

Lecture 26
Mon. 11.19.2018

Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb Orbital Dynamics

(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5)

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Excerpts from Lect. 27

A running collection of links to course-relevant sites and articles

Physics Web Resources

[Comprehensive Harter-Soft Resource Listing](#)

[UAF Physics YouTube channel](#)

[LearnIt Physics Web Applications](#)

Neat external material to start the class:

[AIP publications](#)

[AJP article on superball dynamics](#)

[AAPT summer reading](#)

These are hot off the presses:

[Sorting ultracold atoms in a 3D optical lattice in a realization of Maxwell's demon - Kumar-Nature-Letters-2018](#)

[Synthetic three-dimensional atomic structures assembled atom by atom - Berredo-Nature-Letters-2018](#)

Slightly Older ones:

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

[Optical vortex knots – One Photon at a Time](#)

Older Links from Lectures 14-20

<http://thearmchaircritic.blogspot.com/2011/11/punkin-chunkin.html>

<http://www.sussexcountyonline.com/news/photos/punkinchunkin.html>

[Shooting-range-for-medieval-siege-weapons-Anybody-knows](#)

<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/TrebuchetWeb.html>

<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/TrebuchetWeb.html?scenario=MontezumasRevenge>

<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/TrebuchetWeb.html?scenario=SeigeOfKenilworth>

[The trebuchet, Chevedden, Sci Am 1995](#)

'Simple' Pendulum Sim: <https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/PendulumWeb.html>

'Cycloid' Pendulum: <https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/CycloidulumWeb.html>

Google search on: ["Satelite view of Patricia" \(Images\)](#)

[Physics Girl Channel - Fun with Vortex Rings in the Pool](#)

[iBall demo - Quasi-periodicity: https://youtu.be/_jntDtULxDc](#)

<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/CoulltWeb.html?scenario=SynchrotronMotion>

<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/markup/CoulltWeb.html?scenario=SynchrotronMotion2>

[Mechanical Analog to EM Motion \(YouTube video\) - https://youtu.be/hTd5FTJ-vRk](#)

[Coullt Web Simulation: Bound-state motion in parabolic coordinates](#)

[Coullt Web Simulation: Bound-state motion in hyperbolic coordinates](#)

[Oscillt Web App: Simulations of various types of resonance: 18, 27, 31, 35, 38, 39](#)

[Smith Chart](#)

<http://nobelprize.org/>

AnalyIt Web Application, posted 10/22/2018 in our *testing area*:

<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/testing/markup/AnalyItBJS.html>

"Texts"

[Classical Mechanics with a Bang!](#)

[Quantum Theory for the Computer Age](#)

[Principles of Symmetry, Dynamics, and Spectroscopy](#)

[Modern Physics and its Classical Foundations](#)

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

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

[Springer AMO Handbook - Ch 32 - Harter-Reimer-2019](#)

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"Relawavity" and quantum basis of *Lagrangian & Hamiltonian* mechanics:

[2-CW laser wave - BohrIt Web App](#)

[Lagrangian vs Hamiltonian - RelaWavity Web App](#)

Classes

[2014 AMOP](#)

[2017 Group Theory for QM](#)

[2018 AMOP](#)

[2018 Adv Mechanics](#)

Older Links from Lectures 21-23

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

[BoxIt Web Simulations](#)

[Pure A-Type w/Cosine](#)

[Pure B-Type w/Cosine](#)

[Pure B-Type w/Freq ratios](#)

[Mixed AB-Type 2:1 Freq ratio](#)

[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](#)

[Mixed AB Type A=4.0, BU2=0.866..., CU2=0, & D=1.0 w/Stokes & Freq rats](#)

[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](#)

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

[Lectures 8, 9, 23 page 93](#)

[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](#)

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

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

[Wiki on Pafnuty Chebyshev](#)

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Older Links from Lectures 24-25

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

[MolVibes Web App: C3vN3](#)

[WaveIt 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 \(2015\)](#)

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

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

Links to supplement Lecture 26

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

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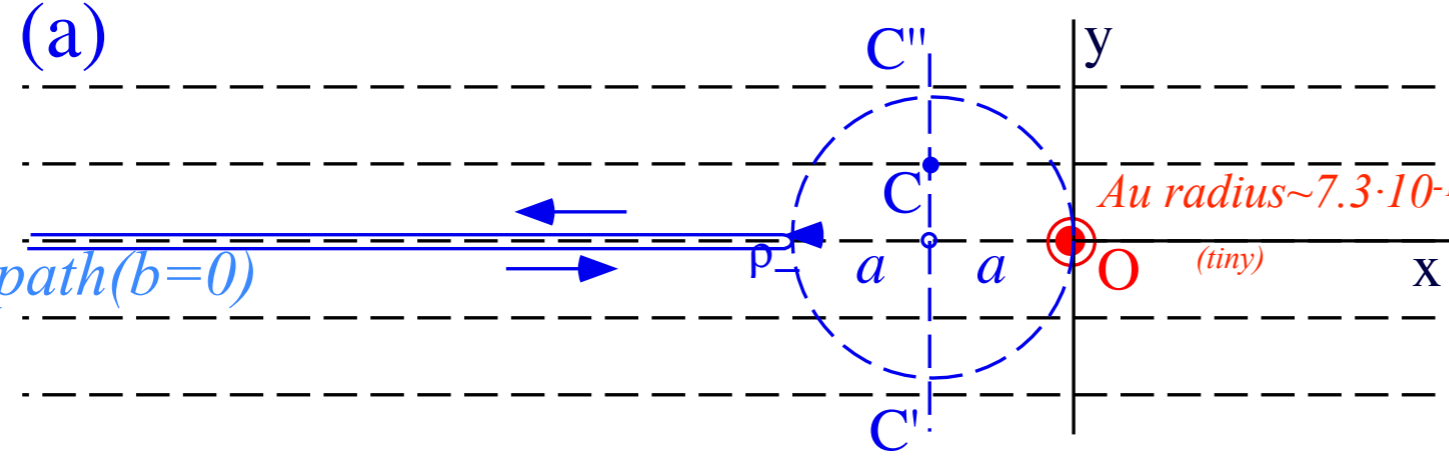
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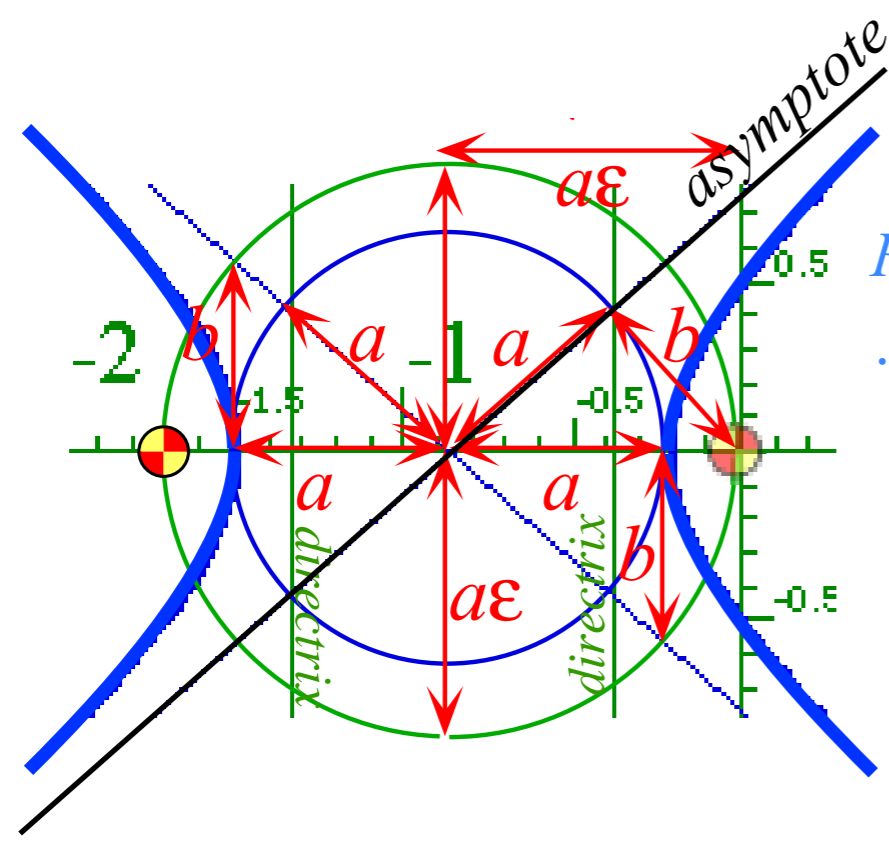
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(a)

Dead-on-path ($b=0$)



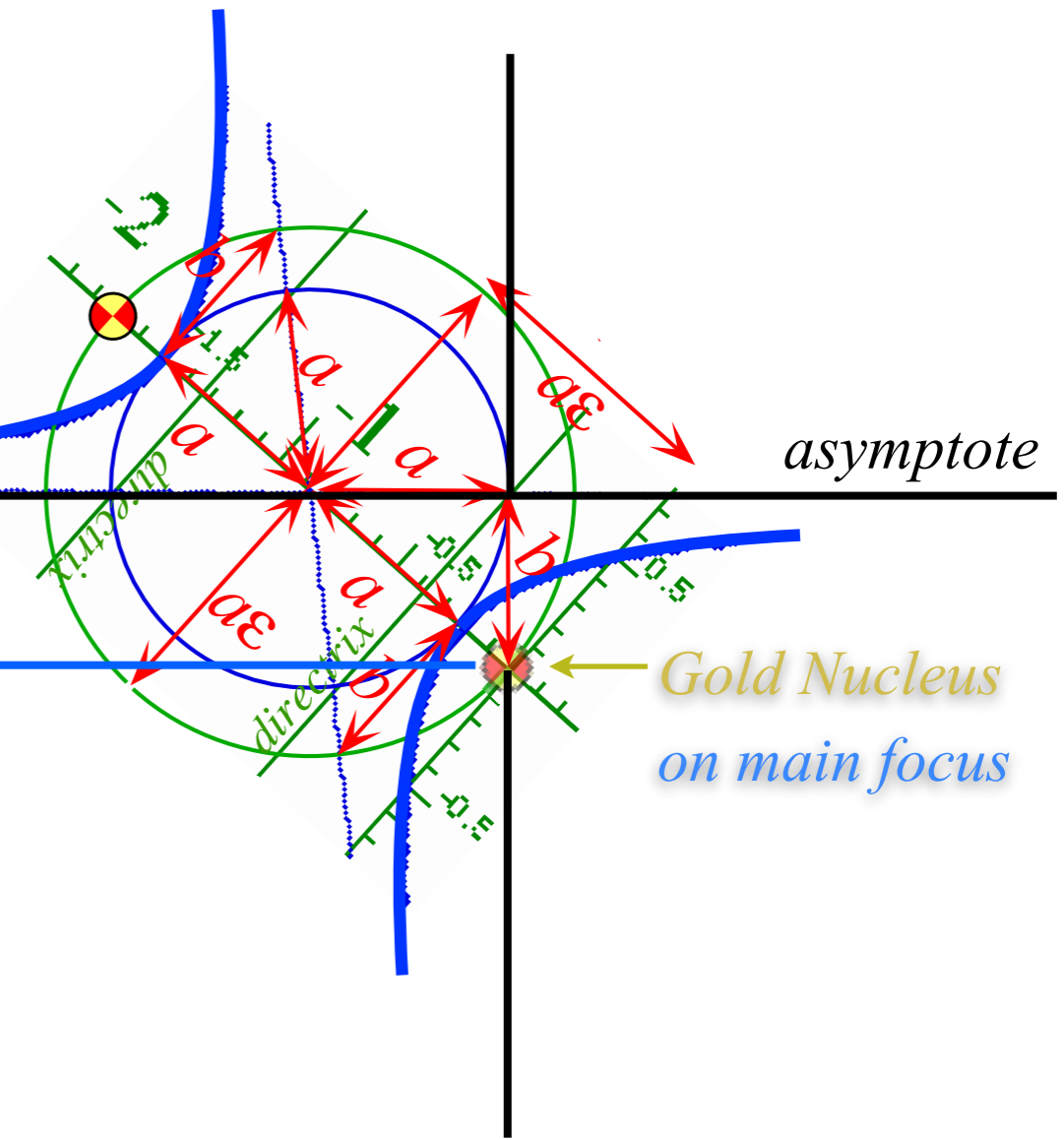
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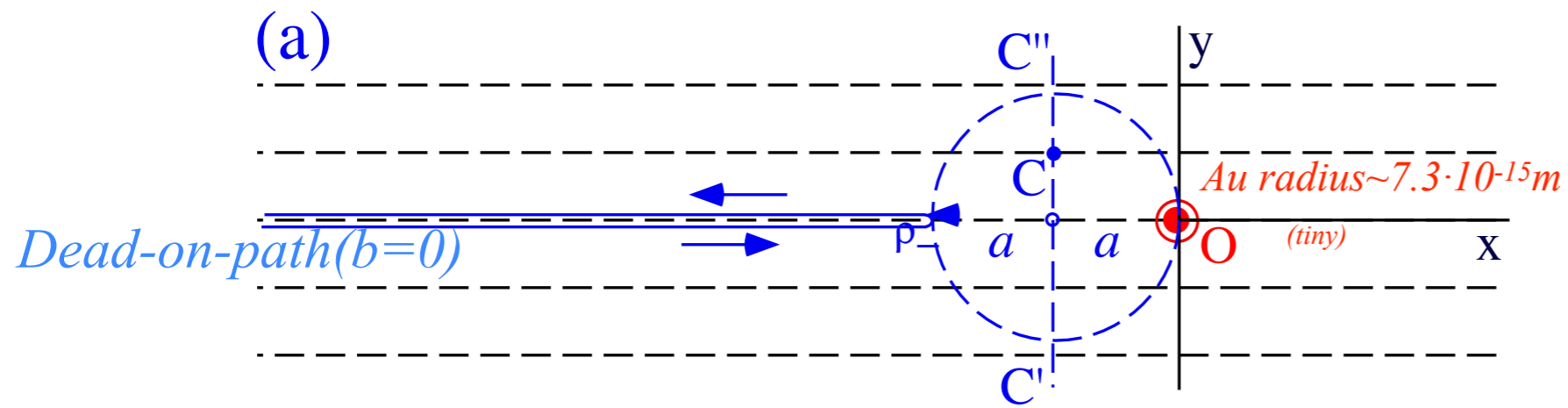
Rutherford scattering geometry...
 ... (rotated so asymptote lies on an alpha path at $-\infty$)

Alpha-particle beam direction \rightarrow

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

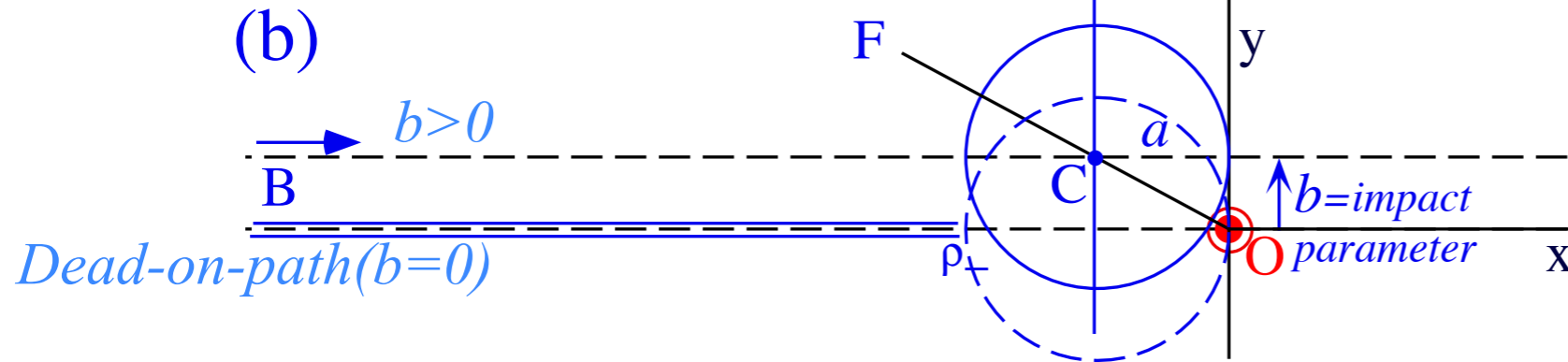


Gold Nucleus on main focus

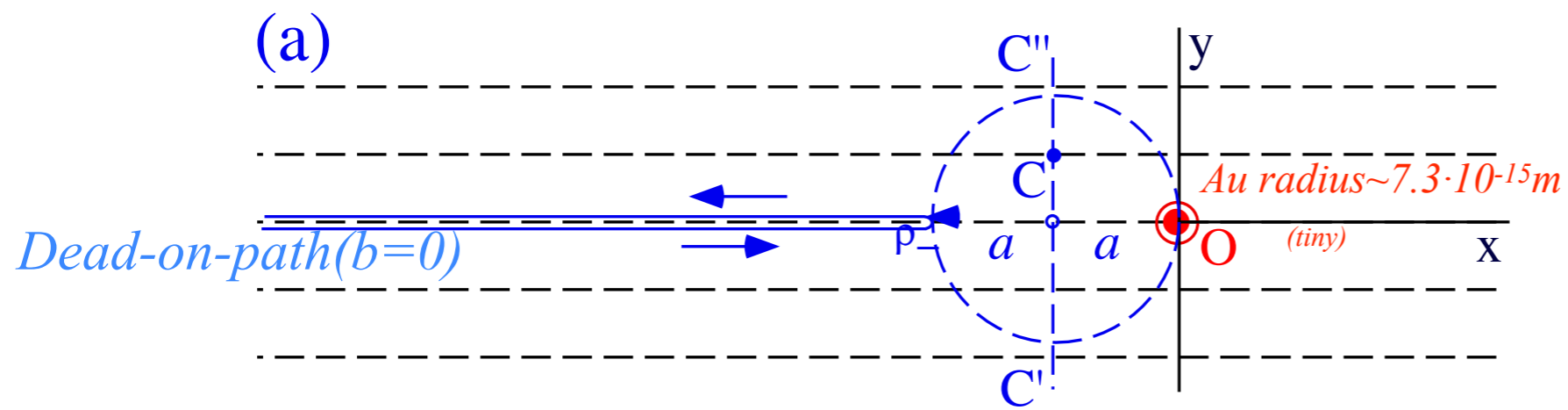


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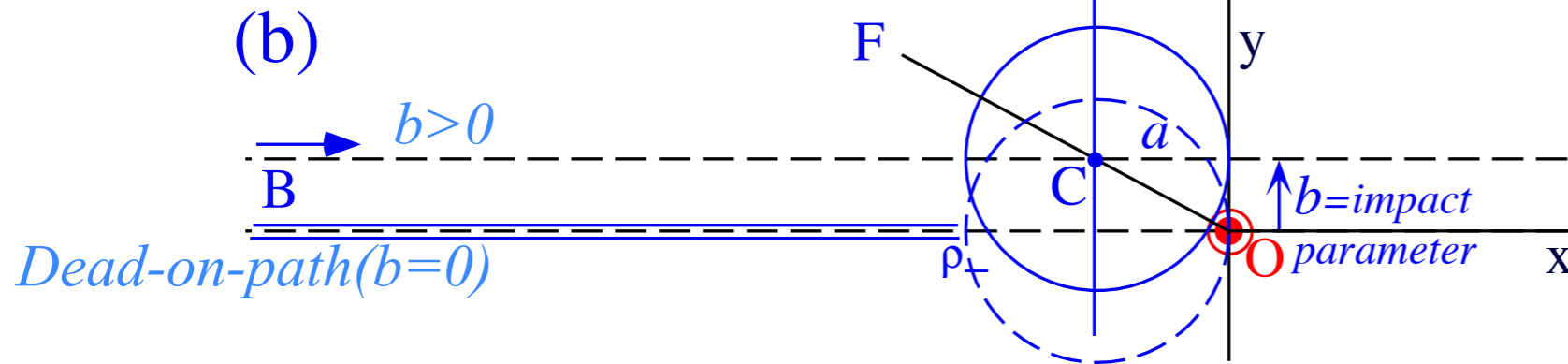
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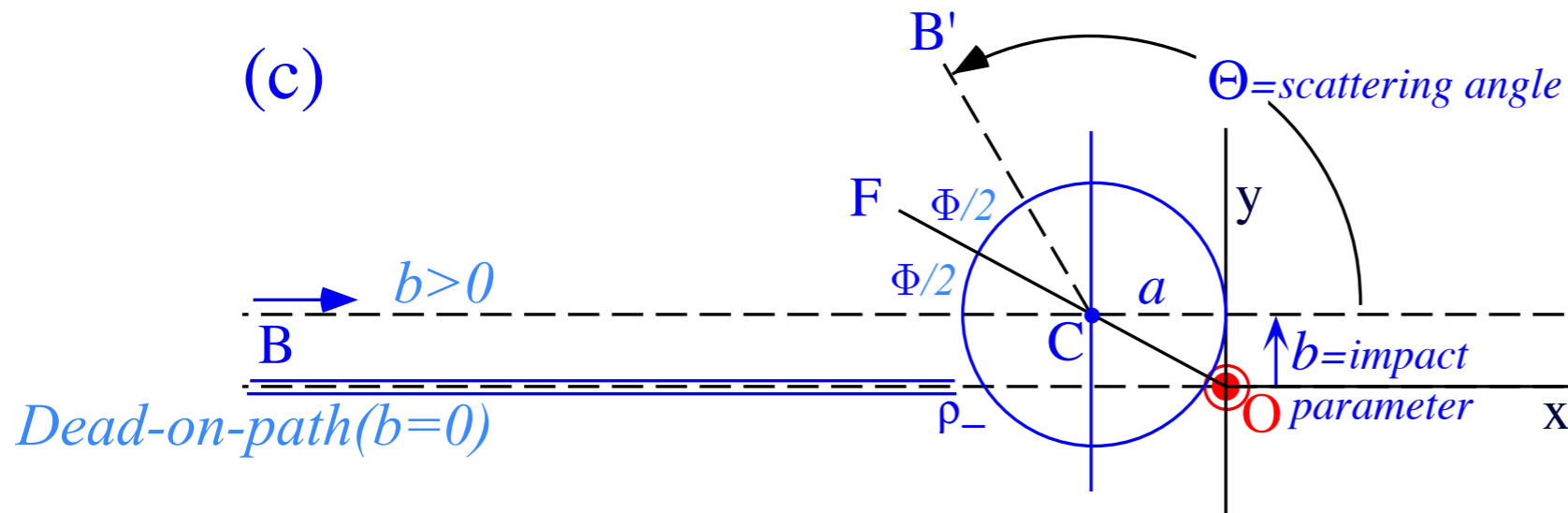
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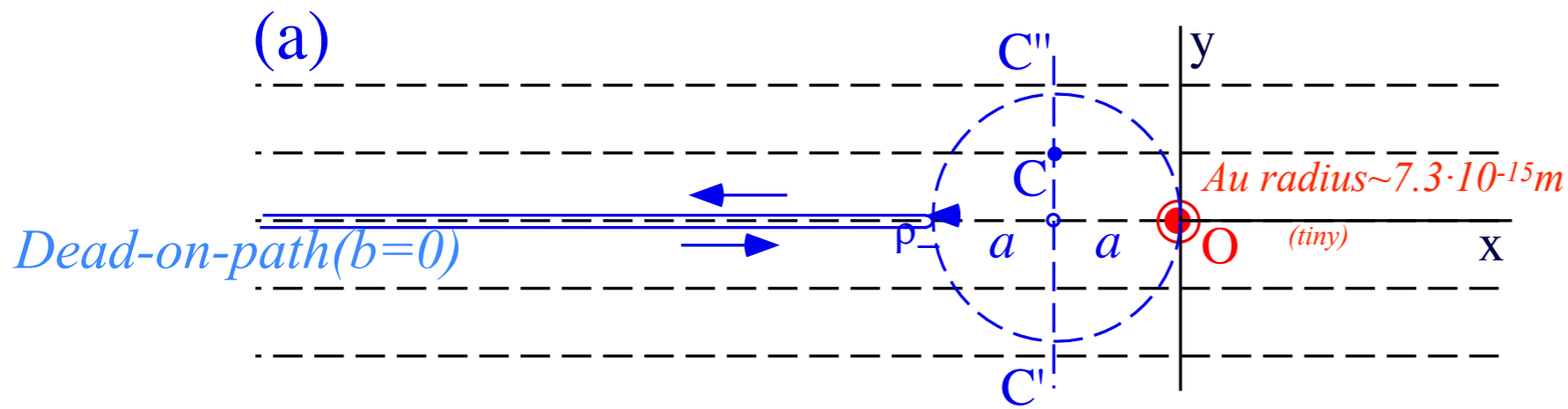
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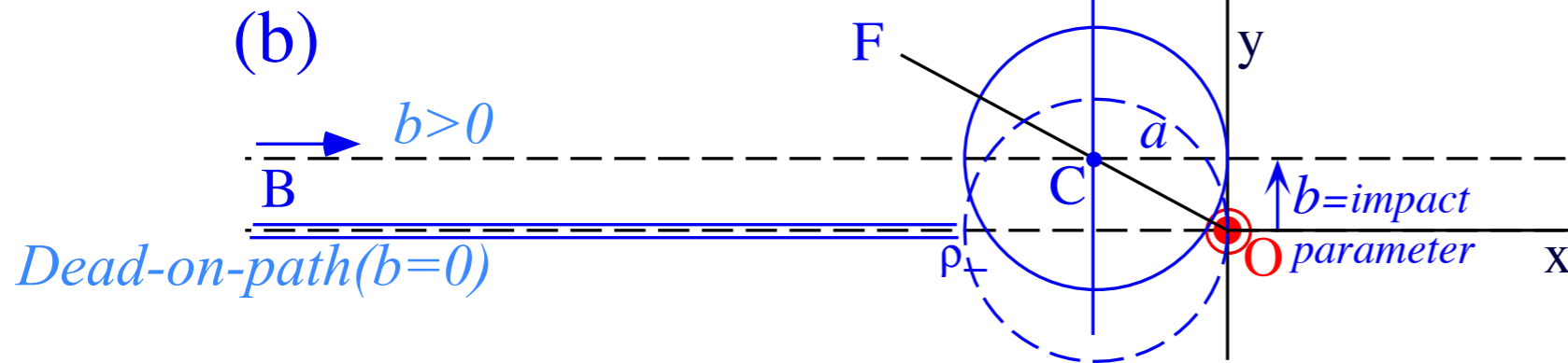


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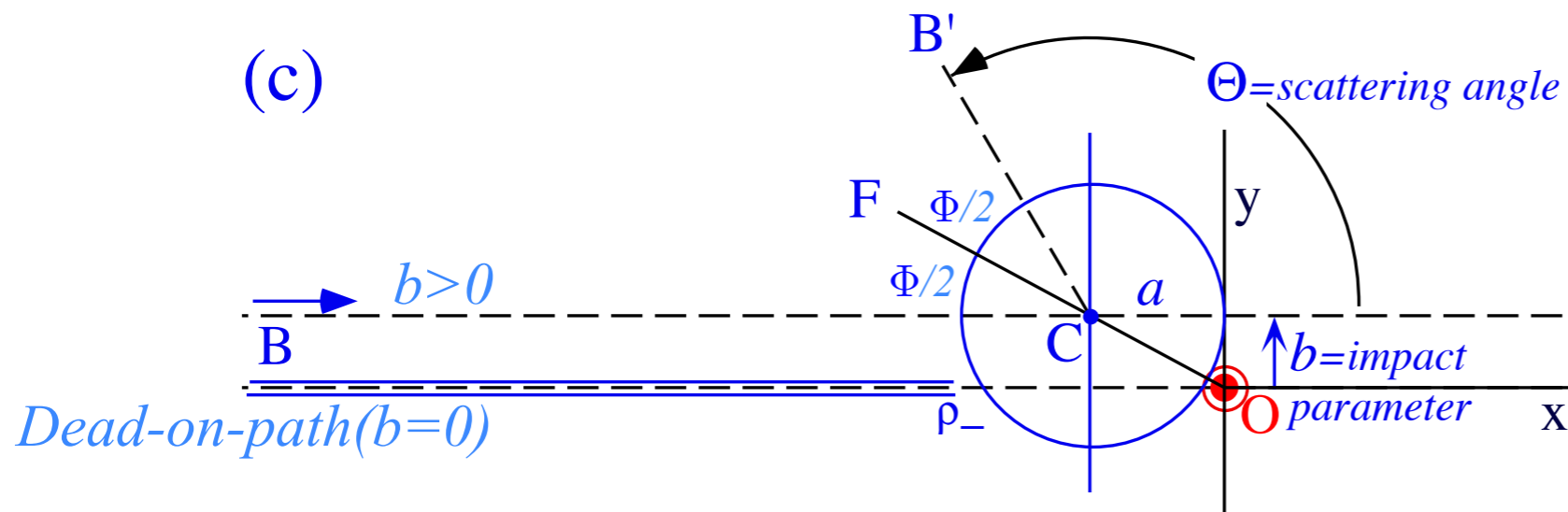
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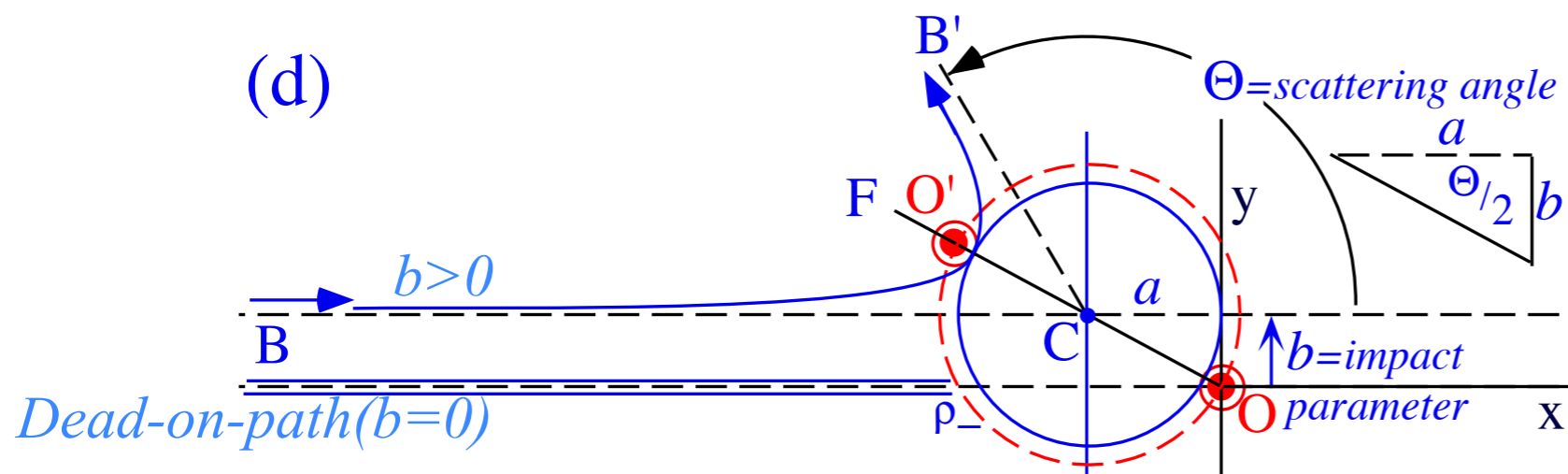
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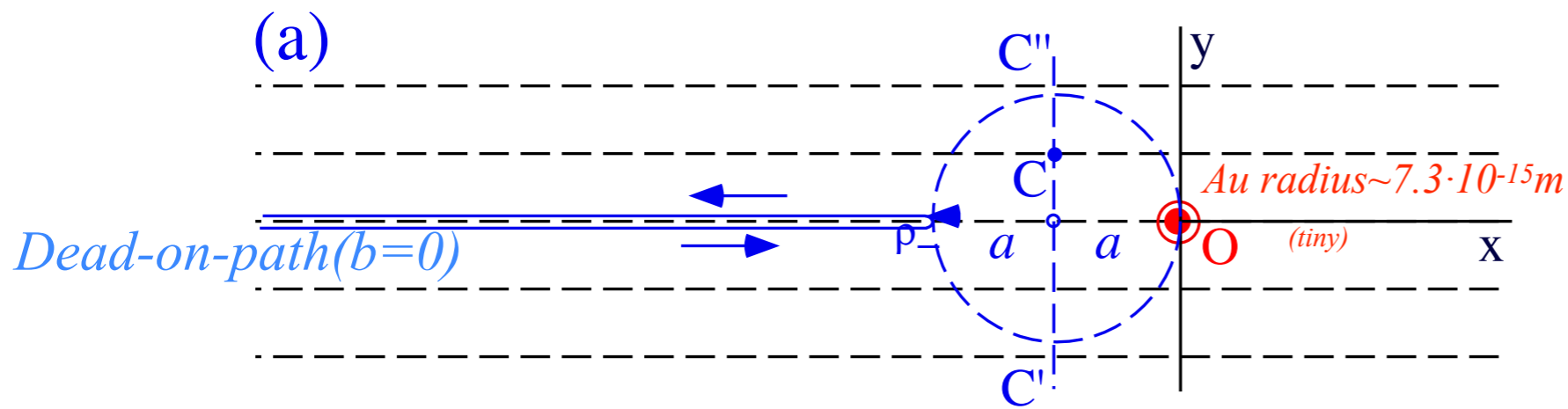
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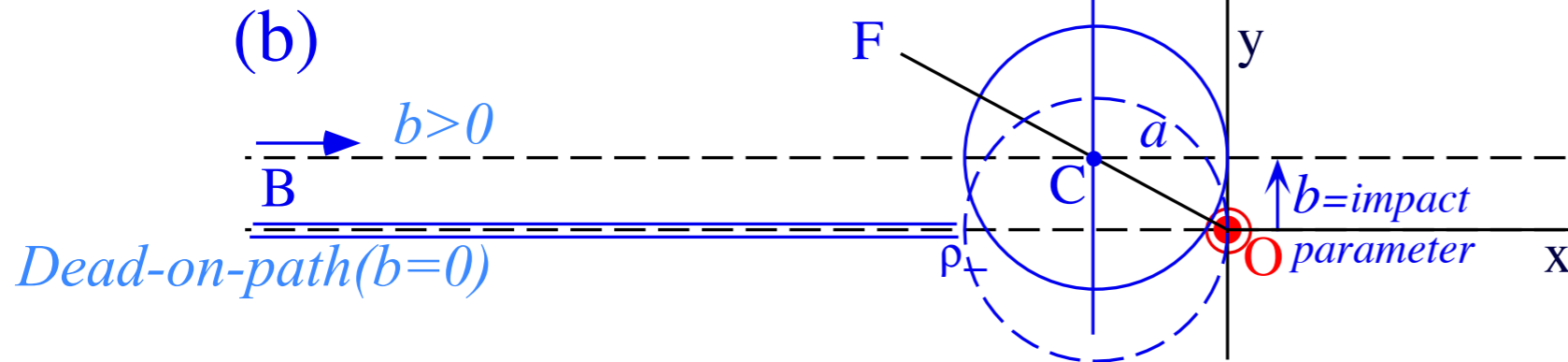
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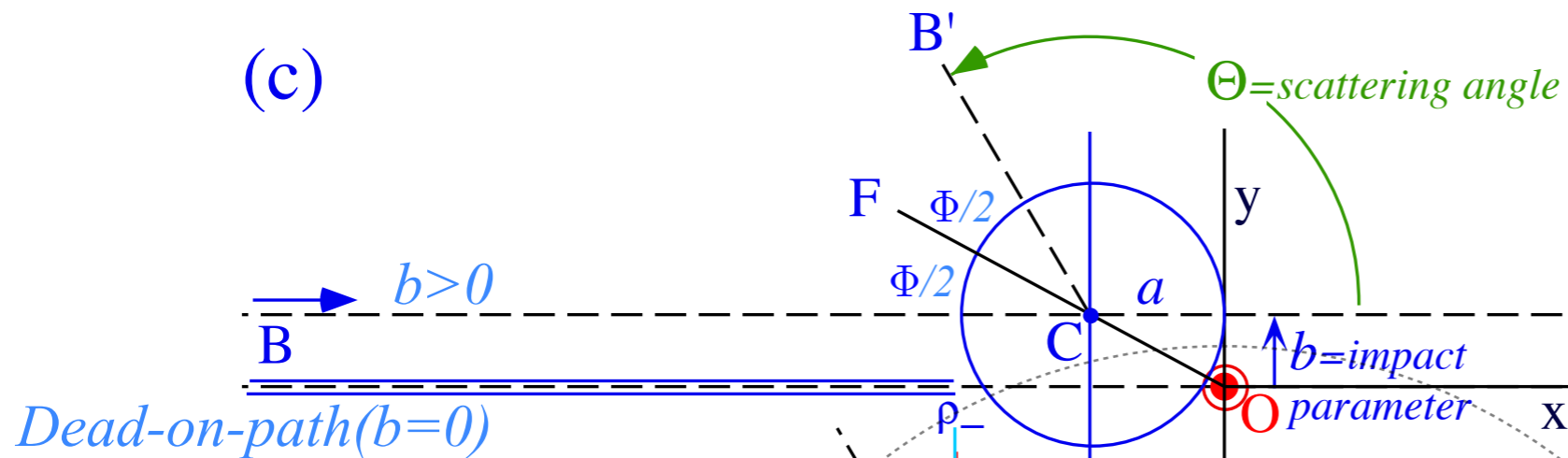
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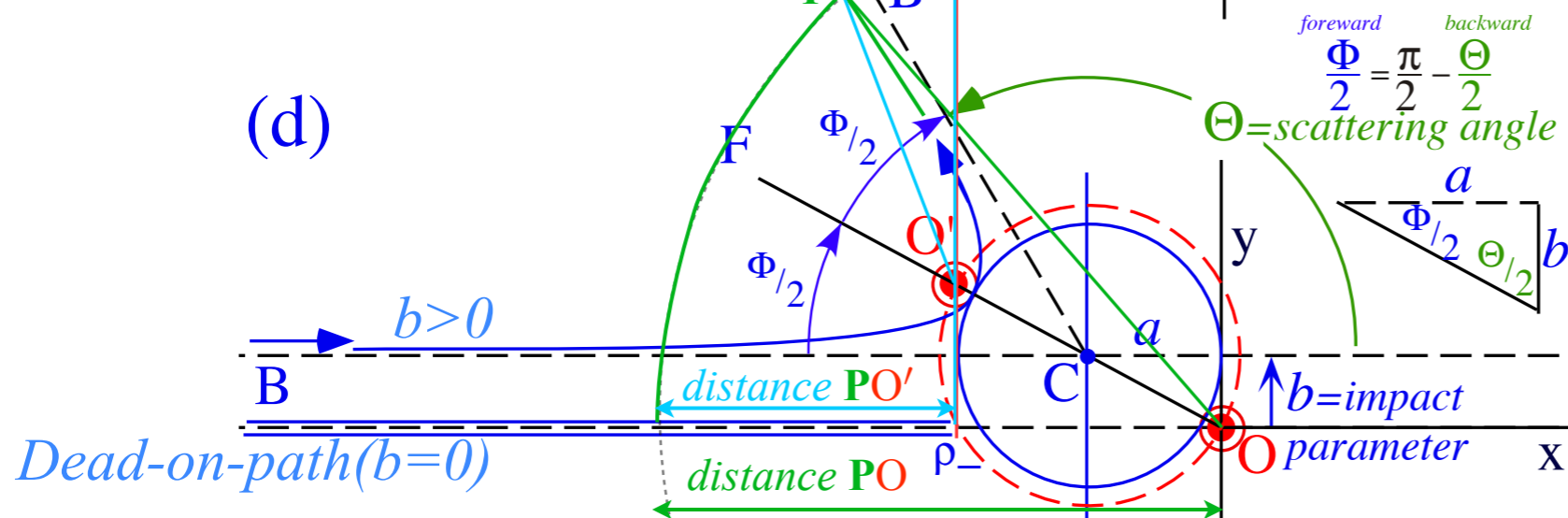
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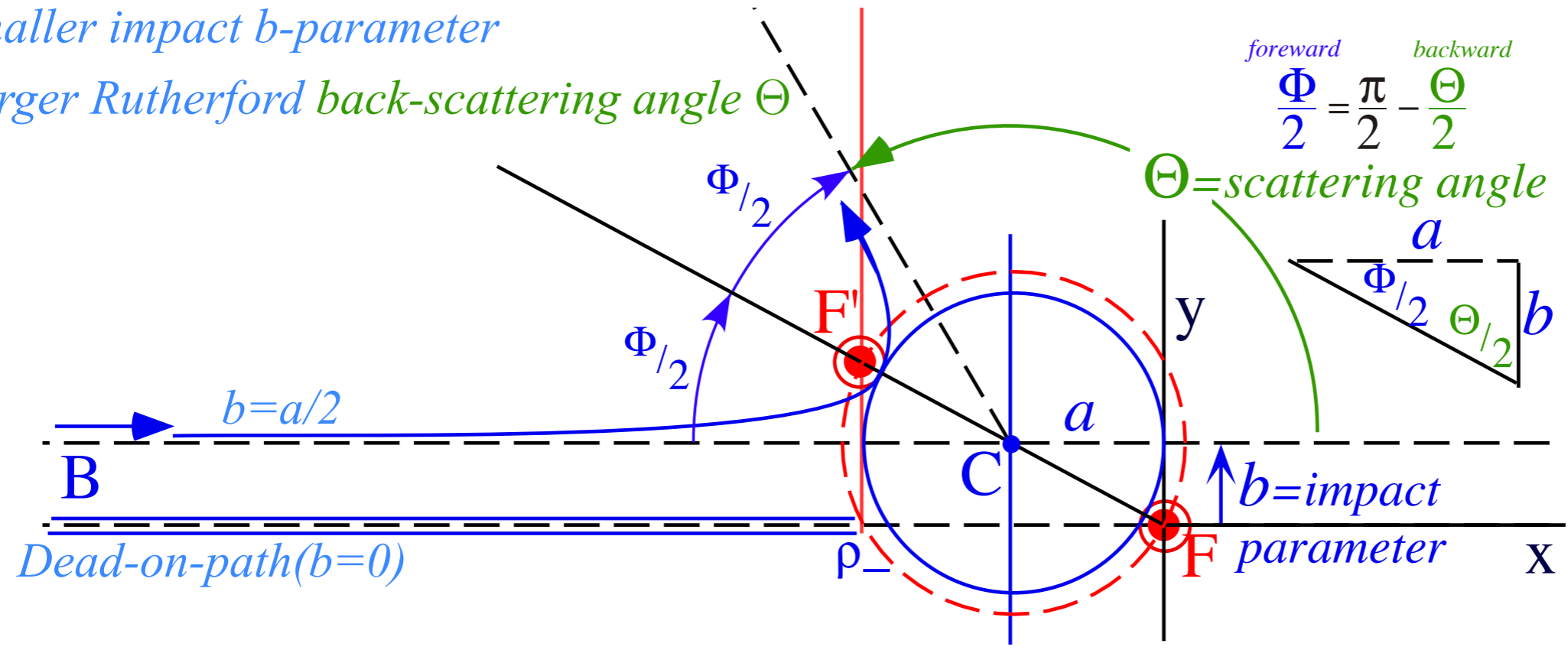
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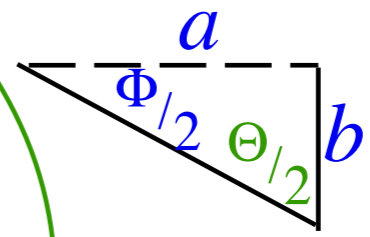
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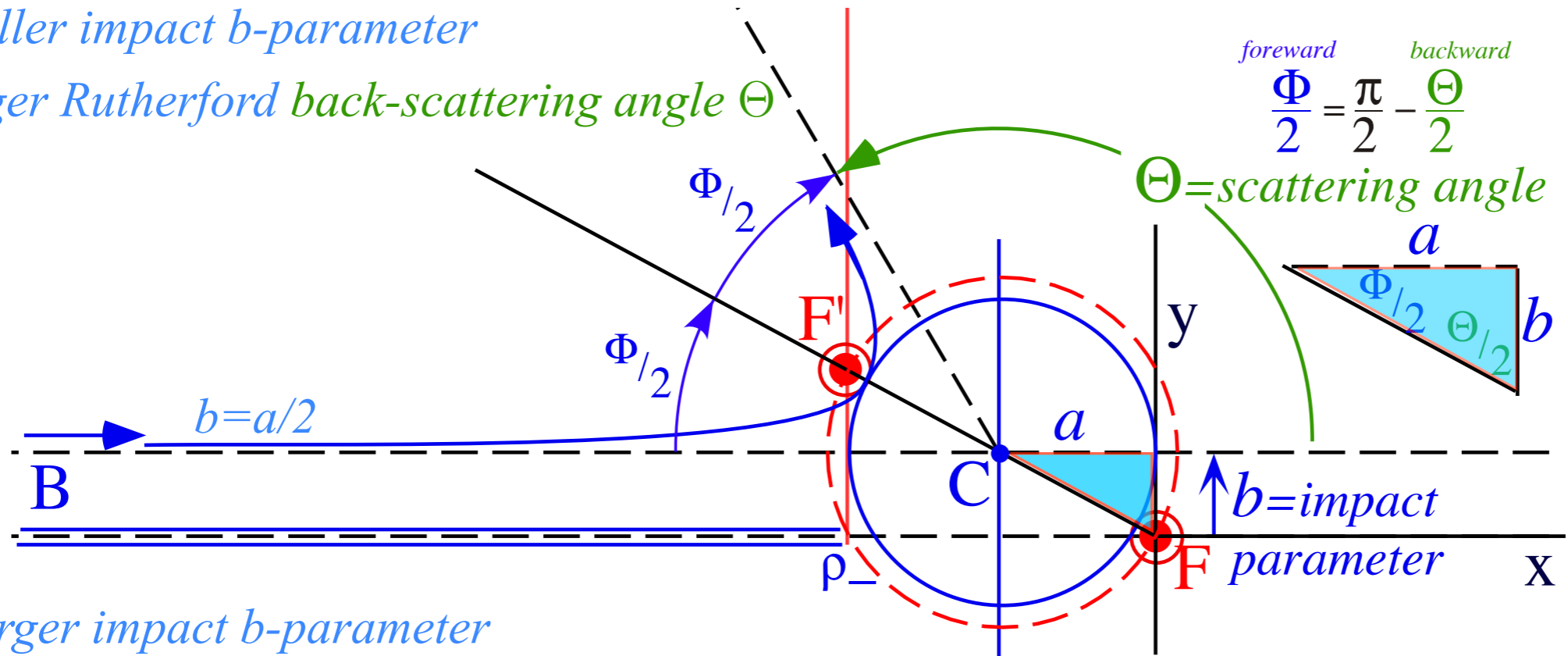
forward backward
 $\frac{\Phi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\Theta}{2}$

