



# On Missile Guidance For Intercept

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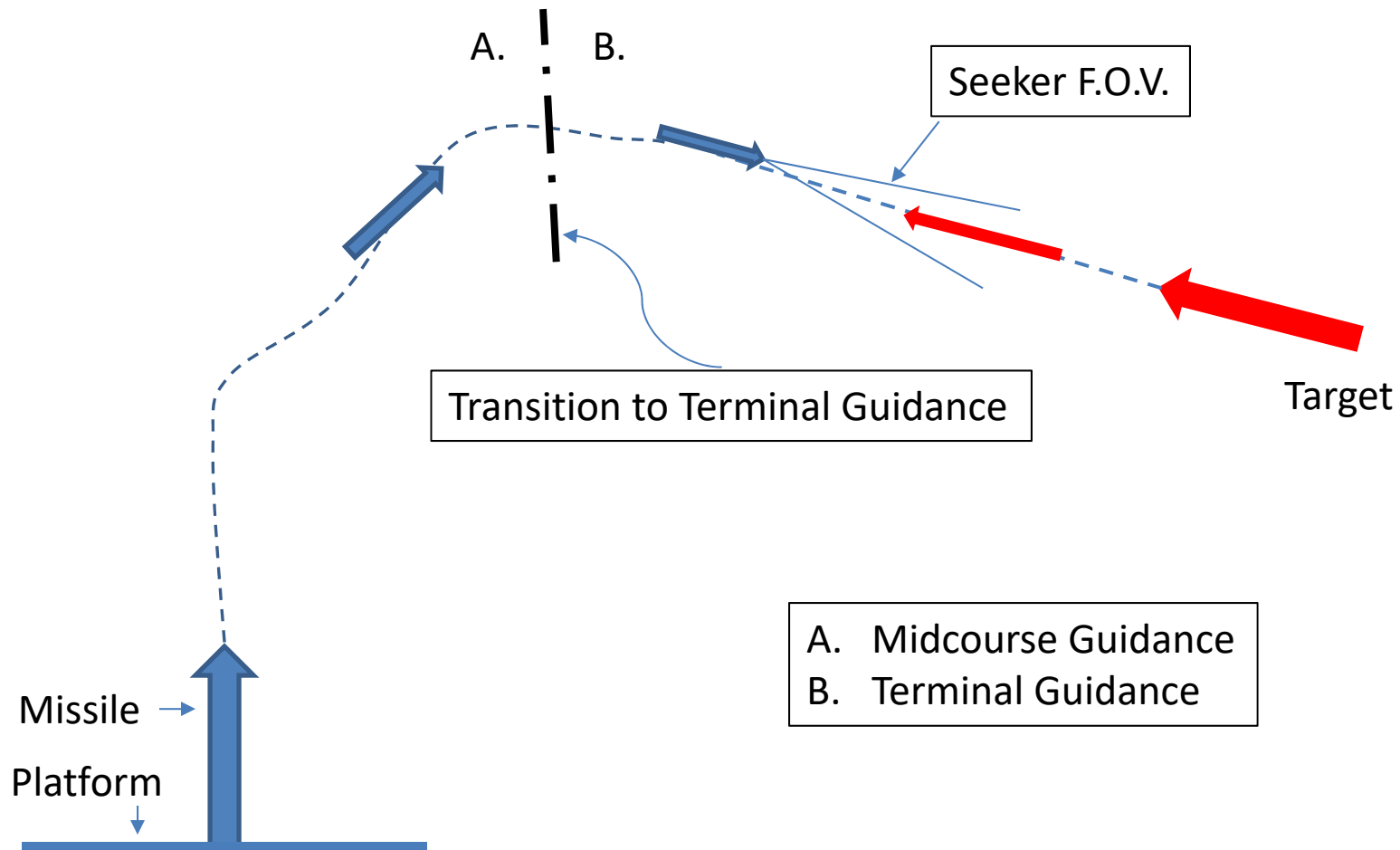
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# INTRODUCTION



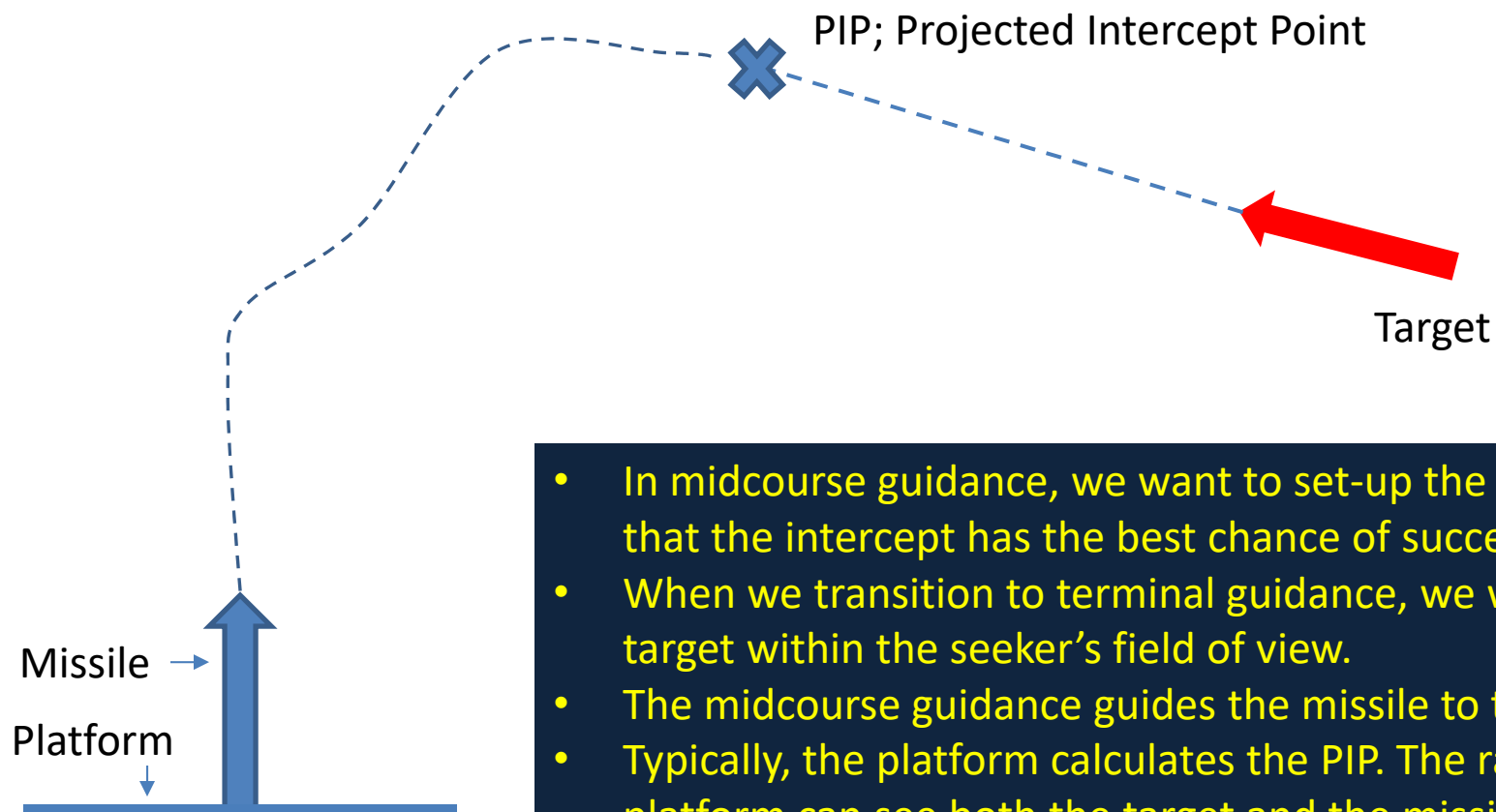
# INTRODUCTION

- We want to intercept an airborne target, or a target on the surface with a homing missile.
- The missile has a seeker and an attitude control system.
- There is a platform, such as a ship, which has a radar to track the missile and the target. This platform possibly launches the missile.
- We will discuss two parts of the intercept guidance problem: midcourse guidance and terminal guidance.
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- In midcourse guidance, we want to set-up the end game so that the intercept has the best chance of success.
- When we transition to terminal guidance, we want the target within the seeker's field of view.
- The midcourse guidance guides the missile to the PIP.
- Typically, the platform calculates the PIP. The radar on the platform can see both the target and the missile.
- As the missile and target fly, the PIP is continually updated.

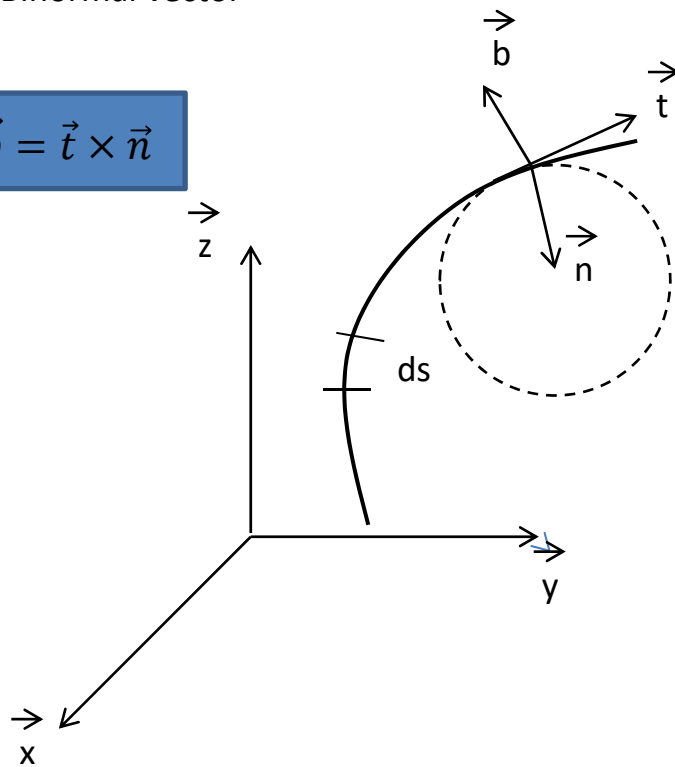
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- $\vec{t}$  Tangent vector
- $\vec{n}$  Normal vector
- $\vec{b}$  Binormal vector

$\kappa$  = curvature; one over the radius of curvature.

$\tau$  = torsion; the rate of change of the binormal with  $s$ . In the normal direction.

$$\vec{b} = \vec{t} \times \vec{n}$$



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A good strategy is to fly to the PIP while minimizing the curvature. This is called kappa guidance.

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- With these conditions, to each smooth curve there corresponds a unique  $\kappa$  and  $\tau$ ; and vice-versa.
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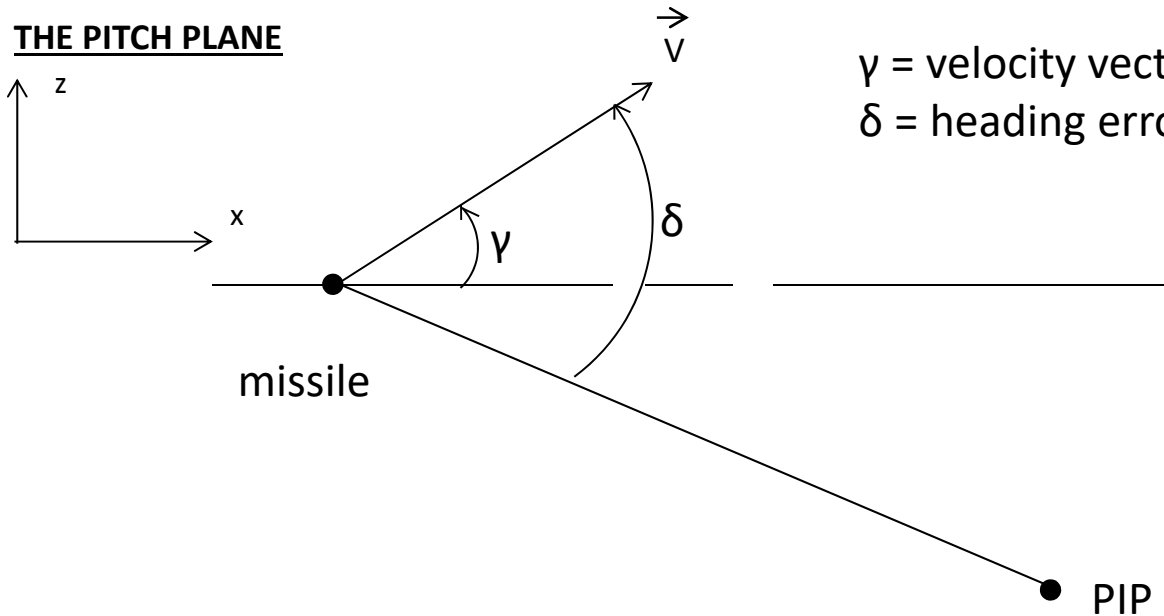
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$$\frac{d\gamma}{dR} = -\kappa \sec(\delta)$$

$$\frac{d\delta}{dR} = -\kappa \sec(\delta) - \frac{\tan(\delta)}{R}$$

$$= - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tan(\delta)/R \end{bmatrix} - \sec(\delta) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \kappa$$

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$$\frac{d \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ \delta \end{bmatrix}}{dP} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tan(\delta)/(R_0 - P) \end{bmatrix} + \sec(\delta) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \kappa$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 - \tan^{-1}(Rz_2) \\ -\tan^{-1}(Rz_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\kappa = \alpha + \beta u$$

