

Lecture 27.5

Geometry and Symmetry of Orbital Dynamics

(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5 12.04.12)

Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb orbits

Detailed elliptic geometry

Detailed hyperbolic geometry

Rutherford scattering and differential scattering crosssections

Ruler & compass construction

➔ *Eccentricity vector ϵ and orbital phase geometry*

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Isotropic field guarantees conservation of the *angular momentum vector* \mathbf{L}

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} = m \mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}}$$

Coulomb field guarantees conservation of the *eccentricity vector* $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}}{km} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \times (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p})}{km}$$

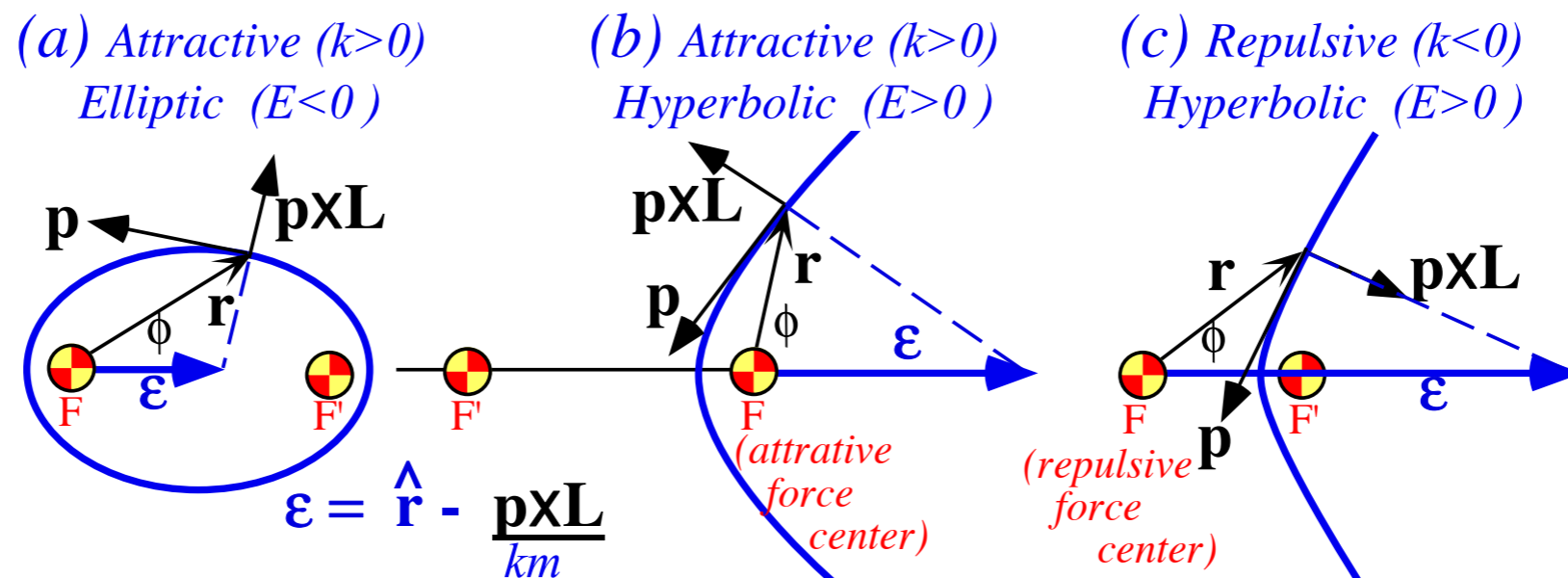
$\mathbf{A} = km \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ known as the *Laplace-Hamilton-Gibbs-Runge-Lenz vector*.

Dot product of $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ with a radial vector \mathbf{r} .

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} = \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{r} - \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}}{km} = r - \frac{\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{L}}{km} = r - \frac{\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L}}{km}$$

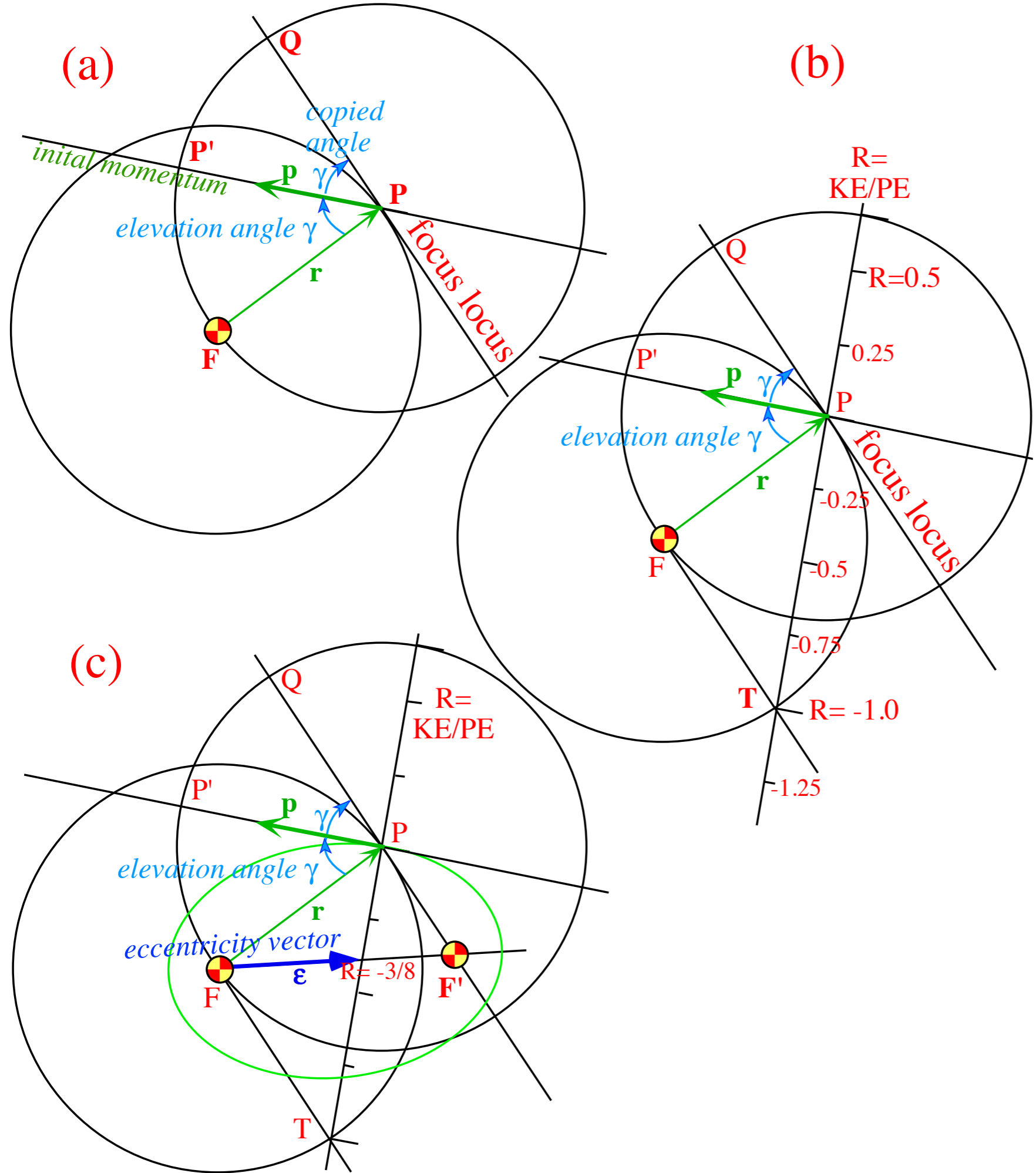
Polar angle ϕ is the angle between $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and the radial vector \mathbf{r}

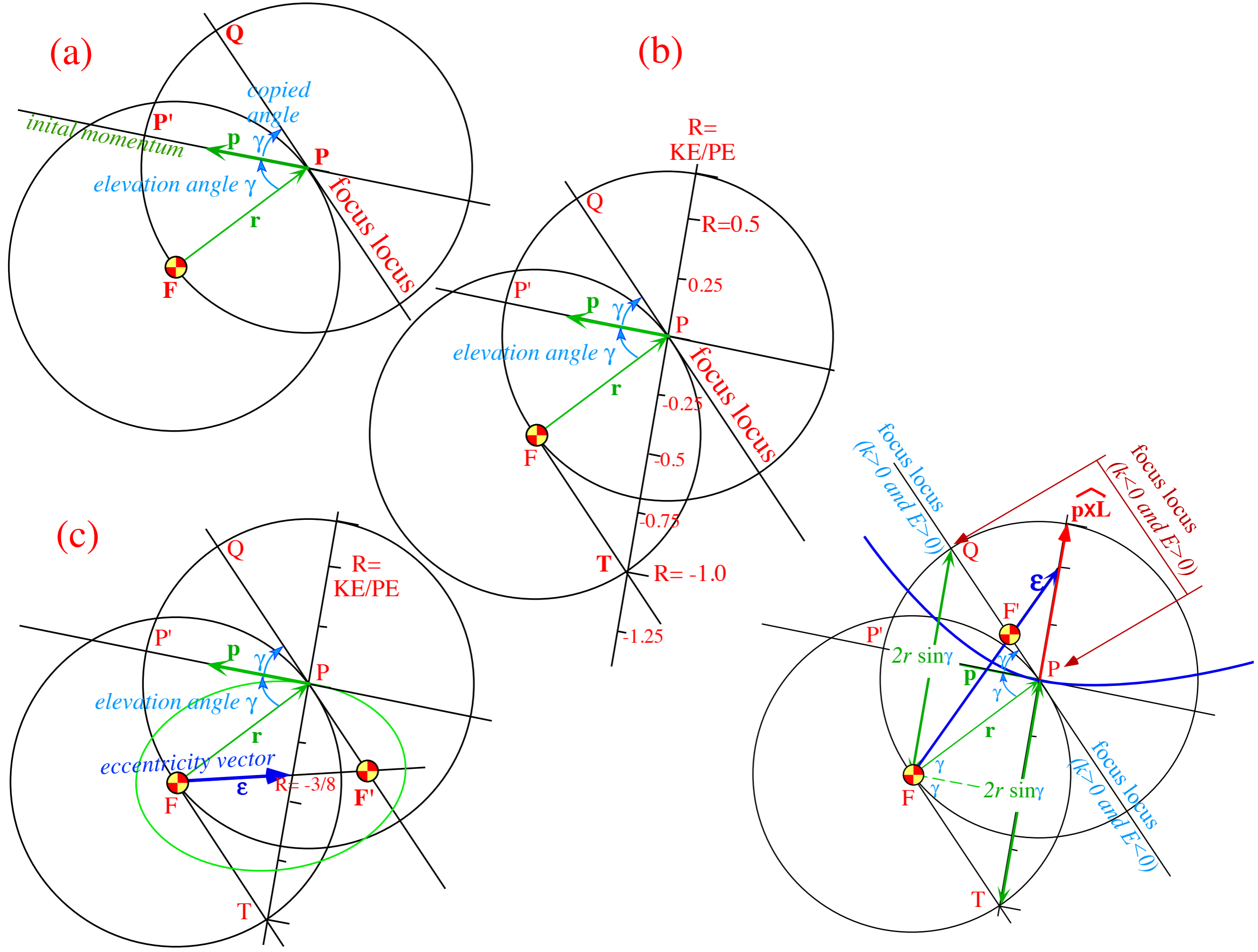
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} r \cos \phi = r - \frac{L^2}{km}, \quad \text{or:} \quad r = \frac{-L^2 / km}{1 - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cos \phi}$$

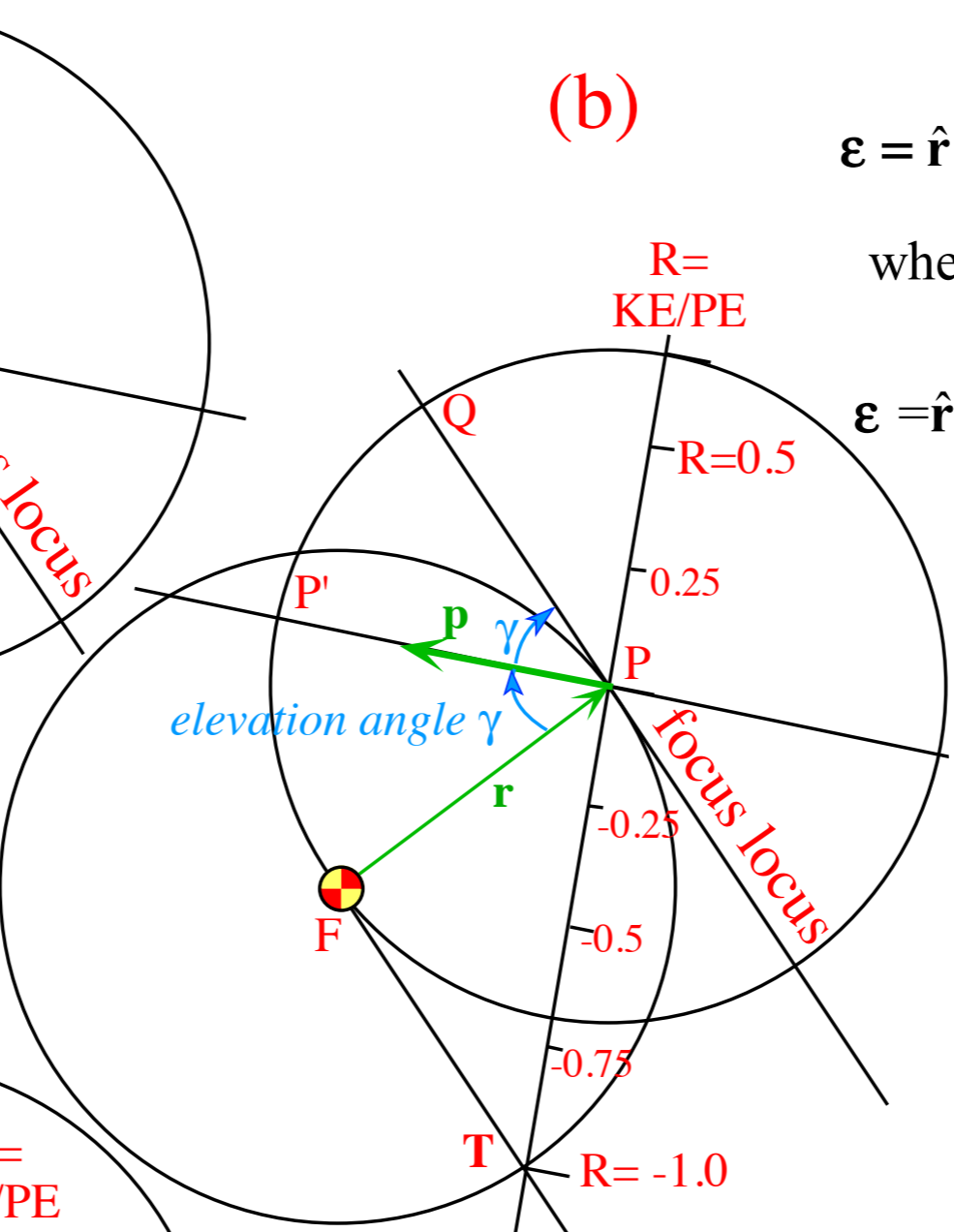
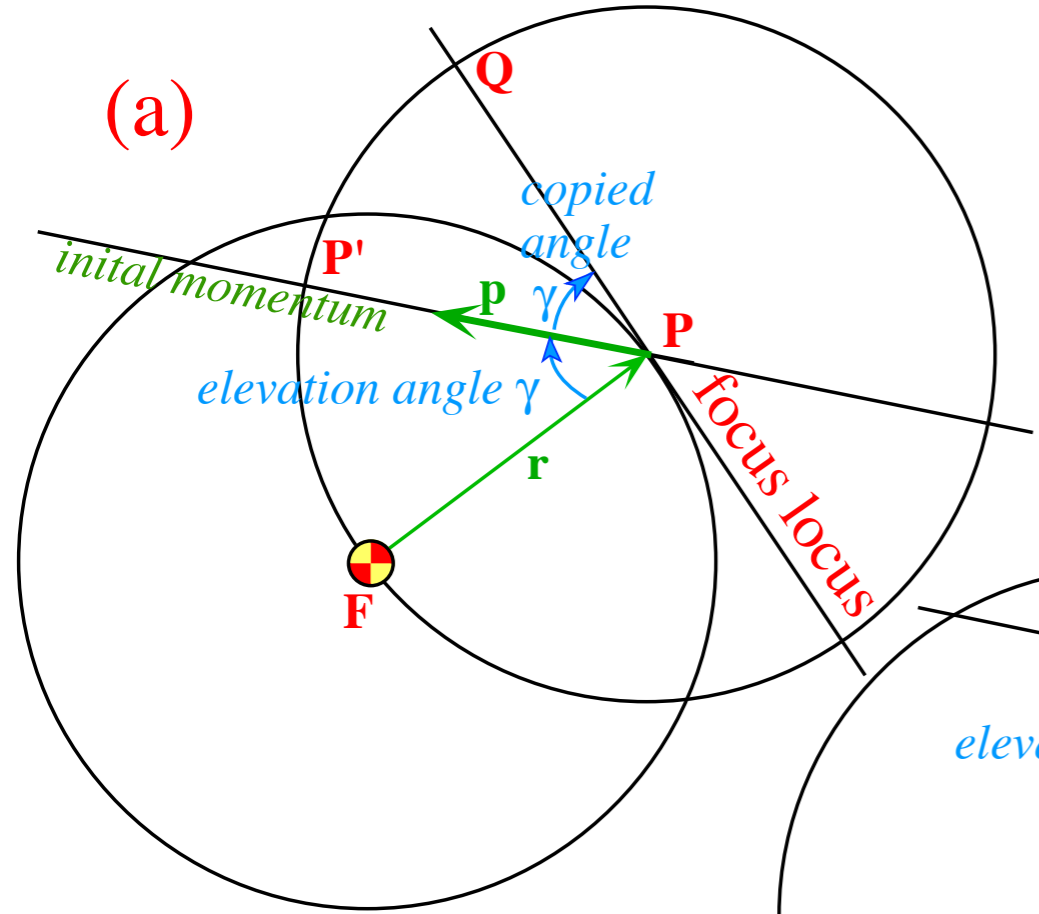


Eccentricity vector ϵ and orbital phase geometry

 *Ruler & compass construction*



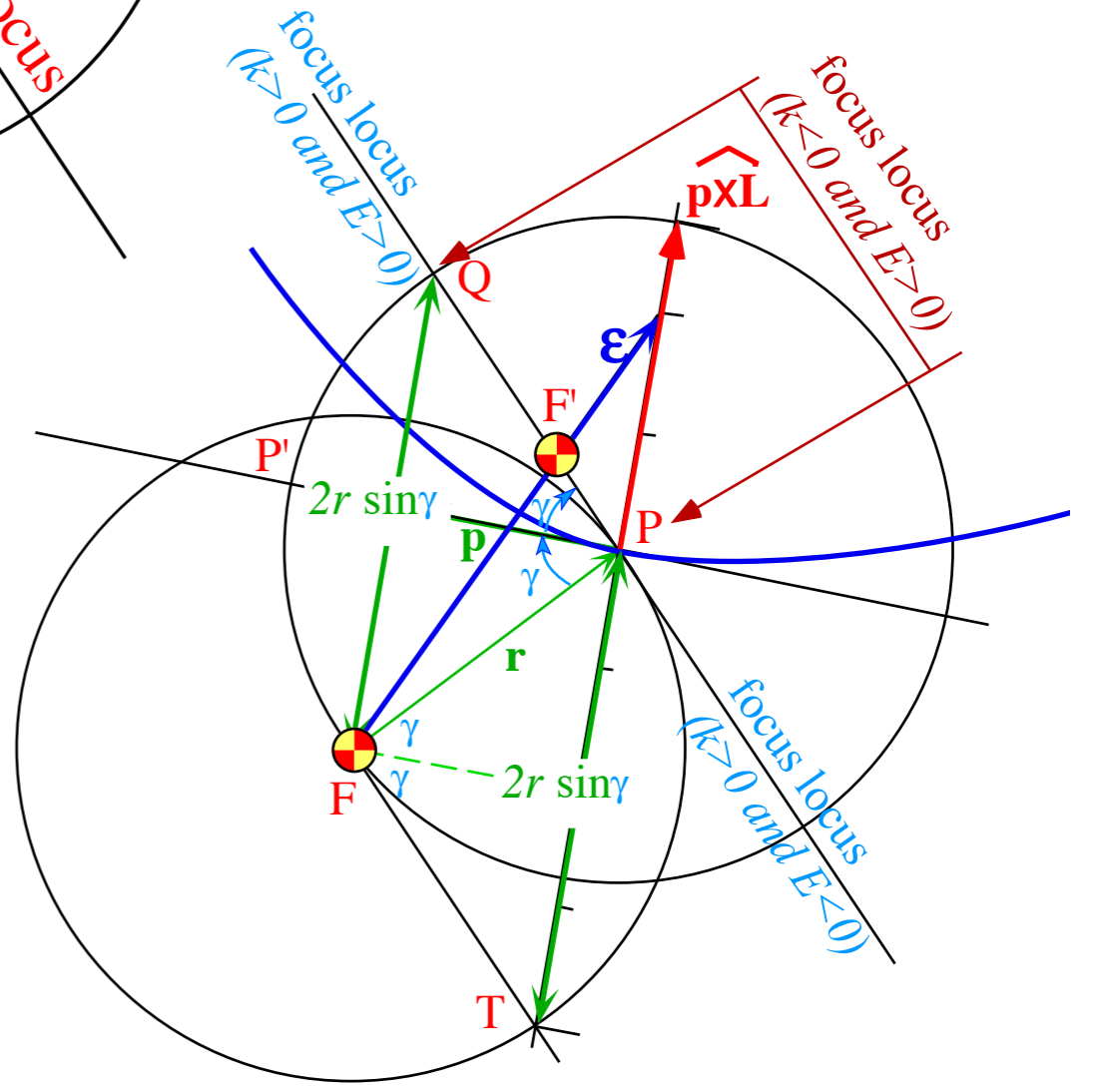
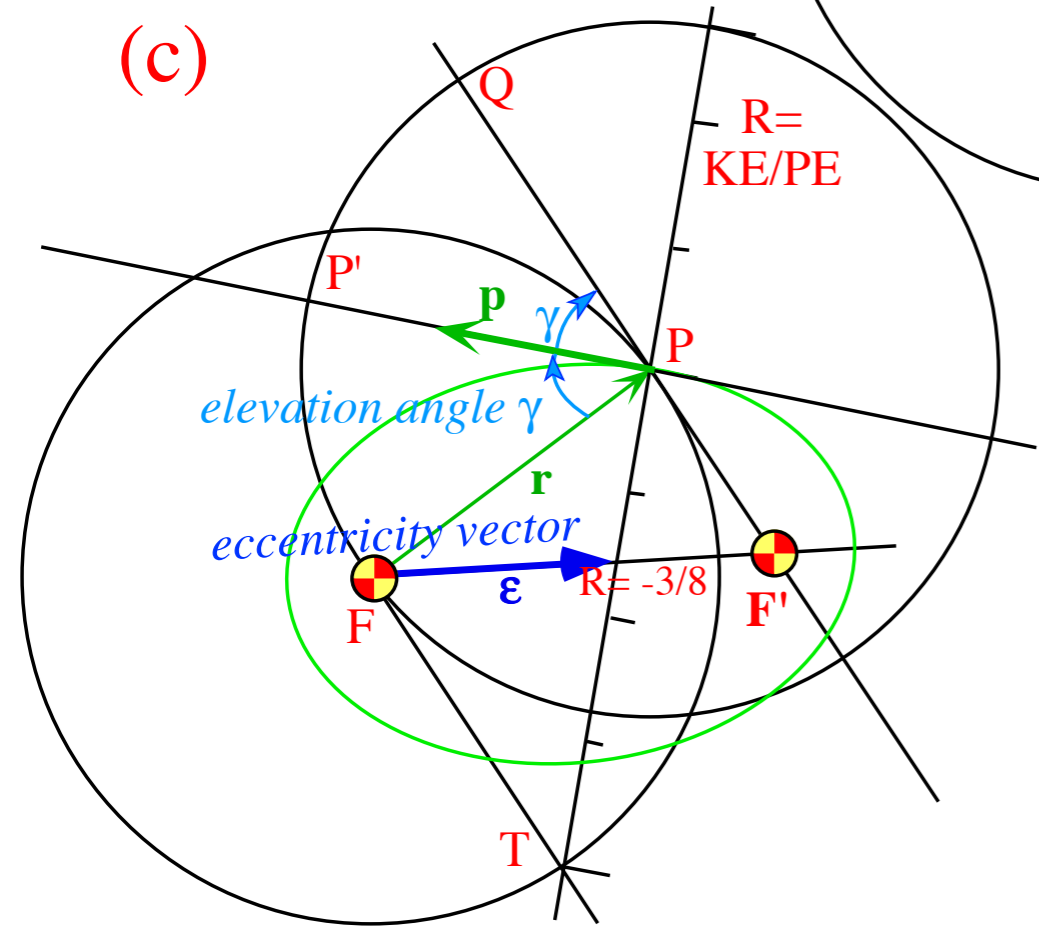




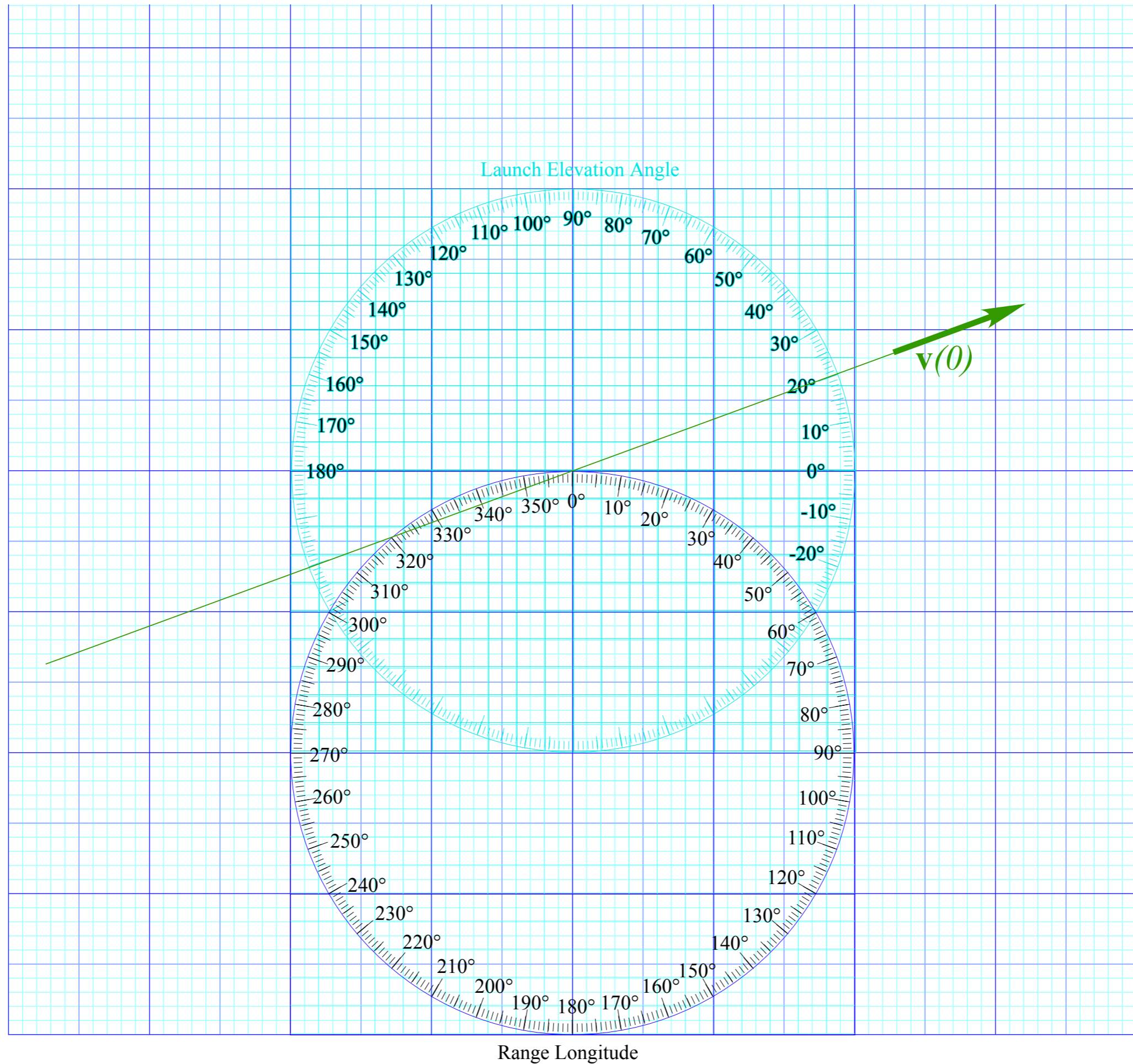
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}}{km} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{(mv_0)(mv_0 r_0) \sin \gamma}{km} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{p} \times}$$

where: $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{p} \times} \equiv \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L}$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} + 2 \sin \gamma \frac{mv_0^2 / 2}{-k / r_0} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{p} \times} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} - 2 \sin \gamma \frac{KE}{PE} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{p} \times}$$

