

A Reduced-Order Model for the Dynamics of a Flexible Solar Sail

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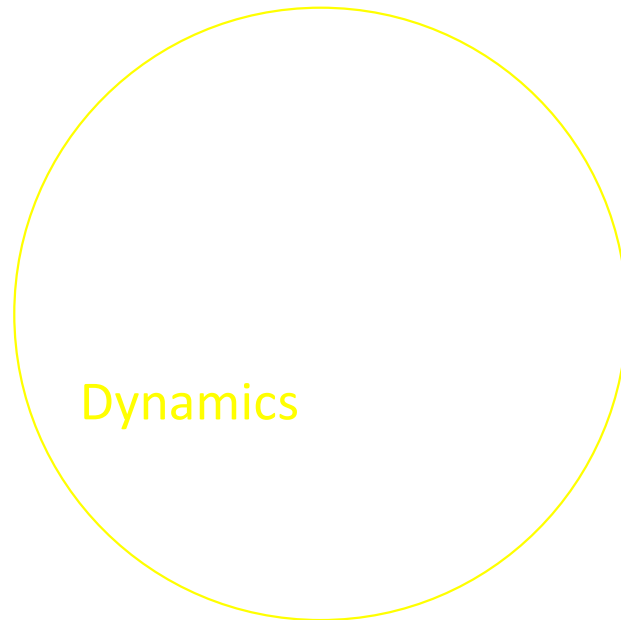
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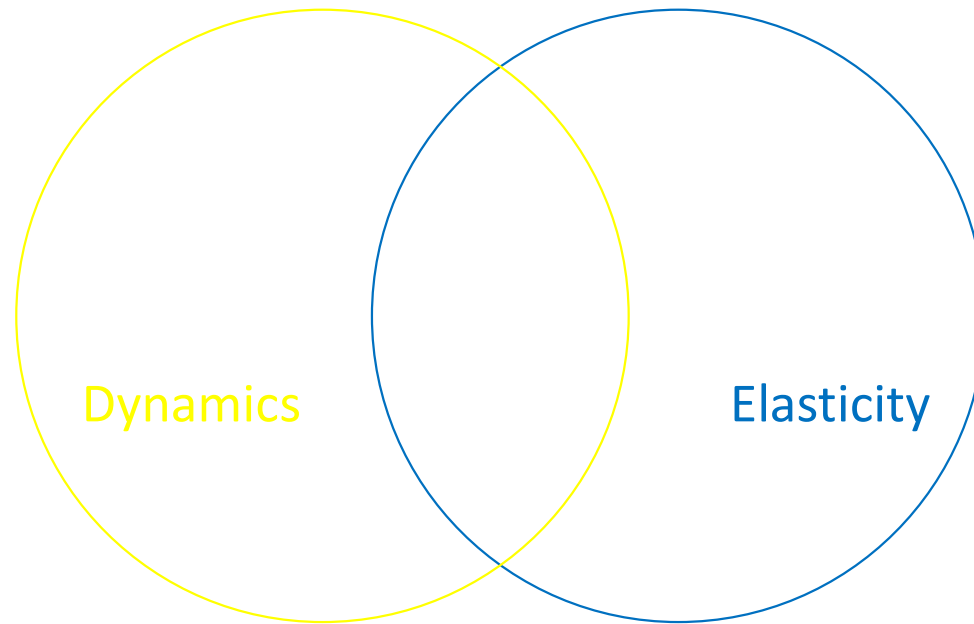
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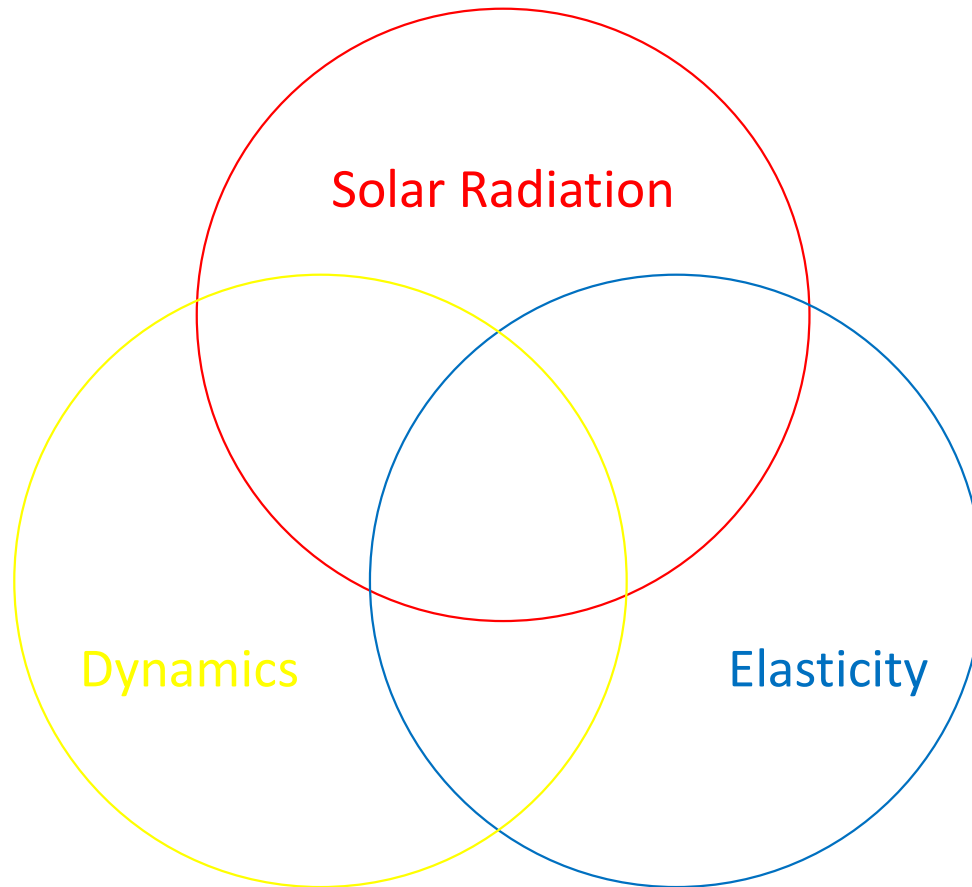
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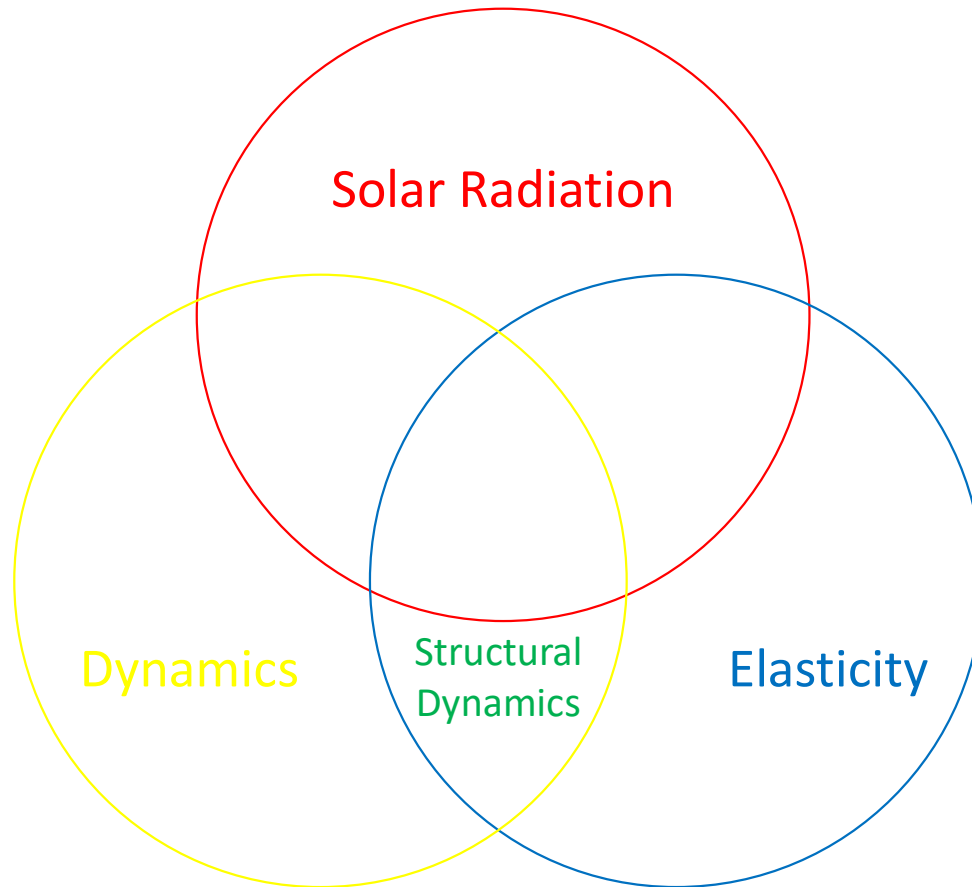
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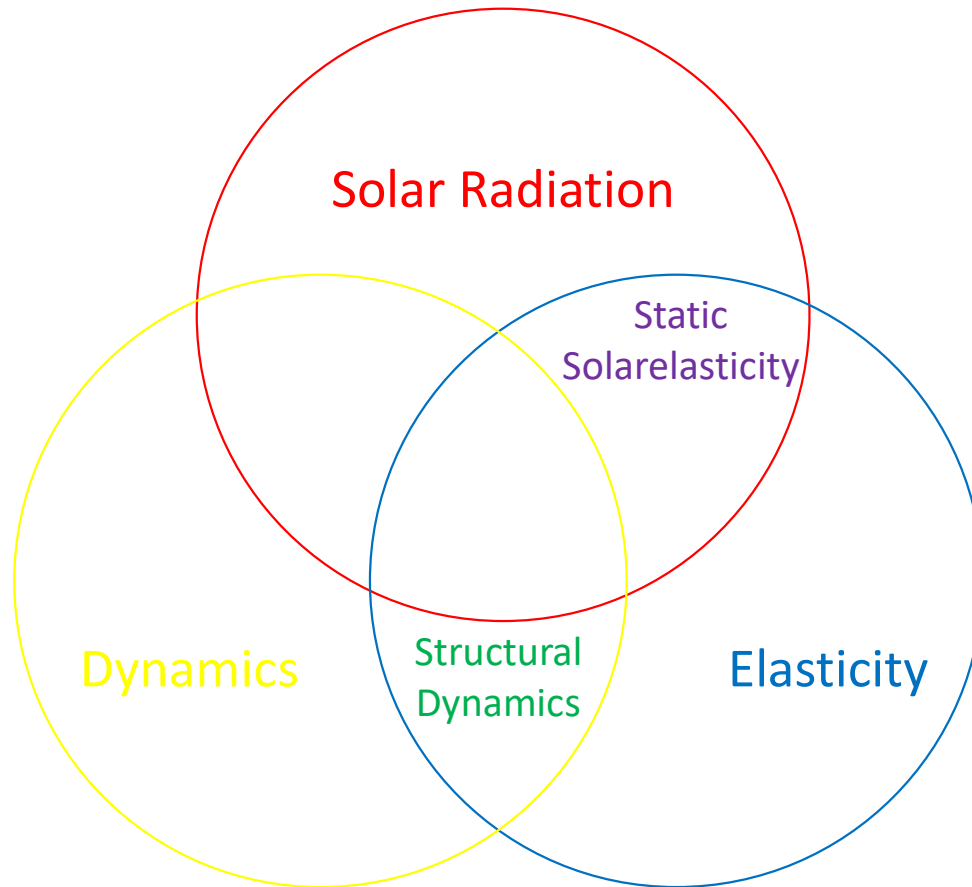
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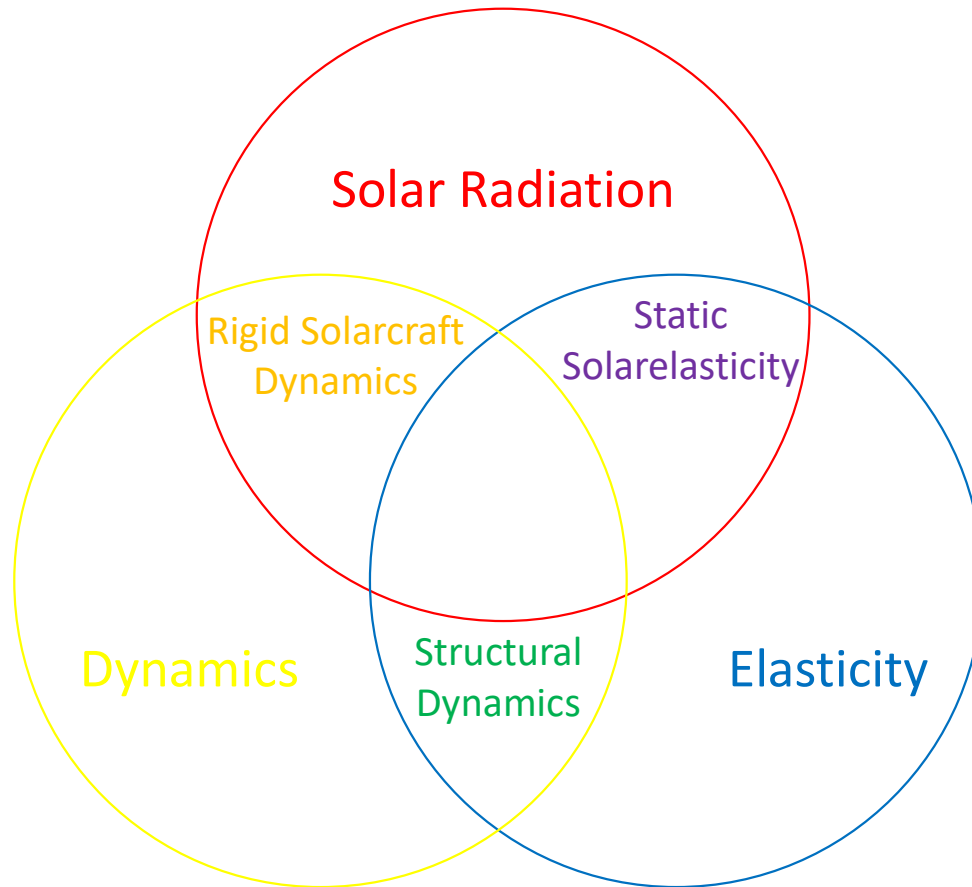
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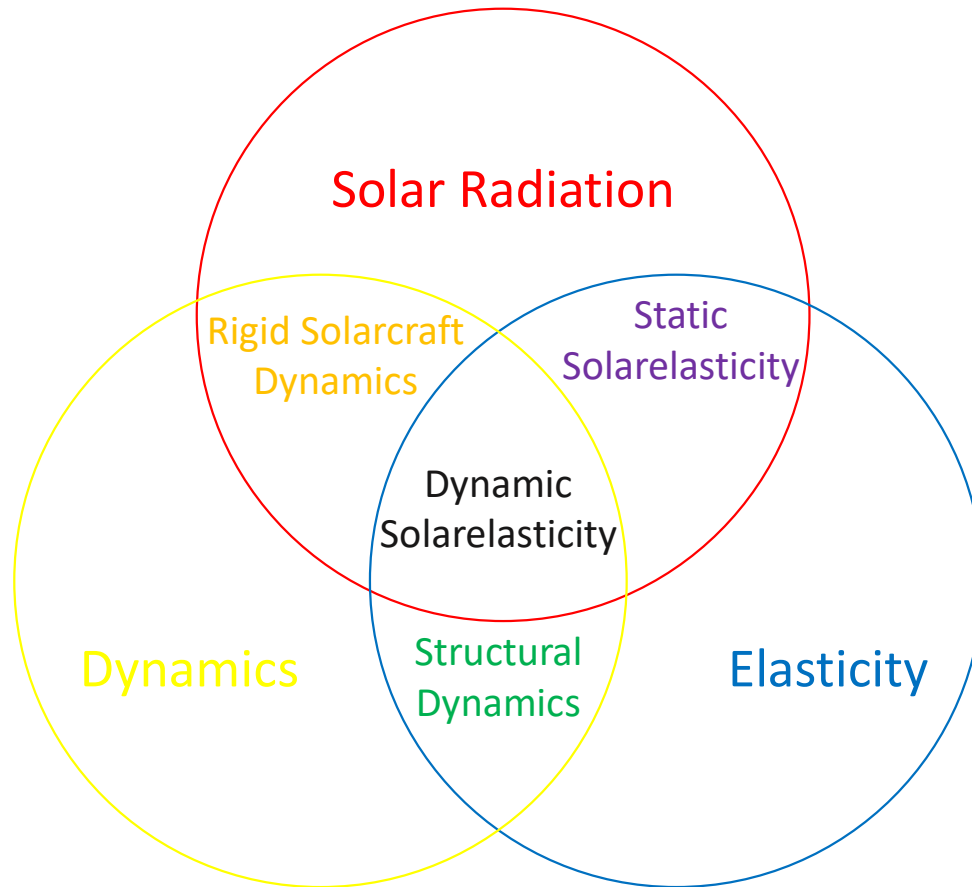
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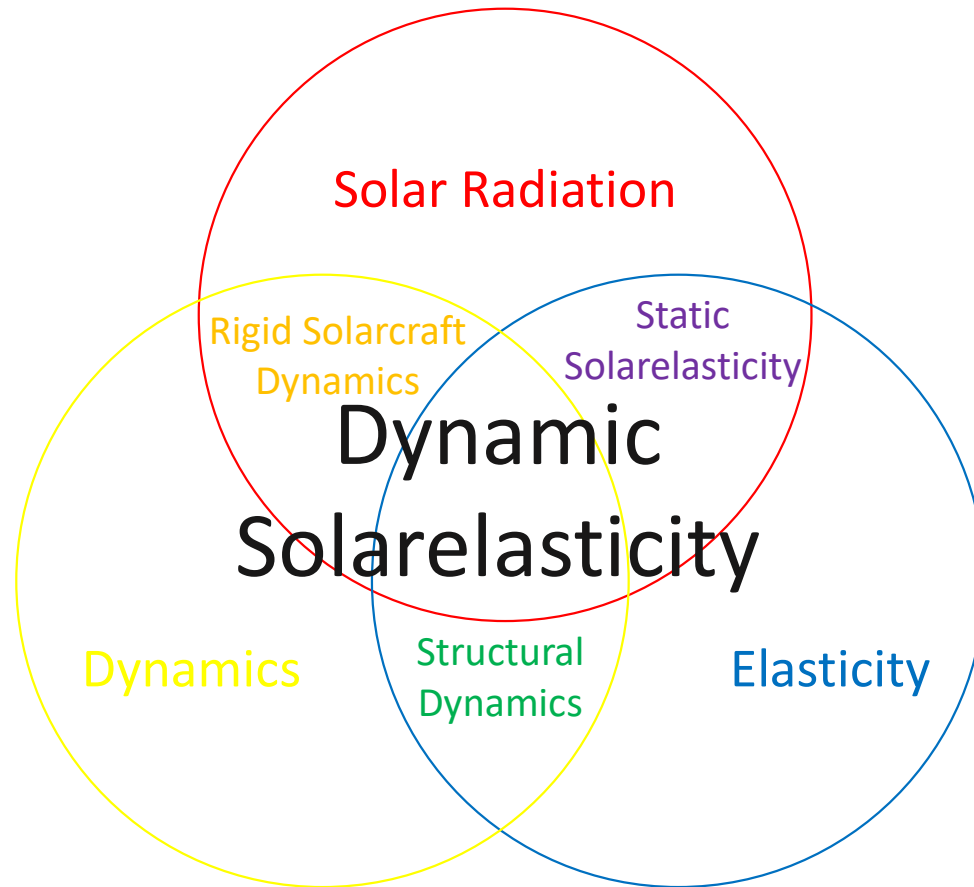
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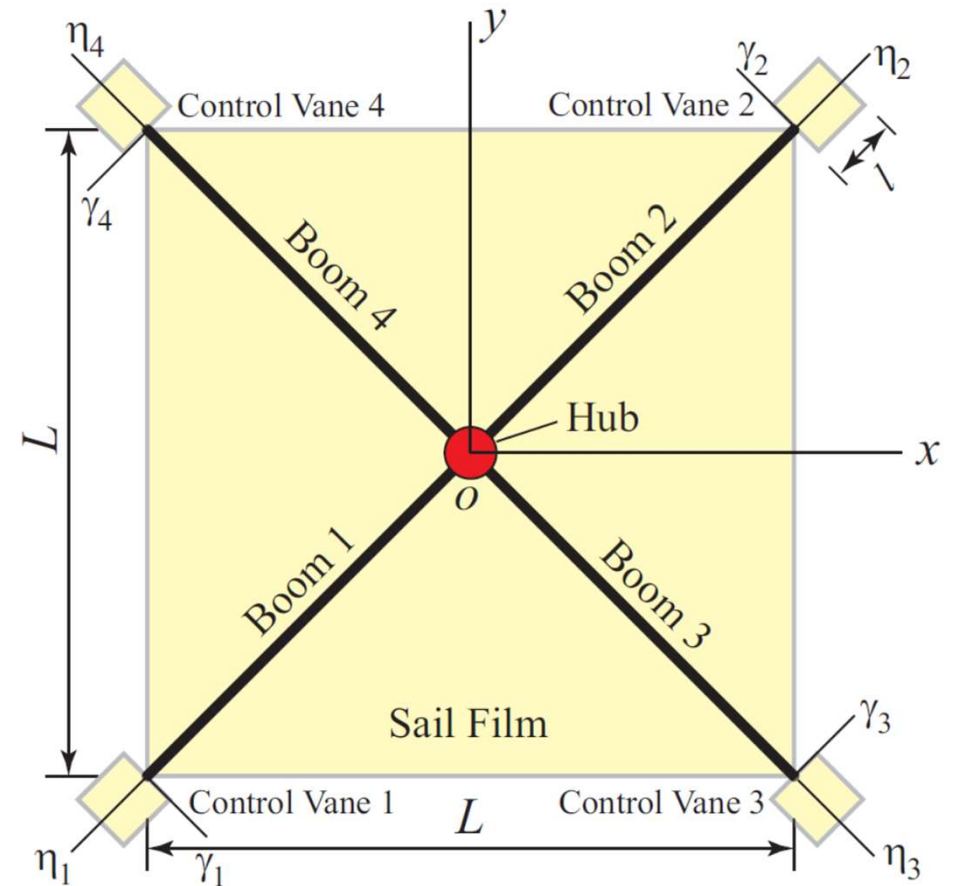


