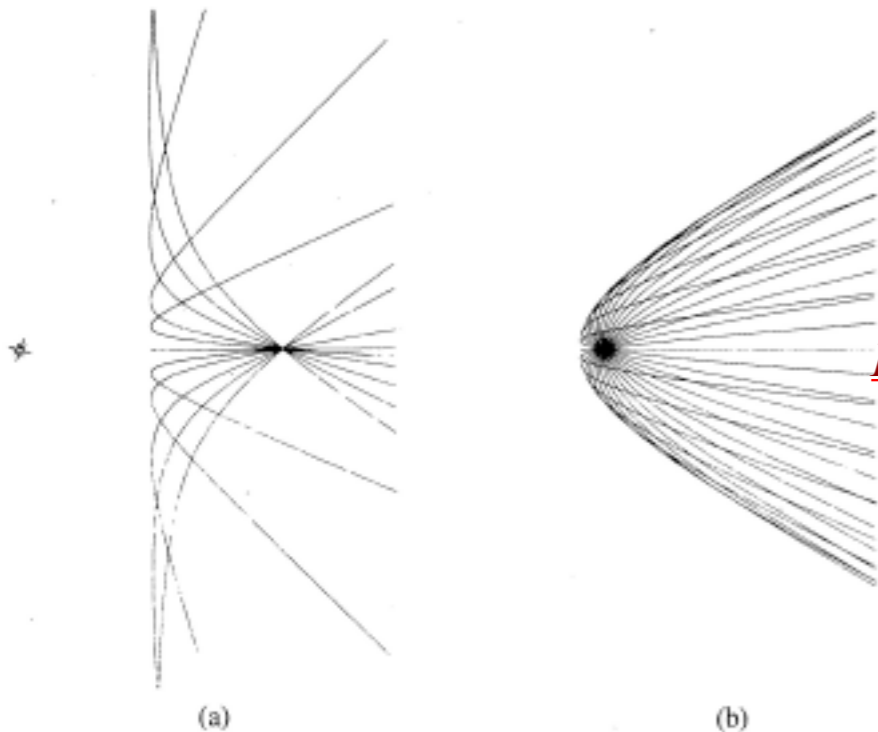
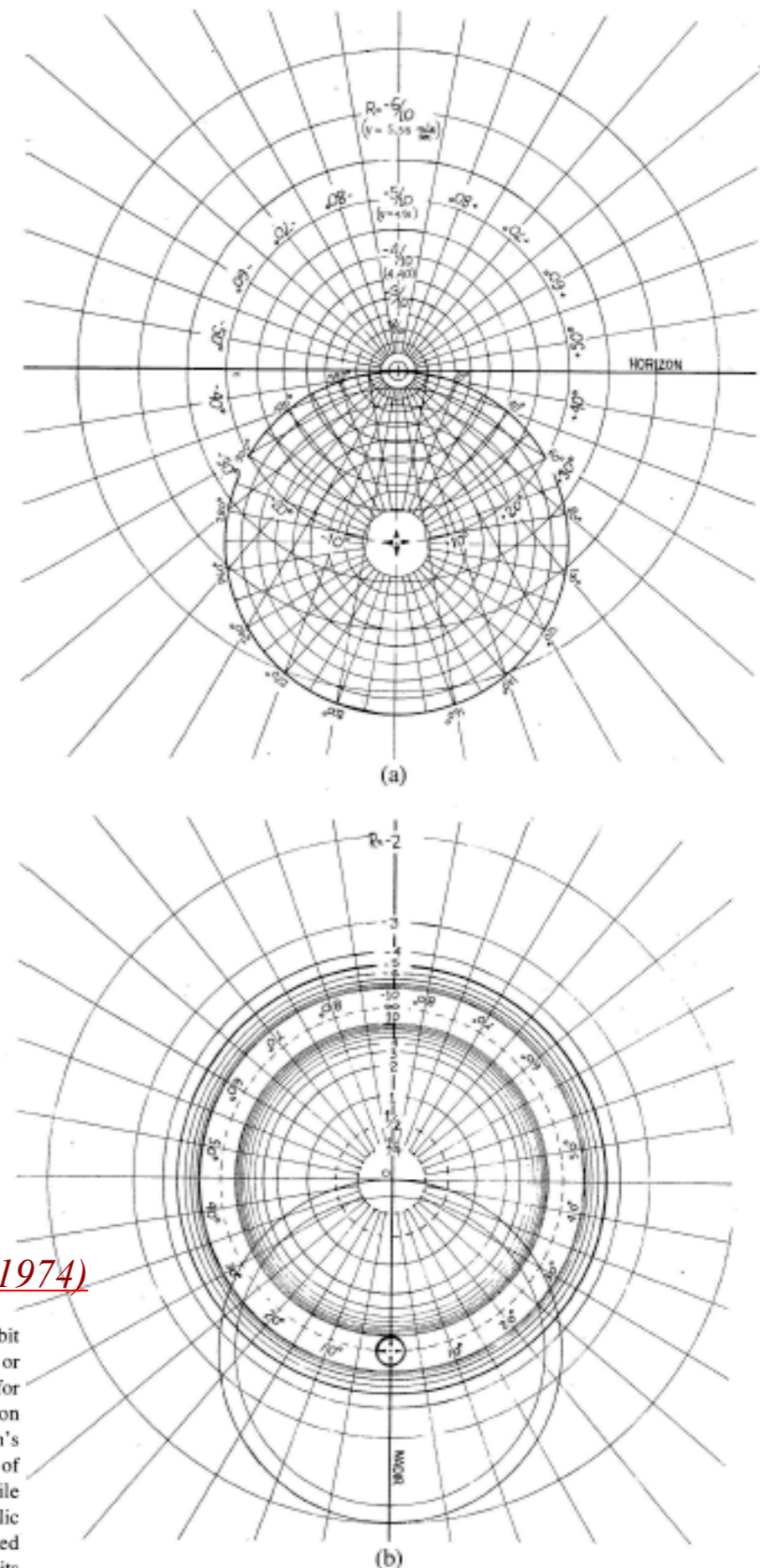