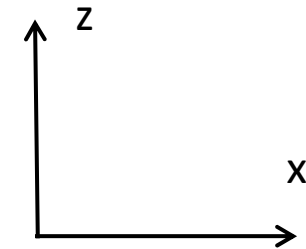
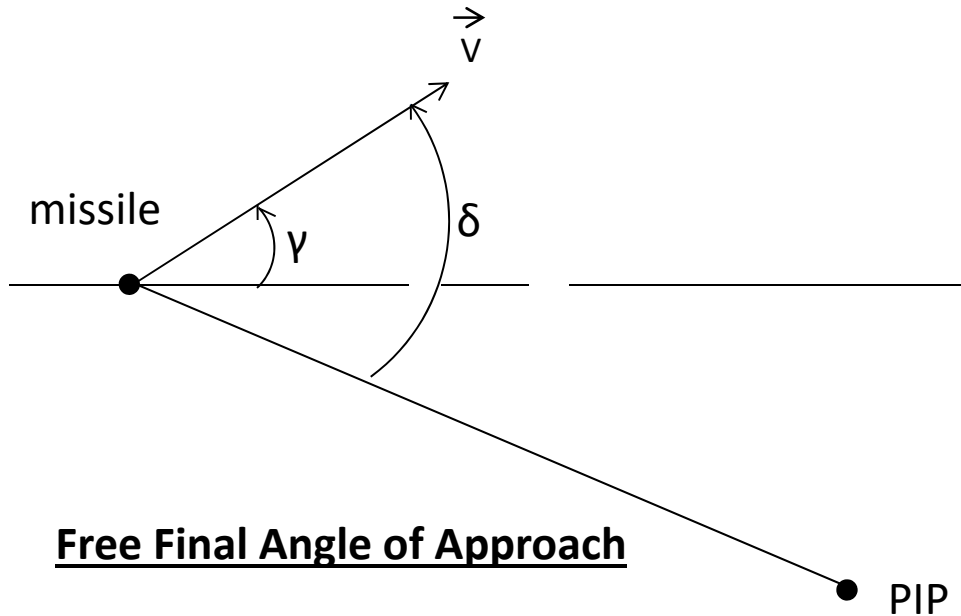
$$\alpha = -\frac{\sin(\delta)(\cos^2(\delta) + 1)}{R}$$

$$\beta = -R \cos^3(\delta)$$

$$\frac{d}{dP} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$\bar{J} = \int_0^{R_0} \left( \left( 2 + \frac{R^2 \omega^2}{2} \right) - 2Rz_2 u + \frac{R^2}{2} u^2 \right) dP + H.O.T.$$

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## Free Final Angle of Approach

$$\kappa = F(\omega, R, \gamma, \delta)$$

$$\gamma = \gamma(\omega, R, R_0, \gamma_0, \delta_0)$$

$$x(s + \Delta s) = x(s) + \Delta s \cdot \cos(\gamma)$$

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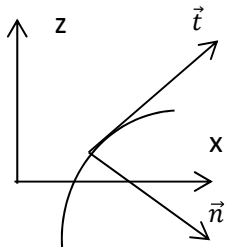
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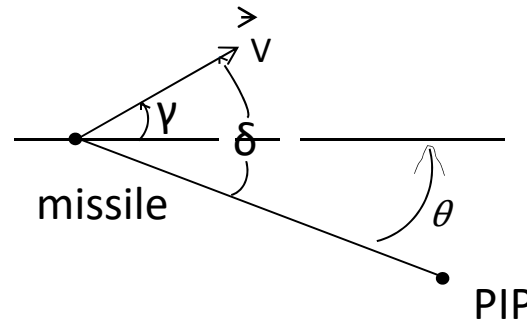
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## THE PITCH PLANE



$$t_z = n_x; t_x = -n_z$$



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$$\frac{d\gamma}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} \sin^{-1}(t_z) = \frac{\frac{dt_z}{ds}}{\sqrt{1 - (t_z)^2}} = \frac{\kappa n_z}{t_x} = -\kappa$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{d\gamma}{dR} = \frac{d\gamma}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} \frac{1}{dR/dt} = -\kappa \cdot V \cdot \frac{1}{V \cos \delta} = -\kappa \cdot \sec \delta$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}(u) \quad \frac{du}{dt} = \frac{1}{x^2} \left( x \frac{dz}{dt} - \frac{dx}{dt} z \right)$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = x^2 \frac{du}{dt} = \frac{x^2}{R^2} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \left( x \frac{dz}{dt} - \frac{dx}{dt} z \right) \right) = \frac{1}{R^2} (R \cos(\delta - \gamma) \cdot V \sin \gamma - V \cos \gamma \cdot (-1) R \sin(\delta - \gamma)) = \frac{V}{R} \sin \delta$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dR} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{1}{dR/dt} = \frac{V}{R} \sin \delta \cdot \frac{1}{-V \cos \delta} = -\frac{1}{R} \tan \delta$$

$$\frac{d\delta}{dR} = -\frac{1}{R} \tan \delta - \kappa \cdot \sec \delta$$

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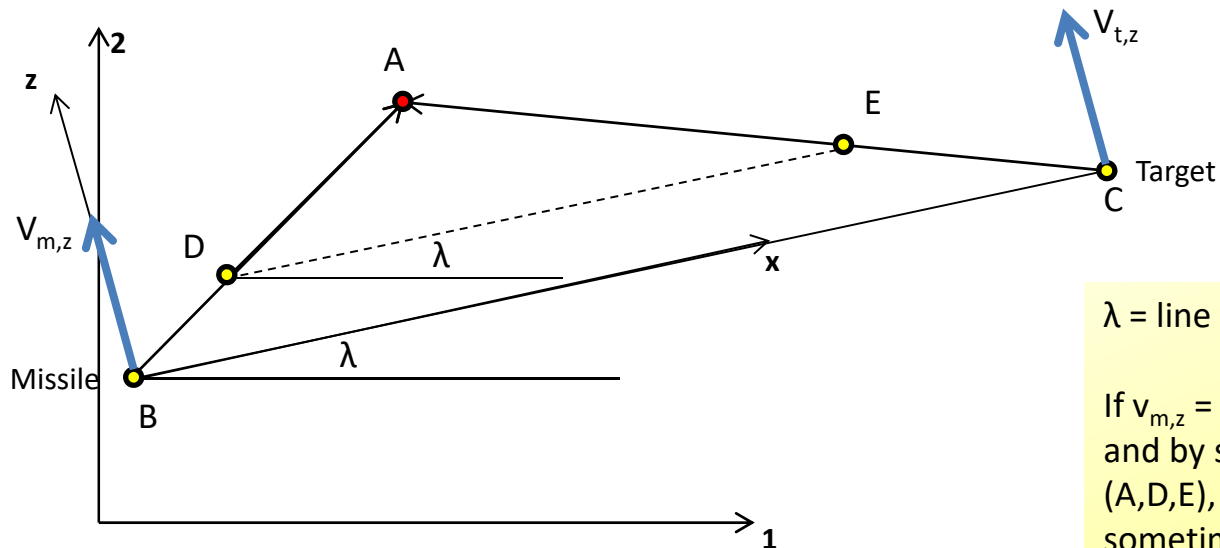
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## 3D Kappa Guidance

- In 3D, we use the Formulas of Frenet for the plant equations. Omit  $\vec{b}$  since  $\vec{b} = \vec{t} \times \vec{n}$ .
- There is a lot more bookkeeping. We must use quaternions.
- We don't have a solution to the optimal control problem in 3D at this time.
- As a first cut, we use the 2D optimal solution for the curvature and proportional control for the torsion.

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$\lambda$  = line of sight angle

If  $v_{m,z} = v_{t,z}$  then  $\lambda$  remains a constant and by similar triangles: (A,B,C) and (A,D,E), a collision will occur. This is sometimes called the "collision triangle."

Proportional Navigation is defined by

$$a_{m,z} = N \cdot V_C \dot{\lambda}$$

where

$a_{m,z}$  is the missile lateral acceleration  
 $N$  is a unitless constant, typically in the 3 to 5 range  
 $V_C$  is the closing velocity

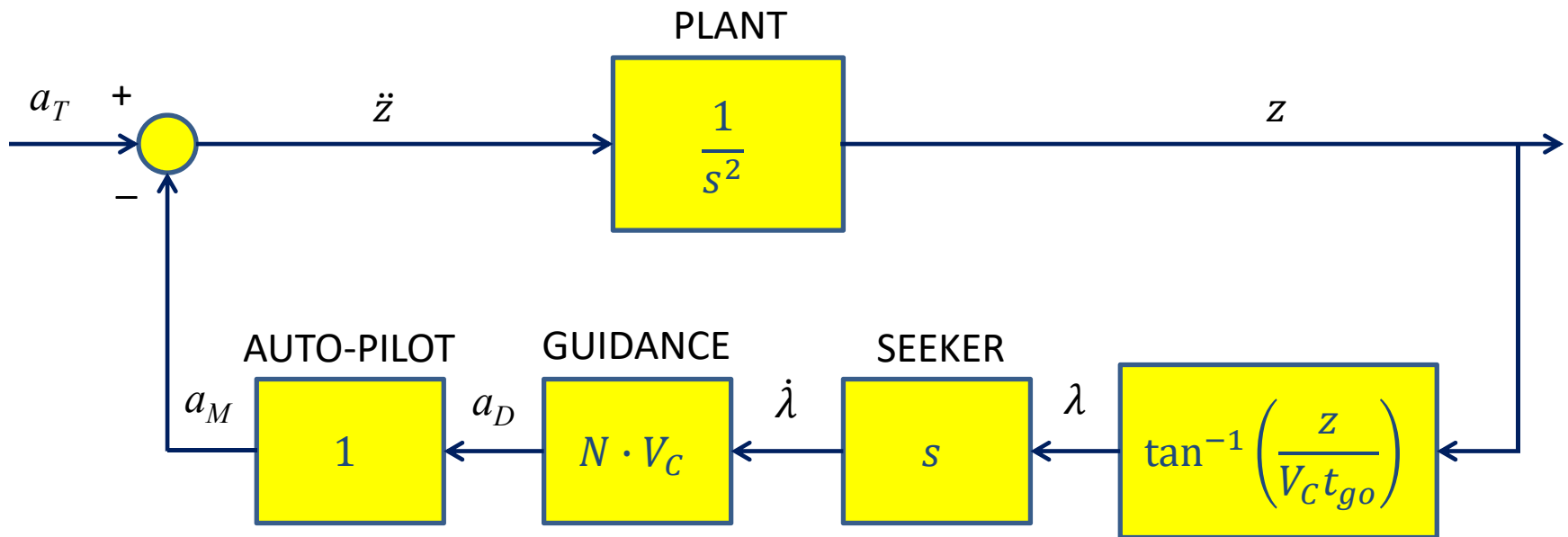
Proportional Navigation is equivalent to

$$a_{m,z} = N \cdot ZEM / t_{go}^2$$

where

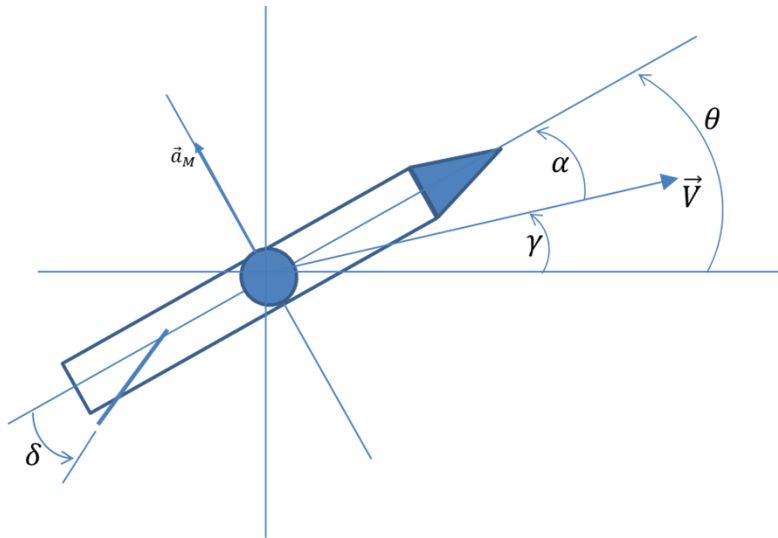
Z.E.M. is the zero effort miss. The miss distance if we continue on the present course, with no control effort.  
 $t_{go}$  is the time to go for intercept.

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$a_M$	Missile acceleration
$a_T$	Target acceleration
$a_D$	Desired acceleration

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## PITCH PLANE DYNAMICS

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_M &= K_1\alpha + K_2\alpha^3 + K_3\delta + K_4\alpha^2\delta & K_i \text{ 's } > 0 \\
 \dot{\theta} &= q & C_i \text{ 's } < 0 \\
 \dot{q} &= C_1\alpha + C_2\alpha^3 + C_3\delta + C_4\alpha^2\delta \\
 \dot{\delta} &= T\delta + T\delta_C
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where, } \alpha = \theta - \frac{\int a_M}{V} = \theta - v/V \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Input: } \delta_C \\ \text{Output: } \theta \end{array}$$

We design a pitch plane control system  $\delta_C = G(\theta_C, \text{states})$ , e.g., using feedback linearization; obtaining  $\theta \rightarrow \theta_C$ .

We make the assumption that  $a_{LAT} \approx a_M$ . With a desired lateral acceleration  $a_{LAT,D} = nV_C\dot{\lambda}$ , we want to determine a desired pitch angle  $\theta_D = T(a_{LAT,D})$ . We linearize the dynamics for use with this part of the control system.