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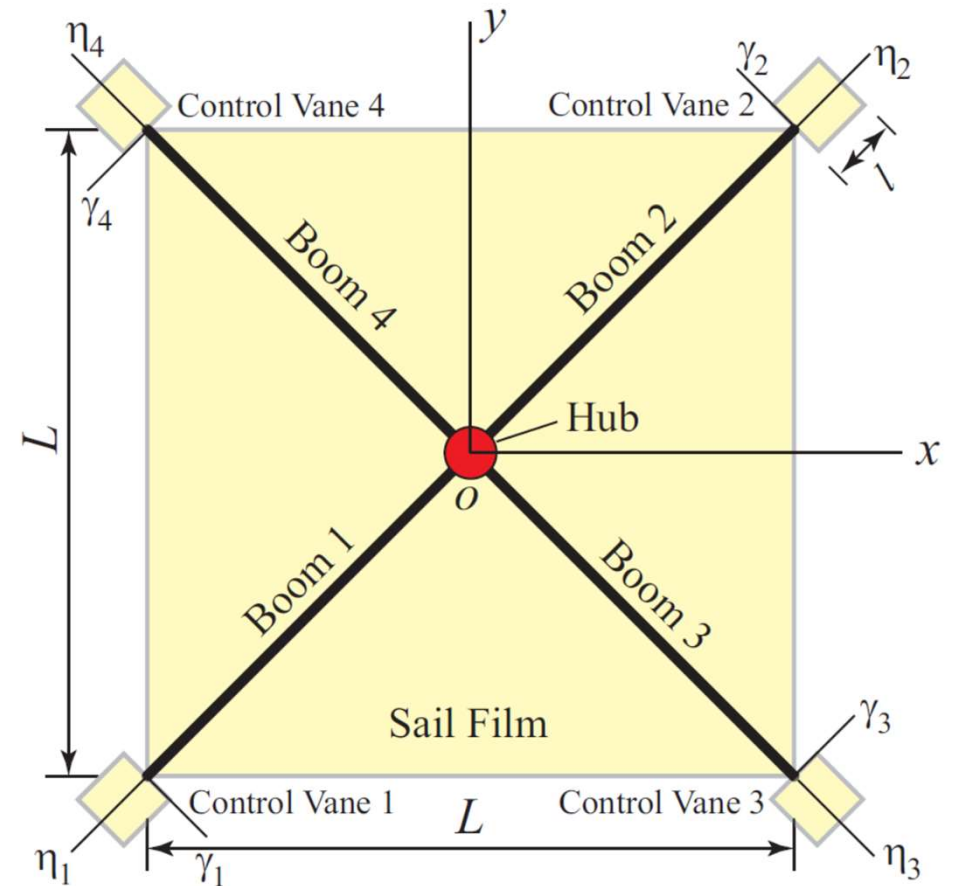
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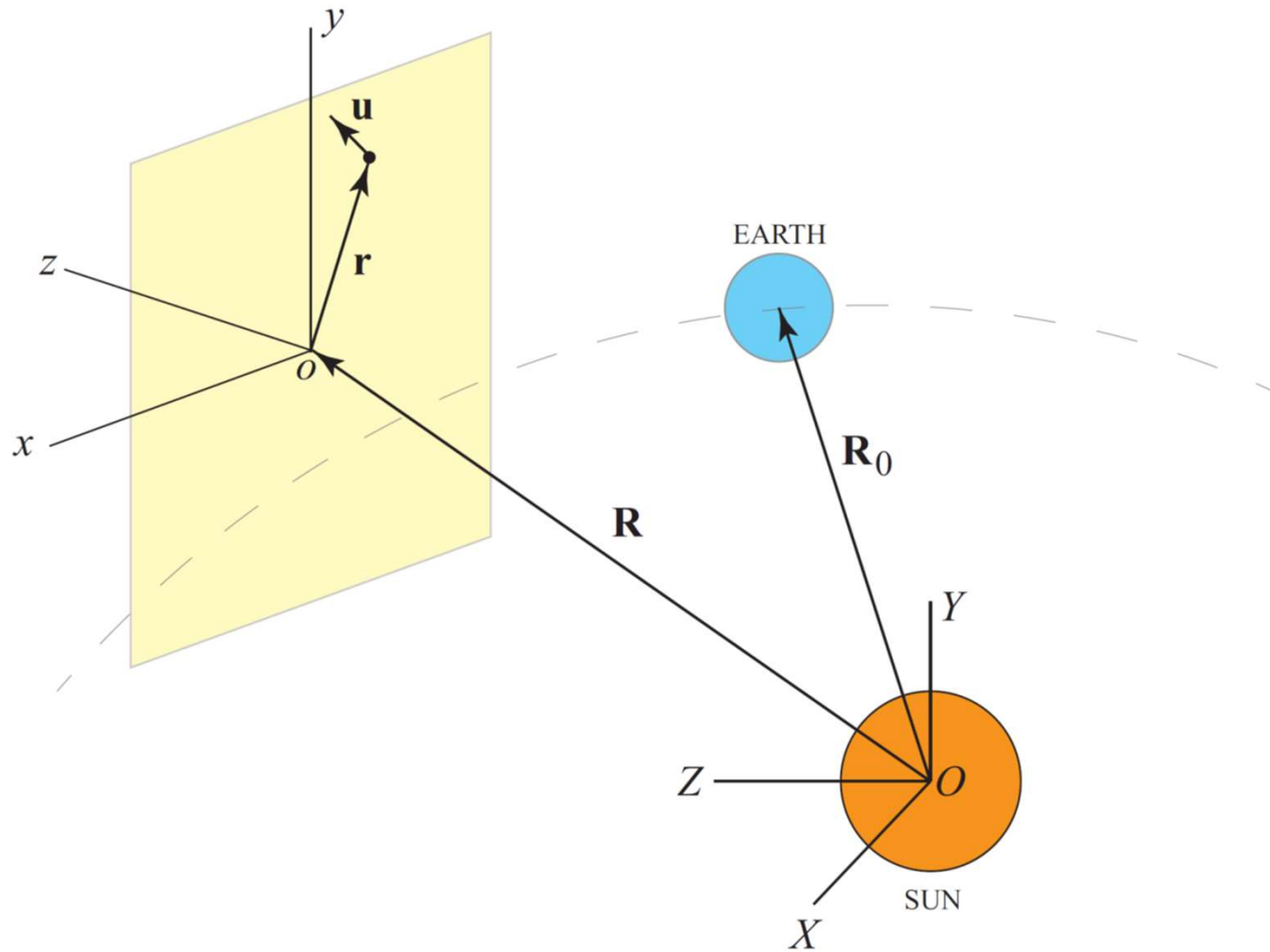
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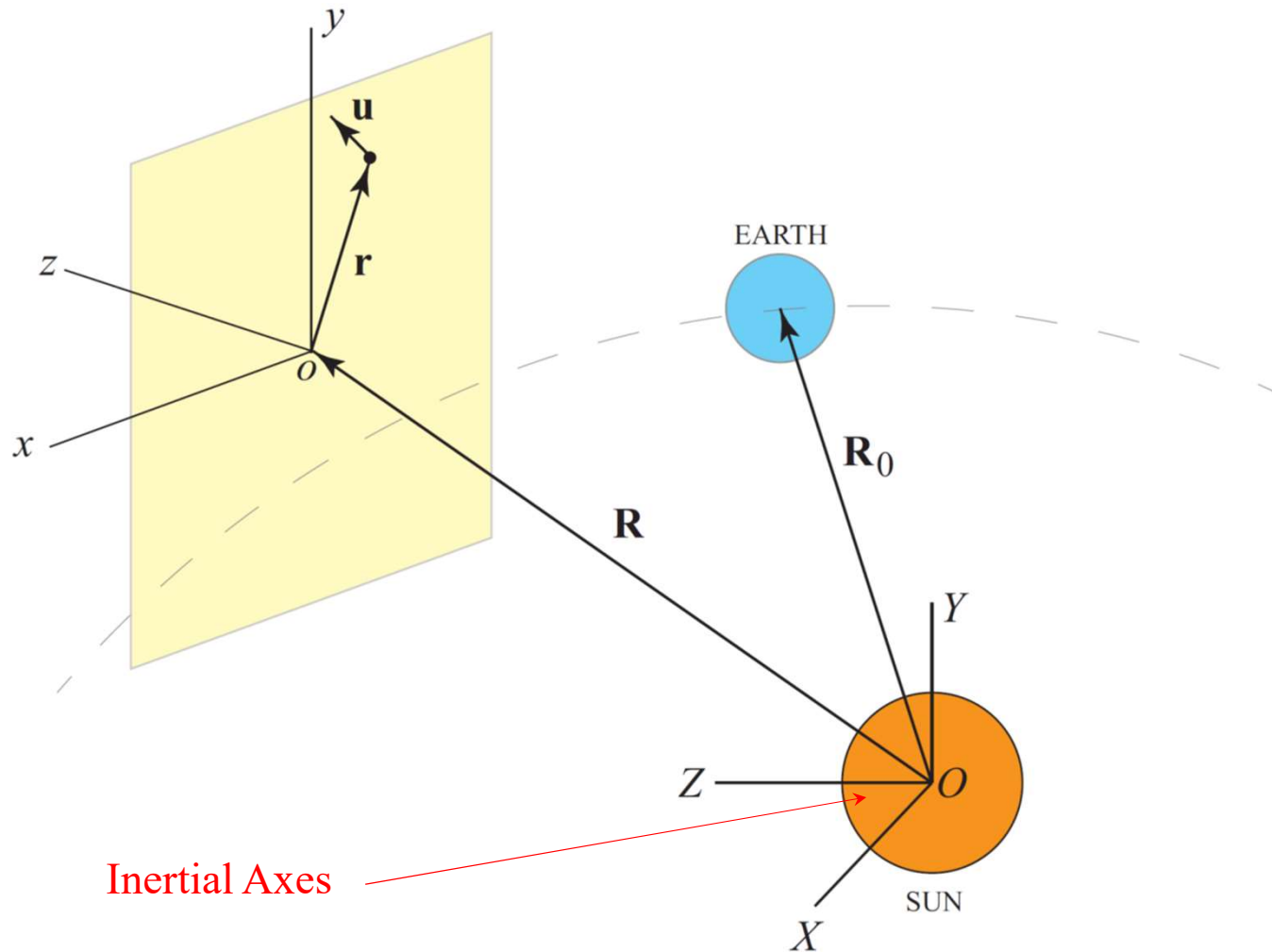