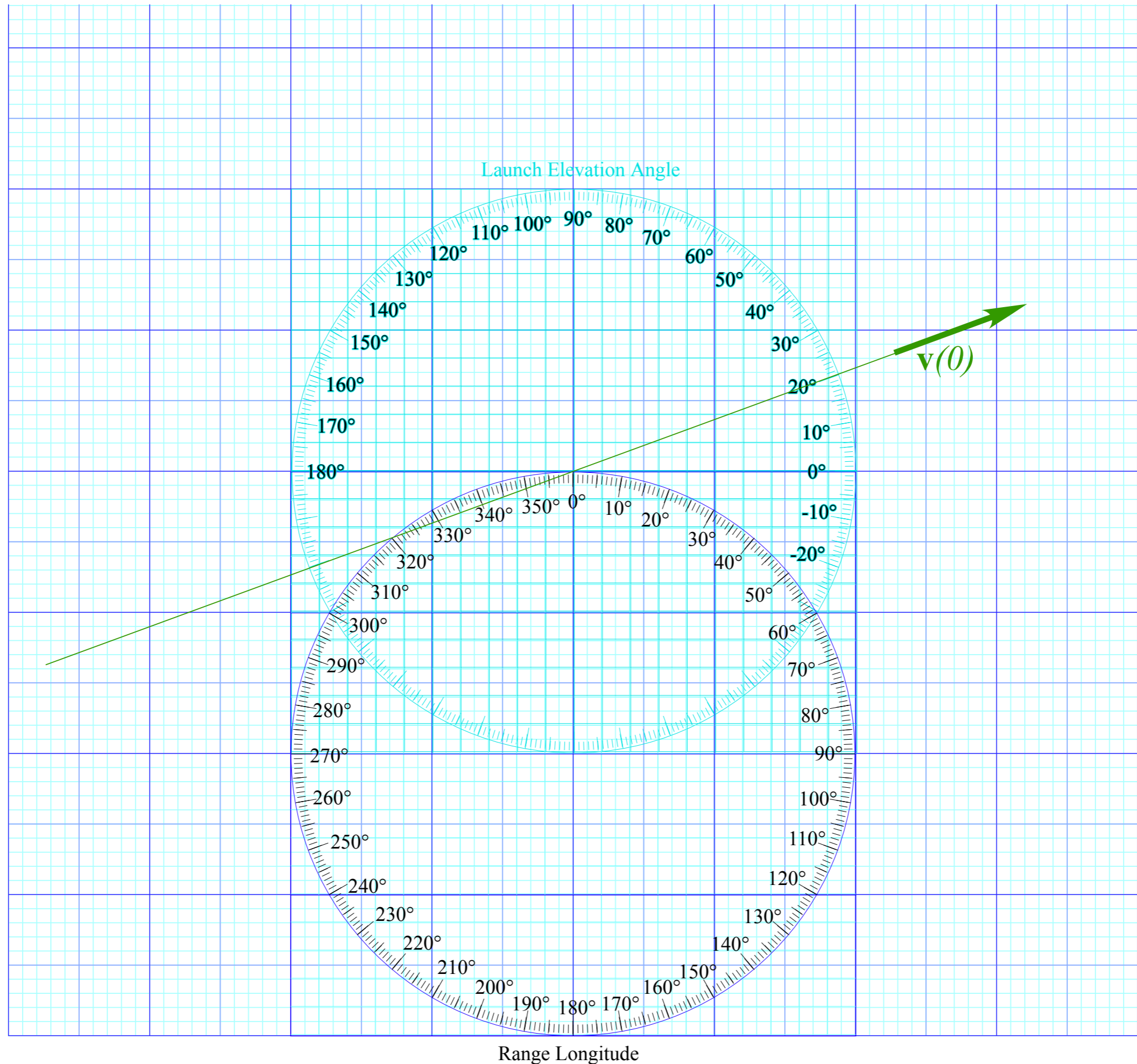


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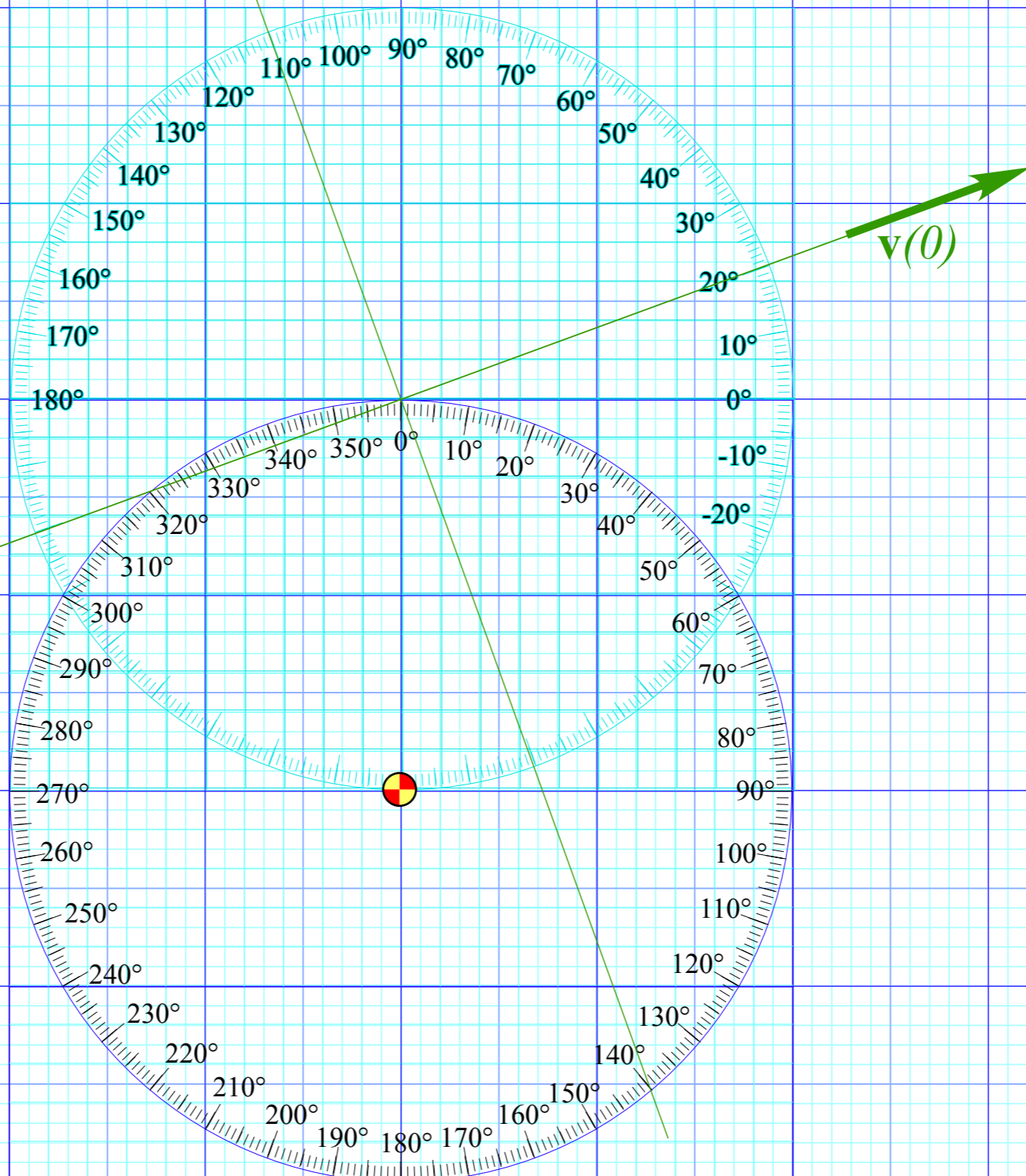


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Label Main Focus **F**

Construct *R-line normal* to initial velocity $v(0)$ line

Launch Elevation Angle



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Range Longitude

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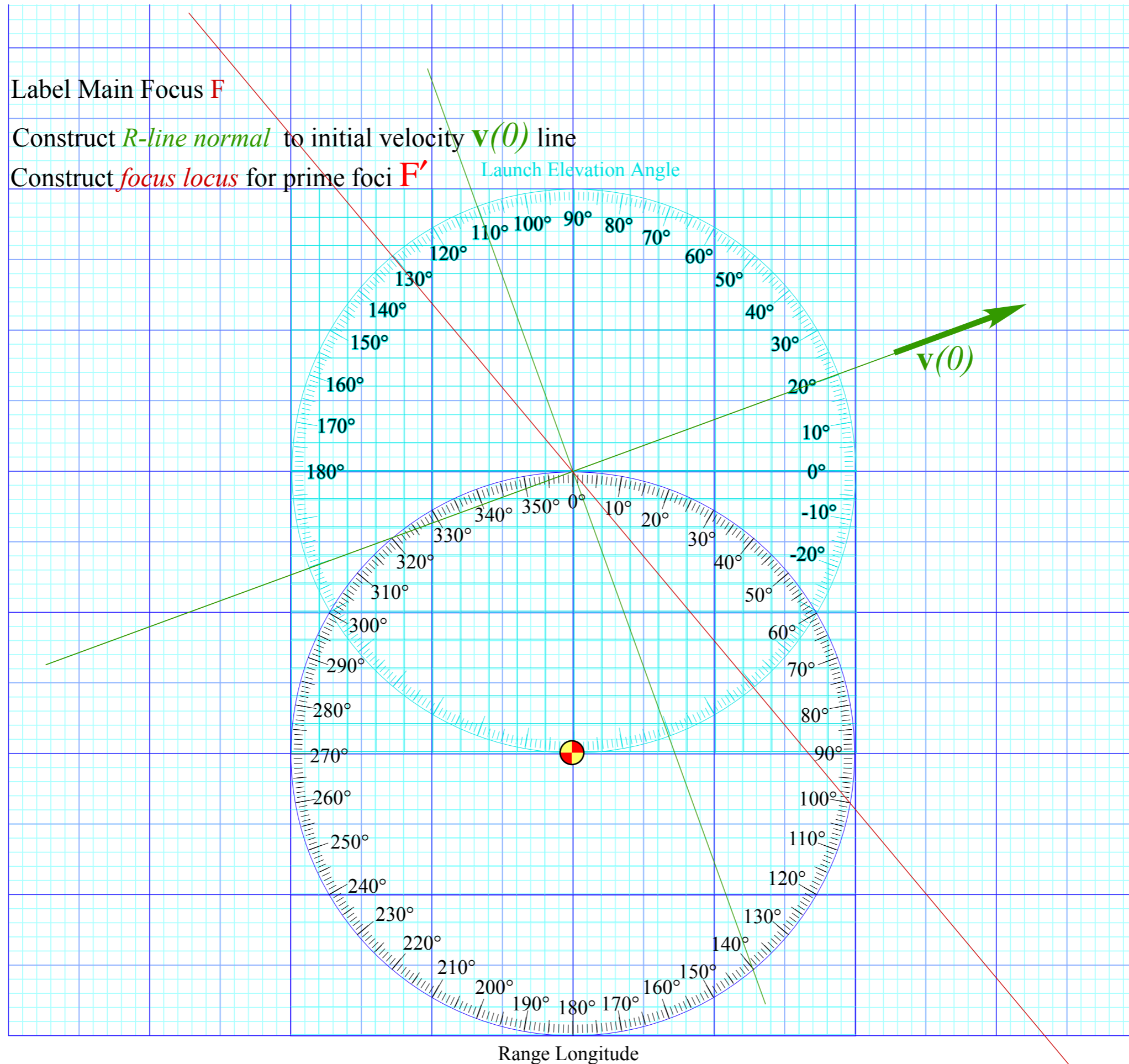
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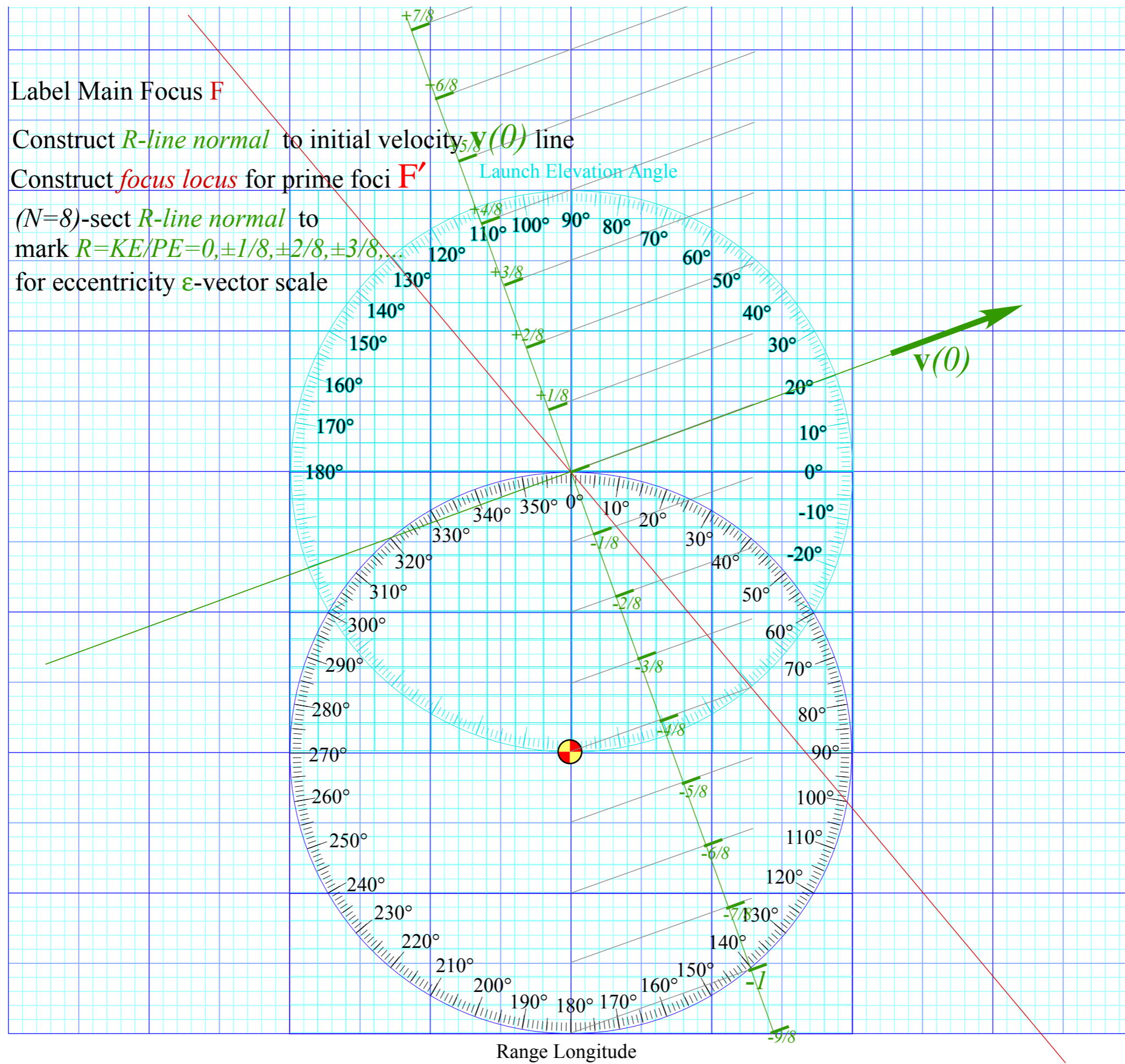
Construct $focus\ locus$ for prime foci F'

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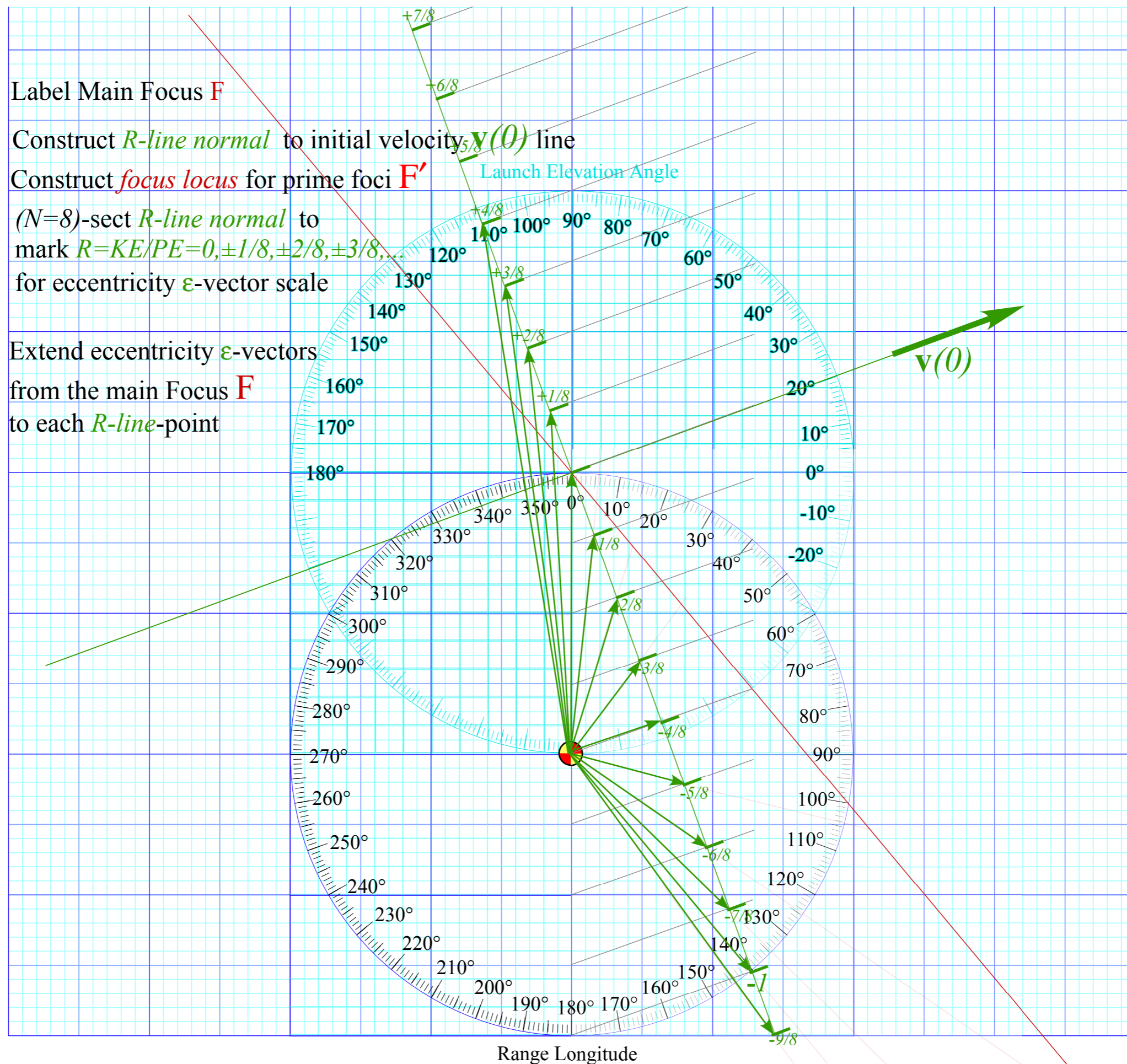
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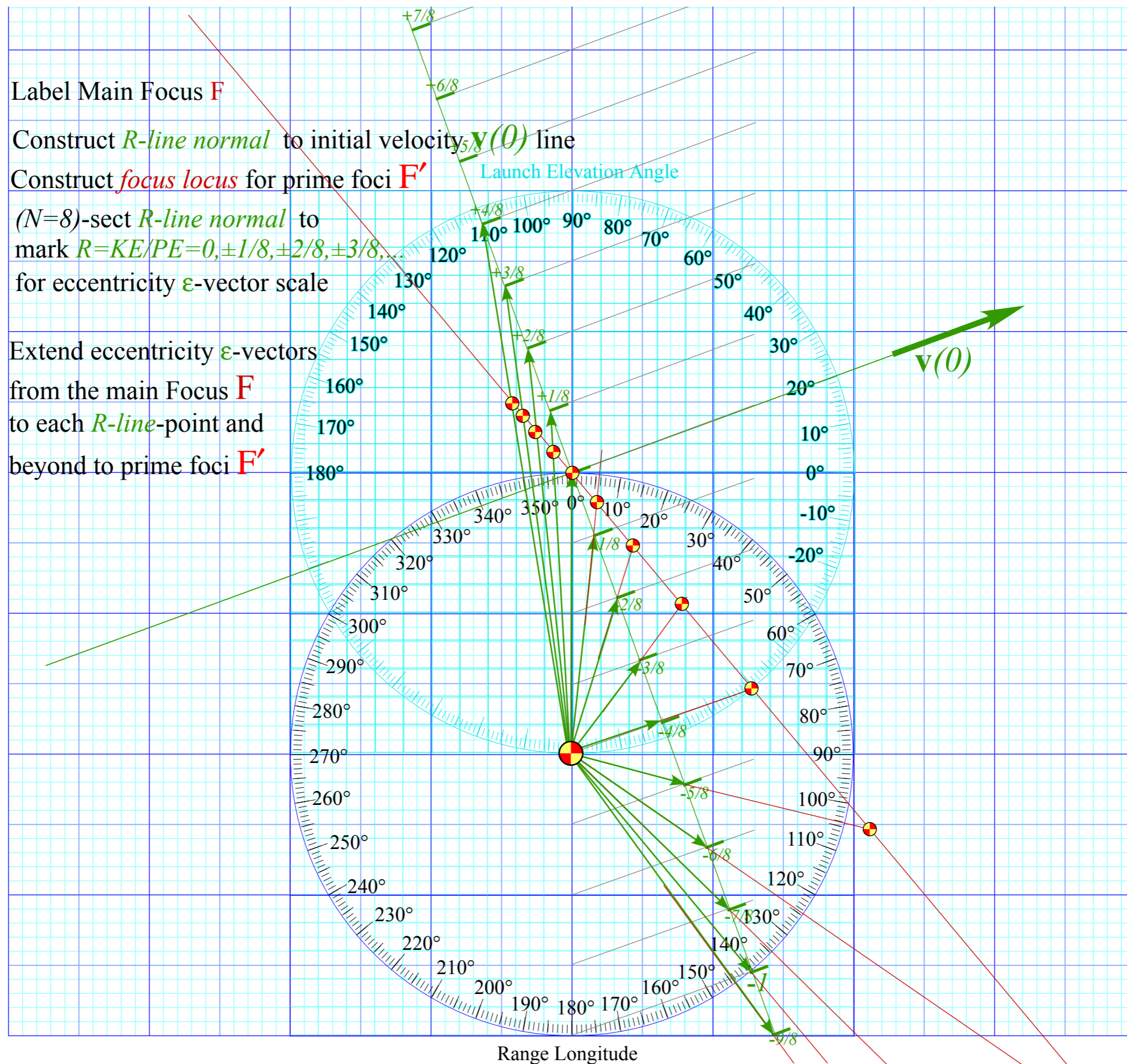
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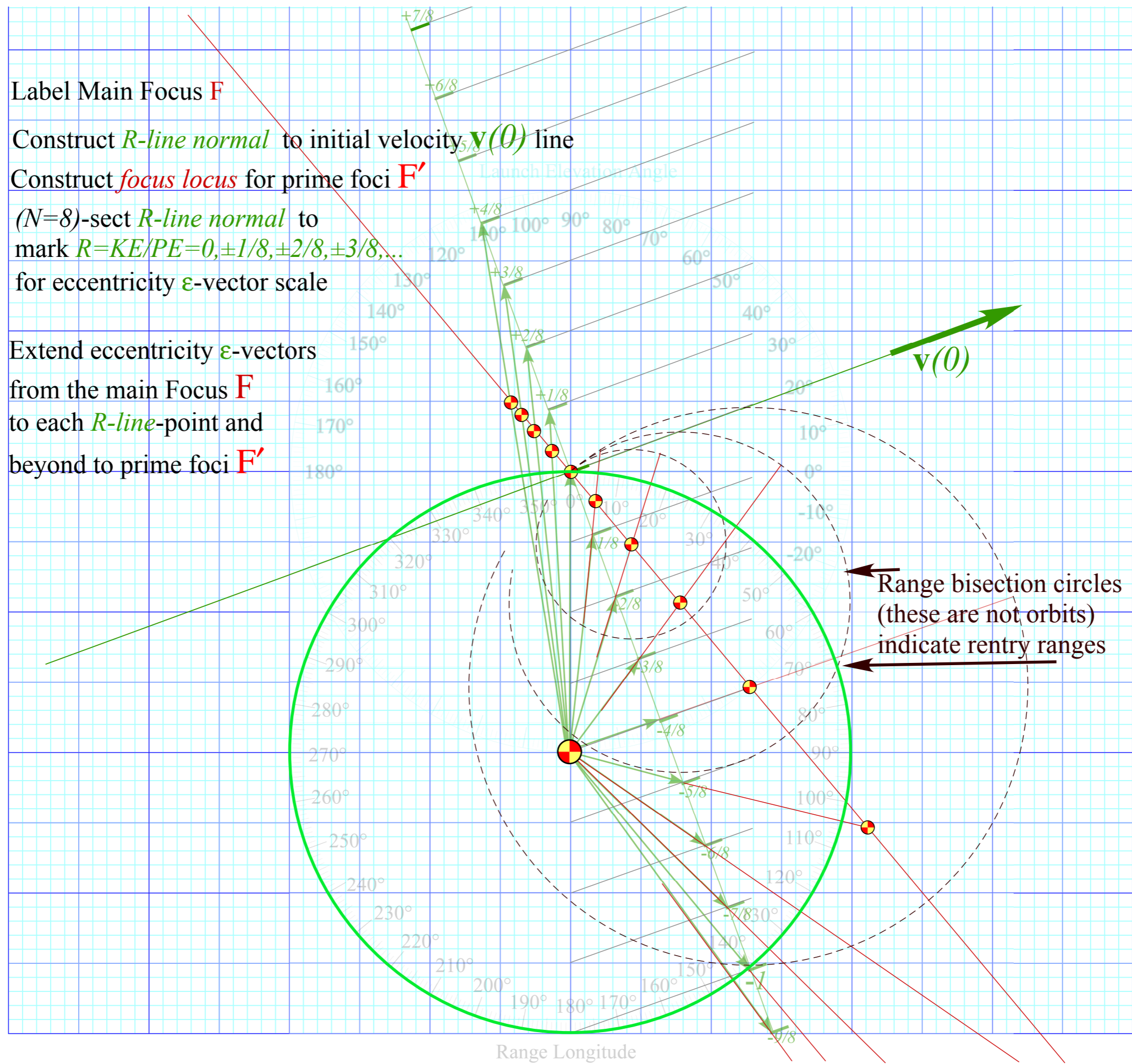
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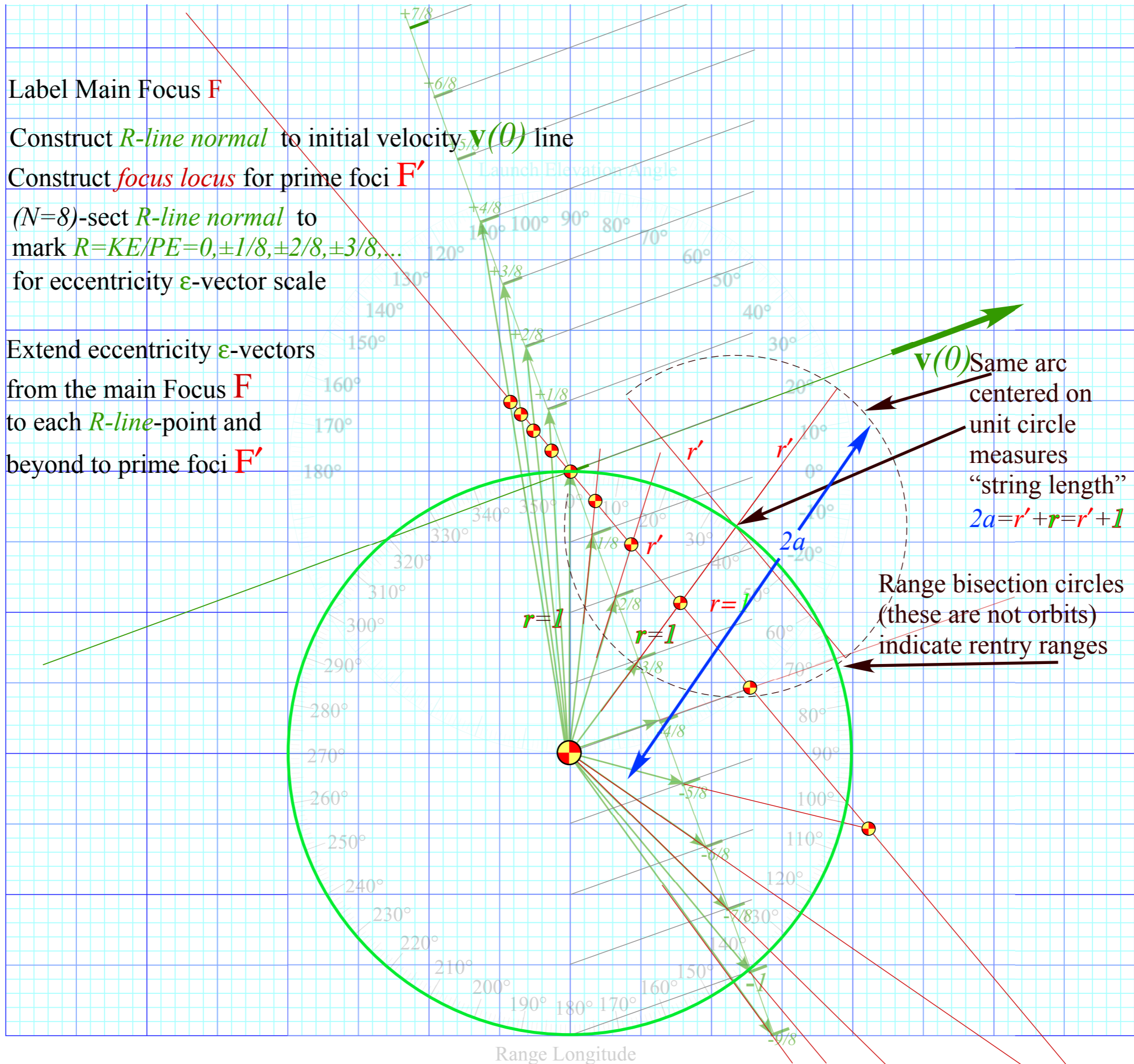
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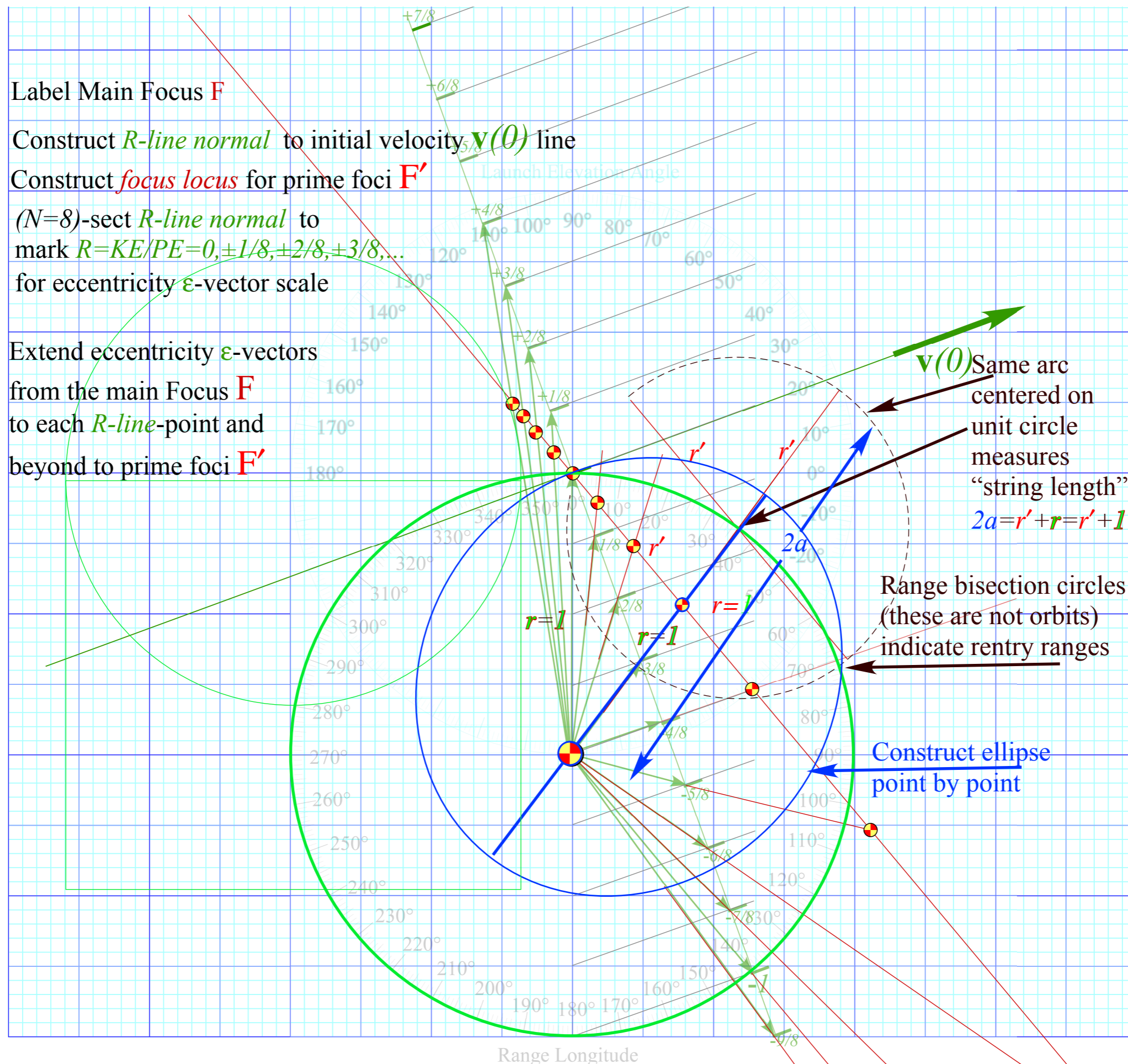
$(N=8)$ -sect R -line normal to
mark $R=KE/PE=0, \pm 1/8, \pm 2/8, \pm 3/8, \dots$
for eccentricity ϵ -vector scale