Θ = scattering angle



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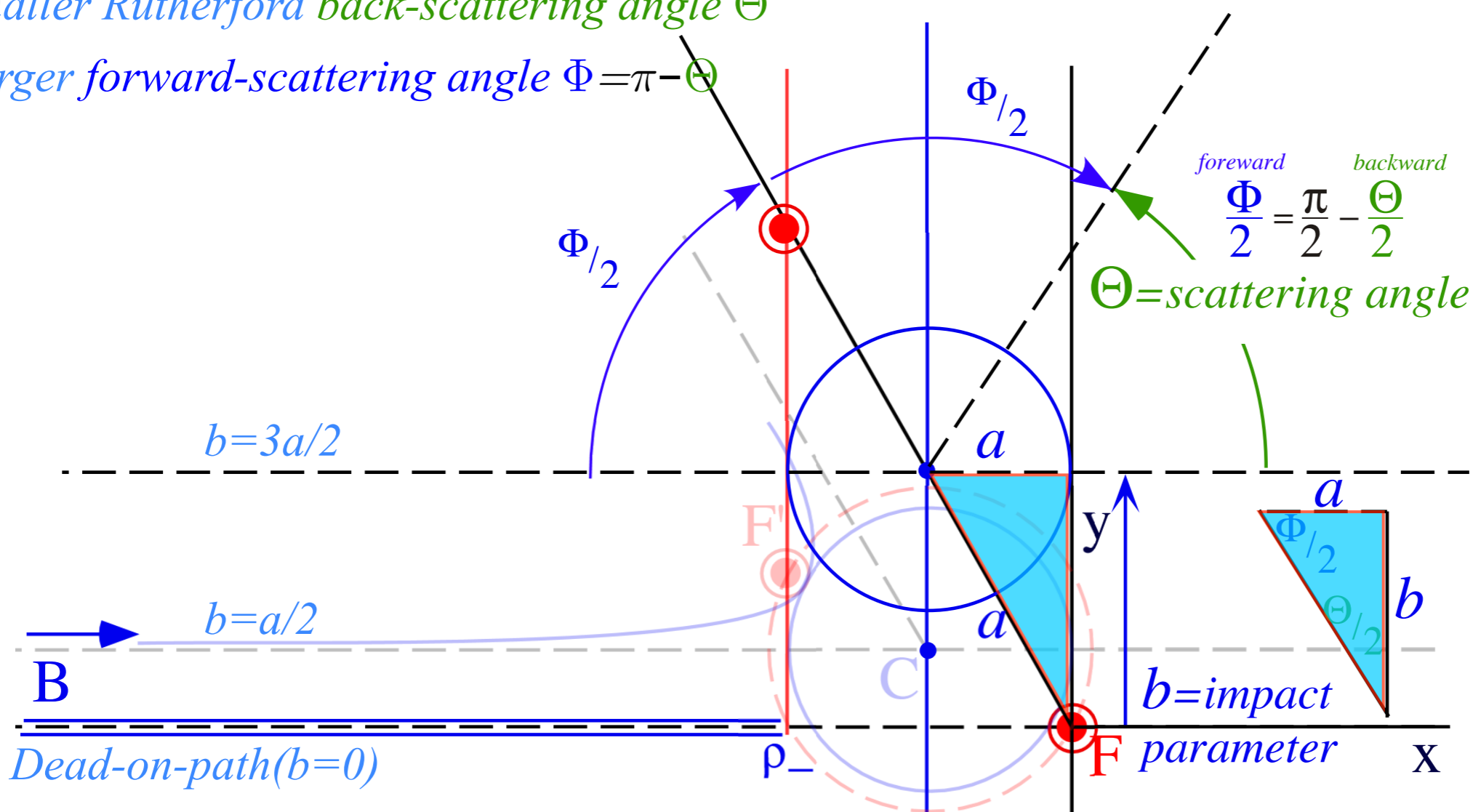
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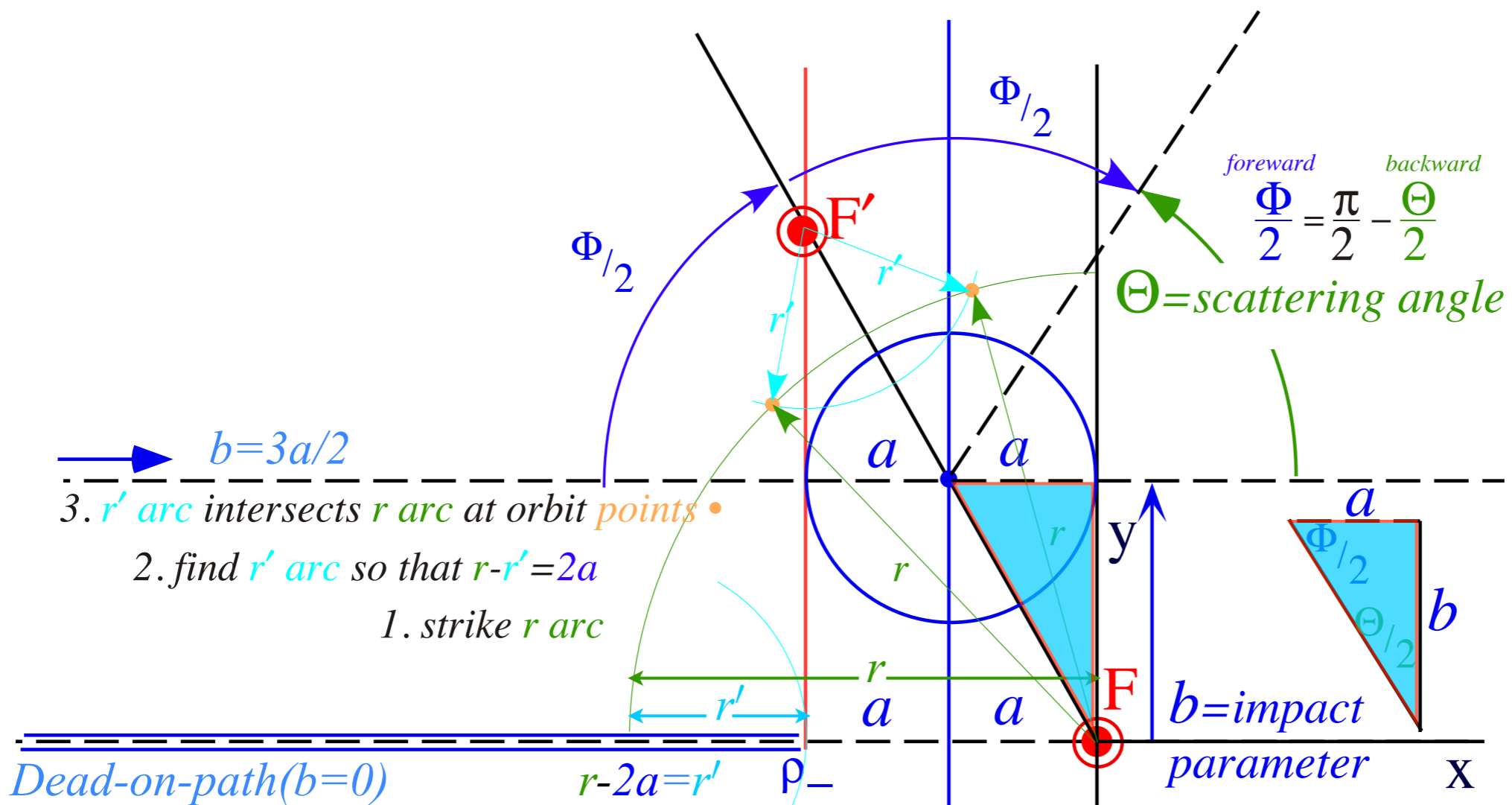
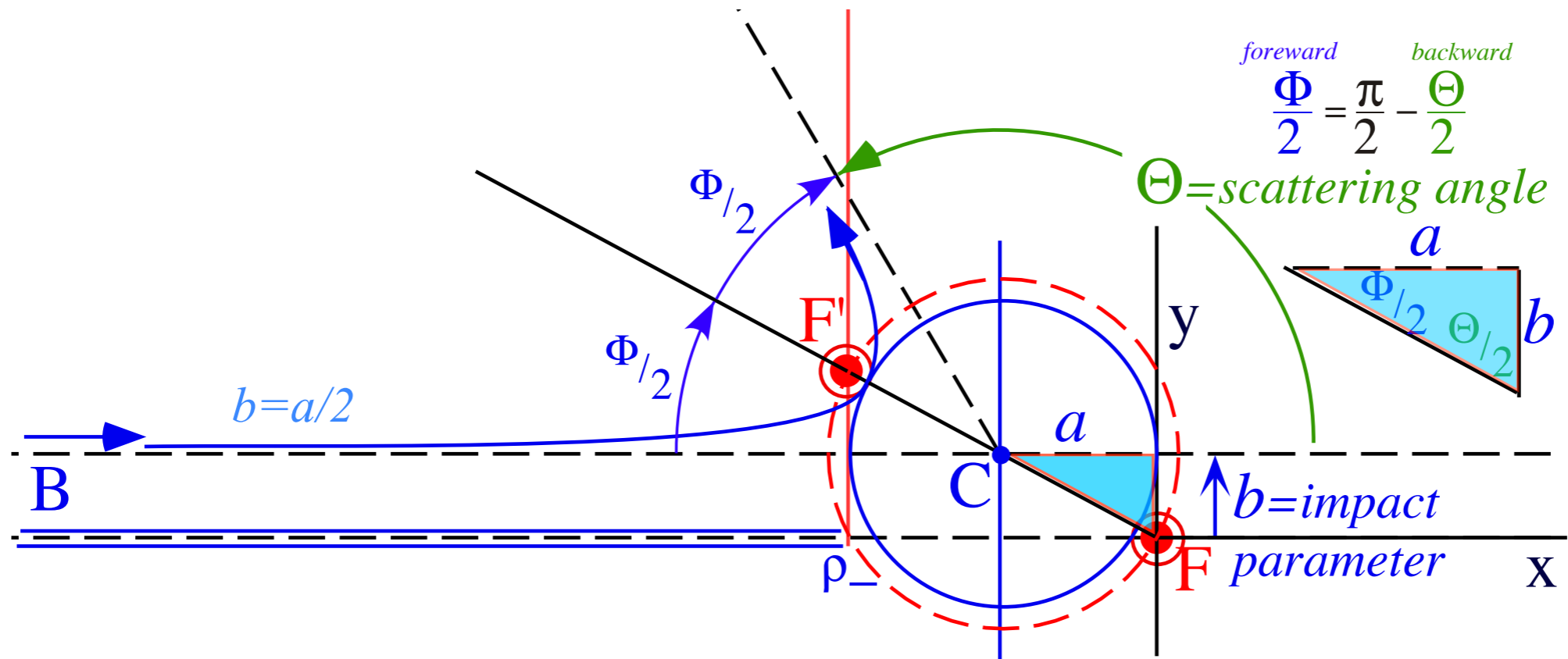
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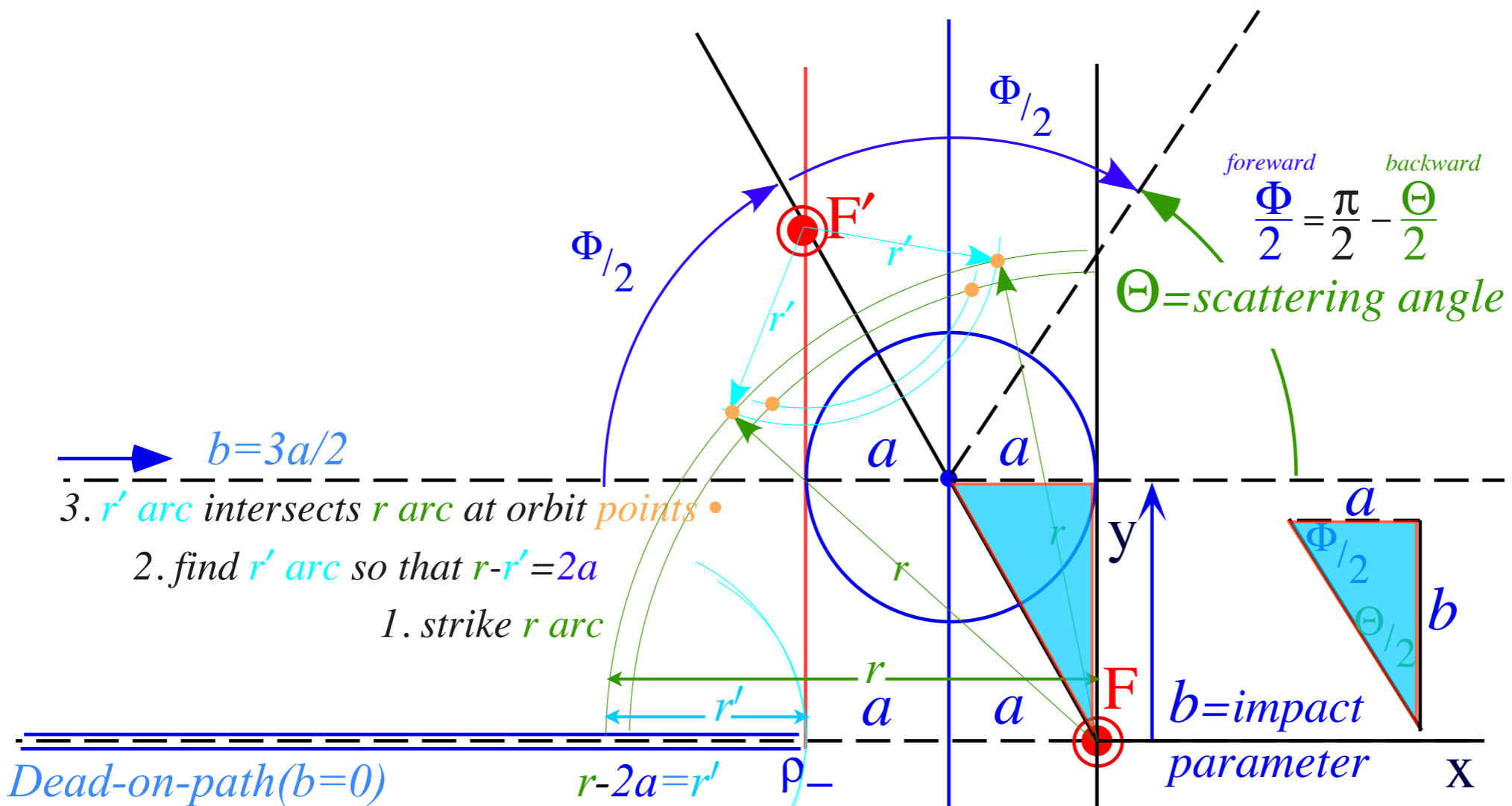
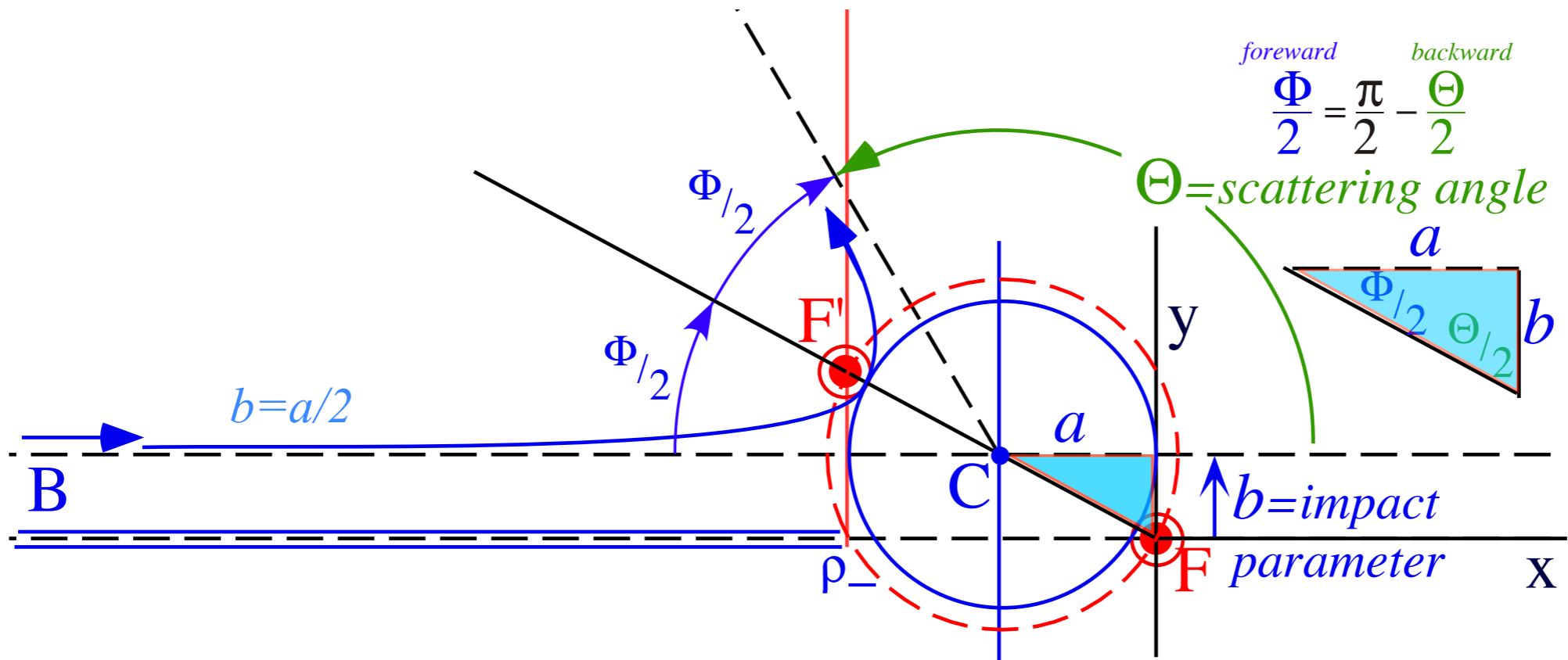
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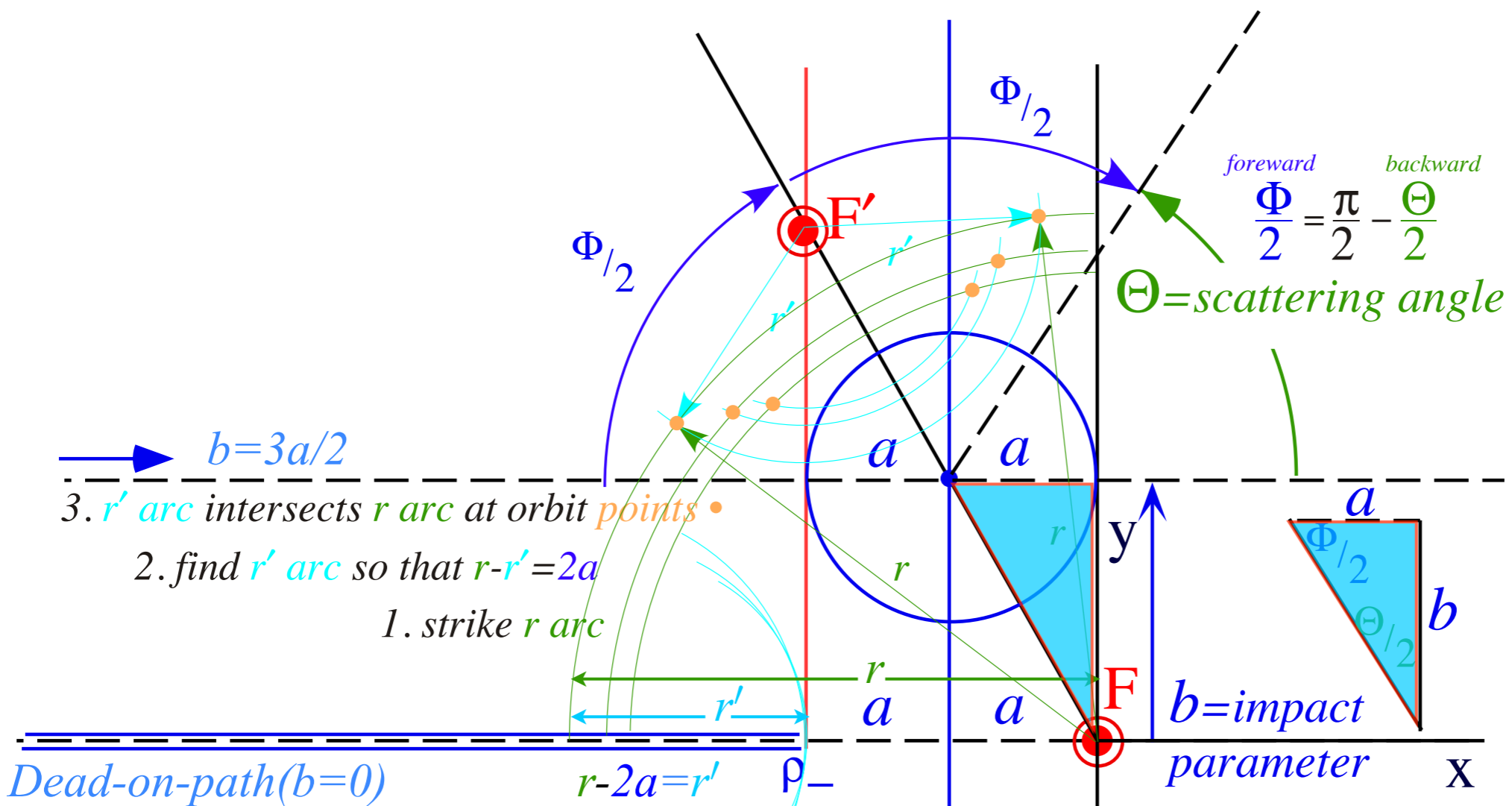
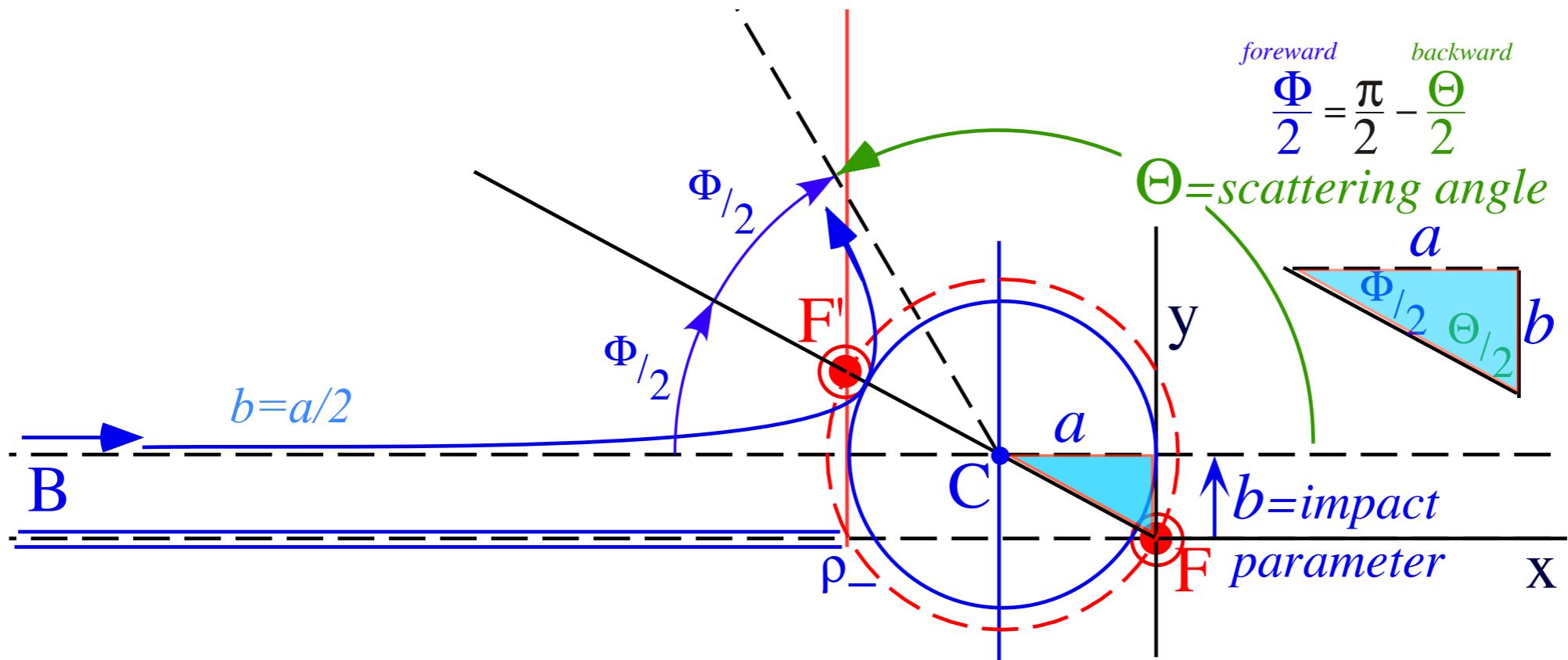
Larger forward-scattering angle $\Phi = \pi - \Theta$

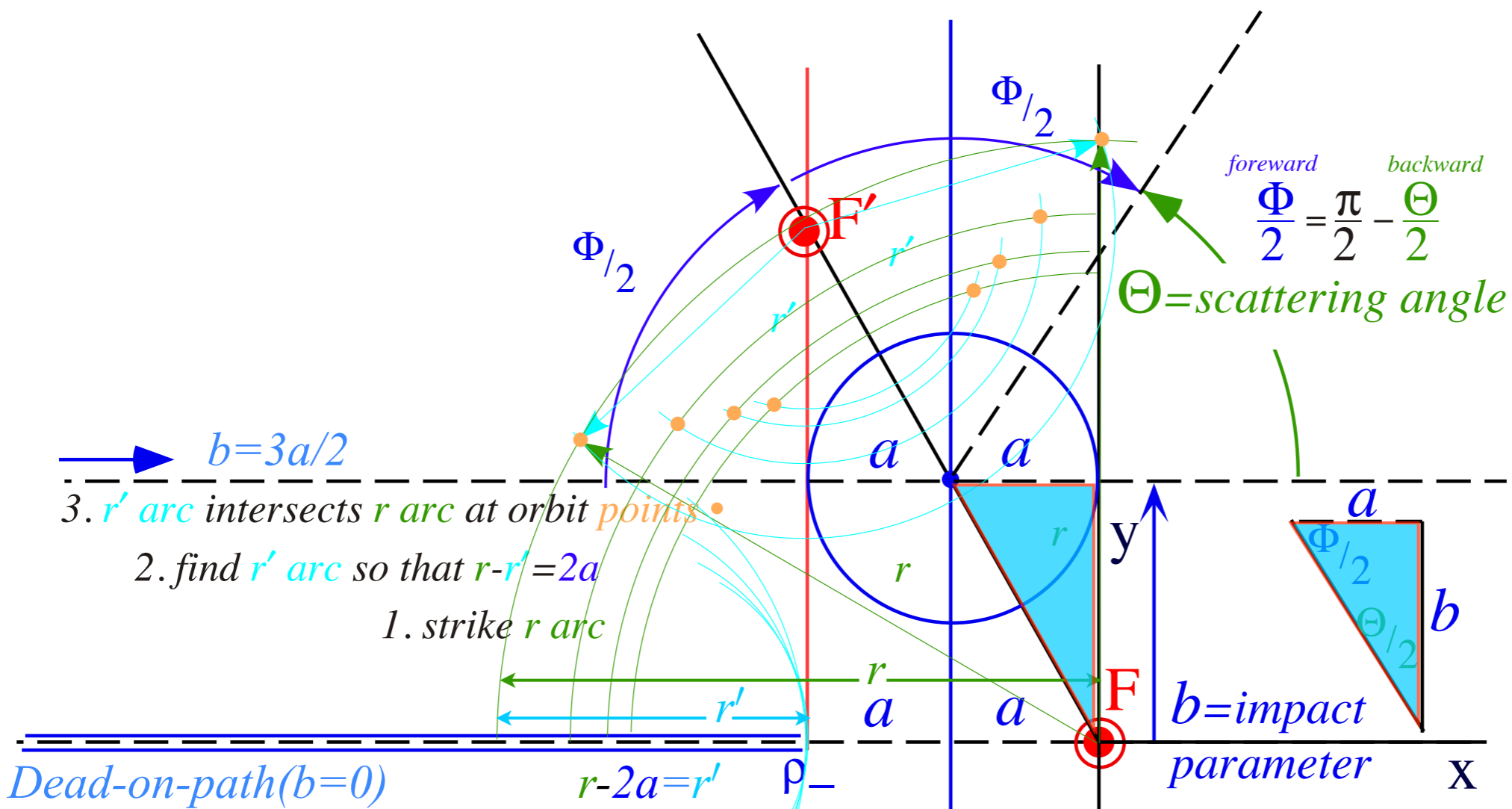
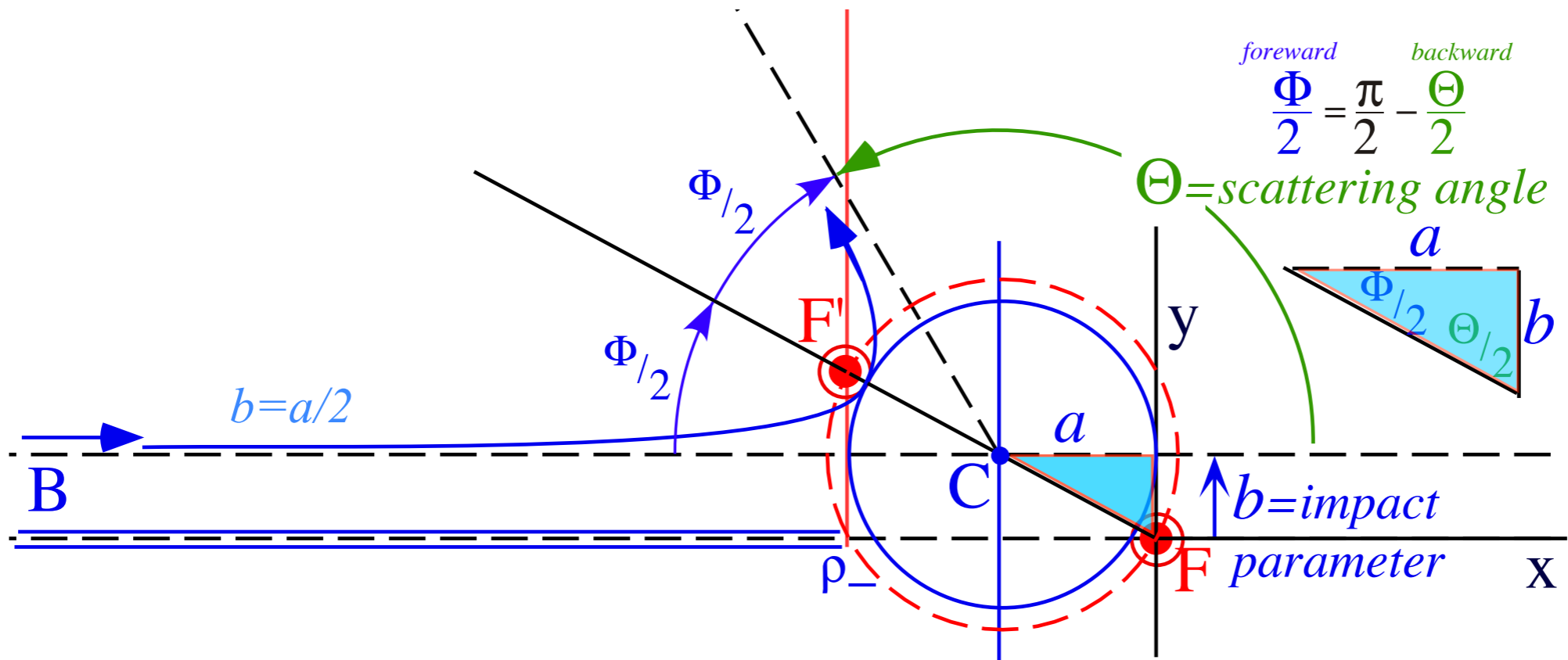


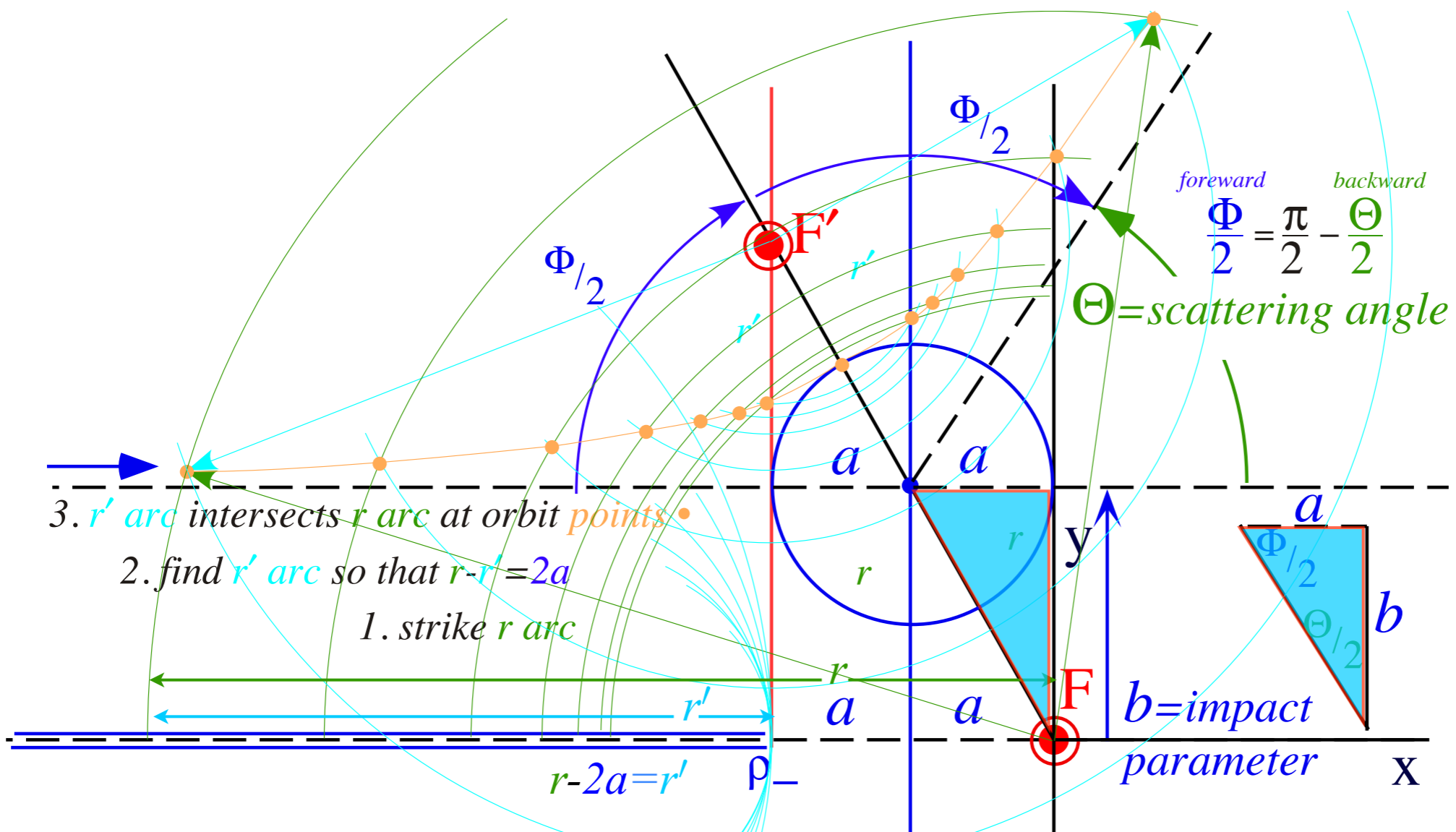
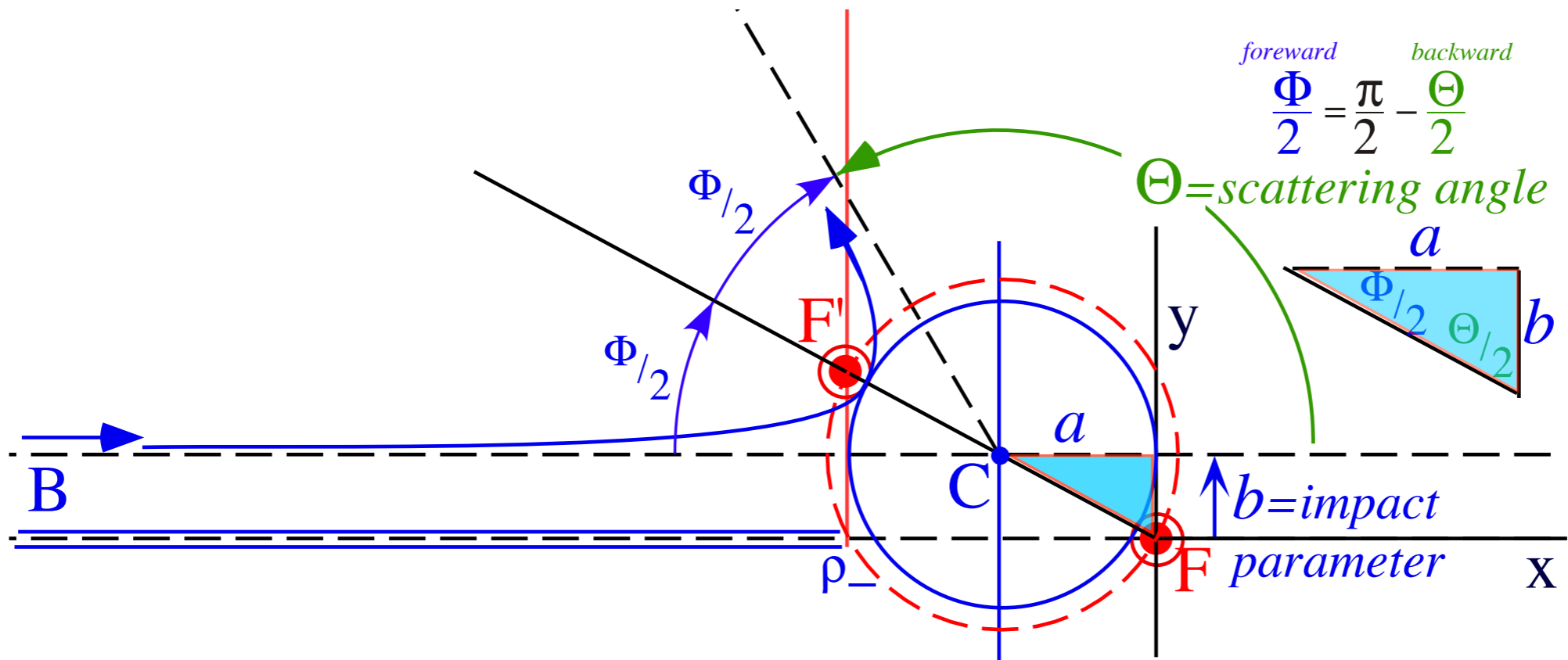
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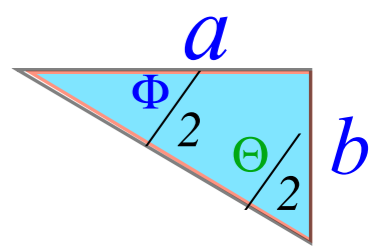
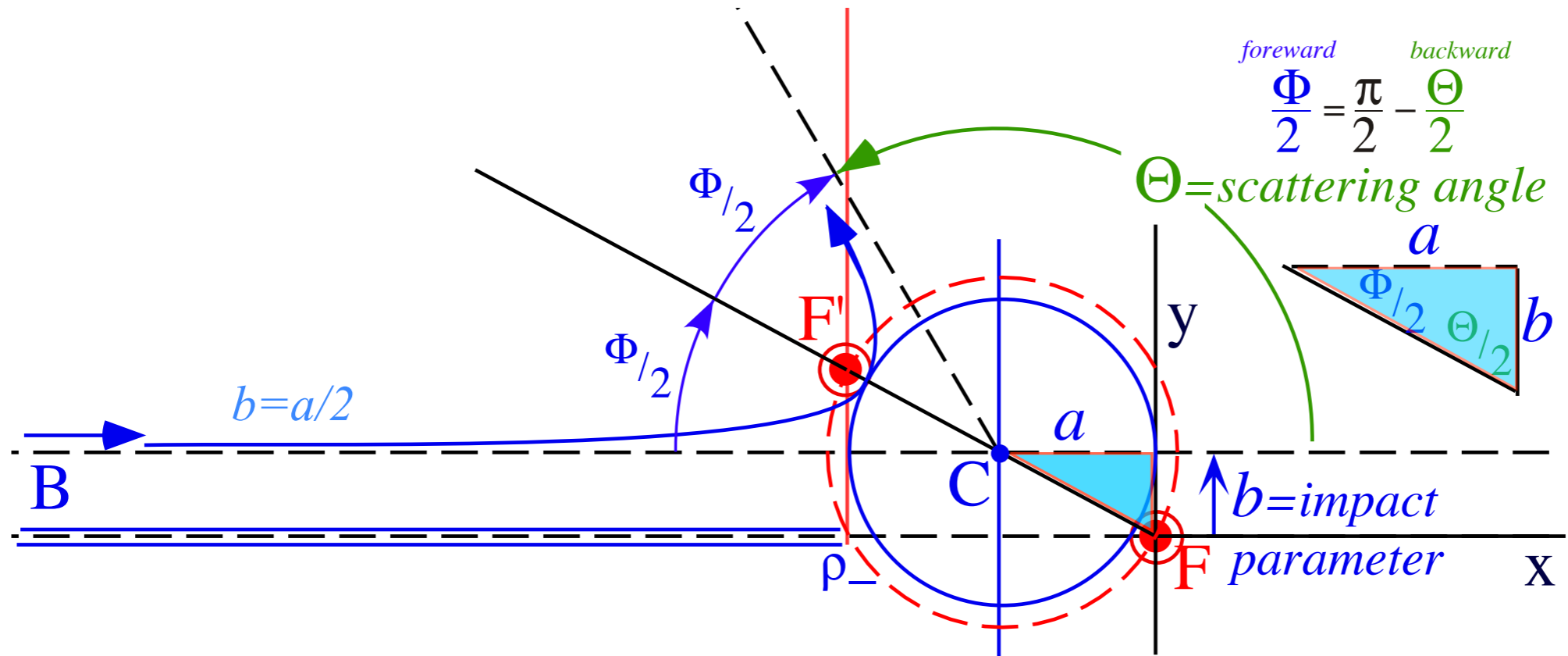