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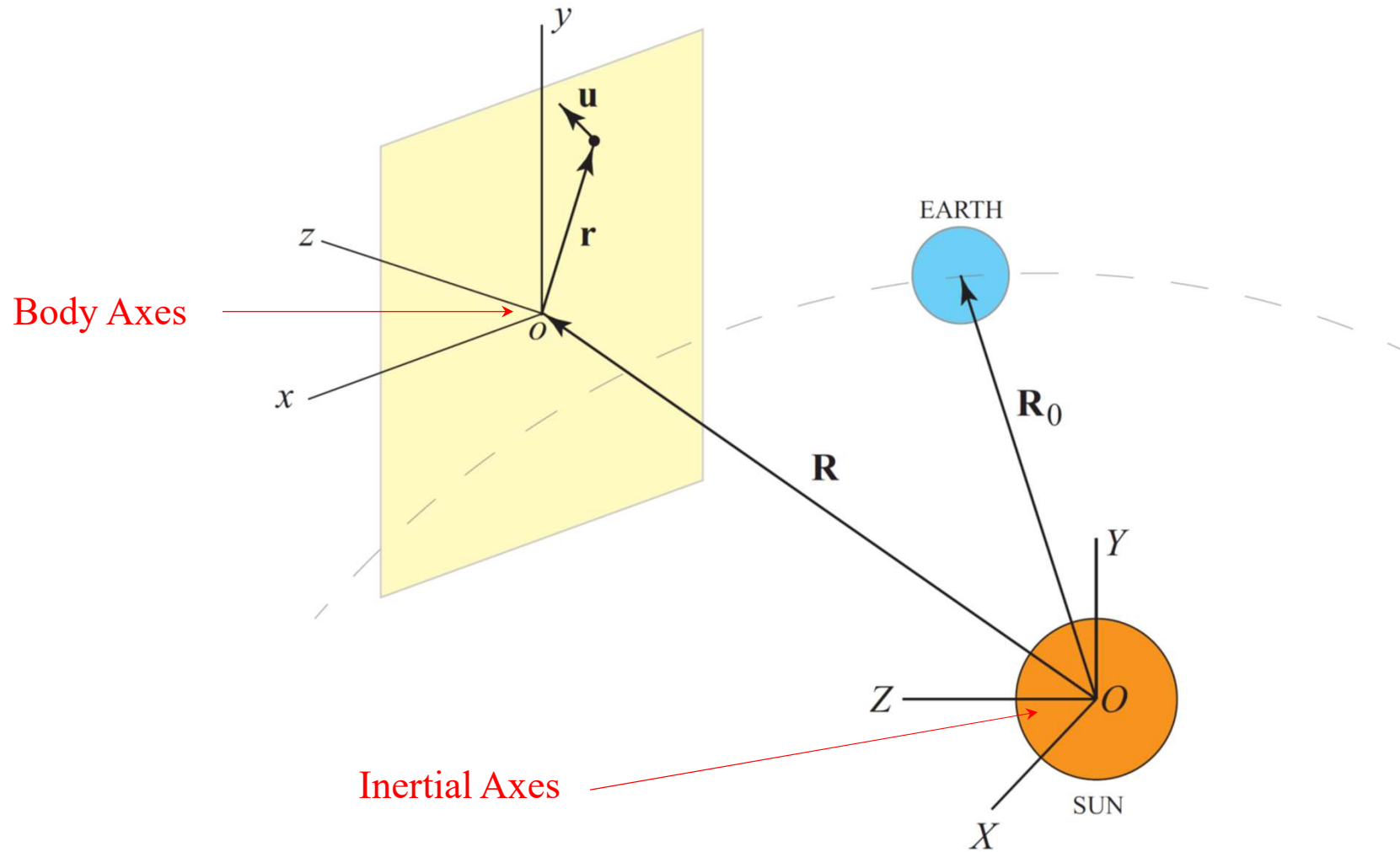
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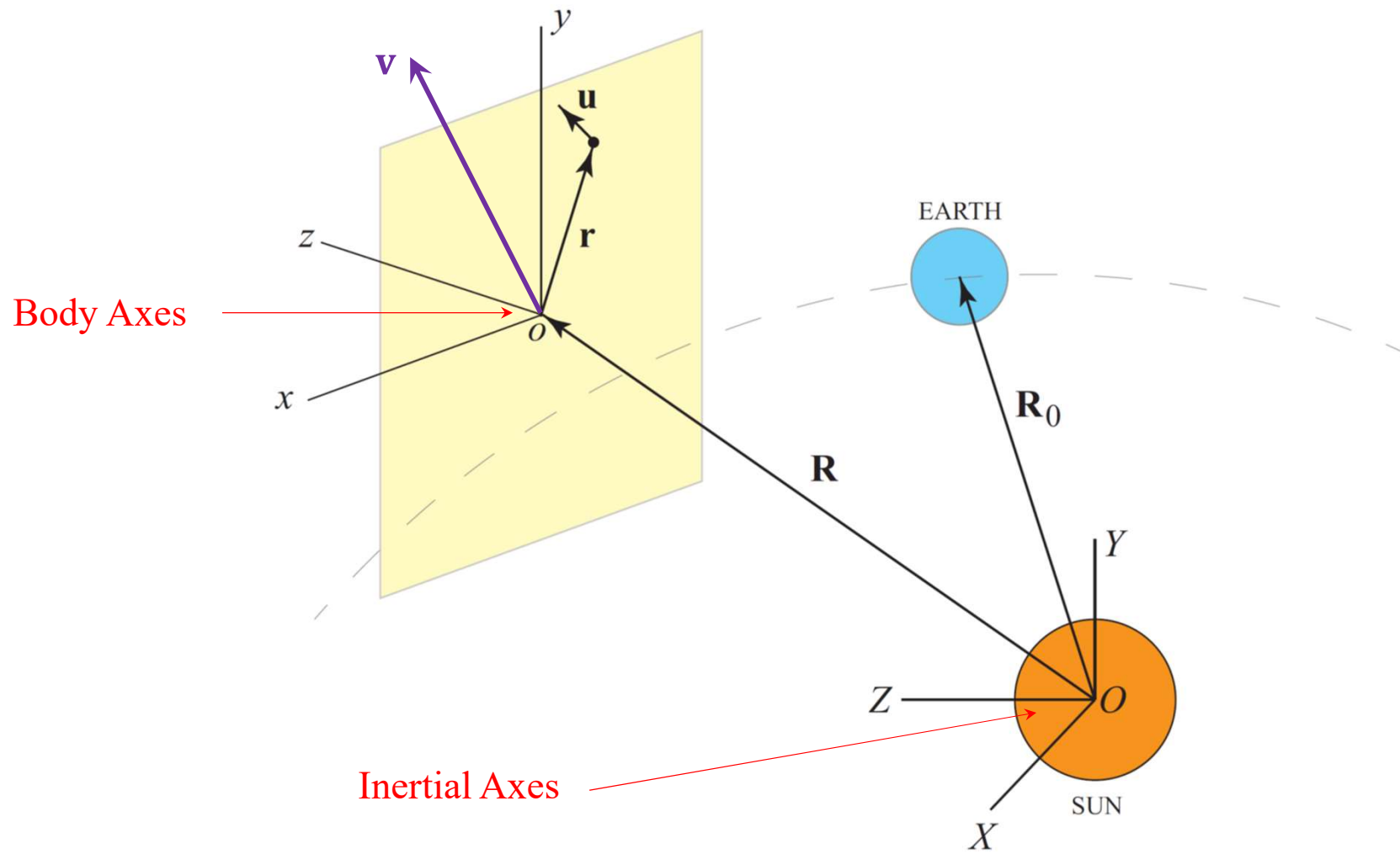
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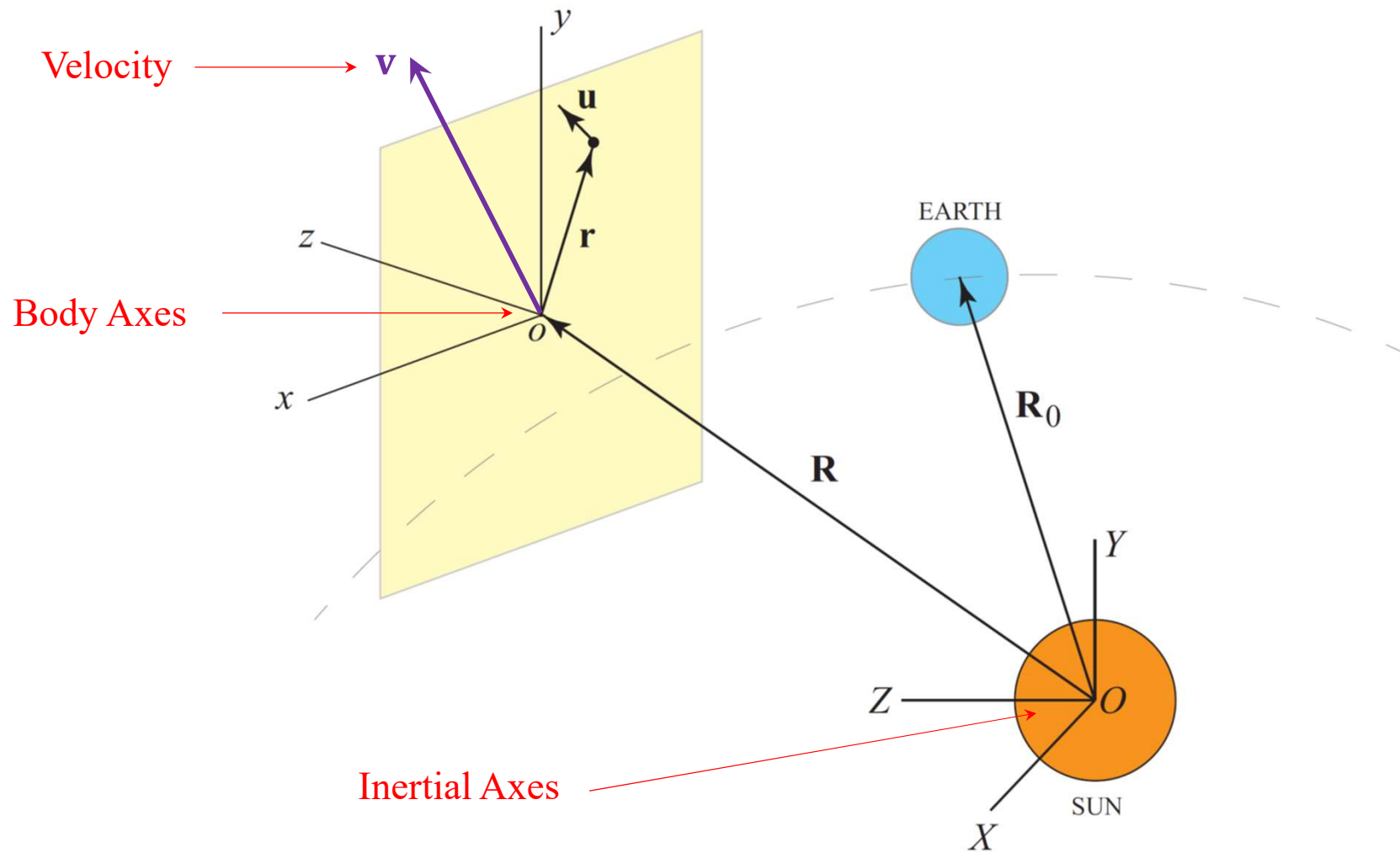
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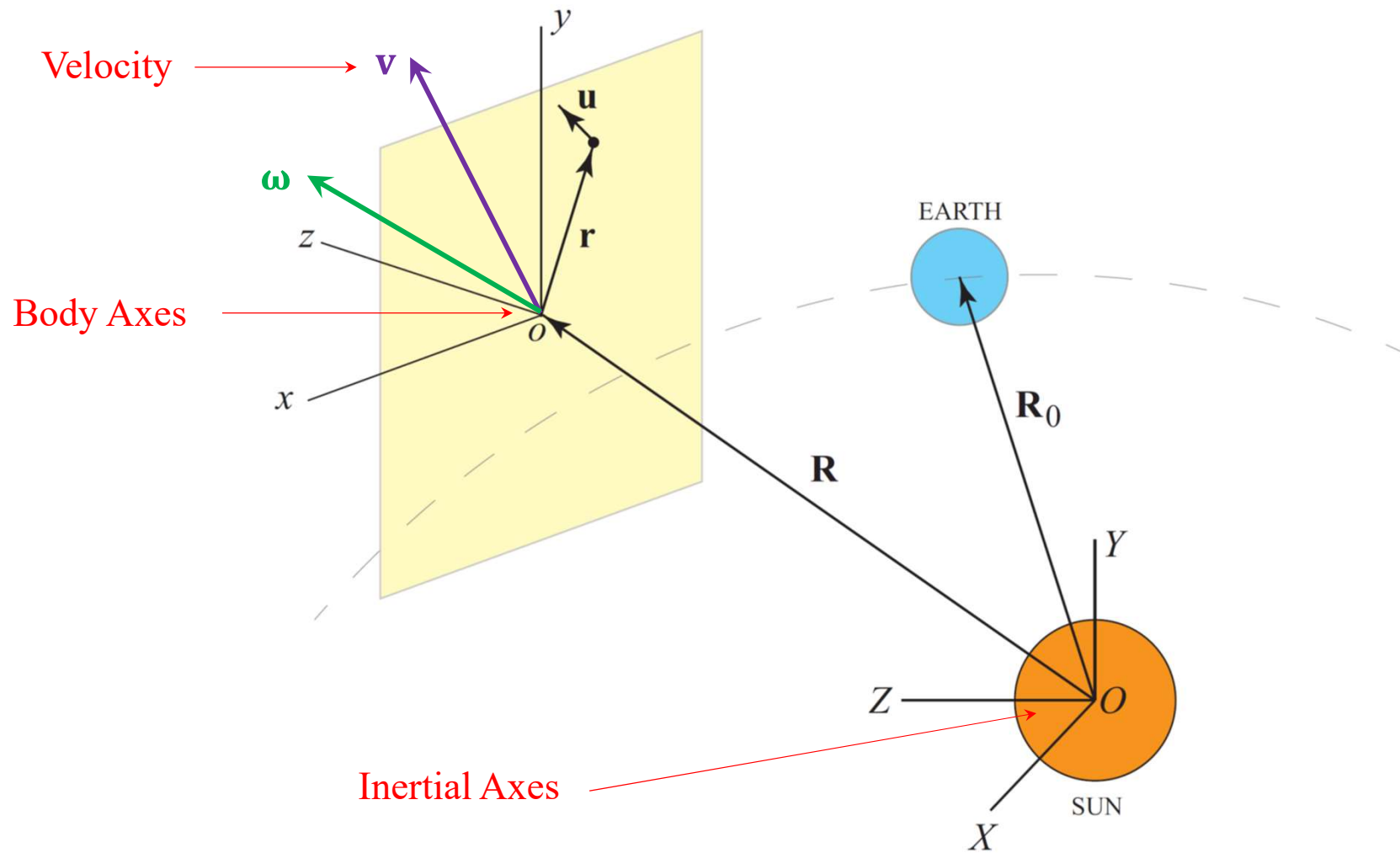