Extend eccentricity ϵ -vectors
from the main Focus \mathbf{F}
to each R -line-point and
beyond to prime foci \mathbf{F}'

or $-\mathbf{v}(0)$



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Same arc
centered on
unit circle
measures
"string length"
 $2a = r' + r = r' + 1$

Range bisection circles
(these are not orbits)
indicate reentry ranges

Construct ellipse
point by point

Range Longitude

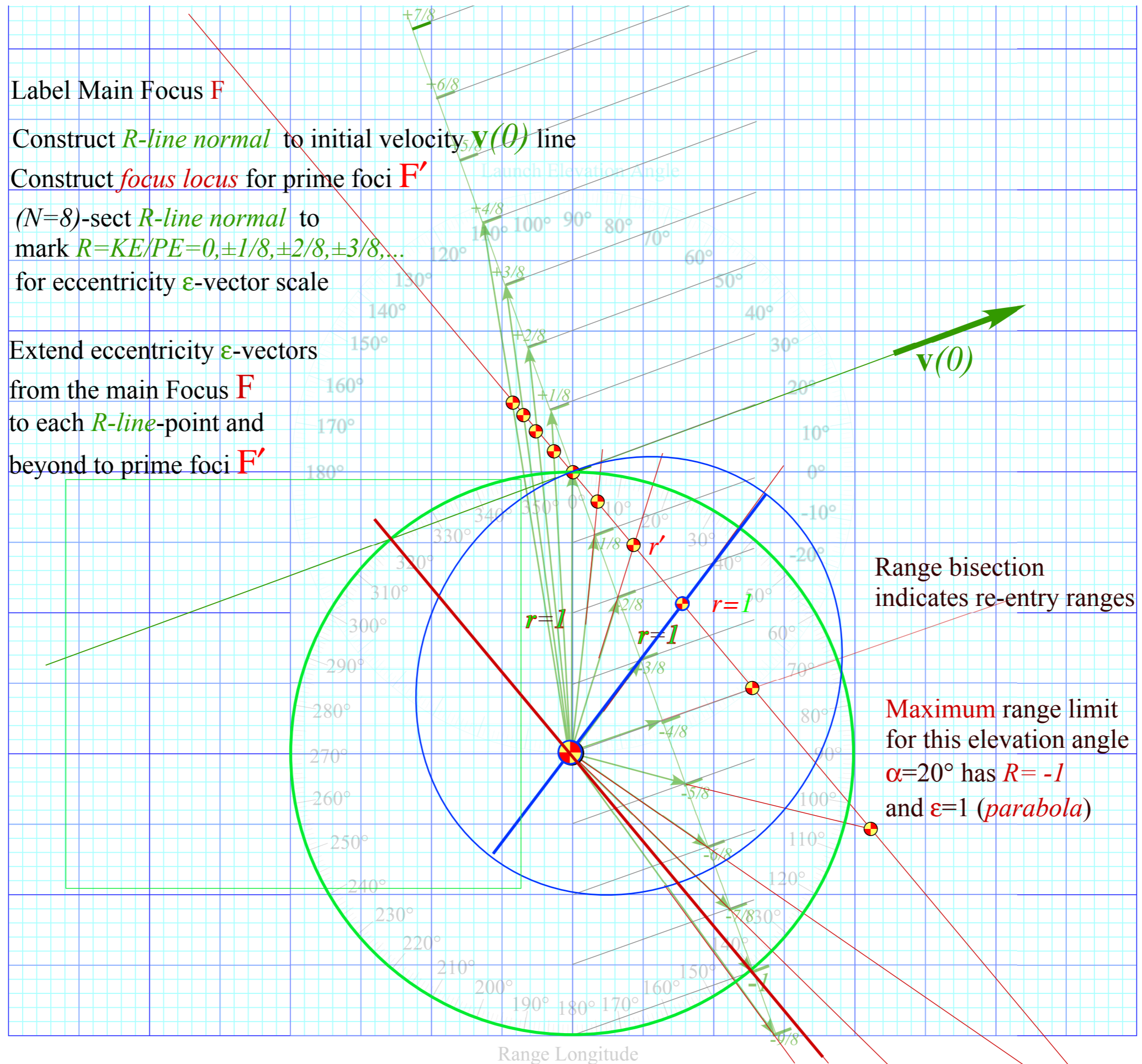
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Range bisection
indicates re-entry ranges

Maximum range limit
for this elevation angle
 $\alpha=20^\circ$ has $R=-1$
and $\epsilon=1$ (*parabola*)

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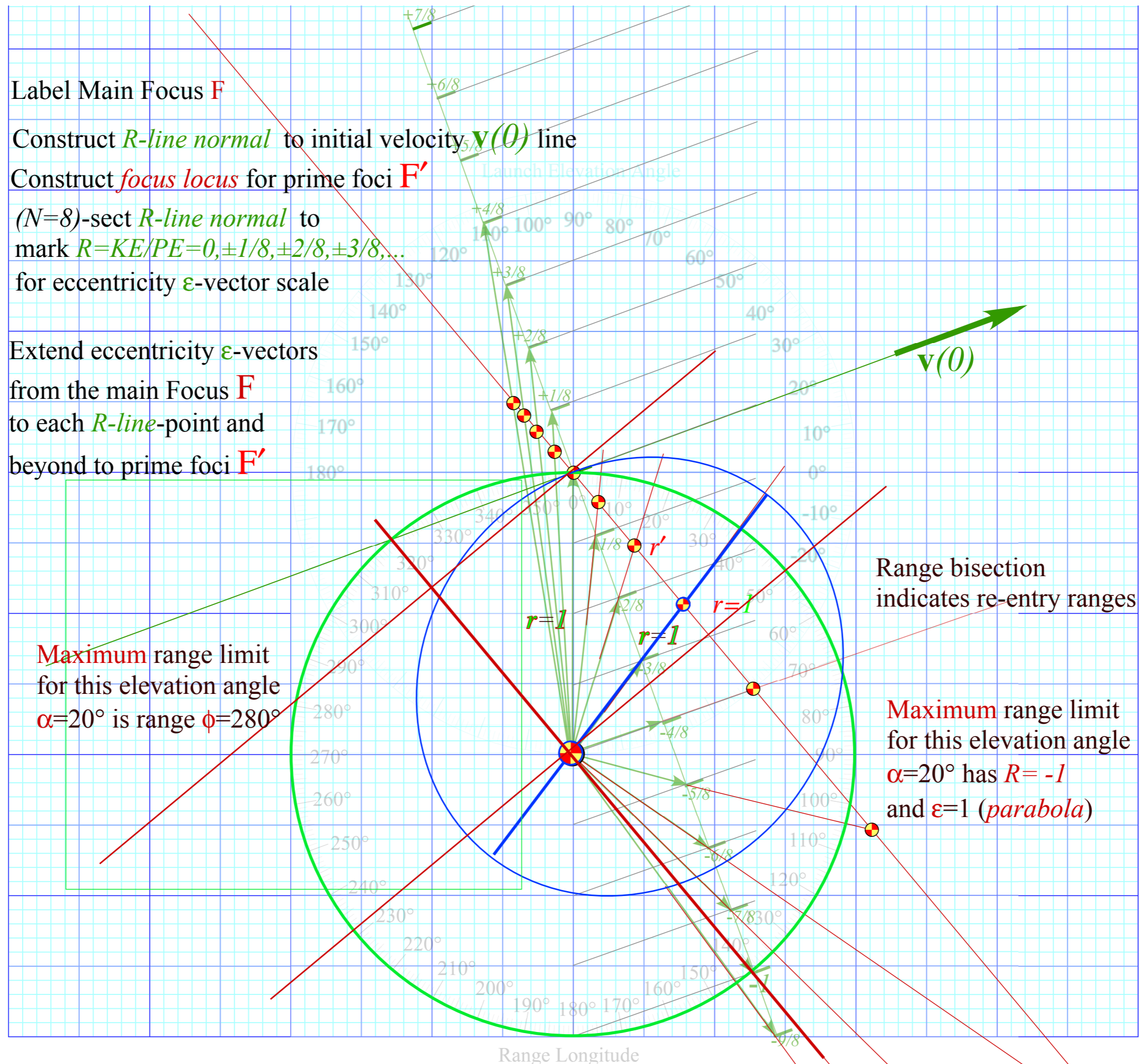
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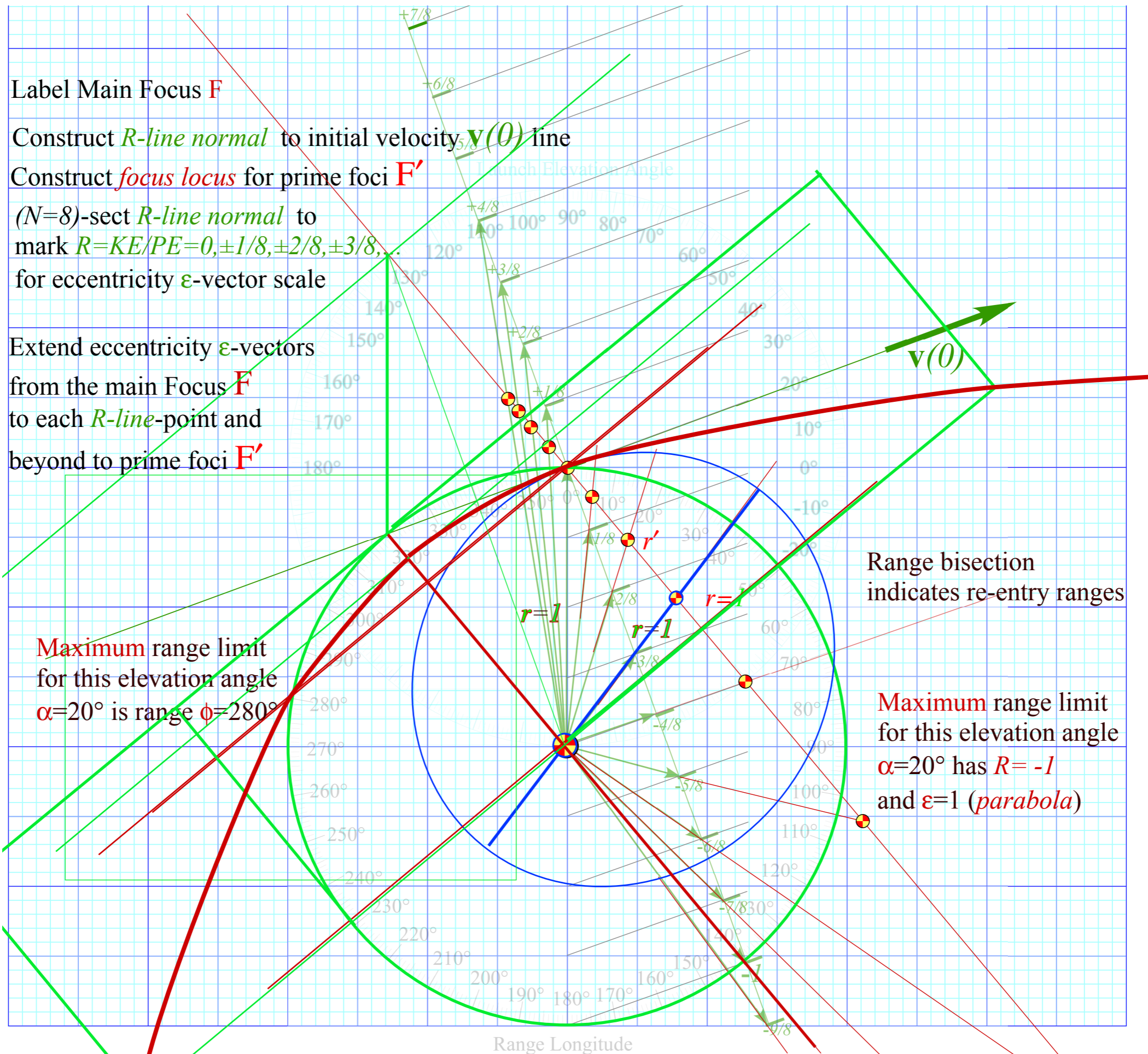
Extend eccentricity ϵ -vectors from the main Focus **F** to each *R-line*-point and beyond to prime foci **F'**

Maximum range limit for this elevation angle $\alpha=20^\circ$ is range $\phi=280^\circ$

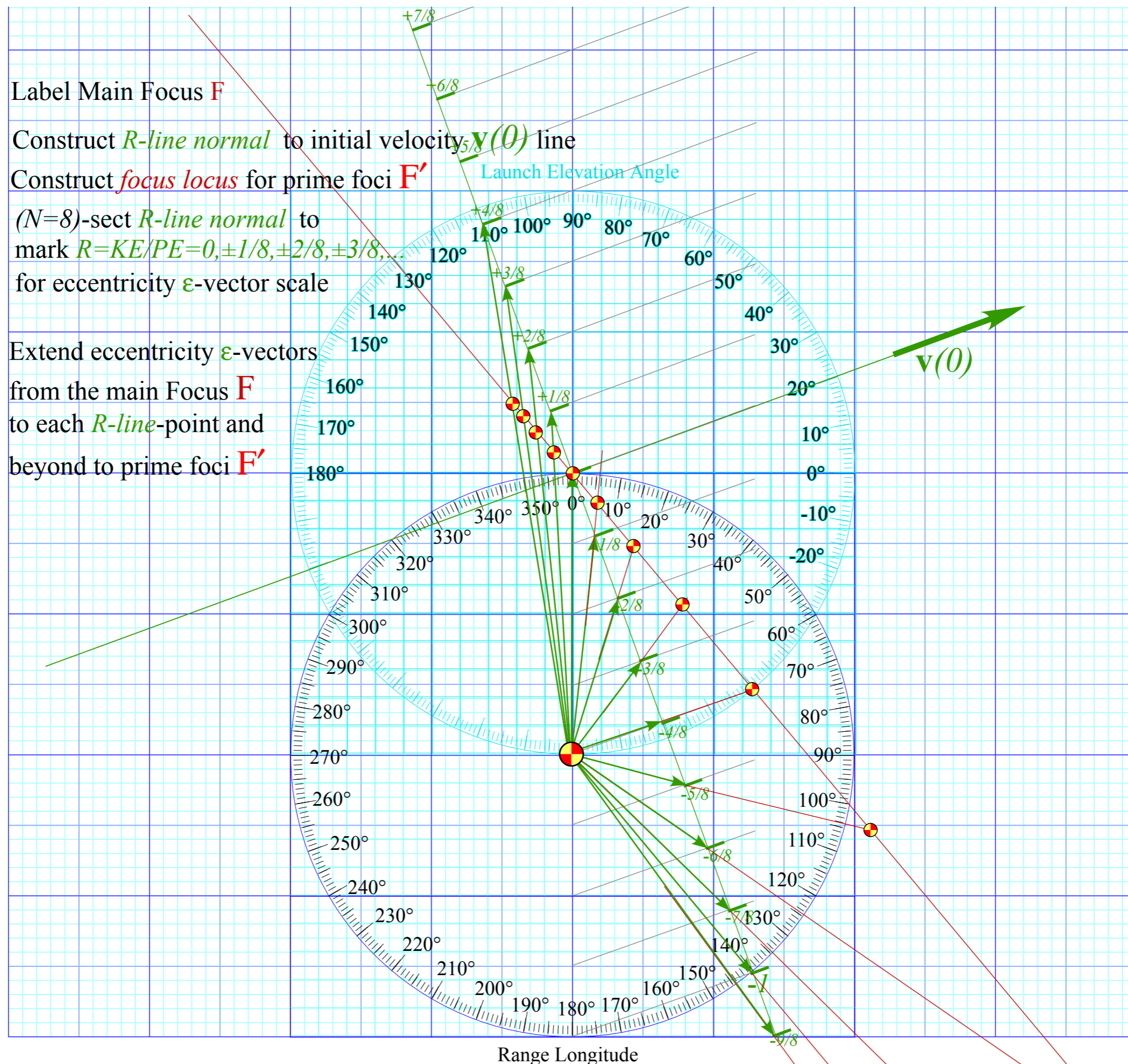
Range bisection indicates re-entry ranges

Maximum range limit for this elevation angle $\alpha=20^\circ$ has $R=-1$ and $\epsilon=1$ (*parabola*)





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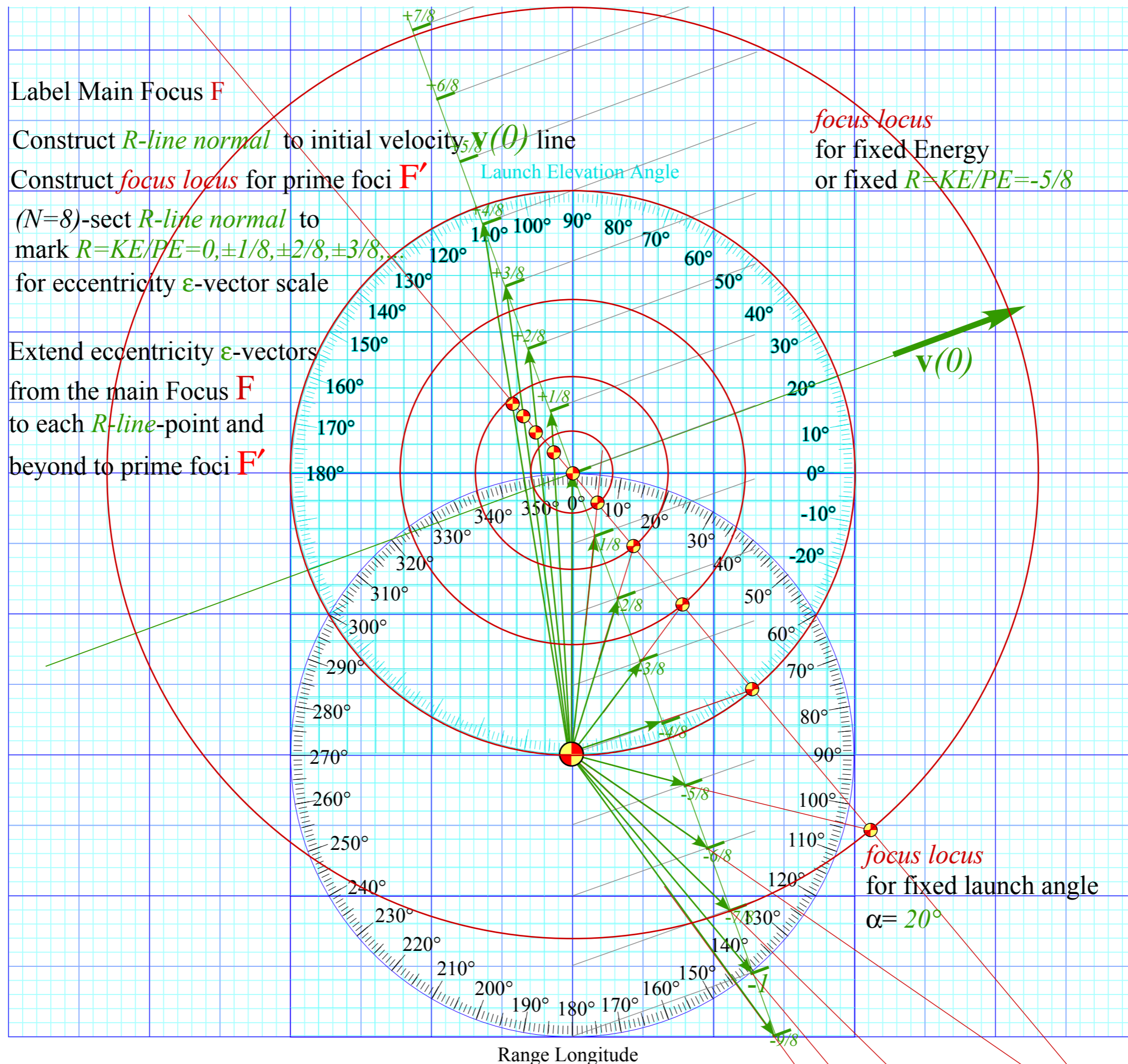
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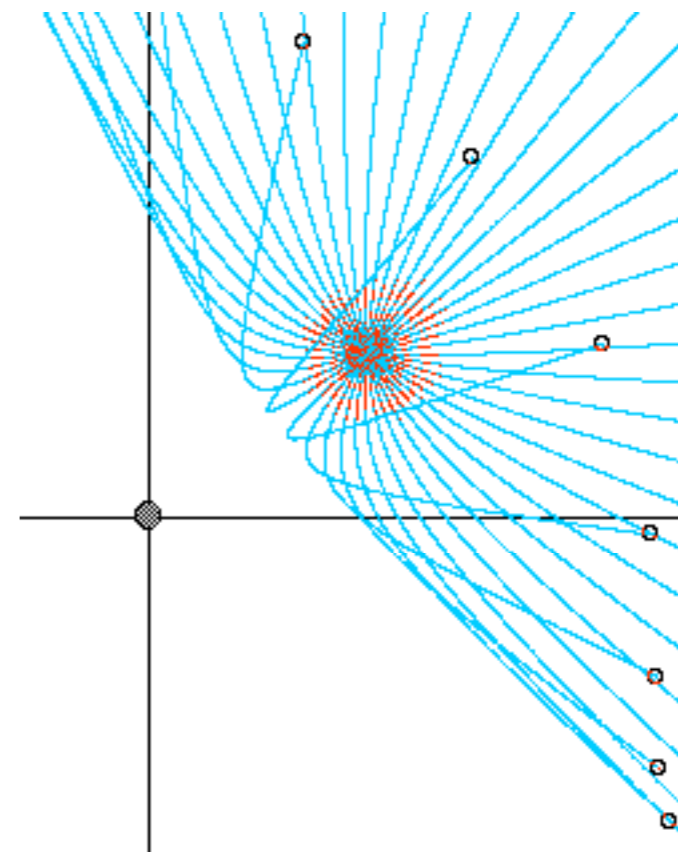
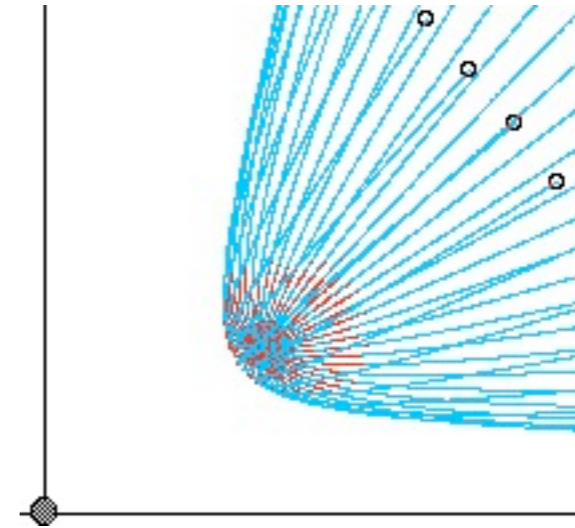
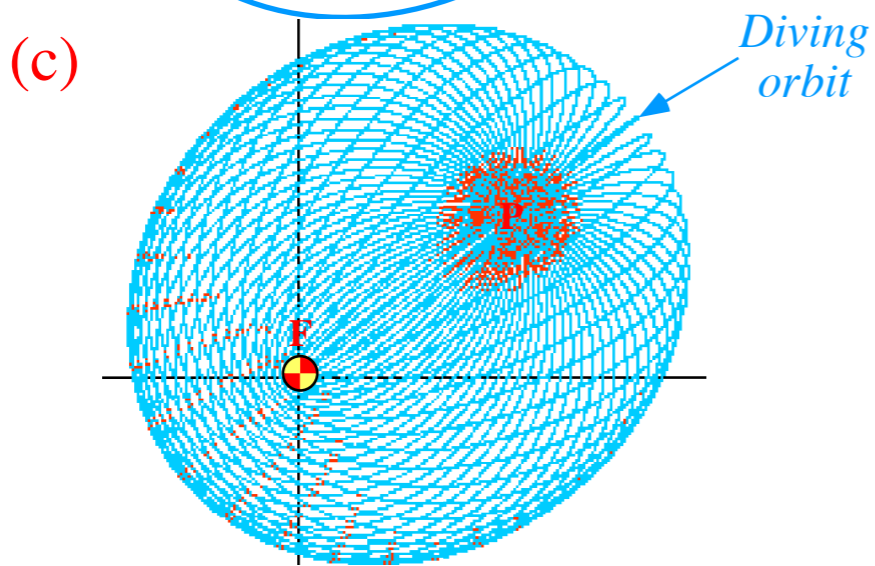
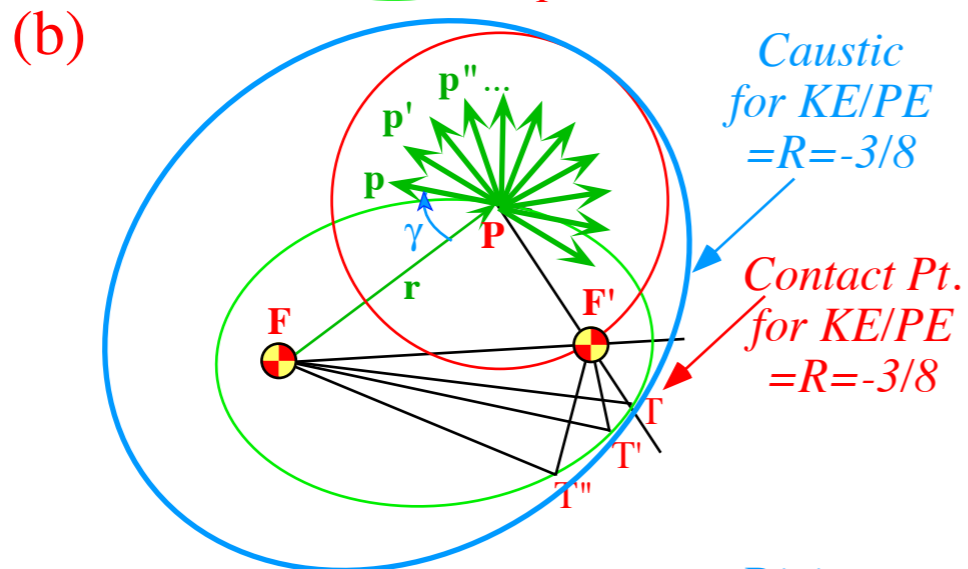
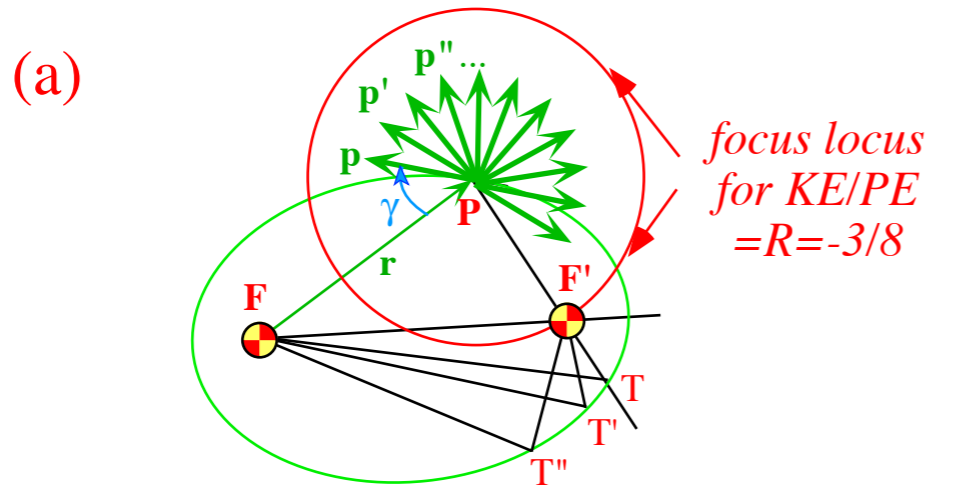
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focus locus
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or fixed $R=KE/PE=-5/8$



Range Longitude



➔ *Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb orbits*

Detailed elliptic geometry

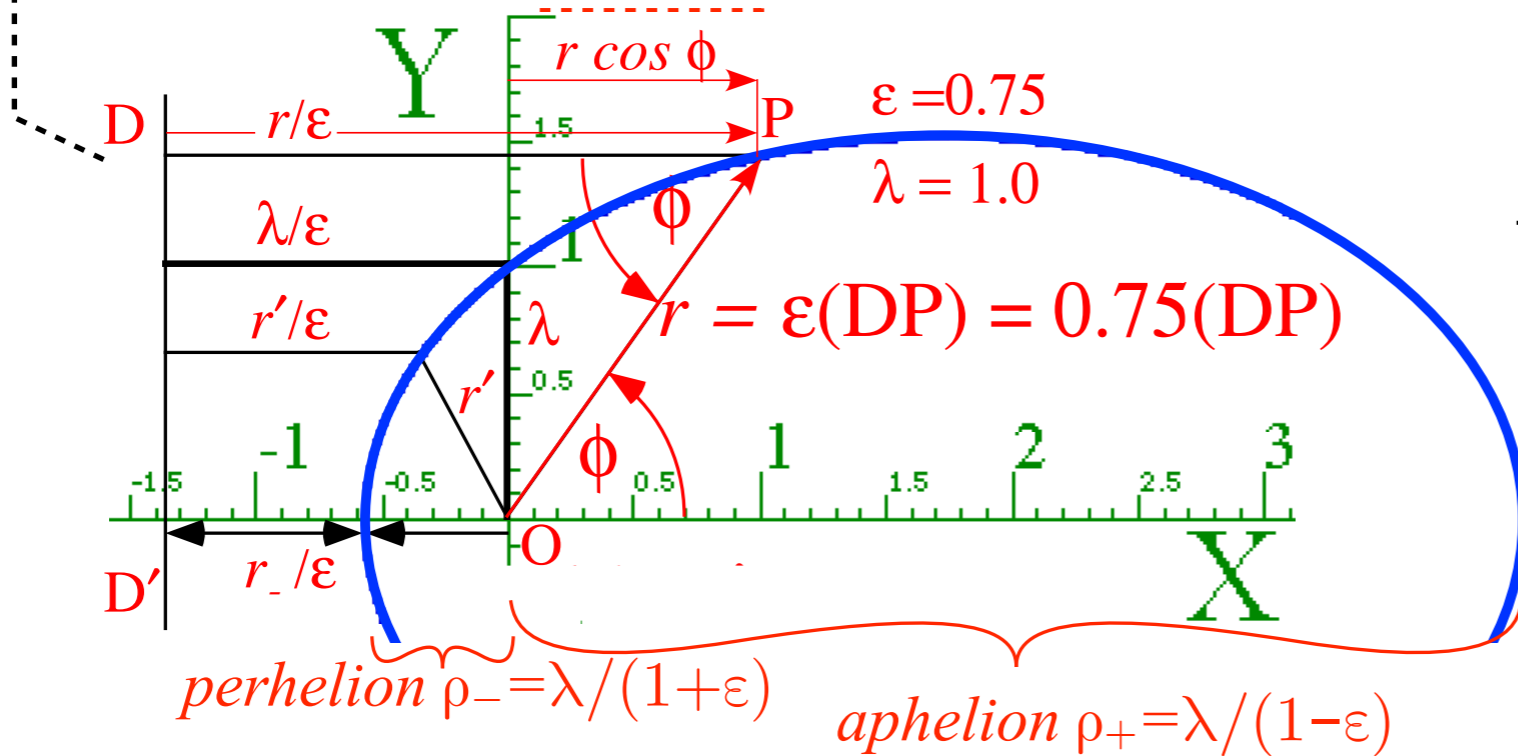
Detailed hyperbolic geometry

Geometry of Coulomb conic section orbits (Let: $r = \rho$ here)

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

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

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

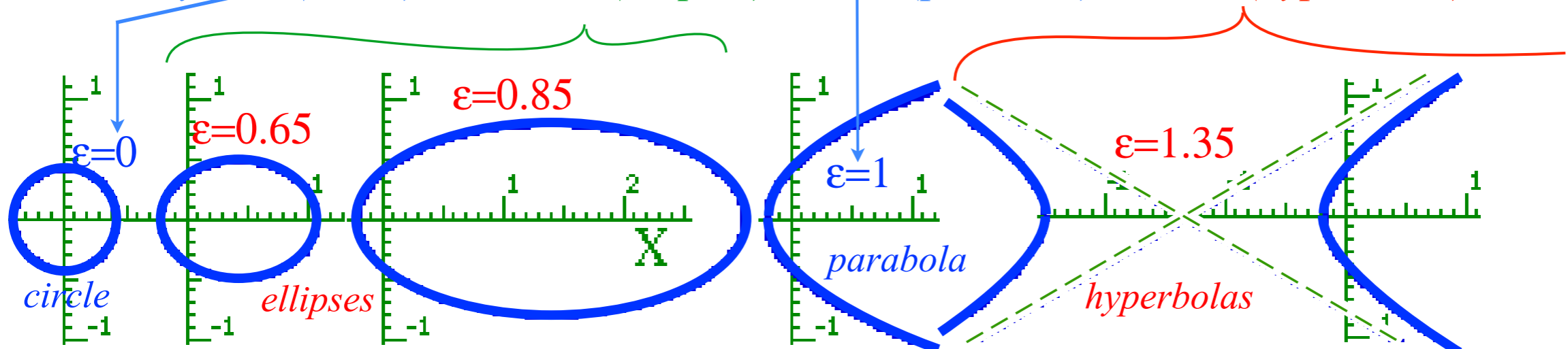


$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1 - \epsilon \cos \phi}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{\epsilon}{\lambda} \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{-k}{\mu^2/m} + \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 2E\mu^2/m}}{\mu^2/m} \cos \phi$$

Becoming more and more eccentric...