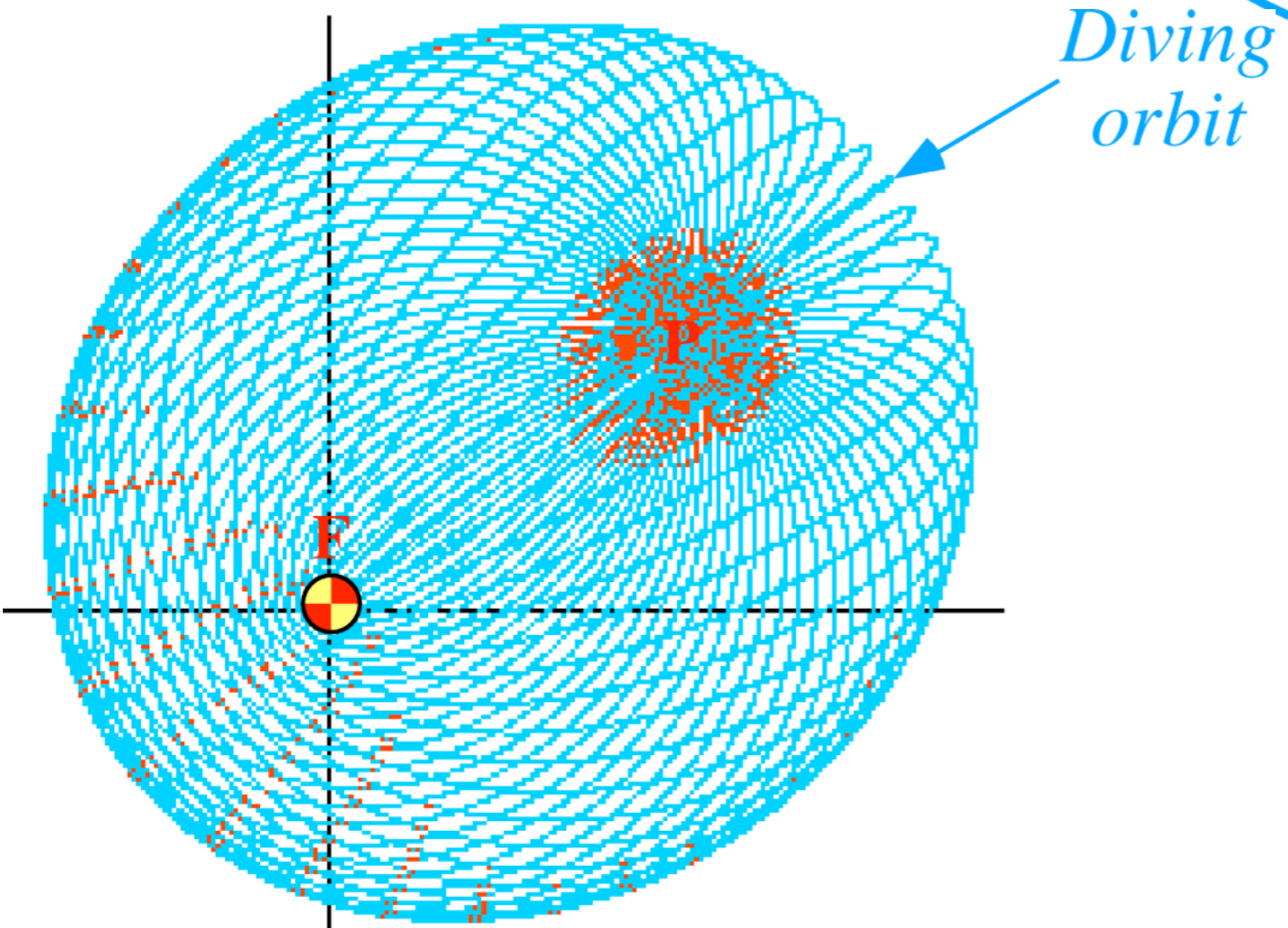
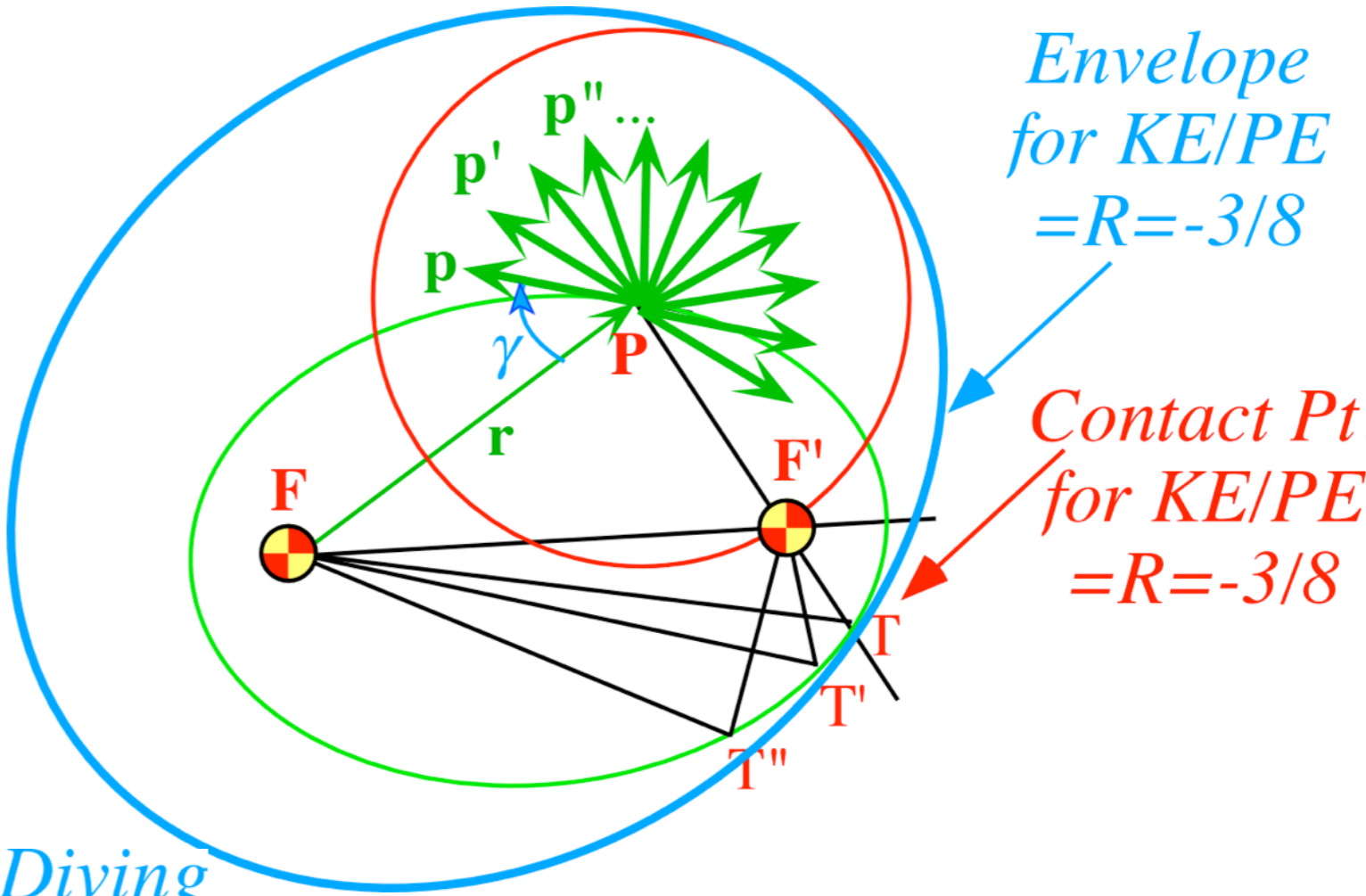
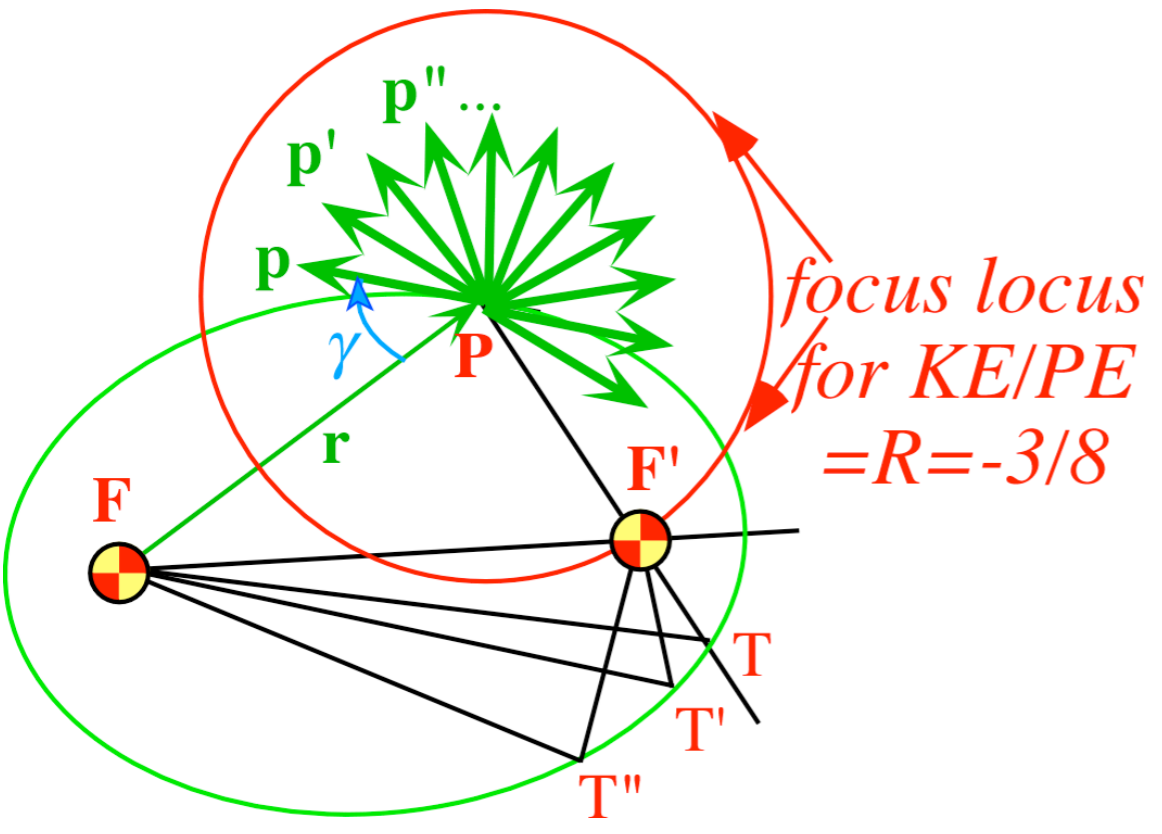