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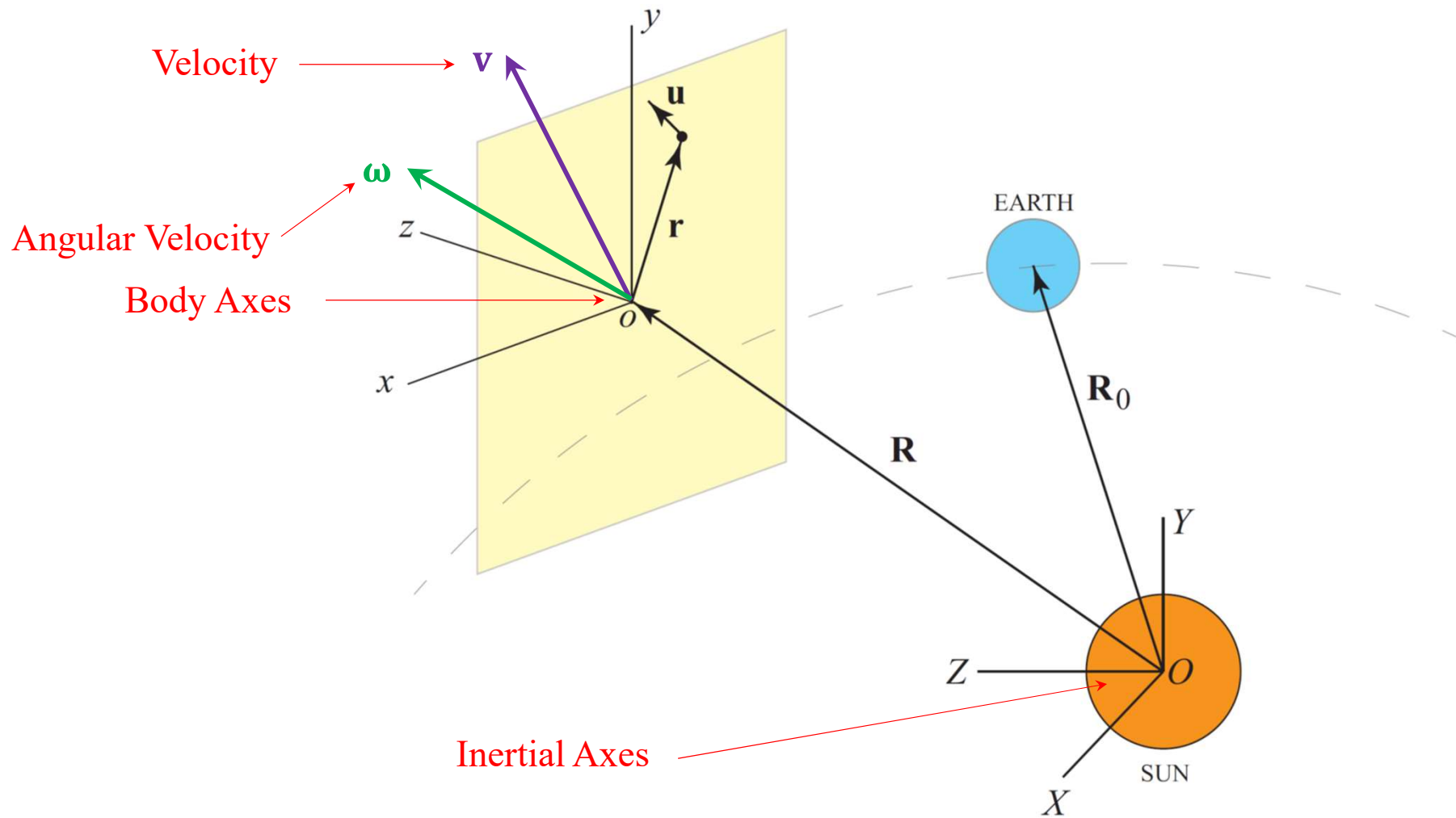
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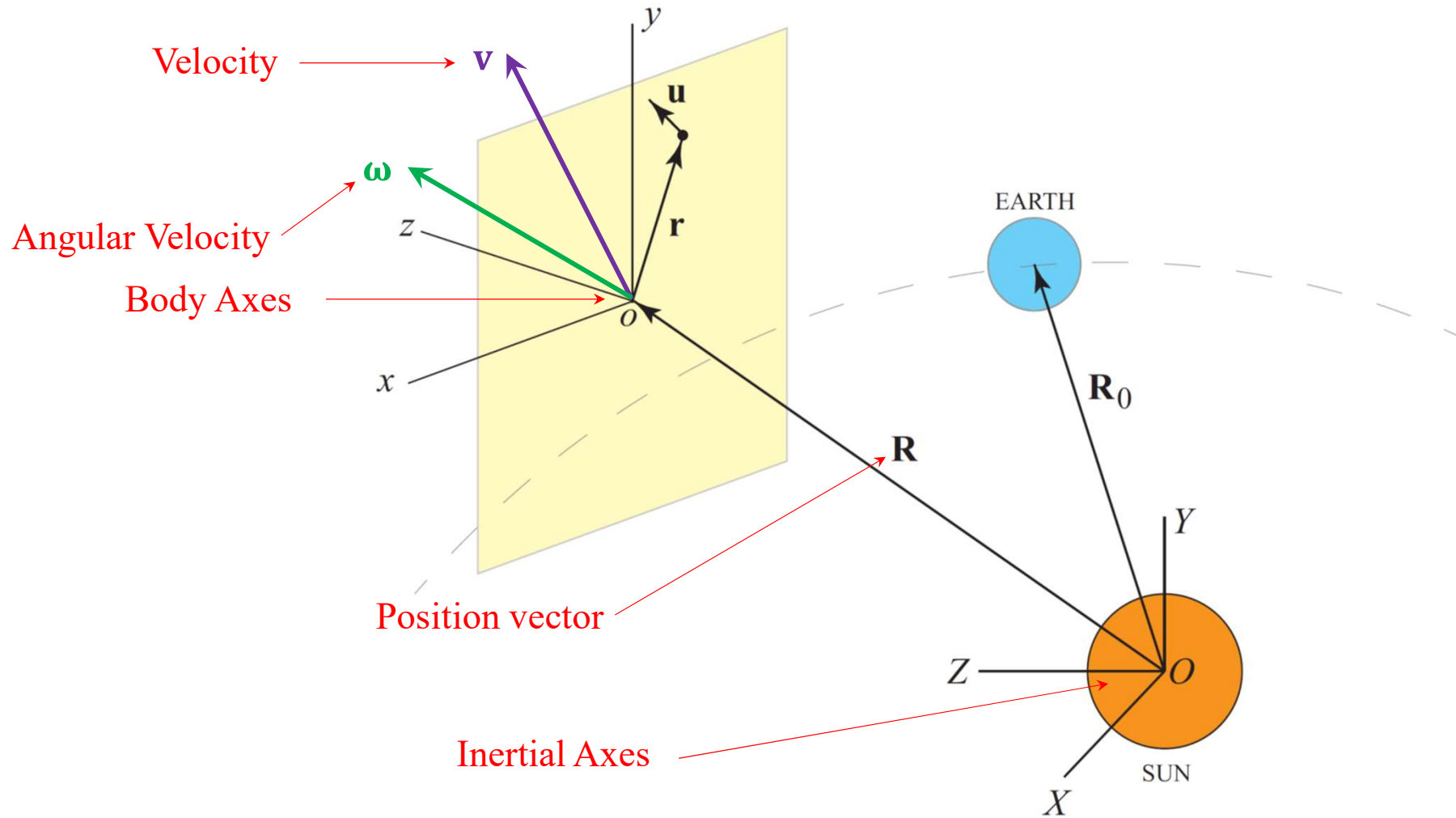
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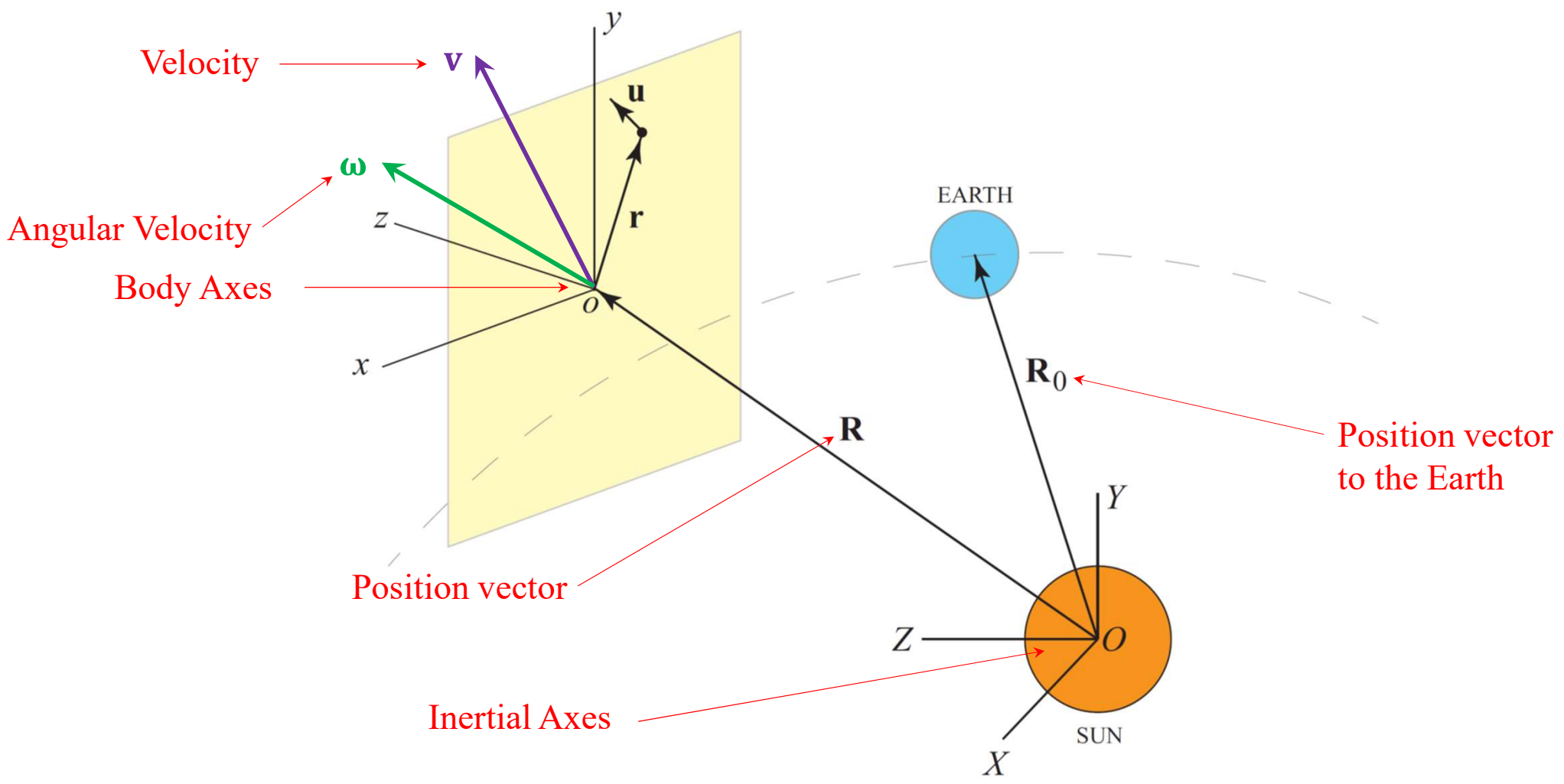