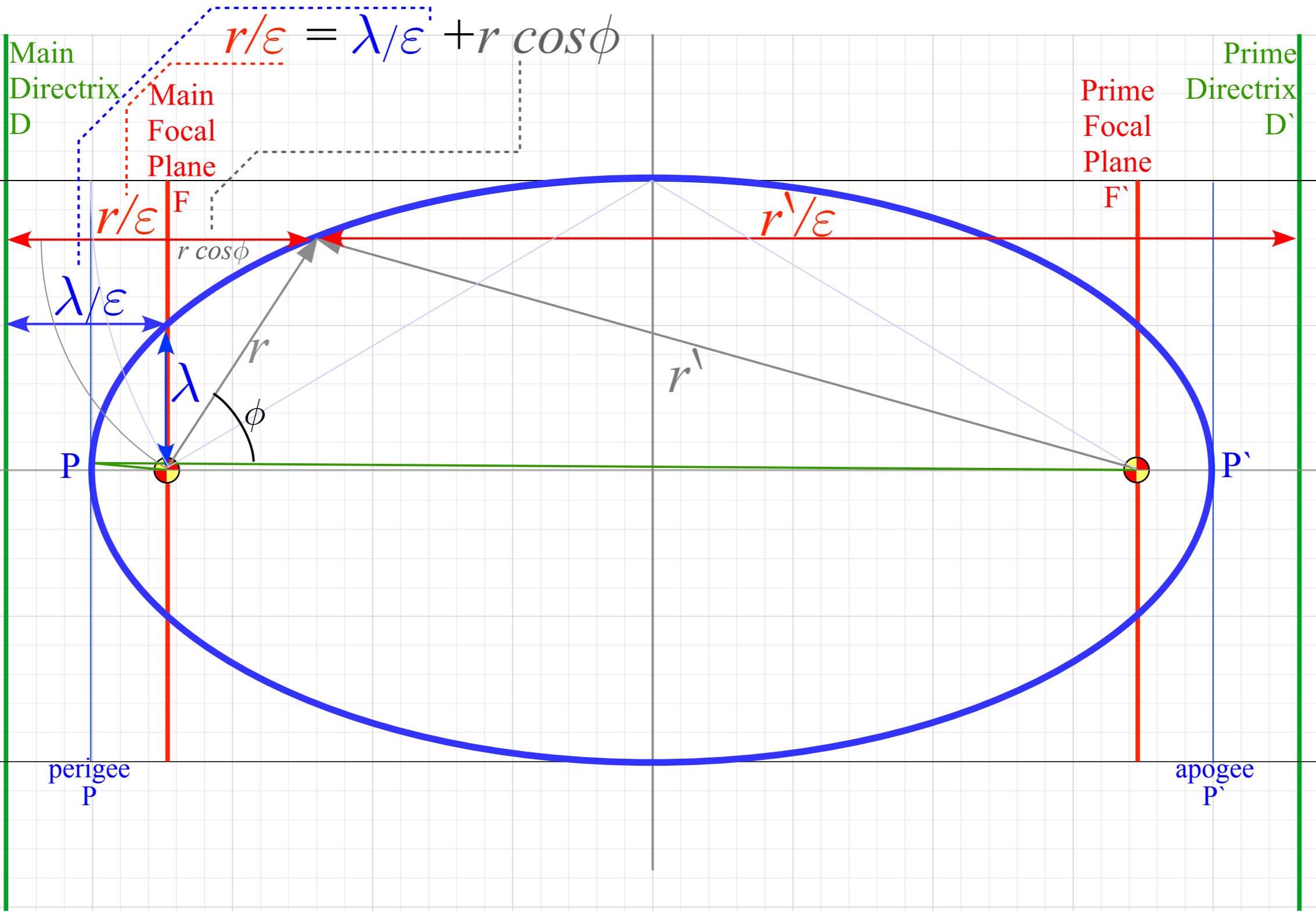
Eccentricity $\epsilon=0$ (circle) to $0 < \epsilon < 1$ (ellipses) to $\epsilon=1$ (parabola) to $\epsilon > 1$ (hyperbolas)

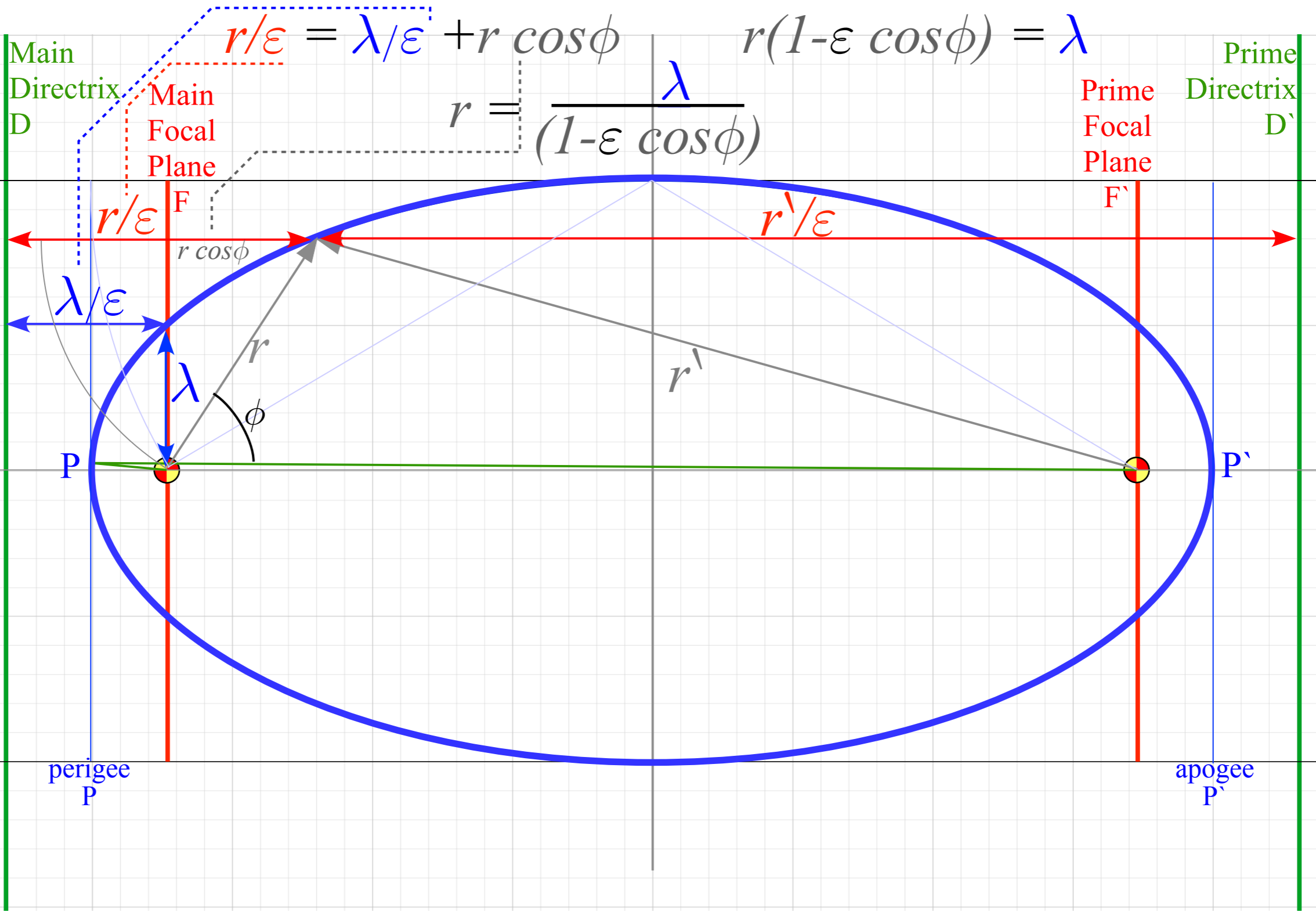


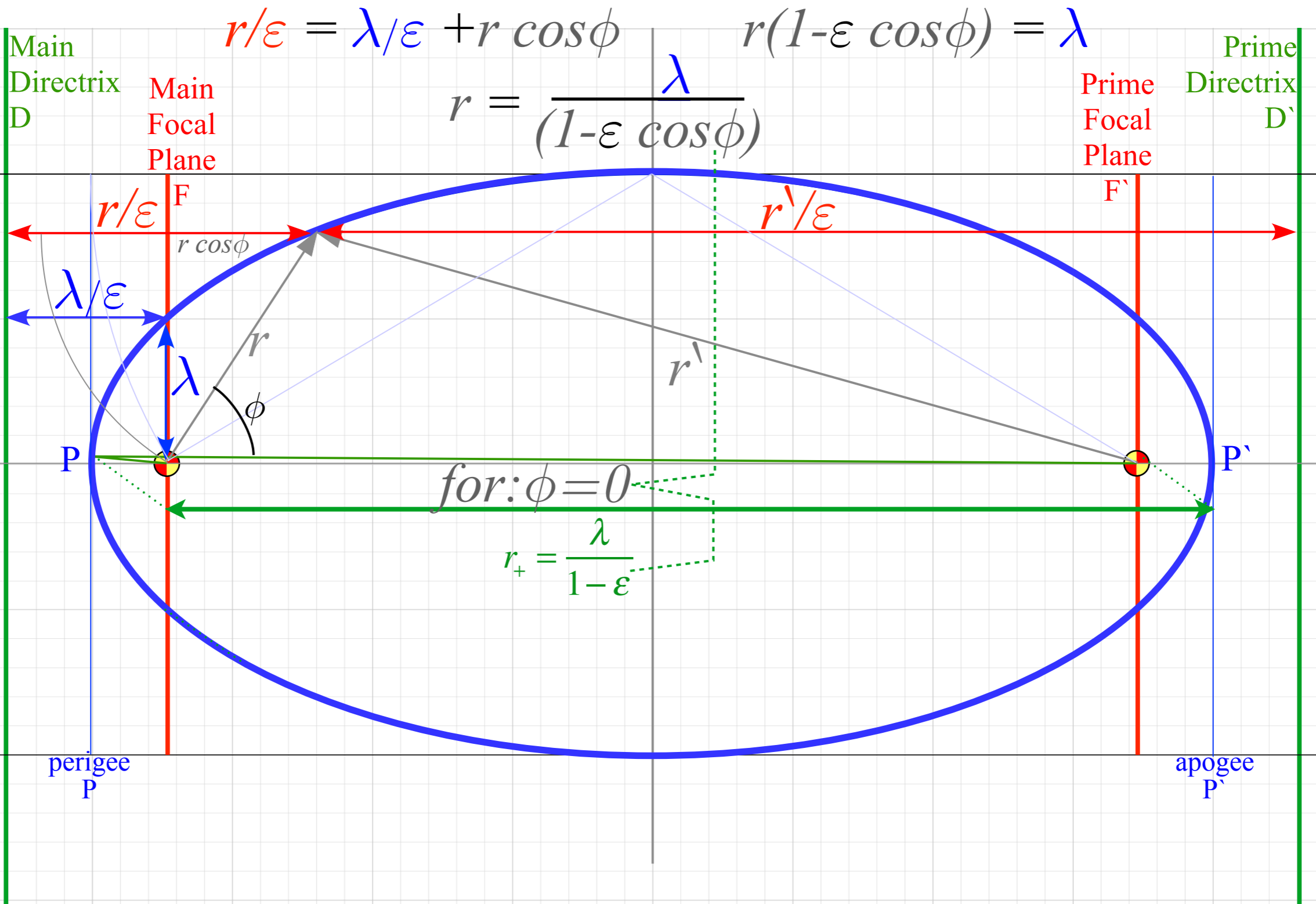
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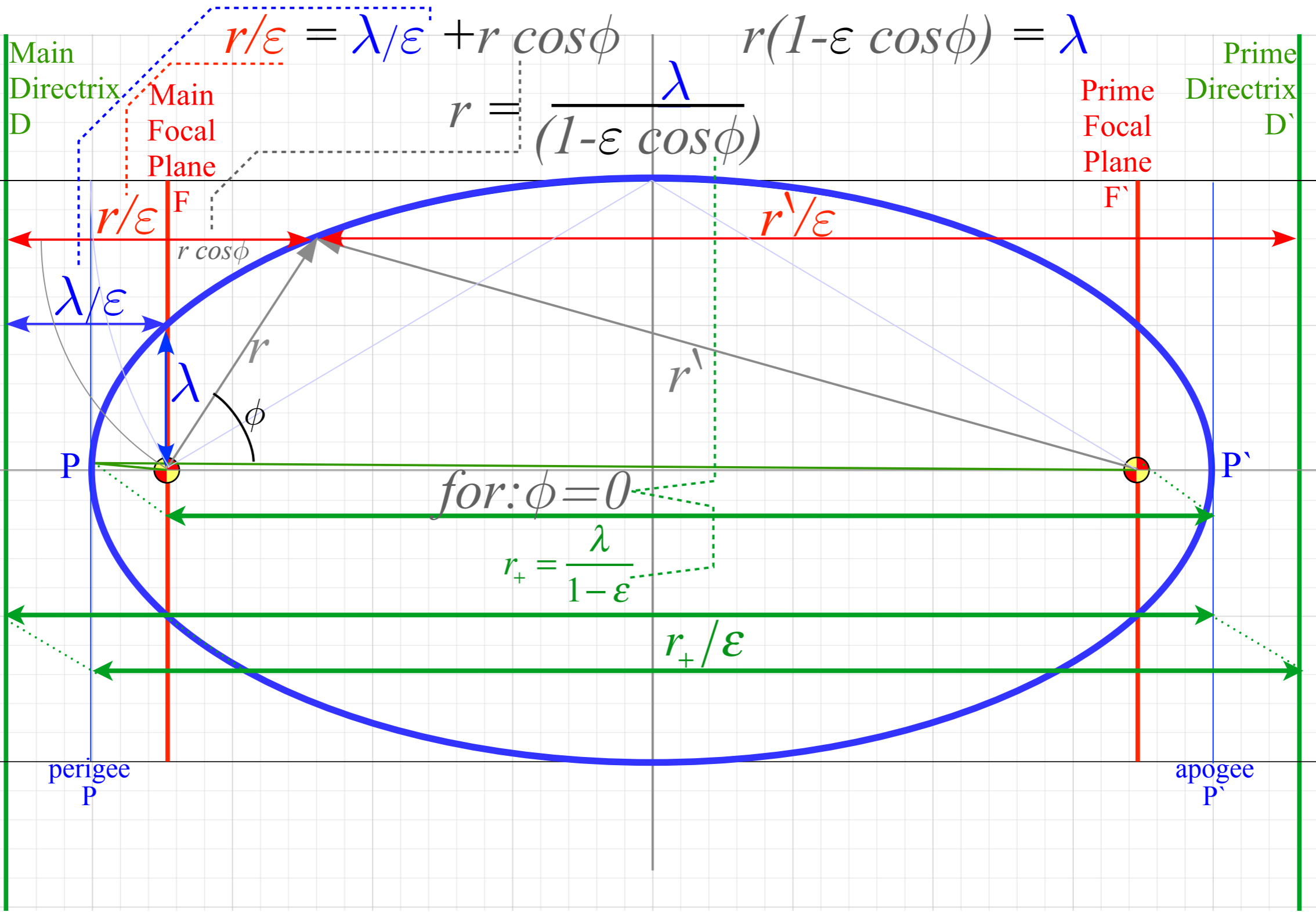
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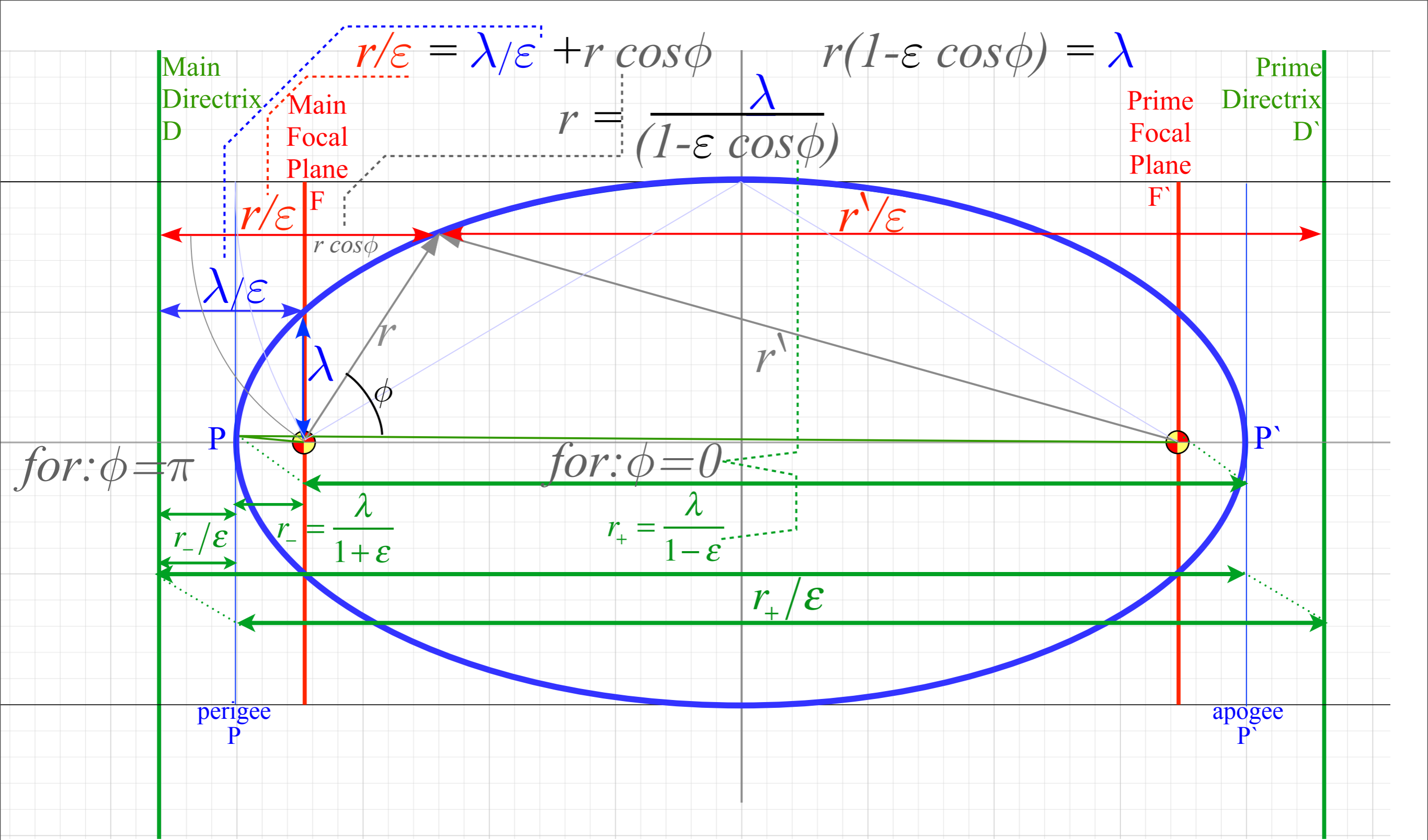
Detailed hyperbolic geometry

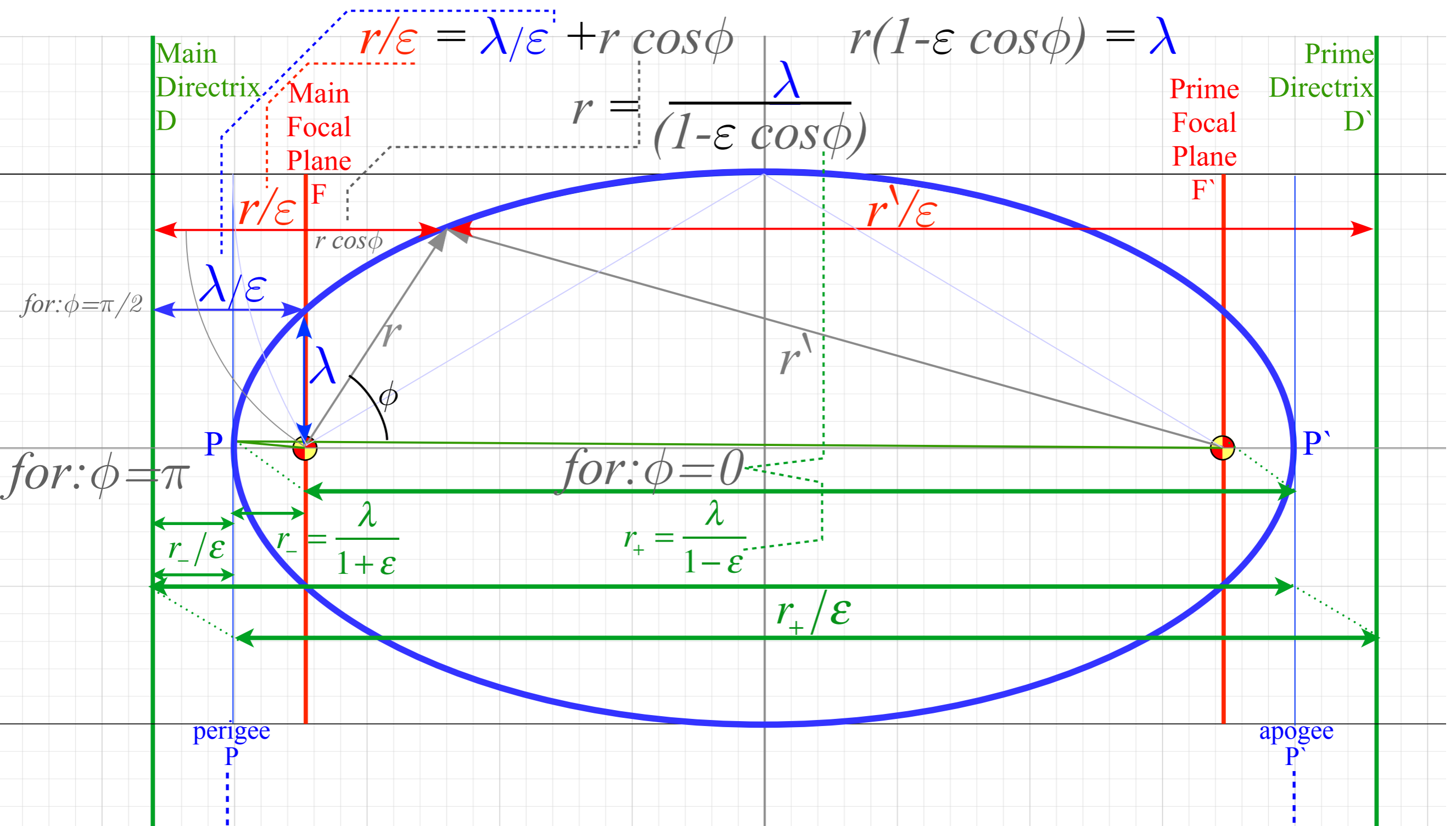




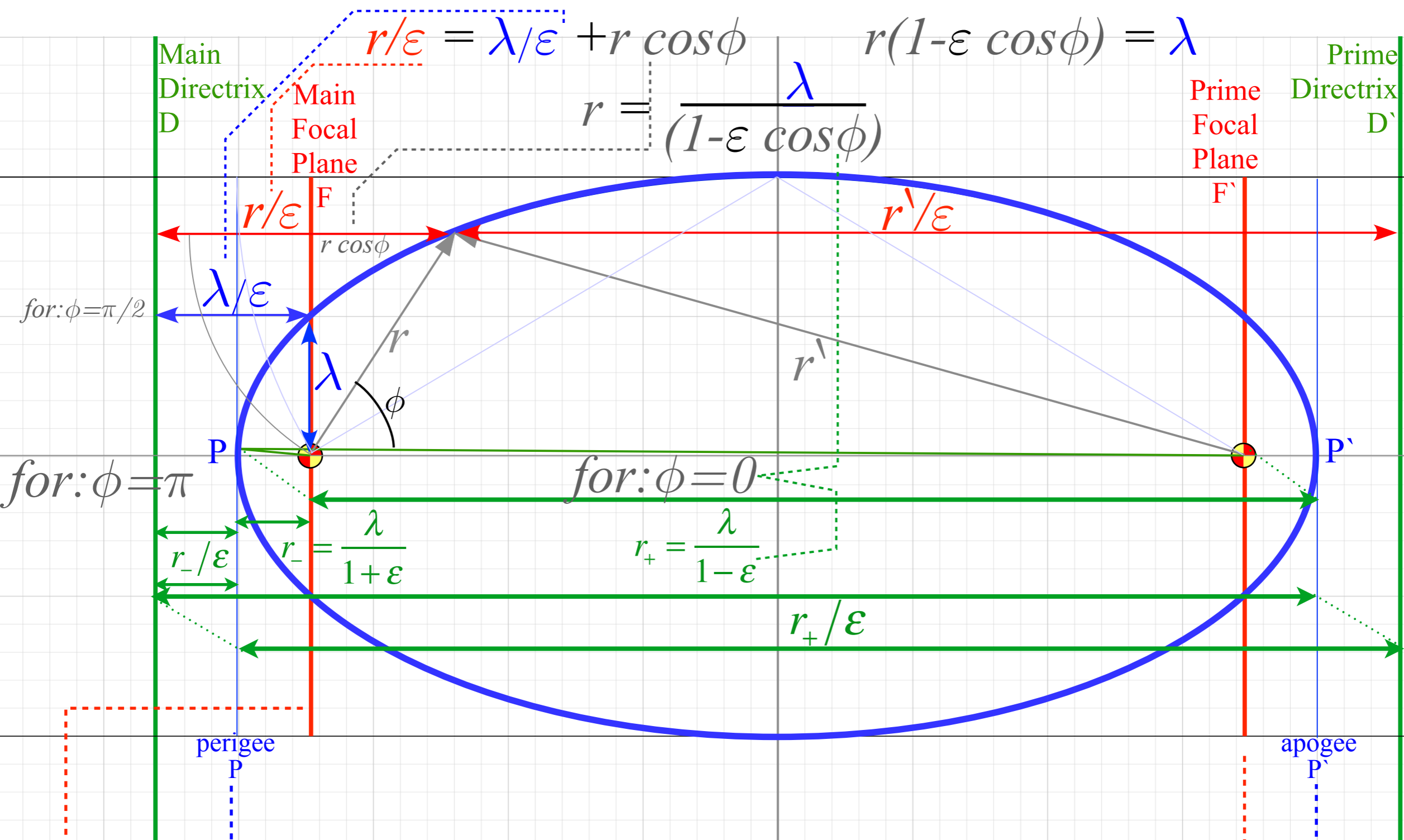






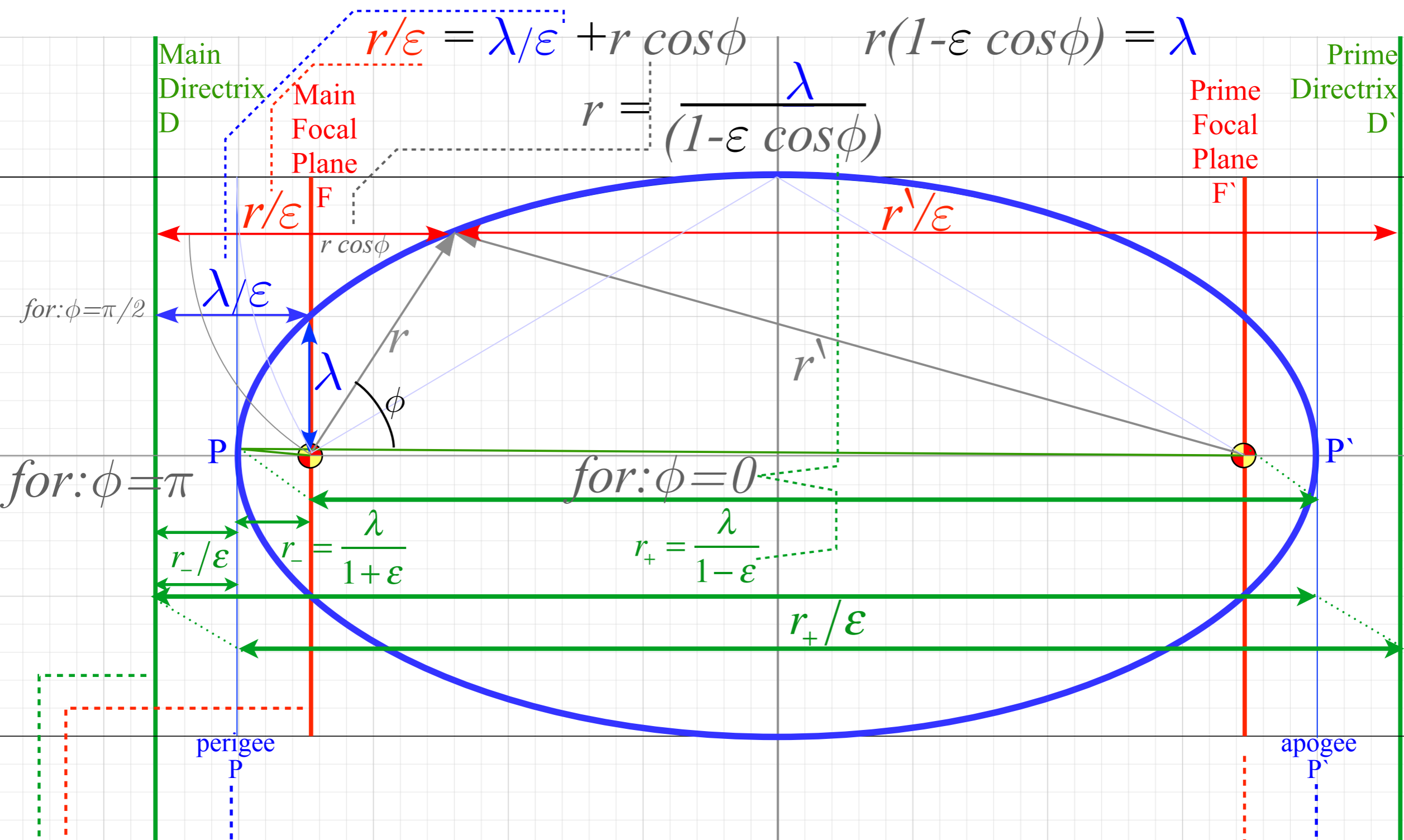


Major axis PP' $= r_+ + r_- = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \epsilon} + \frac{\lambda}{1 + \epsilon} = \frac{\lambda(1 + \epsilon) + \lambda(1 - \epsilon)}{(1 + \epsilon)(1 - \epsilon)} = \frac{2\lambda}{1 - \epsilon^2} = 2a$