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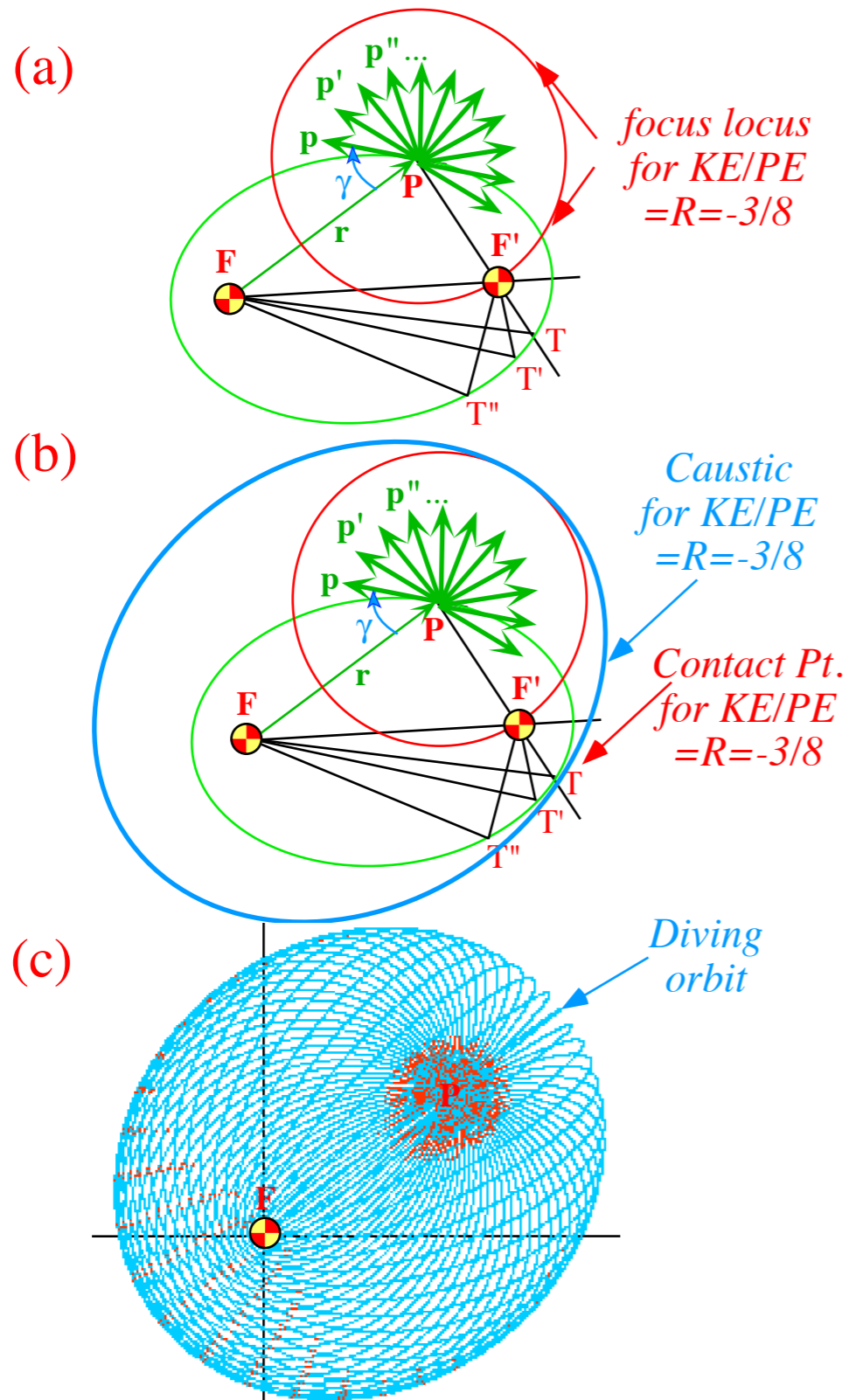
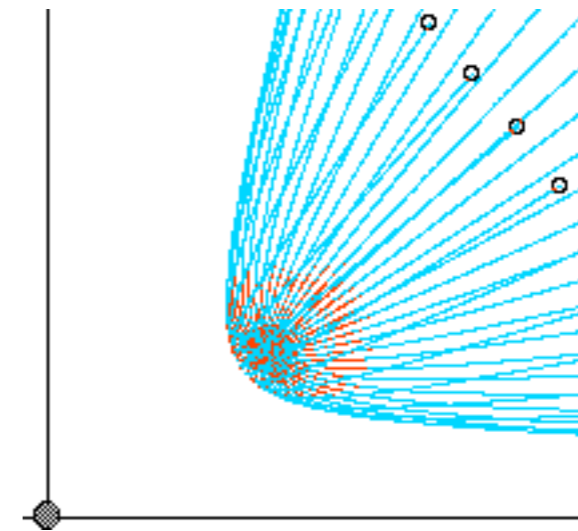