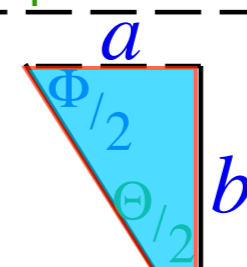
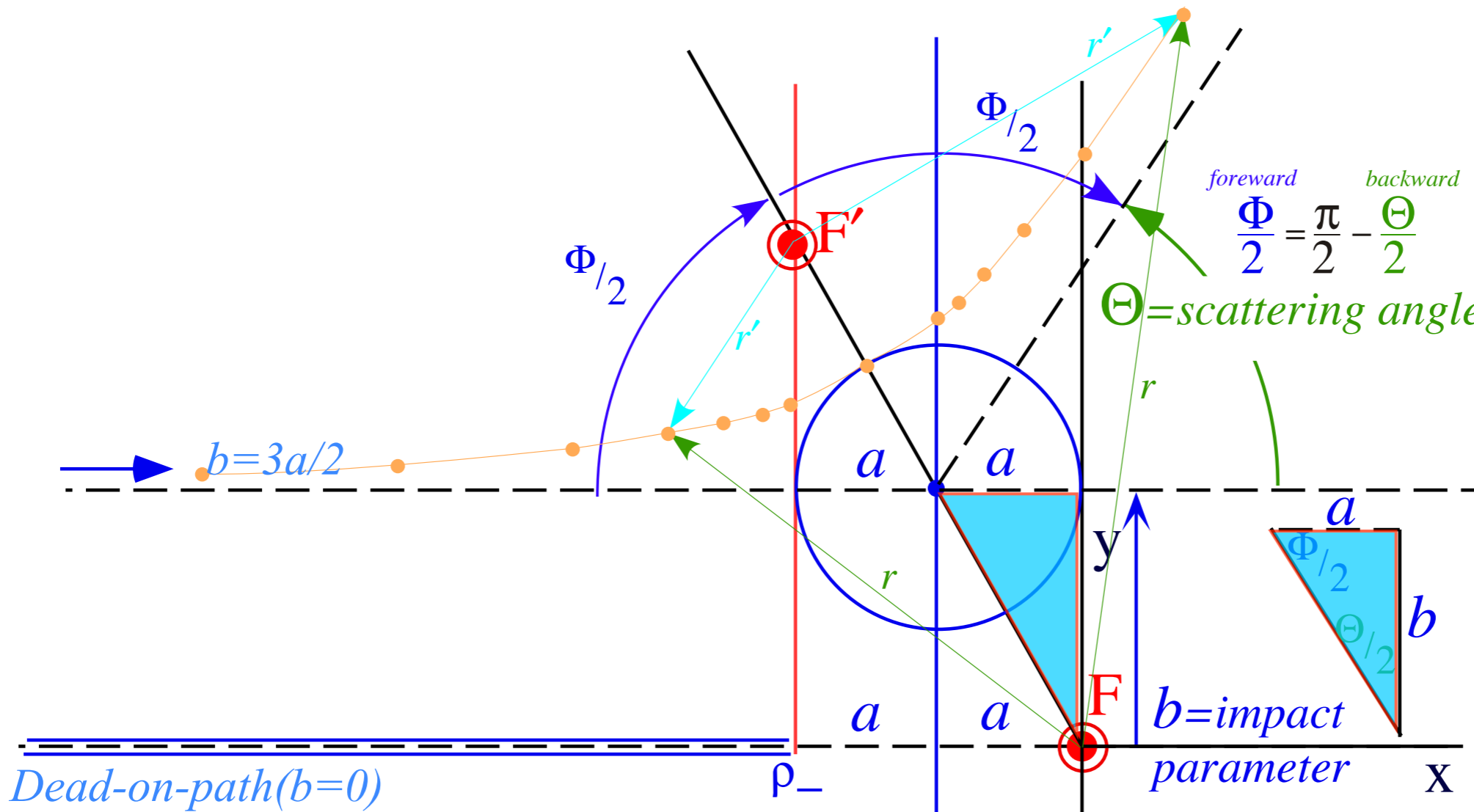




$$\frac{a}{b} = \tan \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

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

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



Angle $\frac{\Phi}{2}$
subtended
by **F** (easy
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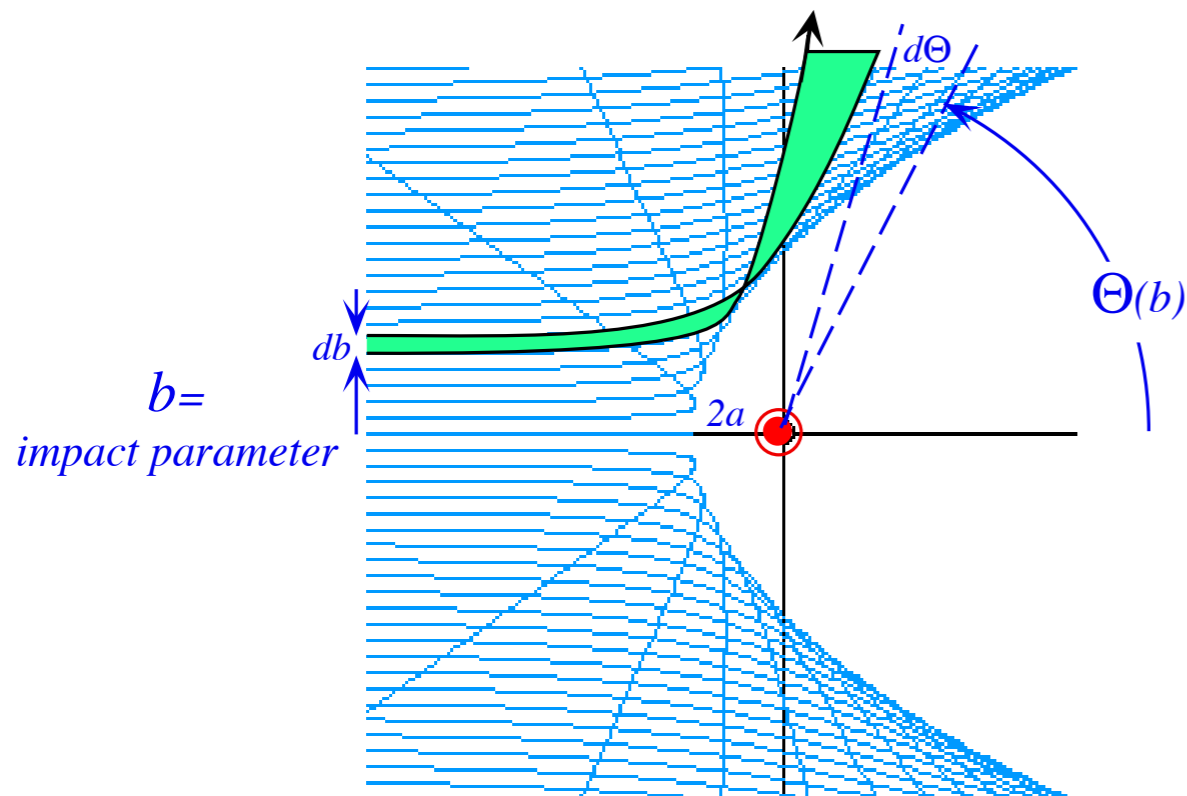
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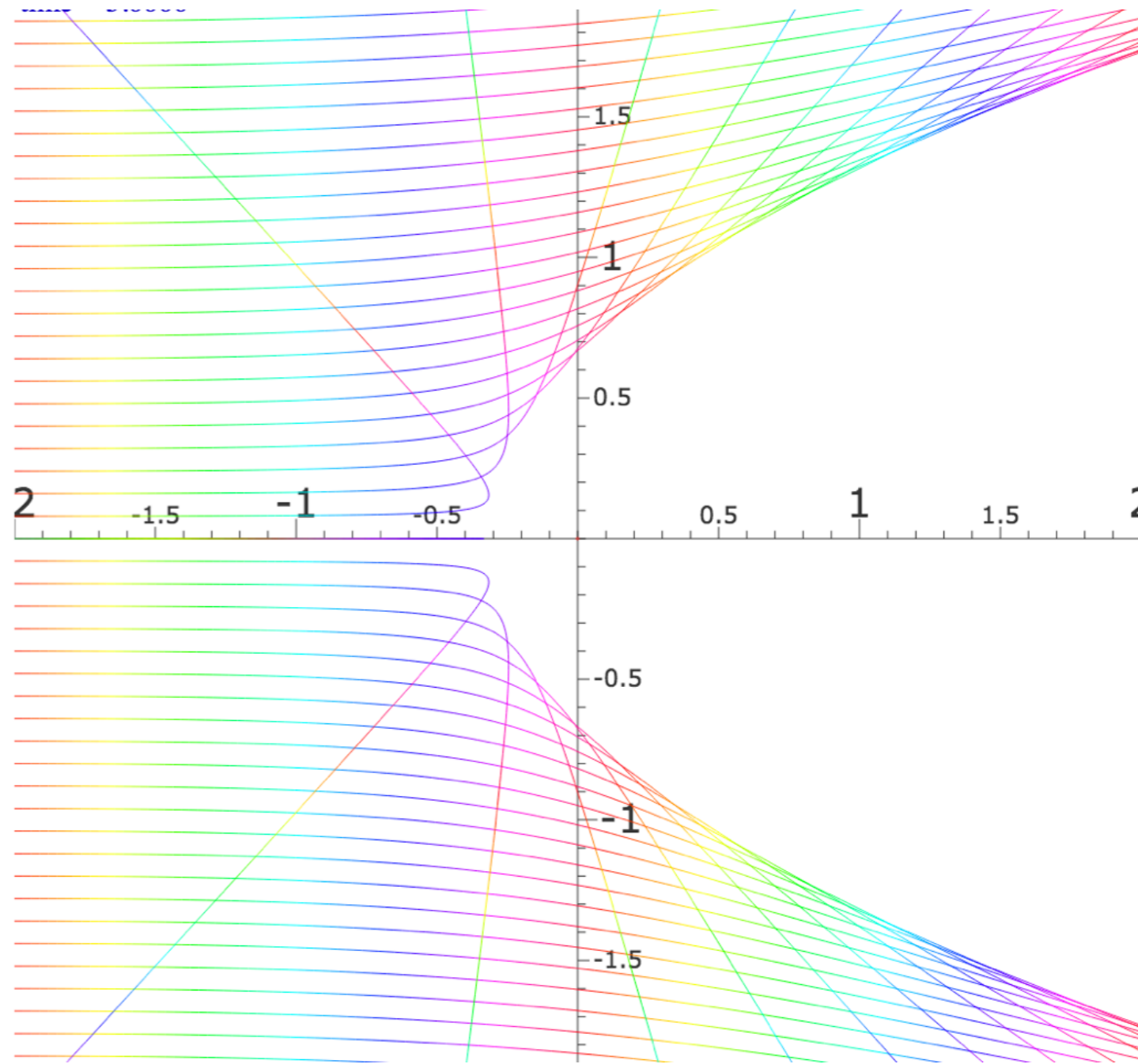
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Rutherford scattering geometry



<https://modphys.hosted.uark.edu/CoulltWeb.html?scenario=Rutherford>



Chapter 1 Orbit Families and Action

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

Chapter 2 Rutherford Scattering

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

Chapter 3 Coulomb Field (H atom)

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

Chapter 4 Molecular Ion Orbits

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

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

Space Bomb (Coulomb) Exploding Starlet (IHO)

Synchrotron Motion (Crossed E & B fields)

Rutherford scattering 2-Electron Orbits

Atomic Orbits

Molecular Ion Orbits

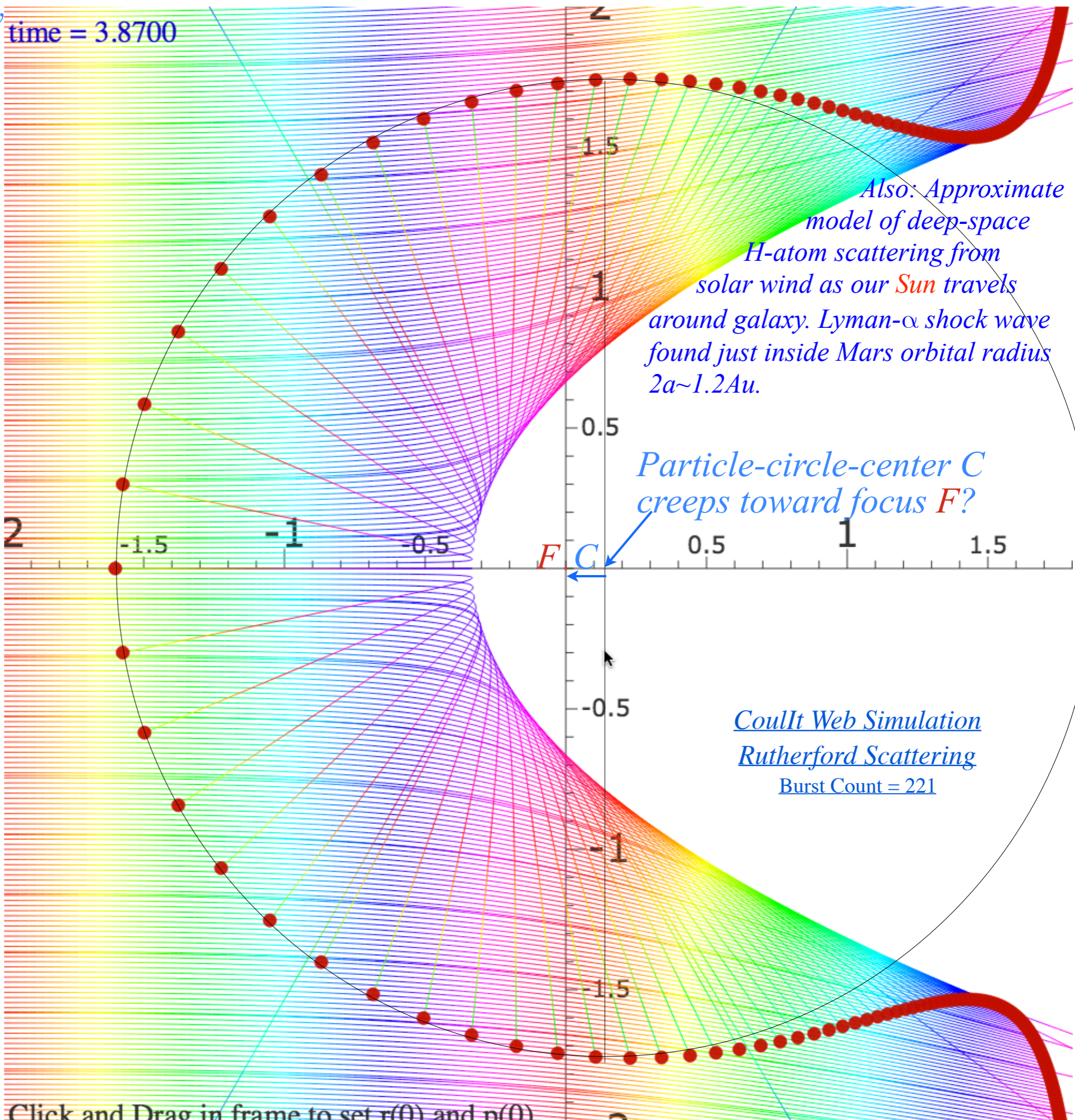
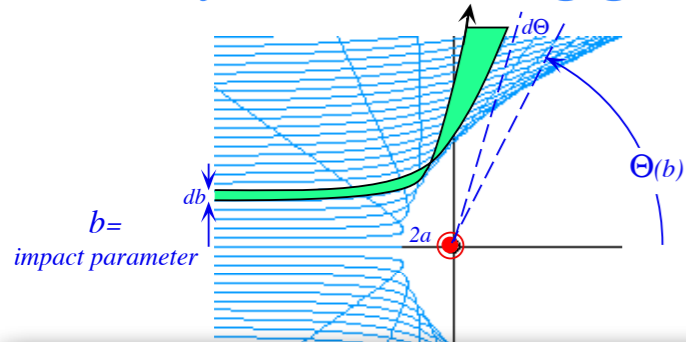
Oscillator Scattering

2-Particle Orbits

2-Particle Collision

Rutherford scattering geometry

time = 3.8700



Also: Approximate model of deep-space H-atom scattering from solar wind as our Sun travels around galaxy. Lyman- α shock wave found just inside Mars orbital radius $2a \sim 1.2 \text{ Au}$.

Particle-circle-center C creeps toward focus F ?

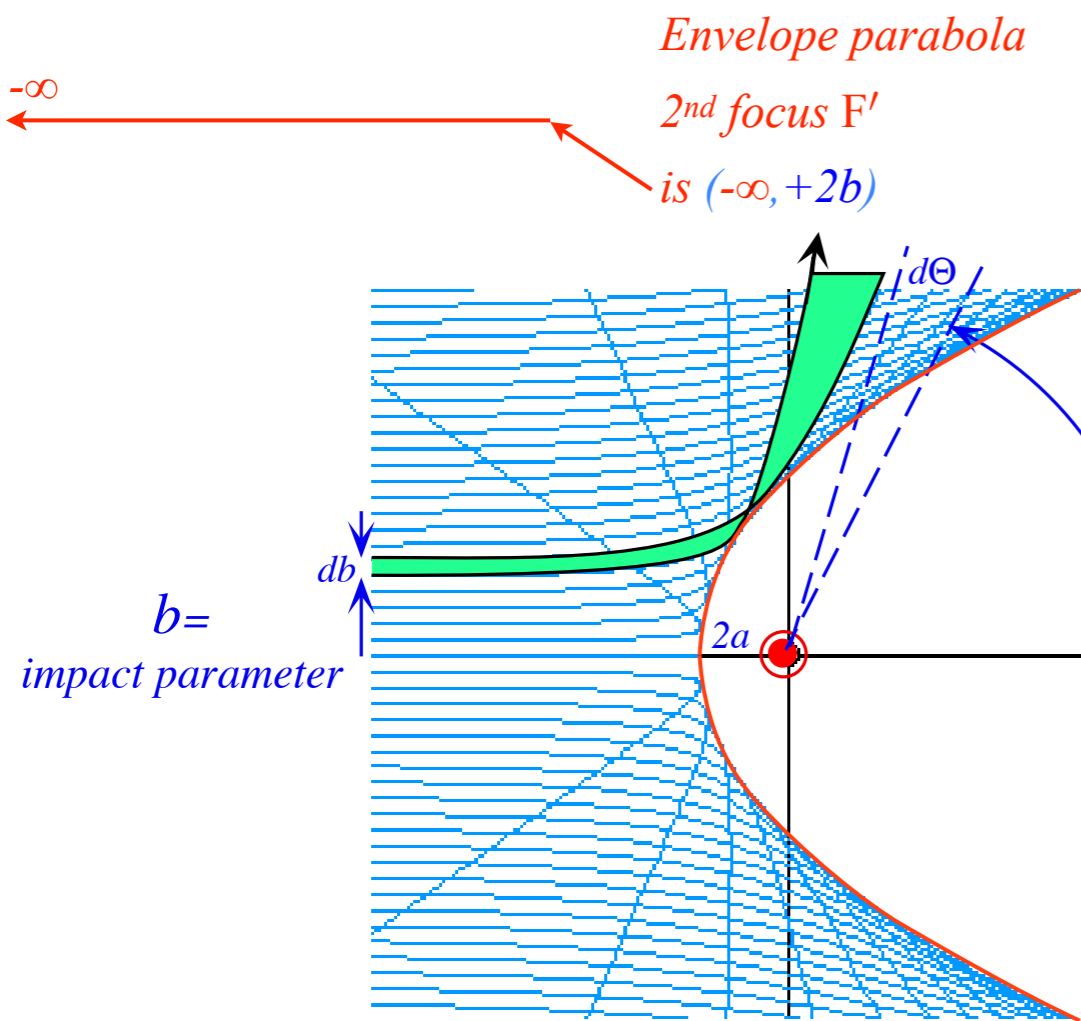
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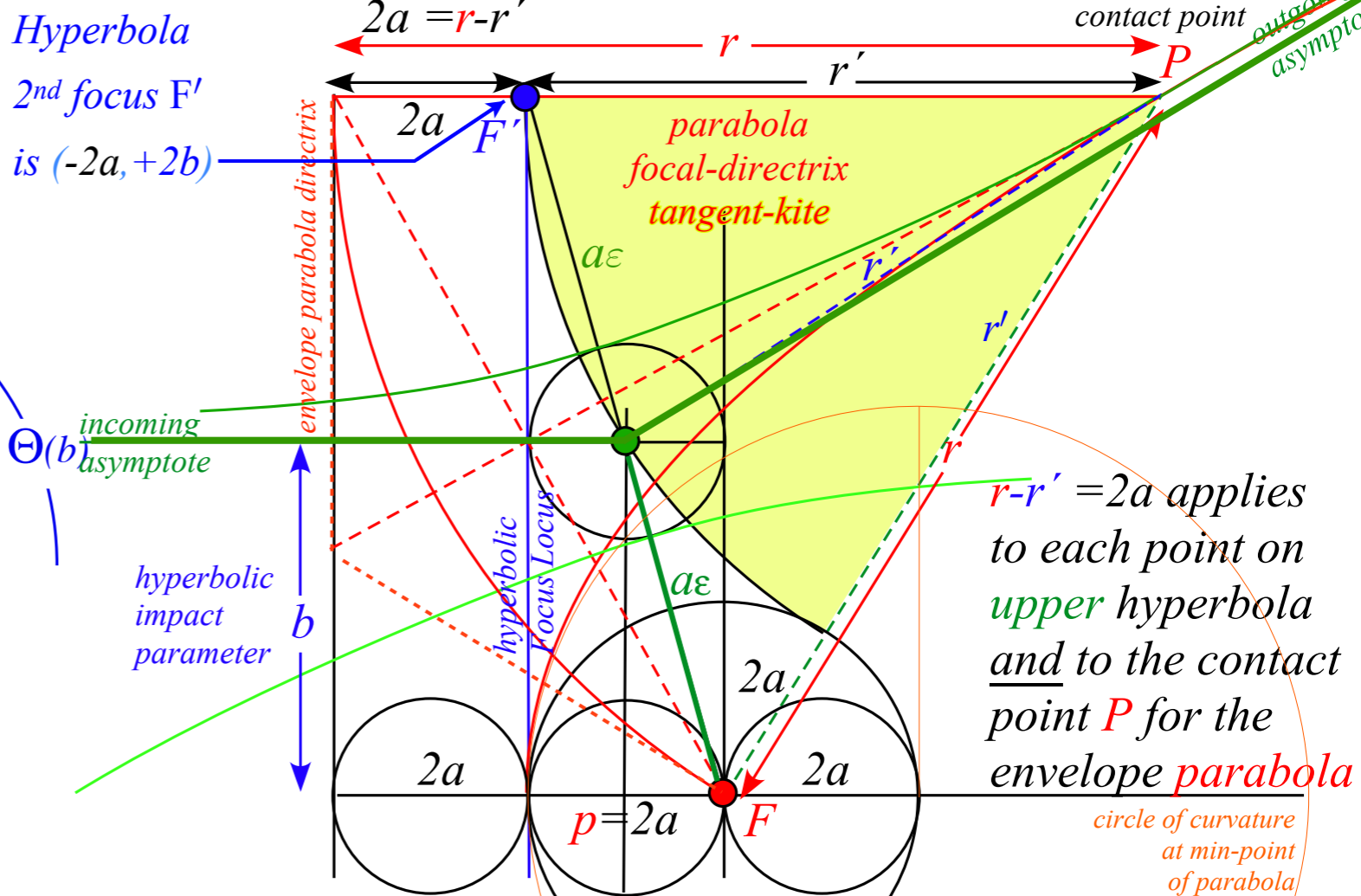
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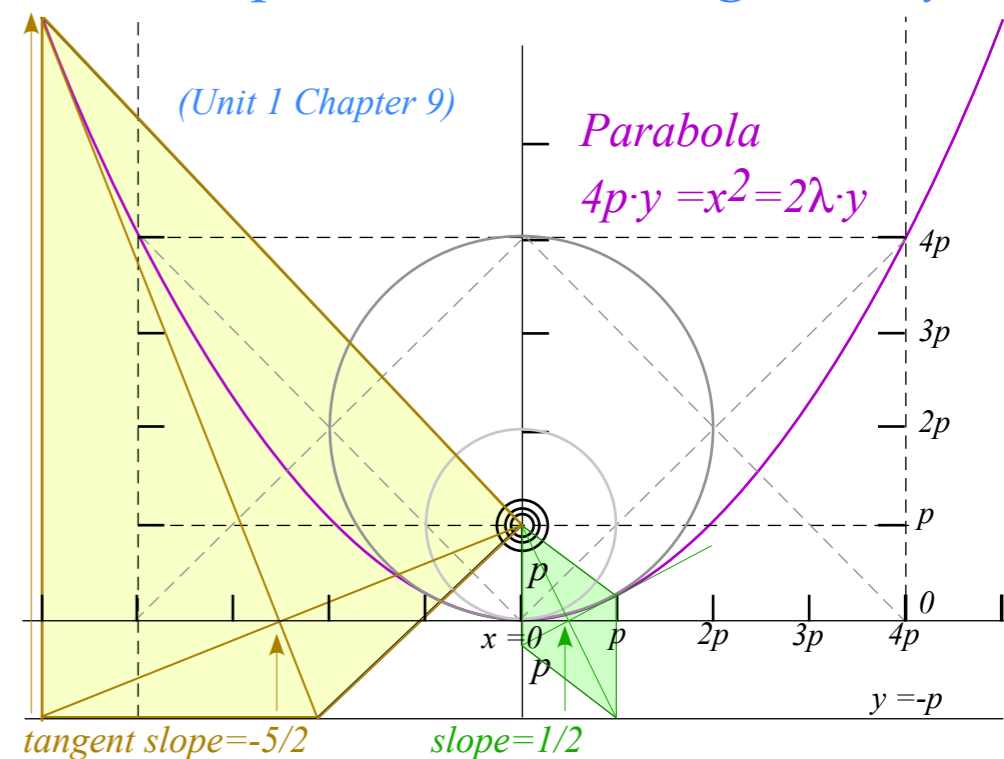
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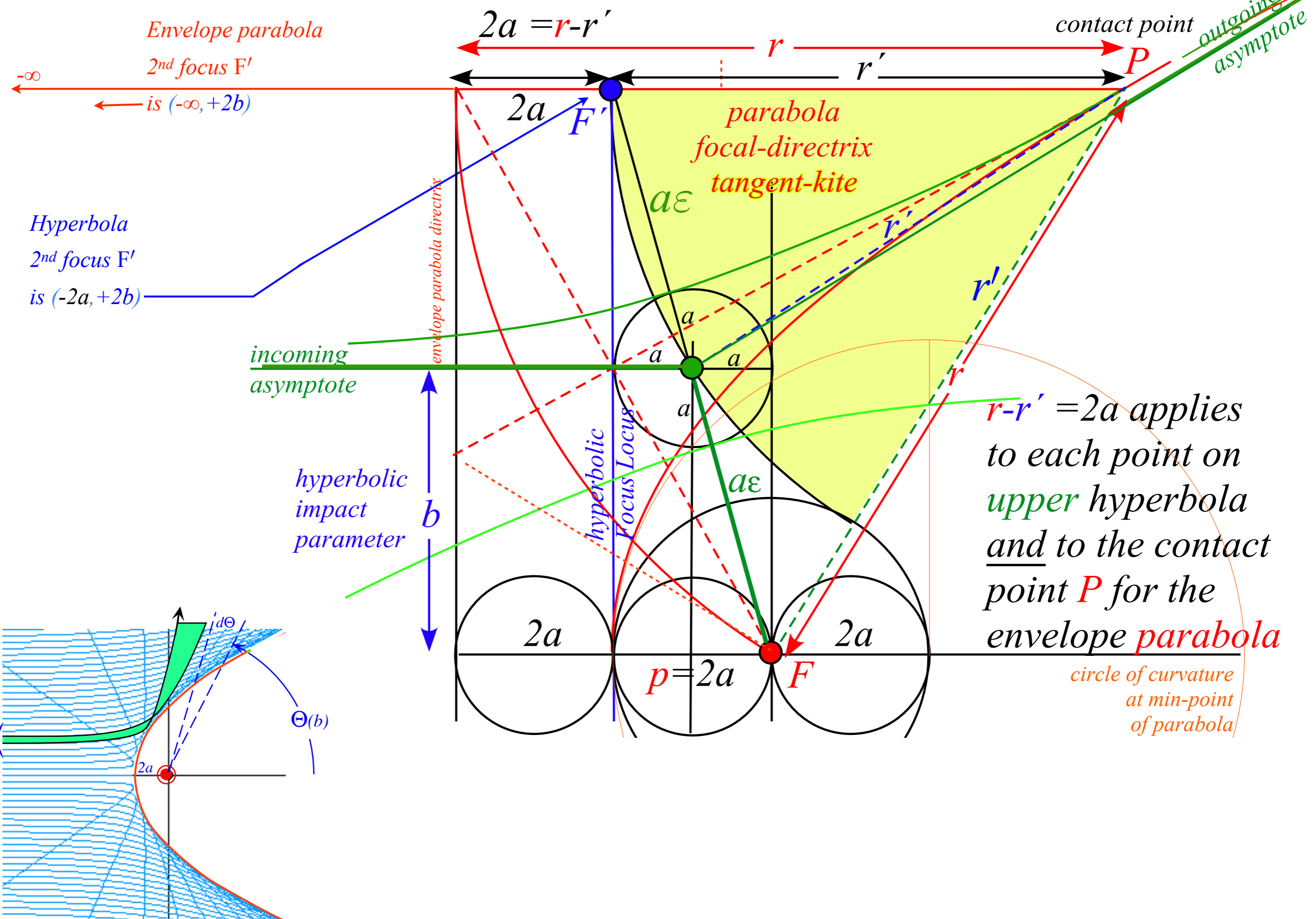


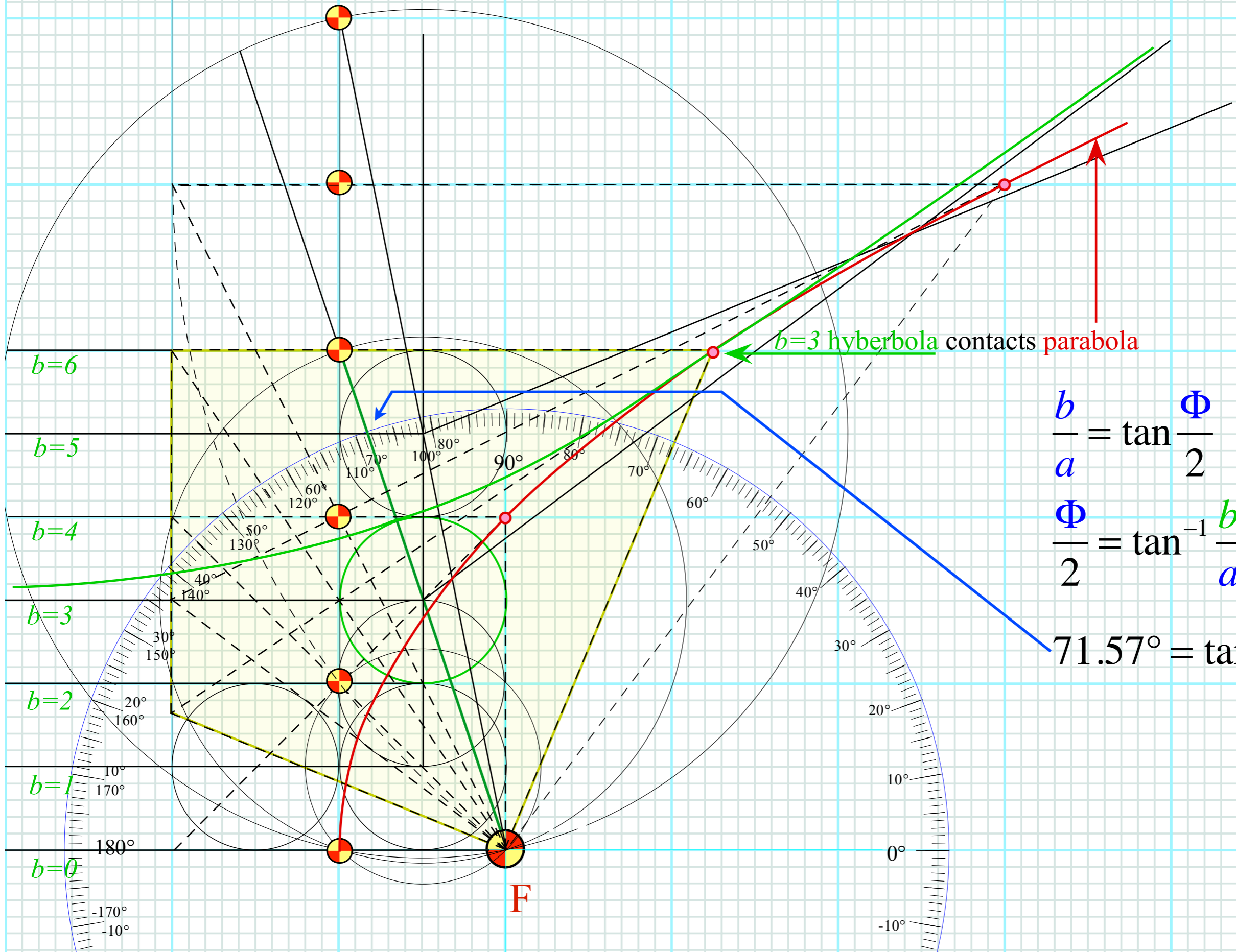
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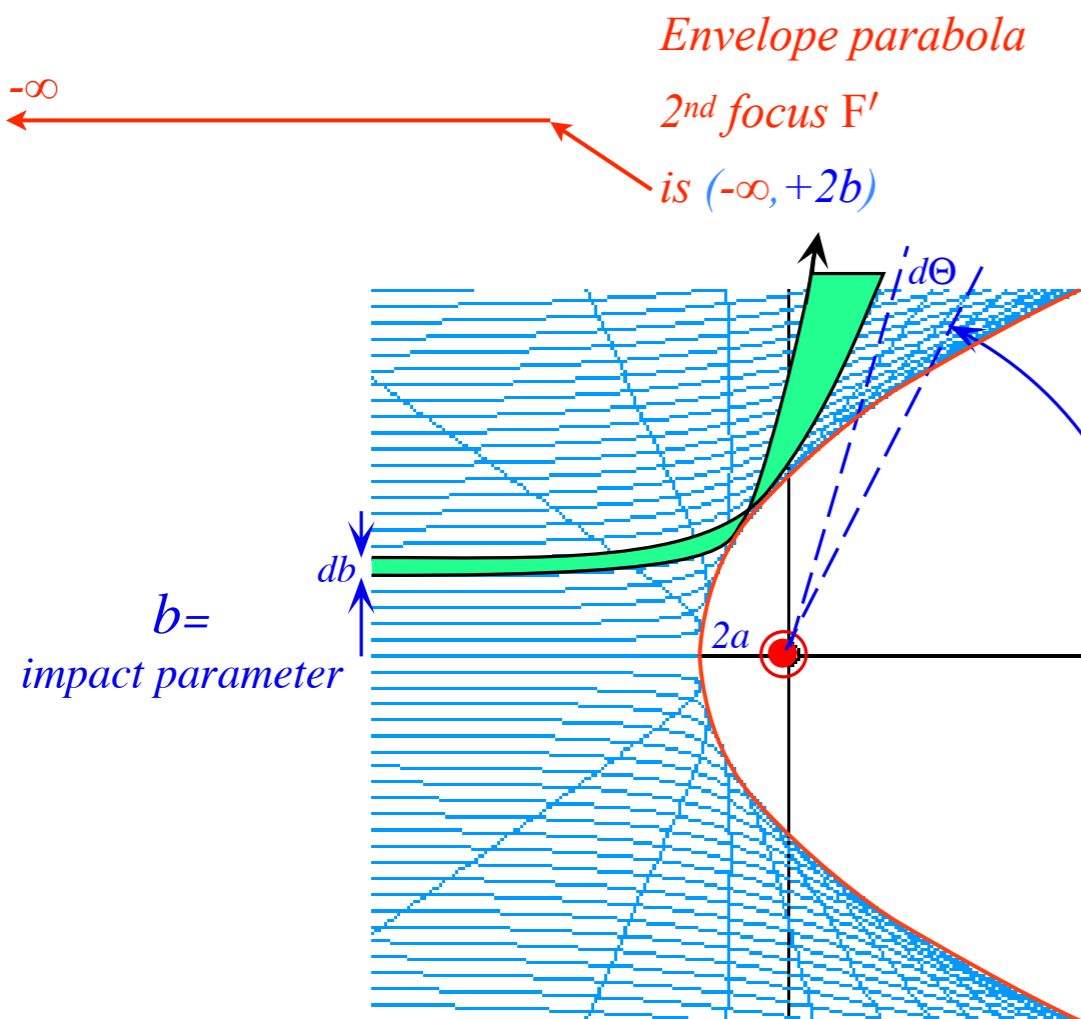
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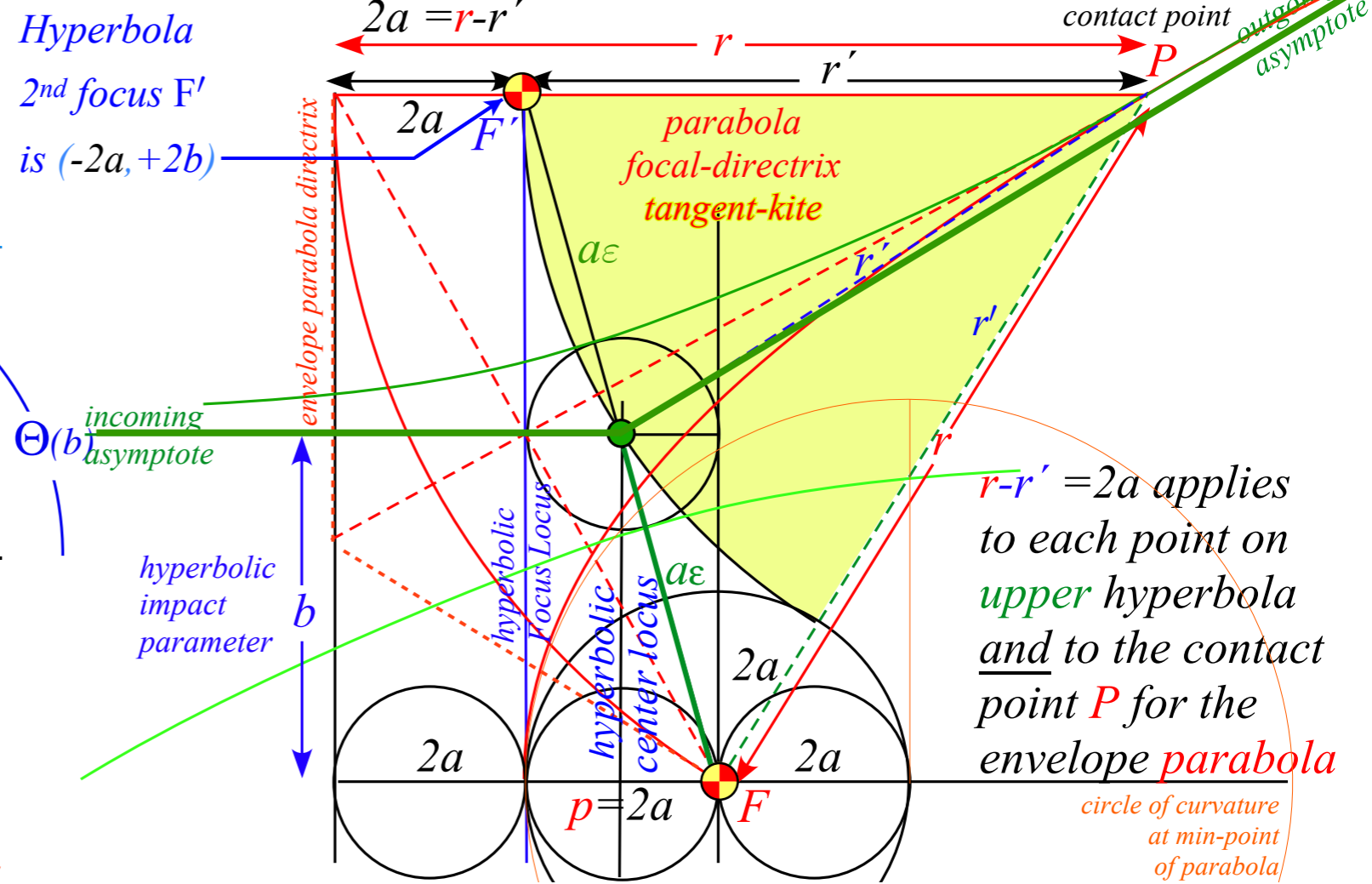
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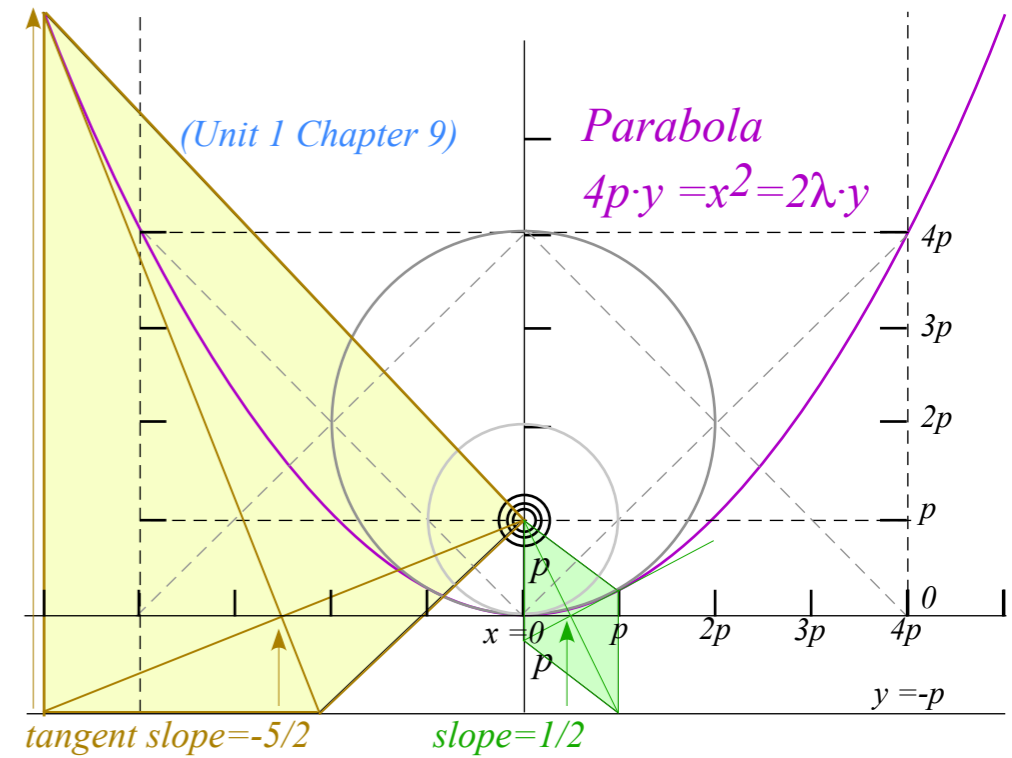
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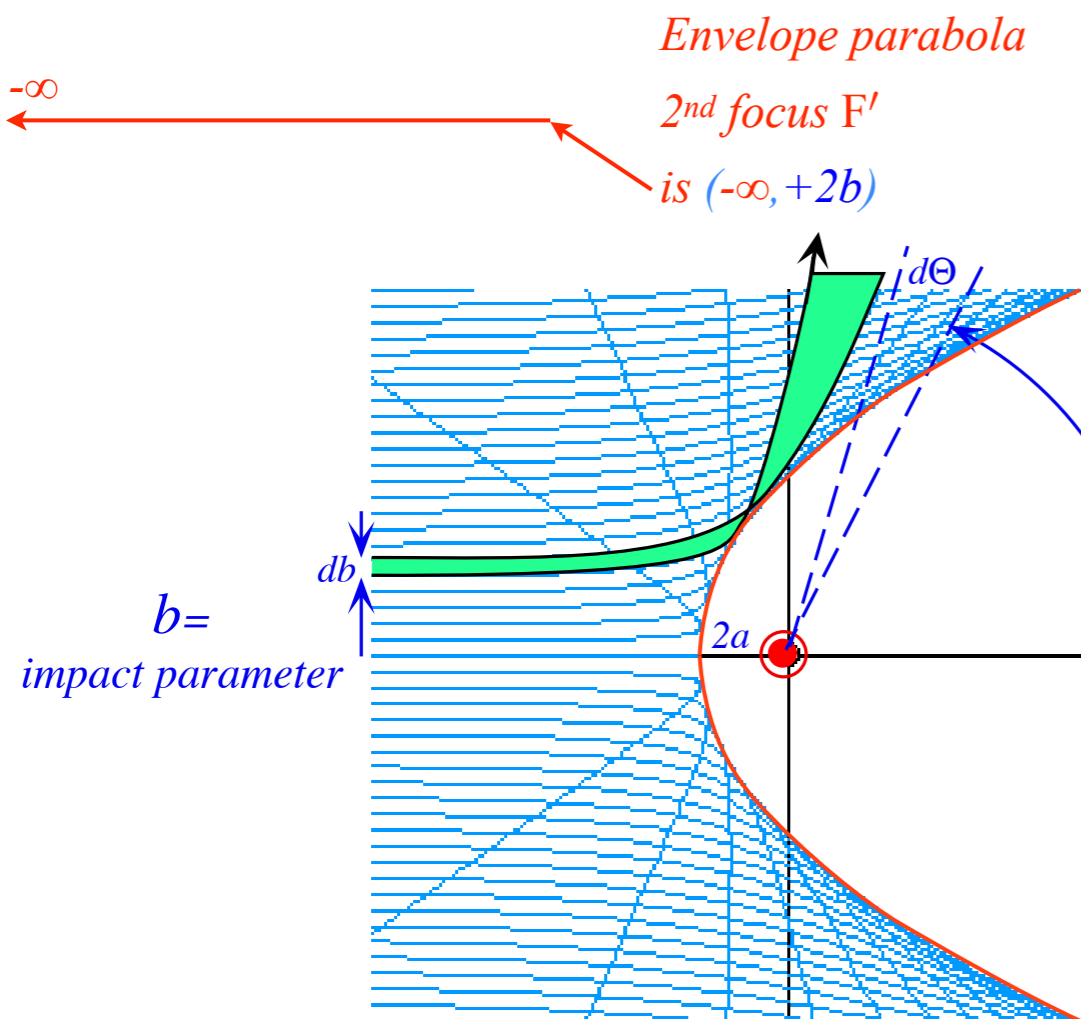
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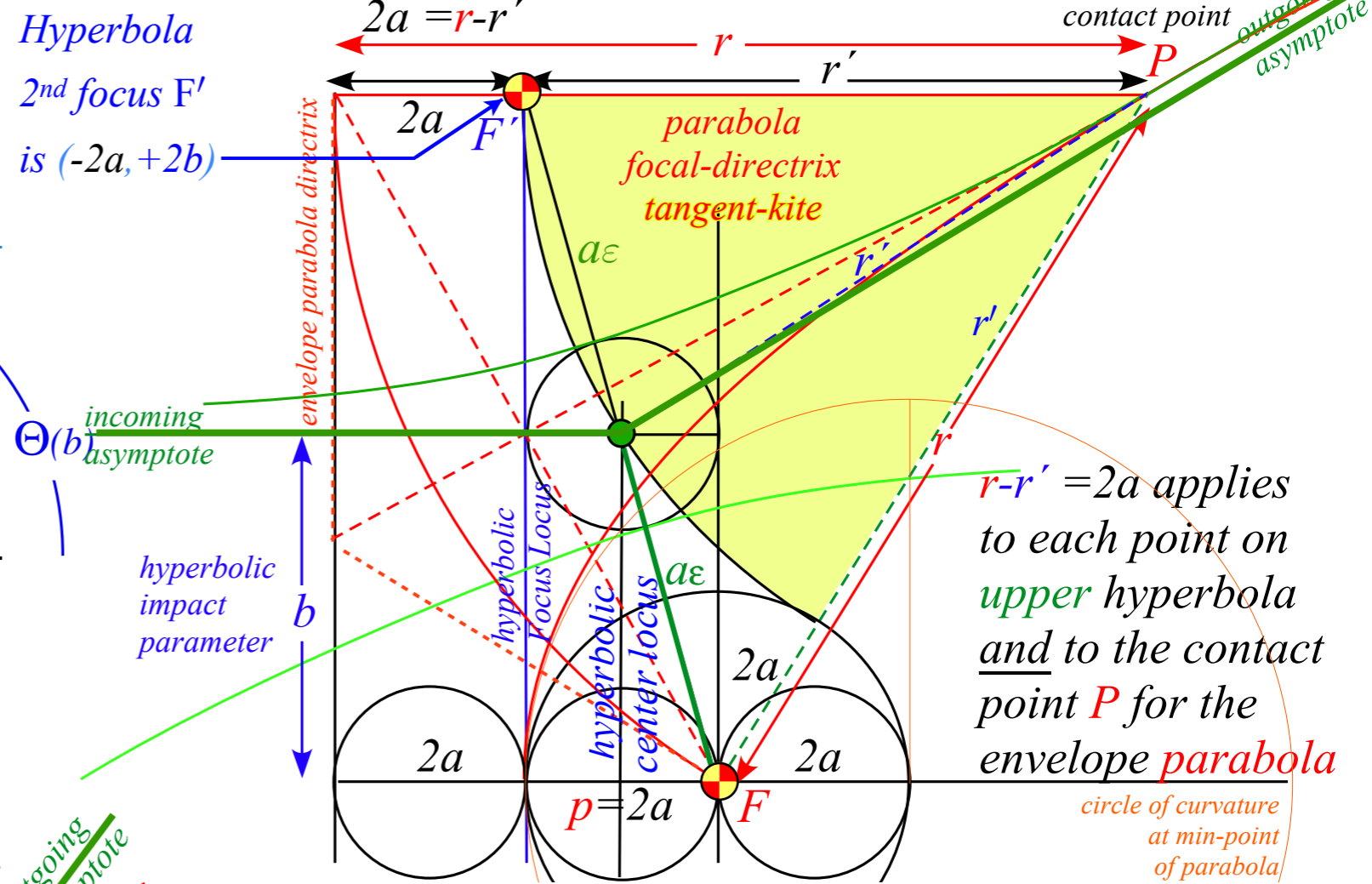
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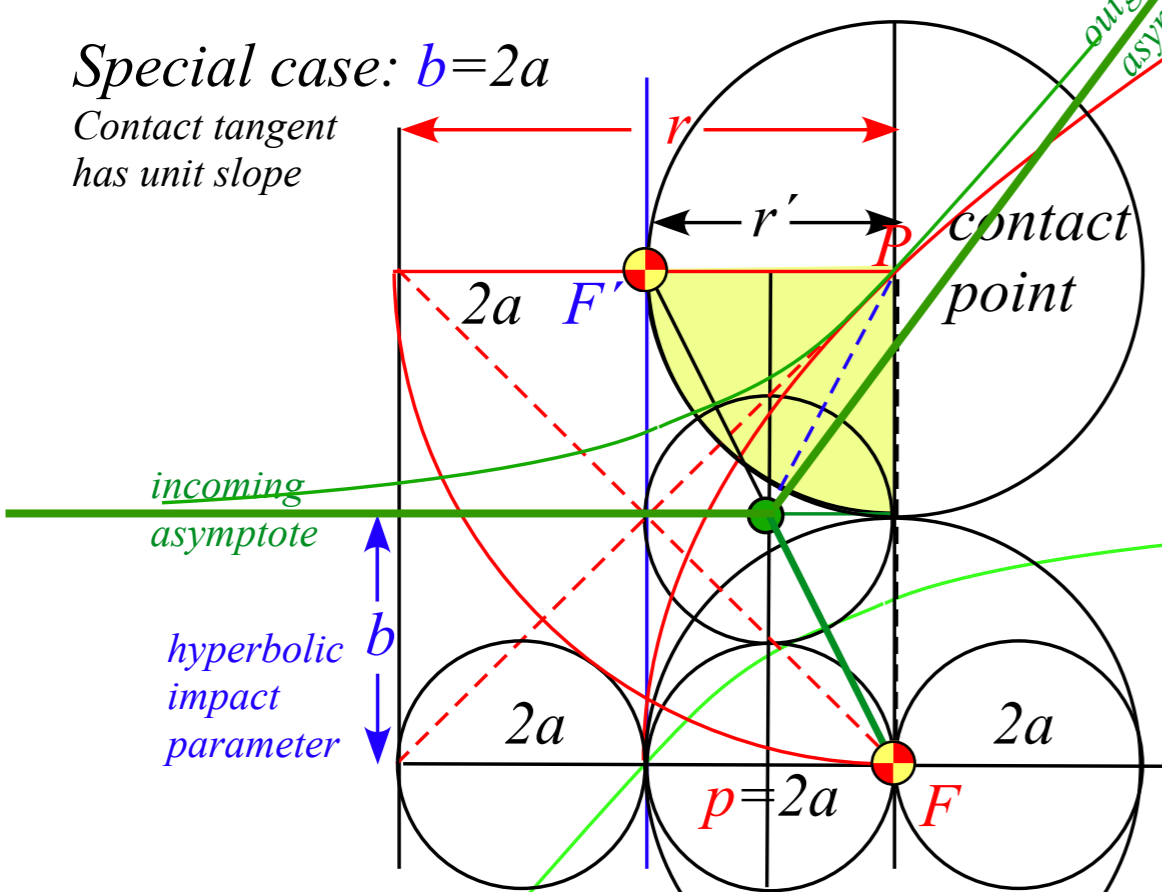