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$$r/\epsilon = \lambda/\epsilon + r \cos\phi \qquad r(1 - \epsilon \cos\phi) = \lambda$$

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

for: $\phi = \pi/2$

for: $\phi = 0$

$$r_- = \frac{\lambda}{1 + \epsilon}$$

$$r_+ = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \epsilon}$$

$$r_+/\epsilon$$

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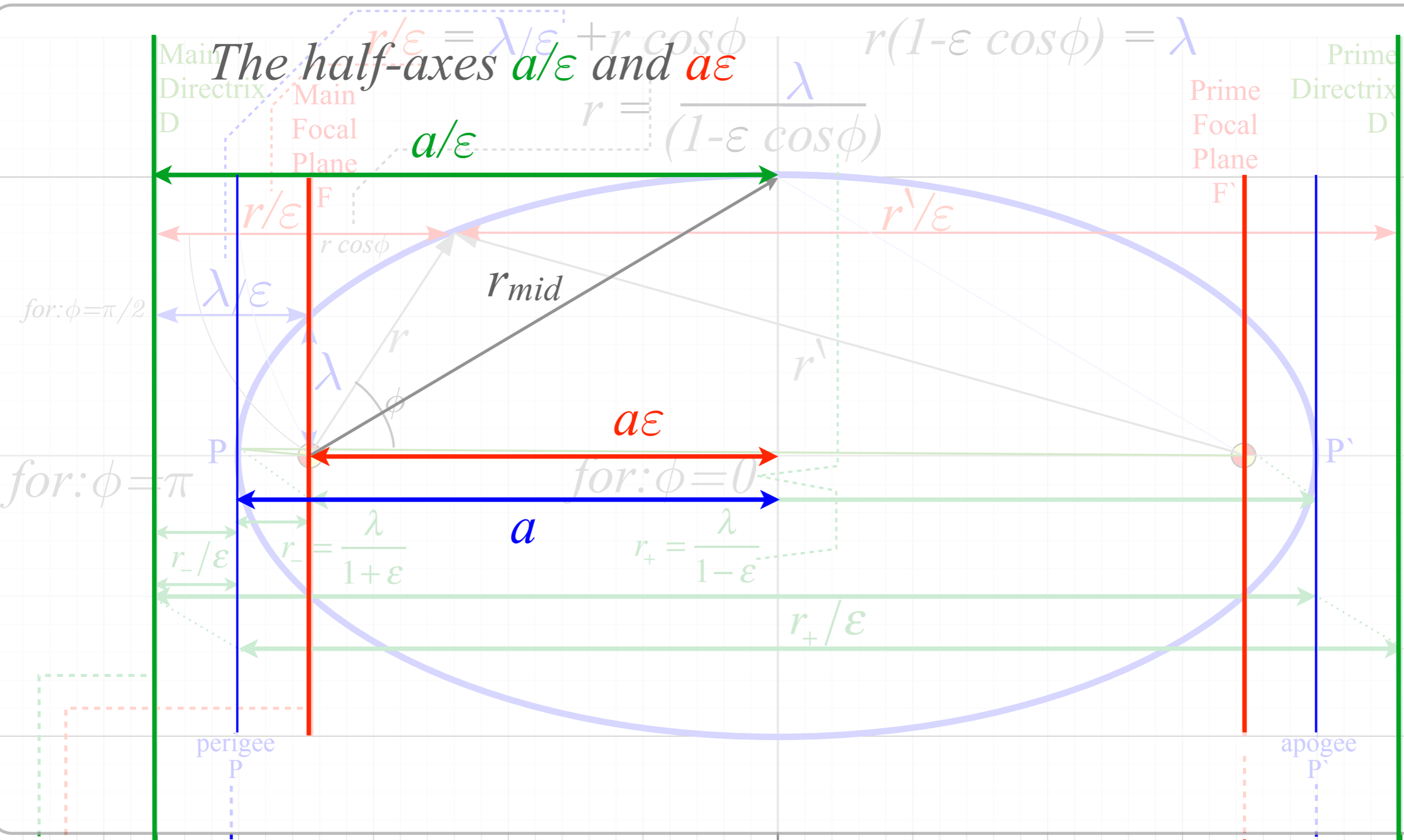
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The half-axes a/ϵ and $a\epsilon$

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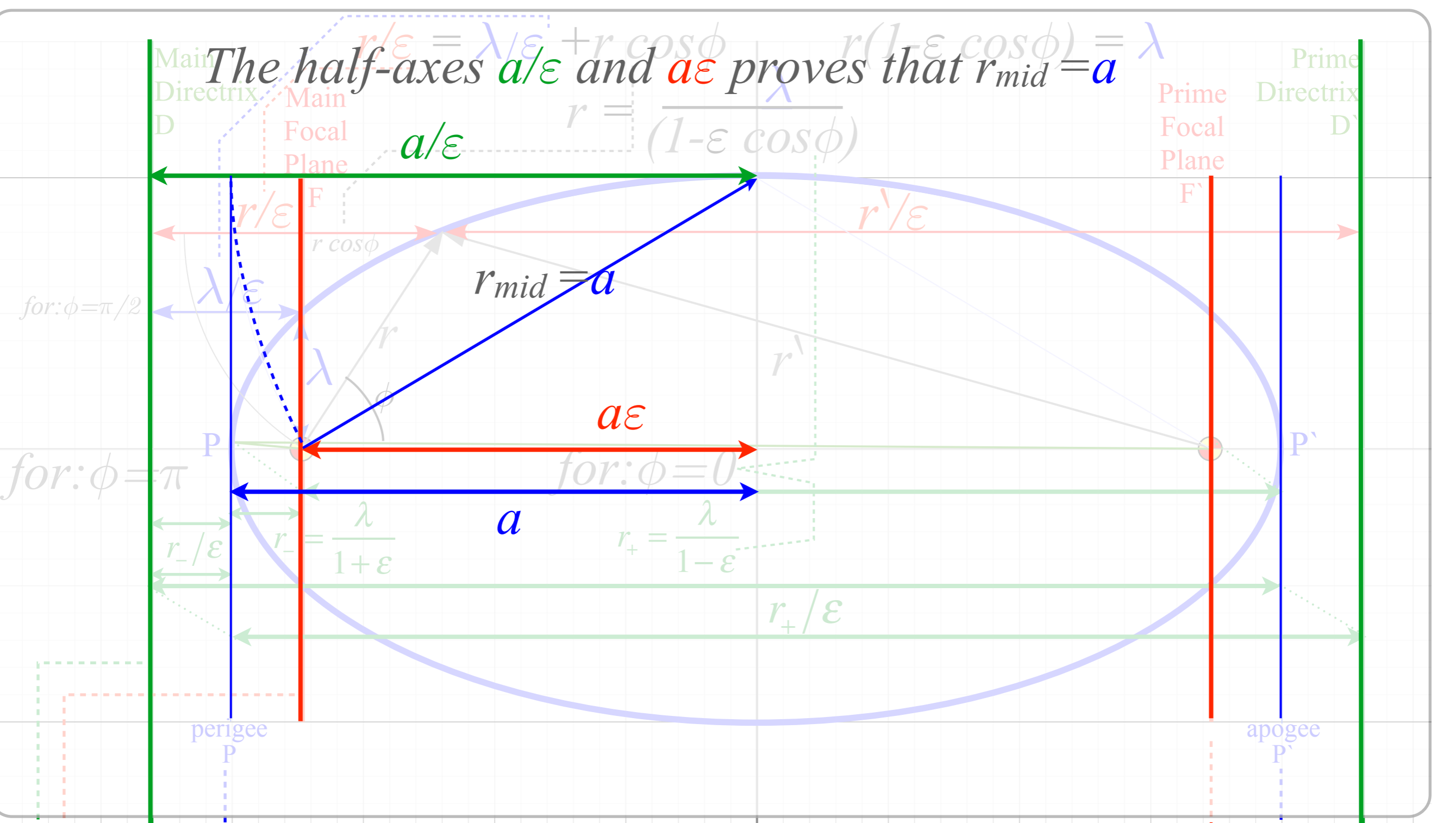


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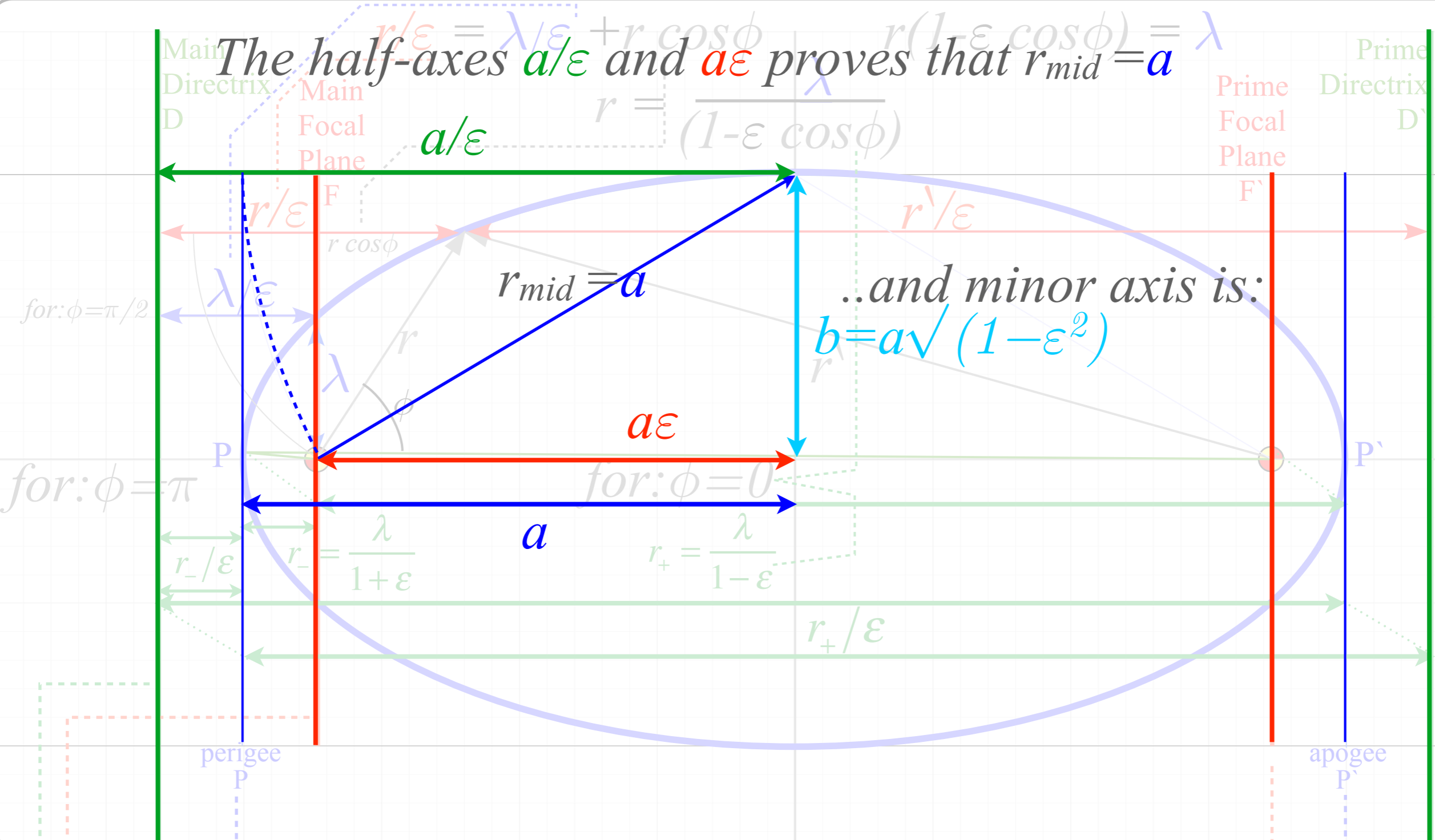
The half-axes a/ϵ and $a\epsilon$ proves that $r_{mid} = a$



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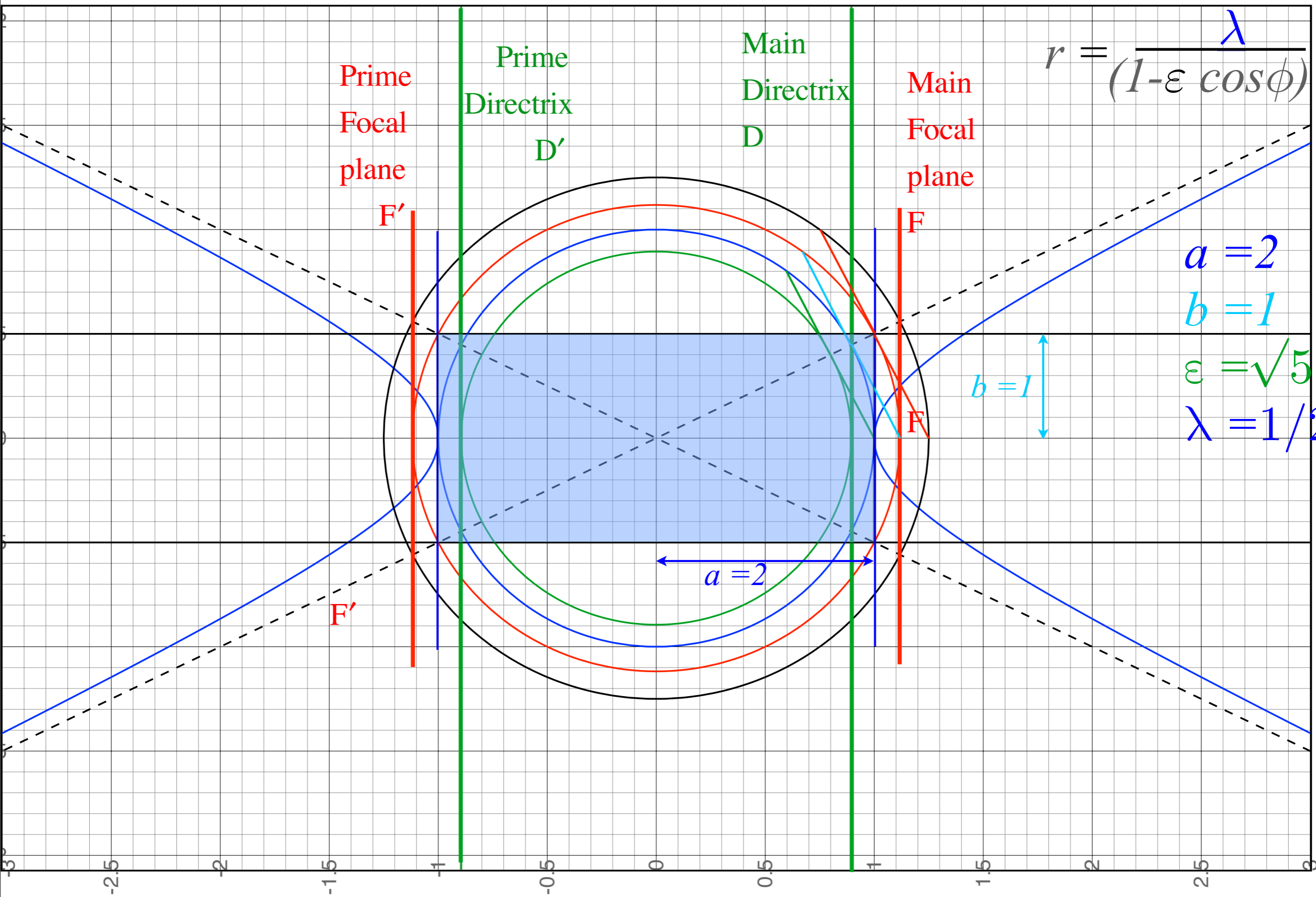
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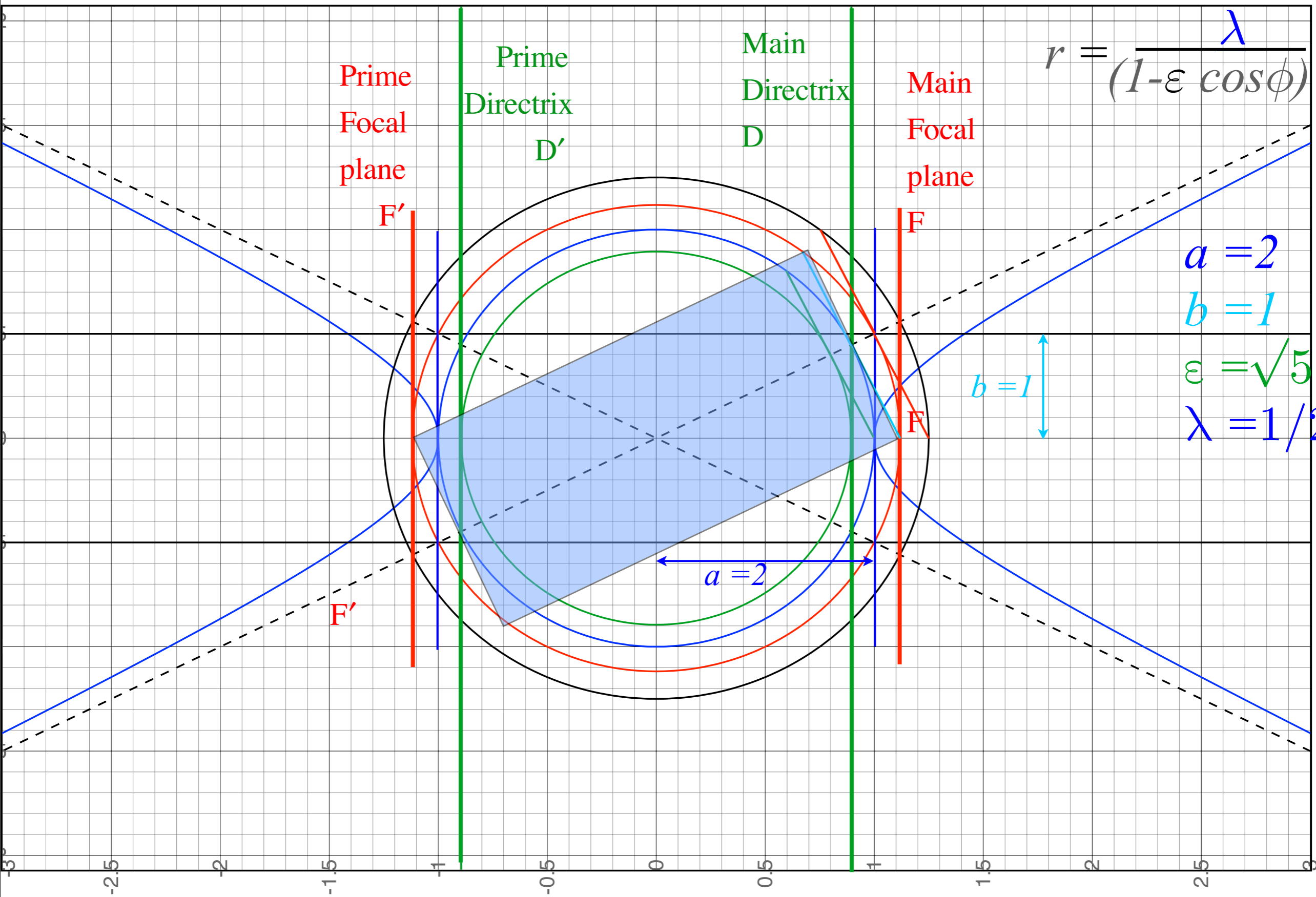
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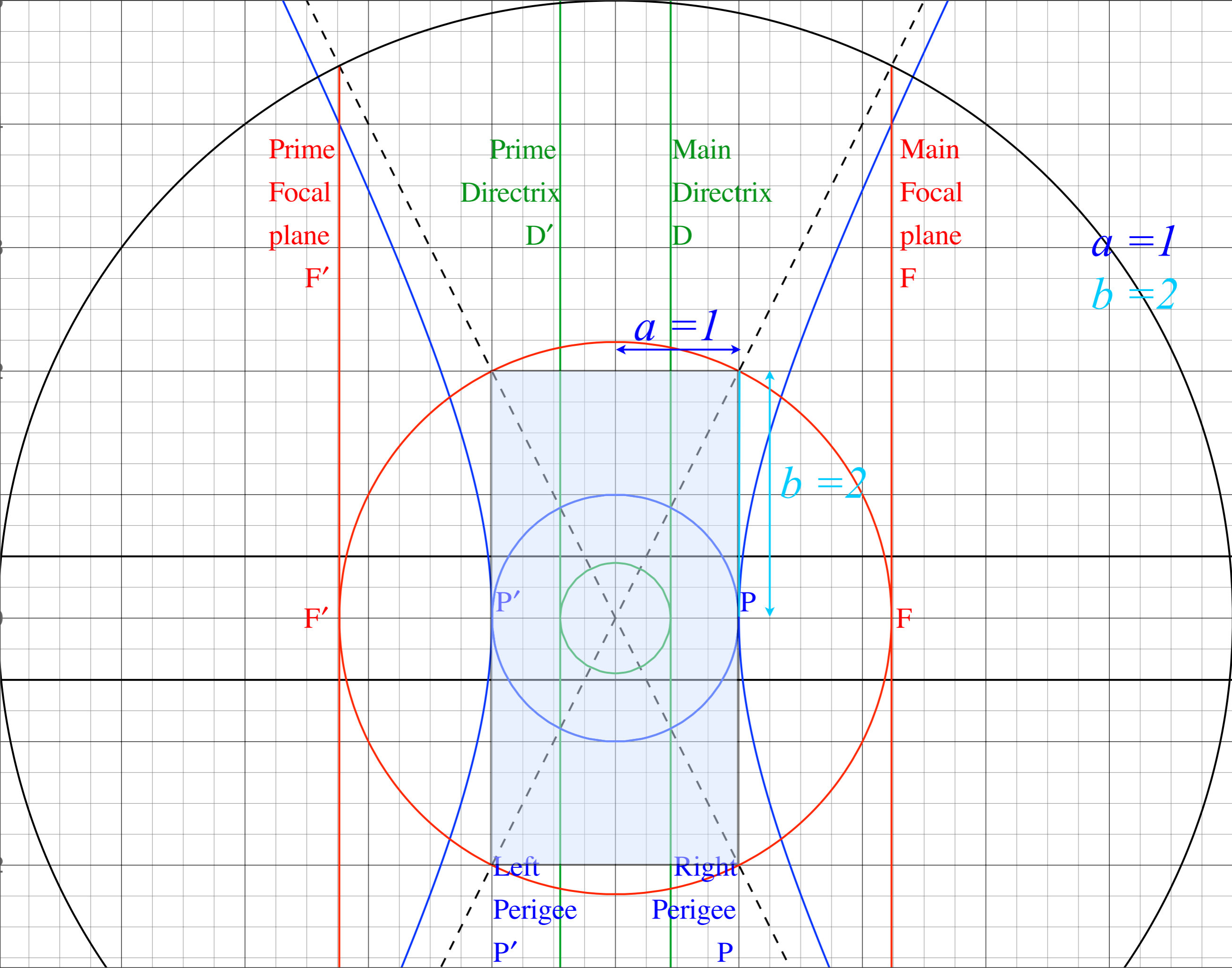
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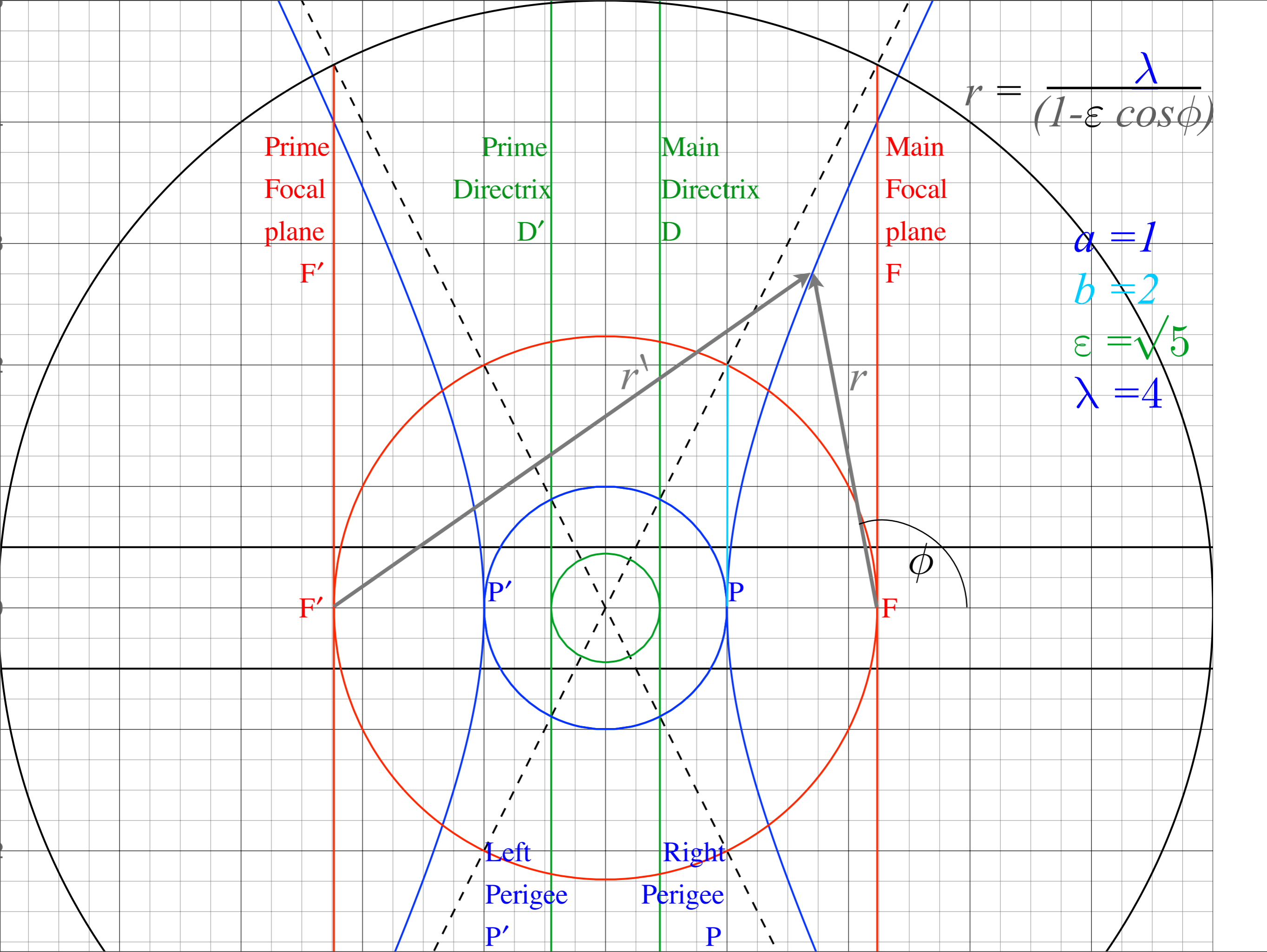
$$b = 1$$