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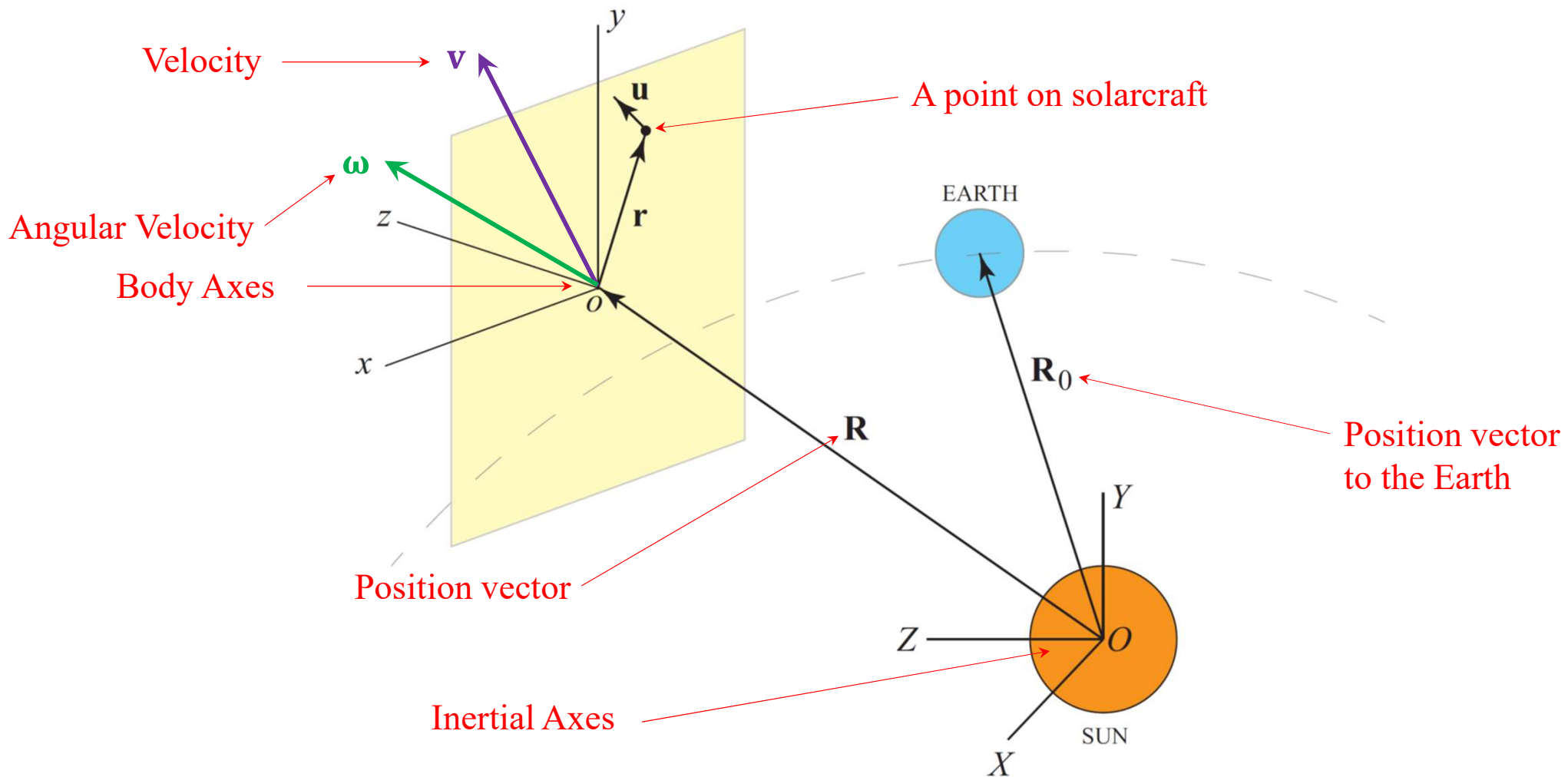
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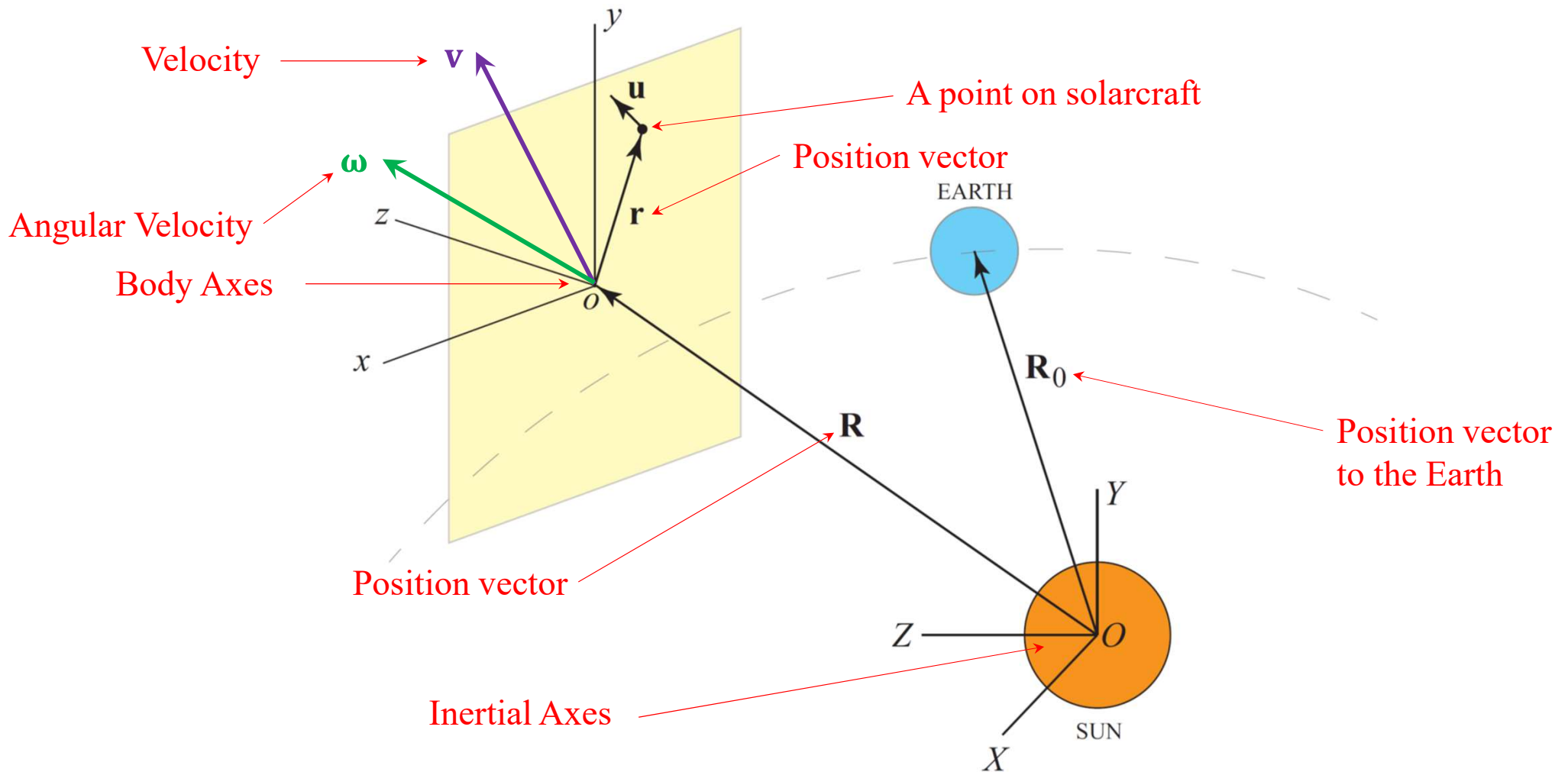
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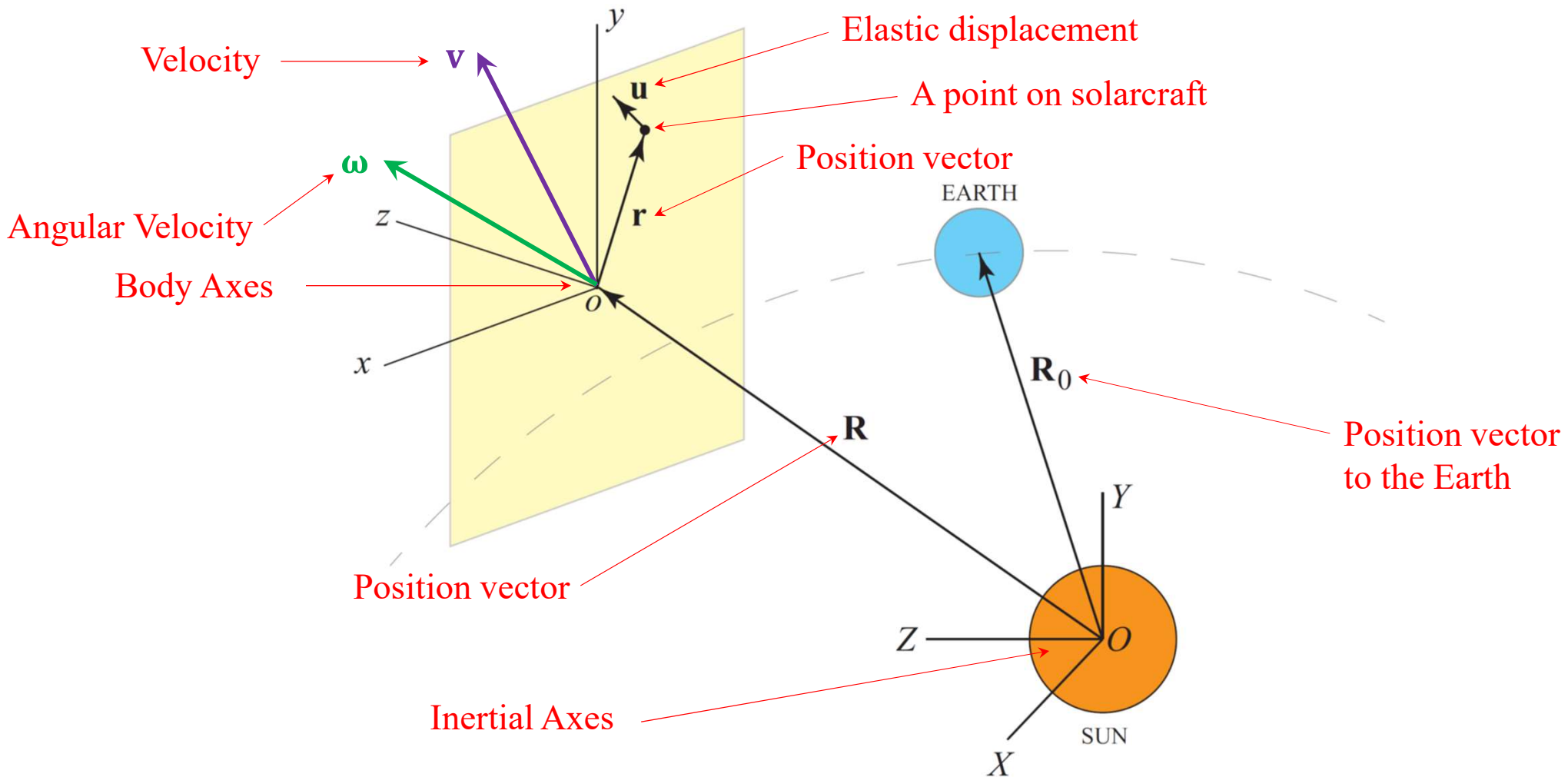
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Body axes xyz are obtained from the inertial axes XYZ :