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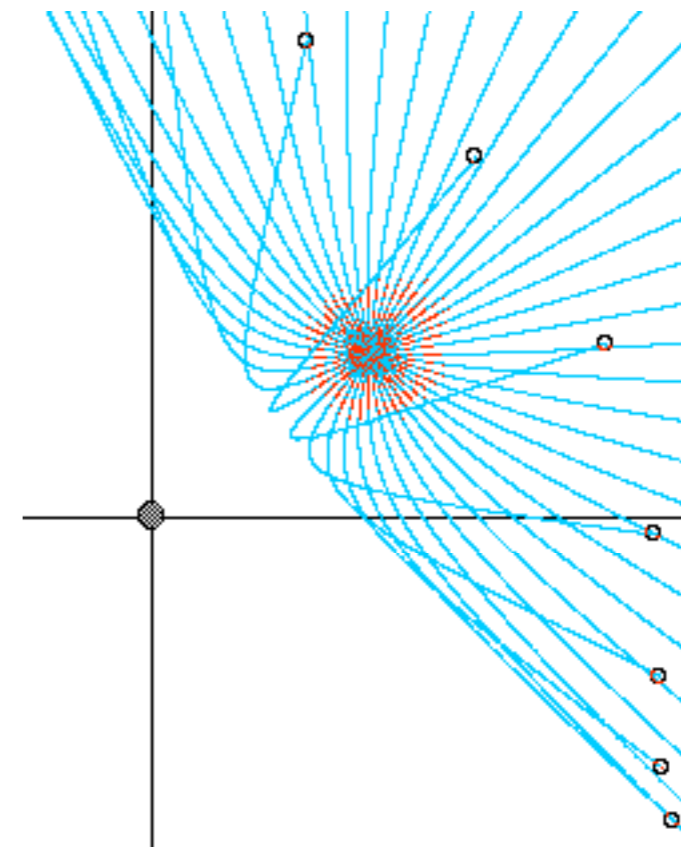
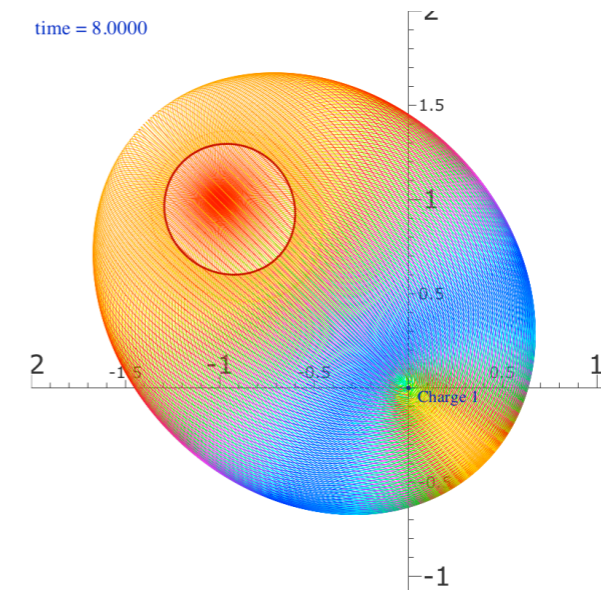
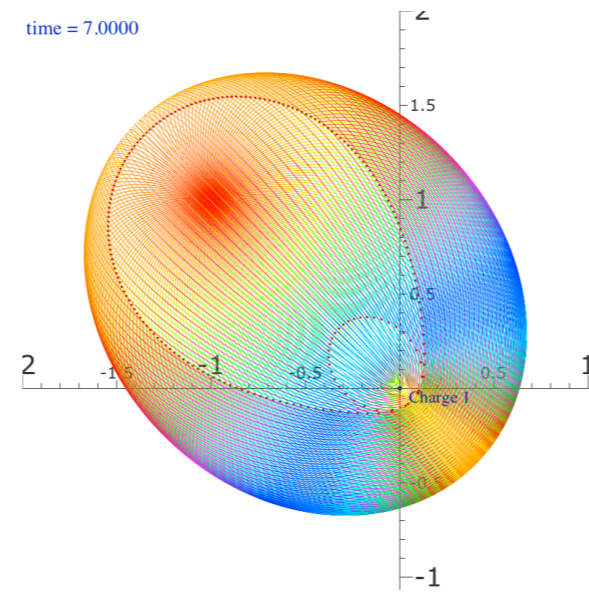
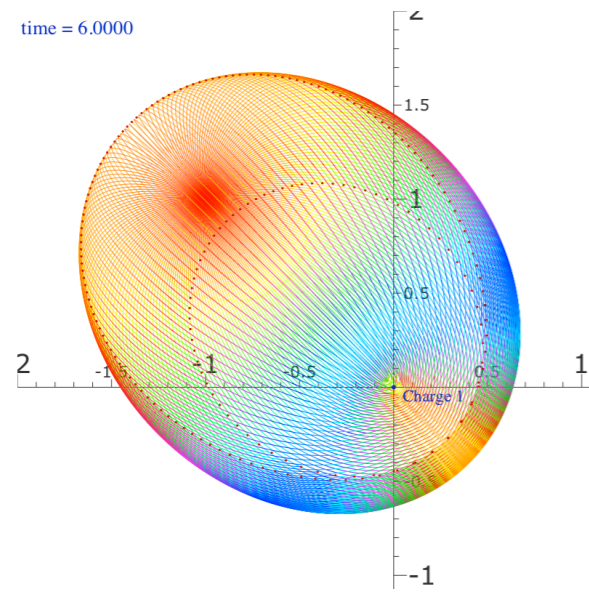
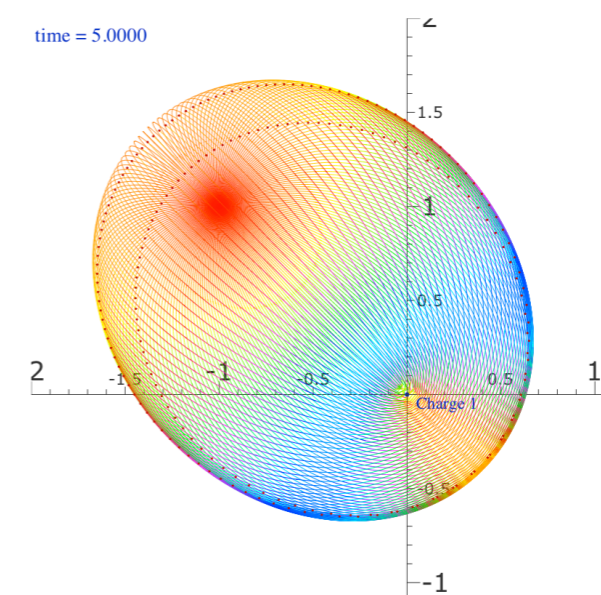
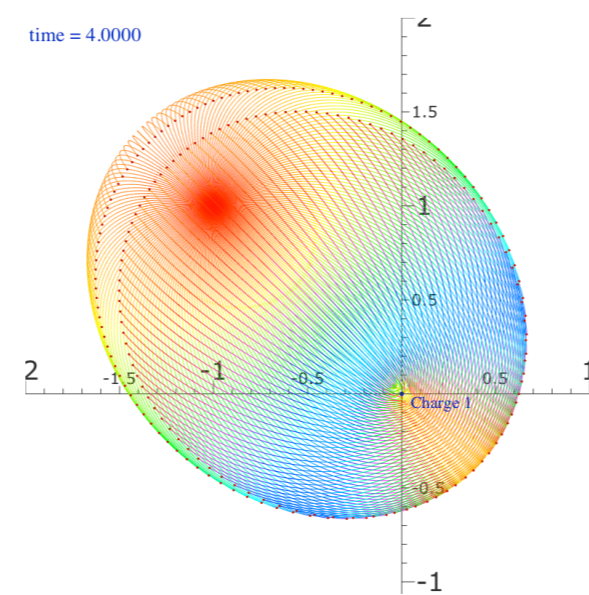
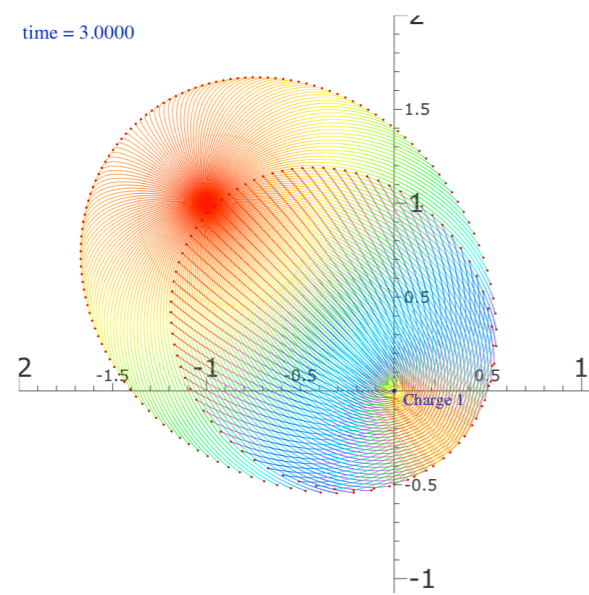
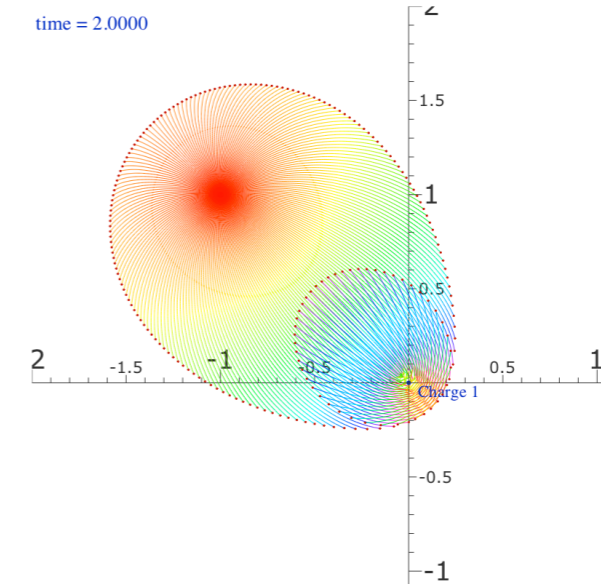
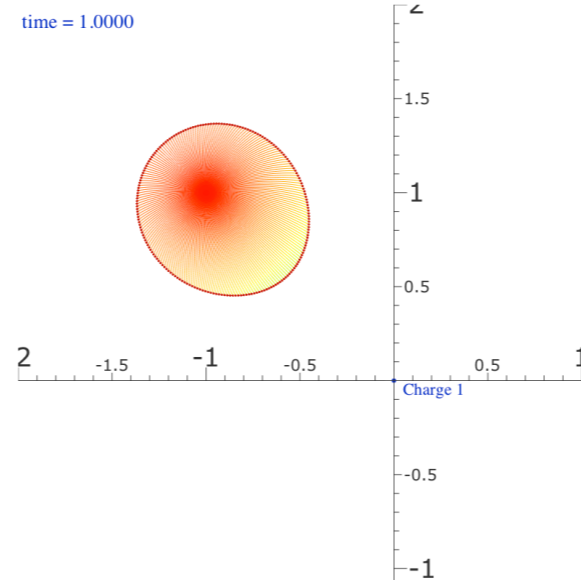
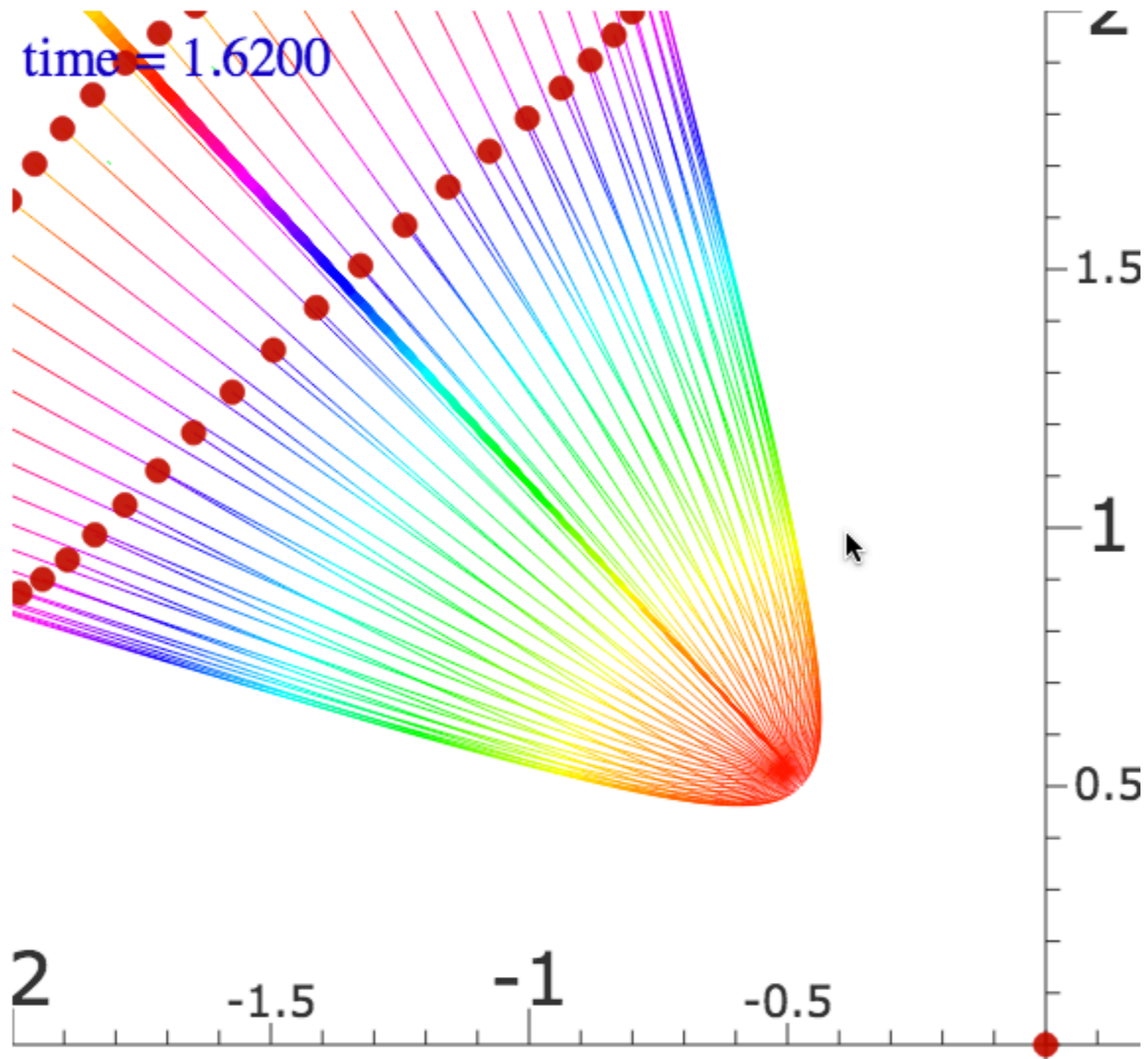