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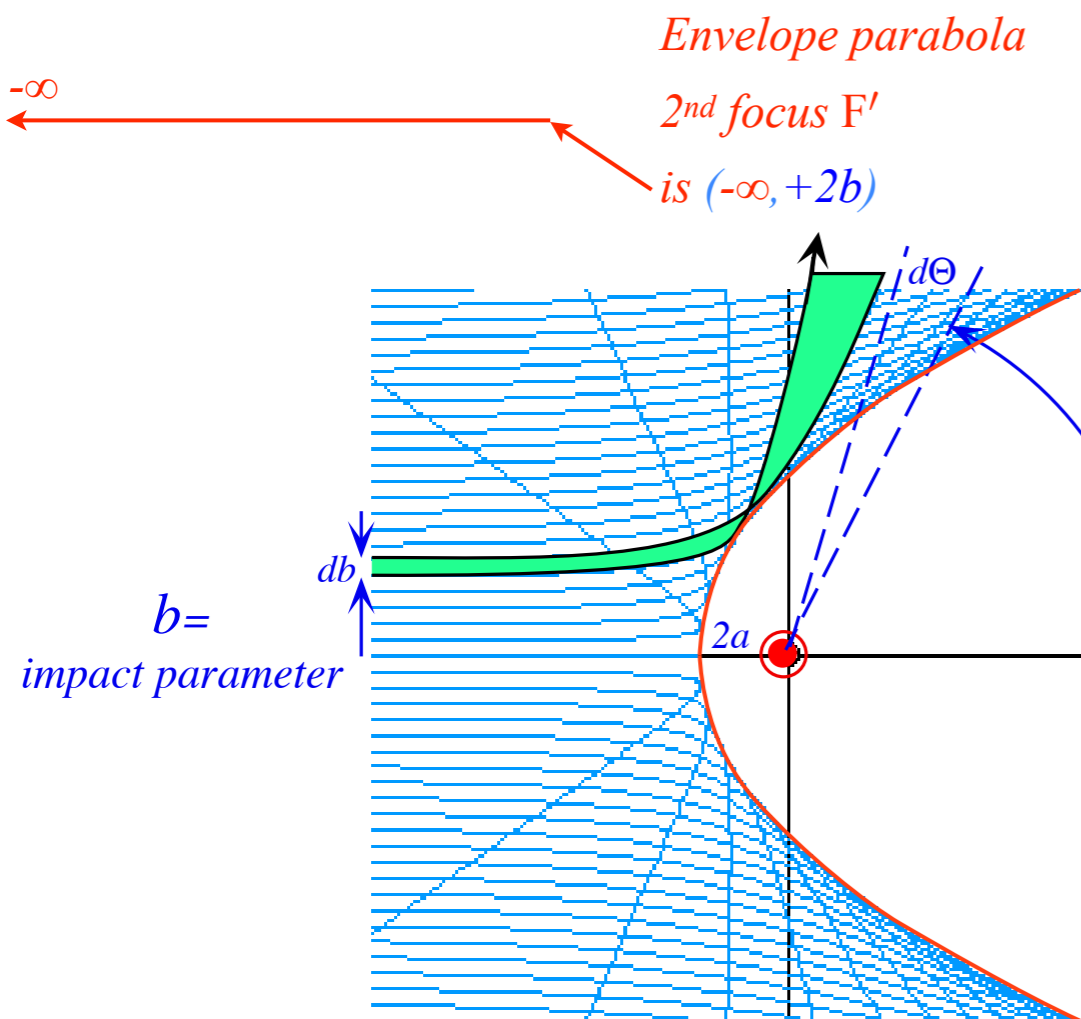
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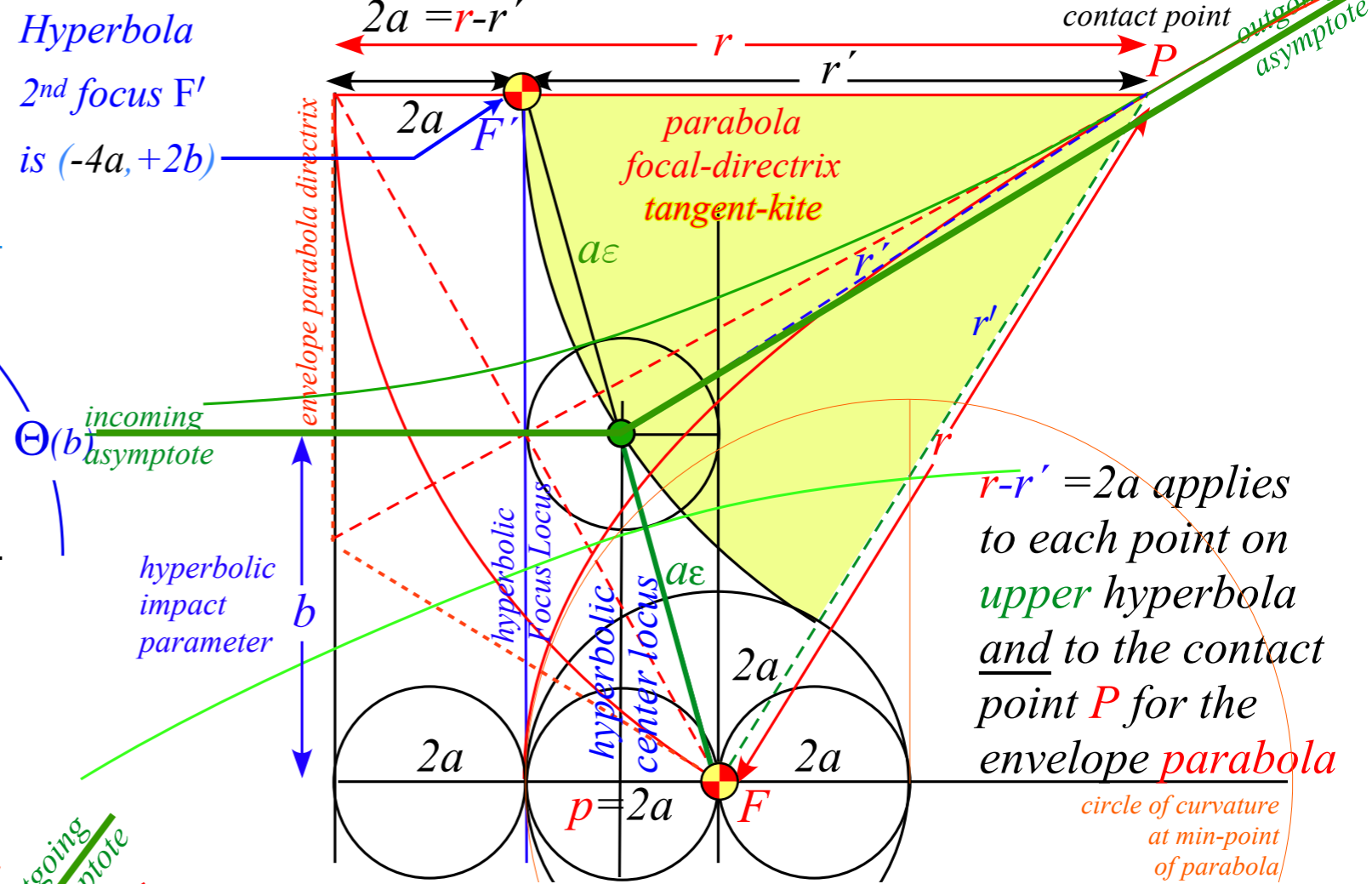
Parabola

contacts Rutherford Hyperbolas of various b at the point where they intersect with equal slope

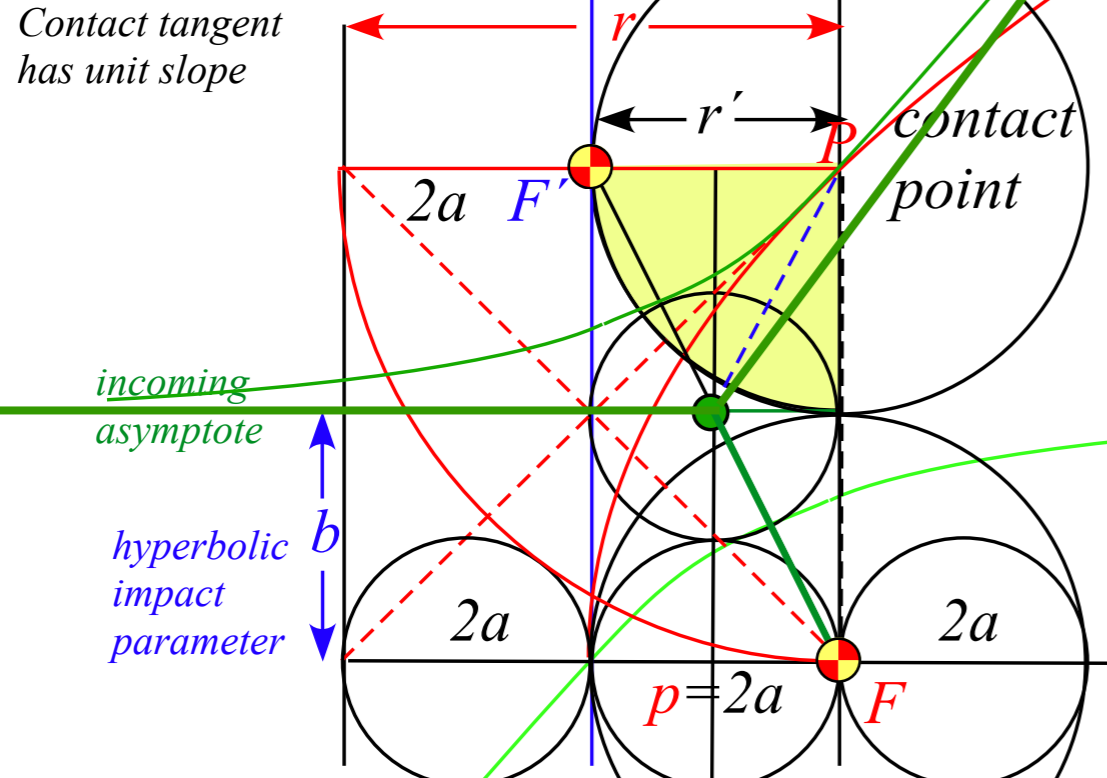
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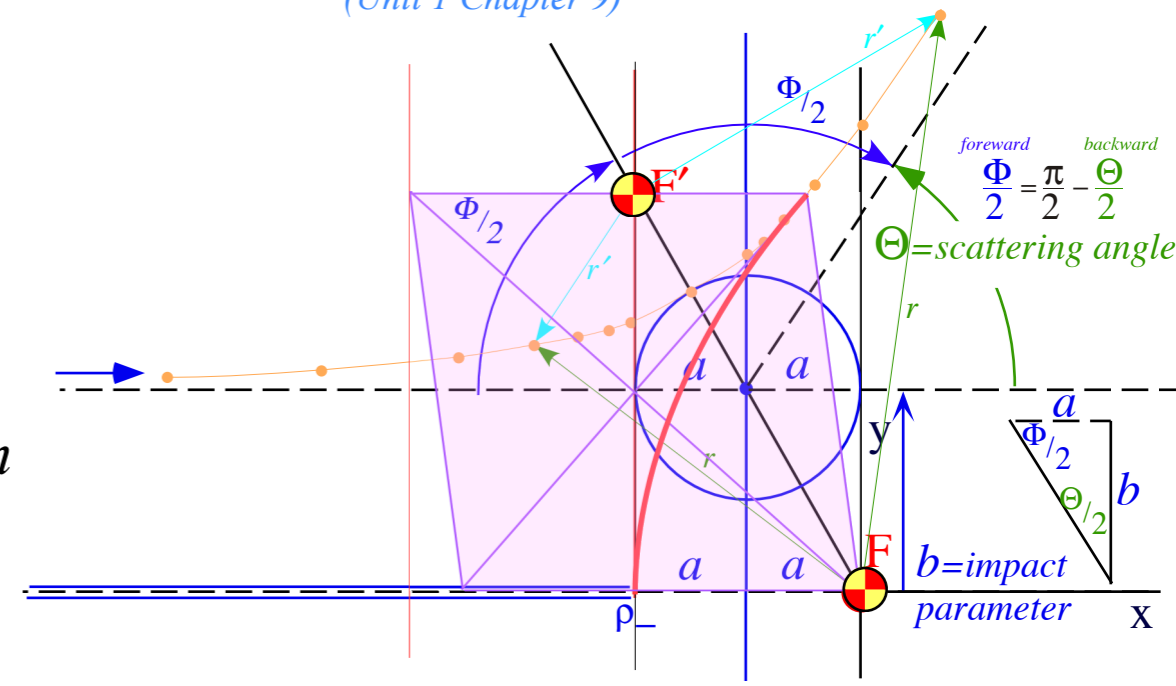


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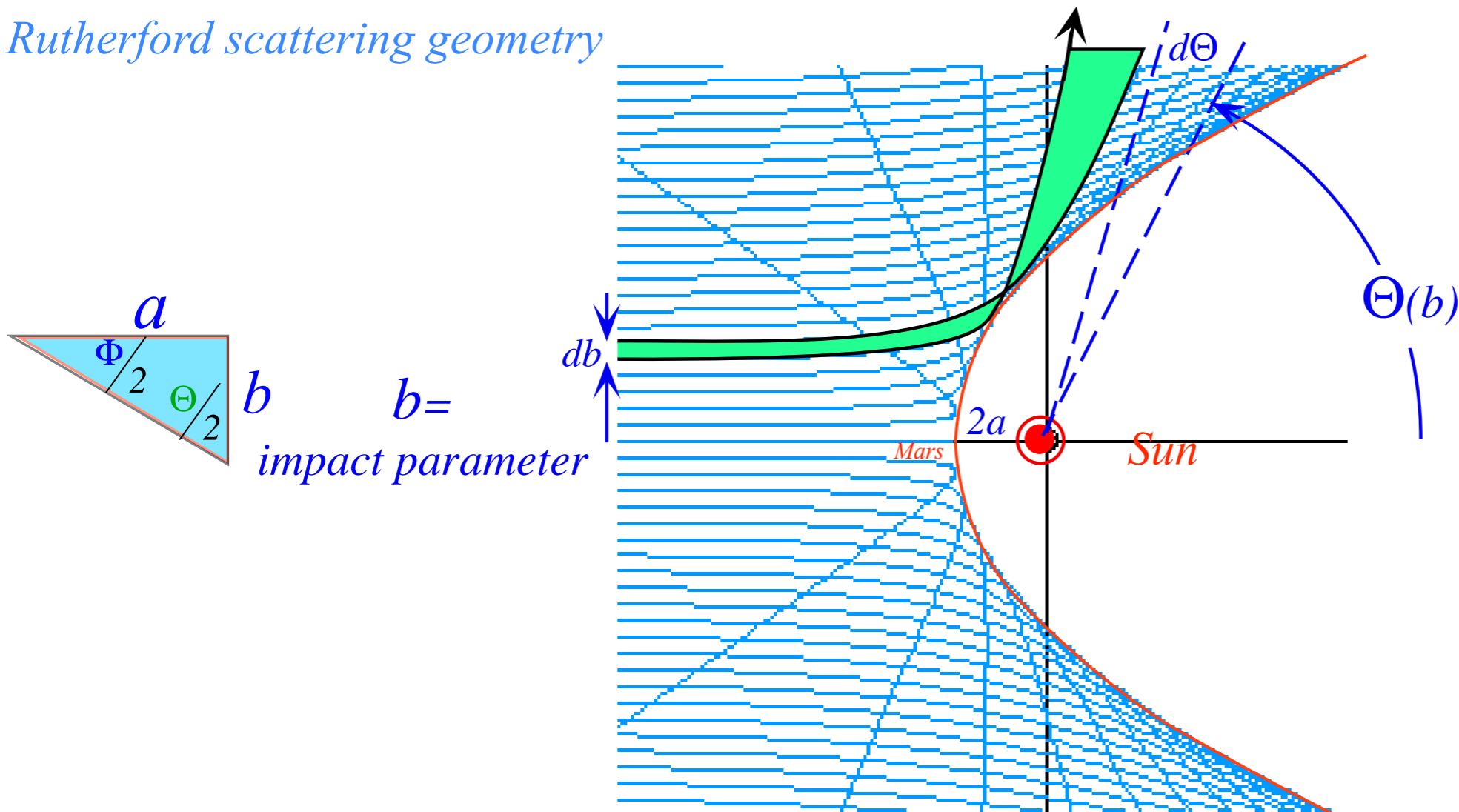
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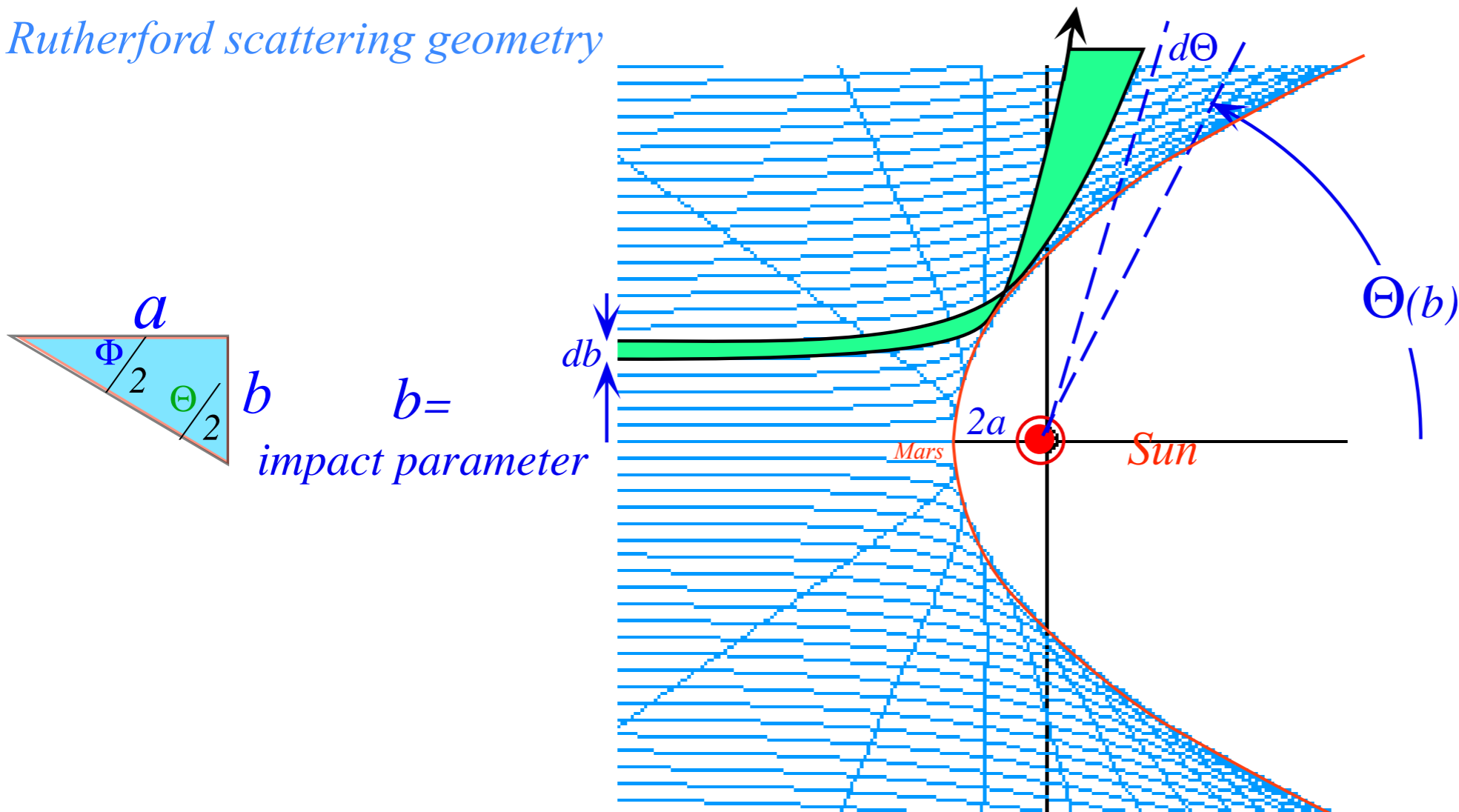