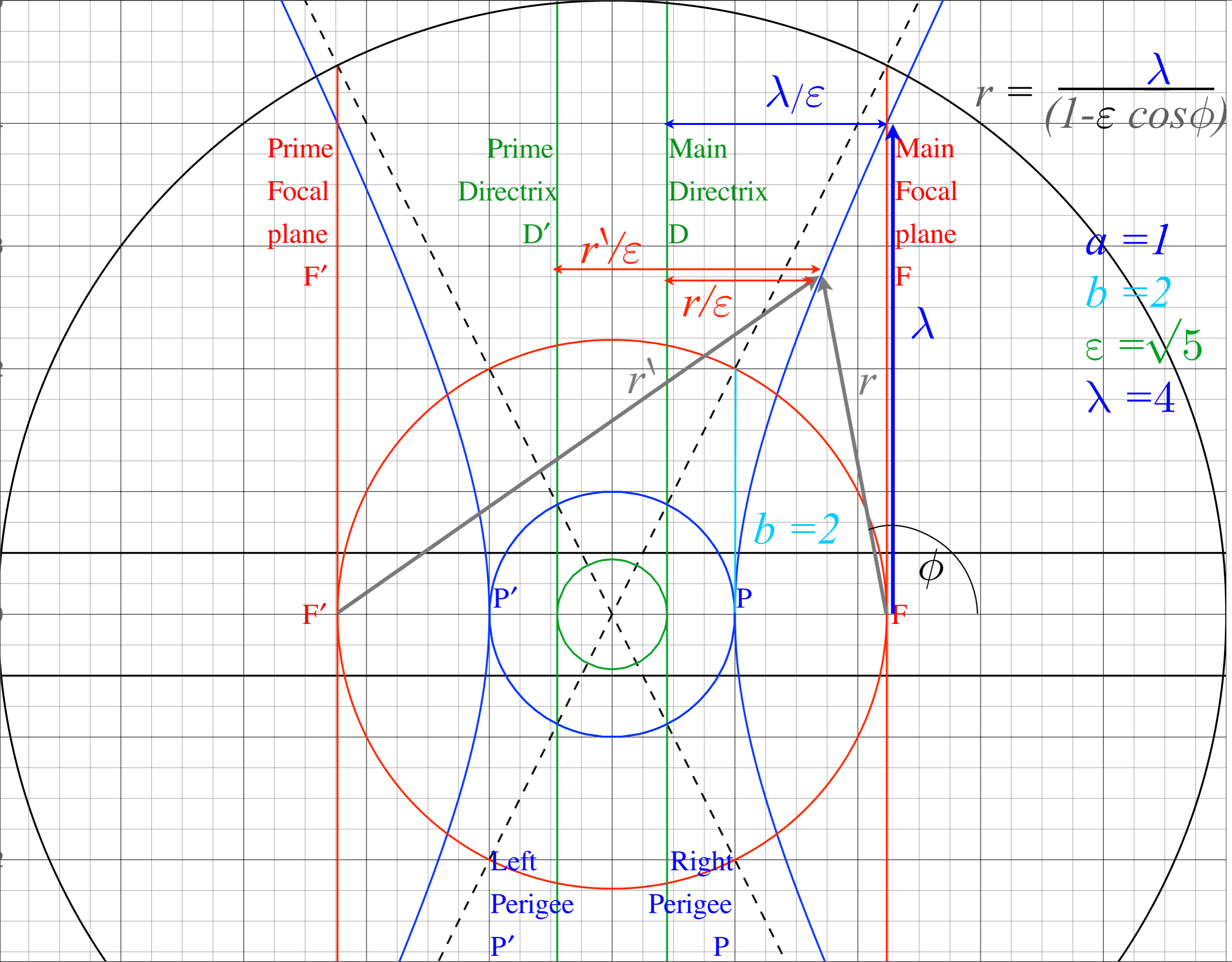
$$\epsilon = \sqrt{5}/2$$

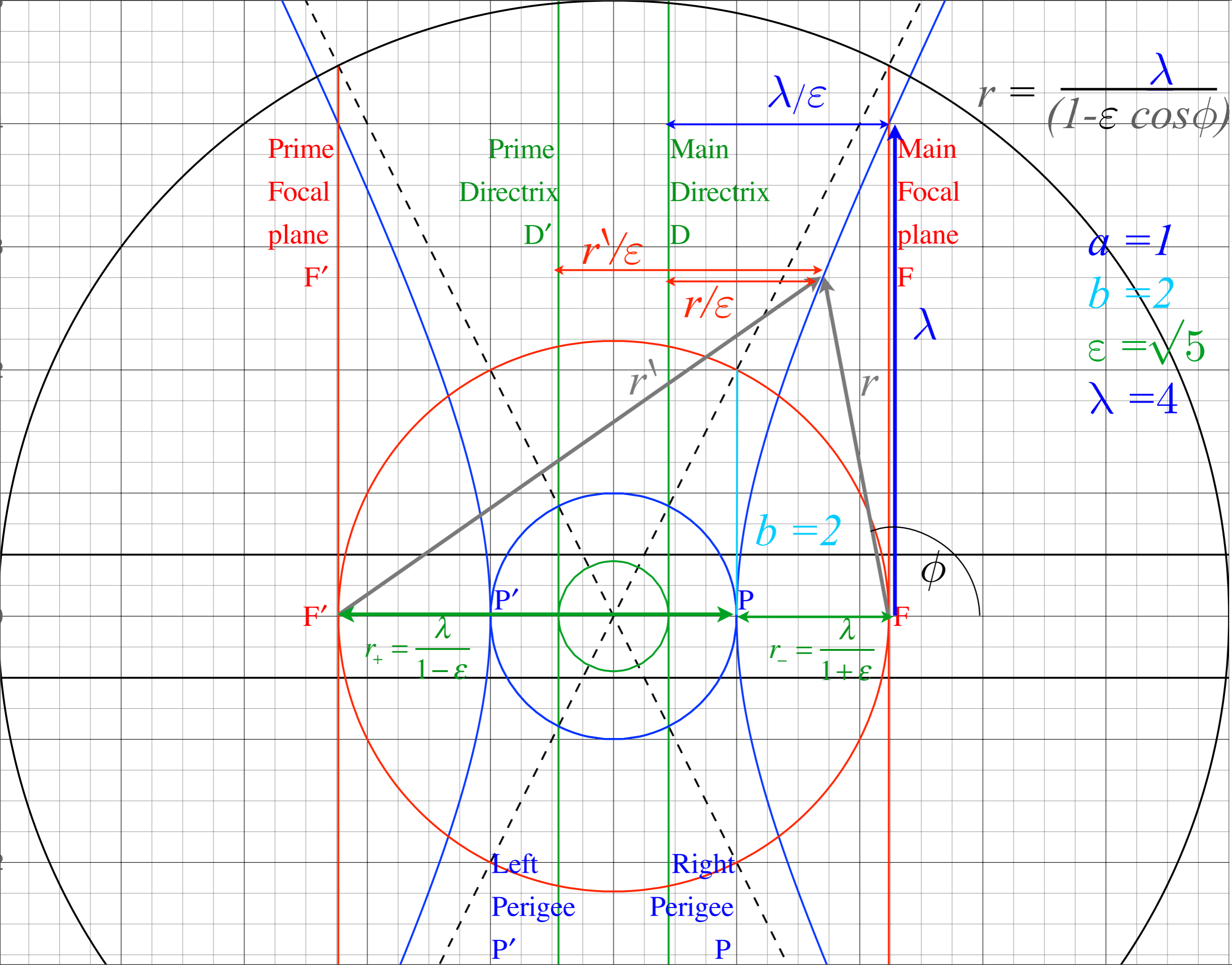
$$\lambda = 1/2$$

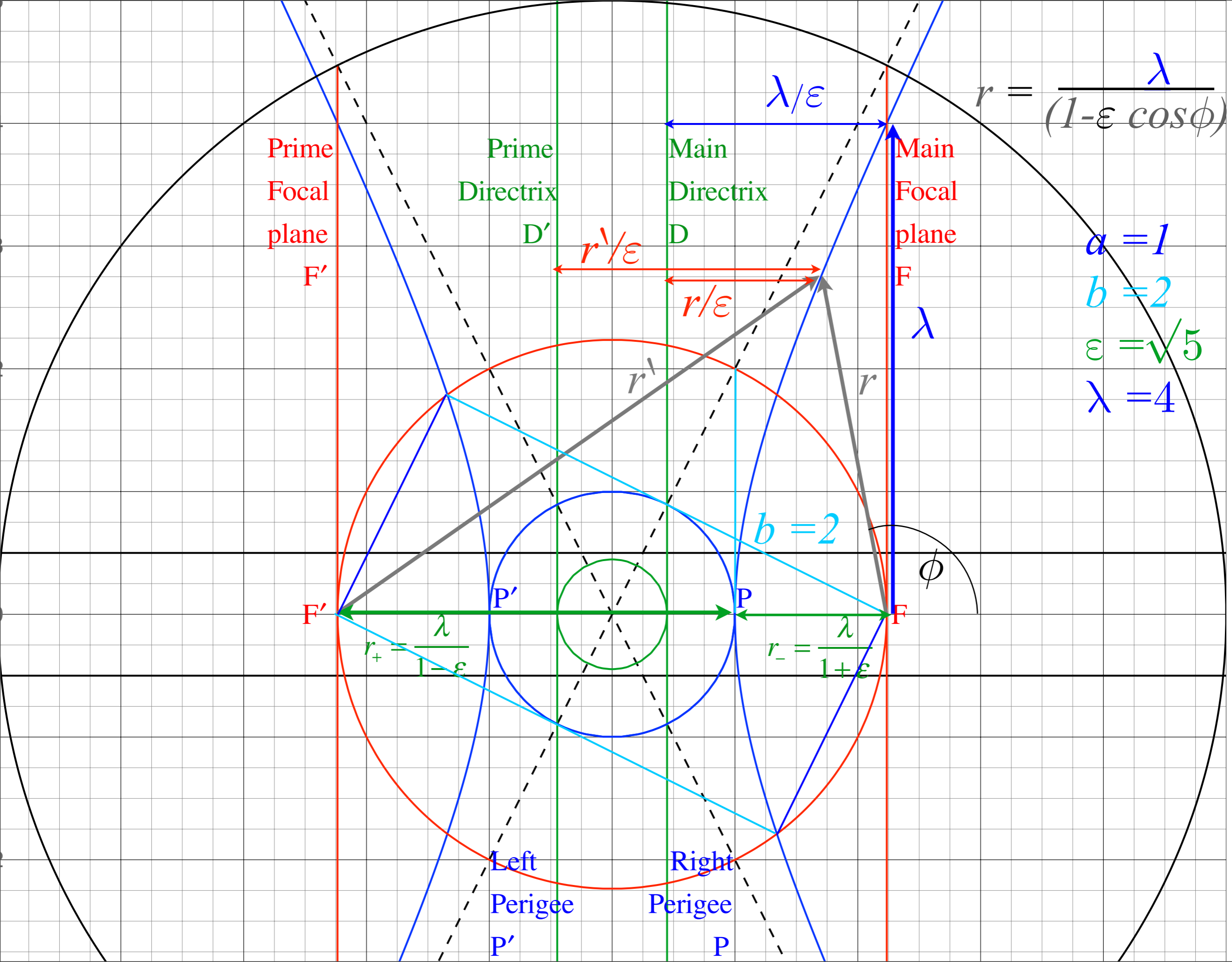


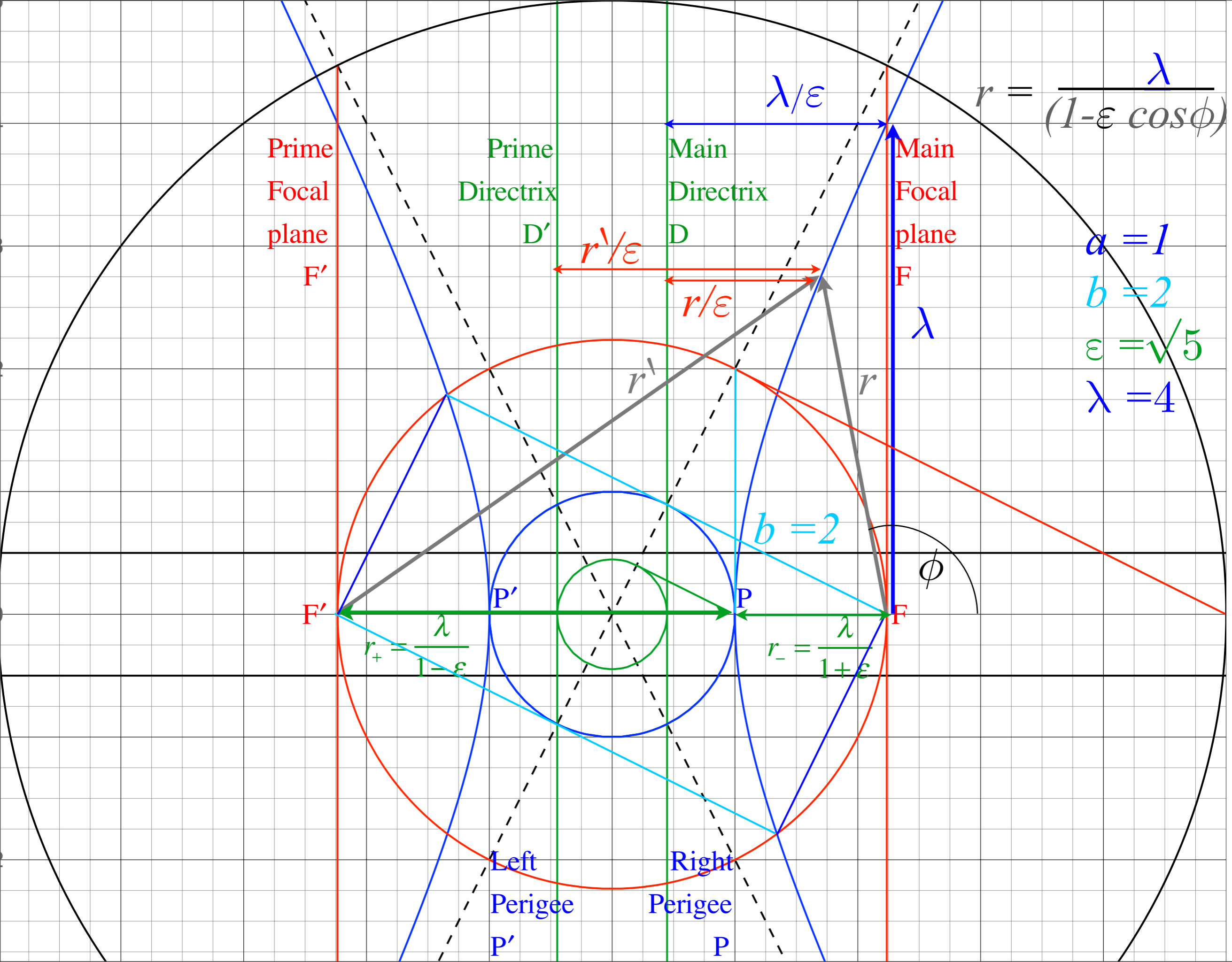


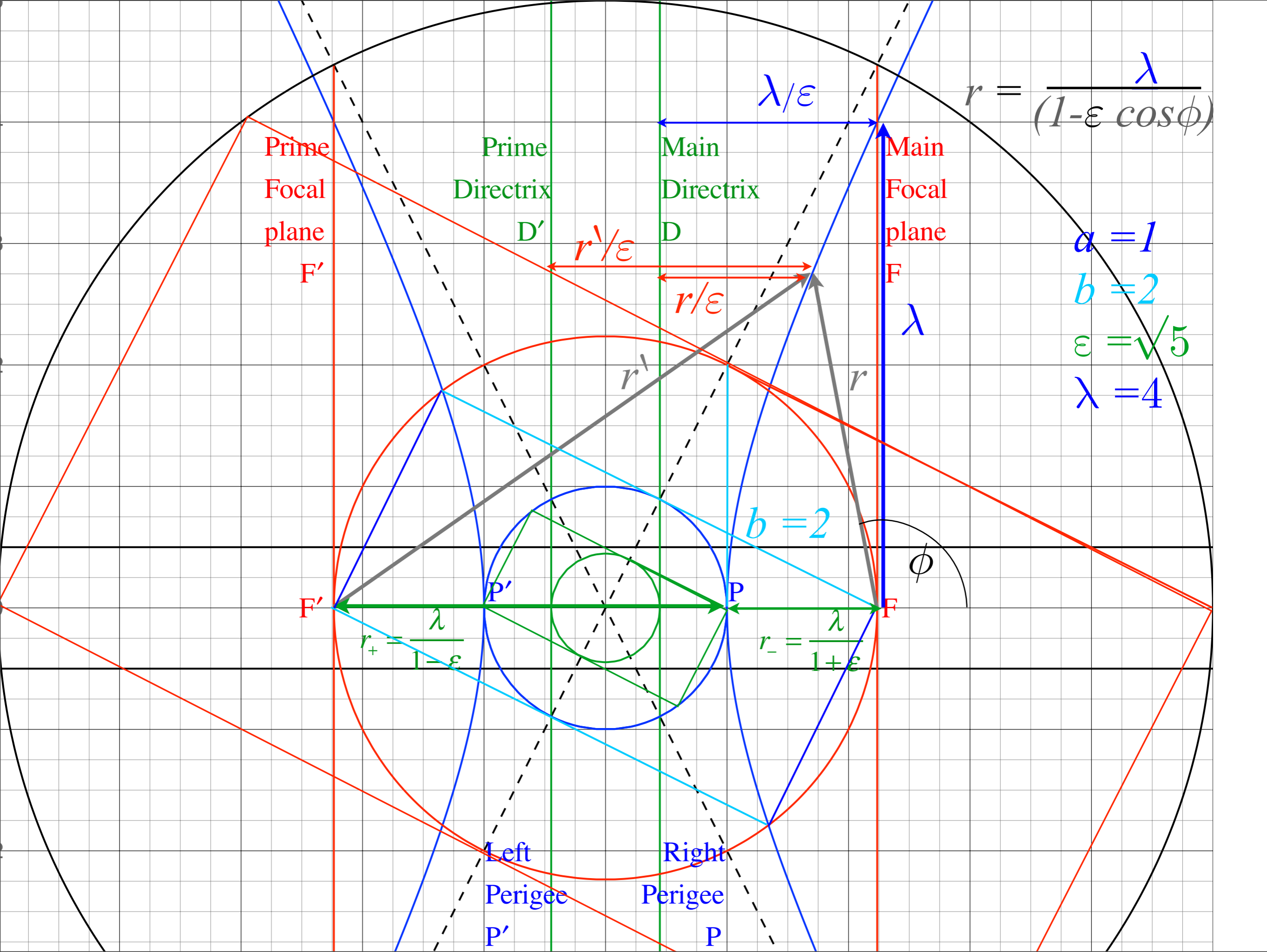


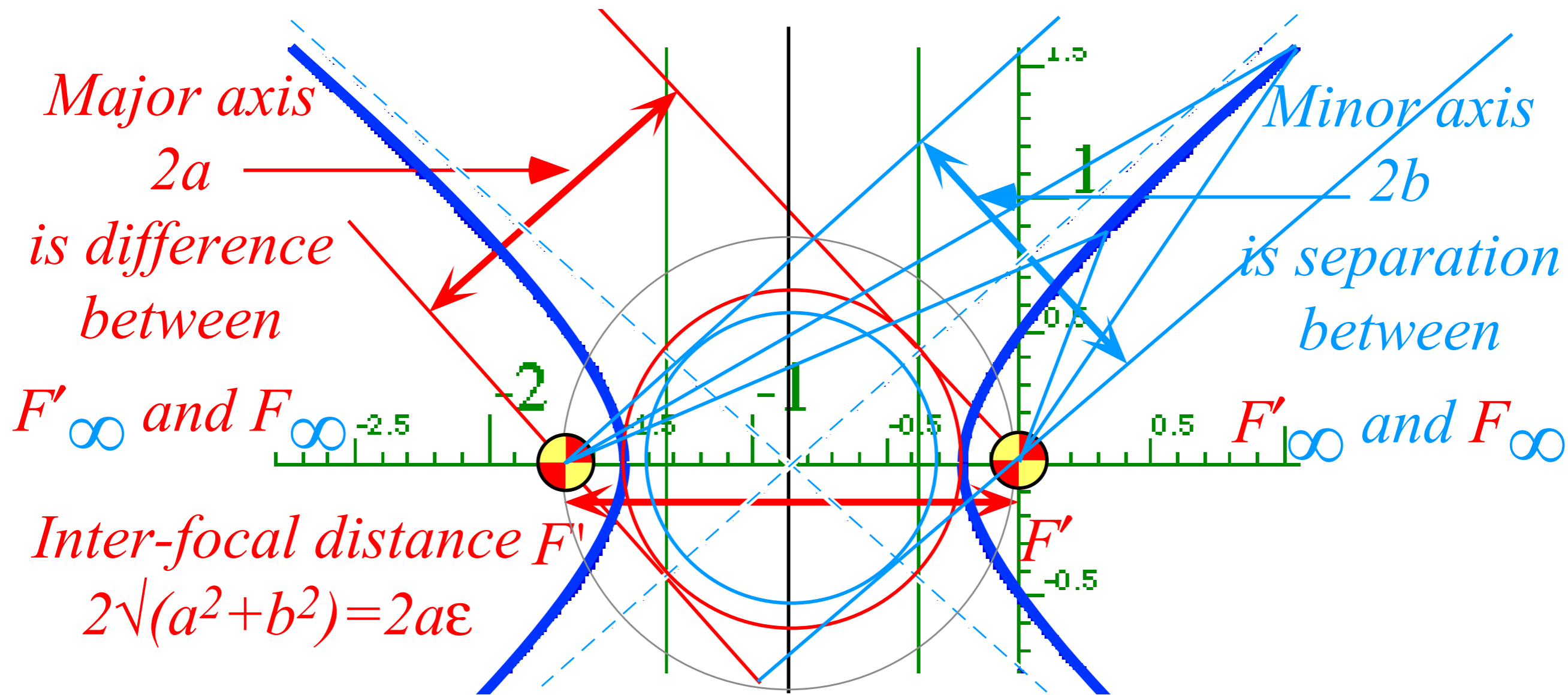


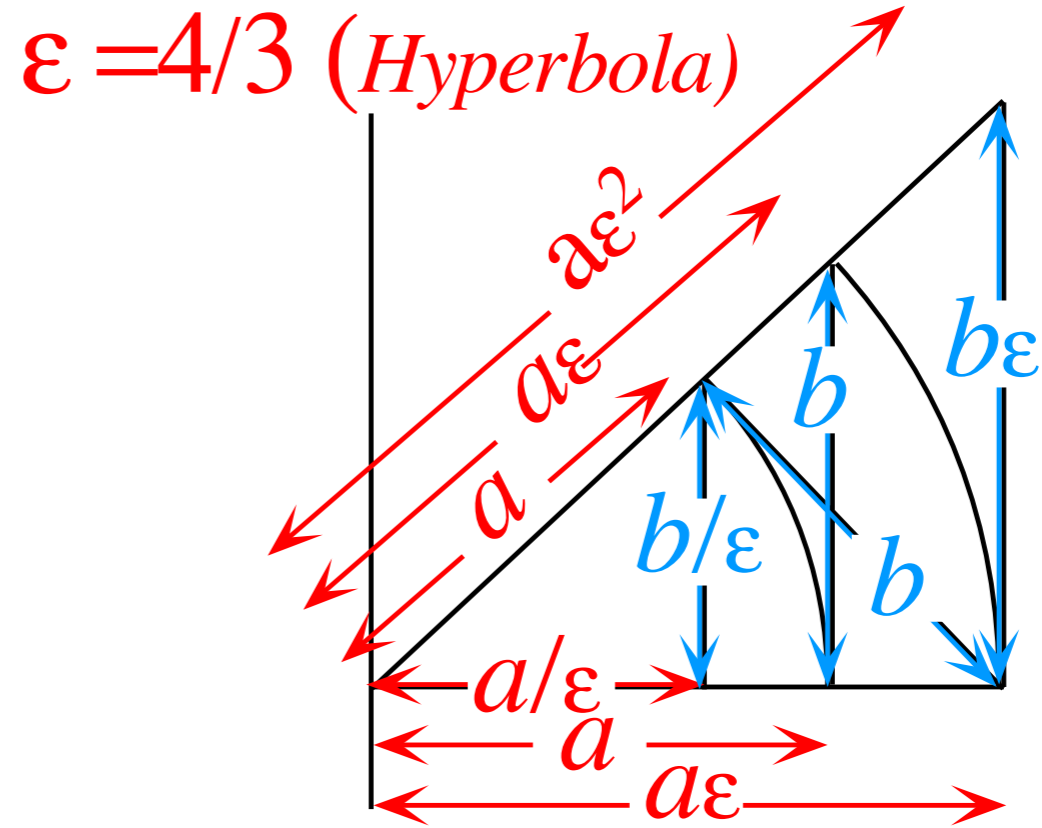
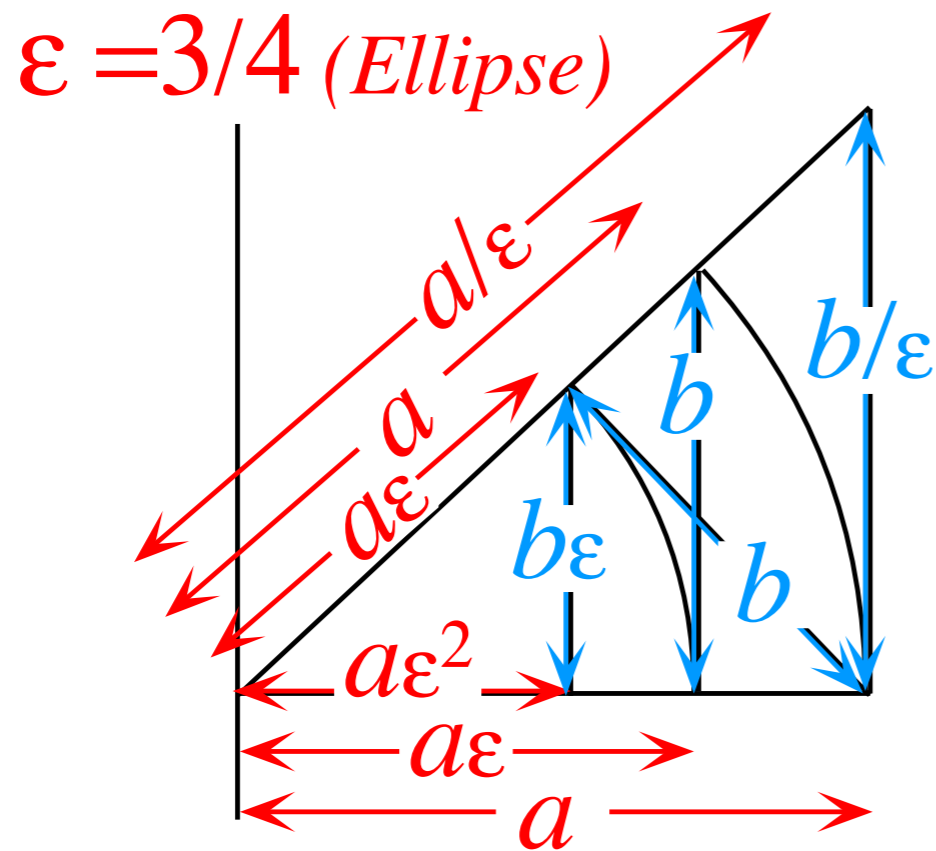












For the elliptic geometry ($\epsilon < 1$):

$$b^2 = a^2 - a^2\epsilon^2 = a\lambda,$$

$$b = a \sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} = \sqrt{a\lambda},$$

For hyperbolic geometry ($\epsilon > 1$):

$$b^2 = a^2\epsilon^2 - a^2 = a\lambda,$$

$$b = a \sqrt{\epsilon^2-1} = \sqrt{a\lambda}.$$

(λ, ϵ) - (a, b) expressions and their inverses follow.