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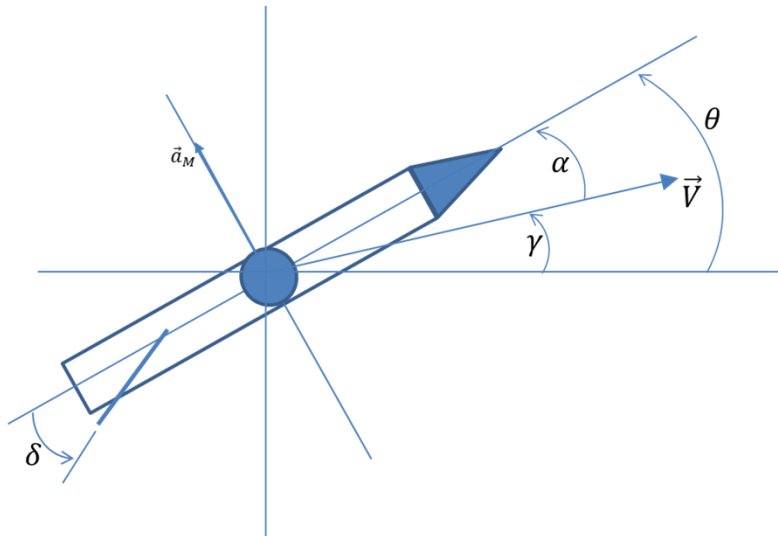
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Finally,

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$$\dot{\theta} = q$$

$$\dot{q} = C_1(\theta - v/V) + C_2(\theta - v/V)^3 + C_3\delta + C_4(\theta - v/V)^2\delta$$

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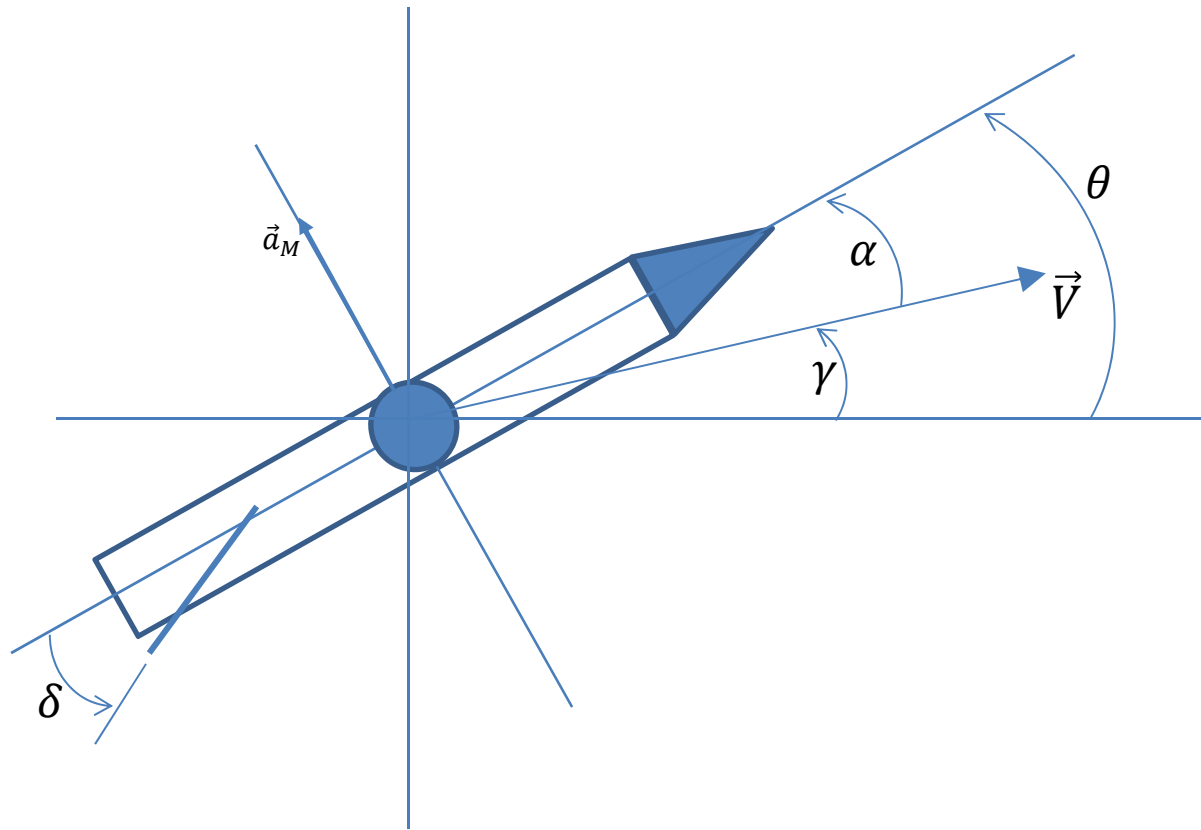
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PLANT DYNAMICS

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ z' \\ a_T \\ a_T' \\ a_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1/T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ z' \\ a_T \\ a_T' \\ a_M \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/T \end{bmatrix} a_C$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_A \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_x \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_B$

COST

$$J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{1}{2} a_C^2 dt$$

TERMINAL CONSTRAINT

$$z(t_f) = 0$$

ADJOINT DYNAMICS

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = -A'p$$

HAMILTONIAN

$$H = \frac{1}{2} a_C^2 + \langle p, Ax + Ba_C \rangle$$

- The solution to this optimal control problem is, after a few simplifications, proportional navigation.

$$a_C = \left( \frac{N(x)}{(t_{go})^2} \right) \left( z(t_0) + t_{go} \dot{z}(t_0) + \frac{(t_{go})^2}{2} a_T(t_0) + \frac{(t_{go})^3}{3} \dot{a}_T(t_0) + T^2(1 - x - e^{-x}) a_M(t_0) \right)$$

with  $x = t_{go}/T$ , where  $t_{go} = t - t_f$

$$N(x) = \left( \frac{6x^2(x + e^{-x} - 1)}{6x(1 - 2e^{-x}) + 2x^3 + 3(1 - e^{-2x}) - 6x^2} \right)$$

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- The Zero Effort Miss (ZEM) is determined by setting  $a_c=0$  and calculating  $z(t=t_f)$
- Finding the state transition matrix facilitates this determination.

$$z(t_f)|_{a_M=0} = ZEM = z(t_0) + t_{go}\dot{z}(t_0) + \frac{(t_{go})^2}{2}a_T(t_0) + \frac{(t_{go})^3}{3}\dot{a}_T(t_0) + T^2(1 - x - e^{-x})a_M(t_0)$$

- This term appeared above. Substituting,

$$a_c = \left( \frac{N(x)}{(t_{go})^2} \right) (ZEM)$$

- An interesting case is when  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} N(x) = 3$$

# TERMINAL GUIDANCE

The variation of parameters solution to the time invariant differential equation,

$$\dot{X} = AX + Bu, \quad Y = CX \quad \text{is} \quad Y(t) = Ce^{A(t)}X(t_0) + C \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau$$

Note that the solution has a part due to the initial condition  $X(t_0)$  and a forced part due to the input  $u$ . In our case we have, with A and B as before,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} z \\ z' \\ a_T \\ a_T' \\ a_M \end{bmatrix}; C = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$z(t_f) = z(t_0) + (t_f - t_0)\dot{z}(t_0) + \frac{(t_f - t_0)^2}{2}a_T(t_0) + \frac{(t_f - t_0)^3}{3}\dot{a}_T(t_0) \\ + T^2 \left( 1 - \frac{(t_f - t_0)}{T} - e^{-(t_f-t_0)/T} \right) a_M(t_0) + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left( T - (t_f - \tau) - Te^{-(t_f-\tau)/T} \right) u(\tau)d\tau}_{\text{forced part}}$$

Note:  $t_{go} = t_f - t_0$

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The previous, setting the forcing term to zero is: ( $u = a_c = 0$ ),

$$Z.E.M. = z(t_f) = z(t_0) + t_{go}\dot{z}(t_0) + \frac{(t_{go})^2}{2}a_T(t_0) + \frac{(t_{go})^3}{3}\dot{a}_T(t_0) + T^2\left(1 - \frac{t_{go}}{T} - e^{-t_{go}/T}\right)a_M(t_0)$$

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- Consider the line of sight angle  $\lambda = z/R_{TM} = z / V_C \cdot t_{go}$  . Then,

$$\dot{\lambda} = \frac{1}{V_C} \left( \frac{t_{go}\dot{z} - (-1)z}{(t_{go})^2} \right) = \frac{z + t_{go}\dot{z}}{V_C(t_{go})^2} = \frac{ZEM}{V_C(t_{go})^2}$$