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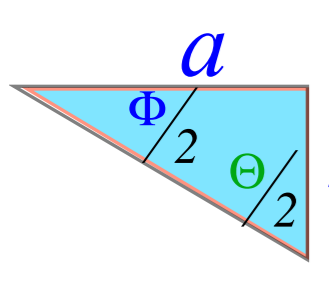
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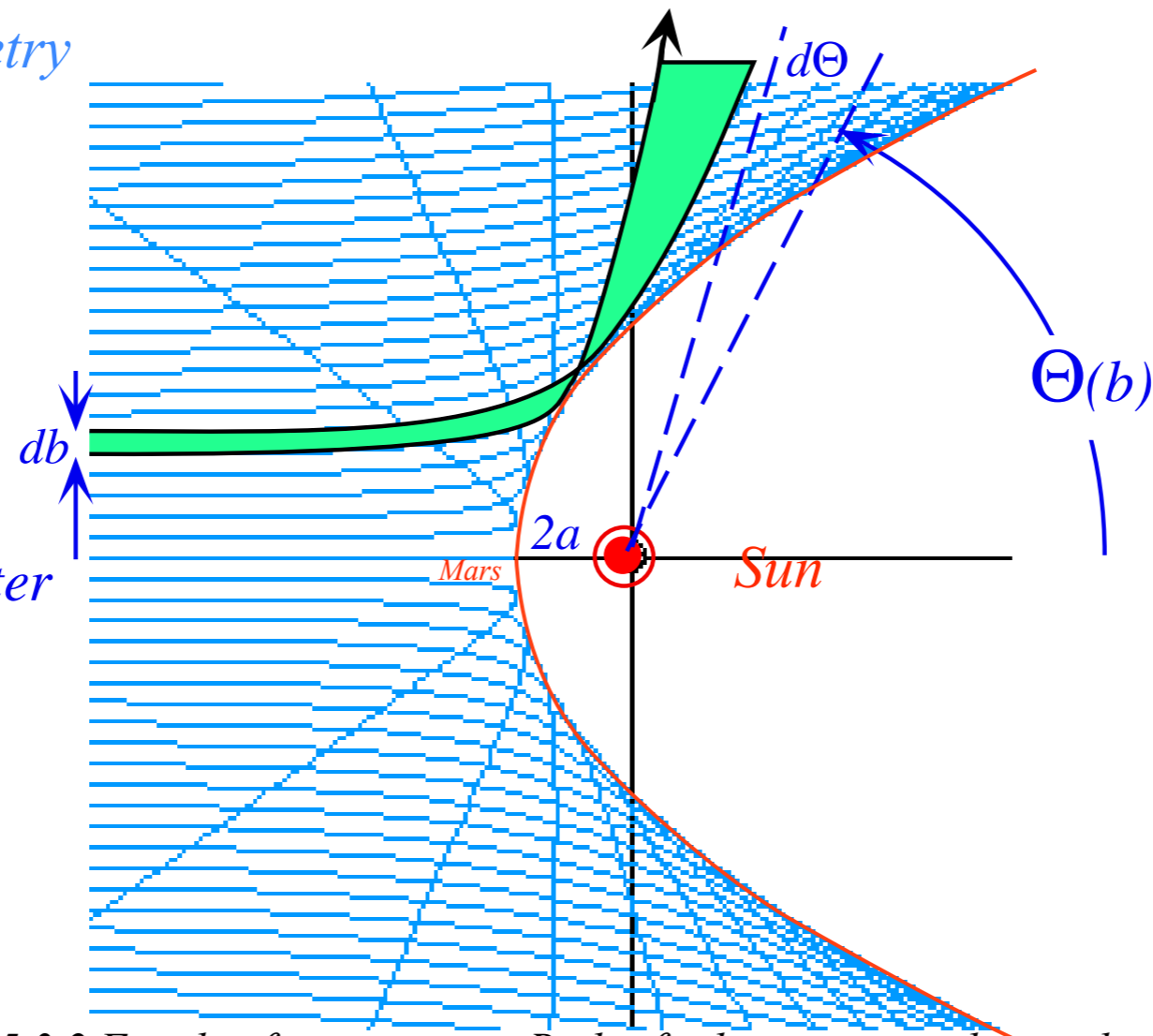
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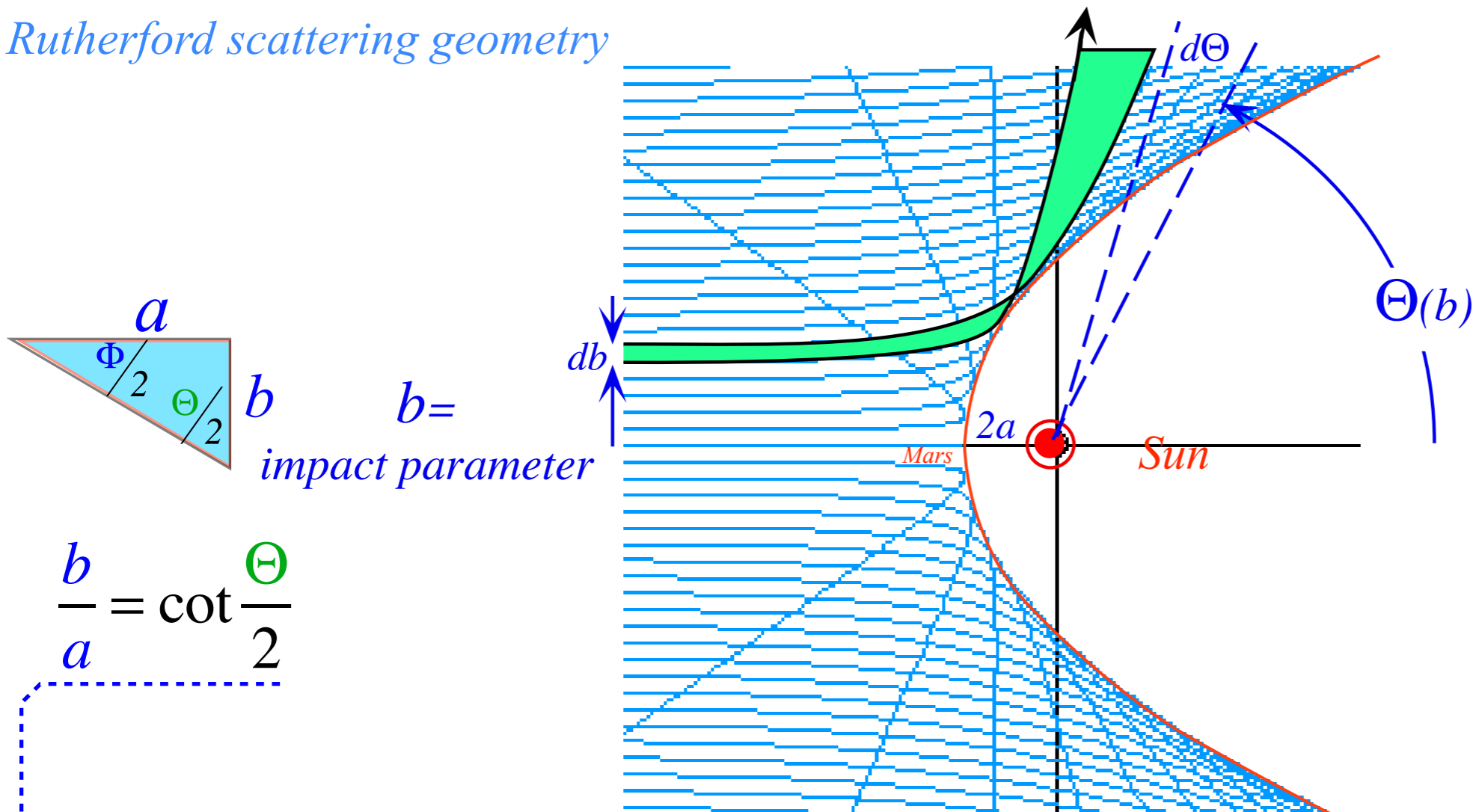
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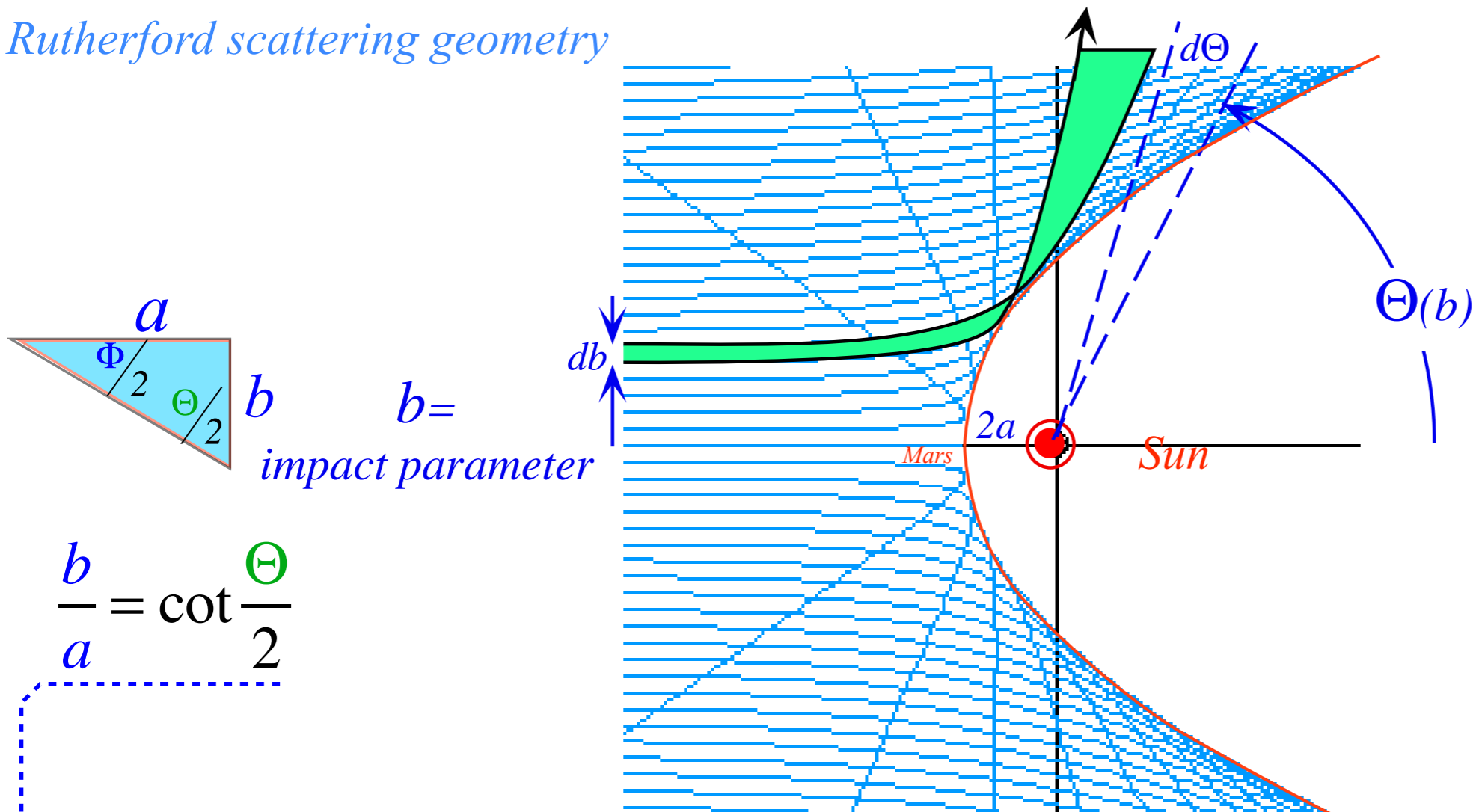
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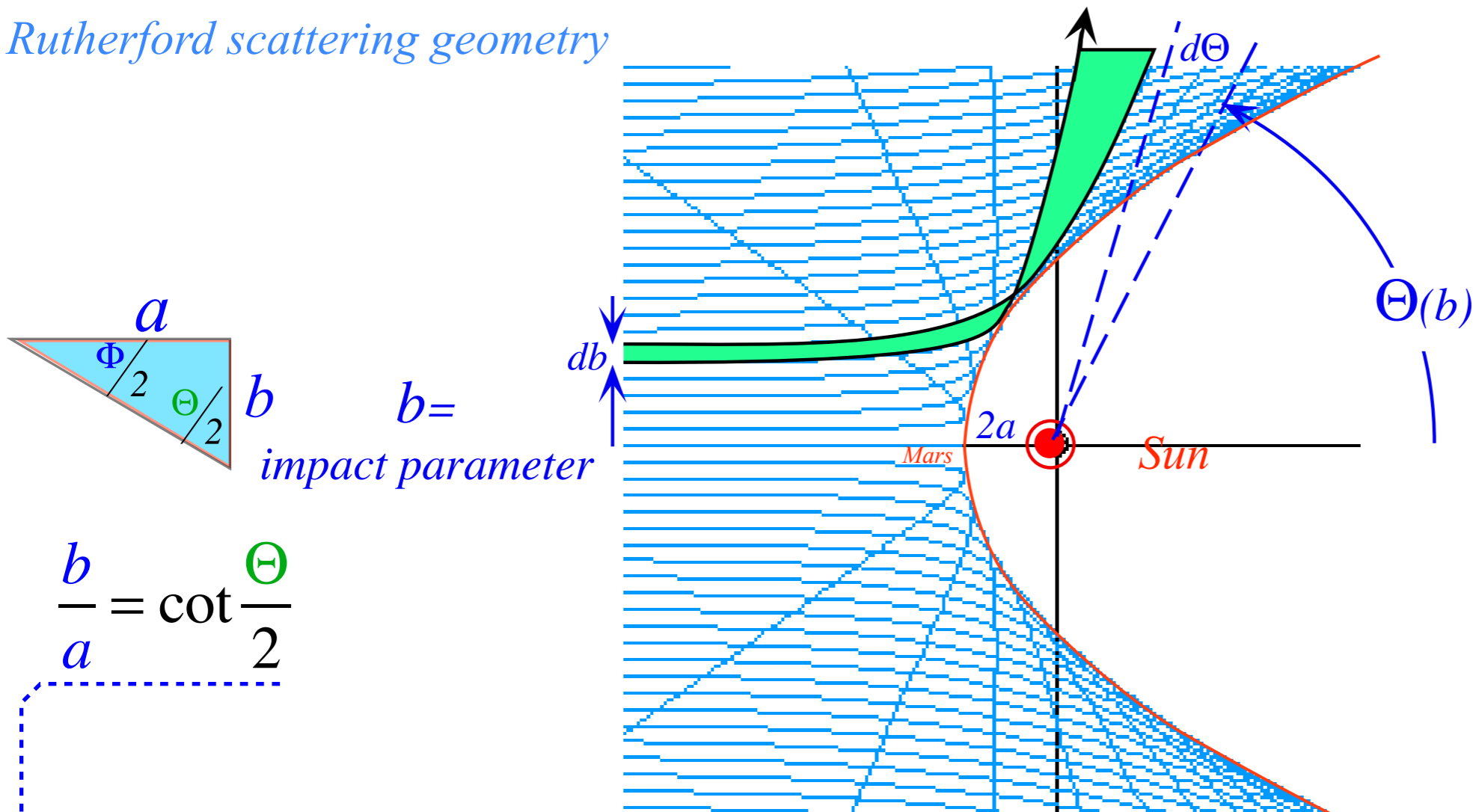
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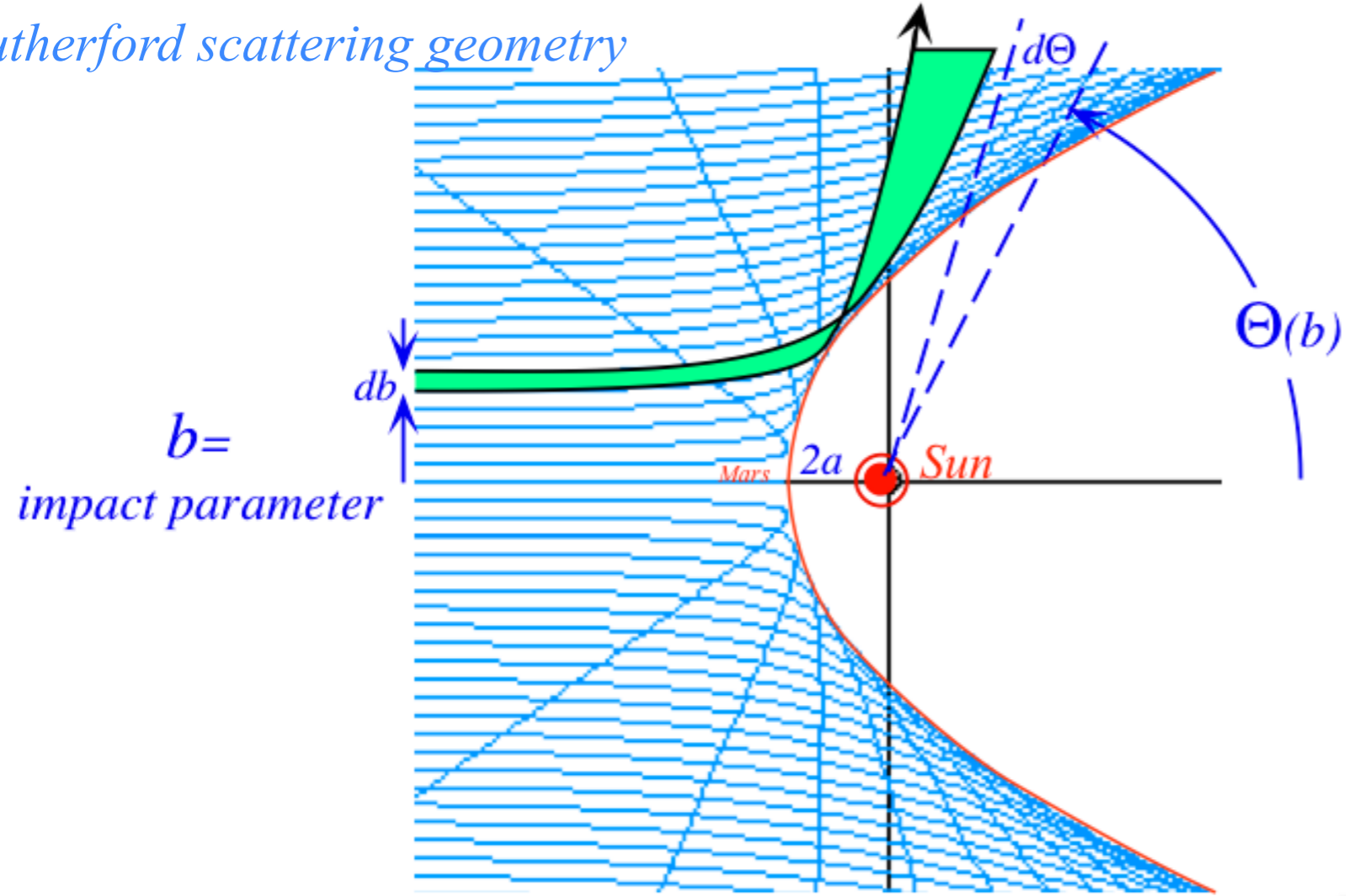
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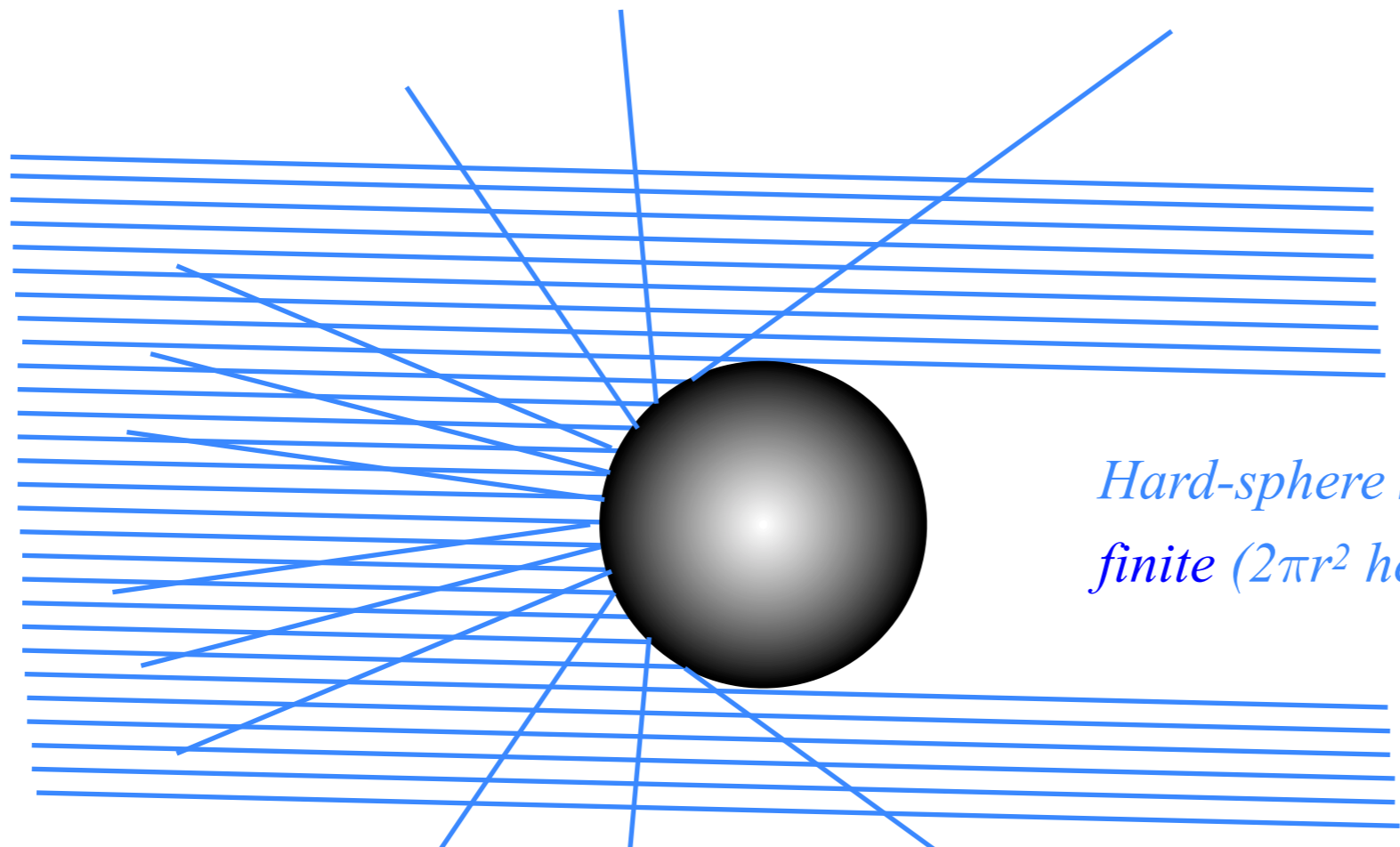
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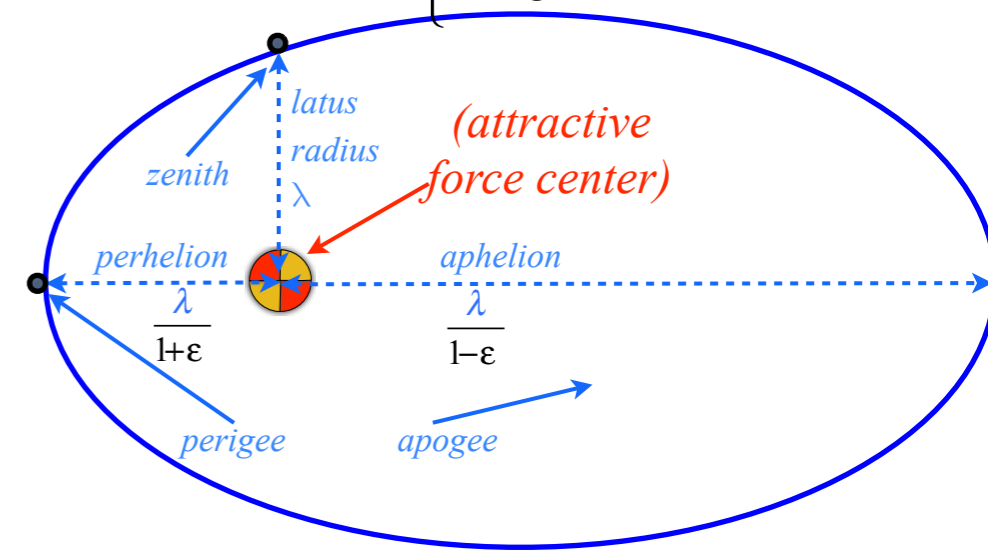
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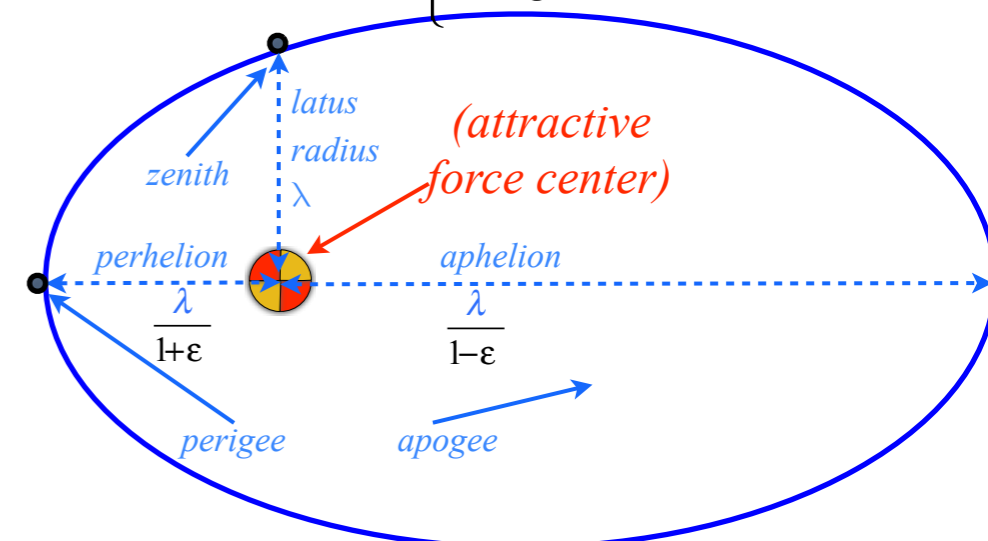
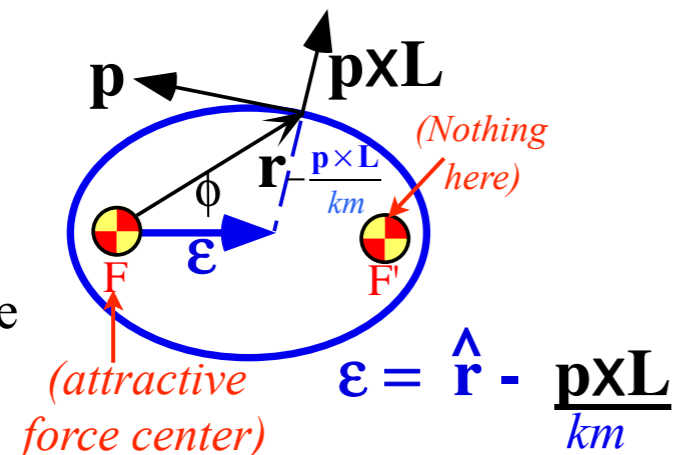
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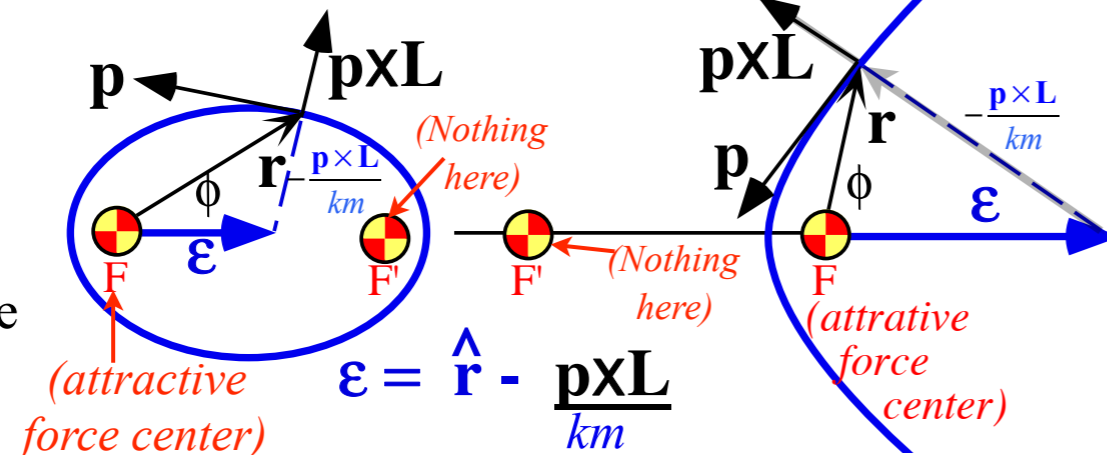
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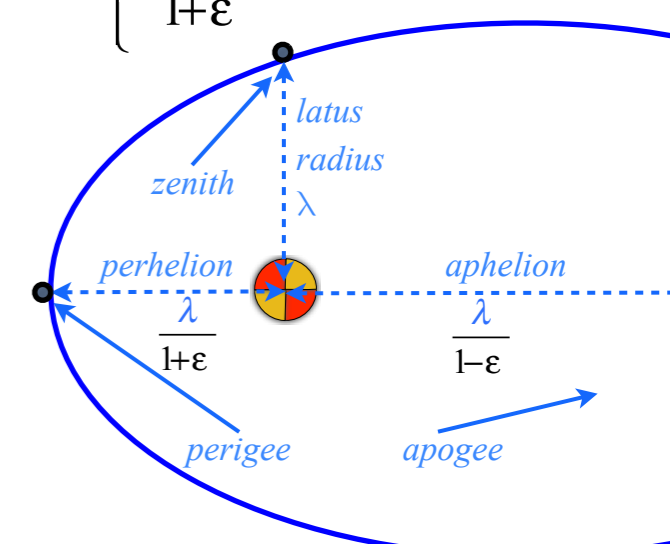
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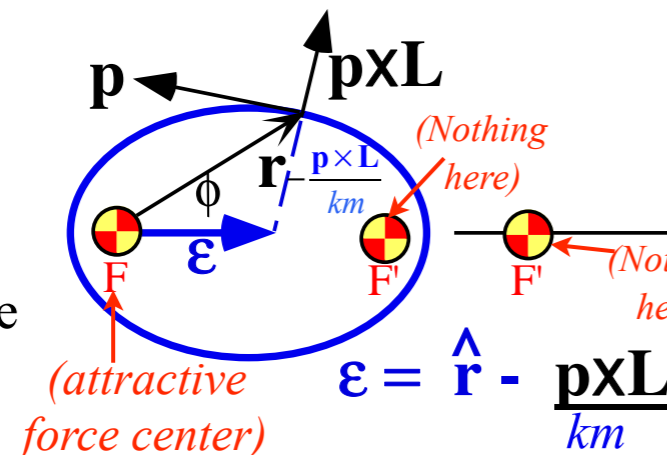
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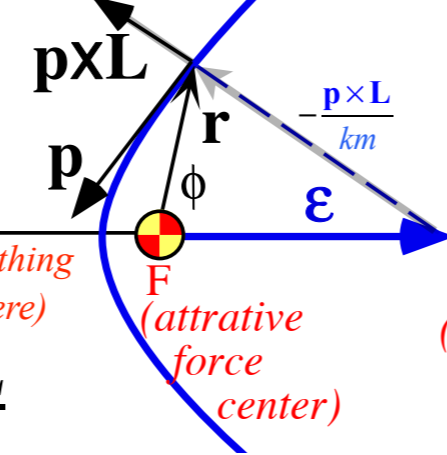
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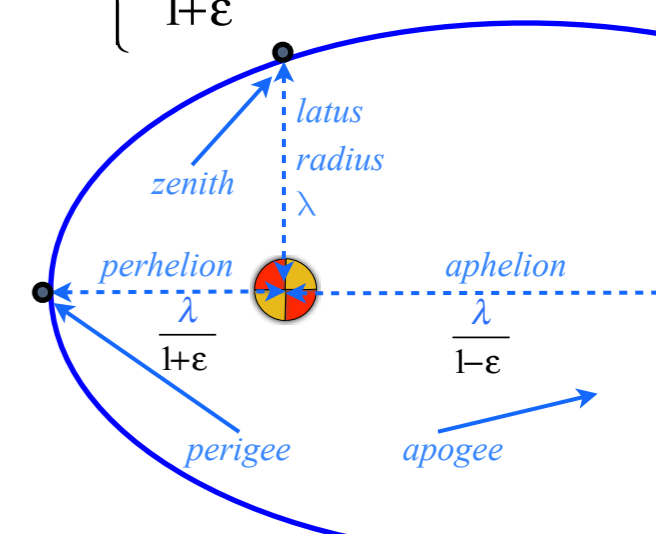
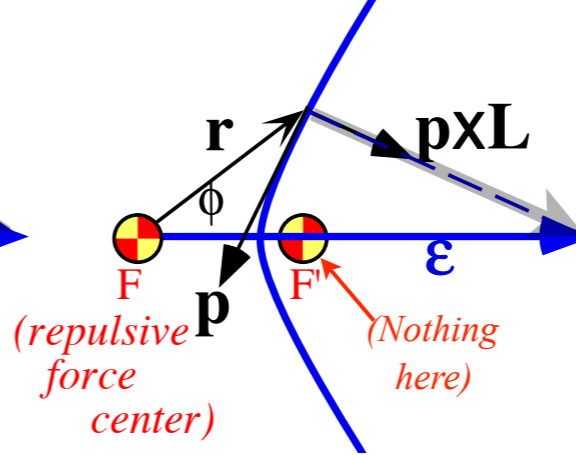
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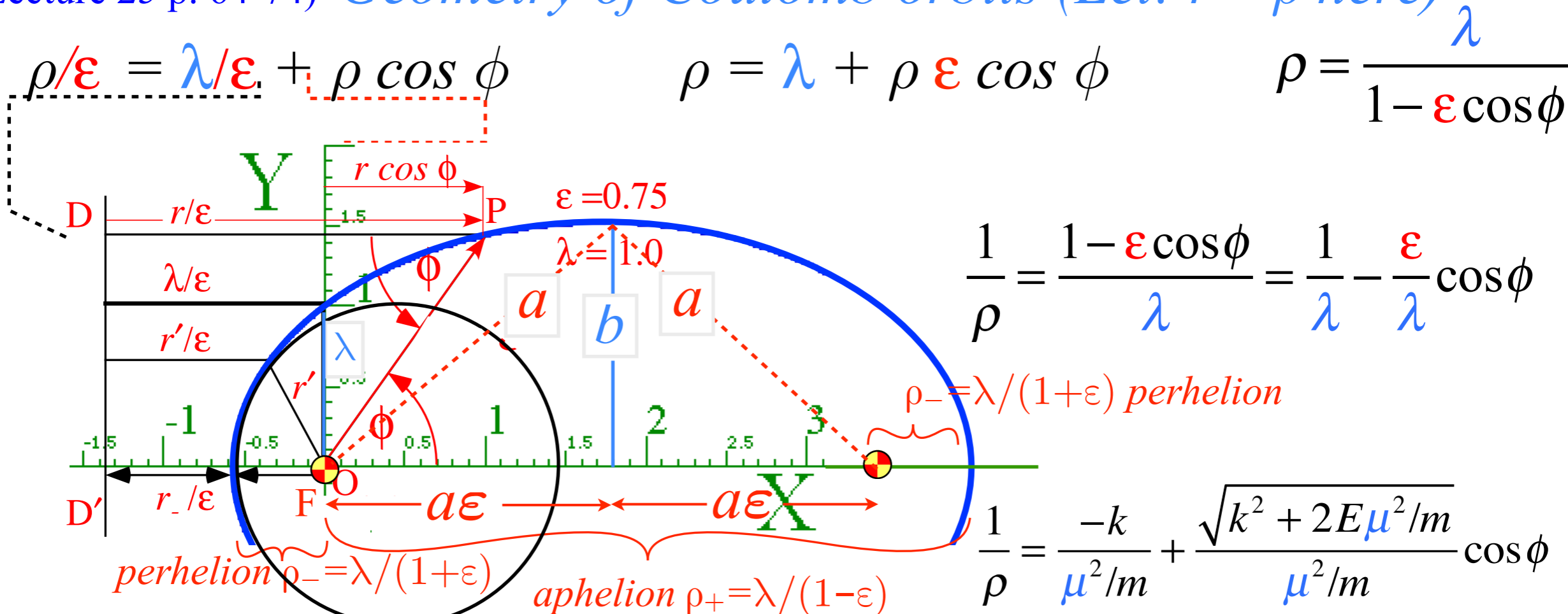
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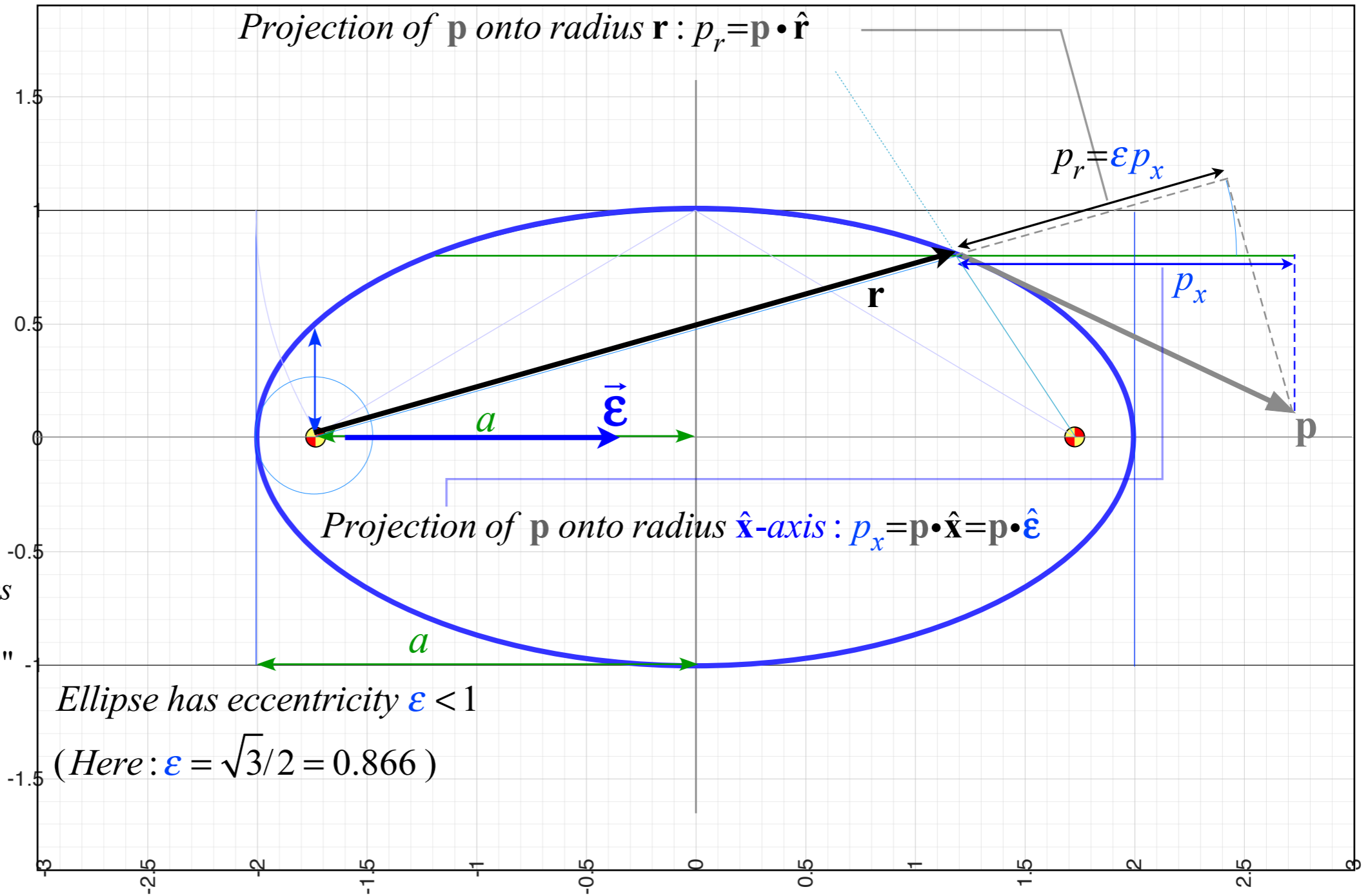
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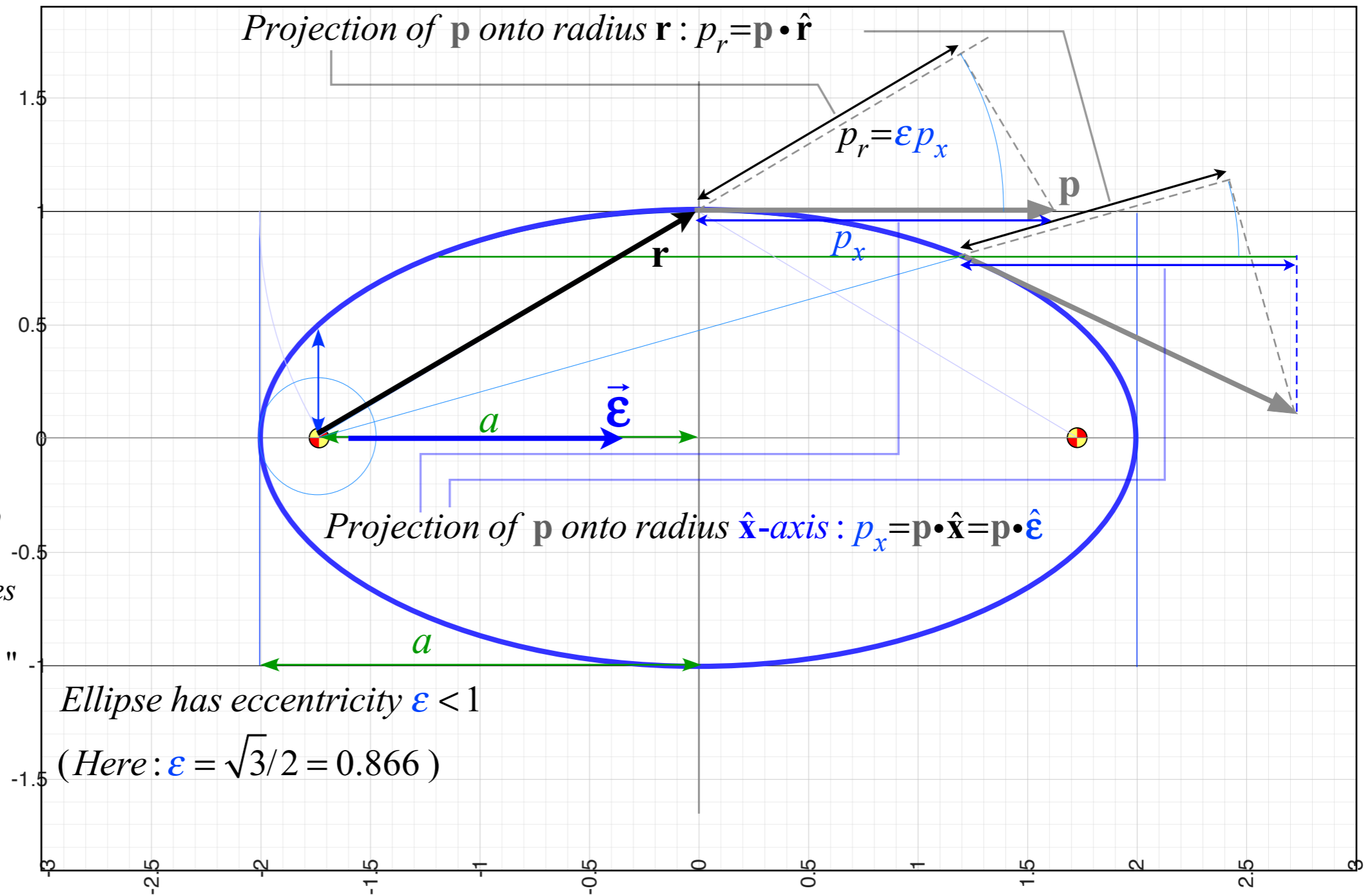


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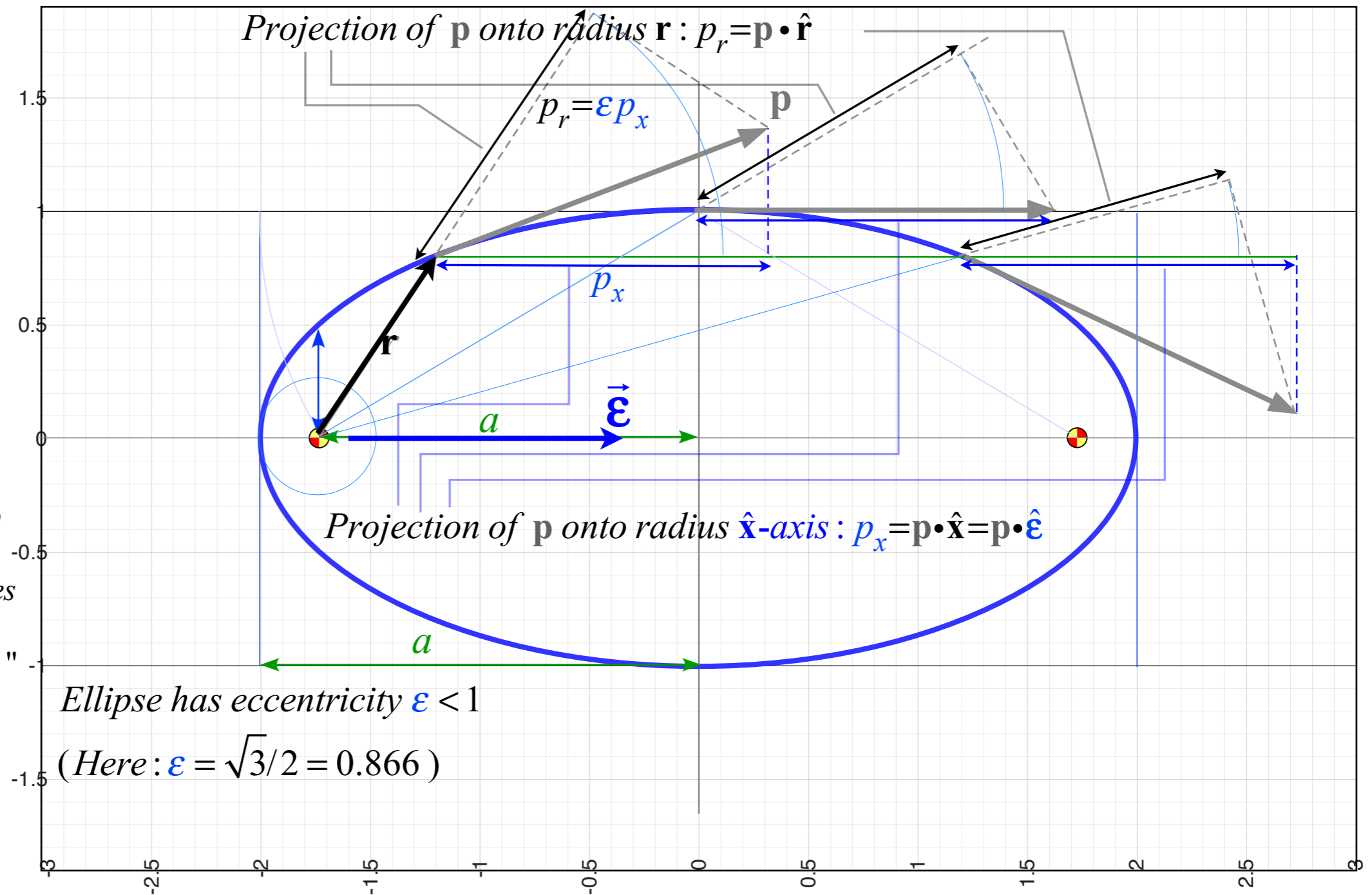
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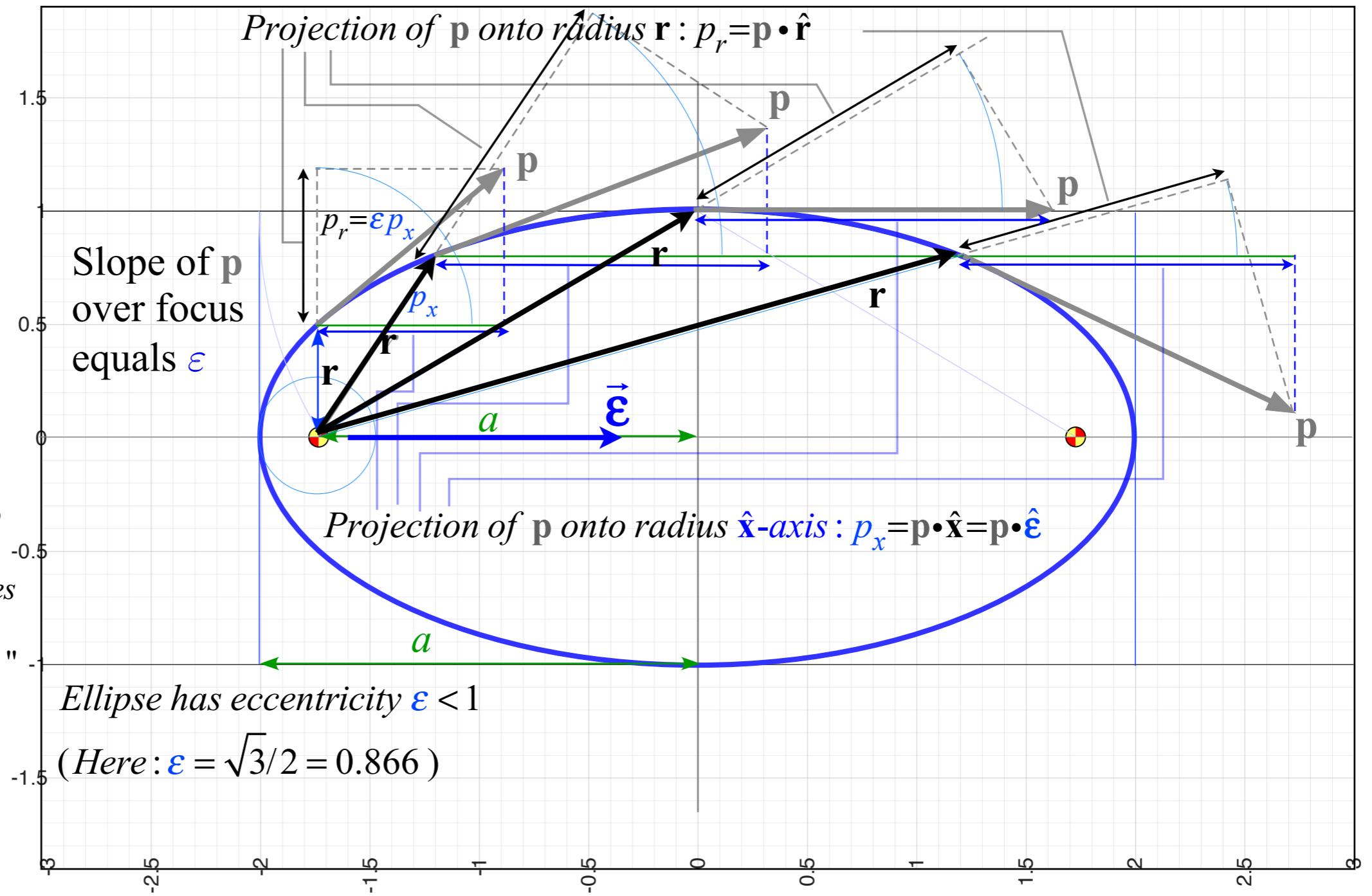
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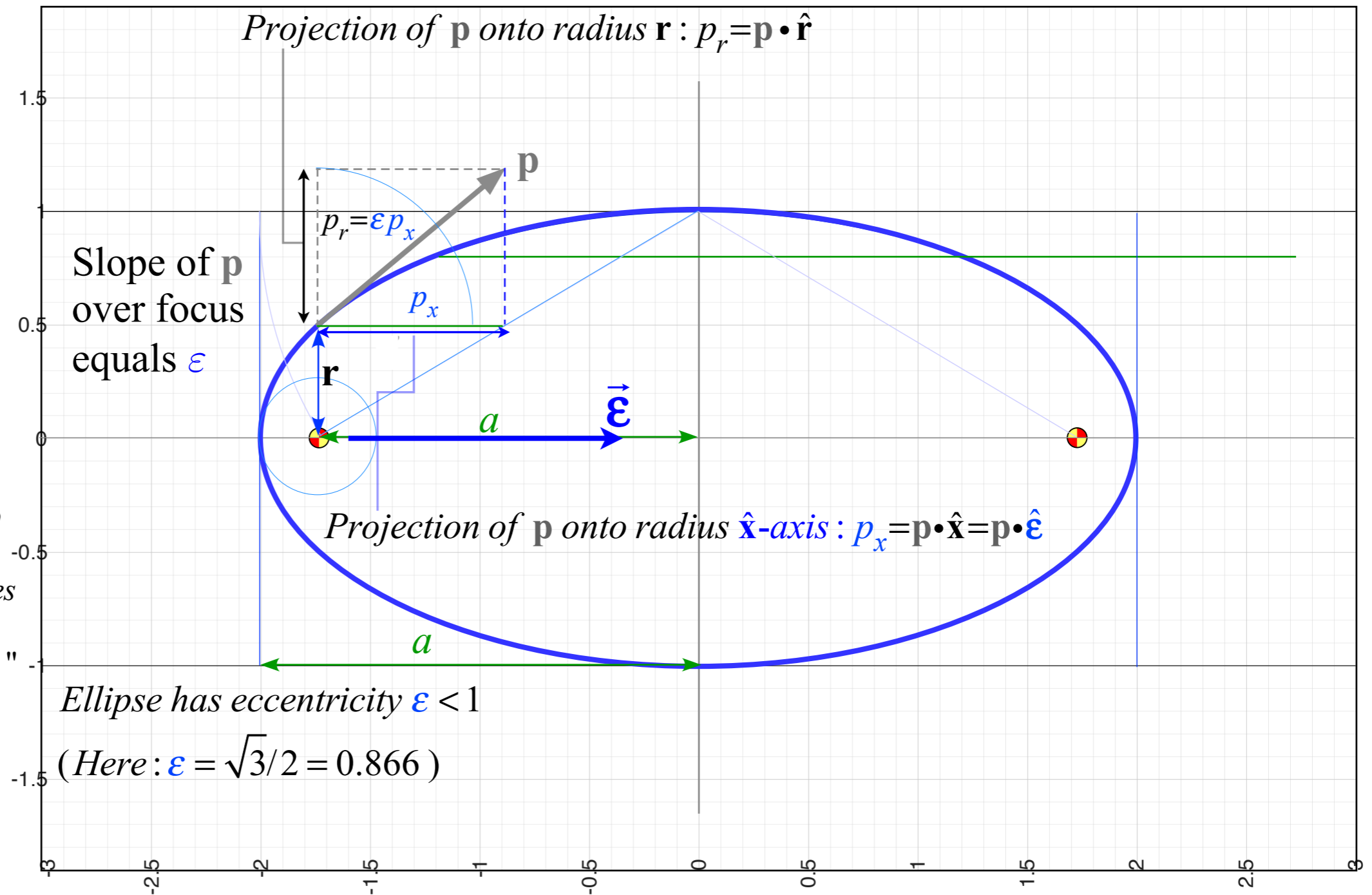
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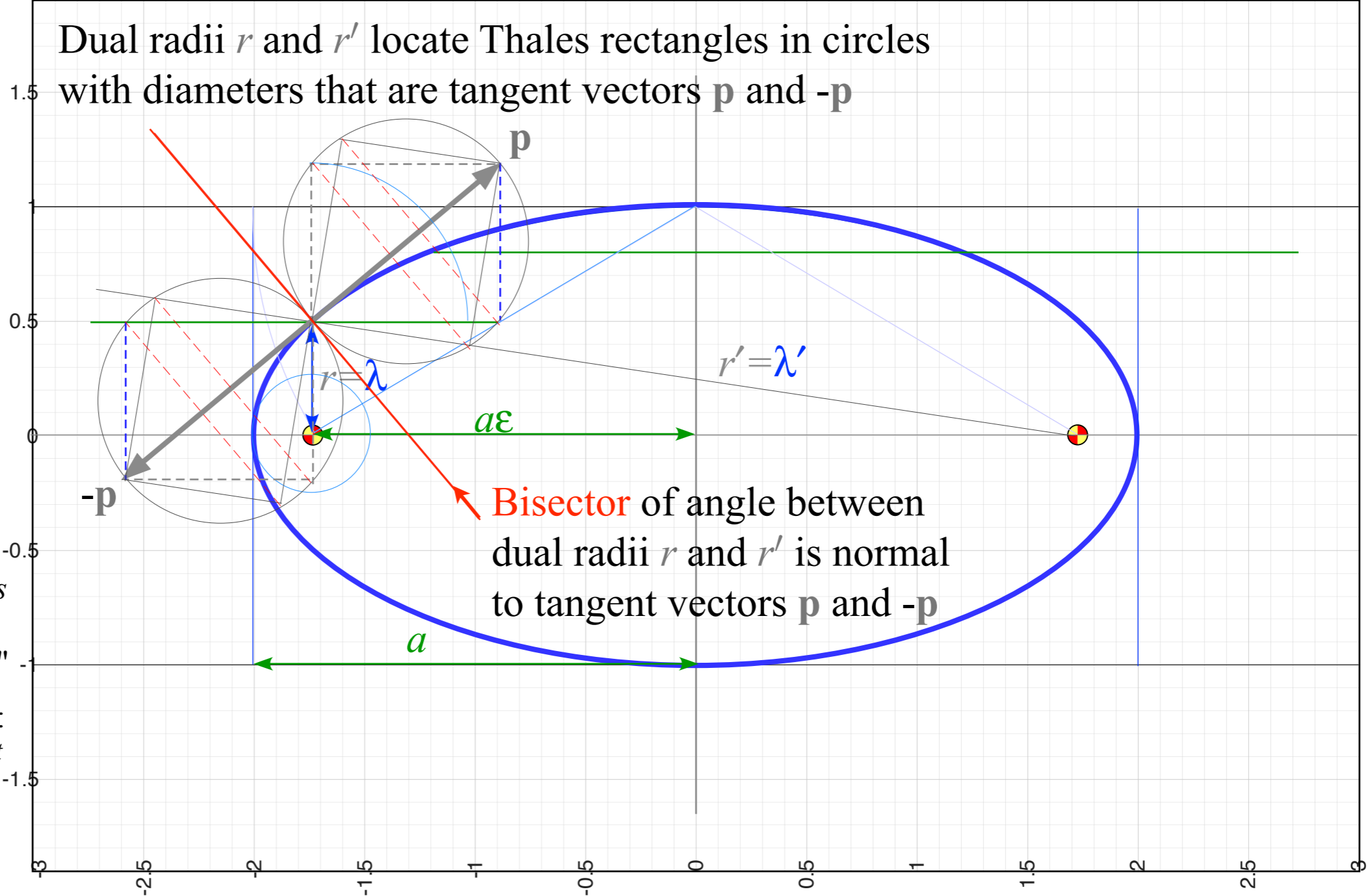
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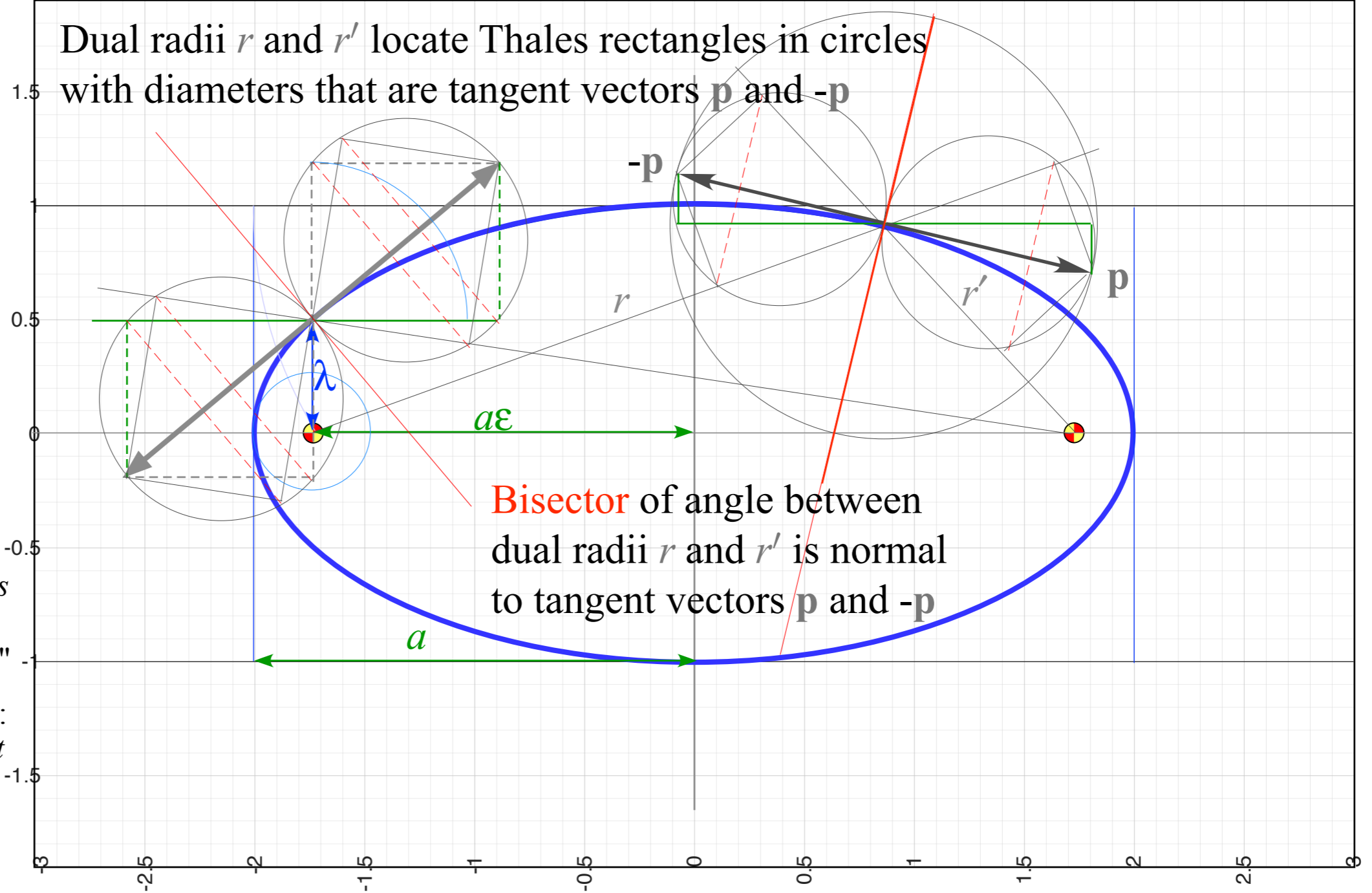
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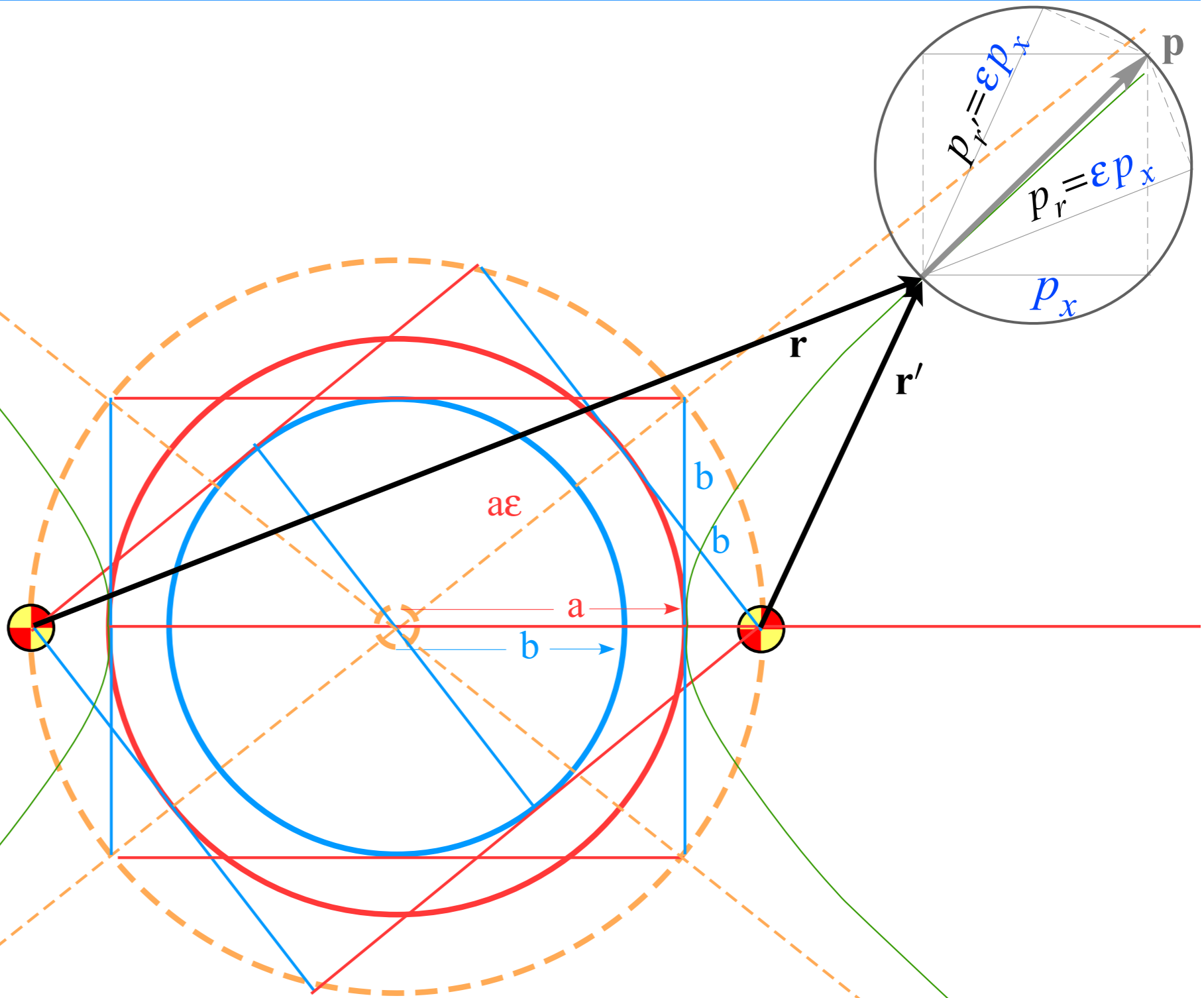
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This says:
 "Projection p_r of \mathbf{p} onto radial \mathbf{r} or \mathbf{r}' lines equals *eccentricity* ϵ times projection p_x of \mathbf{p} onto orbit major axis : ($\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$)"

Focal geometry demands:
 "Momentum \mathbf{p} must bisect angle $\angle_{\mathbf{r}}$ between radial \mathbf{r} or \mathbf{r}' lines."