$$a = \lambda / (1 - \epsilon^2)$$

$$b^2 = \lambda^2 / (1 - \epsilon^2)$$

$$\lambda = a(1 - \epsilon^2) = b^2 / a$$

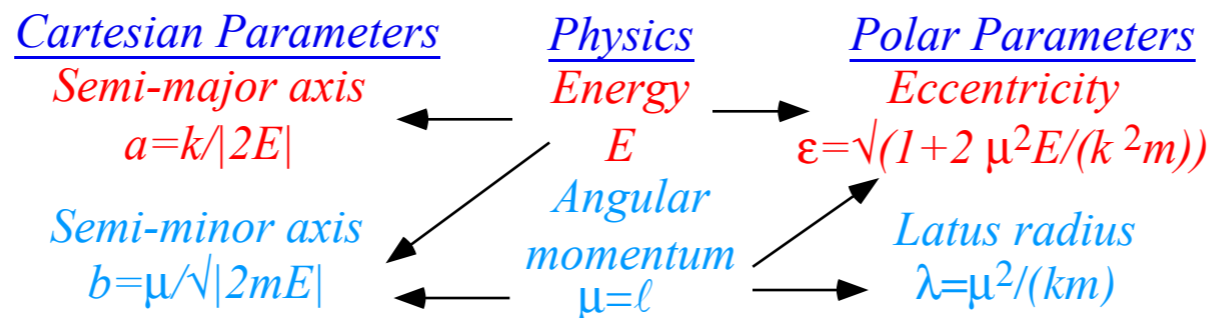
$$\epsilon^2 = 1 - b^2 / a^2$$

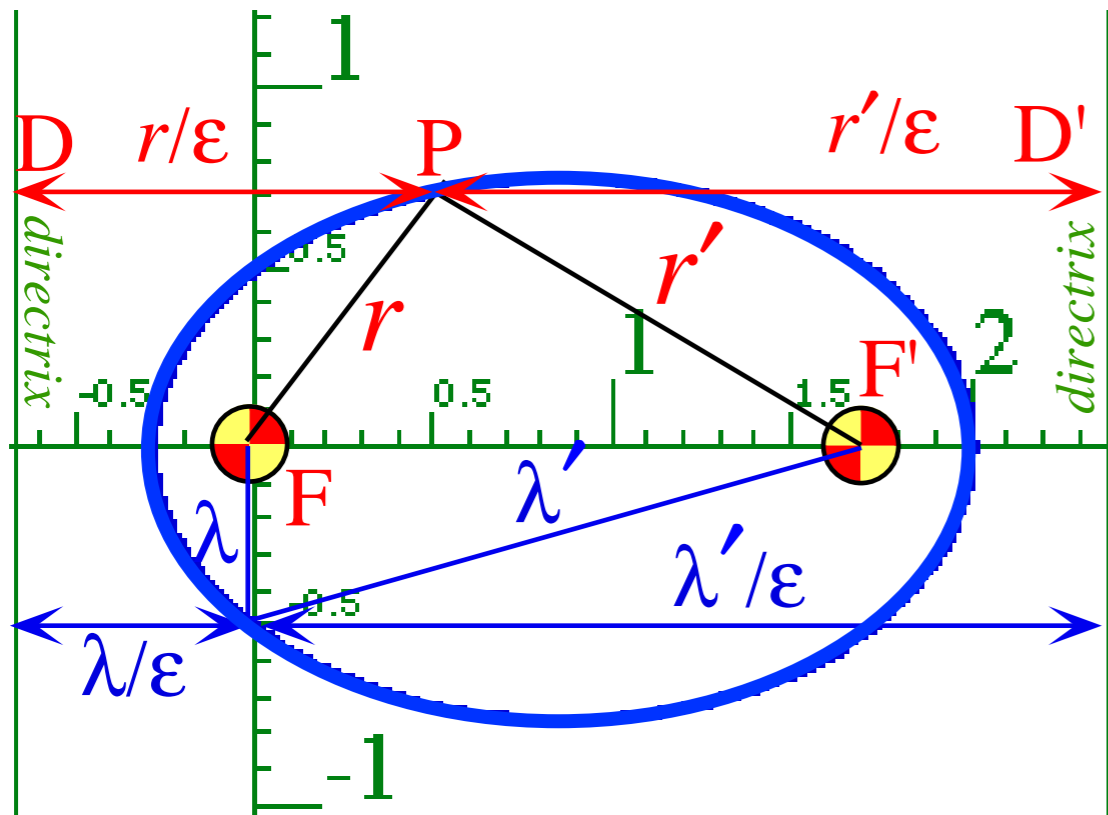
$$a = \lambda / (\epsilon^2 - 1)$$

$$b^2 = \lambda^2 / (\epsilon^2 - 1)$$

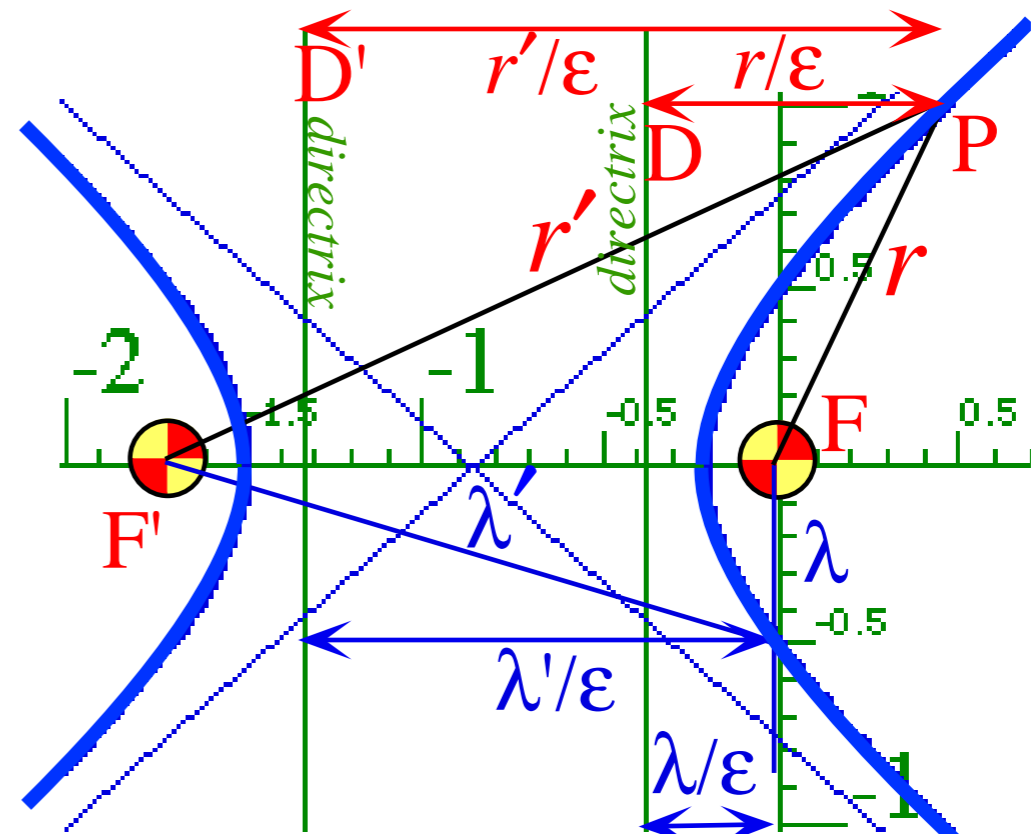
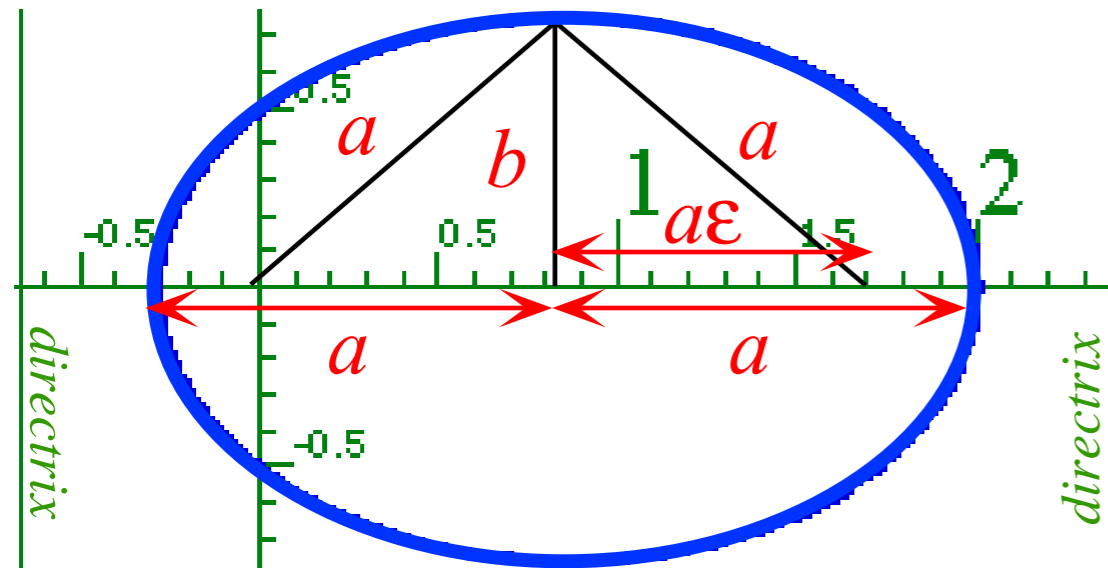
$$\lambda = a(\epsilon^2 - 1) = b^2 / a$$

$$\epsilon^2 = 1 + b^2 / a^2$$

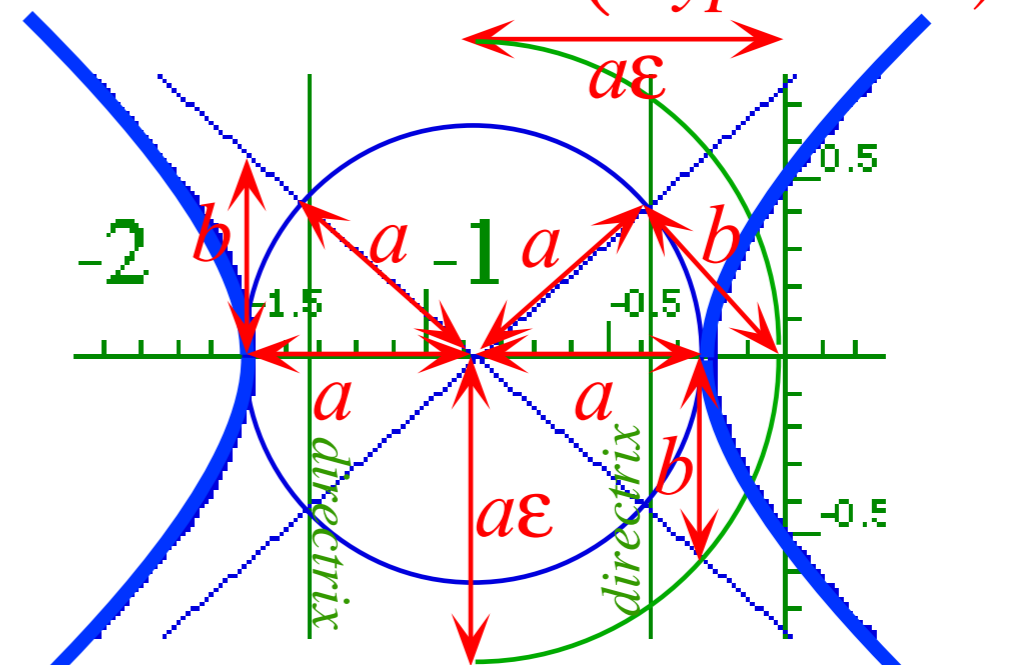




$\epsilon = 3/4$ (Ellipse)

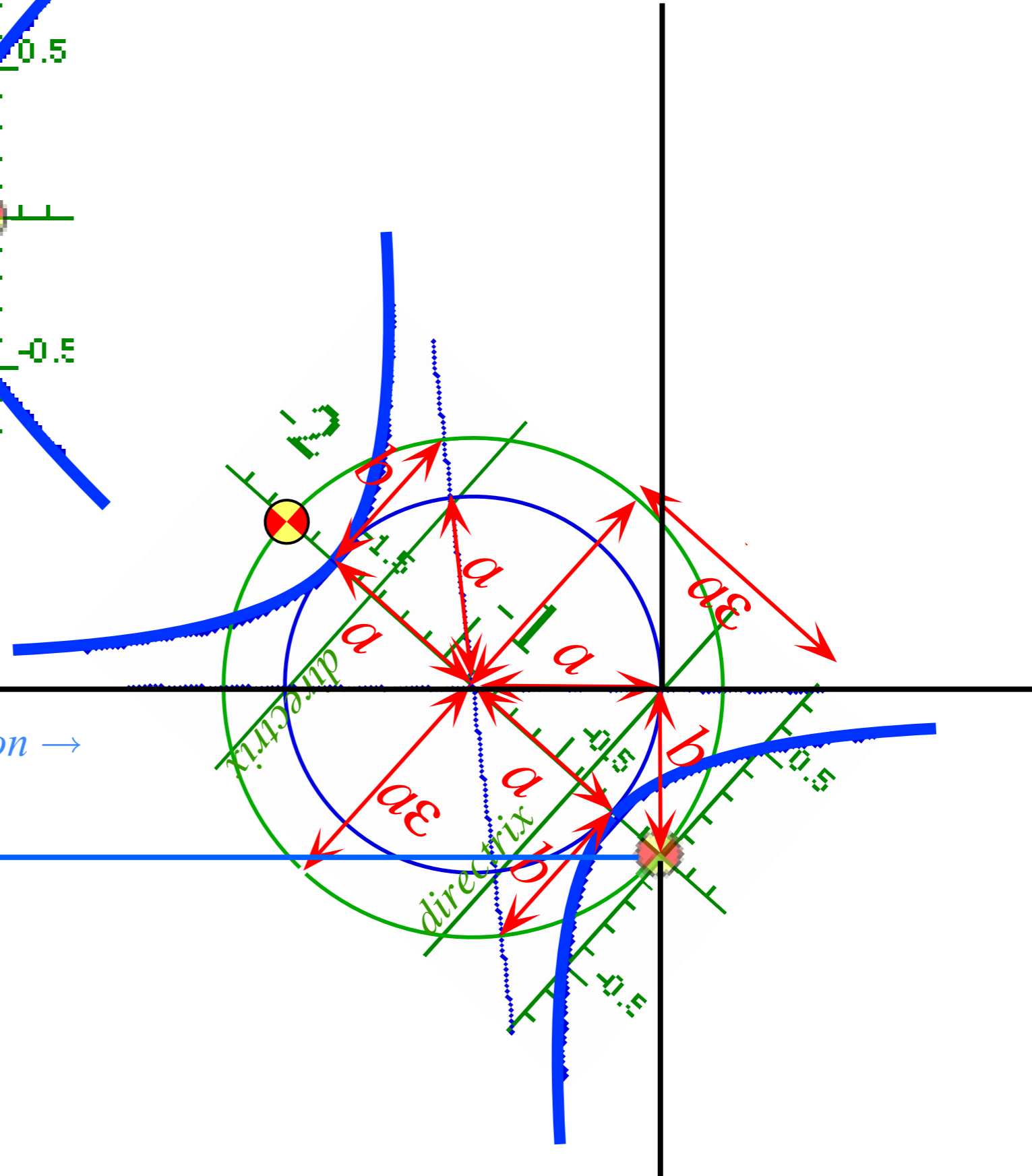
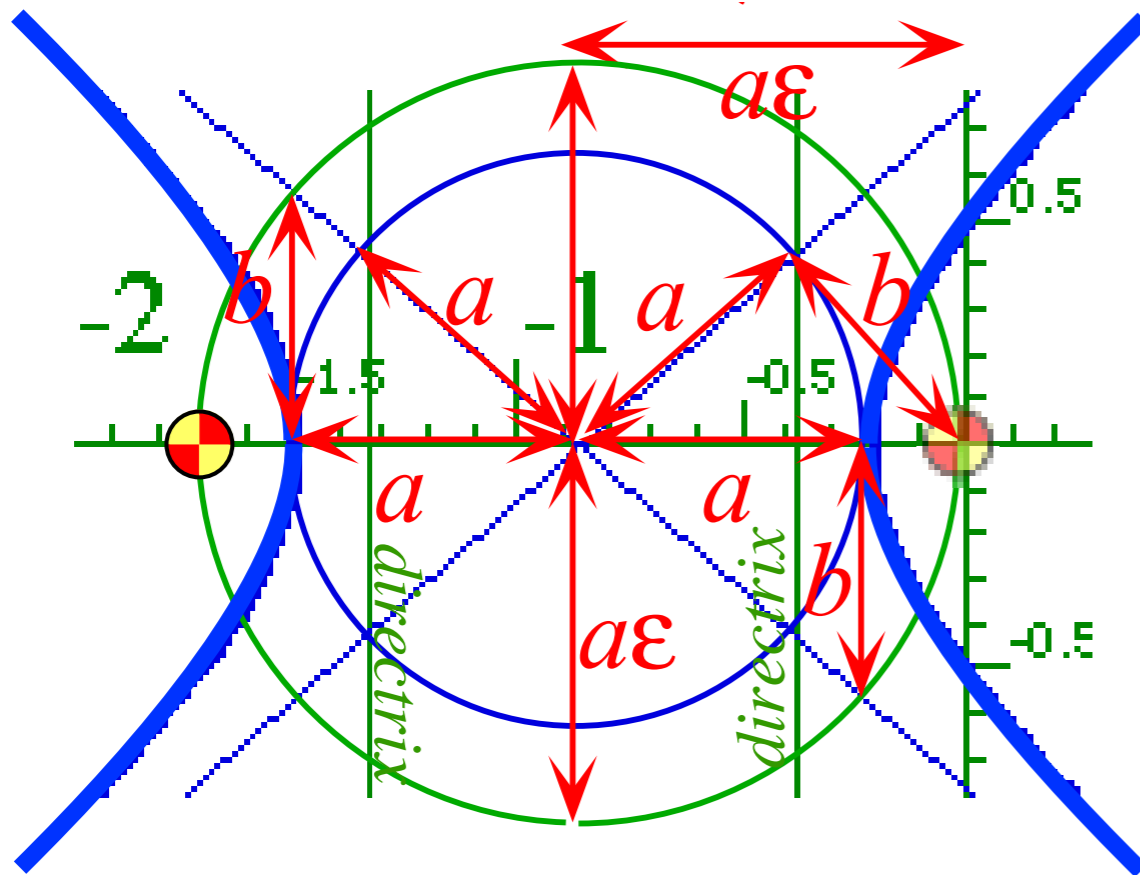


$\epsilon = 4/3$ (Hyperbola)



➔ *Rutherford scattering and differential scattering cross sections*
Ruler & compass construction

Rutherford scattering geometry...



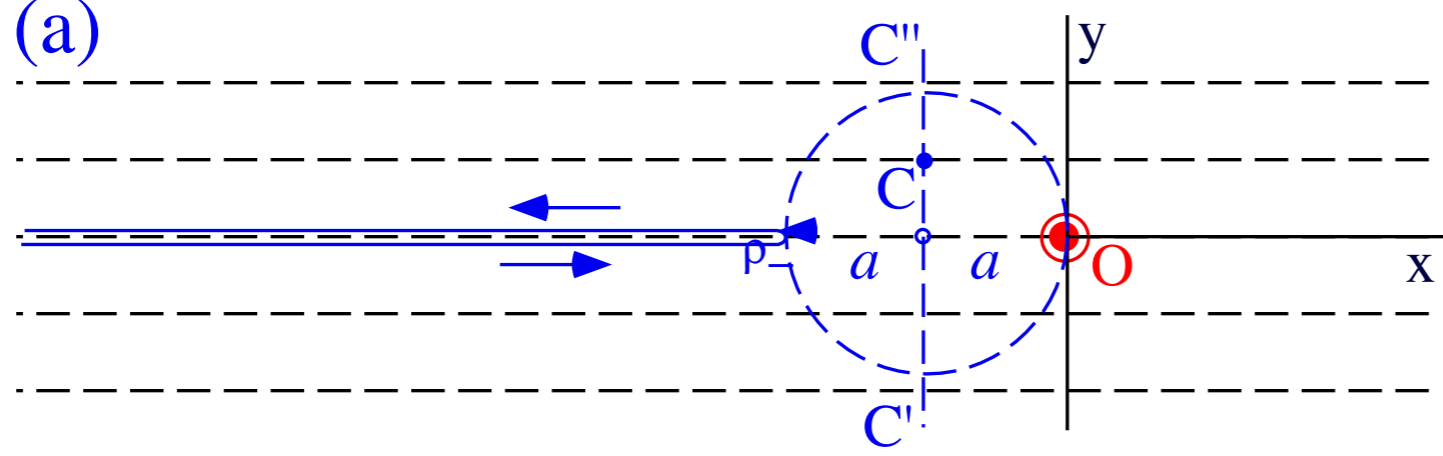
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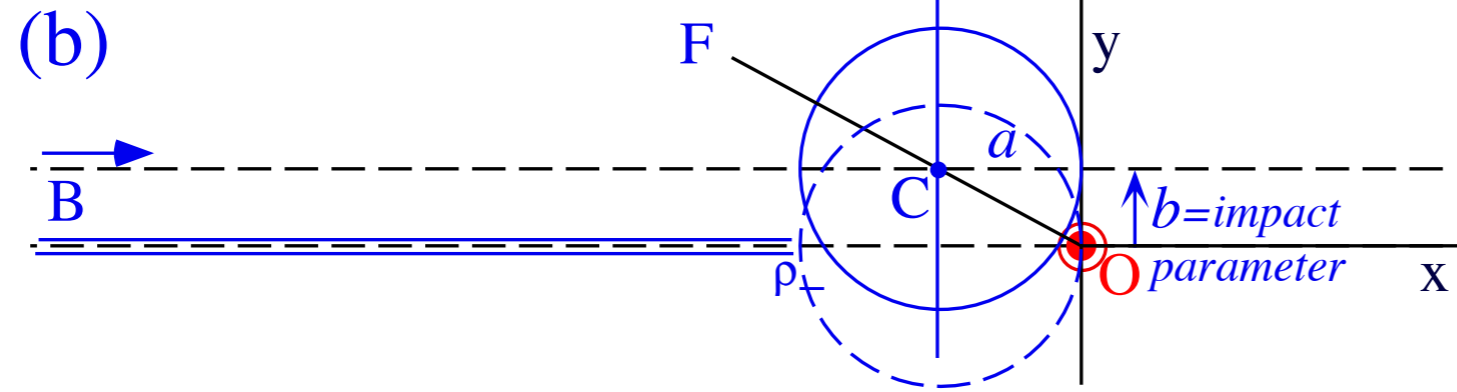
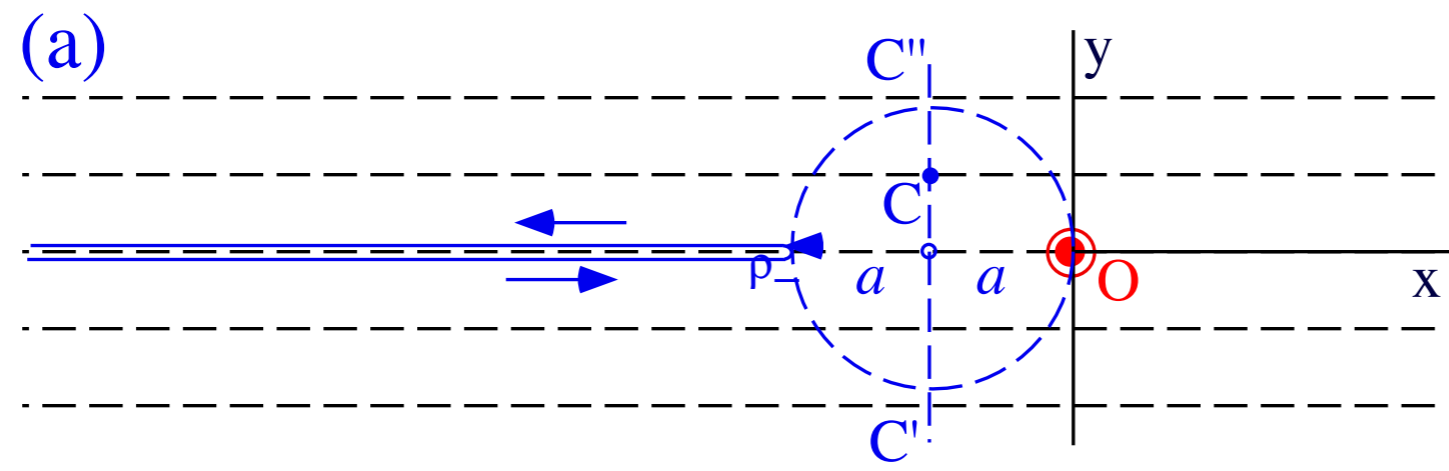
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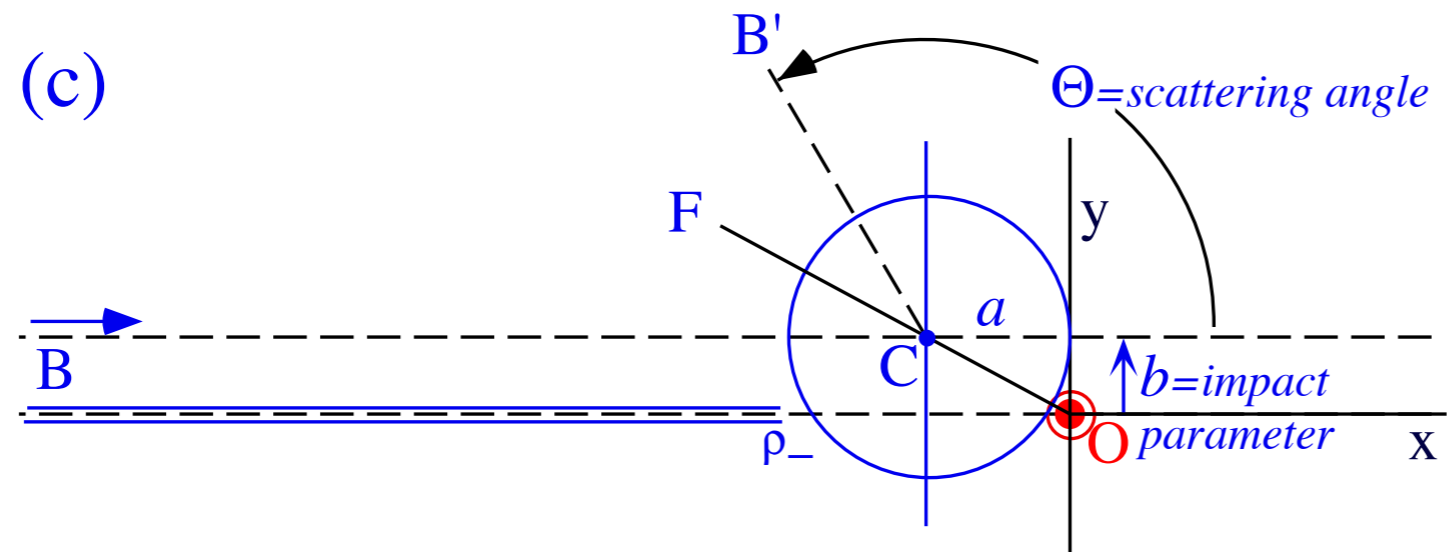
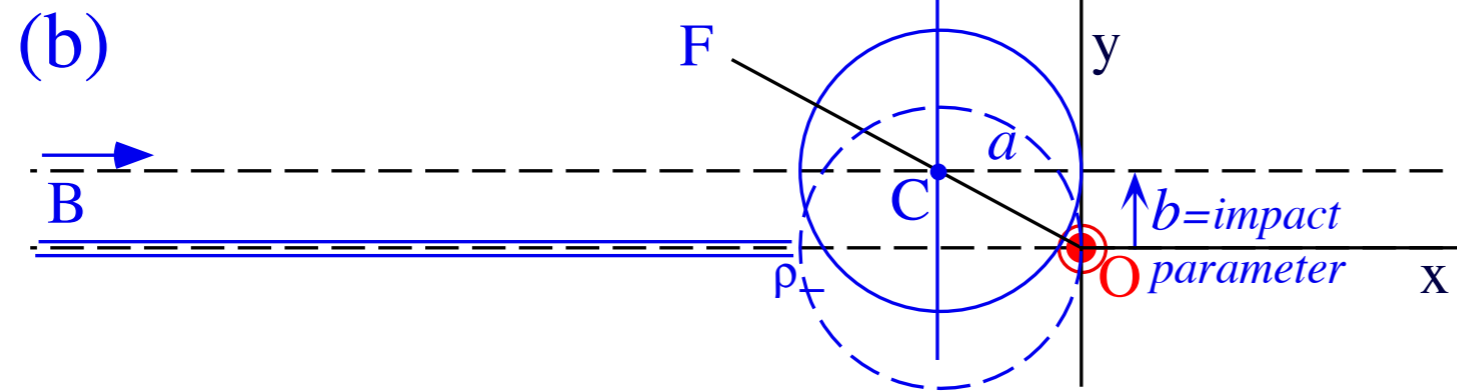
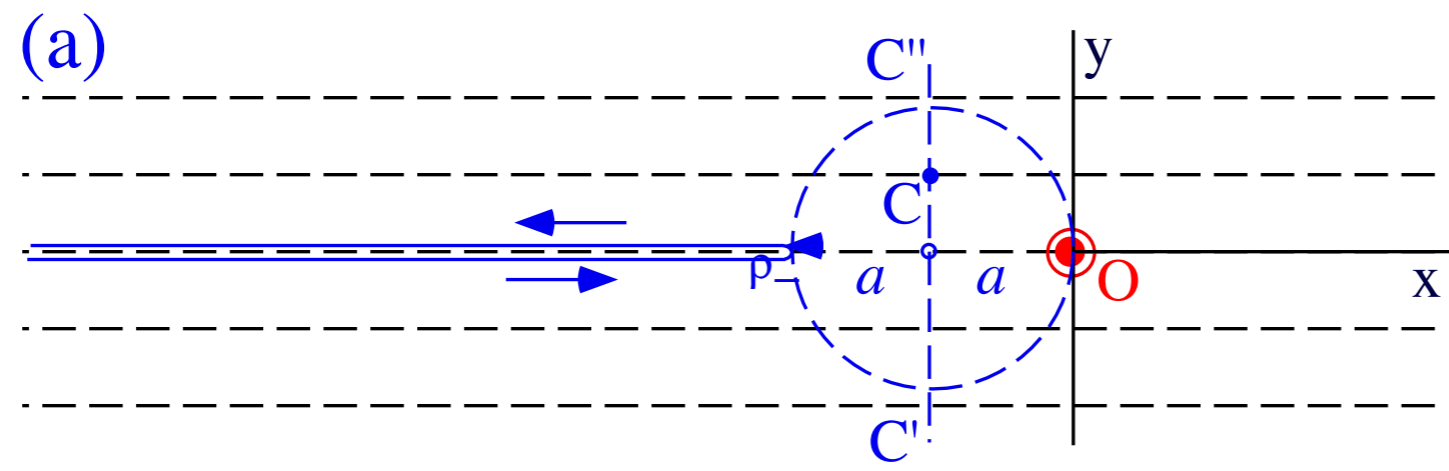
Rutherford scattering and differential scattering crosssections