1. Rotation θ about Y to the axes $x_1y_1z_1$
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3. Rotation ψ about z_2 to the body axes xyz

ϕ , θ and ψ are the Euler angles.

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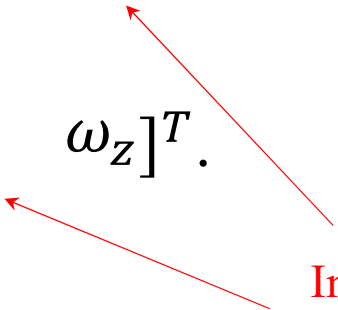
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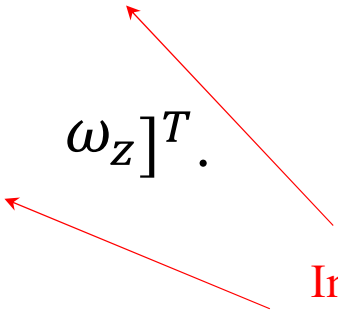
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for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

For the square solar sail, $\alpha_1 = 225^\circ$, $\alpha_2 = 45^\circ$, $\alpha_3 = 315^\circ$, $\alpha_4 = 135^\circ$.

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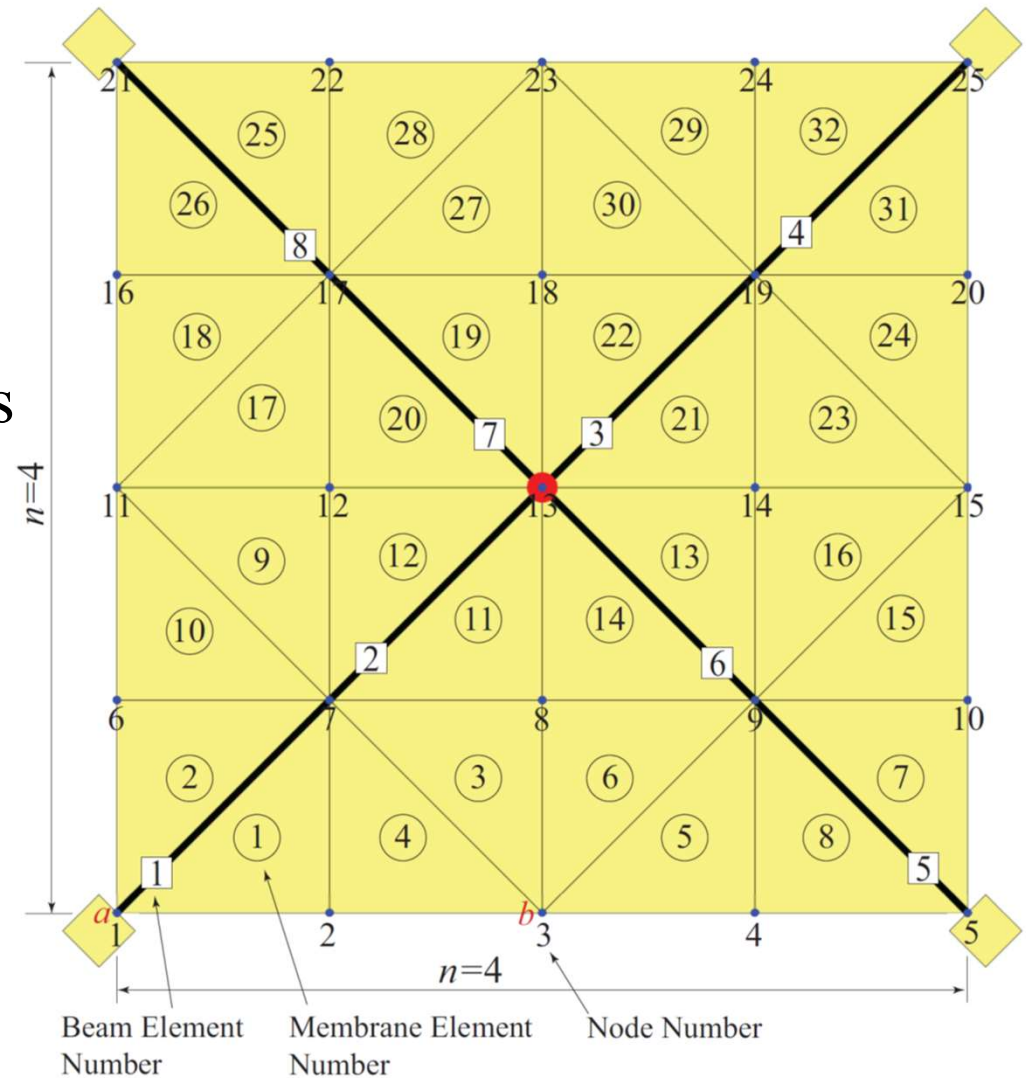
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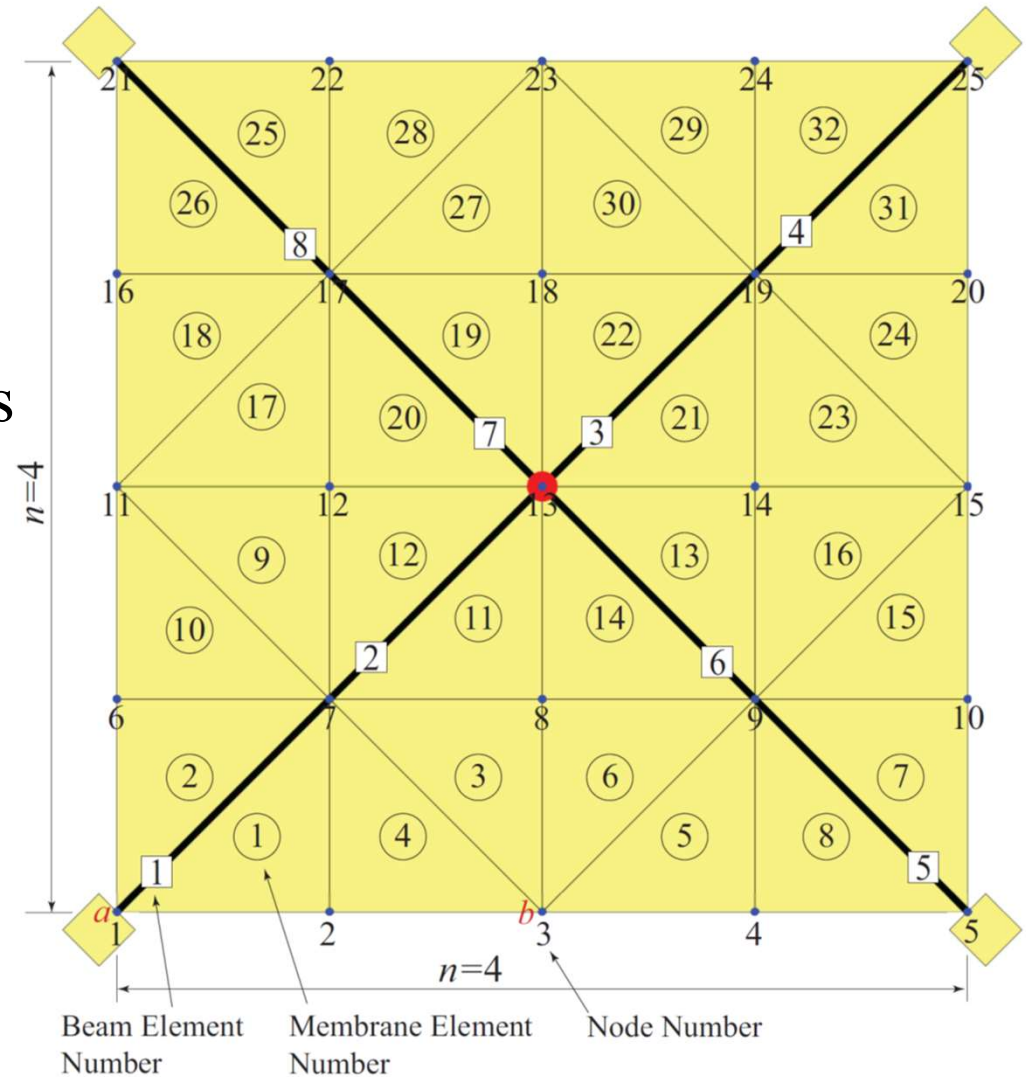
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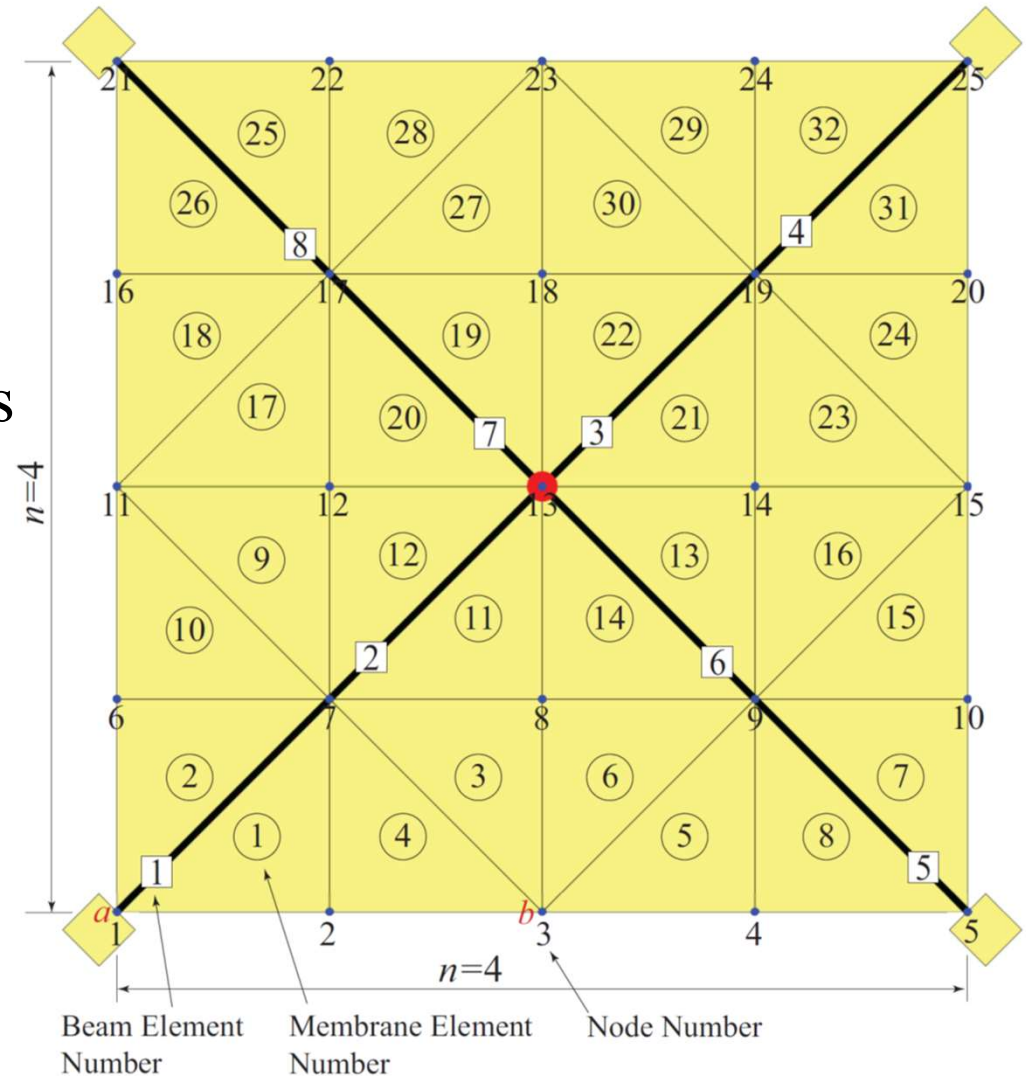
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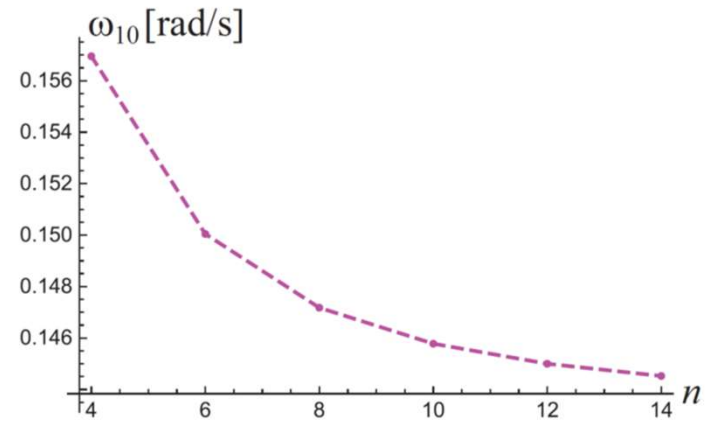
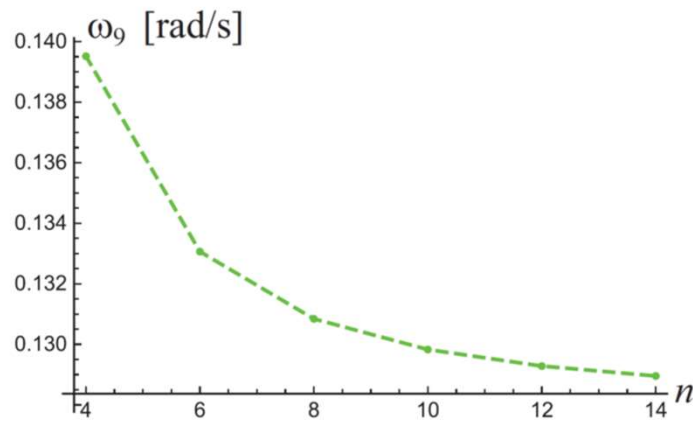
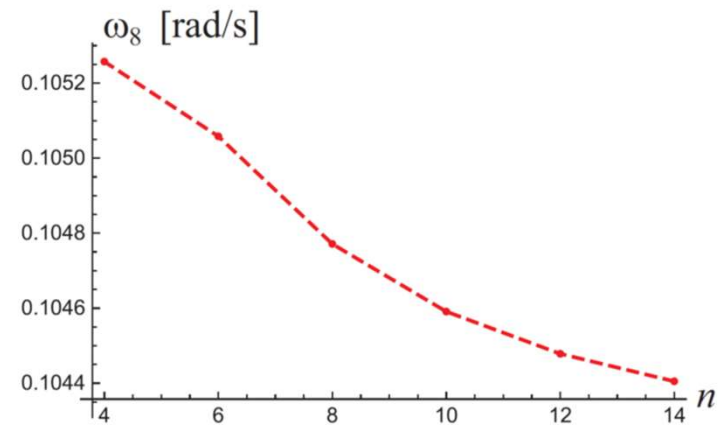
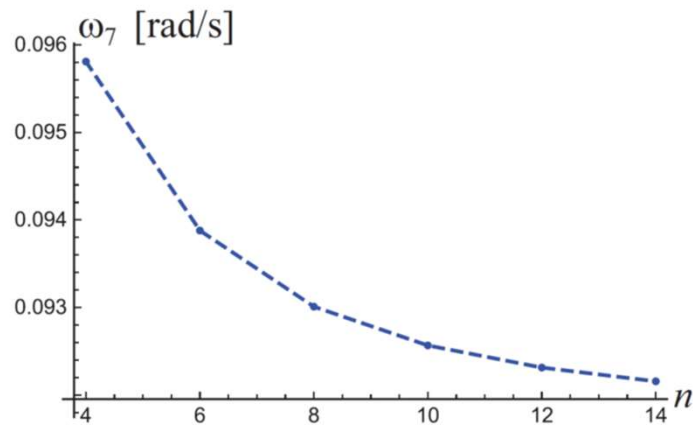
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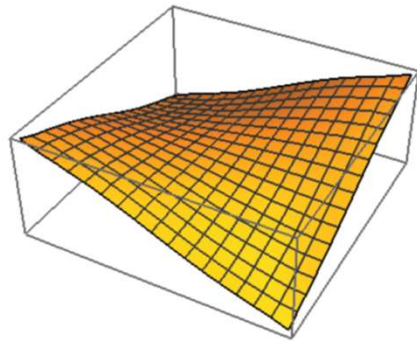
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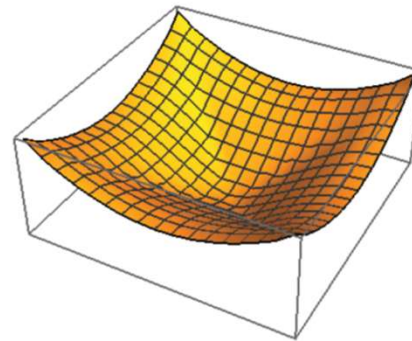
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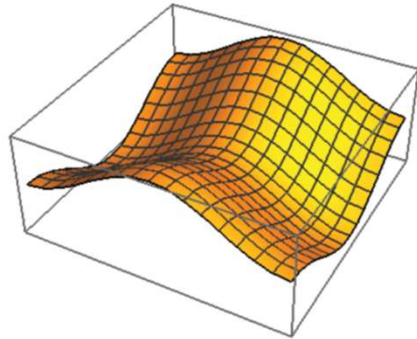
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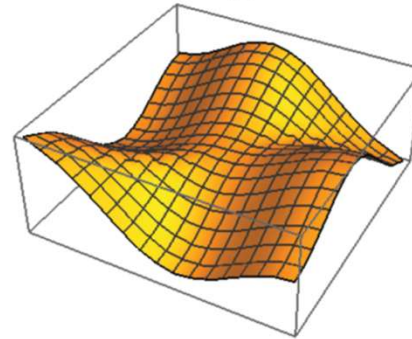
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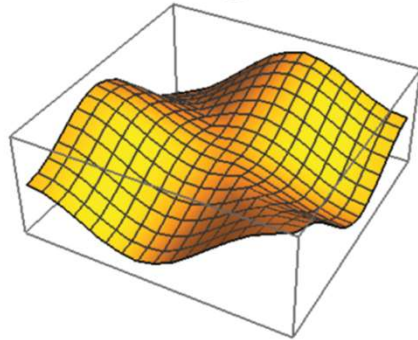
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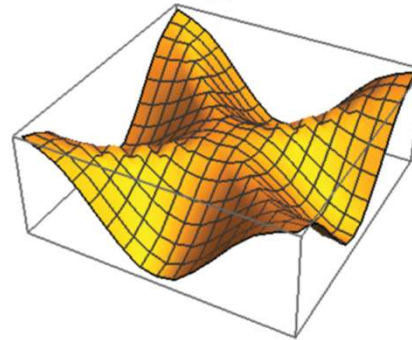
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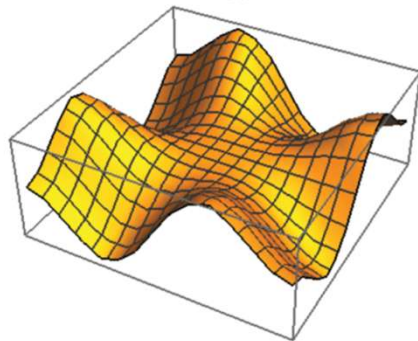
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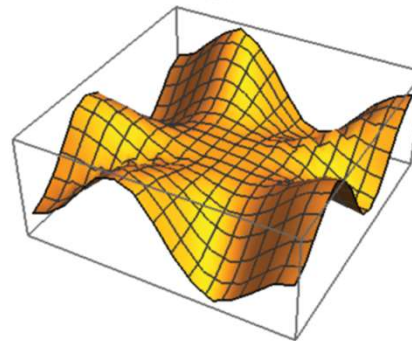
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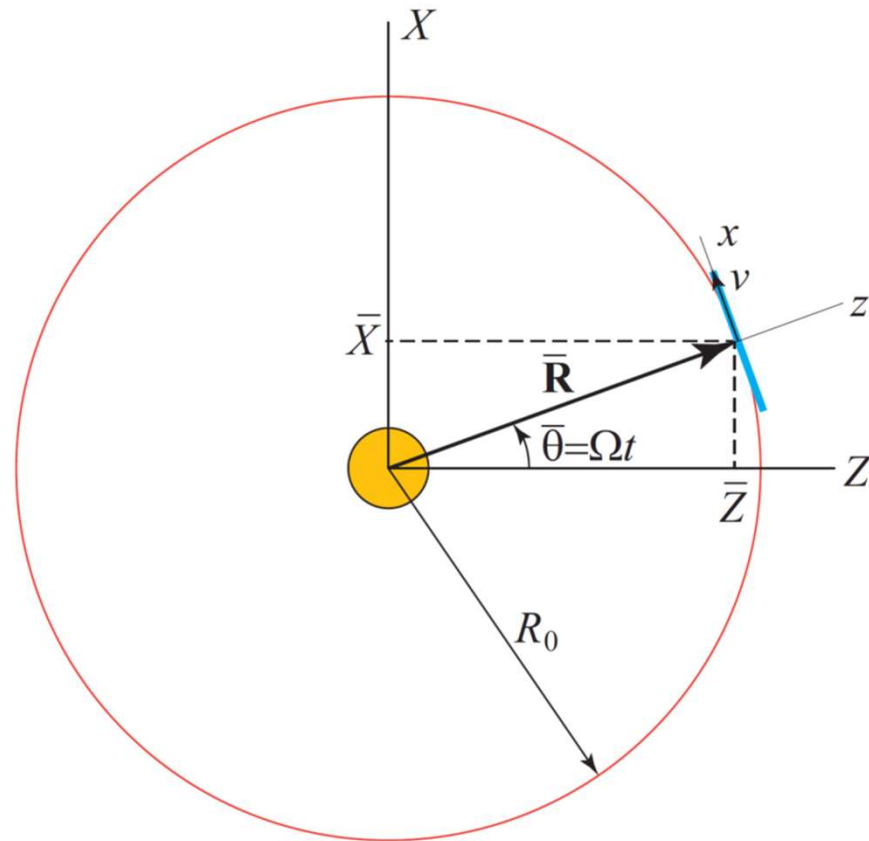