Hyperbola has eccentricity $\epsilon > 1$
 (Here : $\epsilon = 5/4 = 1.25$)



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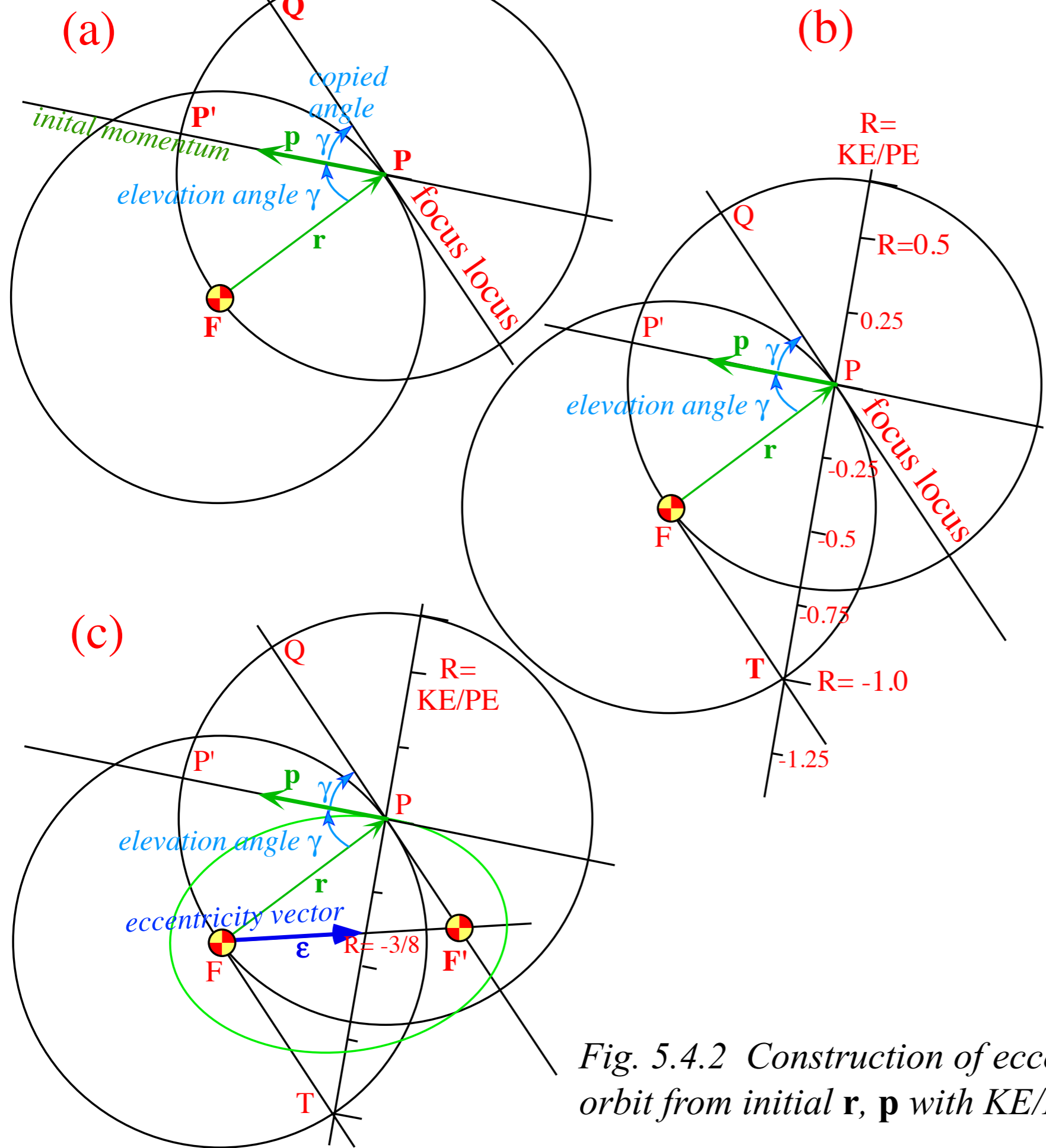


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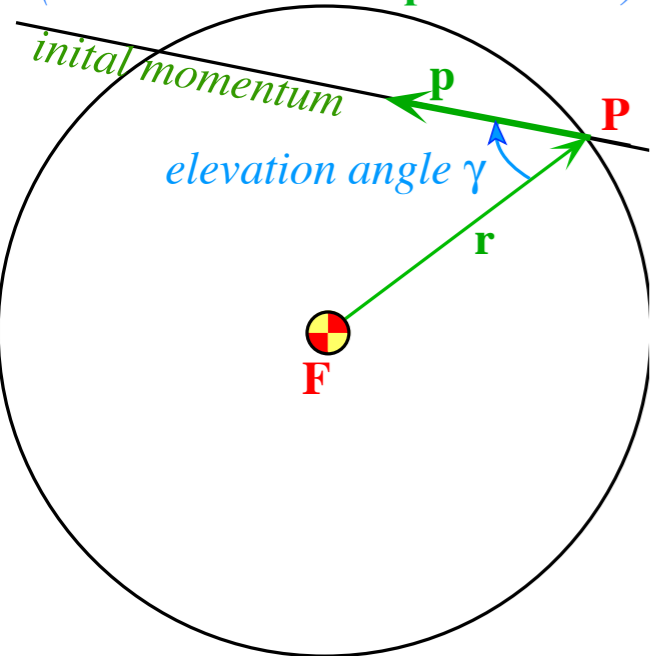
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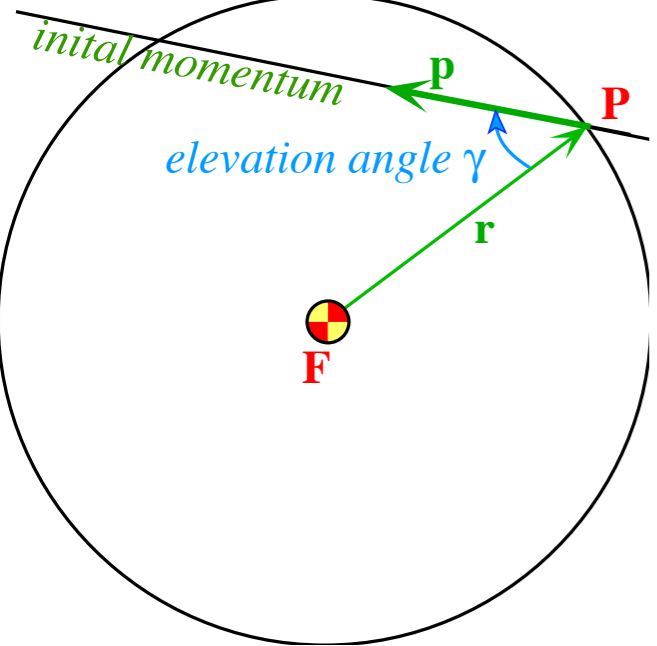
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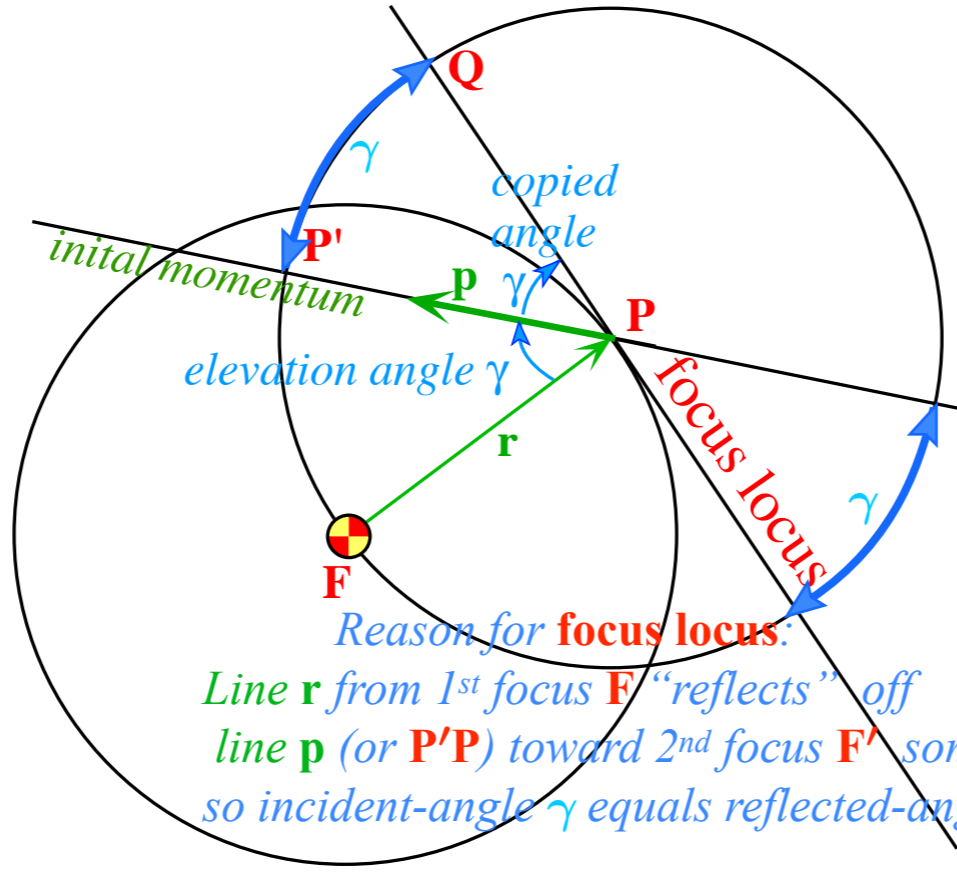


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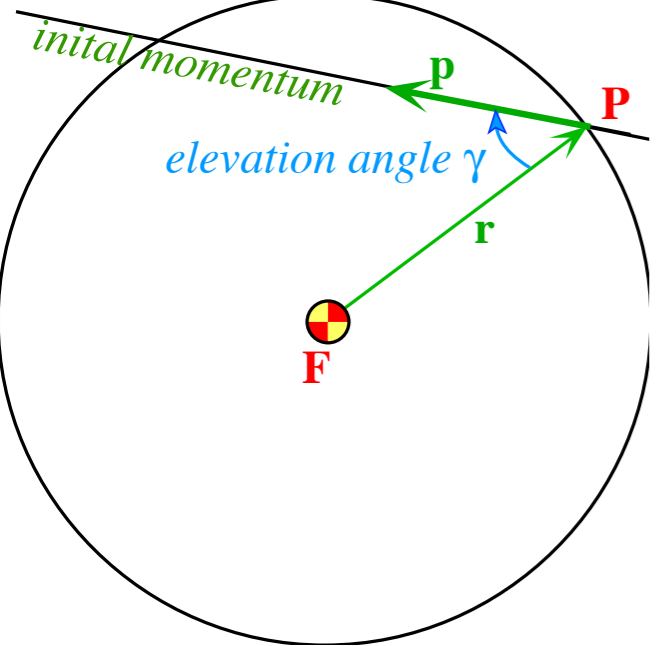
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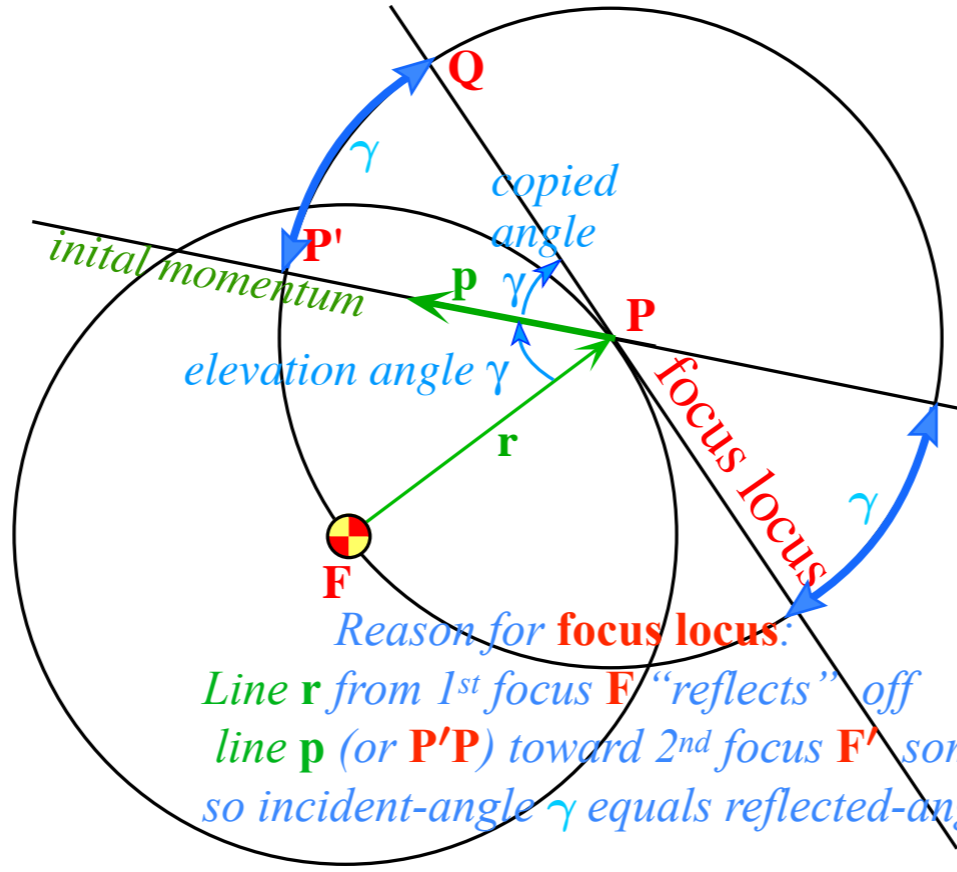
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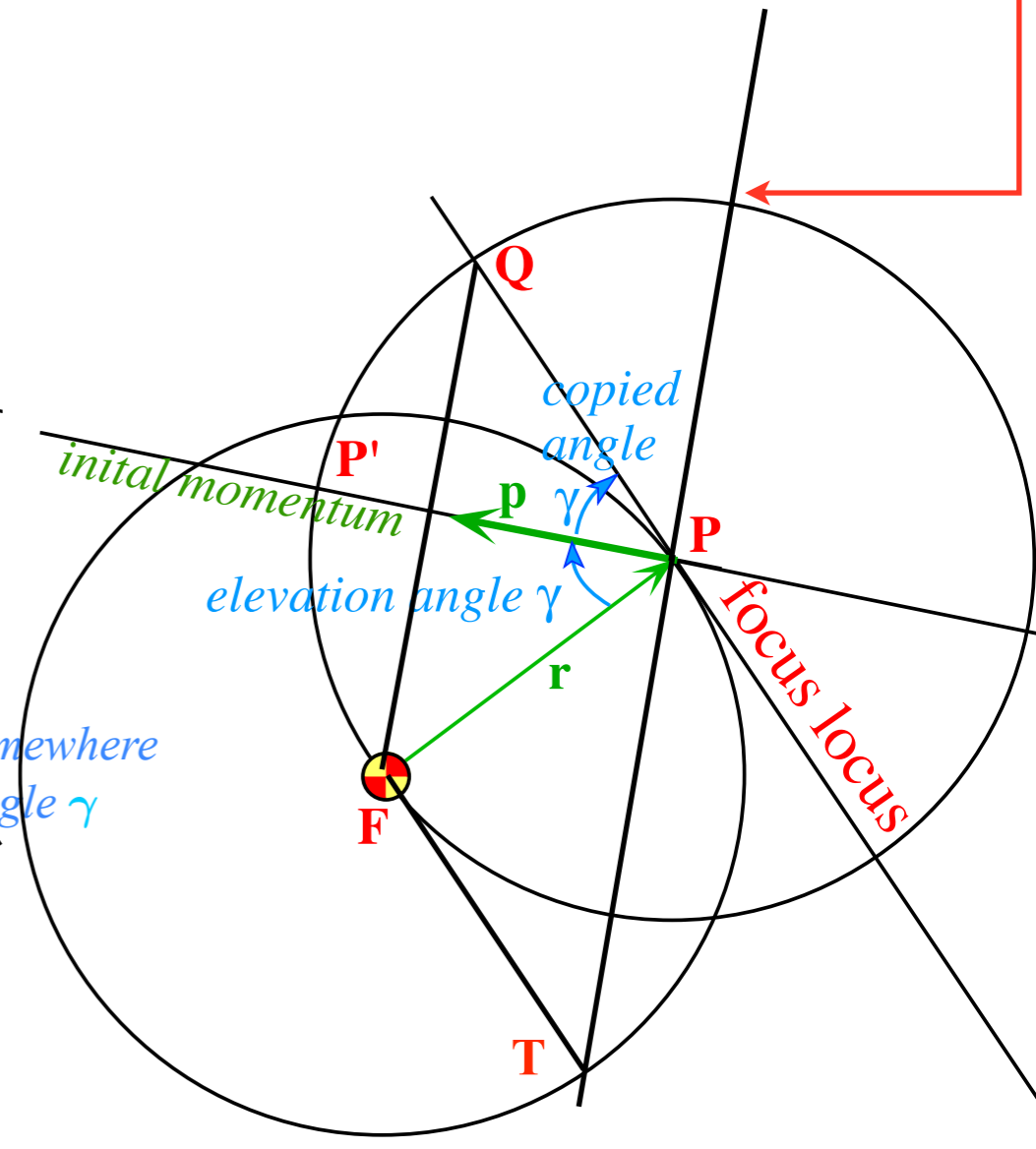
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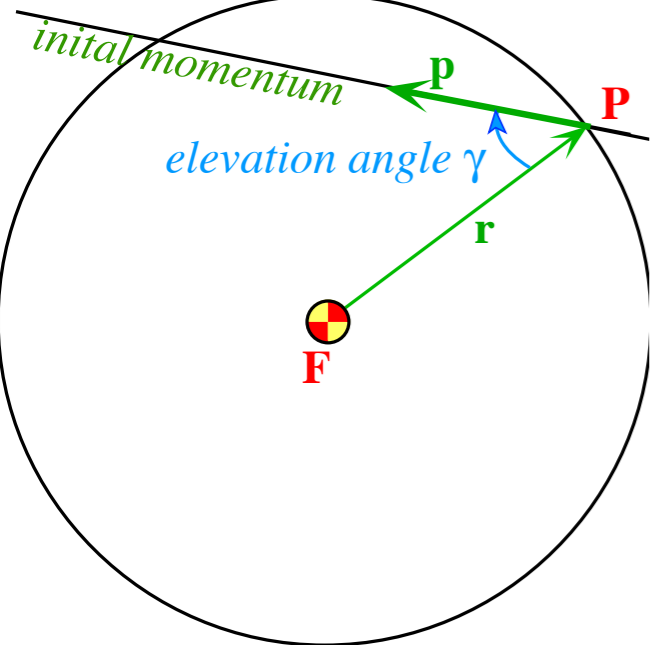


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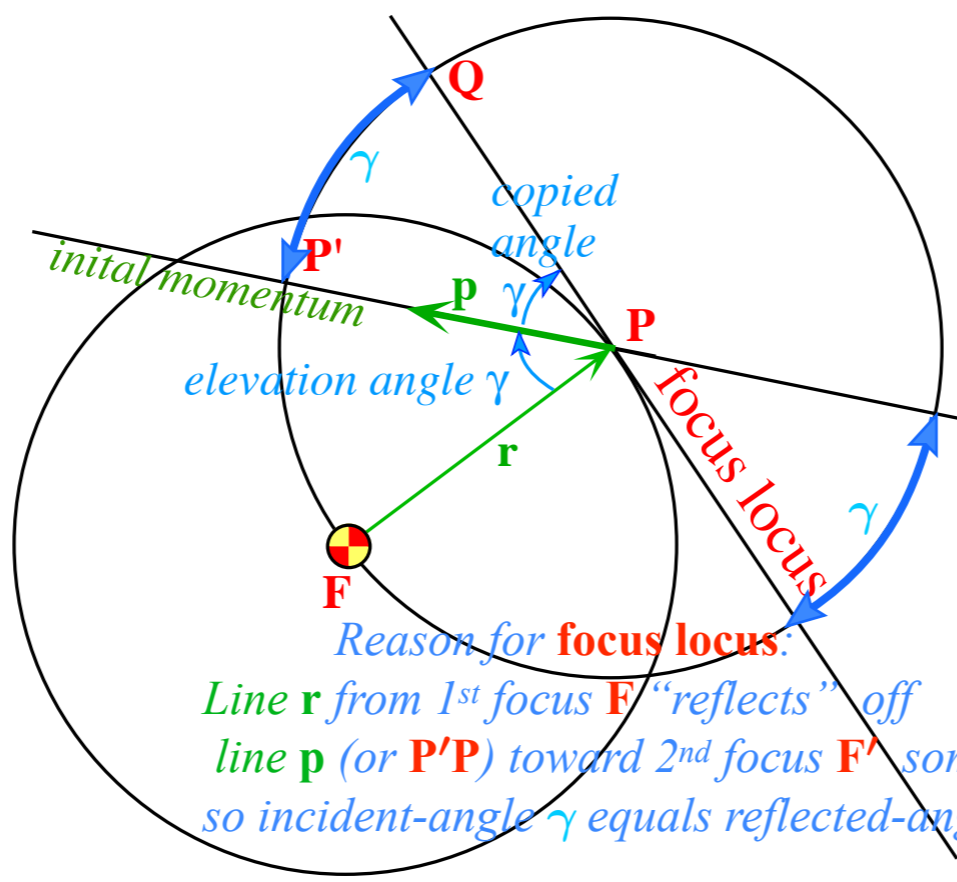


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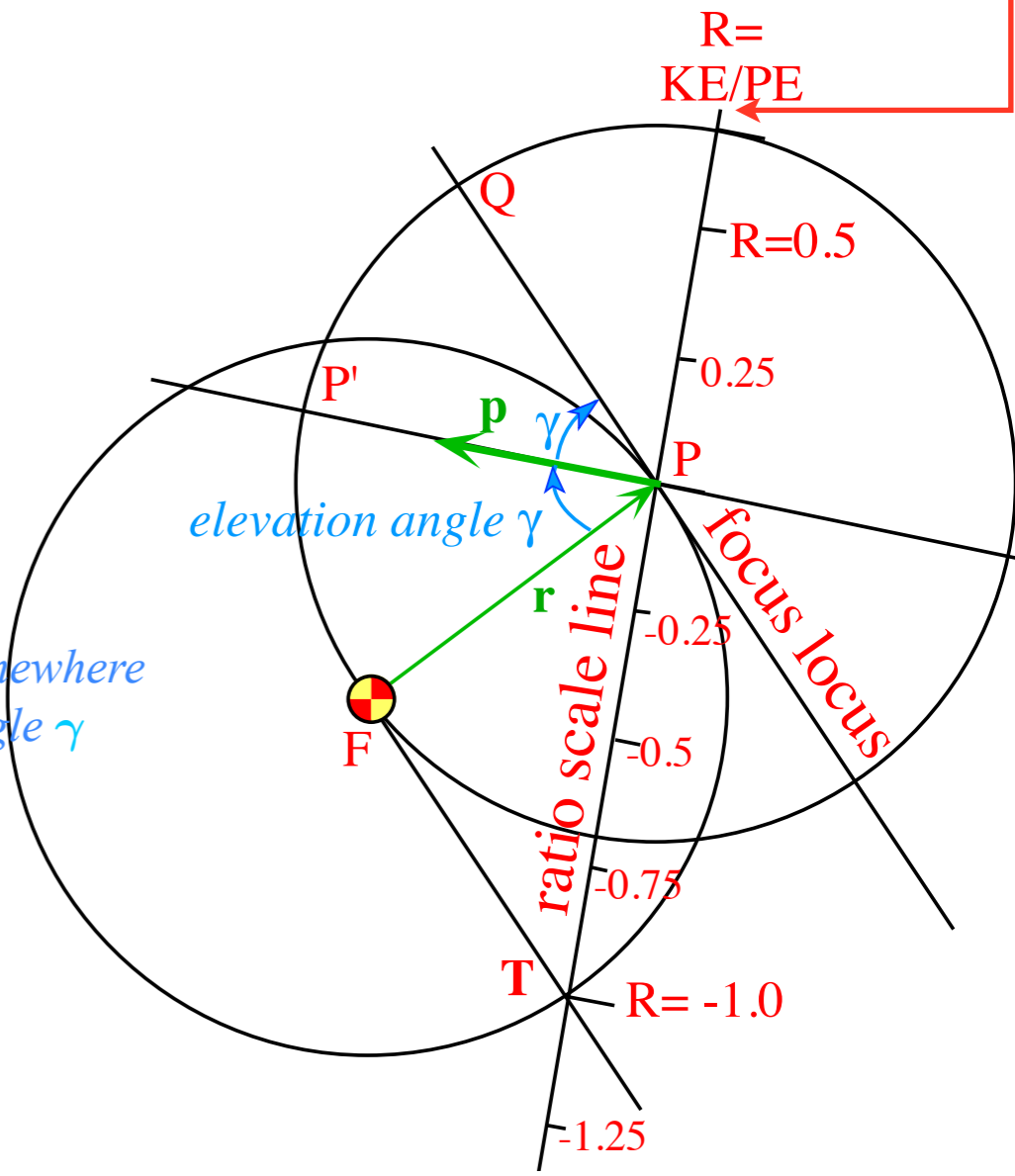
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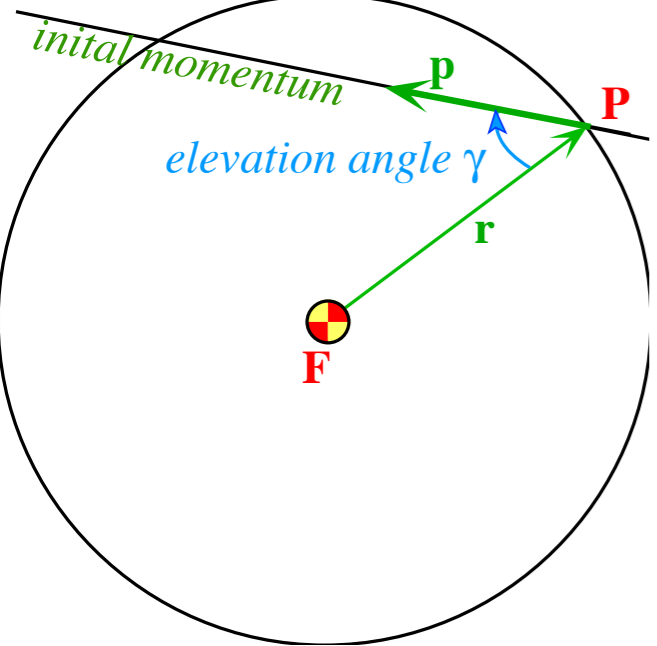


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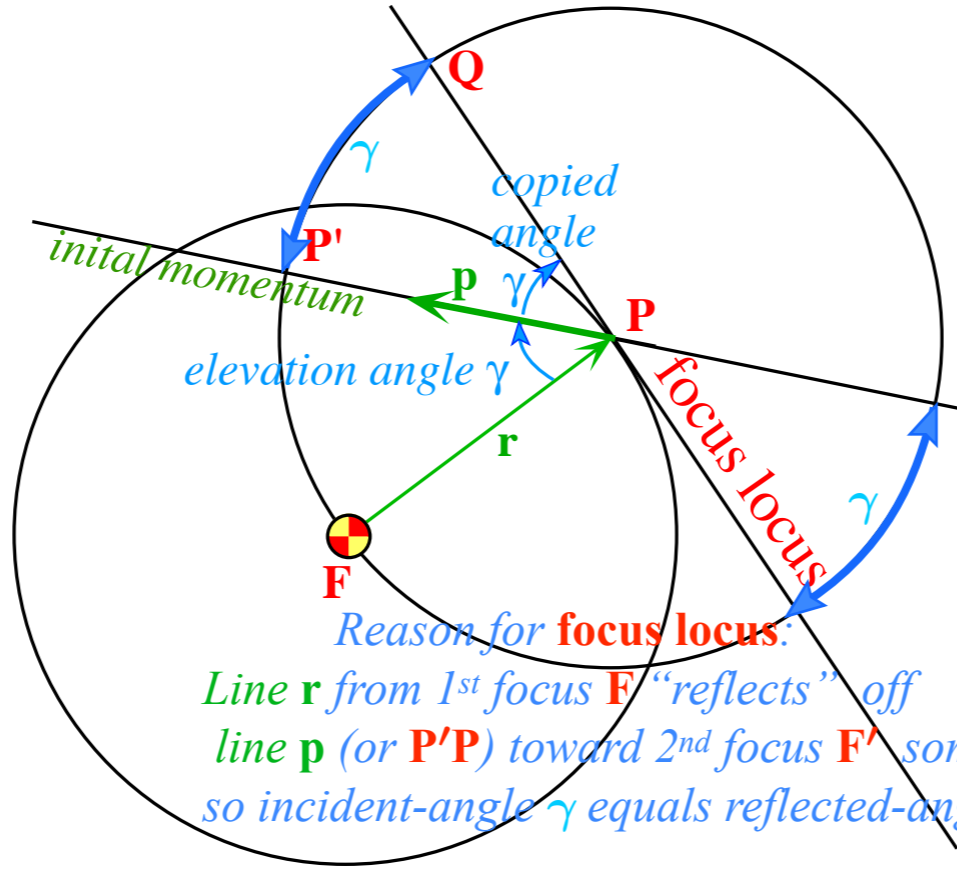


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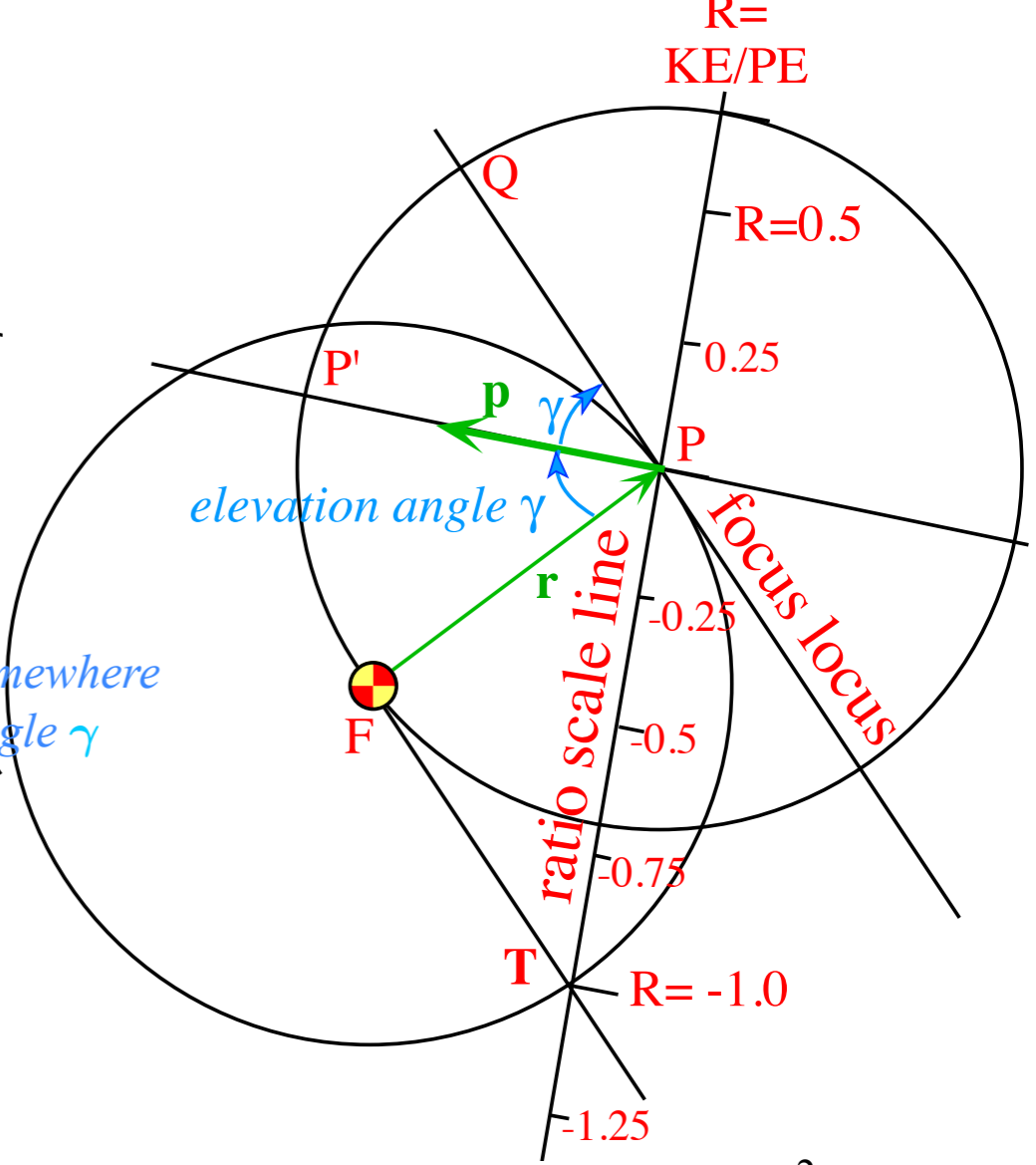
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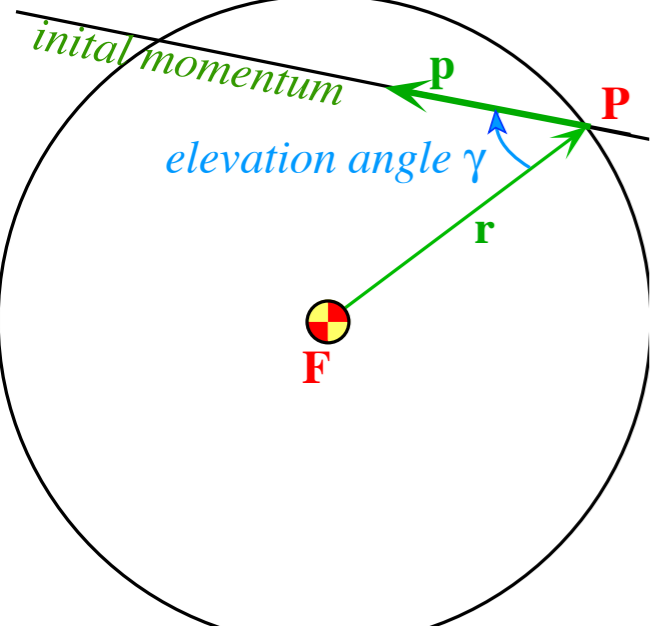
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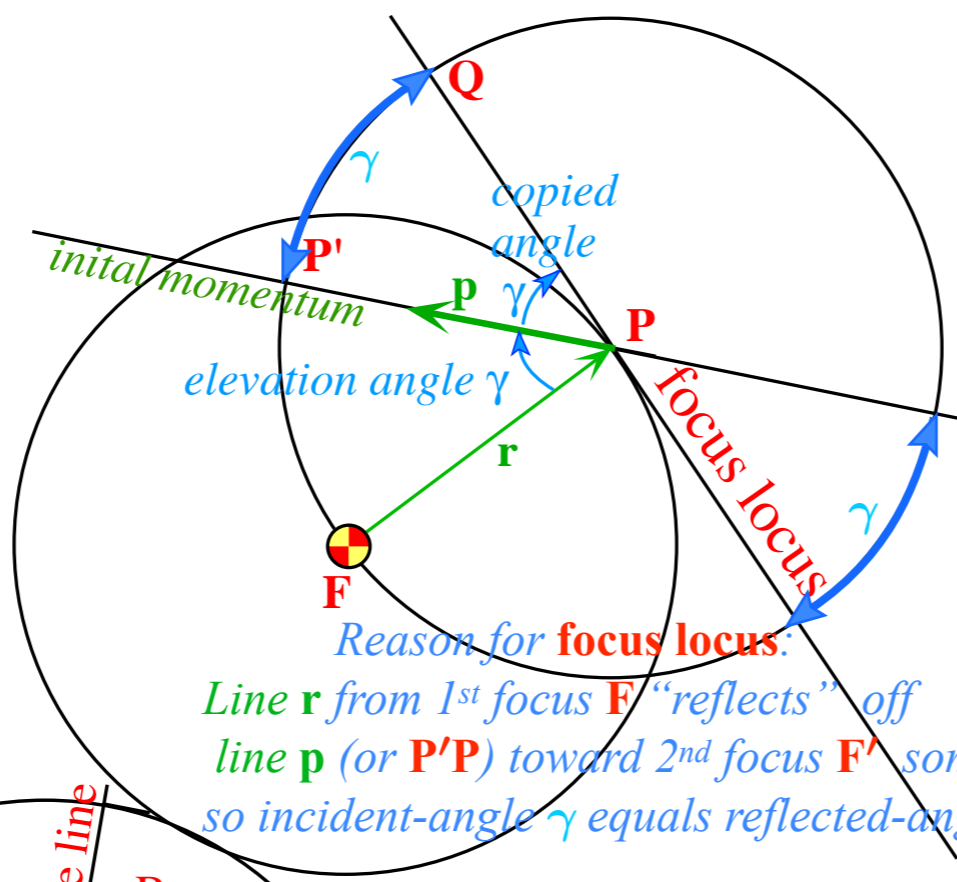
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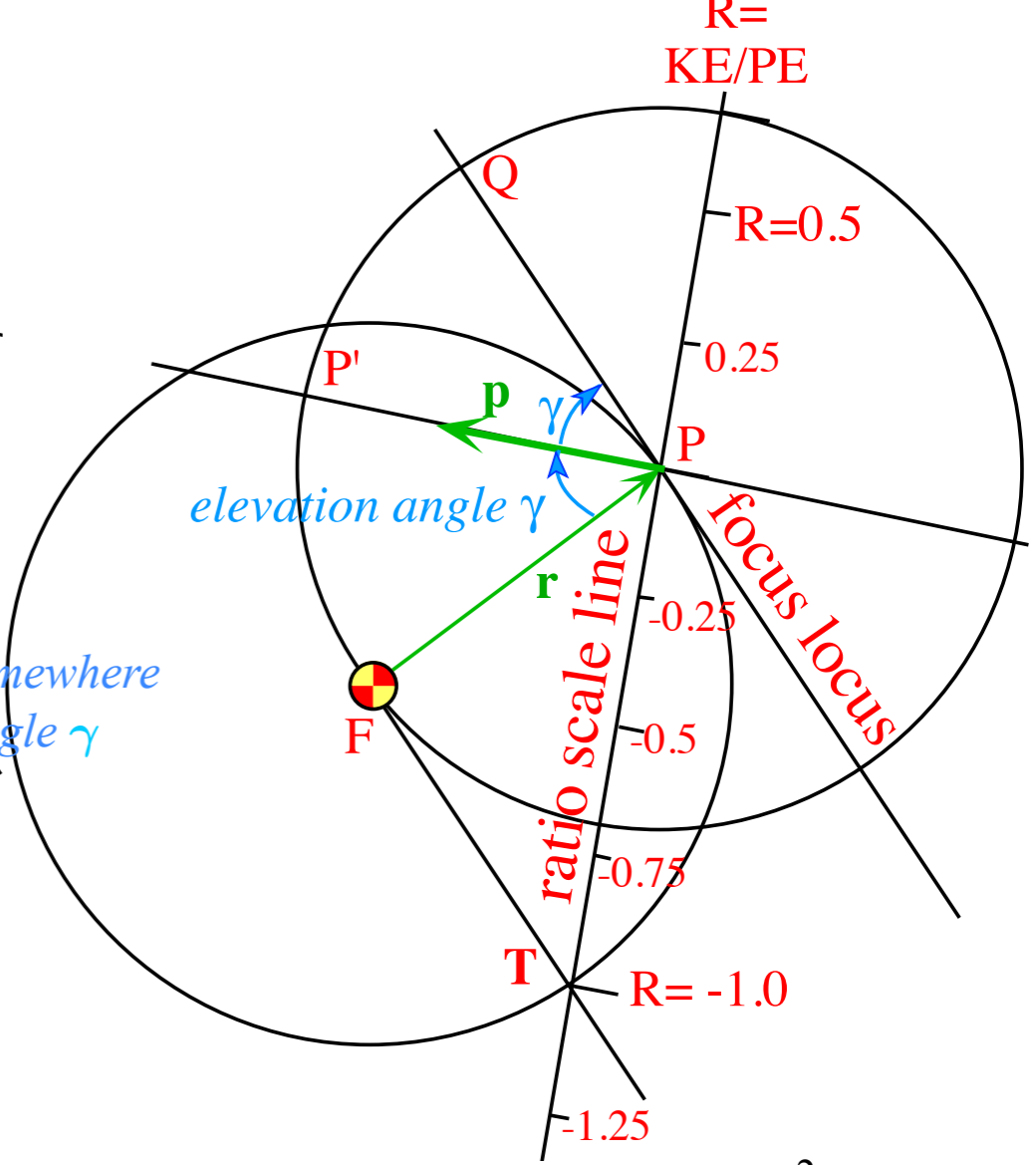
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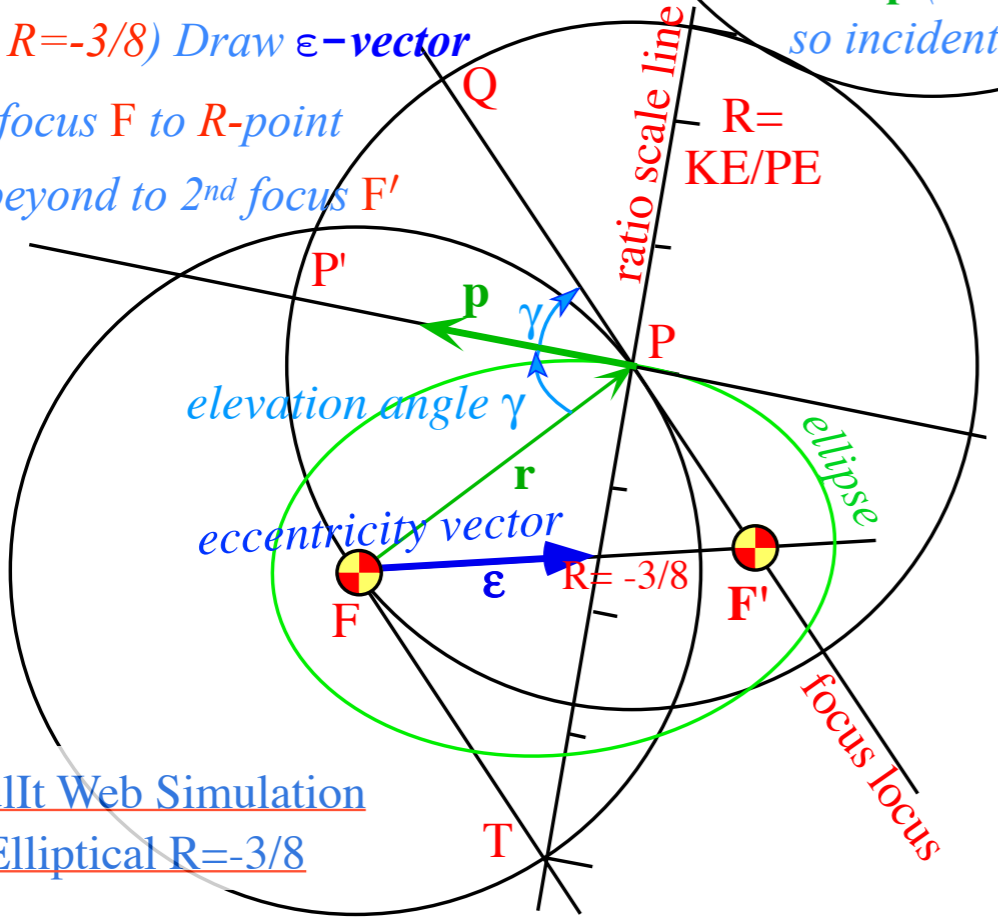
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Pick initial $R=KE/PE$ value
 (here $R=-3/8$) Draw ϵ -vector
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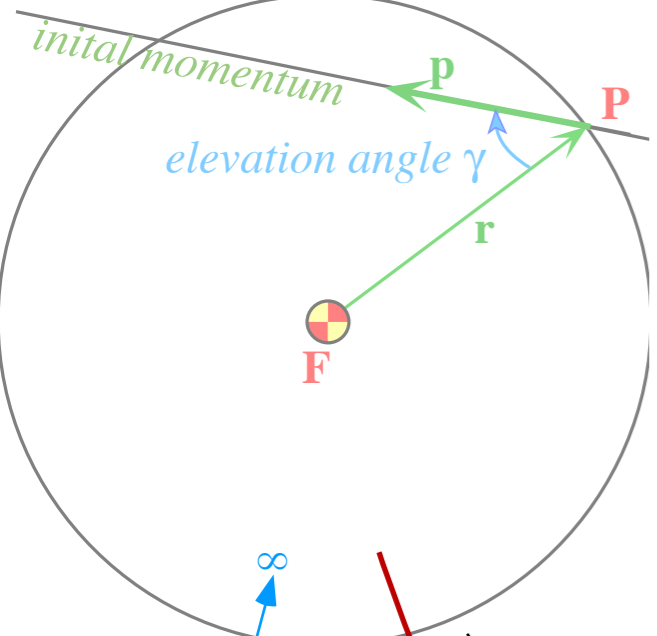
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 construction of **orbital trajectory**.
 Here it is an $R=-3/8$ **ellipse**.