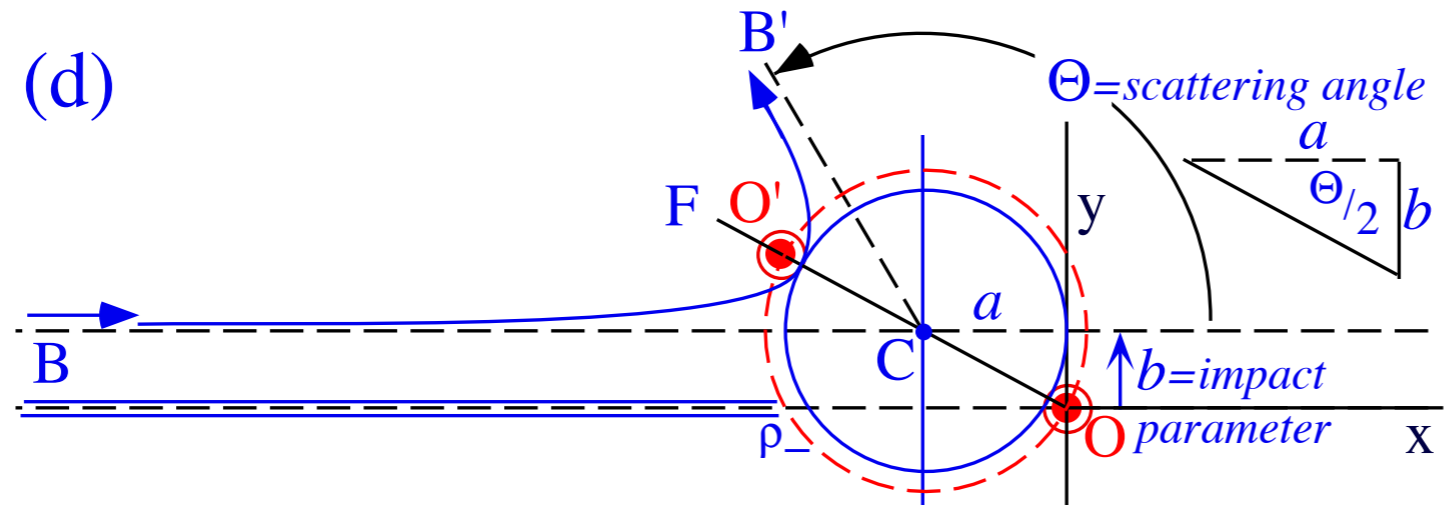
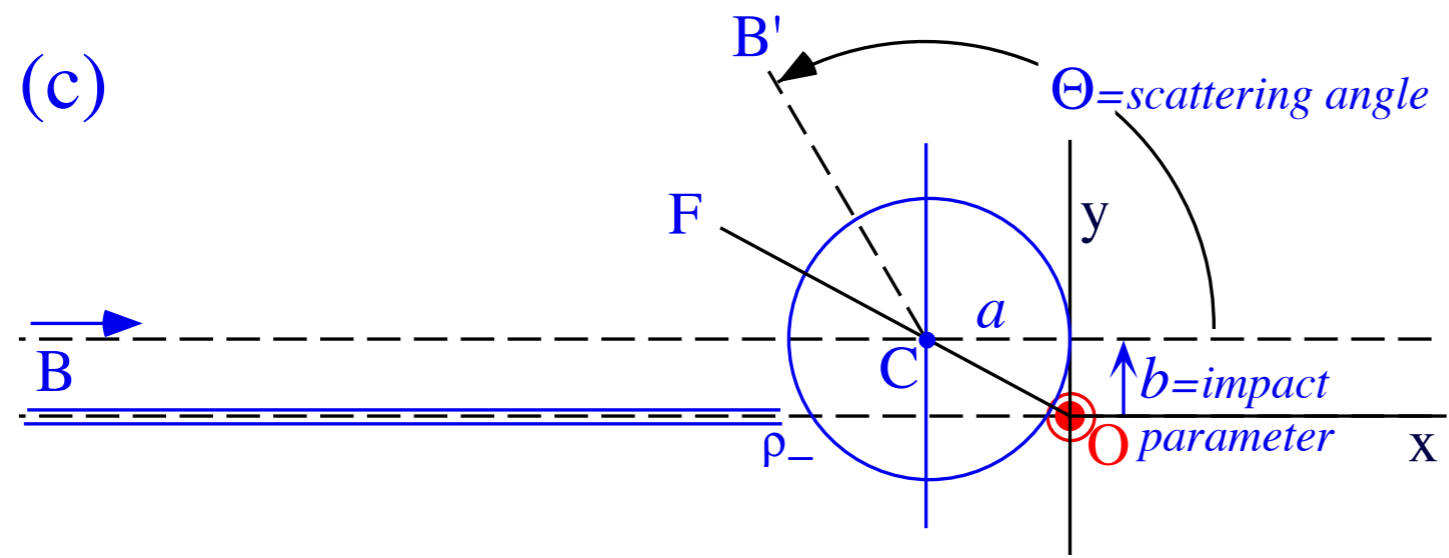
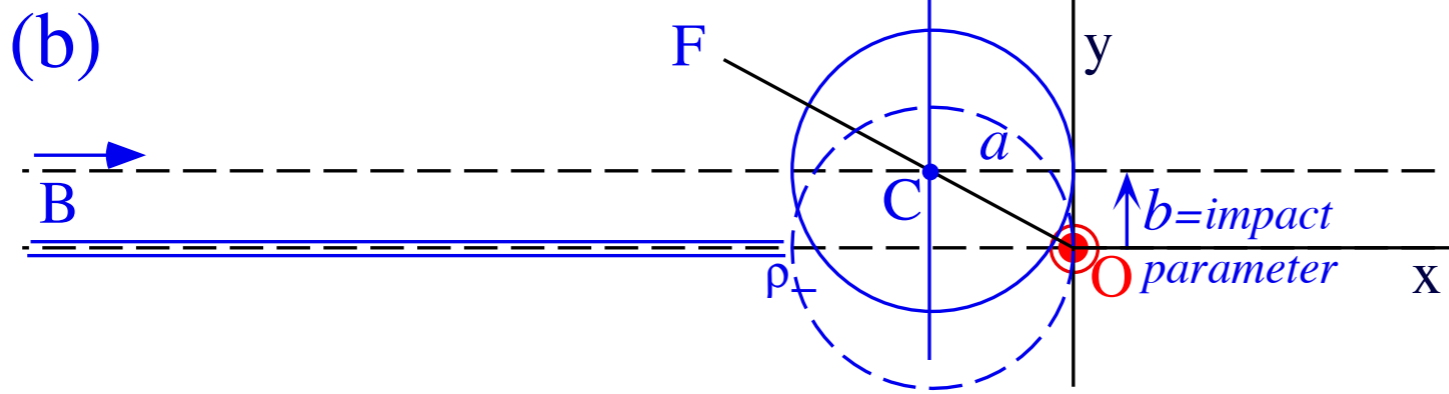
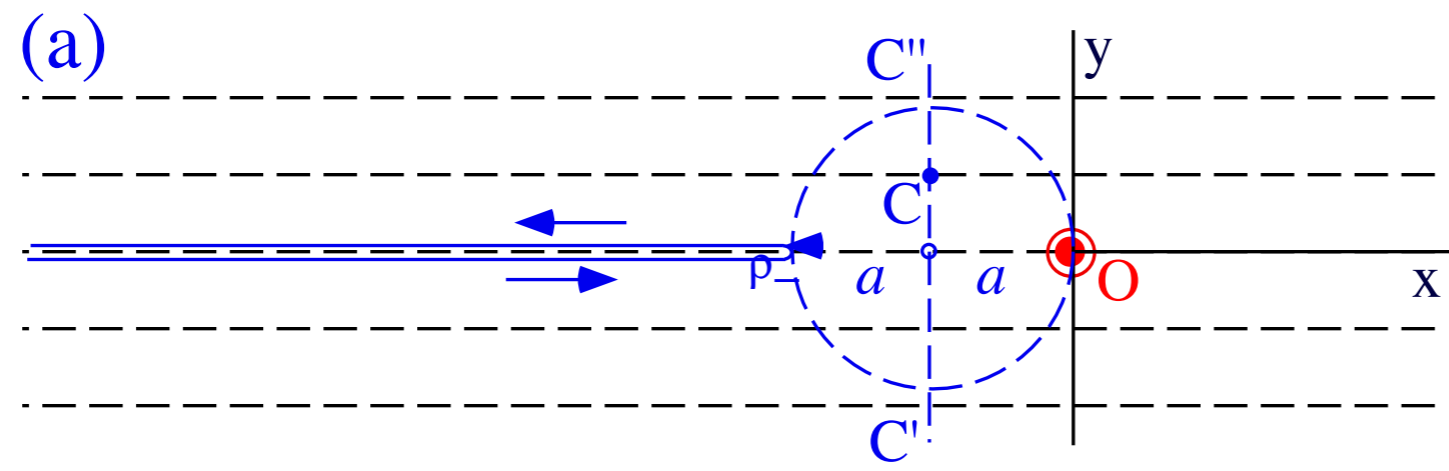
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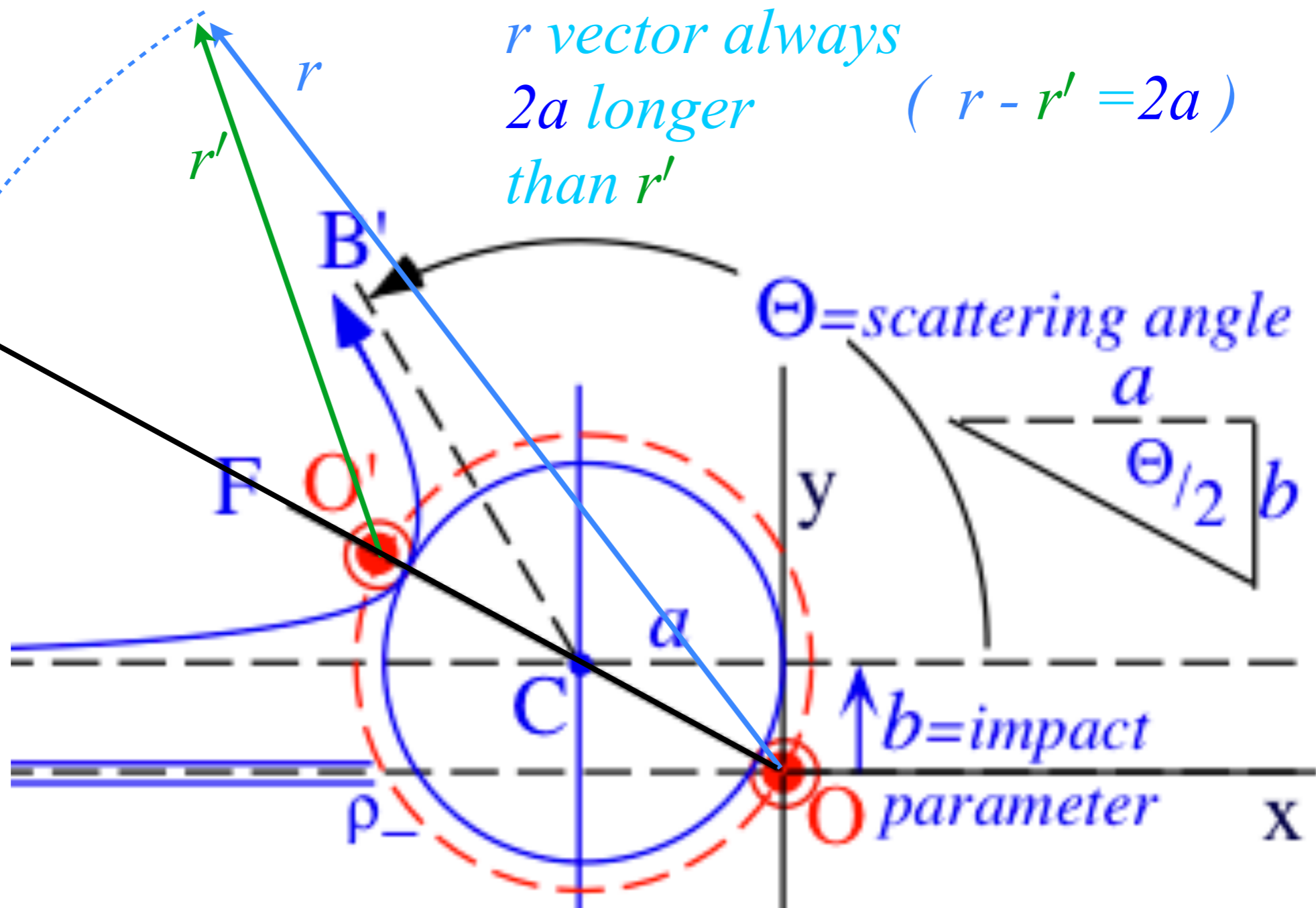
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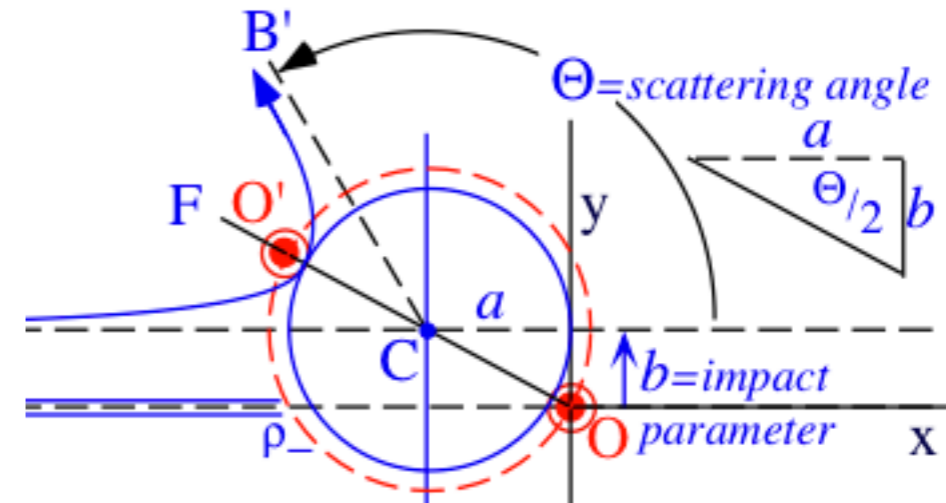
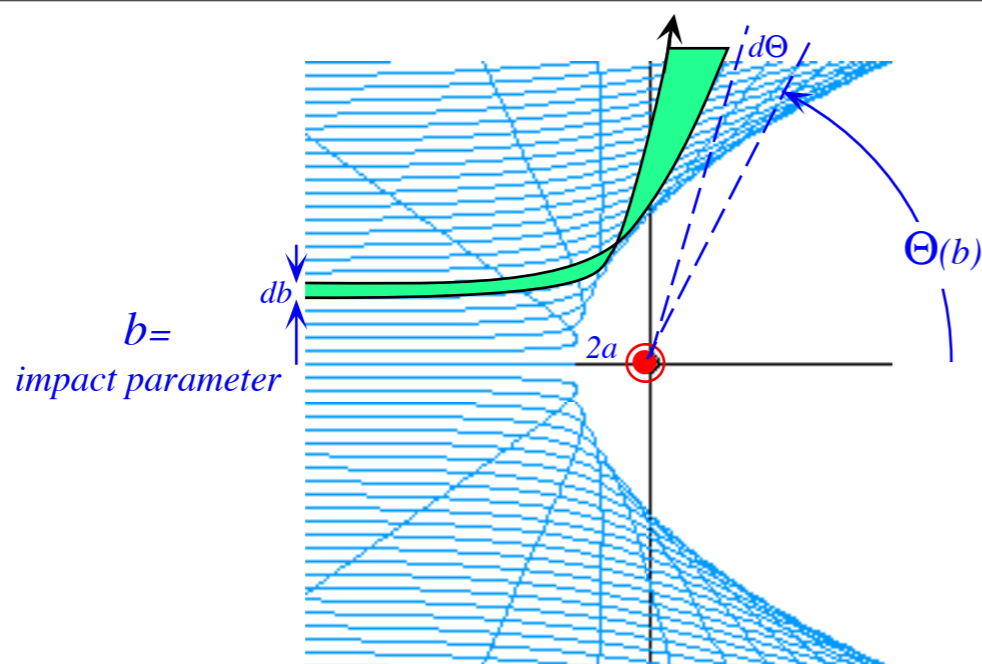










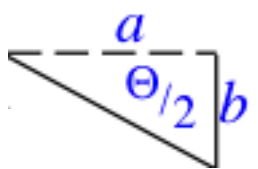


Particle going in incremental window $d\sigma = b db$ normal to beam at $x = -\infty$ ends up in an area

$$dA = R^2 \sin \Theta d\Theta d\varphi = R^2 d\Omega$$

on a sphere at $R = +\infty$ where $d\Omega = \sin \Theta d\Theta d\varphi$ is called the *incremental solid angle* $d\Omega$.

The ratio $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b db d\varphi}{\sin \Theta d\Theta d\varphi} = \frac{b}{\sin \Theta} \frac{db}{d\Theta}$ is called the *differential scattering cross section (DSC)*.



$$b = a \cot \frac{\Theta}{2} = \frac{k}{2E} \cot \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

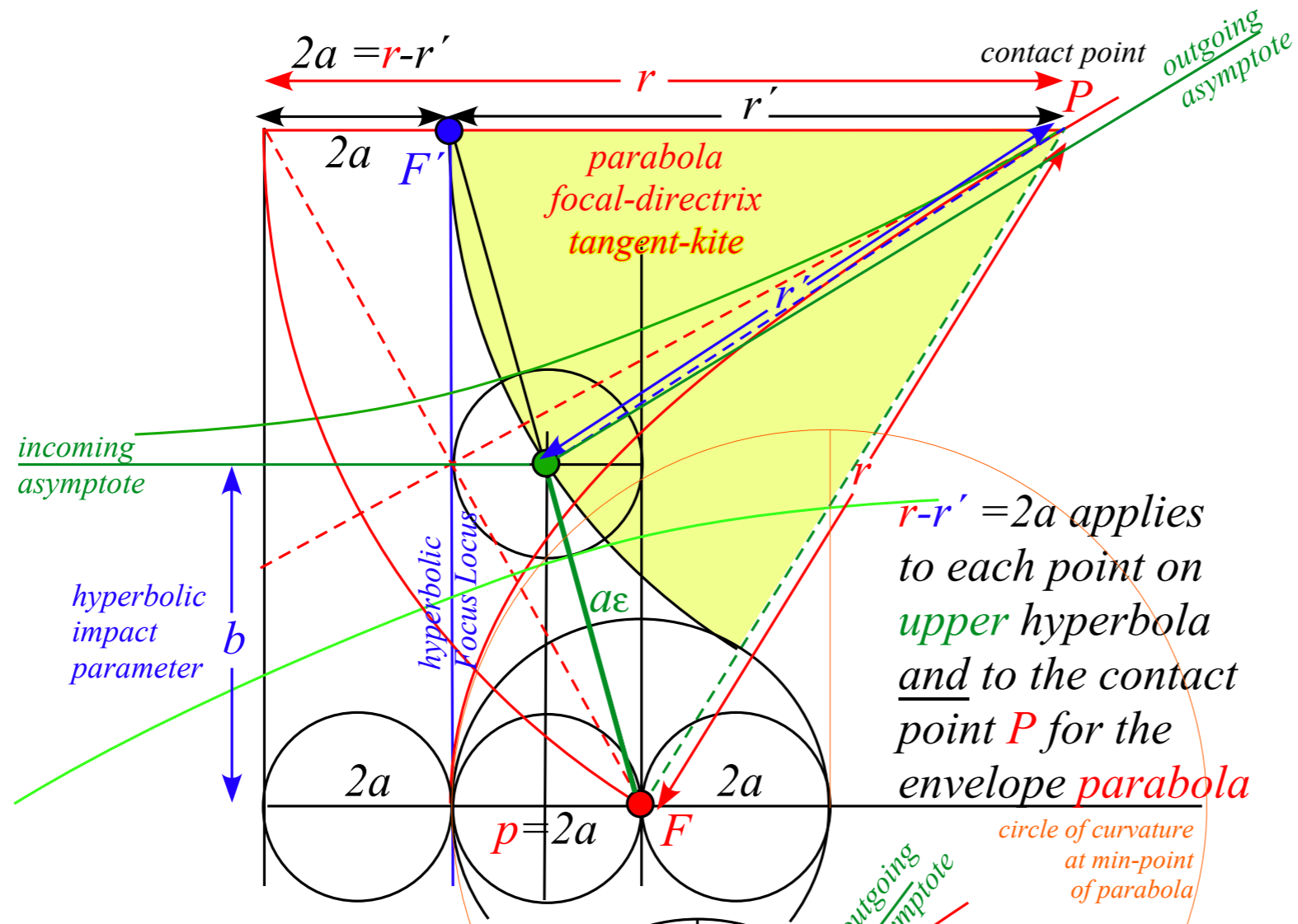
gives: *Rutherford DSC*:

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

Partial scattering cross section.

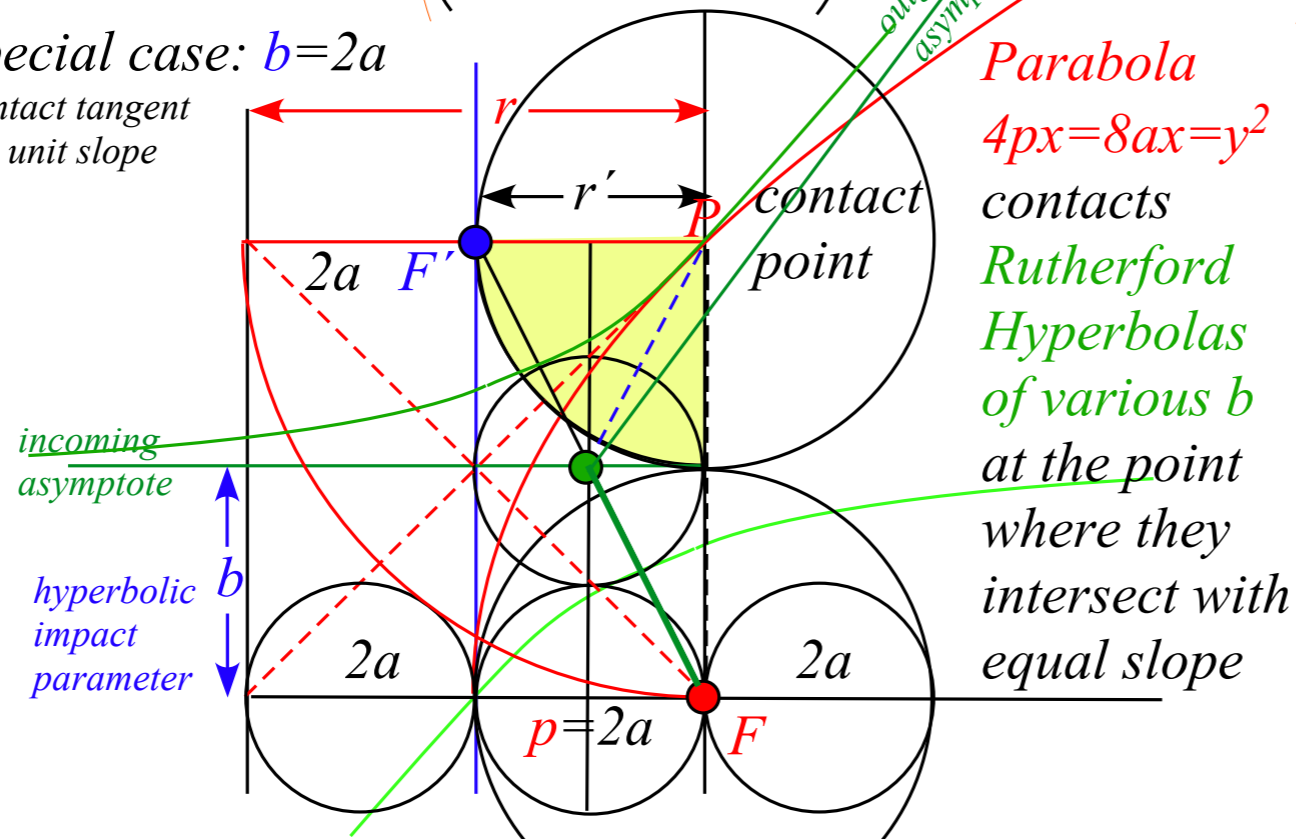
$$\sigma \left|_{(\varphi_0, \Theta_0)}^{(\varphi_1, \Theta_1)} = \int_{(\varphi_0, \Theta_0)}^{(\varphi_1, \Theta_1)} d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \int_{\varphi_0}^{\varphi_1} d\varphi \int_{\Theta_0}^{\Theta_1} d\Theta \frac{k^4}{16E^2} \sin^{-4} \frac{\Theta}{2} \quad (\text{Blows up})$$

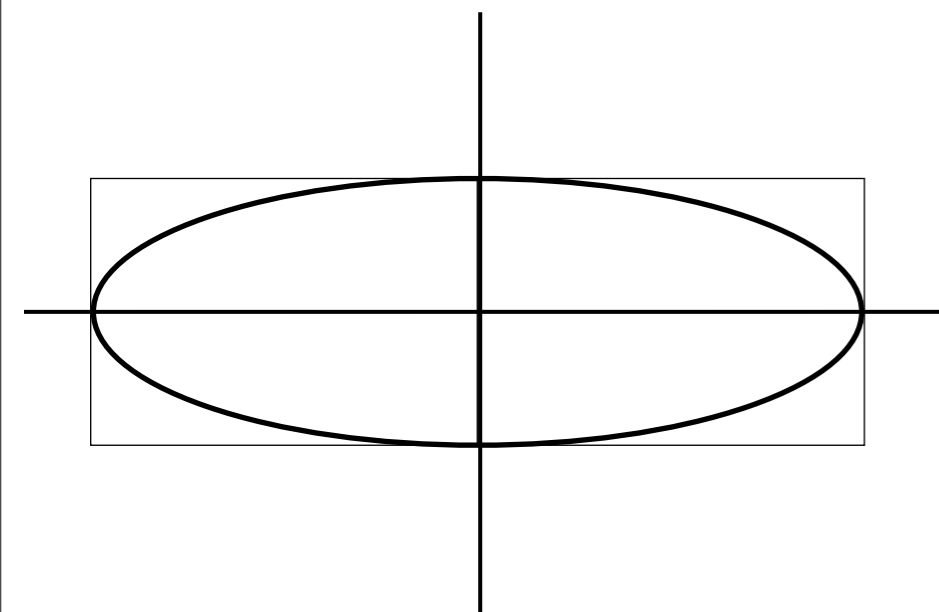
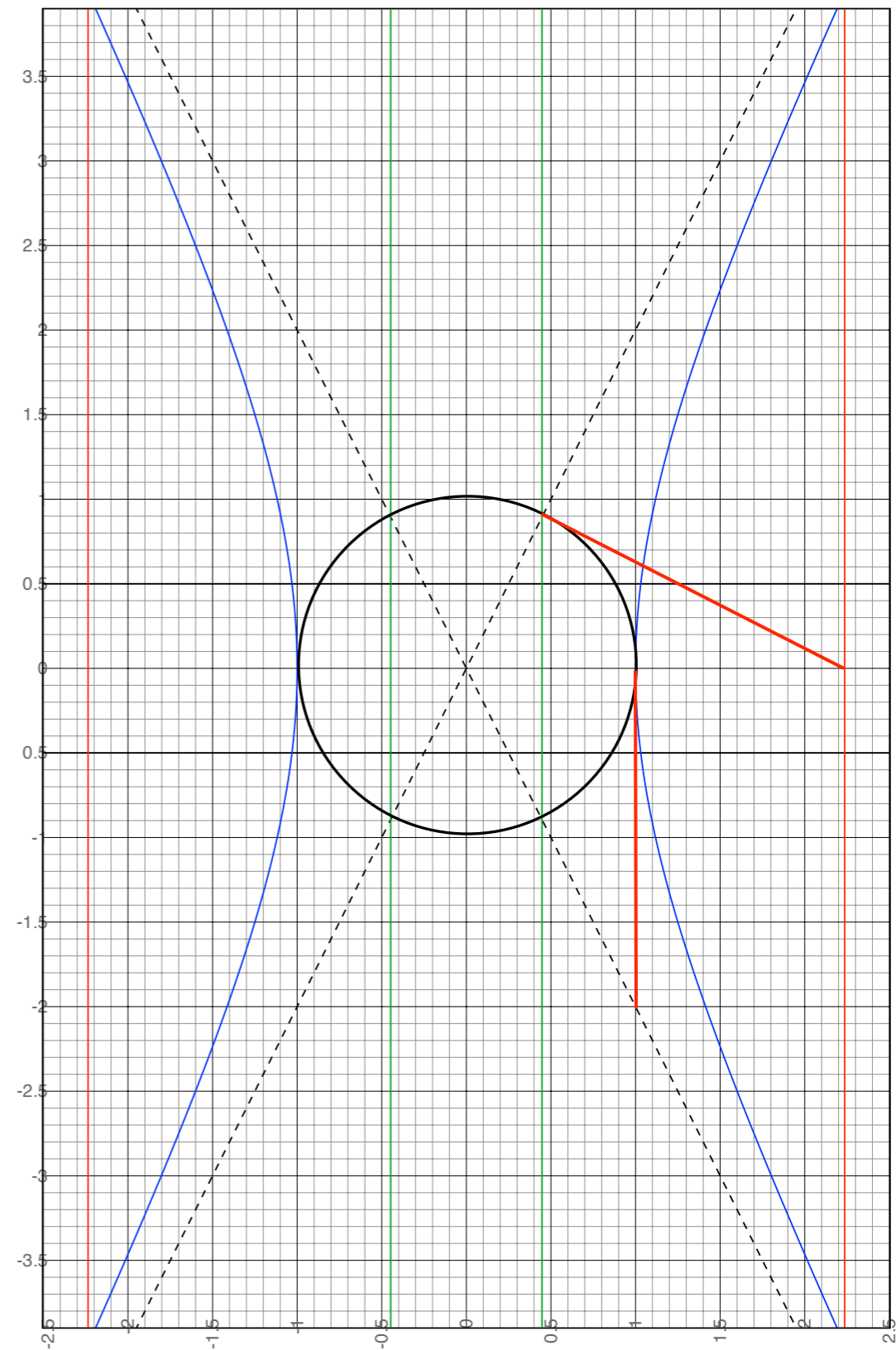
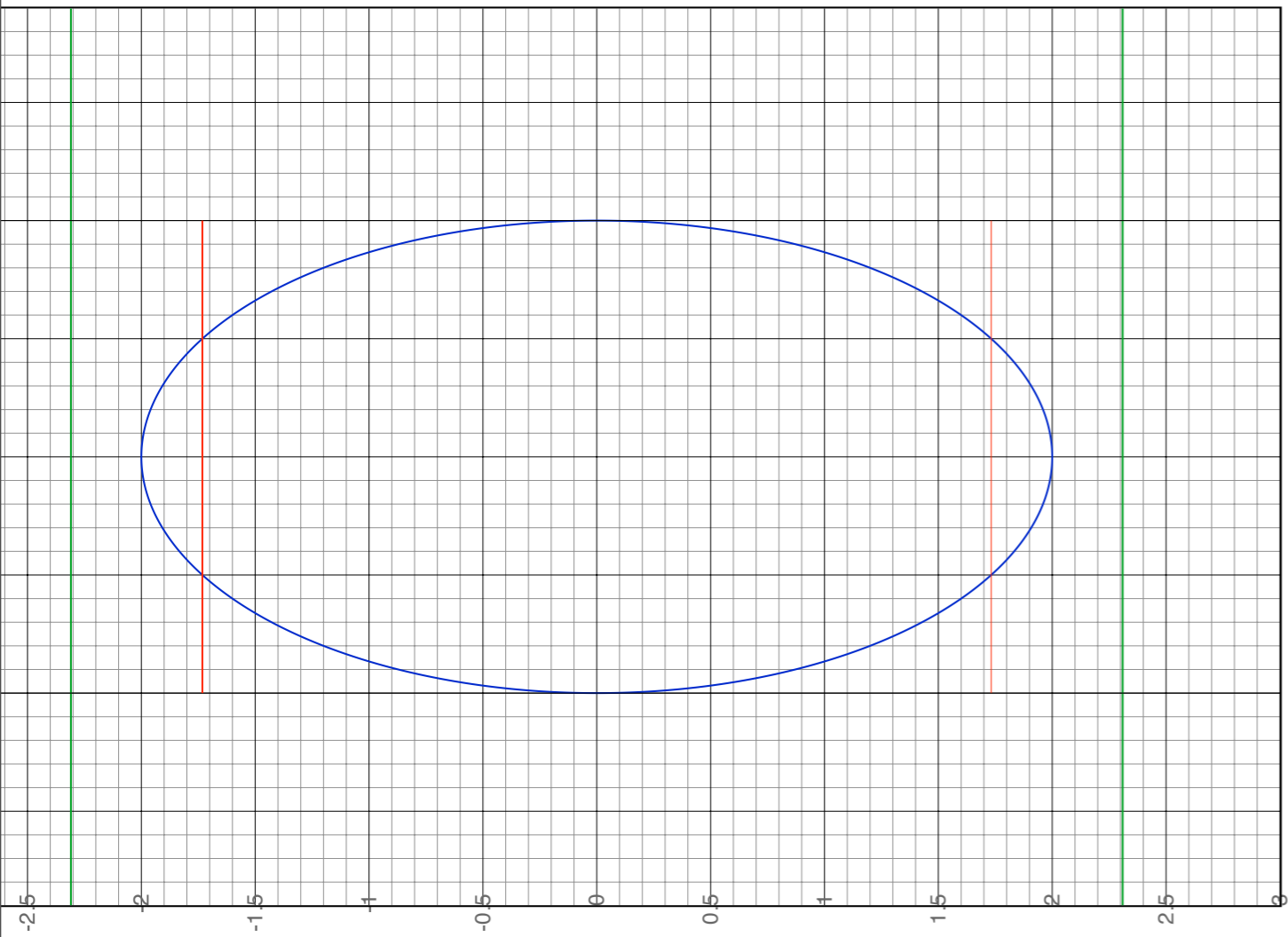
Rutherford scattering geometry for beam path contact points



Special case: $b = 2a$

Contact tangent has unit slope





918 Tanglebriar Ln

is SW corner of Tanglewood and Applebury
(Applebury ends there)

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