And

$$N \cdot V_C \cdot \dot{\lambda} = N \cdot \frac{ZEM}{(t_{go})^2}$$

# PLOTS

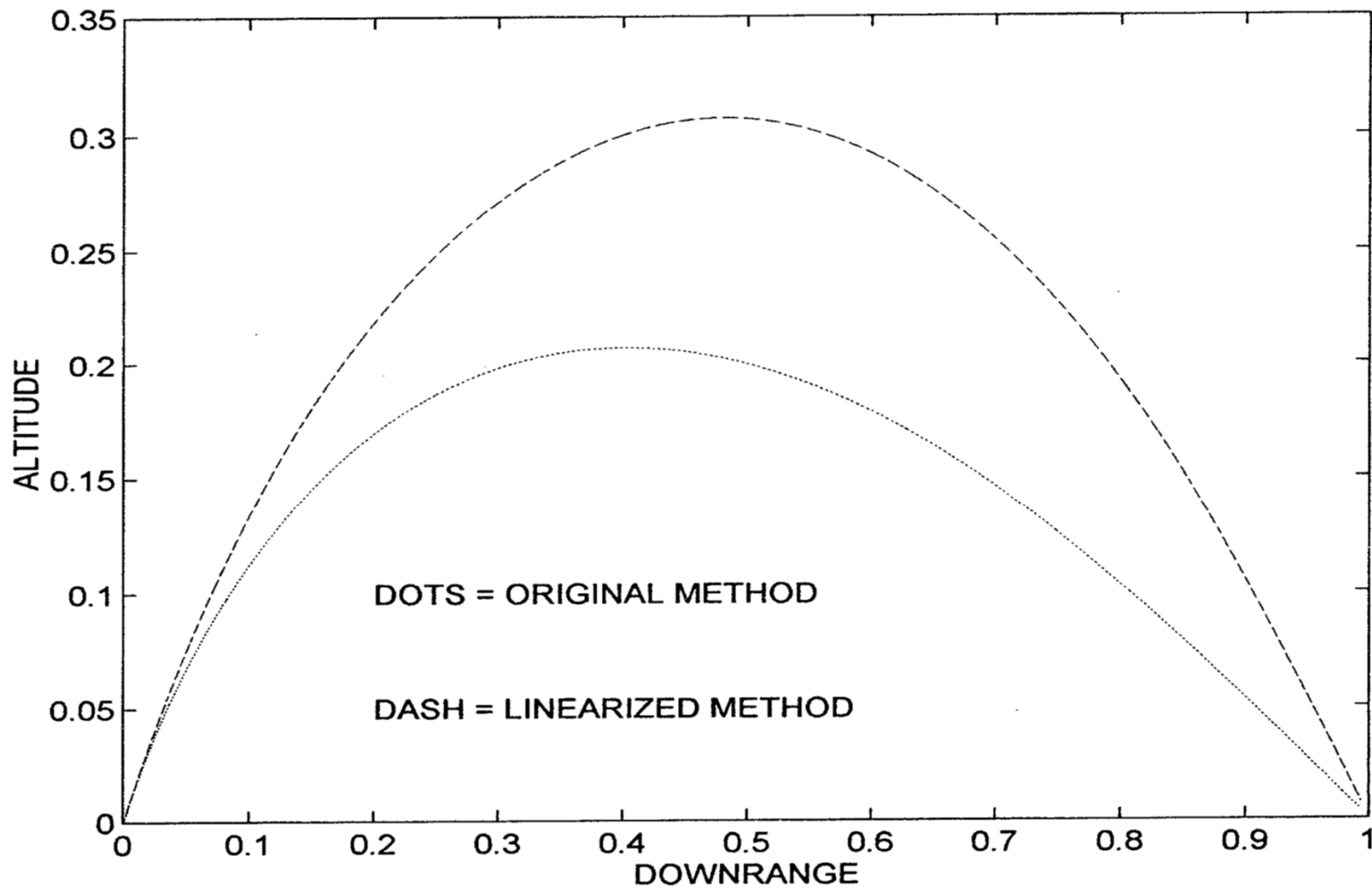


FIGURE 6-1.  $\gamma_0 = \delta_0 = \pi/3, \gamma_f = \text{FREE}$

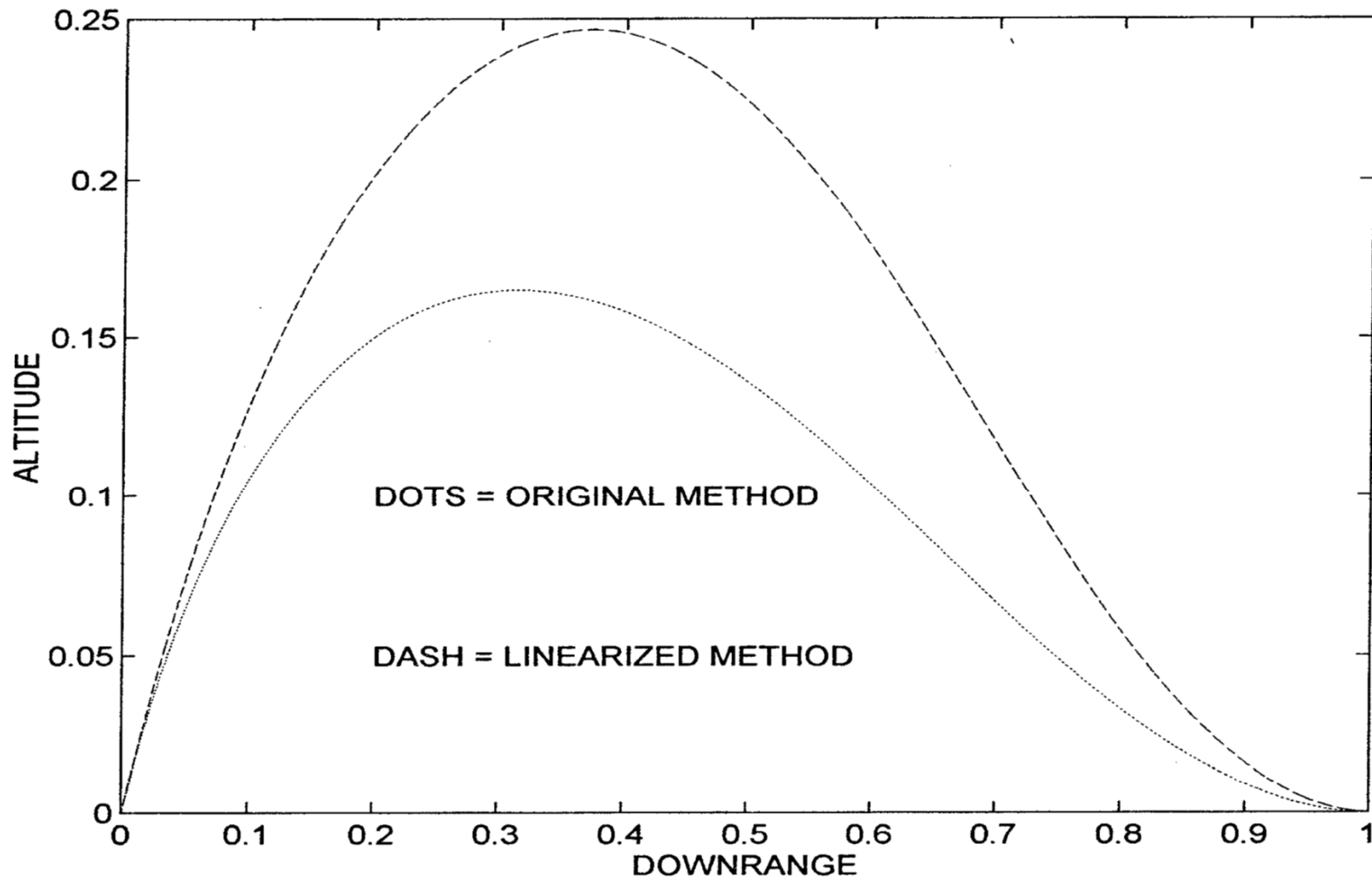


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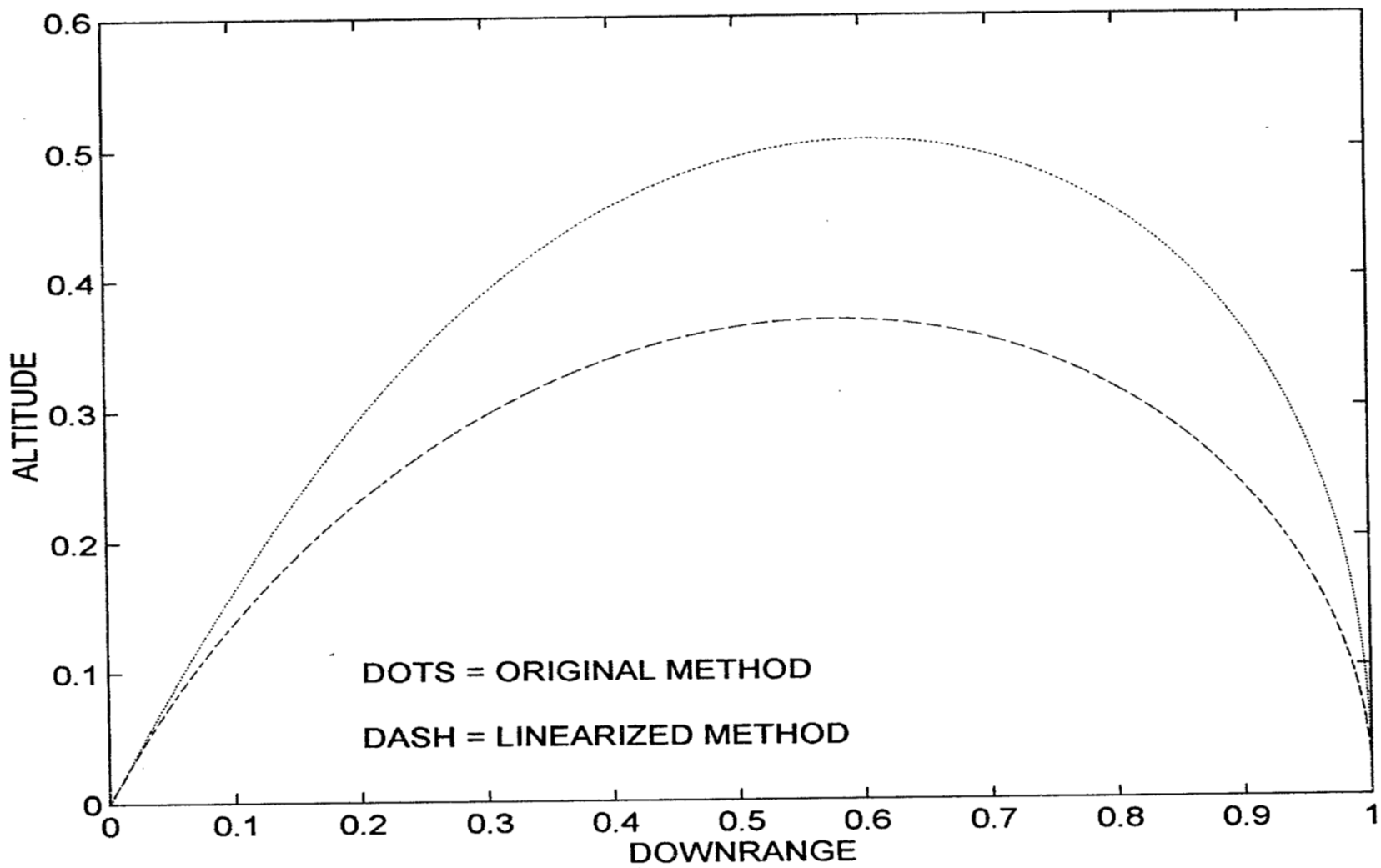


FIGURE 6-2.  $\gamma_0 = \delta_0 = \pi/3, \gamma_f = -\pi/2$

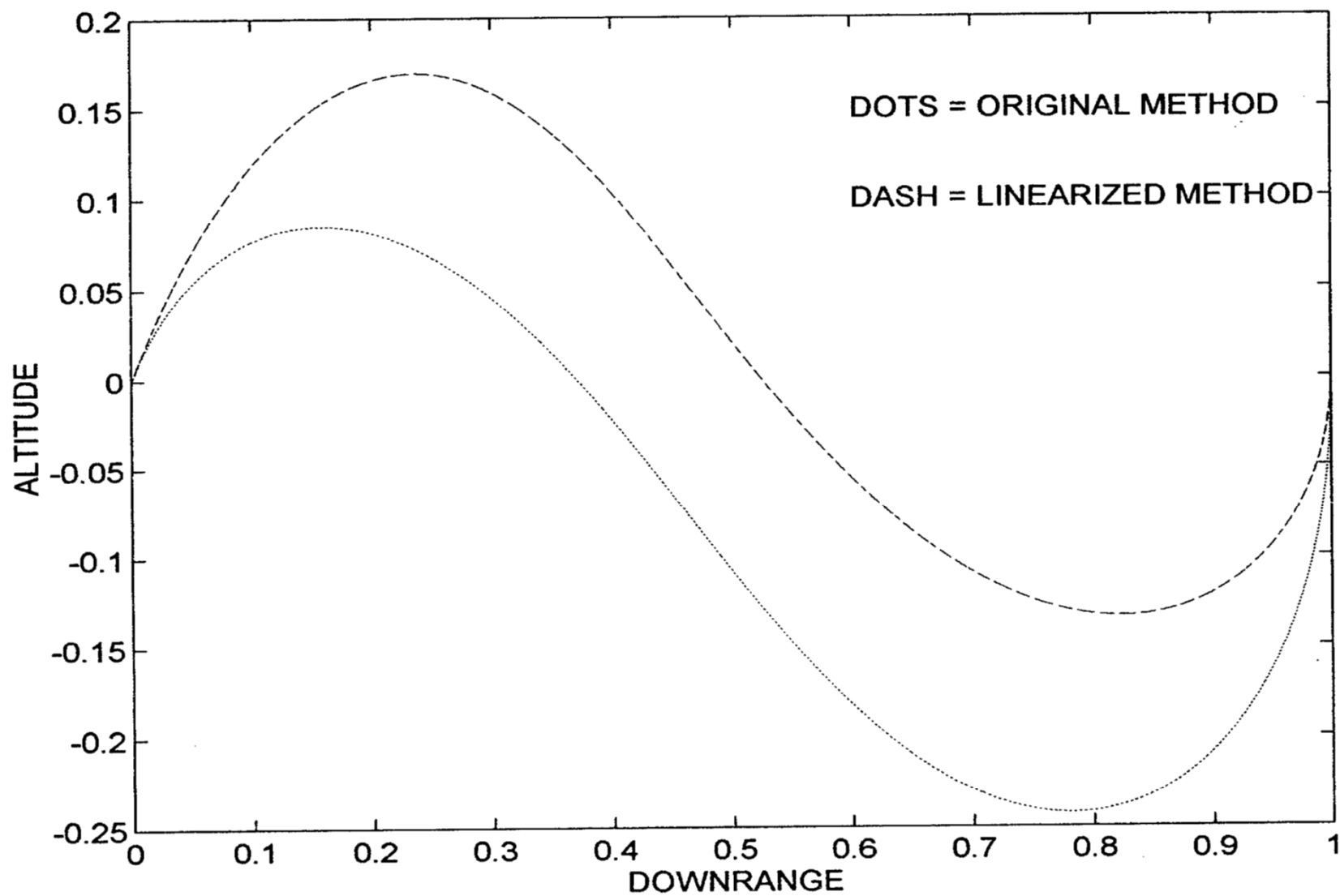
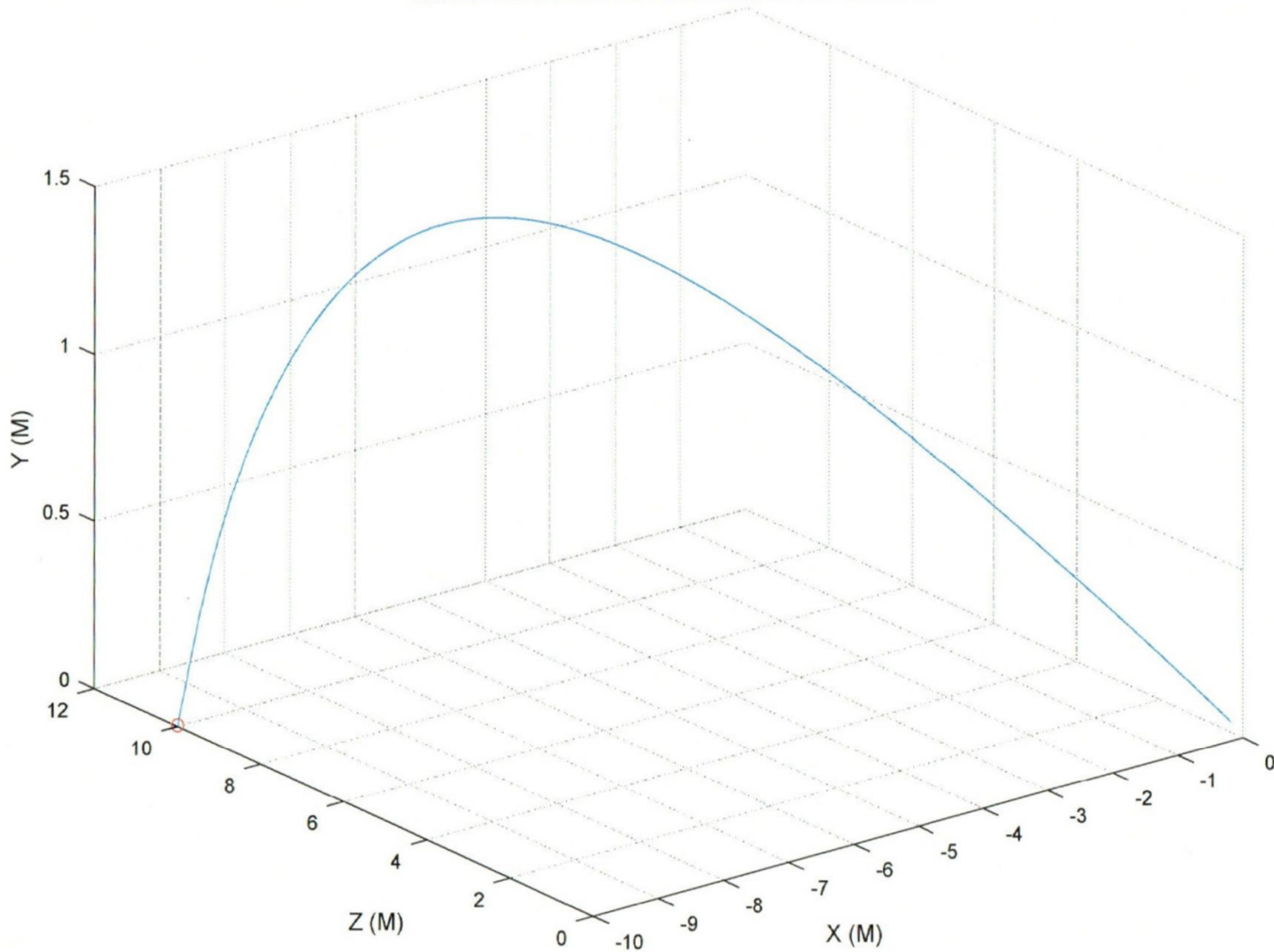