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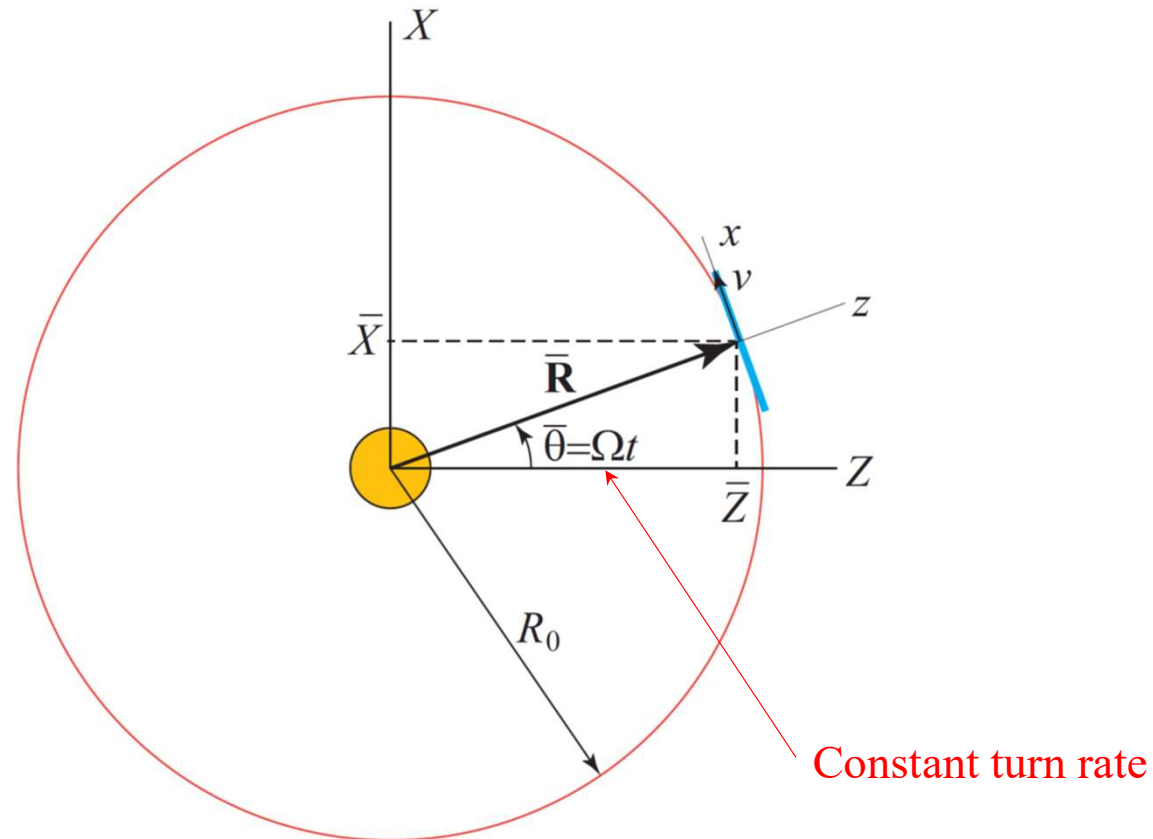
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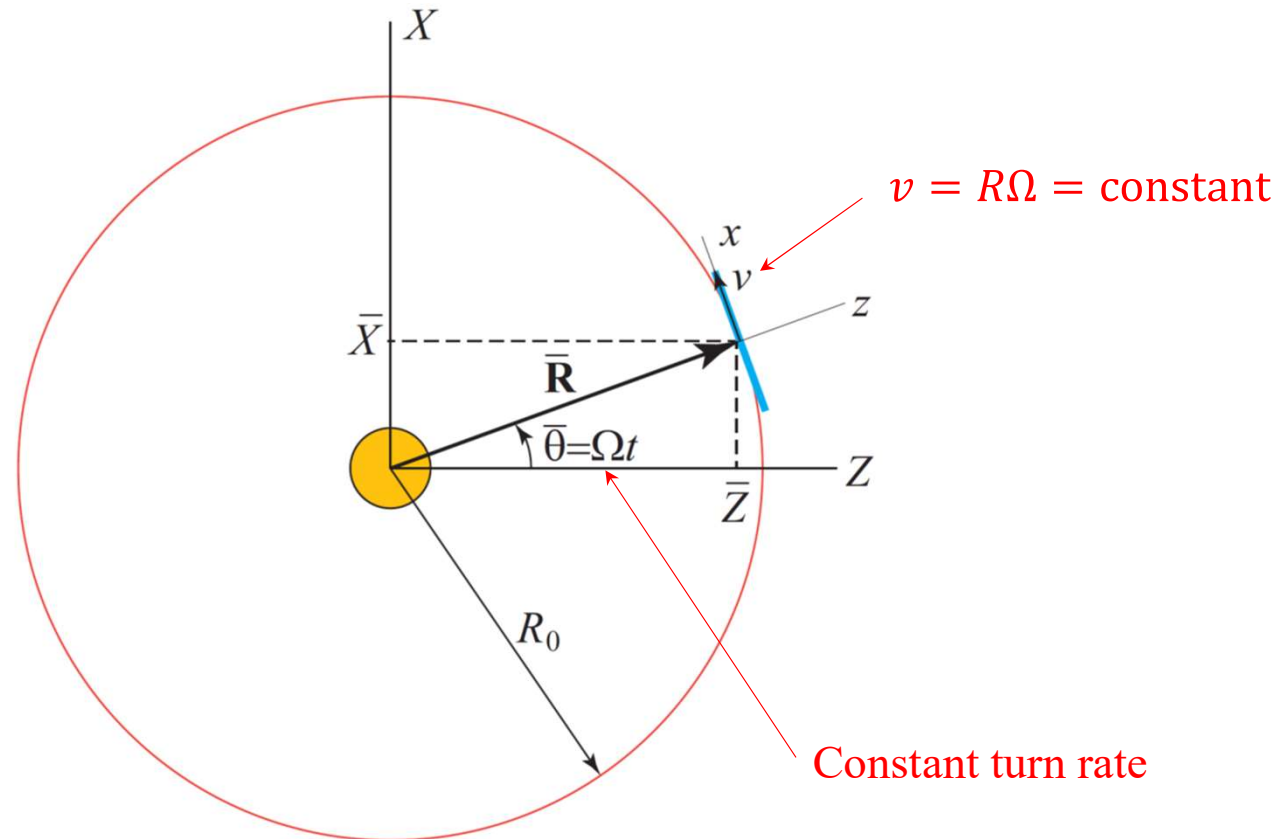
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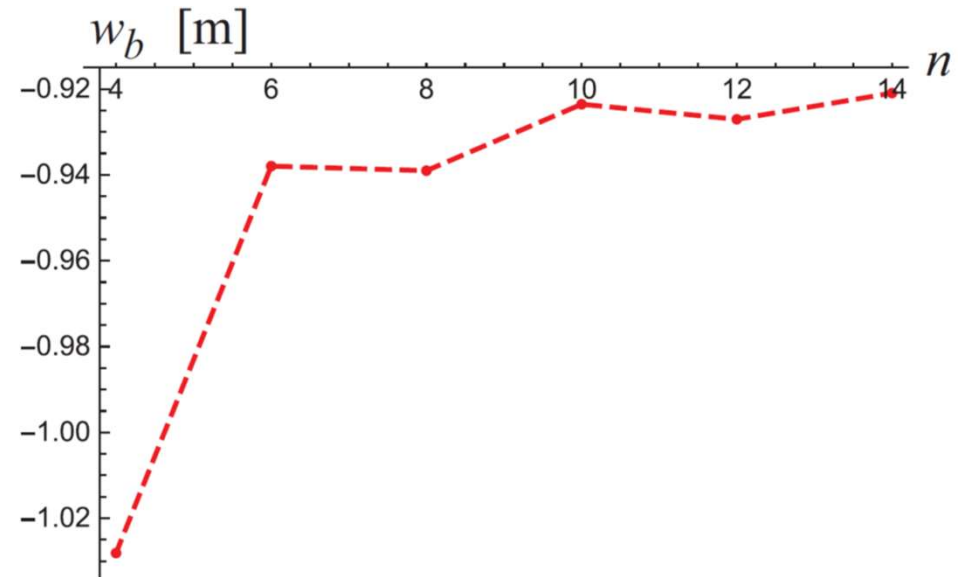
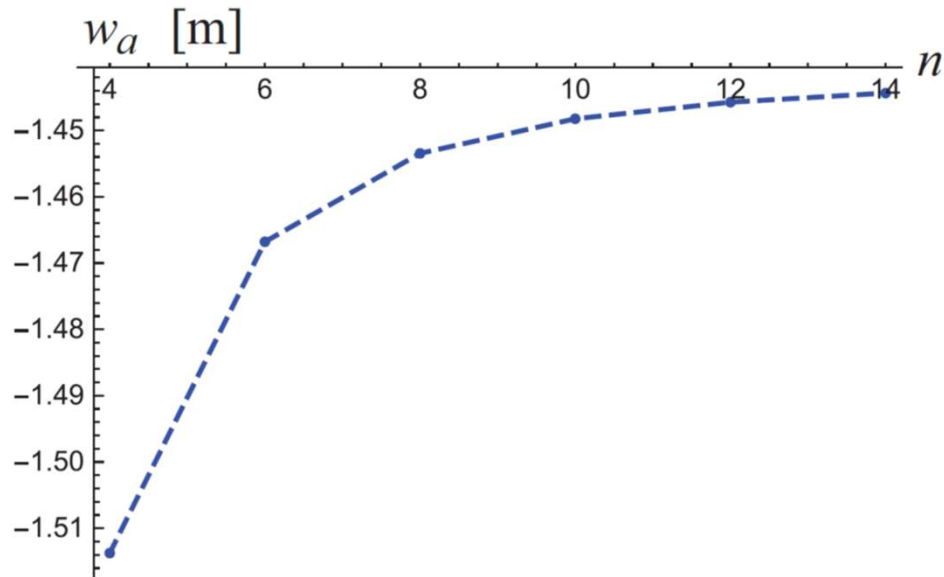
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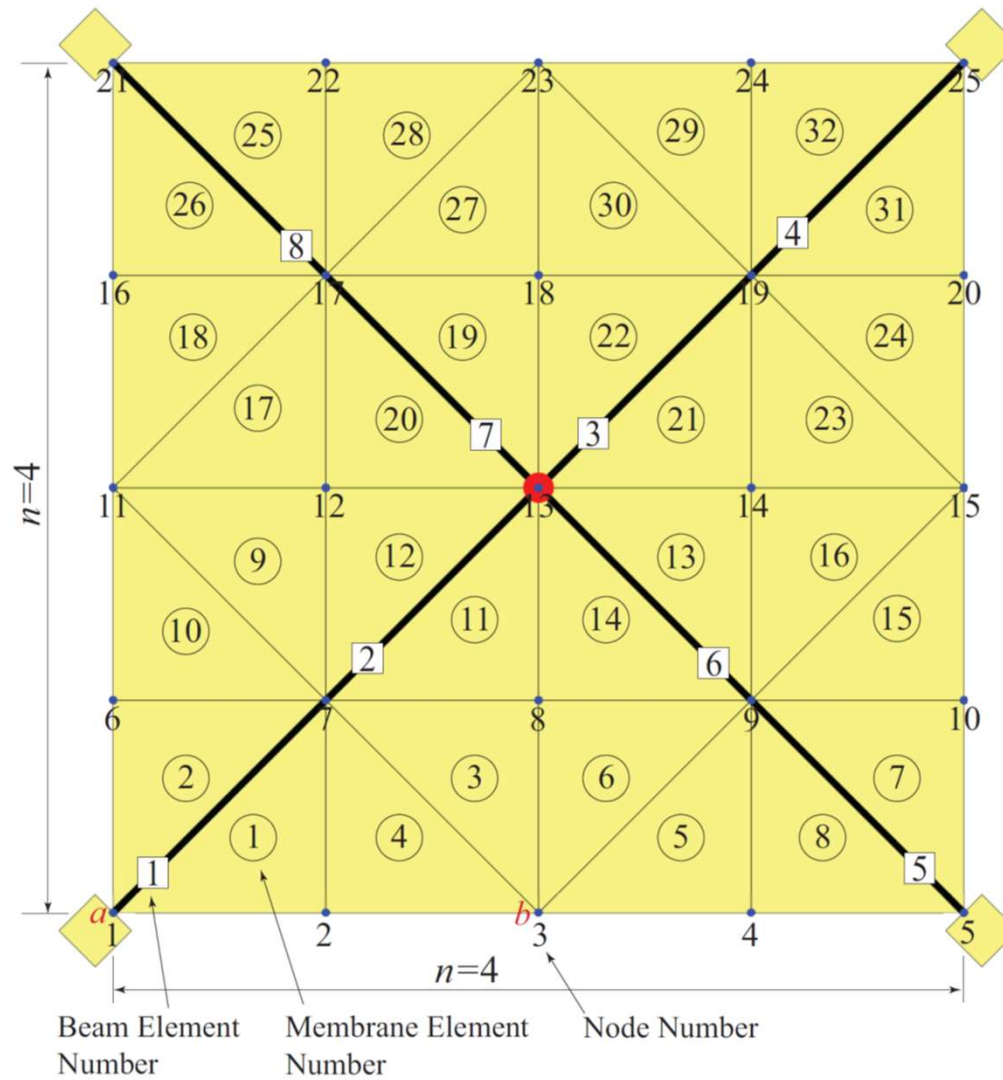