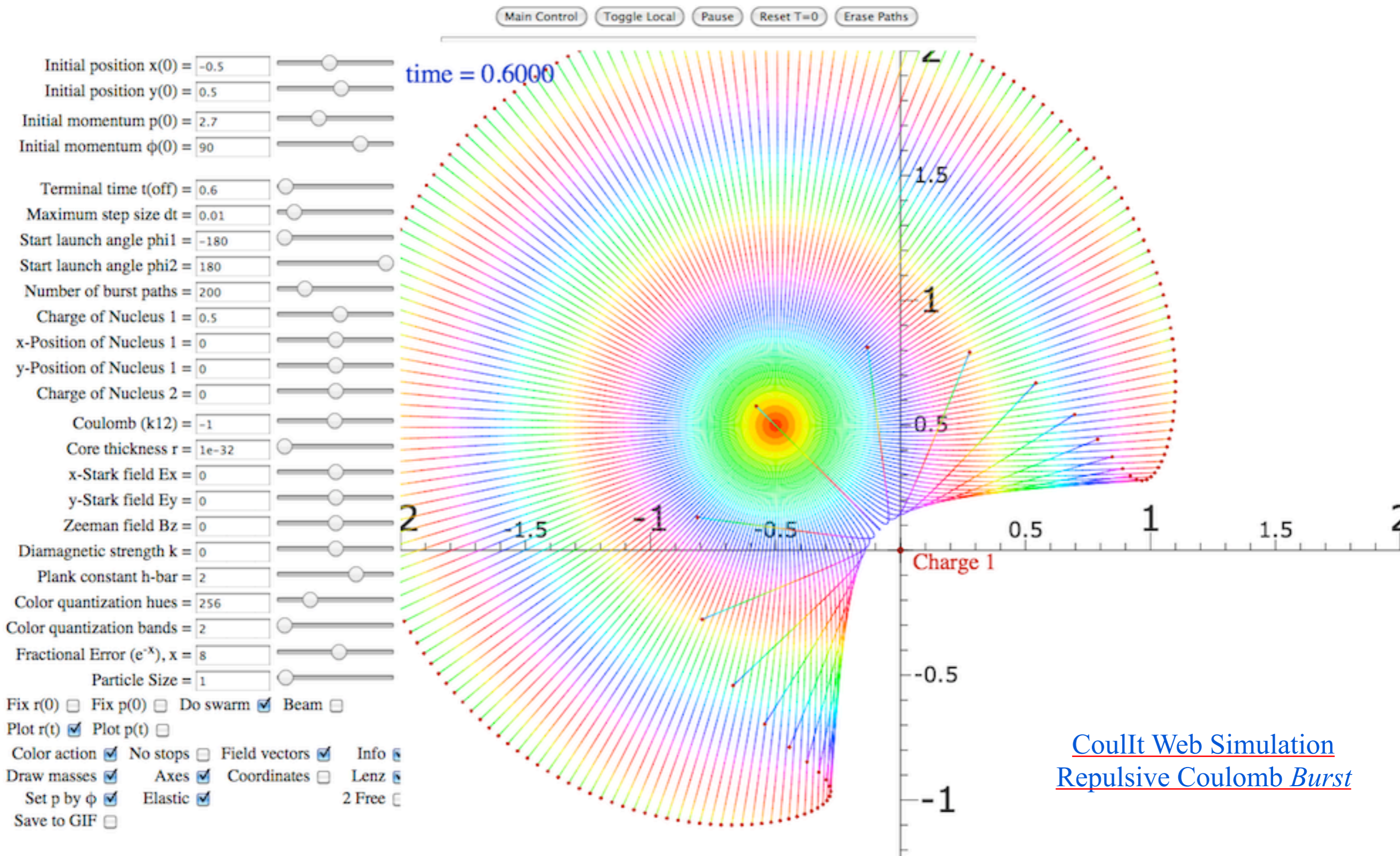
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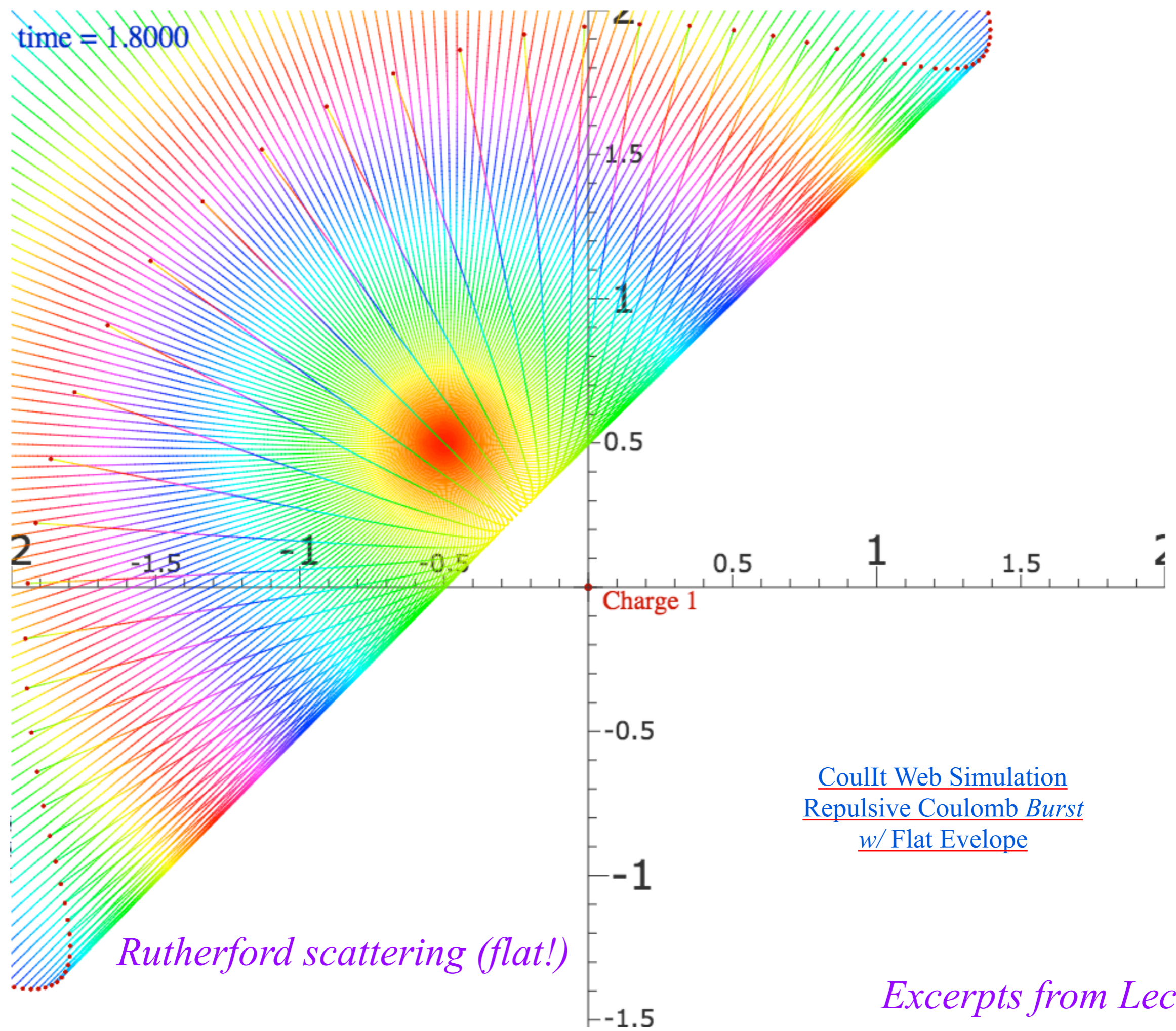