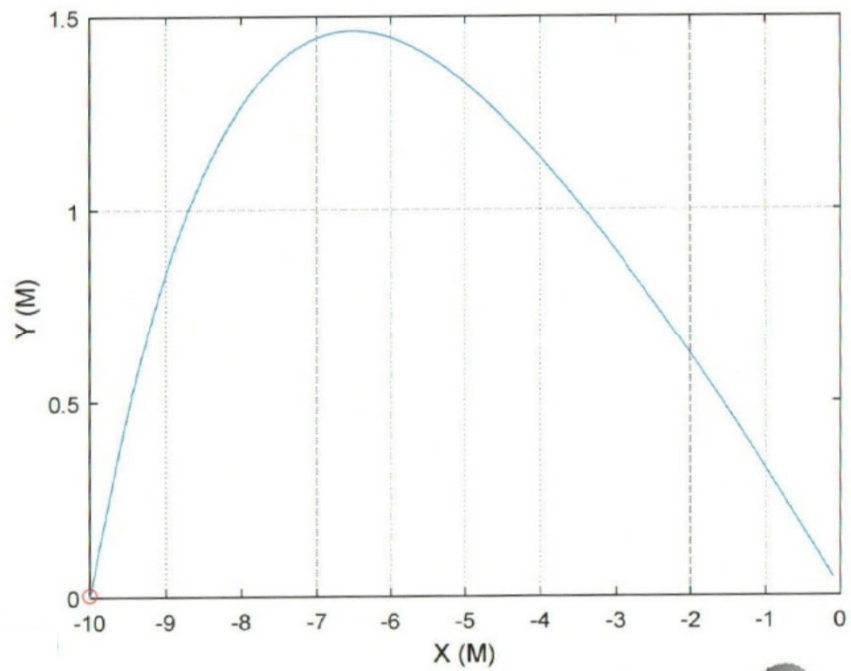
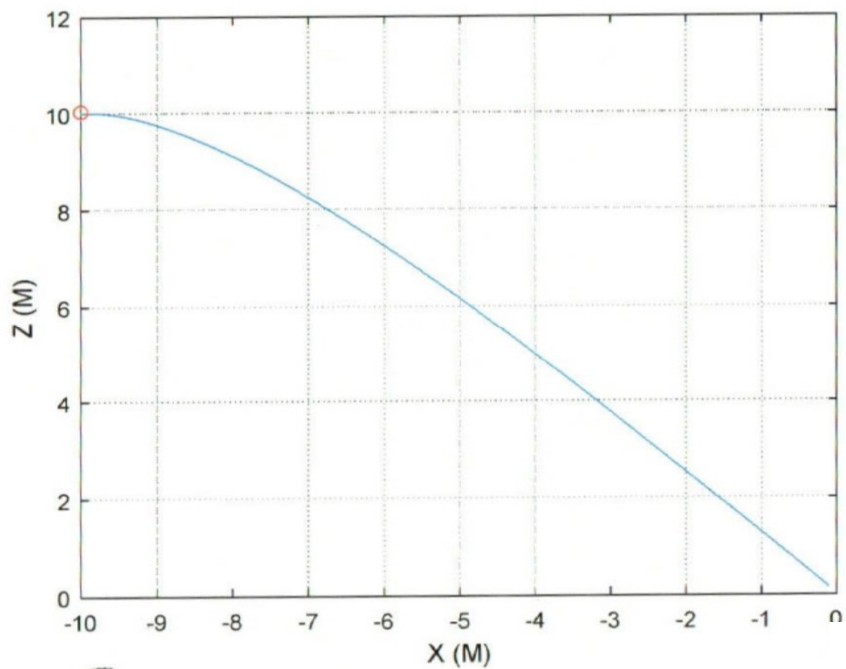
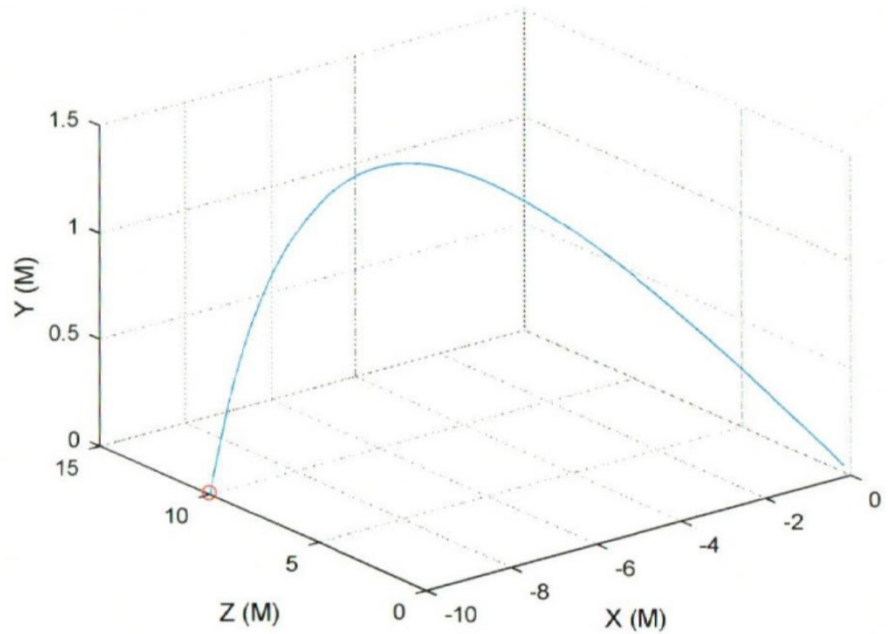
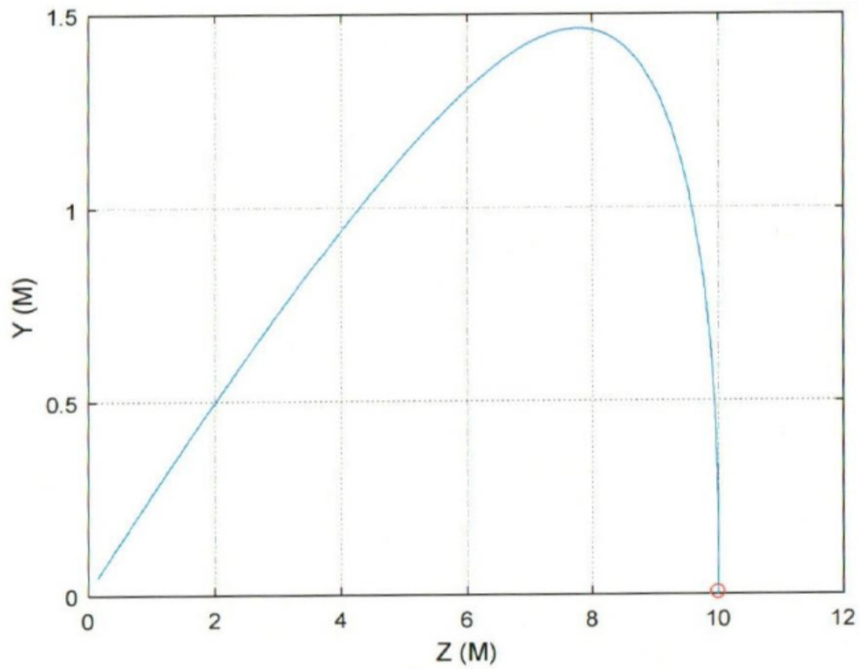
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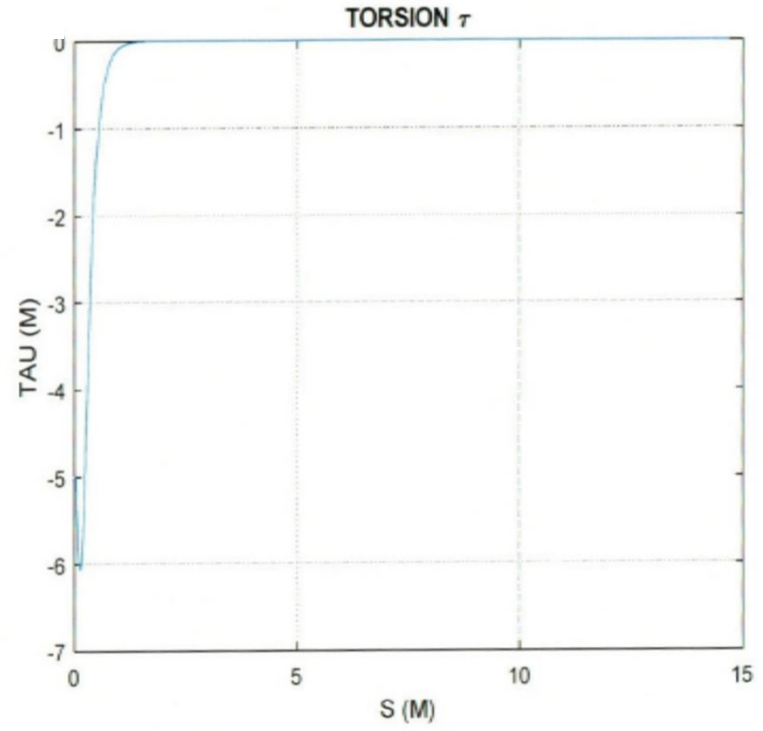
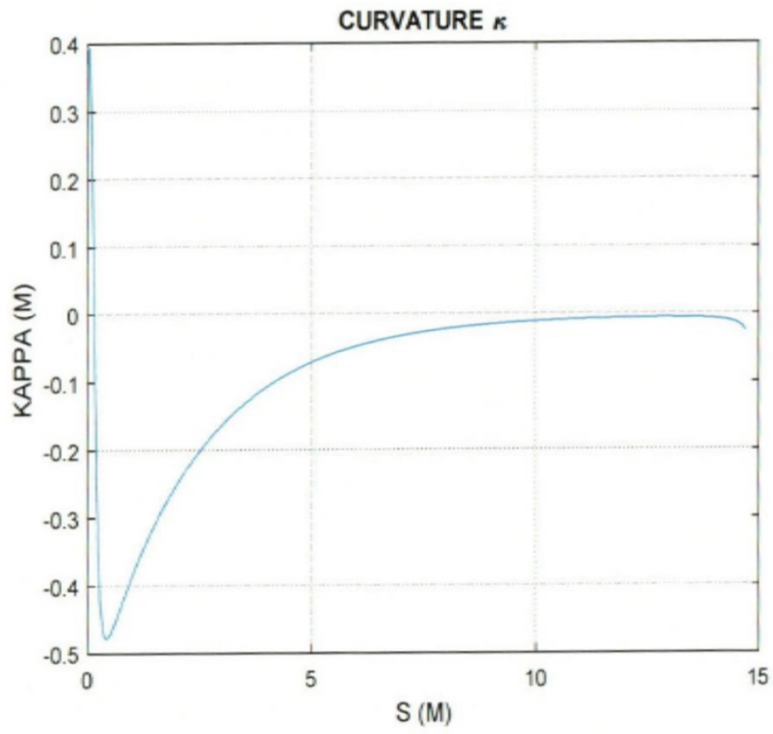
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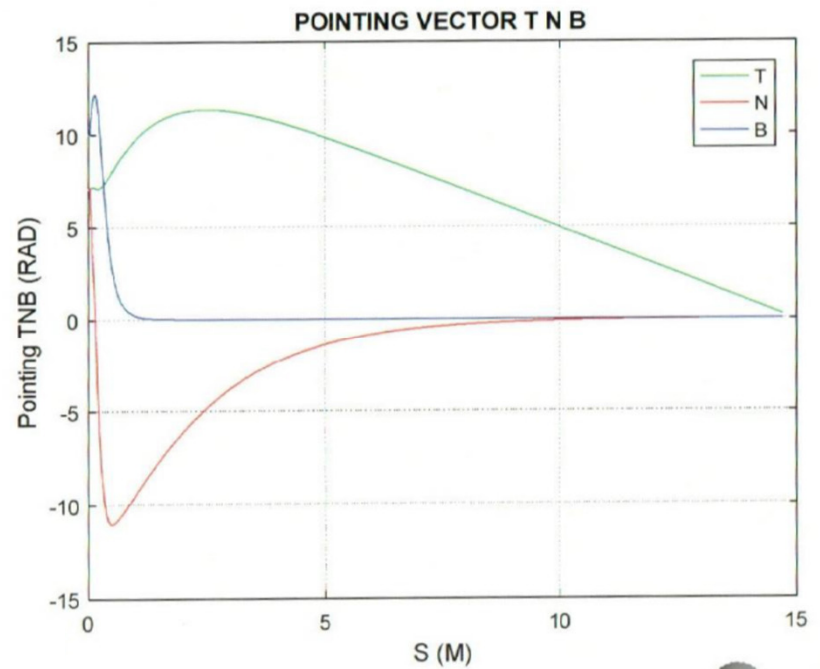
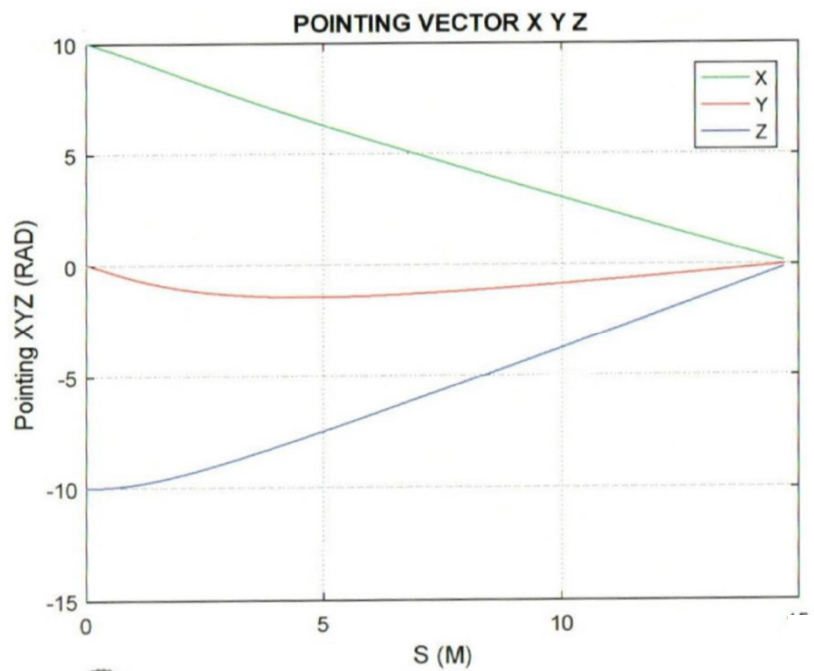
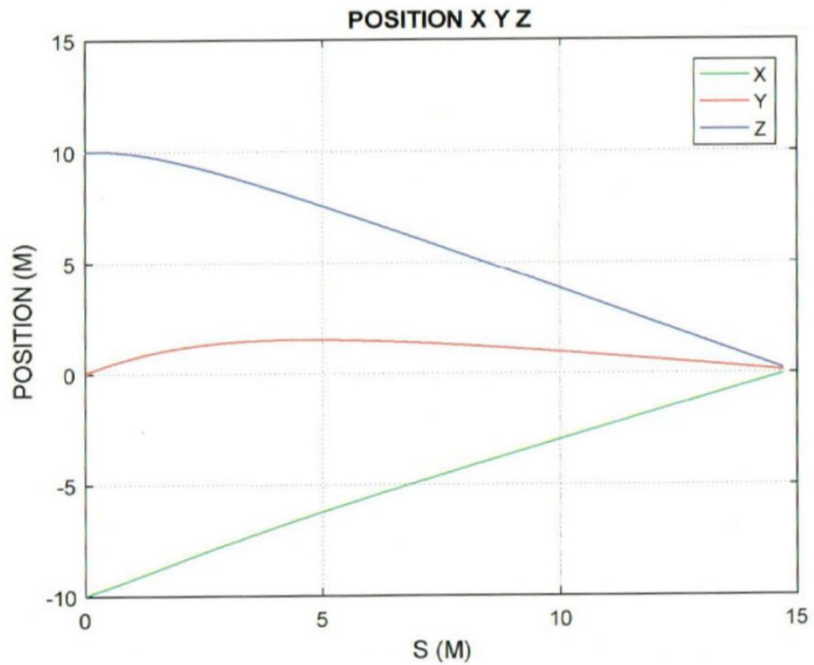