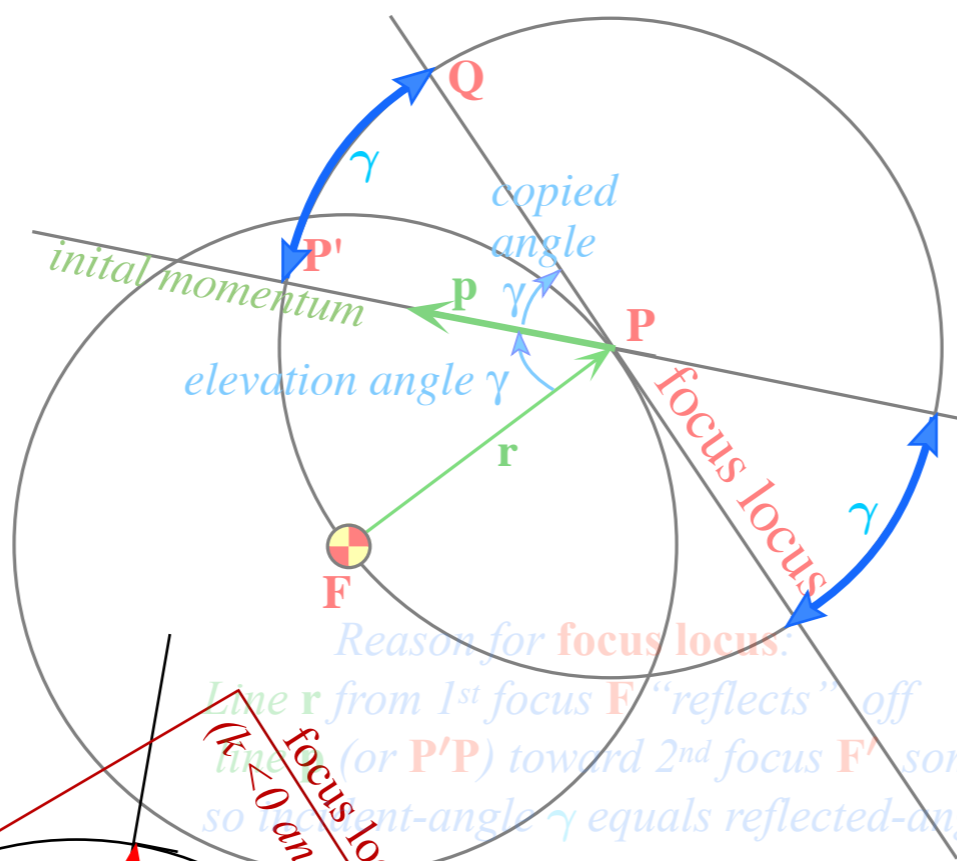
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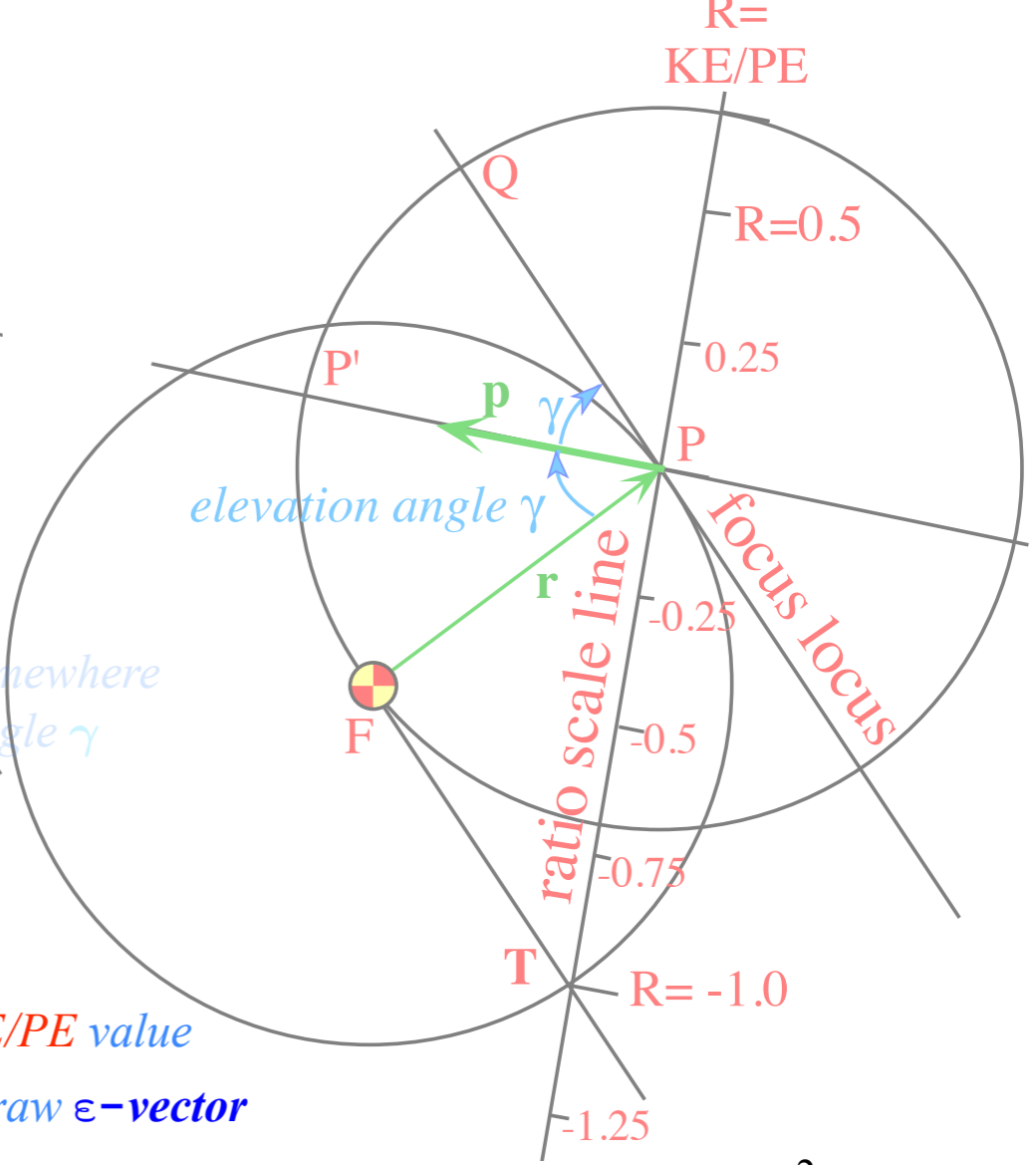
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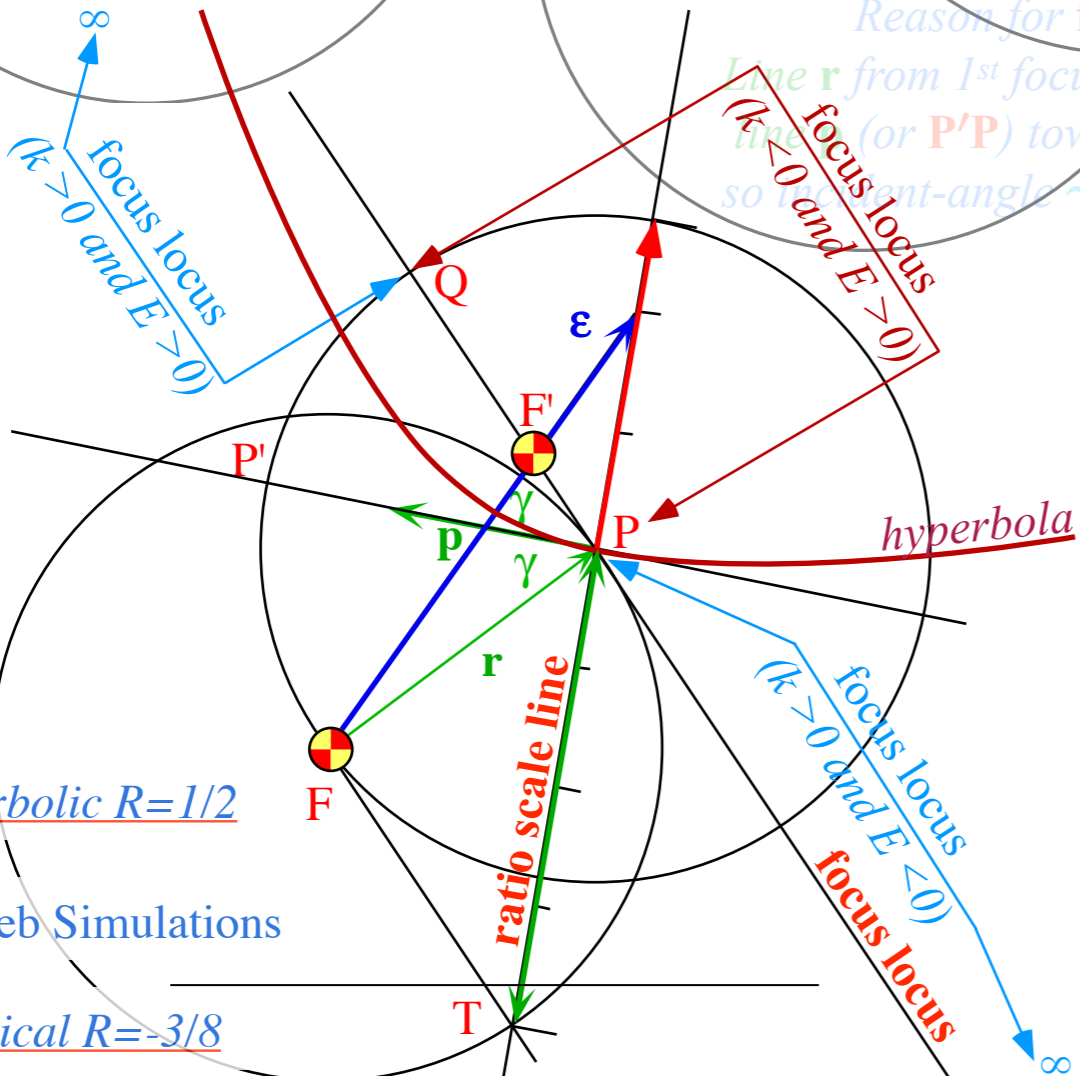
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(Here it intersects 2nd focus **F'**)

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

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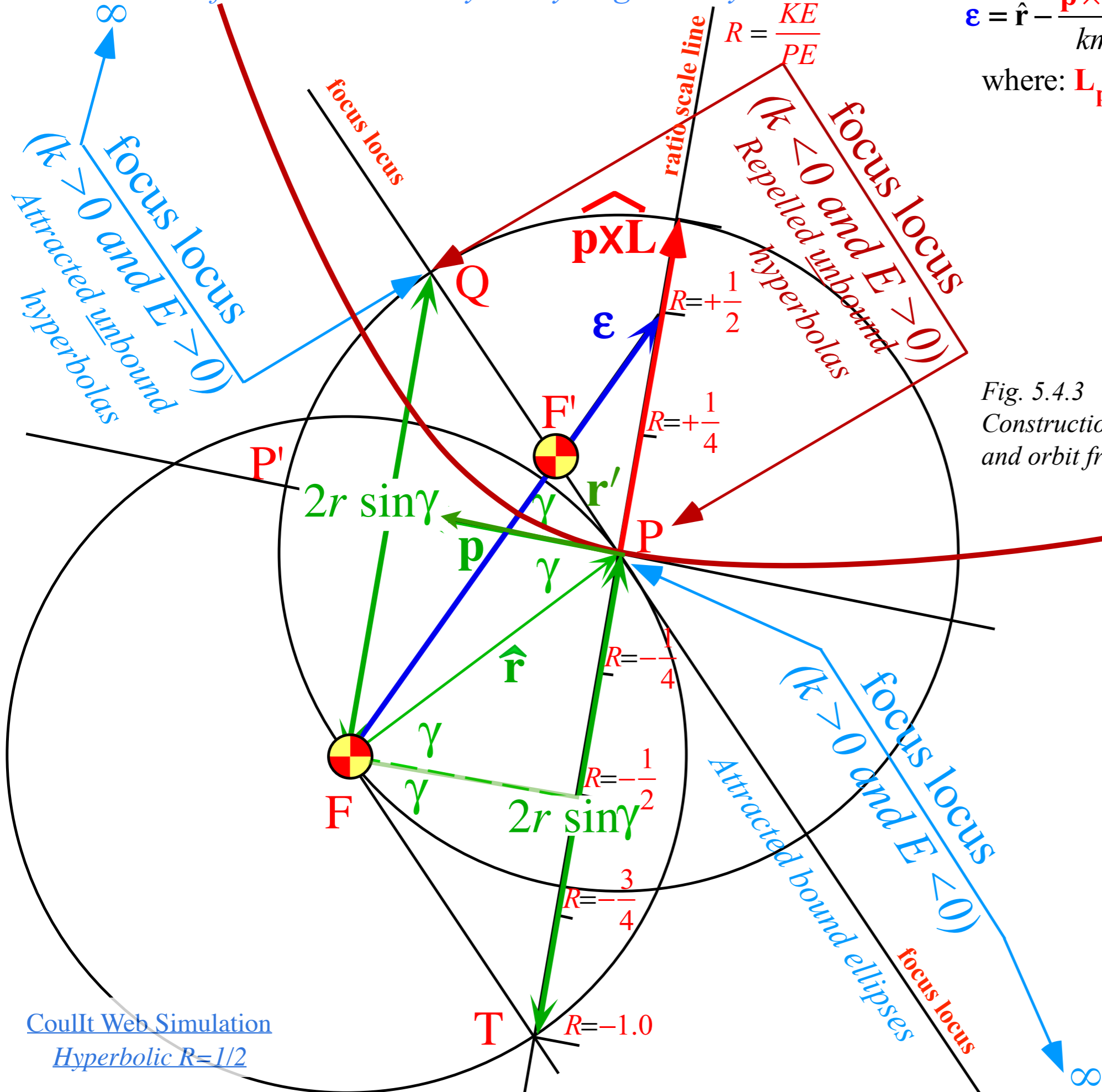
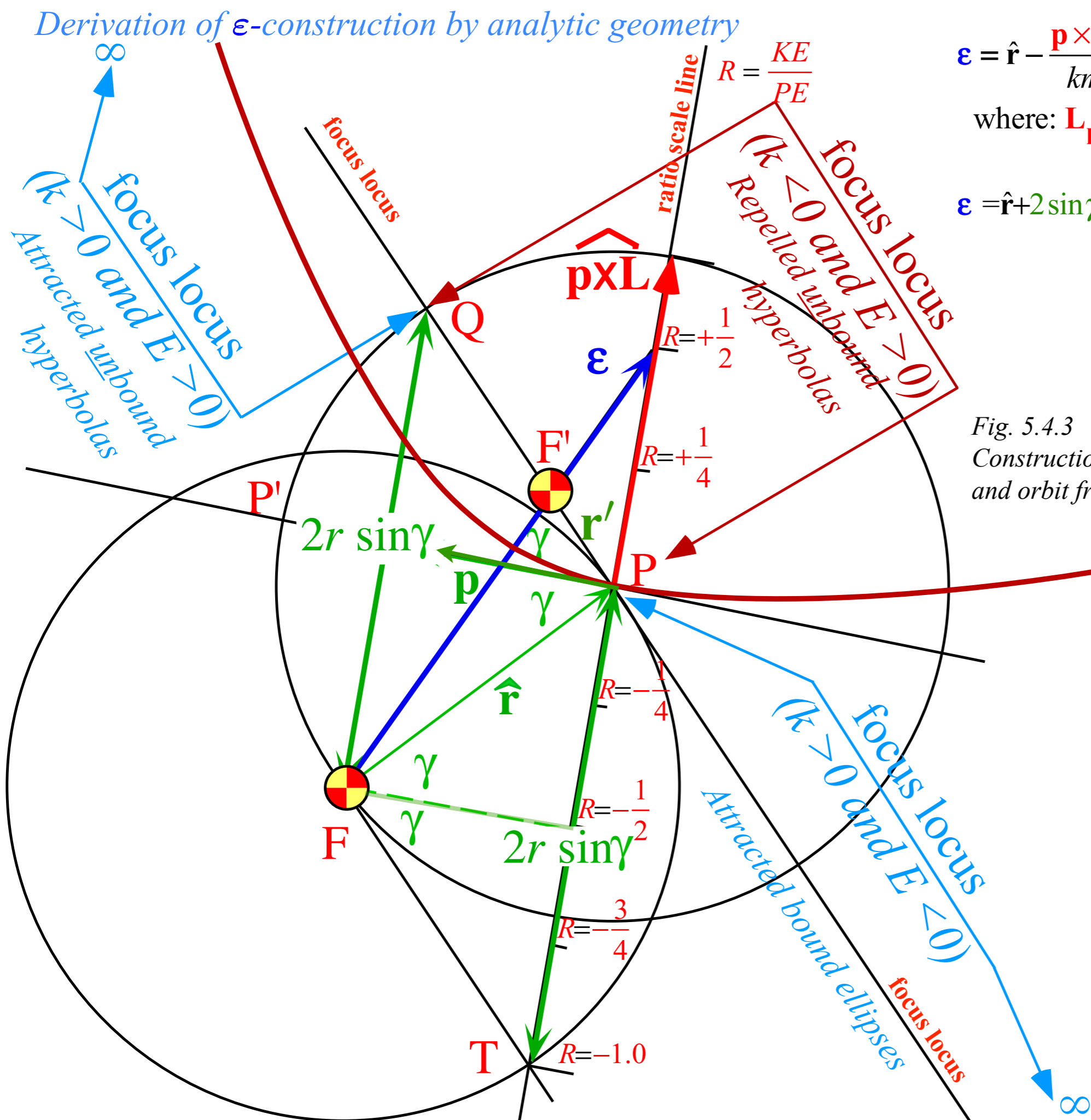


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$$\epsilon = \hat{\mathbf{r}} + 2 \sin \gamma \frac{mv_0^2 / 2}{-k/r_0} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{p} \times} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} + 2 \sin \gamma \frac{KE}{PE} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathbf{p} \times}$$

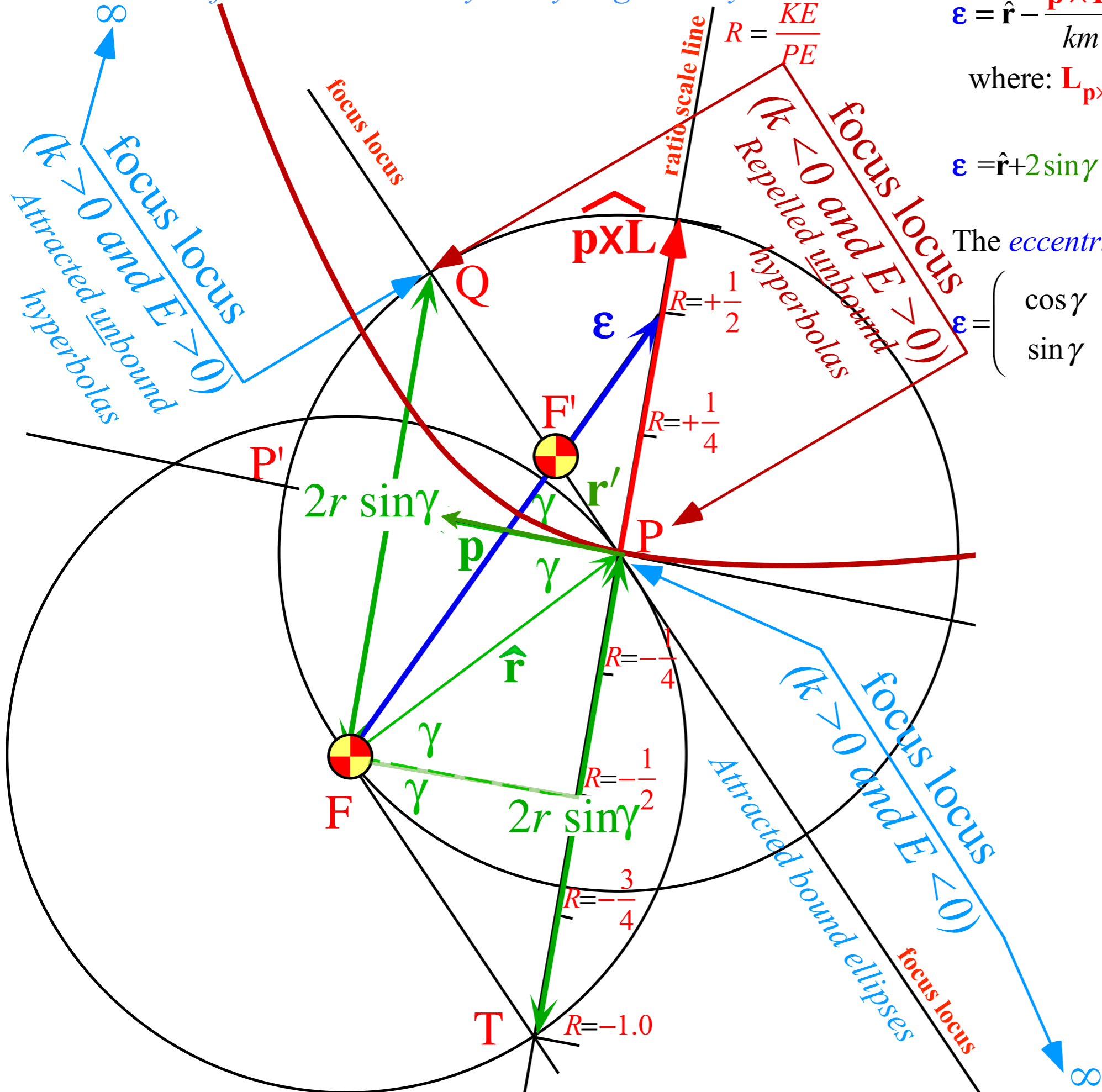
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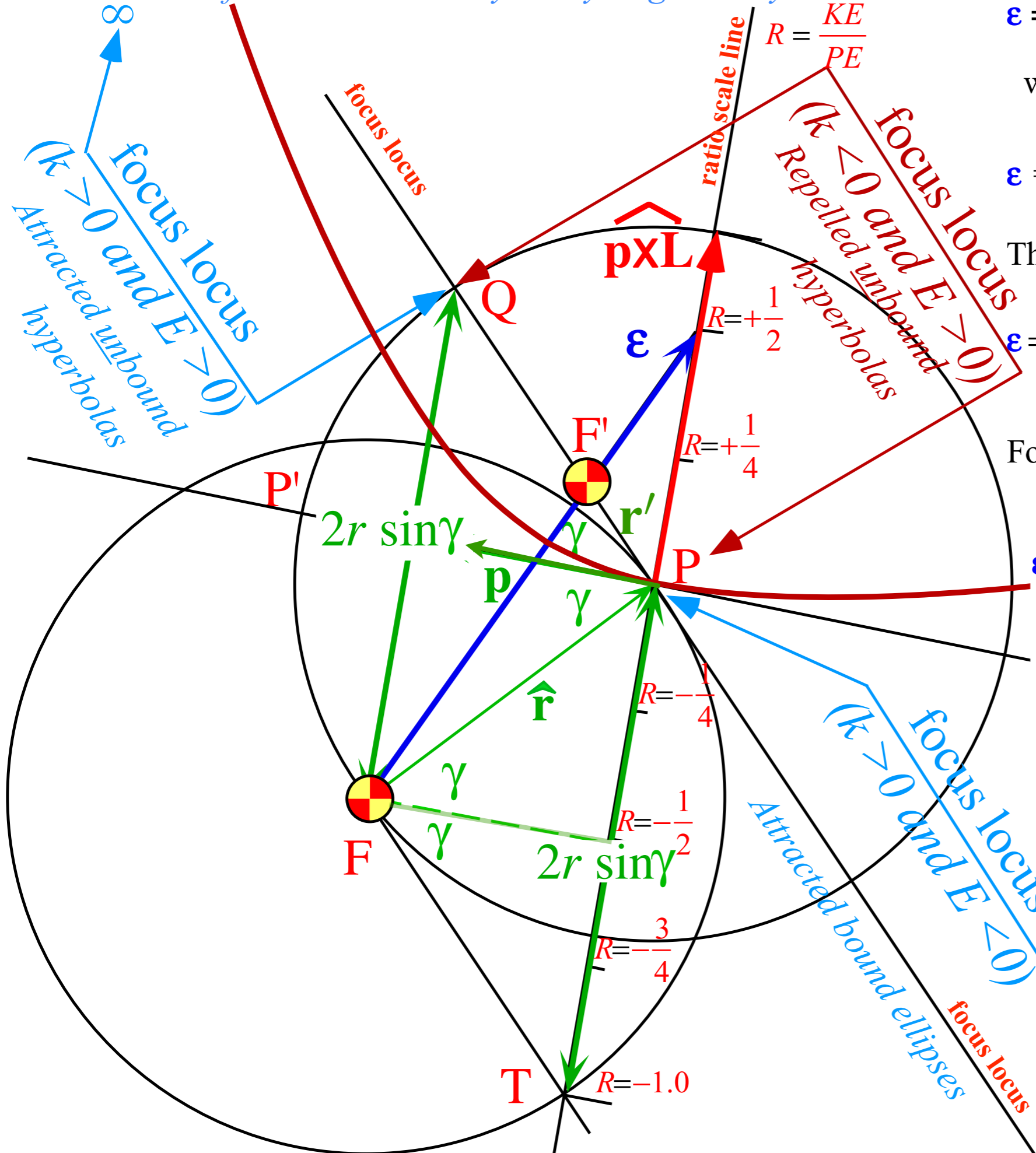
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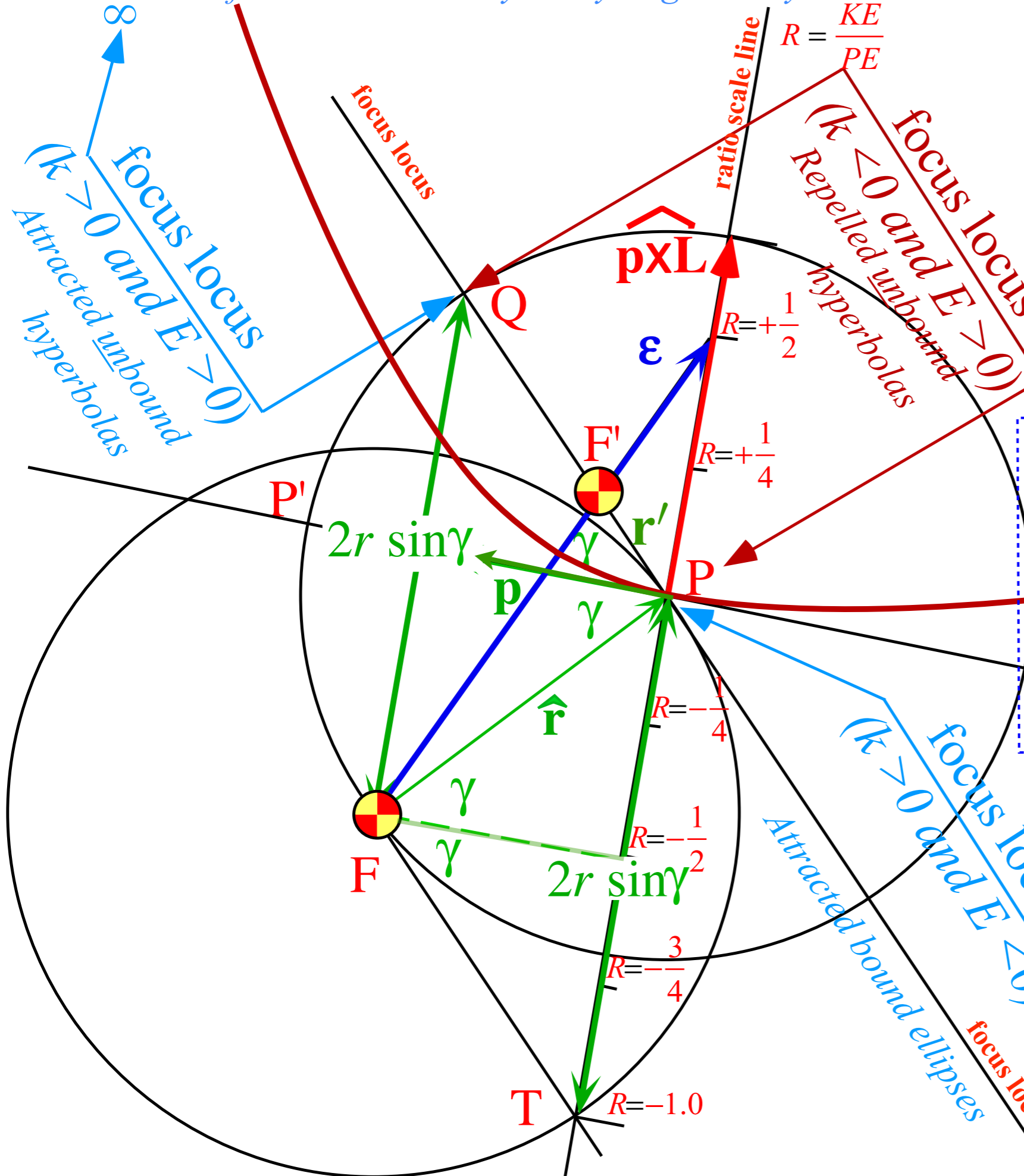
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The eccentricity parameter defined by:

$$\epsilon^2 = \cos^2 \gamma + (2R+1)^2 \sin^2 \gamma = 1 \pm \frac{a^2}{b^2}$$

$$= 1 + 4R(R+1) \sin^2 \gamma = \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{where: } \sin^2 \gamma = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Initial momentum $p_x(0) = 0.591603$

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

Maximum step size $dt = 0.01$

Charge of Nucleus 1 = -1

x-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0

y-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0

Charge of Nucleus 2 = 0

Coulomb (k_{12}) = -1

Core thickness $r = 0.000001$

x-Stark field $E_x = 0$

y-Stark field $E_y = 0$

Zeeman field $B_z = 0$

Diamagnetic strength $k = 0$

Plank constant $\hbar = 2$

Color quantization hues = 64

Color quantization bands = 2

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

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

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

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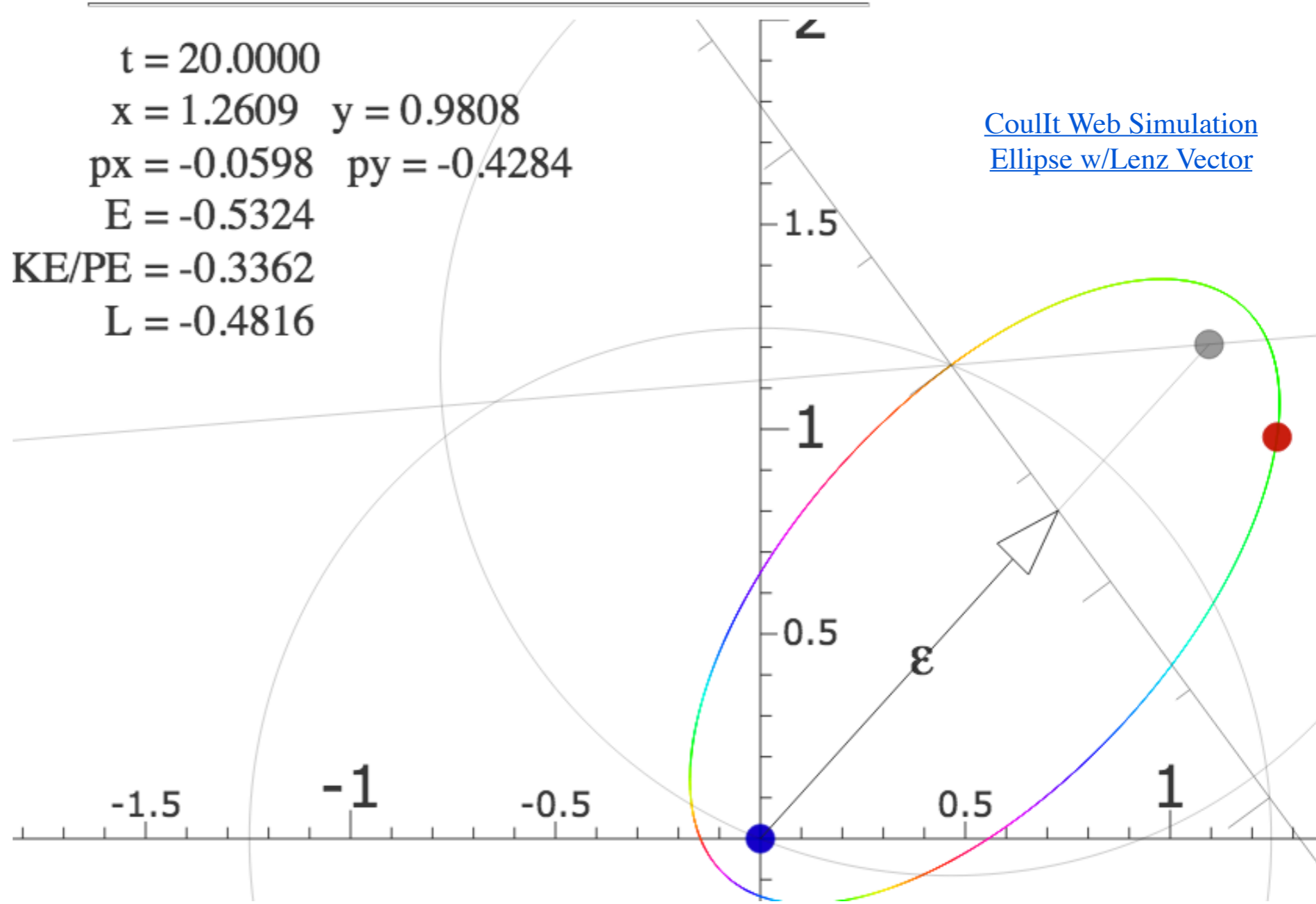
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$t = 20.0000$
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[CouIt Web Simulation](#)
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Chapter 1 Orbit Families and Action

Families of particle orbits are drawn in a varying color which represents the classical action or Hamilton's characteristic function $SH = \int p dq$. (Sometimes SH is called 'reduced action'.) The color is chosen by first calculating $c = SH \text{ modulo } \hbar$ (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)

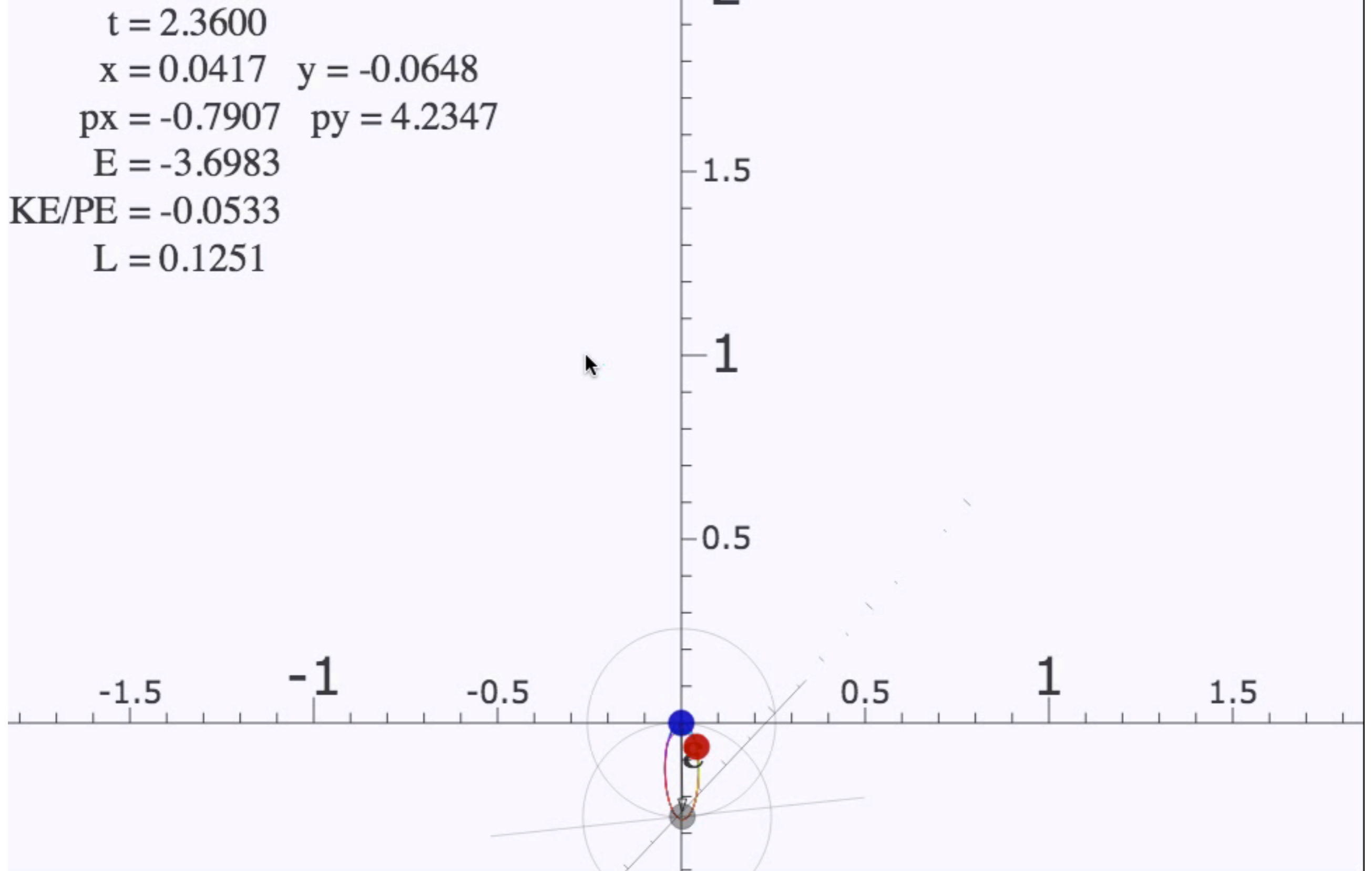
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Rutherford scattering 2-Electron Orbits