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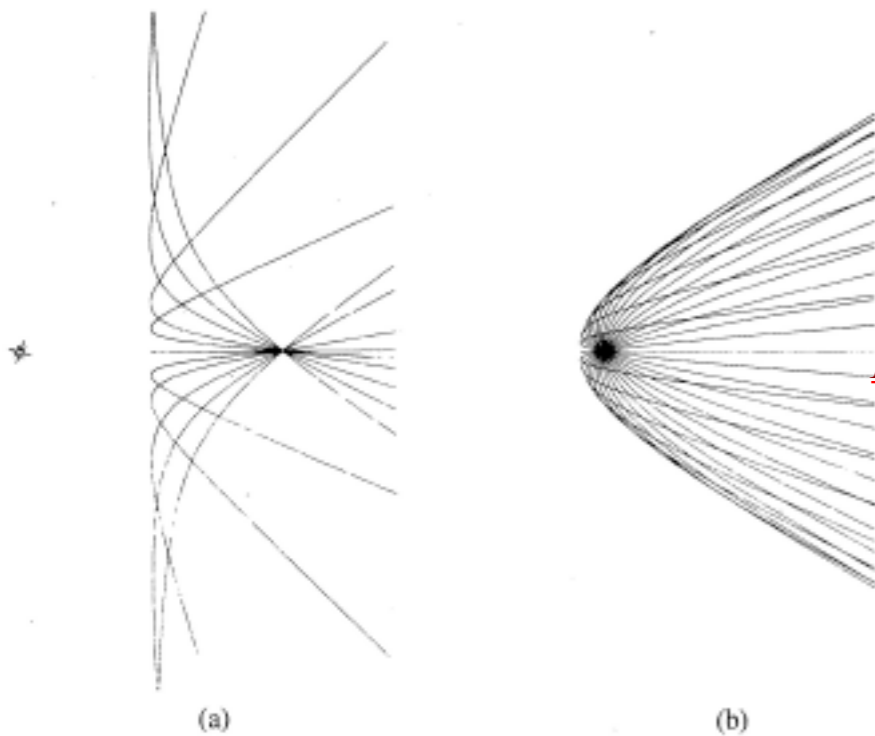
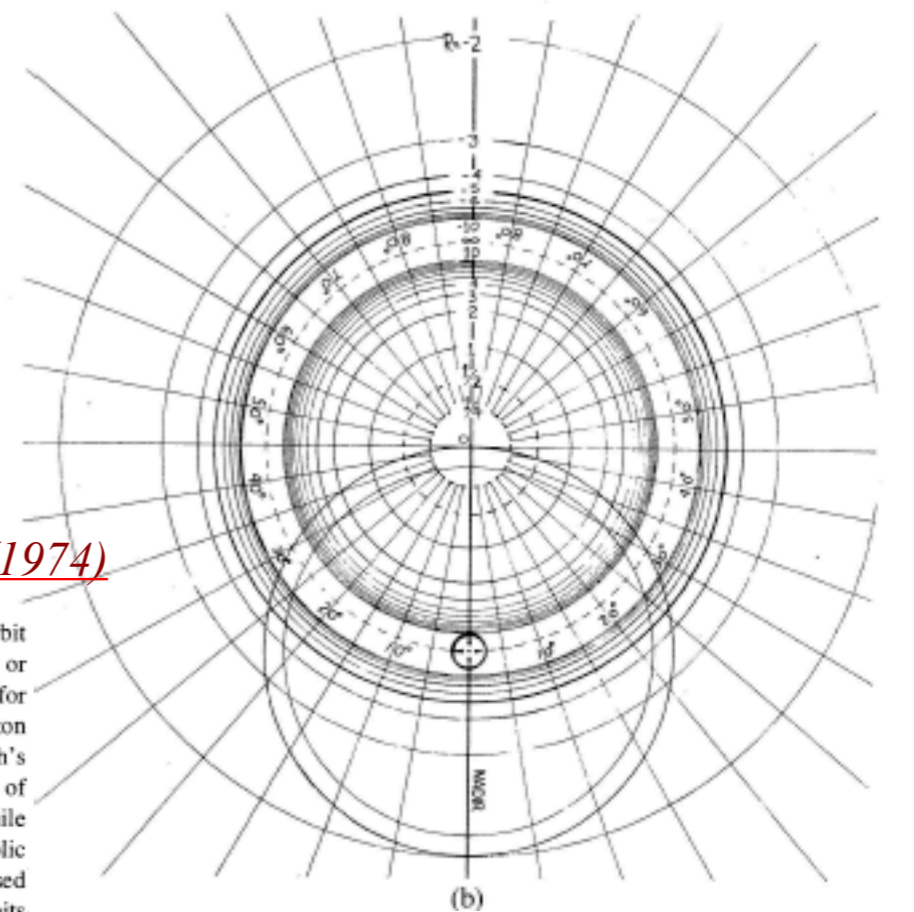
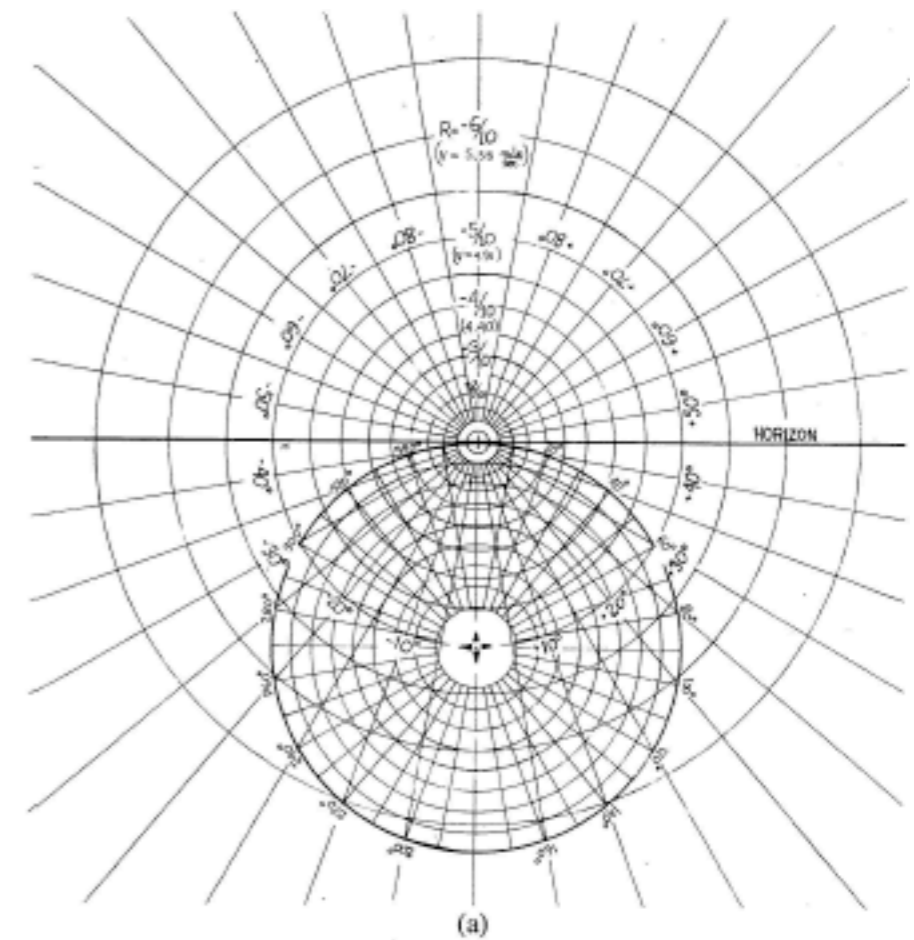