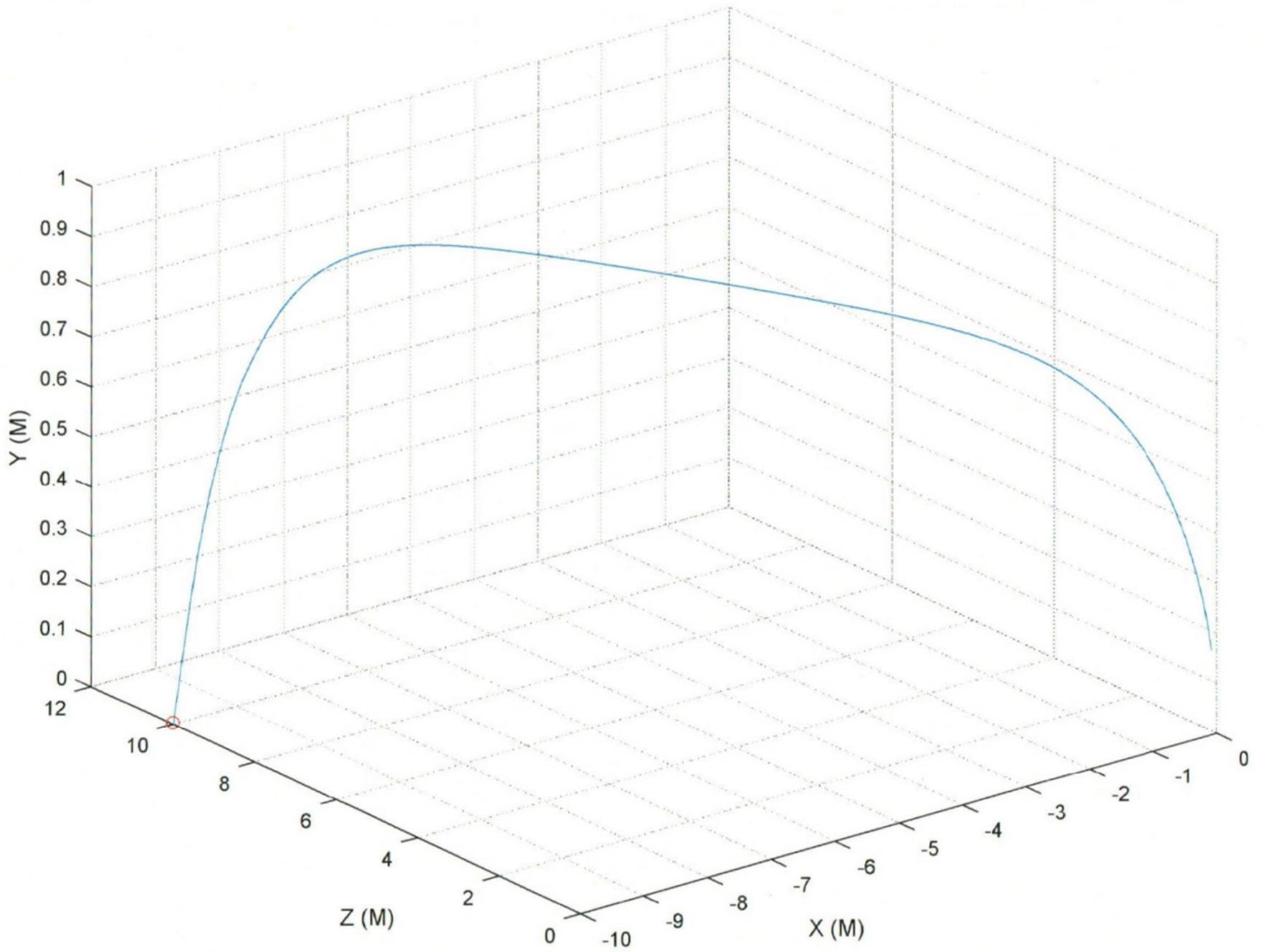
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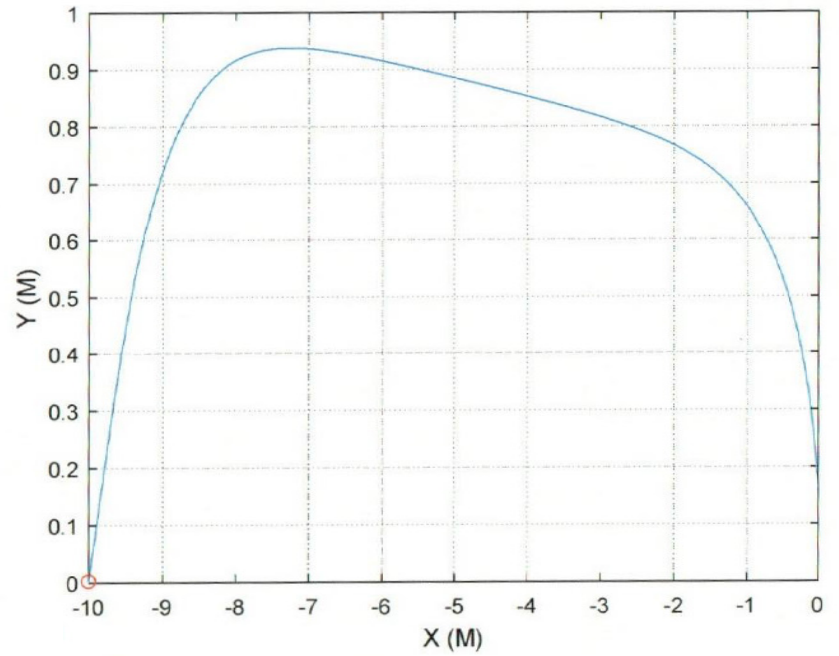
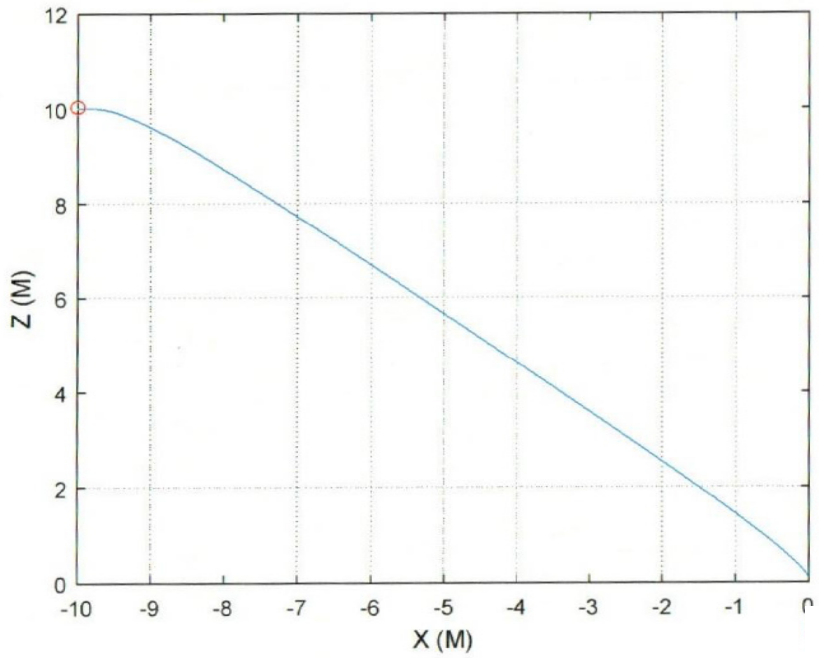
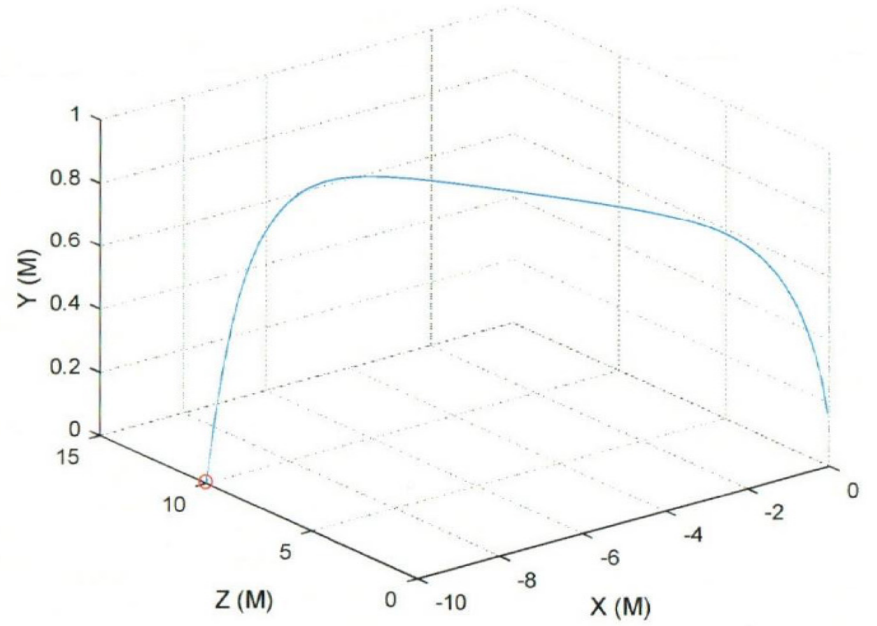
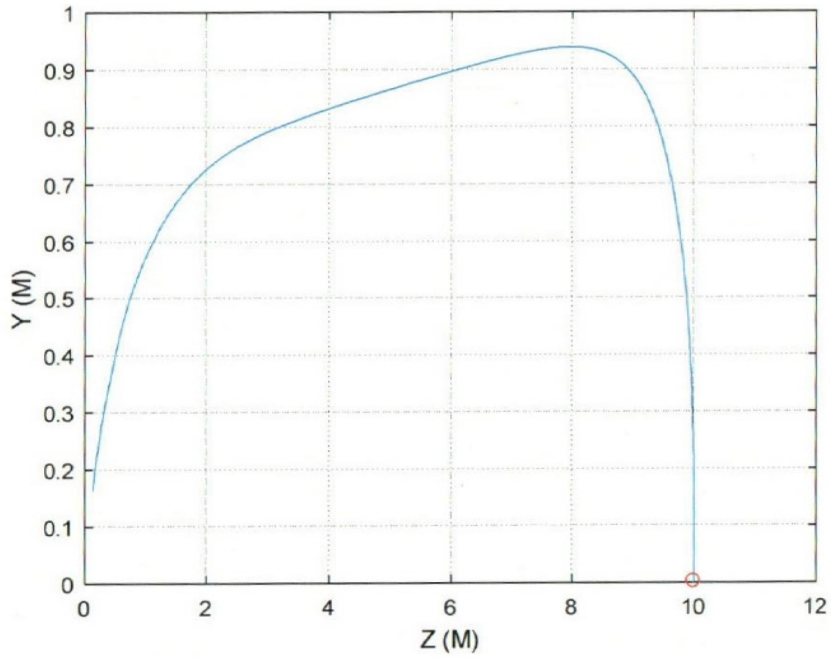
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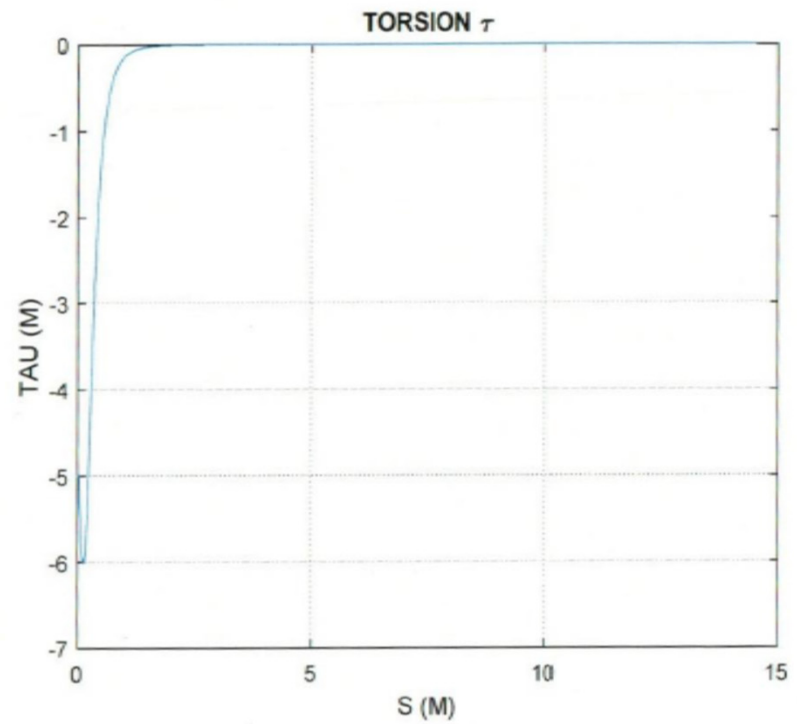
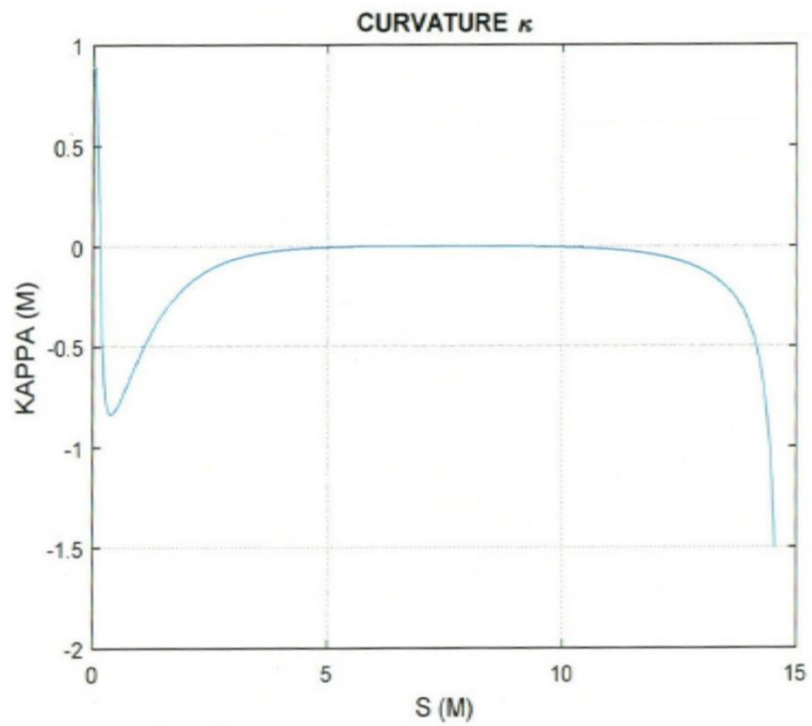