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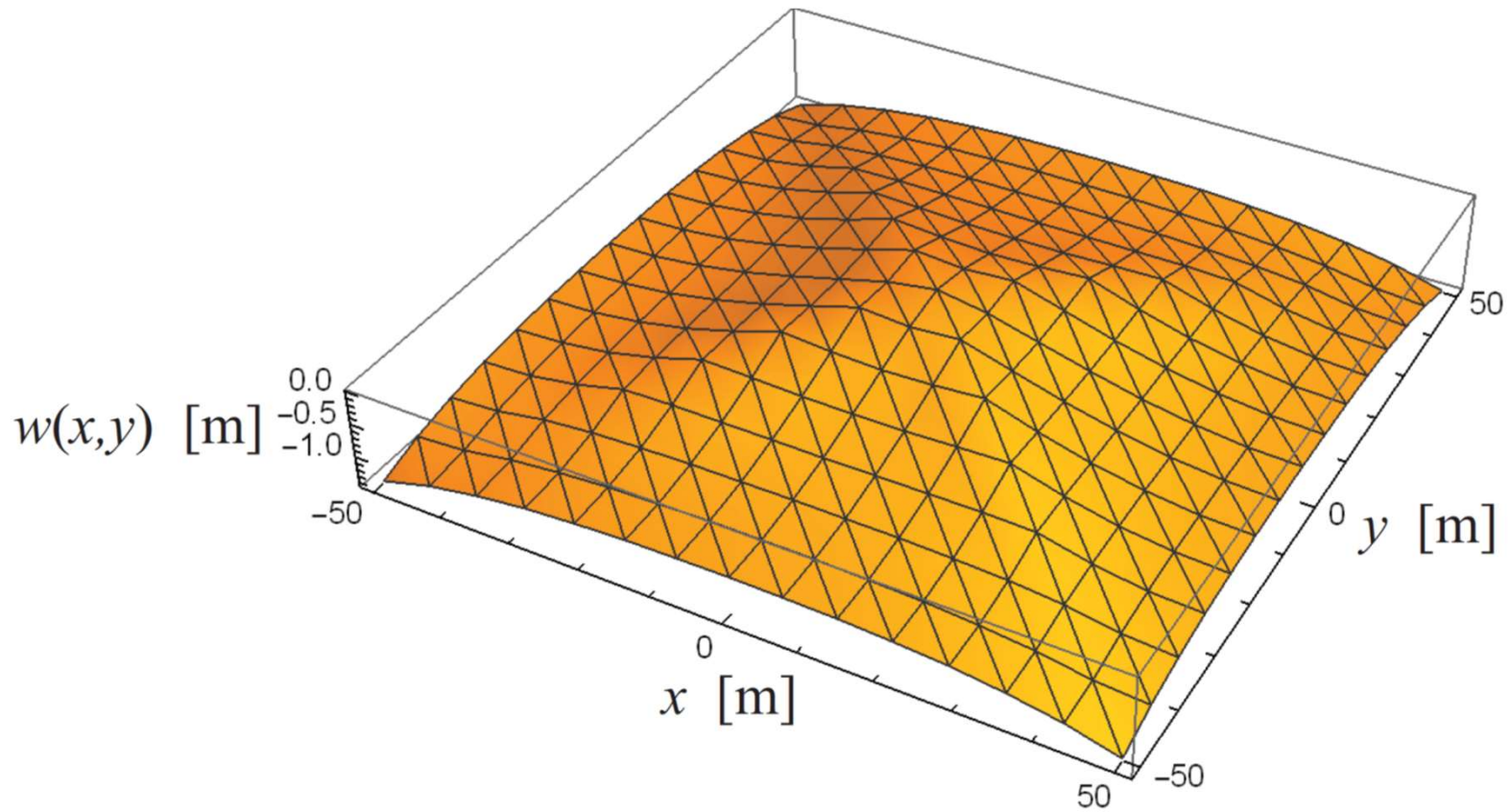


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w_a	-1.4668 m	-1.4479 m	-1.4444 m
w_b	-0.9380 m	-0.9233 m	-0.9209 m
# of λ 's	132	292	516
λ_{1-4}	0	0	0
$\lambda_{5,6}$	$\pm 1.438 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm 1.416 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm 1.355 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{7,8}$	$\pm i1.767 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i1.766 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i1.769 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{9,10}$	$\pm i2.421 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i2.388 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i2.685 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{11,12}$	± 0.001148	± 0.001112	± 0.001101
$\lambda_{13,14}$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078881$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078351$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078170$
$\lambda_{15,16}$	$-0.000469 \pm i0.093866$	$-0.000463 \pm i0.092554$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092144$
$\lambda_{17,18}$	$-0.000943 \pm i0.133046$	$-0.000910 \pm i0.129813$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128940$
$\lambda_{19,20}$	$-0.001199 \pm i0.150027$	$-0.001148 \pm i0.145763$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144508$
$\lambda_{21,22}$	$-0.001212 \pm i0.150838$	$-0.001159 \pm i0.146498$	$-0.001145 \pm i0.145234$
$\lambda_{23,24}$	$-0.001450 \pm i0.164970$	$-0.001385 \pm i0.160137$	$-0.001365 \pm i0.158598$

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$\lambda_{25,26}$	$-0.002715 \pm i0.225751$	$-0.002405 \pm i0.210986$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206787$
$\lambda_{27,28}$	$-0.003044 \pm i0.239051$	$-0.002731 \pm i0.224812$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220319$
$\lambda_{29,30}$	$-0.003045 \pm i0.239097$	$-0.002733 \pm i0.224893$	$-0.002636 \pm i0.220414$
$\lambda_{31,32}$	$-0.003383 \pm i0.251986$	$-0.003087 \pm i0.239036$	$-0.002980 \pm i0.234326$
$\lambda_{33,34}$	$-0.004655 \pm i0.295580$	$-0.003896 \pm i0.268537$	$-0.003689 \pm i0.260732$
$\lambda_{35,36}$	$-0.004670 \pm i0.296069$	$-0.003957 \pm i0.270620$	$-0.003765 \pm i0.263389$
$\lambda_{37,38}$	$-0.004759 \pm i0.298872$	$-0.004083 \pm i0.274897$	$-0.003882 \pm i0.267456$
$\lambda_{39,40}$	$-0.004801 \pm i0.300184$	$-0.004094 \pm i0.275274$	$-0.003890 \pm i0.267715$
$\lambda_{41,42}$	$-0.007565 \pm i0.376808$	$-0.005233 \pm i0.311208$	$-0.004876 \pm i0.299754$
$\lambda_{43,44}$	$-0.007847 \pm i0.383764$	$-0.005298 \pm i0.313130$	$-0.004891 \pm i0.300194$
$\lambda_{45,46}$	$-0.008280 \pm i0.394194$	$-0.005363 \pm i0.315035$	$-0.004985 \pm i0.303071$
$\lambda_{47,48}$	$-0.009178 \pm i0.415023$	$-0.005558 \pm i0.320716$	$-0.005214 \pm i0.309937$
$\lambda_{49,50}$	$-0.009414 \pm i0.420309$	$-0.006960 \pm i0.358878$	$-0.006383 \pm i0.342945$
$\lambda_{51,52}$	$-0.009545 \pm i0.423216$	$-0.007144 \pm i0.363611$	$-0.006547 \pm i0.347303$
$\lambda_{53,54}$	$-0.009557 \pm i0.423487$	$-0.007166 \pm i0.364171$	$-0.006559 \pm i0.347639$
$\lambda_{55,56}$	$-0.009557 \pm i0.423487$	$-0.007224 \pm i0.365625$	$-0.006633 \pm i0.349576$
$\lambda_{57,58}$	$-0.009557 \pm i0.423487$	$-0.008991 \pm i0.407885$	$-0.008106 \pm i0.386430$

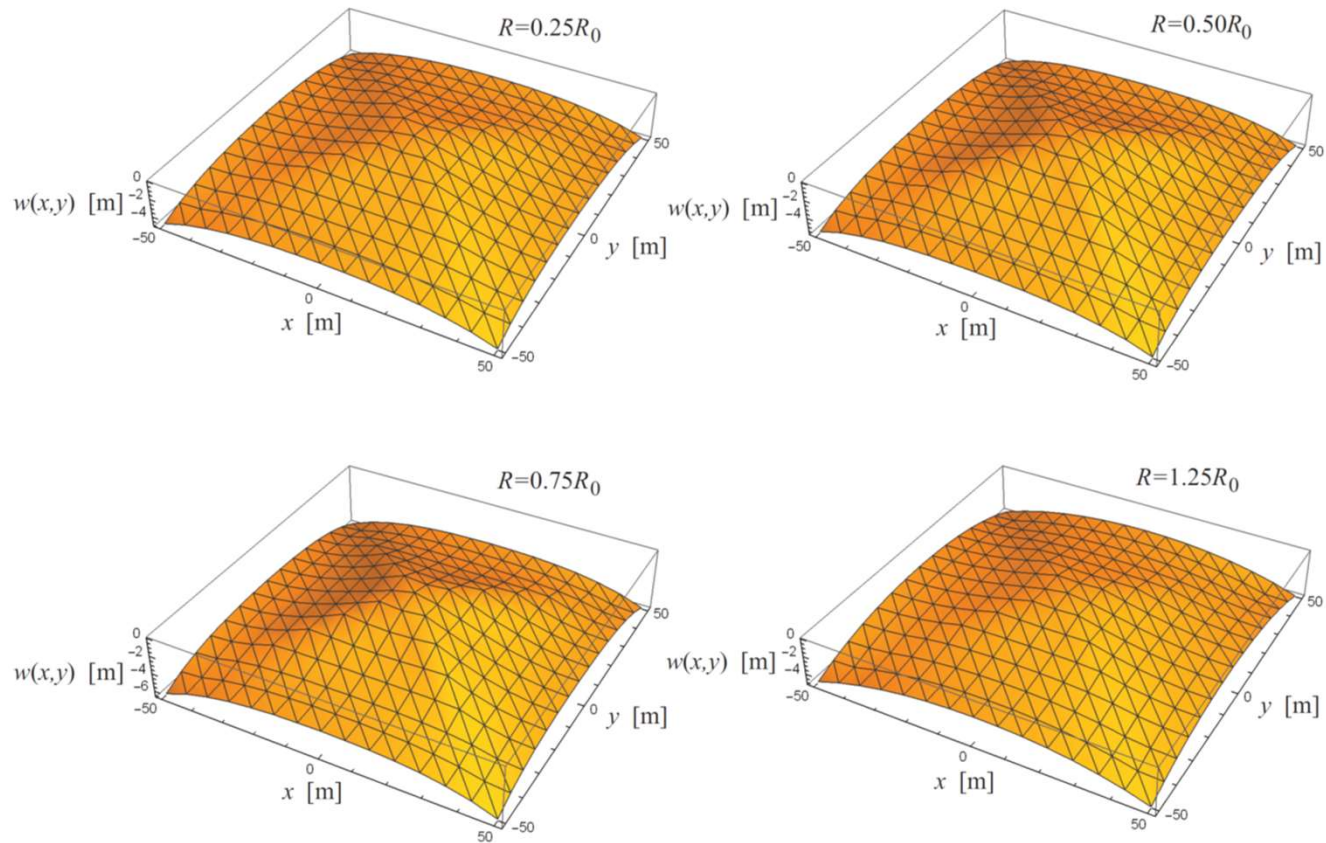
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Equilibrium Values and Eigenvalues of A for $n = 14$

	$0.25R_0$	$0.5R_0$	$0.75R_0$	$1.25R_0$
Ω	9.615×10^{-7} rad/s	4.999×10^{-7} rad/s	3.899×10^{-7} rad/s	2.5284×10^{-7} rad/s
w_a	-4.9852 m	-5.7761 m	-6.5373 m	-5.1013 m
w_b	-2.8067 m	-3.6829 m	-4.0839 m	-2.4573 m
λ_{1-4}	0	0	0	0
$\lambda_{5,6}$	$\pm 7.286 \times 10^{-8}$	$\pm 2.070 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm 2.960 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm 4.370 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{7,8}$	$\pm i9.614 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i4.997 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i3.899 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i2.529 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{9,10}$	$\pm i1.243 \times 10^{-6}$	$\pm i8.798 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i7.670 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i6.161 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{11,12}$	± 0.001252	± 0.004405	± 0.007057	± 0.010065
$\lambda_{13,14}$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078184$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078184$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078184$	$-0.000332 \pm i0.078184$
$\lambda_{15,16}$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092155$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092155$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092155$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092155$
$\lambda_{17,18}$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128951$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128951$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128951$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128951$
$\lambda_{19,20}$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144518$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144514$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144510$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144516$
$\lambda_{21,22}$	$-0.001145 \pm i0.145244$	$-0.001145 \pm i0.145244$	$-0.001145 \pm i0.145244$	$-0.001145 \pm i0.145244$
$\lambda_{23,24}$	$-0.001365 \pm i0.158607$	$-0.001365 \pm i0.158607$	$-0.001365 \pm i0.158607$	$-0.001365 \pm i0.158607$
$\lambda_{25,26}$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206795$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206795$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206795$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206795$
$\lambda_{27,28}$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220326$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220326$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220327$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220333$
$\lambda_{29,30}$	$-0.002636 \pm i0.220421$	$-0.002636 \pm i0.220421$	$-0.002636 \pm i0.220421$	$-0.002636 \pm i0.220421$
$\lambda_{31,32}$	$-0.002980 \pm i0.234332$	$-0.002980 \pm i0.234332$	$-0.002980 \pm i0.234332$	$-0.002980 \pm i0.234332$
$\lambda_{33,34}$	$-0.003689 \pm i0.260738$	$-0.003689 \pm i0.260738$	$-0.003689 \pm i0.260738$	$-0.003689 \pm i0.260738$
$\lambda_{35,36}$	$-0.003765 \pm i0.263395$	$-0.003765 \pm i0.263395$	$-0.003765 \pm i0.263395$	$-0.003765 \pm i0.263395$
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Elastic shapes for $n = 14$



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Equilibrium Values and Eigenvalues of A_r for $n = 14$

	$k = 8$	$k = 8$ (Closed-Loop)	$k = 10$	$k = 12$
Ω	1.767×10^{-7} rad/s	1.767×10^{-7} rad/s	1.767×10^{-7} rad/s	1.767×10^{-7} rad/s
w_a	-1.4393 m	-1.4393 m	-1.4393 m	-1.4393 m
w_b	-0.9493 m	-0.9493 m	-0.9493 m	-0.9493 m
λ_{1-4}	0	0	0	0
$\lambda_{5,6}$	$\pm 8.145 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.31 \times 10^{-6} \pm i0.000029$	$\pm 1.451 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm 1.451 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{7,8}$	$\pm i1.767 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i1.767 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i1.767 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i1.767 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{9,10}$	$\pm i3.096 \times 10^{-7}$	$-0.076316 \pm i0.076471$	$\pm i2.432 \times 10^{-7}$	$\pm i2.432 \times 10^{-7}$
$\lambda_{11,12}$	± 0.001171	$-0.001431 \pm i0.001351$	± 0.001171	± 0.001171
$\lambda_{13,14}$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092155$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092155$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092144$	$-0.000461 \pm i0.092144$
$\lambda_{15,16}$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128951$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128951$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128937$	$-0.000902 \pm i0.128937$
$\lambda_{17,18}$	$-0.001106 \pm i0.142740$	$-0.001106 \pm i0.142740$	$-0.001105 \pm i0.142725$	$-0.001105 \pm i0.142716$
$\lambda_{19,20}$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144518$	$-0.001251 \pm i0.144029$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144506$	$-0.001133 \pm i0.144506$
$\lambda_{21,22}$	$-0.001372 \pm i0.159001$	$-0.001372 \pm i0.159001$	$-0.001372 \pm i0.158991$	$-0.001372 \pm i0.158991$
$\lambda_{23,24}$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206795$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206795$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206785$	$-0.002320 \pm i0.206785$
$\lambda_{25,26}$	$-0.002626 \pm i0.219981$	$-0.002627 \pm i0.219961$	$-0.002618 \pm i0.219630$	$-0.002617 \pm i0.219613$
$\lambda_{27,28}$	$-0.000721 \pm i1281.120$	$-0.000721 \pm i1281.120$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220317$	$-0.002634 \pm i0.220317$
$\lambda_{29,30}$			$-0.002980 \pm i0.234325$	$-0.002980 \pm i0.234325$
$\lambda_{31,32}$			$-0.000729 \pm i1283.280$	$-0.003765 \pm i0.263390$
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