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The Lenz vector and orbital analog computers*

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A single geometrical diagram based on the Lenz vector shows the qualitative and quantitative features of all three types of Coulomb orbits. A simple analog computer can be made for an overhead projector by using this theory, and a number of interesting effects can be efficiently demonstrated.

I. INTRODUCTION: THE ECCENTRICITY VECTOR

Occasionally, a geometrical construction and accompanying picture is worth a great deal more to the physicist or the physics student than pages of equations and solutions, especially now that computer graphics are so available. Since Newton's time the geometrical approach has come to be regarded as more clumsy than other methods of thought, and some very pretty pictures and proofs of physical phenomena have undoubtedly been lost. An example of such a construction involving Rutherford scattering was discussed in a recent article¹ by my students and myself, and the following is an improvement of this which describes general Coulombic orbit mechanics.

The generalization we shall describe below is based partly on a more recently discovered quantity called the Lenz-Runge vector^{2,3} or the "eccentricity" vector ϵ defined by Eq. (1). There \mathbf{r} is the position vector of the orbiting particle, \mathbf{L} is its angular momentum, \mathbf{p} is its linear momentum, m is its mass, and k is the gravitational (or electrostatic) coefficient:

$$\epsilon = \mathbf{r}/r - \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{p}/km. \quad (1)$$

Lately this quantity has received a flurry of attention in group theoretical studies of the hydrogen atom⁴; however, we shall use only its geometrical and classical properties.

In particular, the main property of ϵ is that it is a constant vector for any particle moving according to a Coulomb field. Vector ϵ points along the major axis of ellipse, parabola, or hyperbola, whichever is the appropriate orbit of the particle. Furthermore, the magnitude ϵ of this vector is the eccentricity of the orbit.

To show that this is consistent with the usual formulation, we take the dot product of this vector ϵ with the position \mathbf{r} as in Eq. (2). This then reduces to the following equation (3) of a conic section in polar coordinates, which is the general orbit equation⁵:

$$\epsilon r \cos \theta = \epsilon \cdot \mathbf{r} = r - \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}/km \quad (2)$$

$$= r + \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L}/km,$$

$$r = - (L^2/km)(1 - \epsilon \cos \theta)^{-1}. \quad (3)$$

In Sec. II a simple geometric construction using these properties is shown to describe qualitatively and quantitatively the Coulomb orbits for all three cases: namely, the attractive case ($k < 0$) with positive energy, with negative energy, and the repulsive case ($k > 0$).

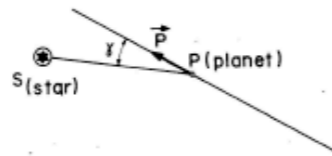


Fig. 1. Initial position and momentum must be given before construction of the resulting orbit is possible.