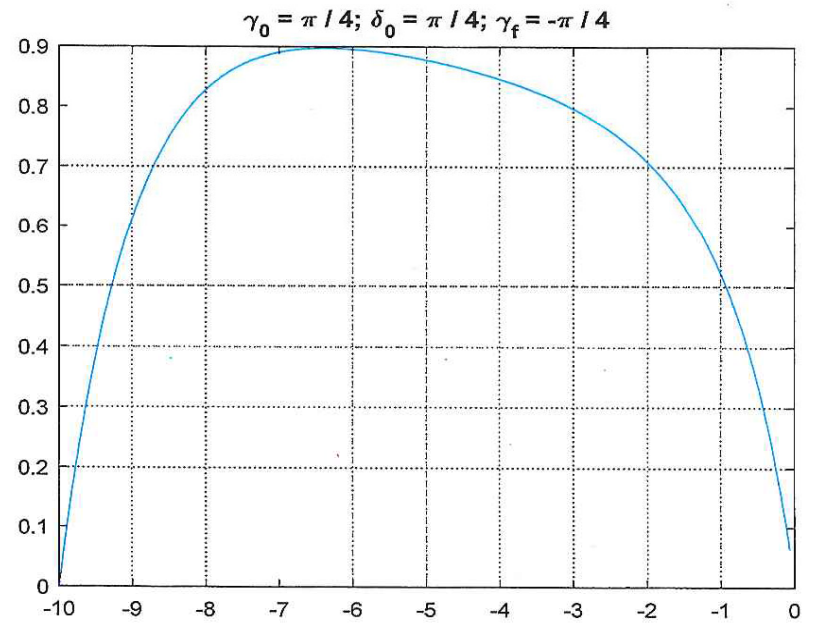
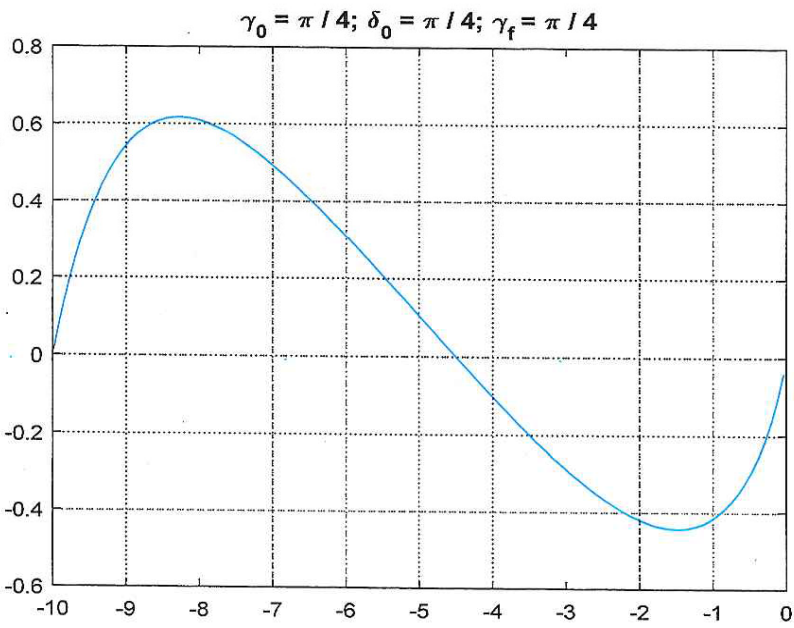
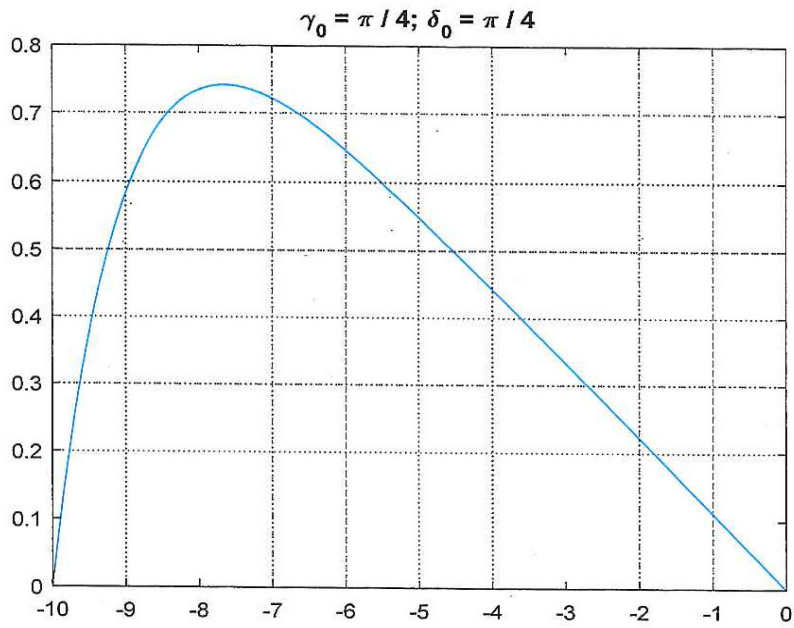


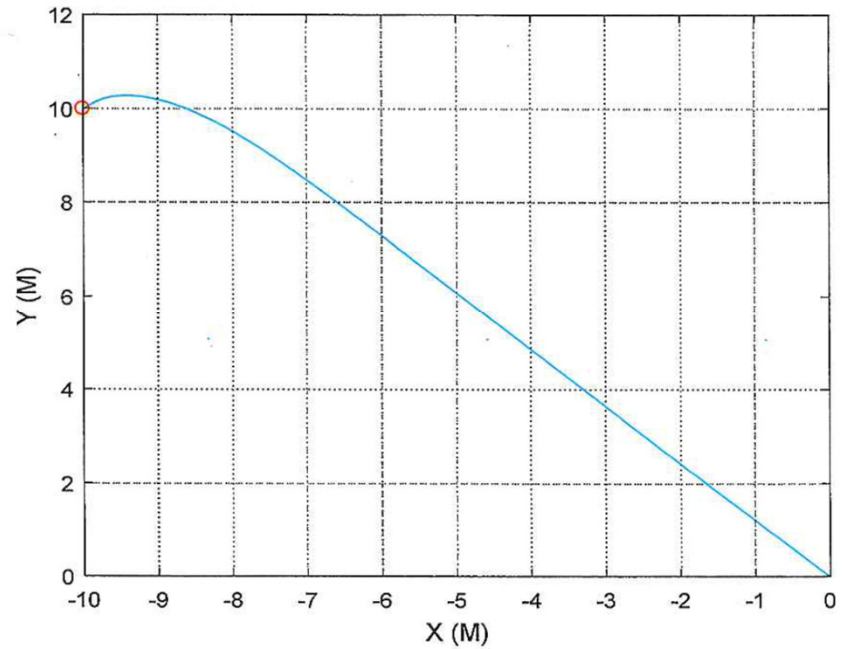
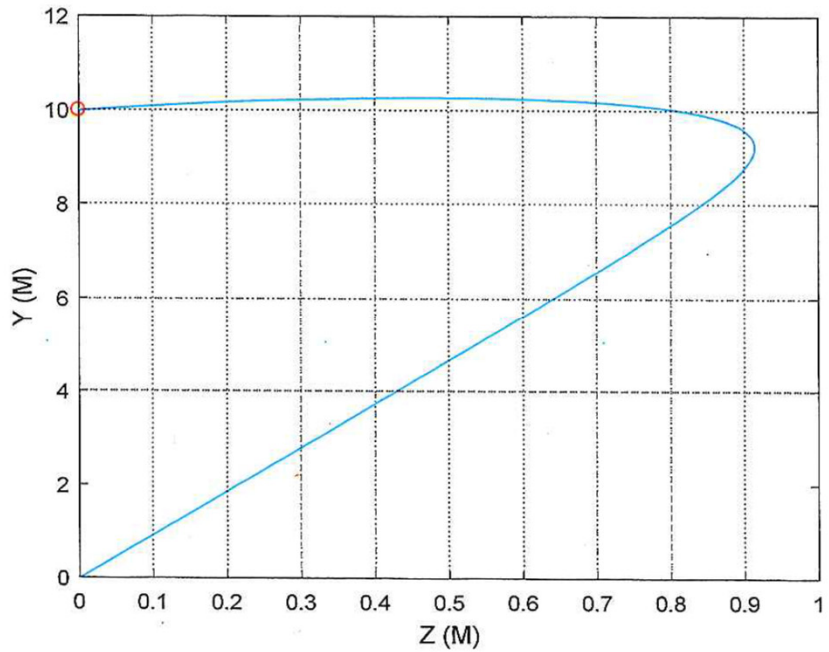
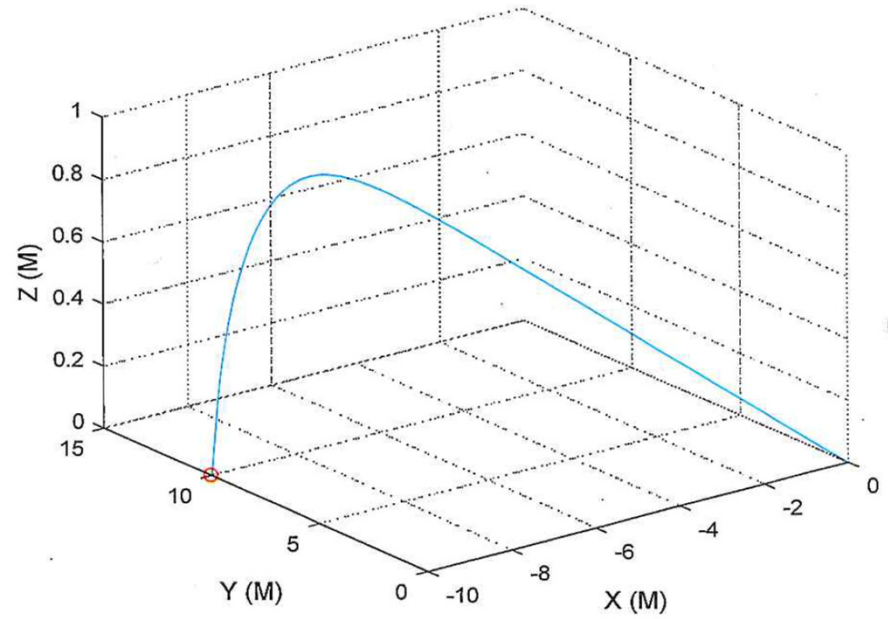
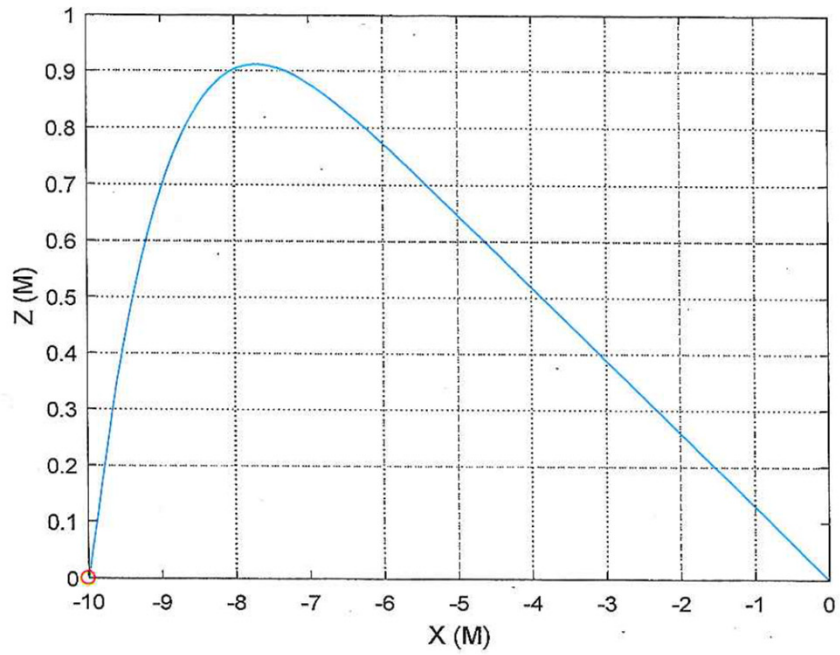


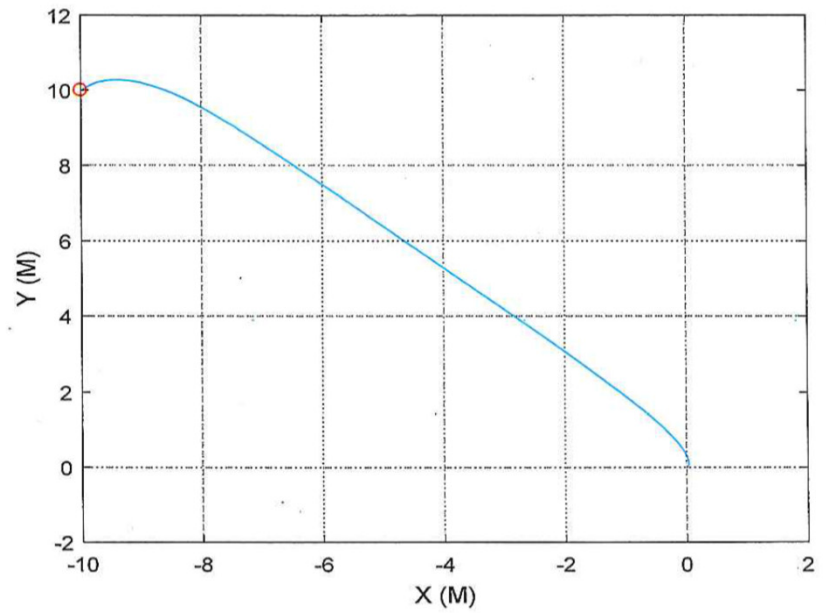
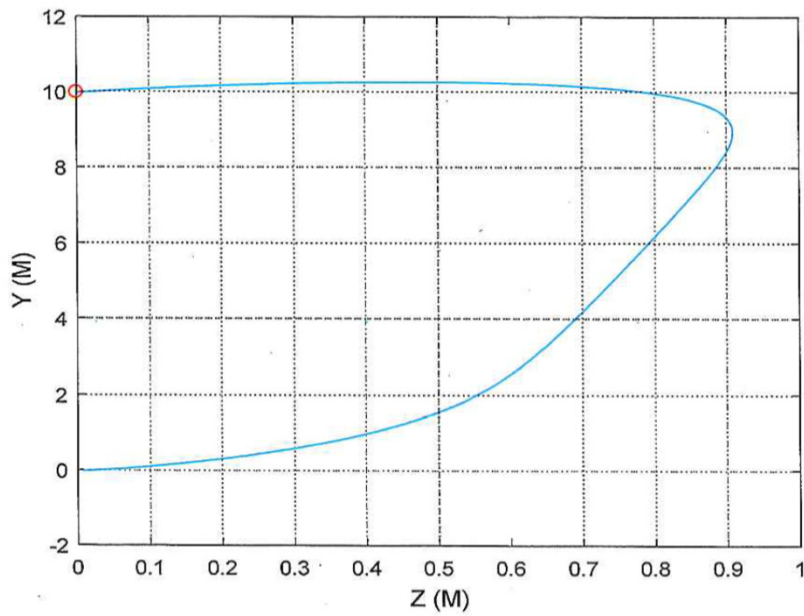
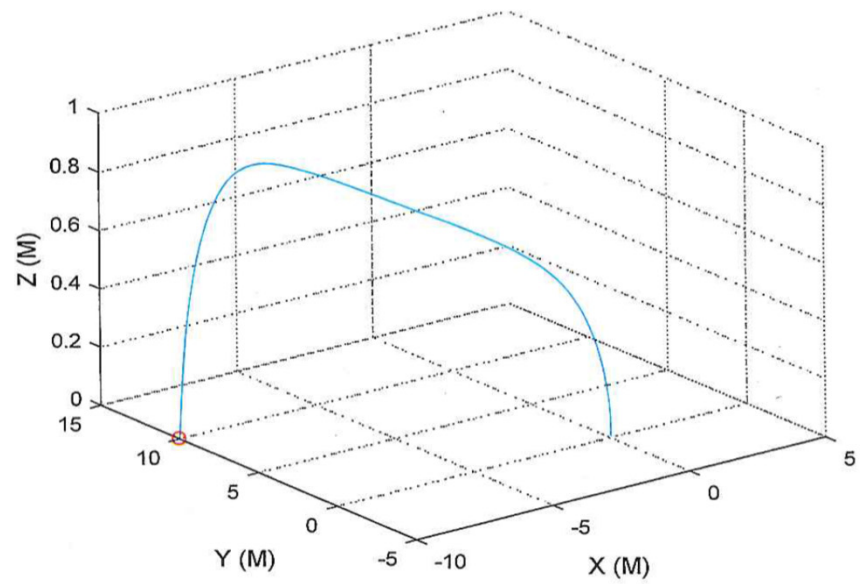
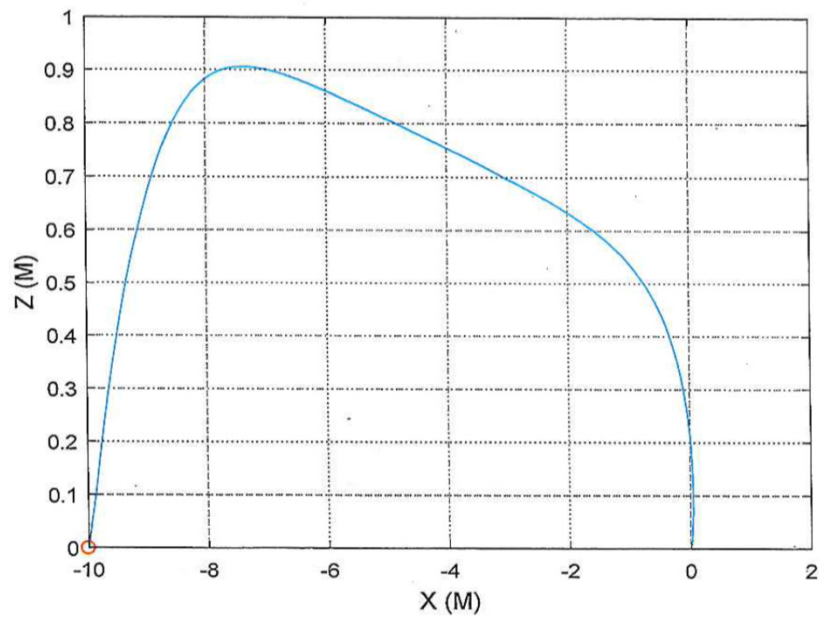


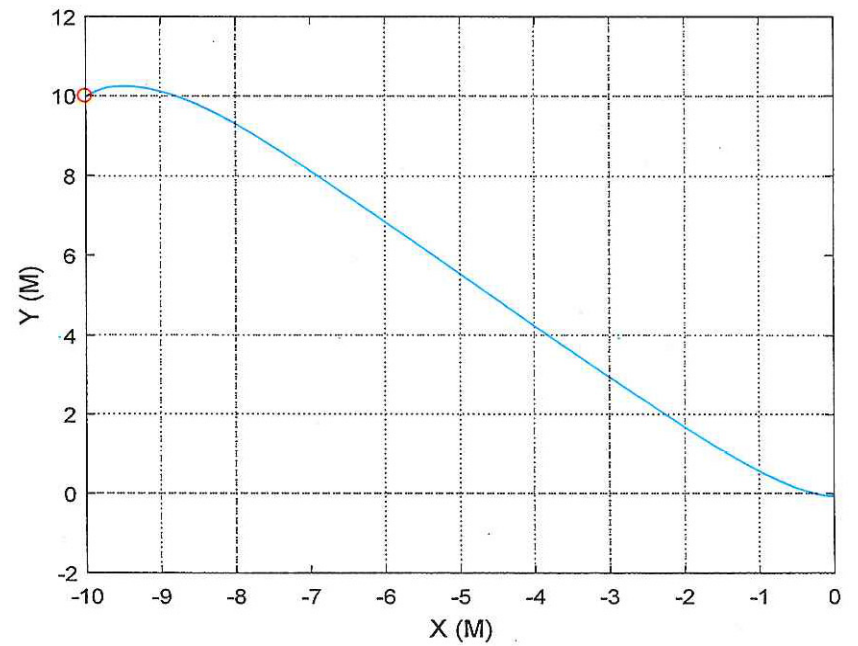
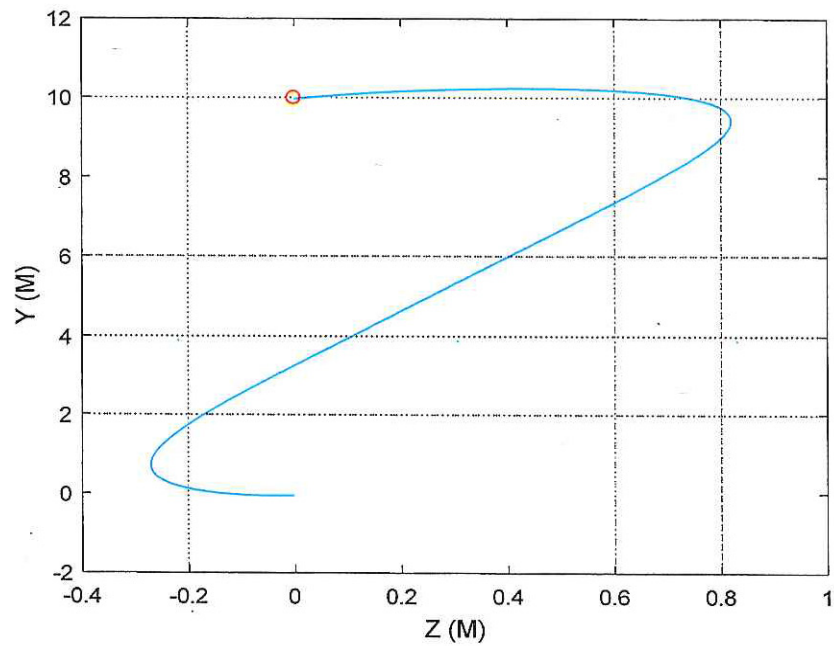
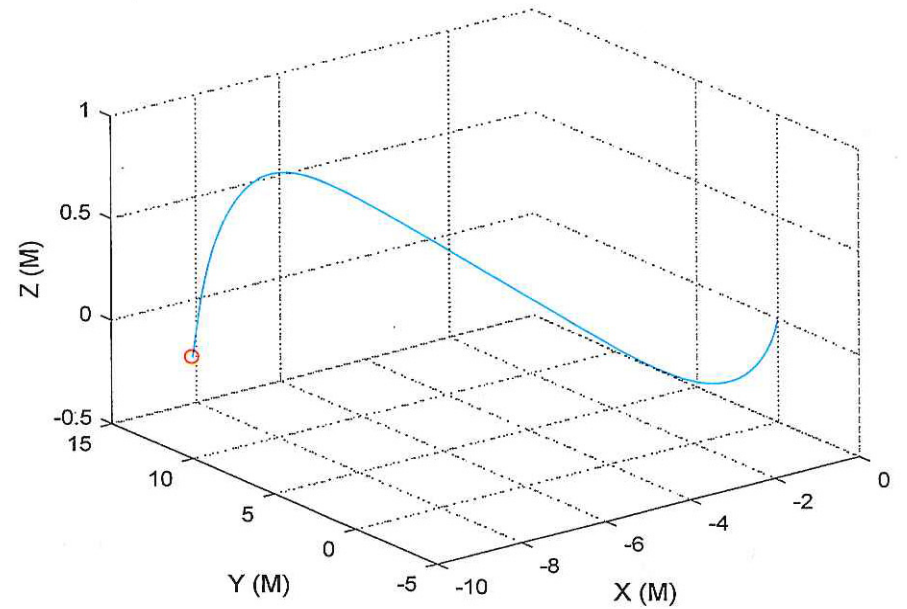
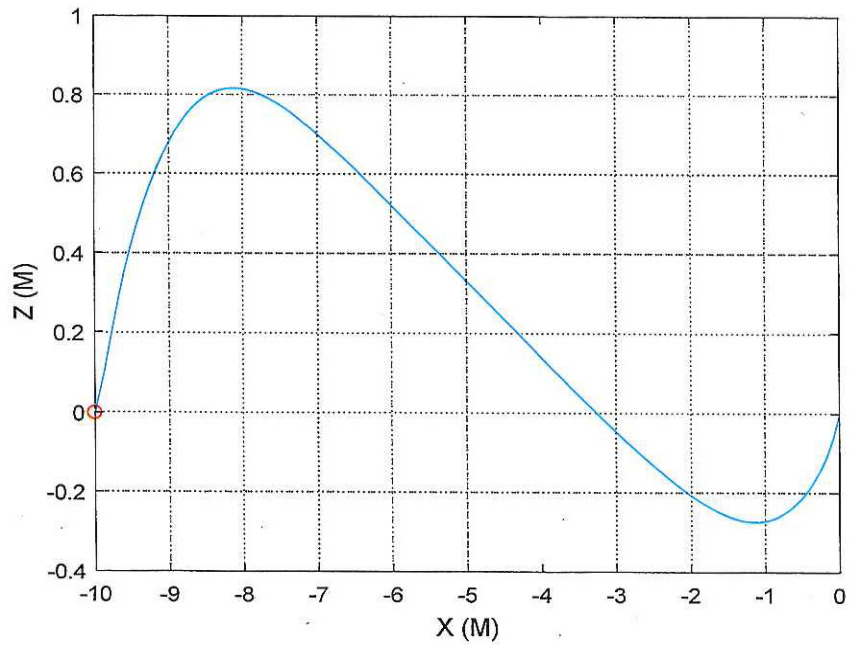












## THE YELLOW AND BLUE

Sing to the colors that float in the light;  
Hurrah for the Yellow and Blue!  
Yellow the stars as they ride through the night  
And reel in a rollicking crew;  
Yellow the field where ripens the grain  
And yellow the moon on the harvest wain;  
-Hail!  
Hail to the colors that float in the light  
Hurrah for the Yellow and Blue!

**THE END**