Finally, it is shown how this construction leads to an analog computer of orbits that can be made for a few dollars to fit onto an overhead projector. This device can be appreciated by elementary classes (even large elementary classes if you use the right projector) when they know only a little about conic sections, since the more tedious mathematics is built into the device.

II. COMPUTING ORBITS BY RULER AND COMPASS

We start by simply listing three steps of an orbit construction while demonstrating their application to a particular case of a satellite orbiting a star. Then a general proof of the steps will be provided along with further discussion and applications.

Suppose you are given the initial position and velocity of a satellite relative to some very massive star. If these quantities are given in a pictorial form which shows the angle γ between momentum vector $\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$ and the radius line PS in Fig. 1, and if the magnitude of \mathbf{v} is given by the ratio $R = T/V$ of the kinetic energy ($T = mv^2/2$) to the potential energy ($V = k/r$), then the construction below proceeds immediately. Otherwise, these quantities must be calculated before proceeding. (In the potential energy of the star's gravity we have $k = -GMm$, where M is the star mass and G is the universal constant of gravitation.) Note that R is minus the squared ratio of initial velocity to the escape velocity in

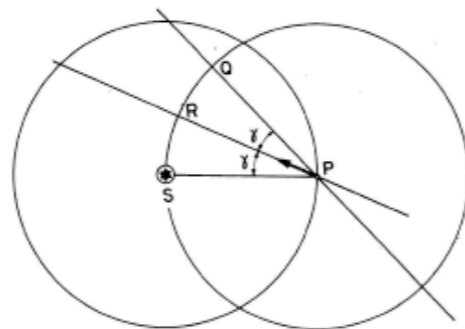


Fig. 2. Doubling the angle between the momentum and the position vectors gives a line QP which must contain the orbit focus.

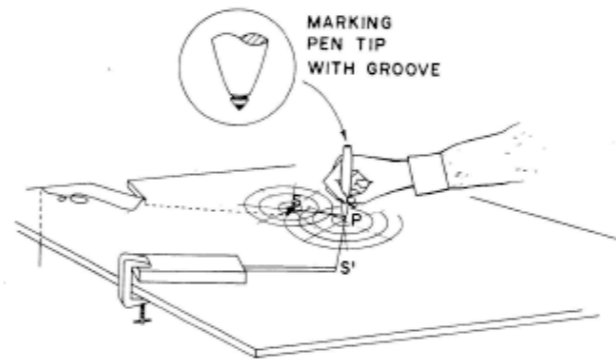


Fig. 8. Orbital computer design: cheaper model that computes elliptical orbits only using the scale of Fig. 7(a). A Plexiglas sheet that is about 1/8 in. thick has a string hole at the orbit's center. A transparency (Xerox, 3-M, etc.) of Fig. 7(a) is taped in position on the underside. (Caution: One should avoid marking pens that permanently mark plastic.)

8 go with Fig. 7(a) and can be assembled in a few minutes by using odds and ends. A more sophisticated apparatus is shown in Fig. 9. The simple apparatus of Fig. 8 produces the well-known elliptical orbits and trajectories of planets and satellites, but not the hyperbolic trajectories characteristic of higher-than-escape velocity meteors or of the repulsive Coulomb force problems. The second apparatus (Fig. 9) is designed to handle all cases, provided that the appropriate focal point scale is inserted.

The operation of either plotter begins with the positioning of second focal point S' according to the scale on the plotting board. Then the marking pen is poked into a small indentation at P and held while the strings to S and S' are tightened. Finally, you slide the pen out along the board in such a way that the strings stay tight and the desired trajectory is drawn.

The apparatus in Fig. 8 will thus make an ellipse since the sum of distances SP and $S'P$ is constant. The apparatus in Fig. 9 does the same when the spool brakes are

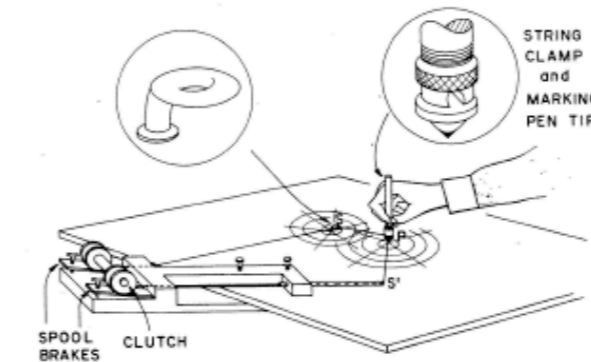


Fig. 9. Orbital computer design: a more elaborate model that computes general Coulomb orbits. The ellipse drawing mode is obtained when, first, the clamp is opened to allow the string to slide and then the spool brakes are tightened after the initial adjustment has been made with the use of the scale in Fig. 7(a). The hyperbola drawing mode is obtained when the string clamp and spool clutch are tightened but the brakes are released. The spools must turn together after the initial adjustment has been made with the use of the scale in Fig. 7(b). One hand can maintain the string tension while drawing the orbit, and the other hand can control the paying out of string. (Alternately, springs on the spool axis can accomplish the same thing.)

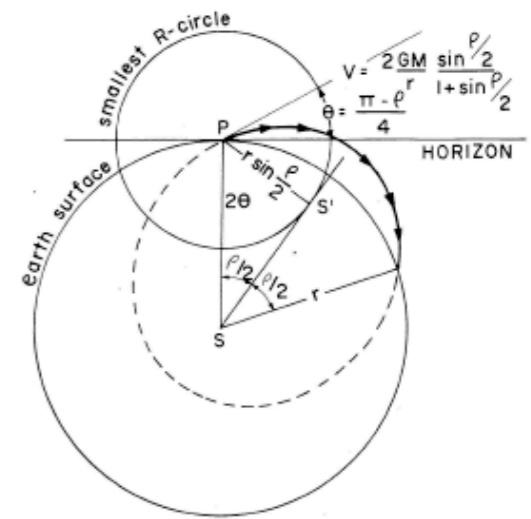


Fig. 10. Sample computer trajectory problem. One finds the minimum-energy trajectory for a given range ρ . Initial velocity v and θ follow easily from the geometry of the computer scale in Fig. 7(a).

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The apparatus in Fig. 9 will produce a hyperbola if the difference between distances SP and $S'P$ is constant. This is accomplished by tightening the string clamp and the clutch so that two string spools reel equal amounts of string in or out and the constant difference in length is maintained.

IV. SOME USES FOR COMPUTERS

For the computer to be set up to draw elliptical orbits, there is one important question that can be answered immediately: To throw with minimum initial velocity a free falling spacecraft between two fixed points near the earth and a distance ρ apart, what initial angle θ and speed v are needed? (We imagine a fixed coordinate system here, not a rotating one.)

Measuring this range by a great circle angle ρ , we see that the focus of the orbit must be on a line through the Earth's center, making an angle $\rho/2$ with the launch point P. The smallest R circle [recall Fig. 7(a)] intersecting this line is the one tangent to it and represents the solution to the problem. Indeed, the algebraic solution to this problem follows from the diagram in Fig. 10 and is given there. Note that the angle θ approaches 45° as the range becomes small compared to the radius of the Earth.

Note that one may change the radius of the starting point P by simply reinterpreting the scale of the computer. For example, if the starting point is located at a height of, say, four times the Earth's radius, then the velocities marked on this scale are all divided by the square root of this factor, in this case, by 2.

With the computer set up to draw hyperbolic orbits and the appropriate scales available, there are a number of interesting problems to examine. For example, the attractive-field positive-energy scale allows one to exhibit the paths of meteorites. Given the impact direction and speed, one can extrapolate to find its origin.

The hyperbolic computer setup can be used to demonstrate Rutherford scattering for either the repulsive field (see Ref. 1) or the attractive field. At the same time