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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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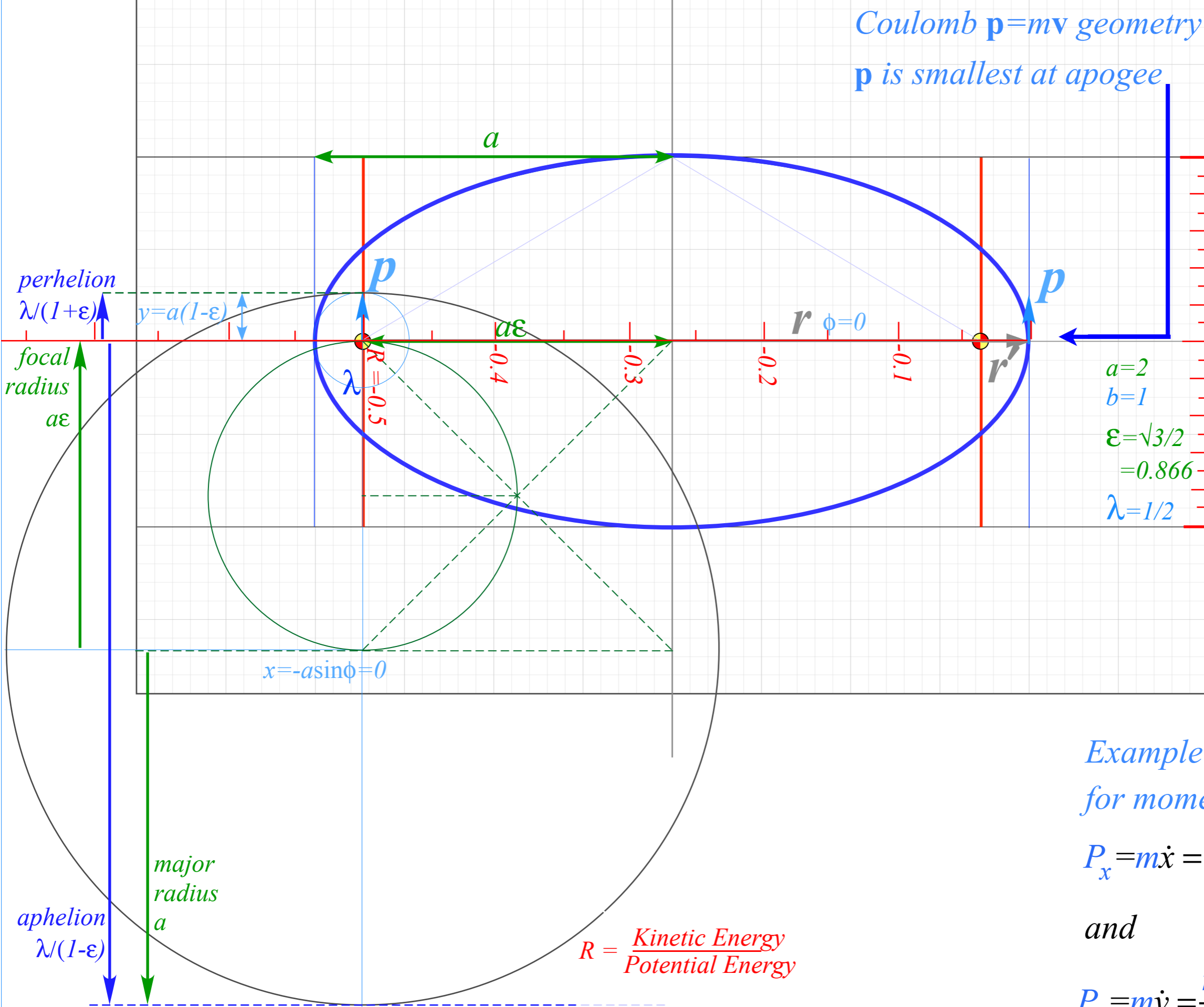
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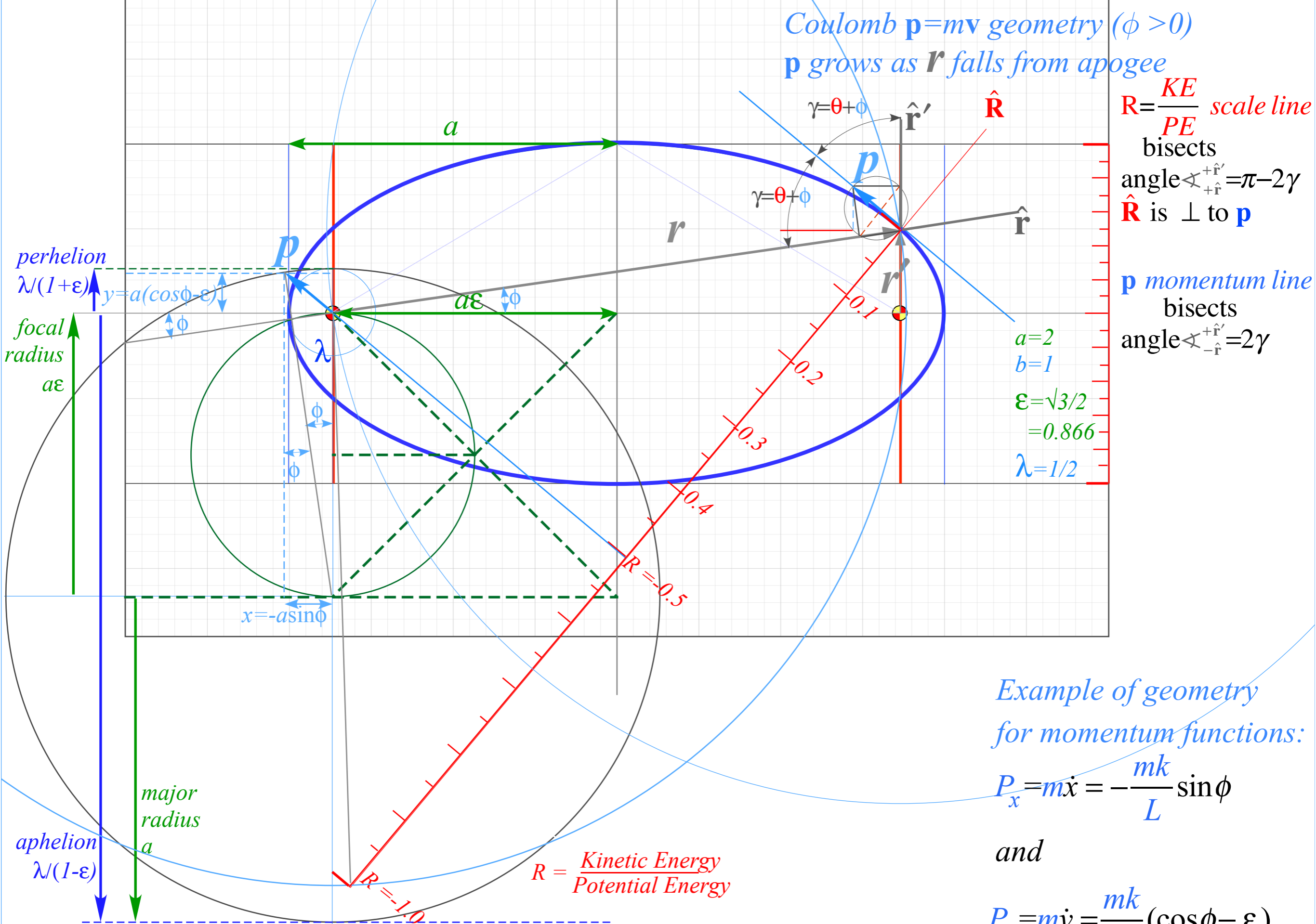
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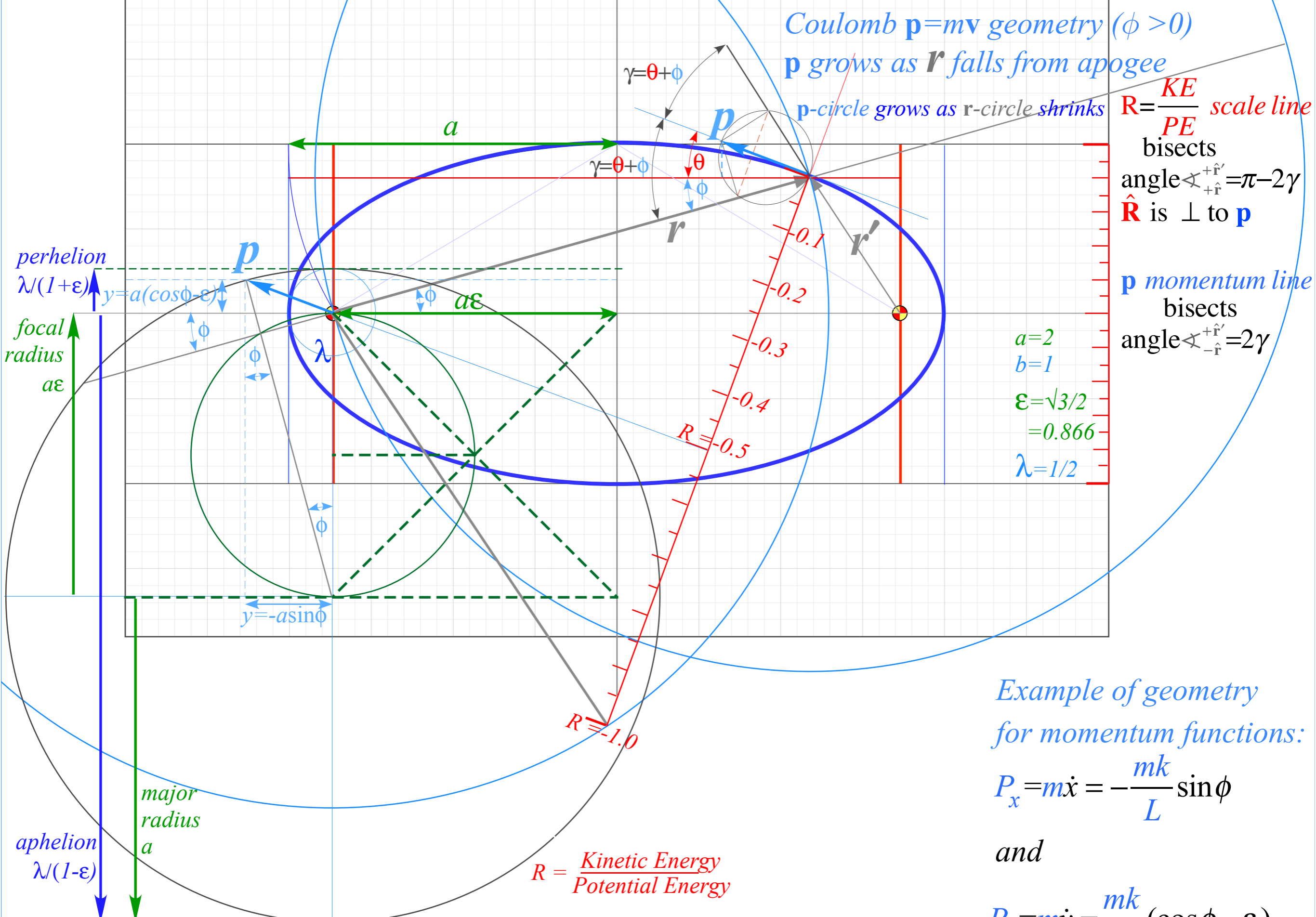
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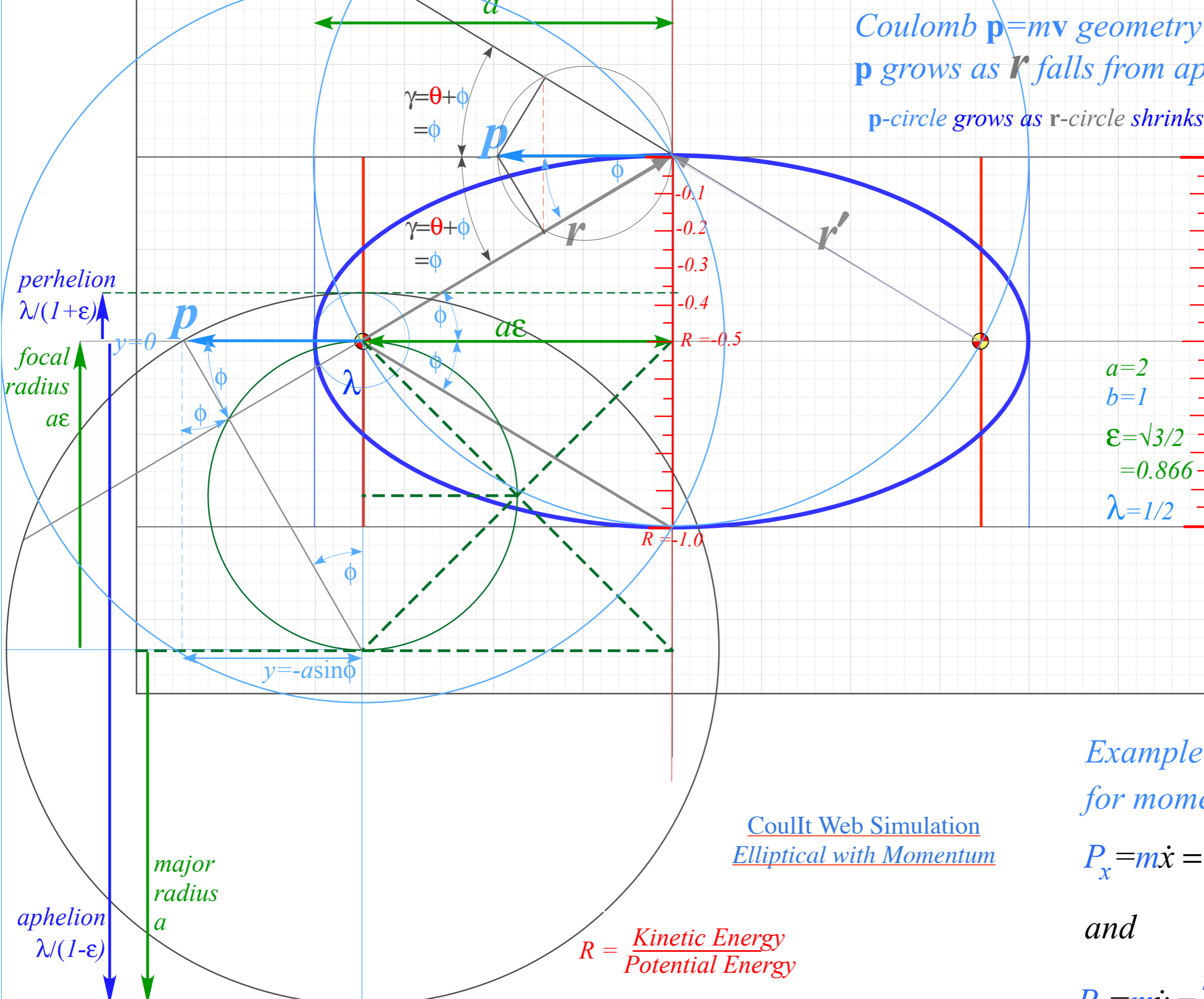
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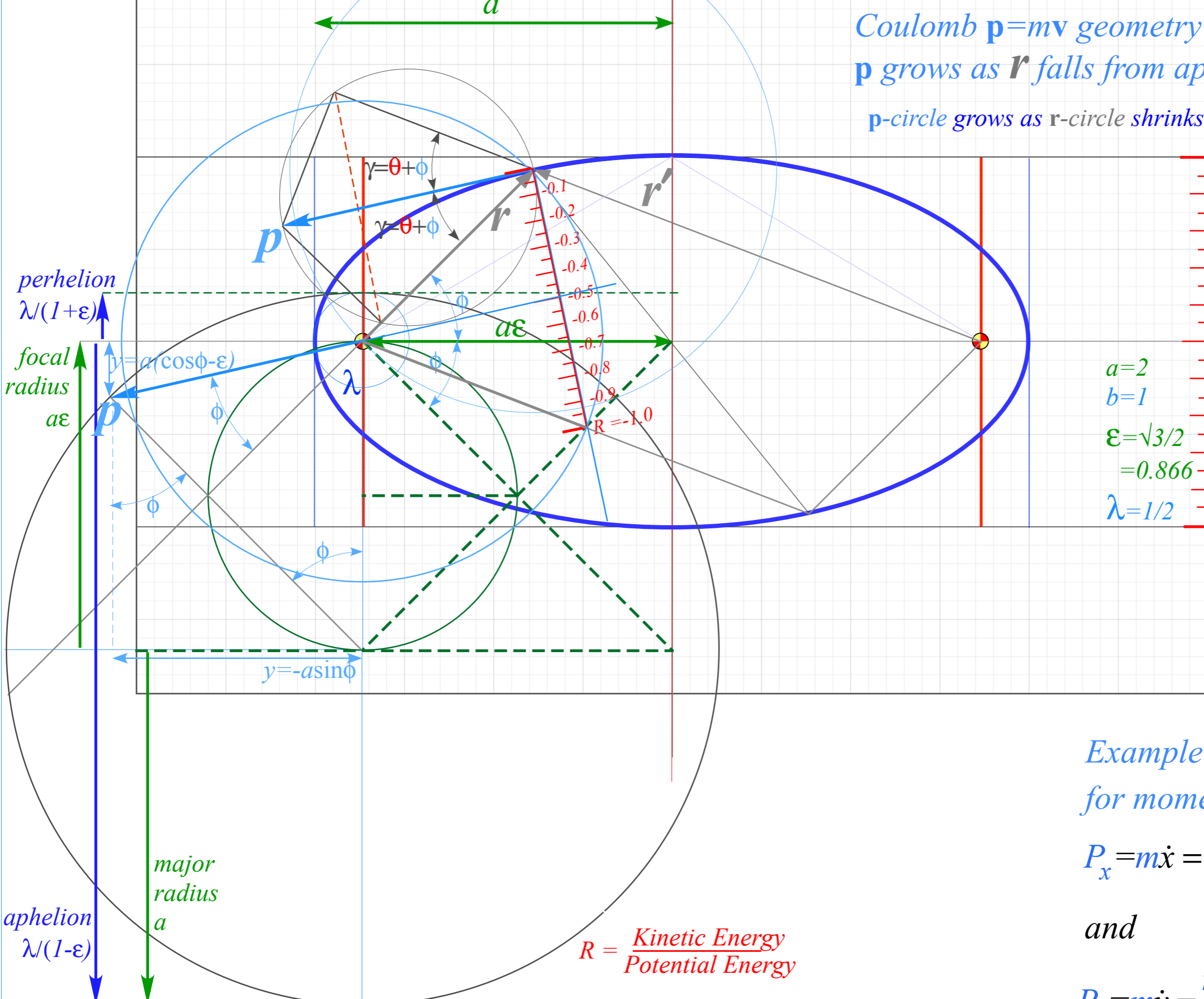
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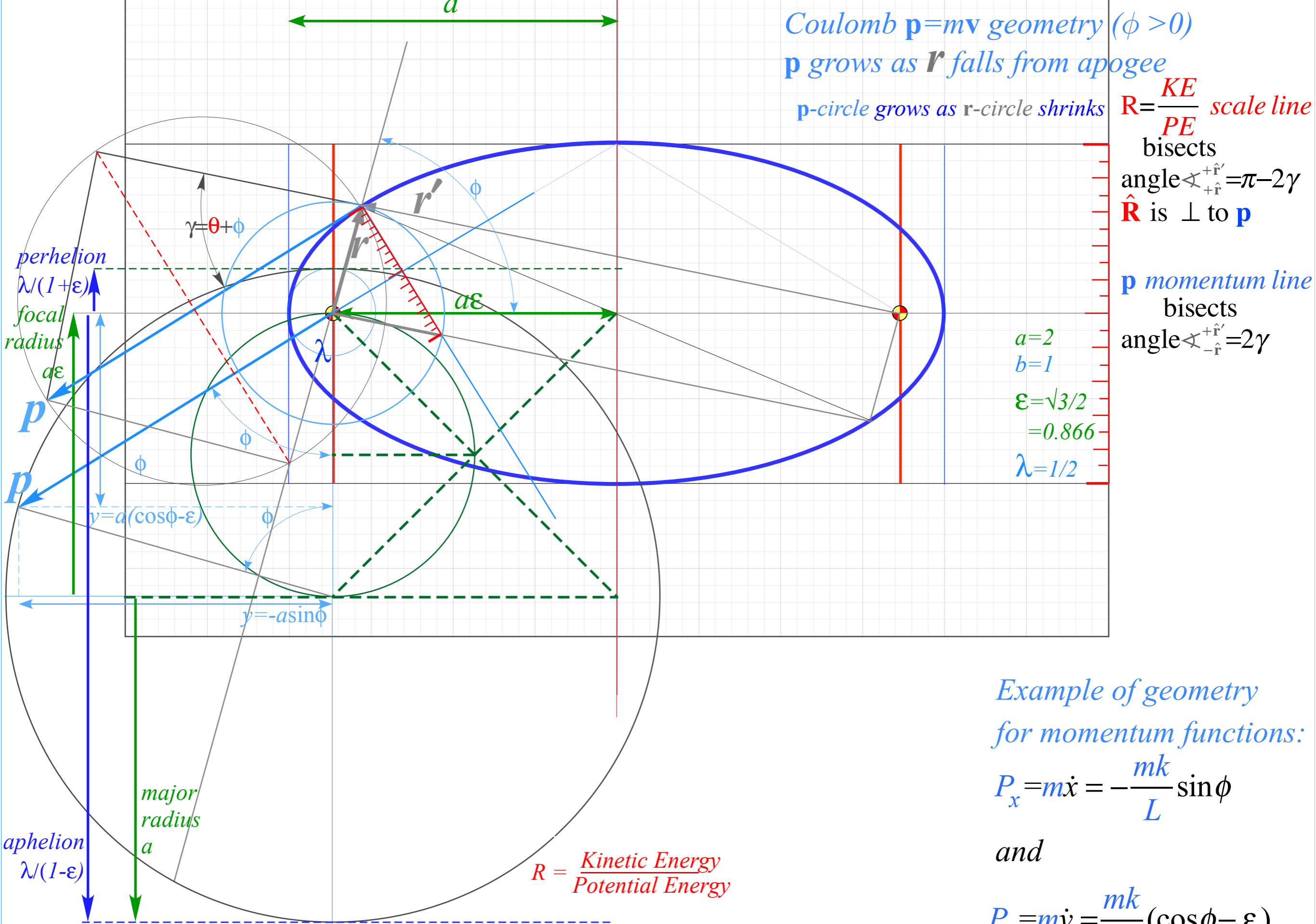
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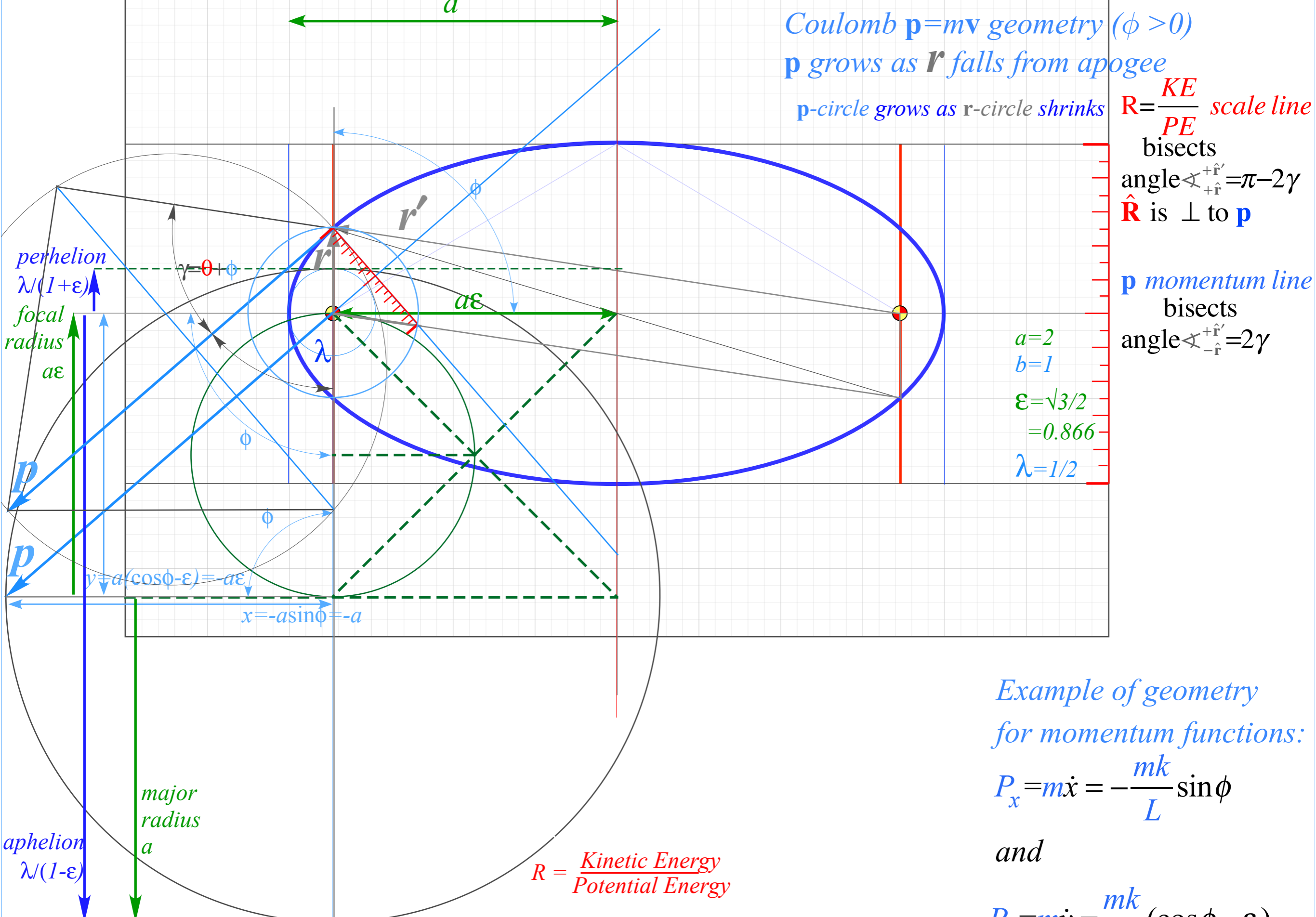
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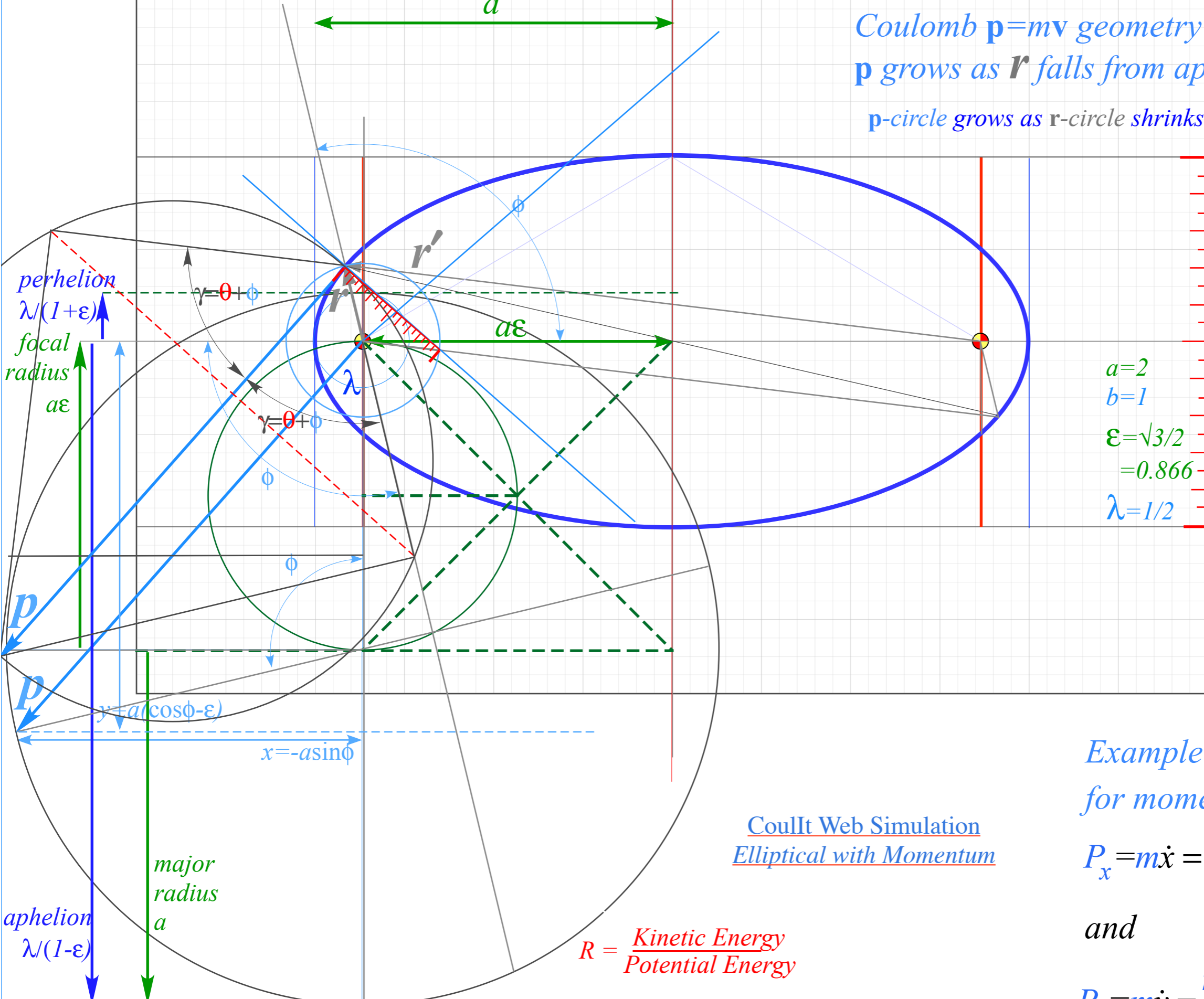
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CouIt Web Simulation
Elliptical with Momentum

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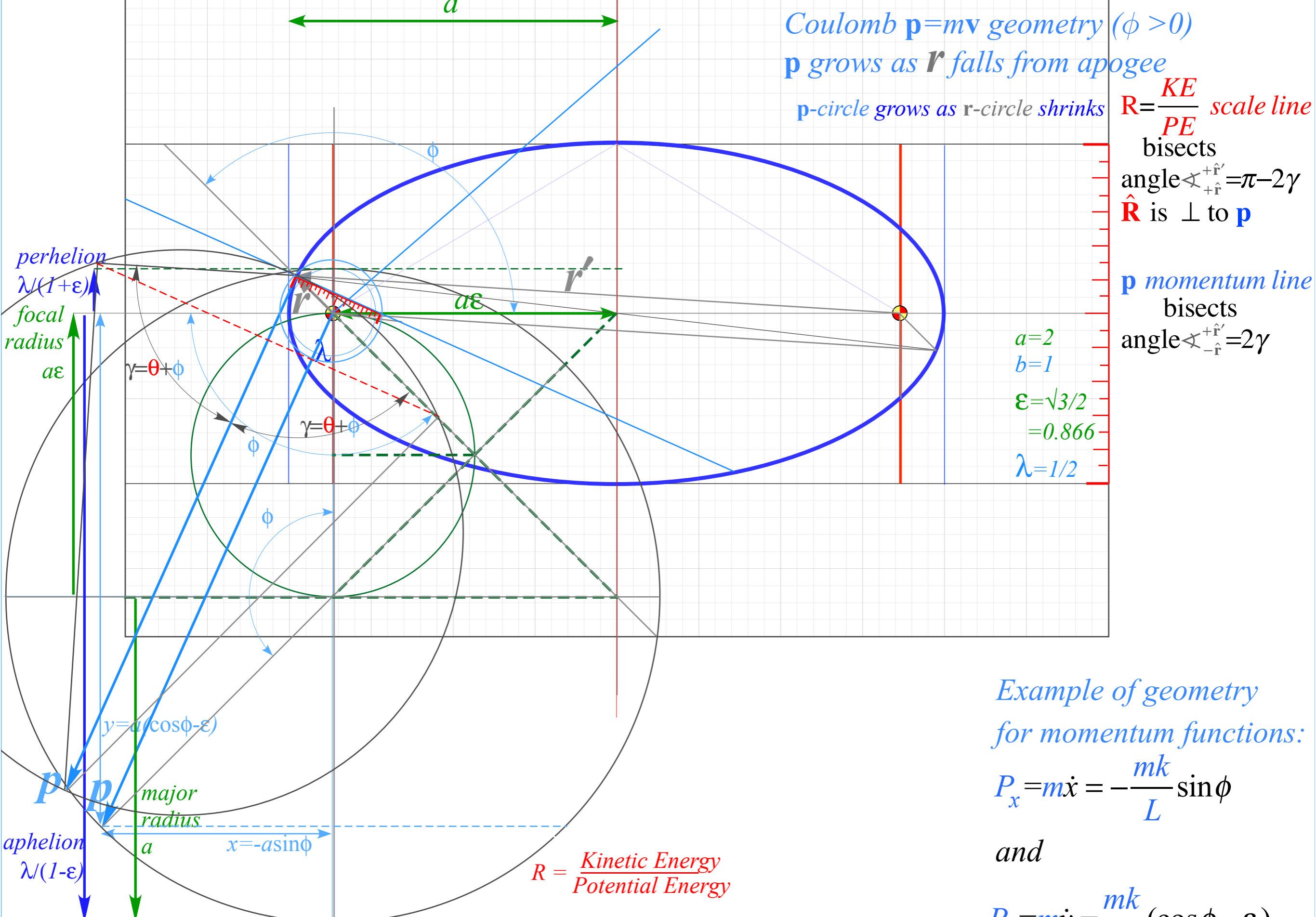
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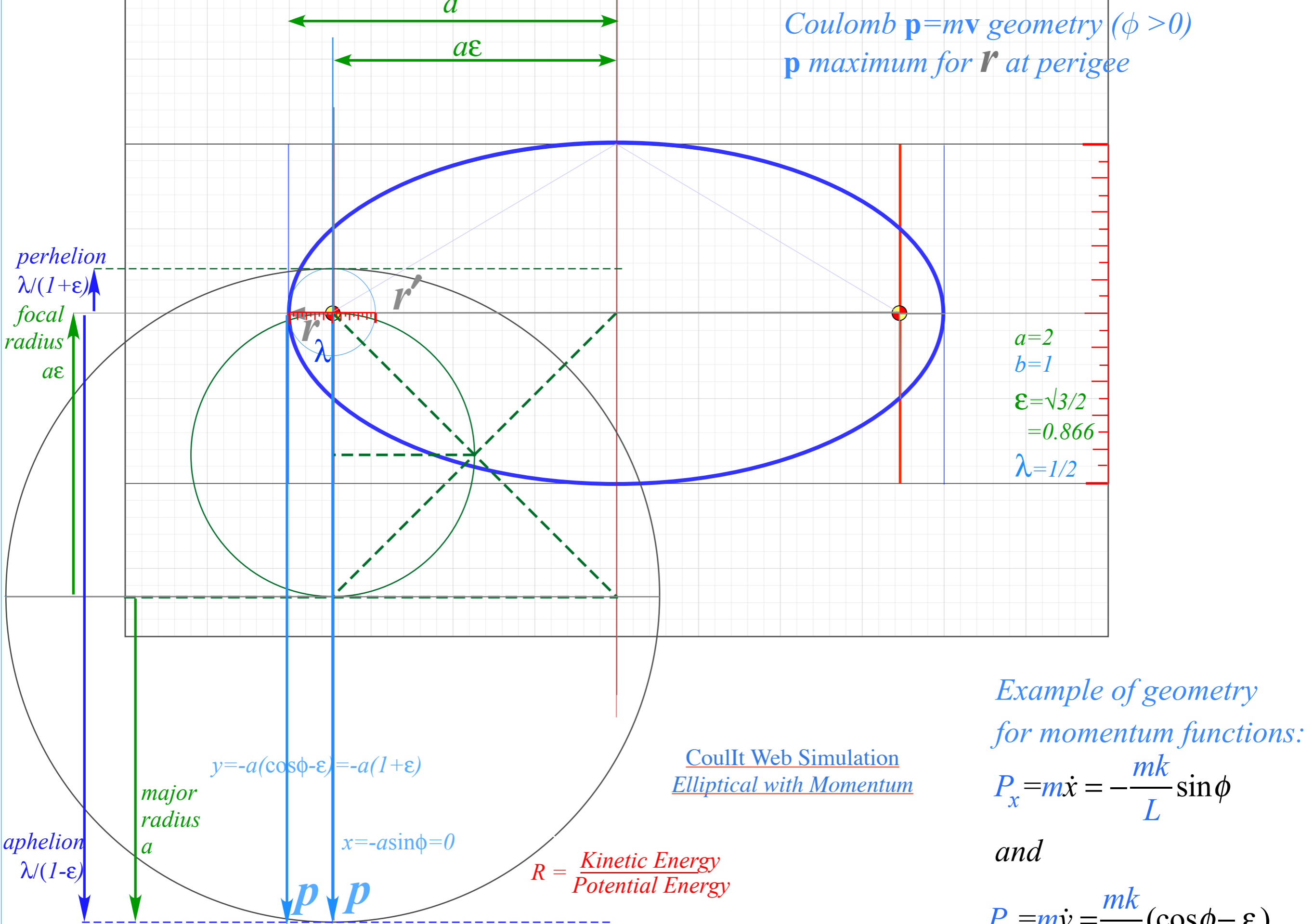
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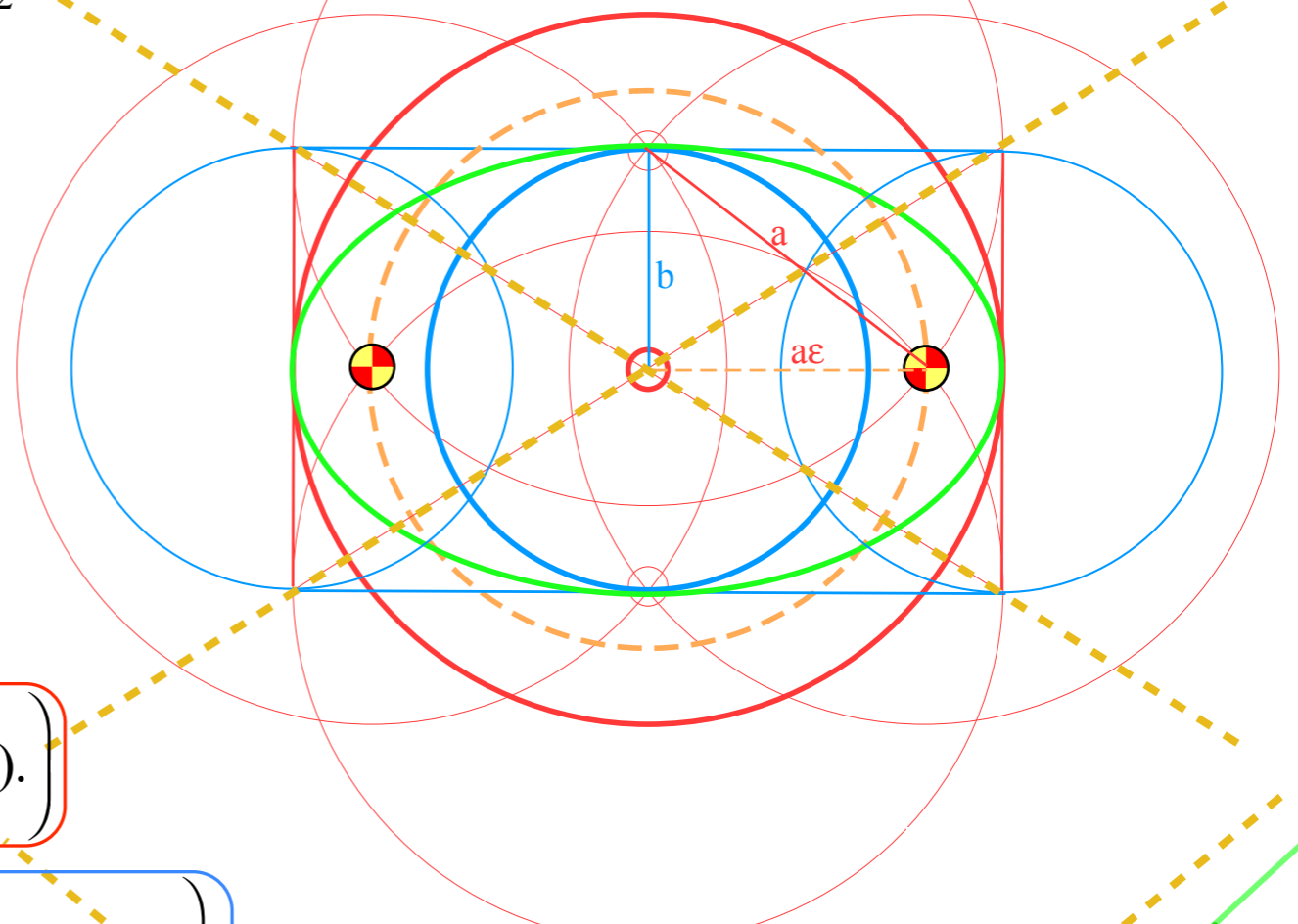
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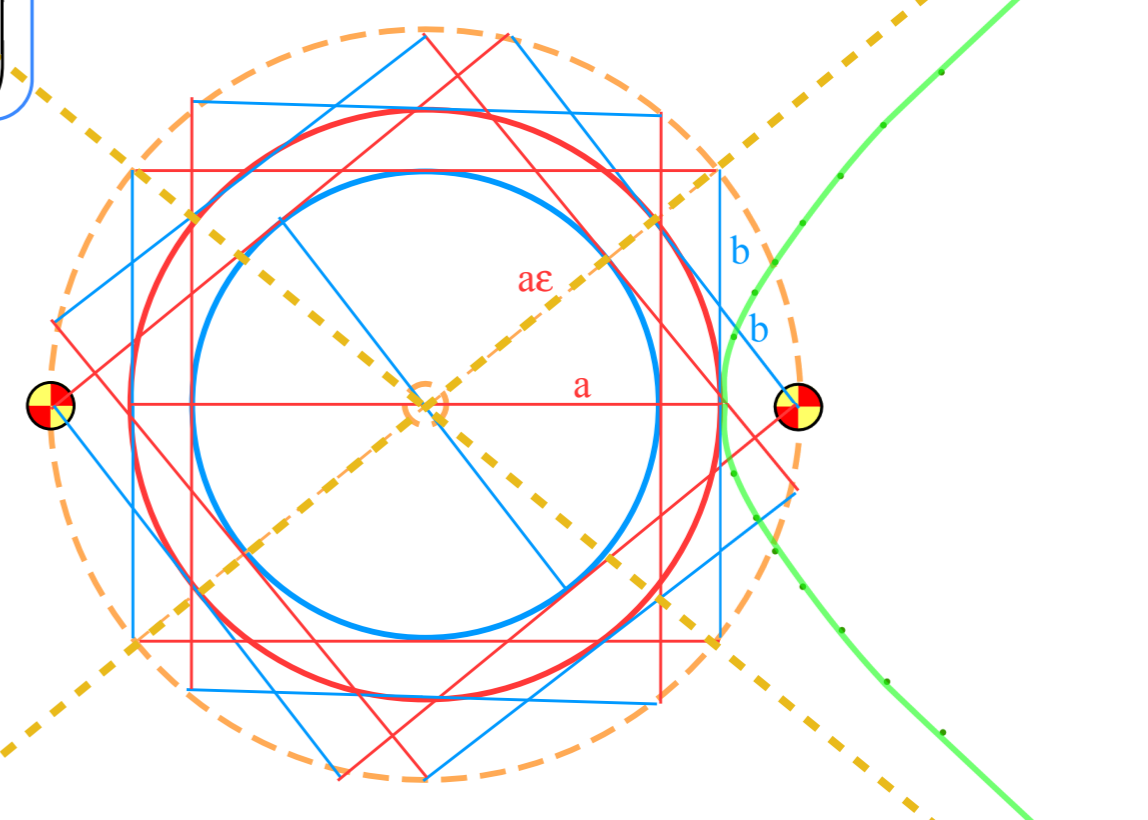
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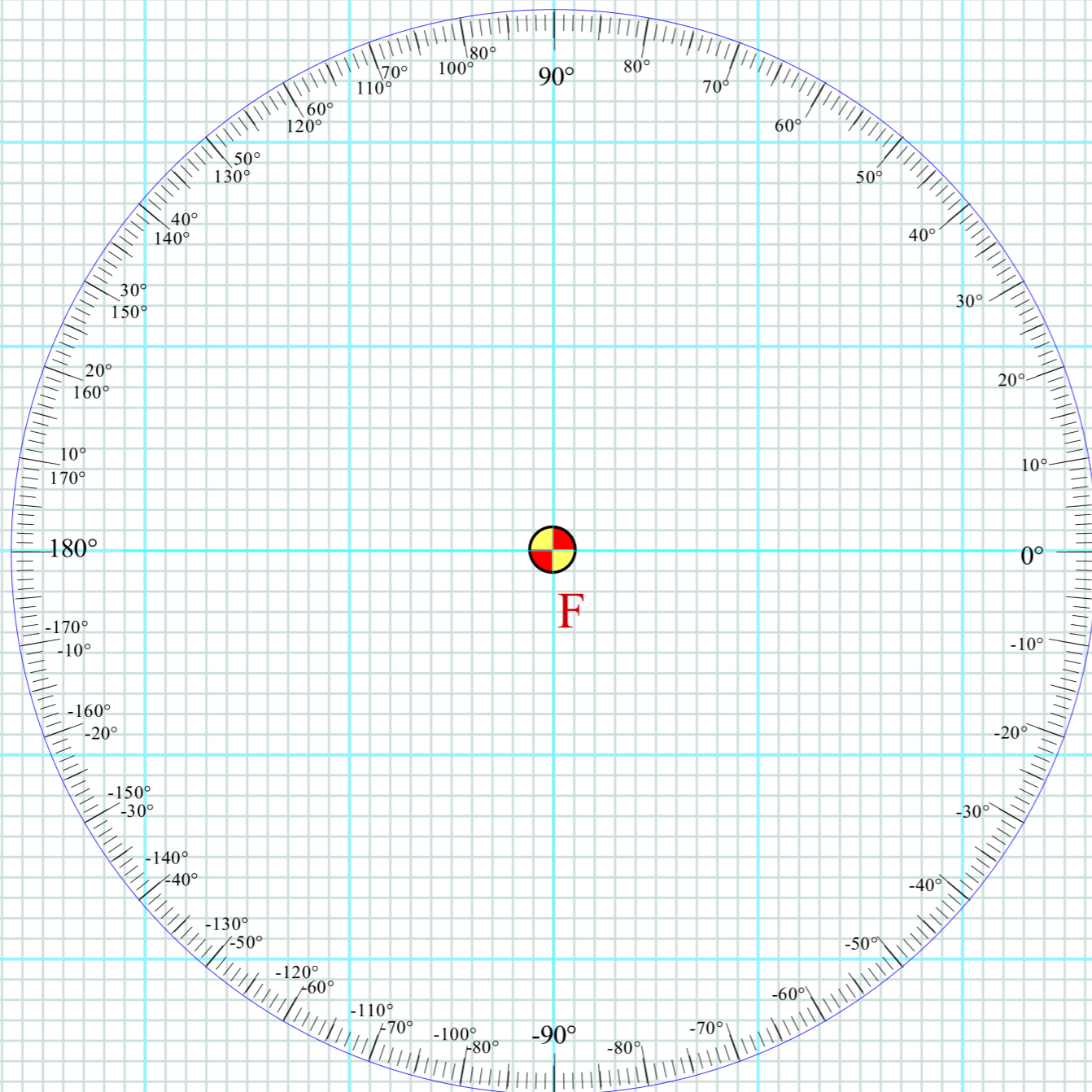
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Analytic geometry derivation of ϵ -construction

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

Detailed ruler & compass construction of ϵ -vector and orbits

($R = -0.375$ elliptic orbit)

($R = +0.5$ hyperbolic orbit)

Properties of Coulomb trajectory families and envelopes

Graphical ϵ -development of orbits

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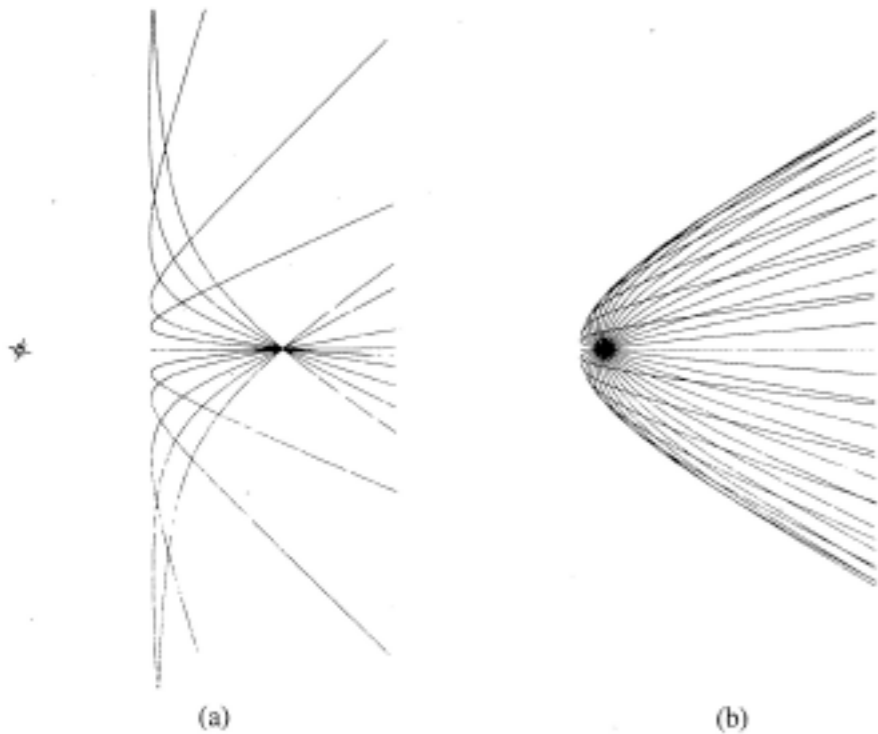


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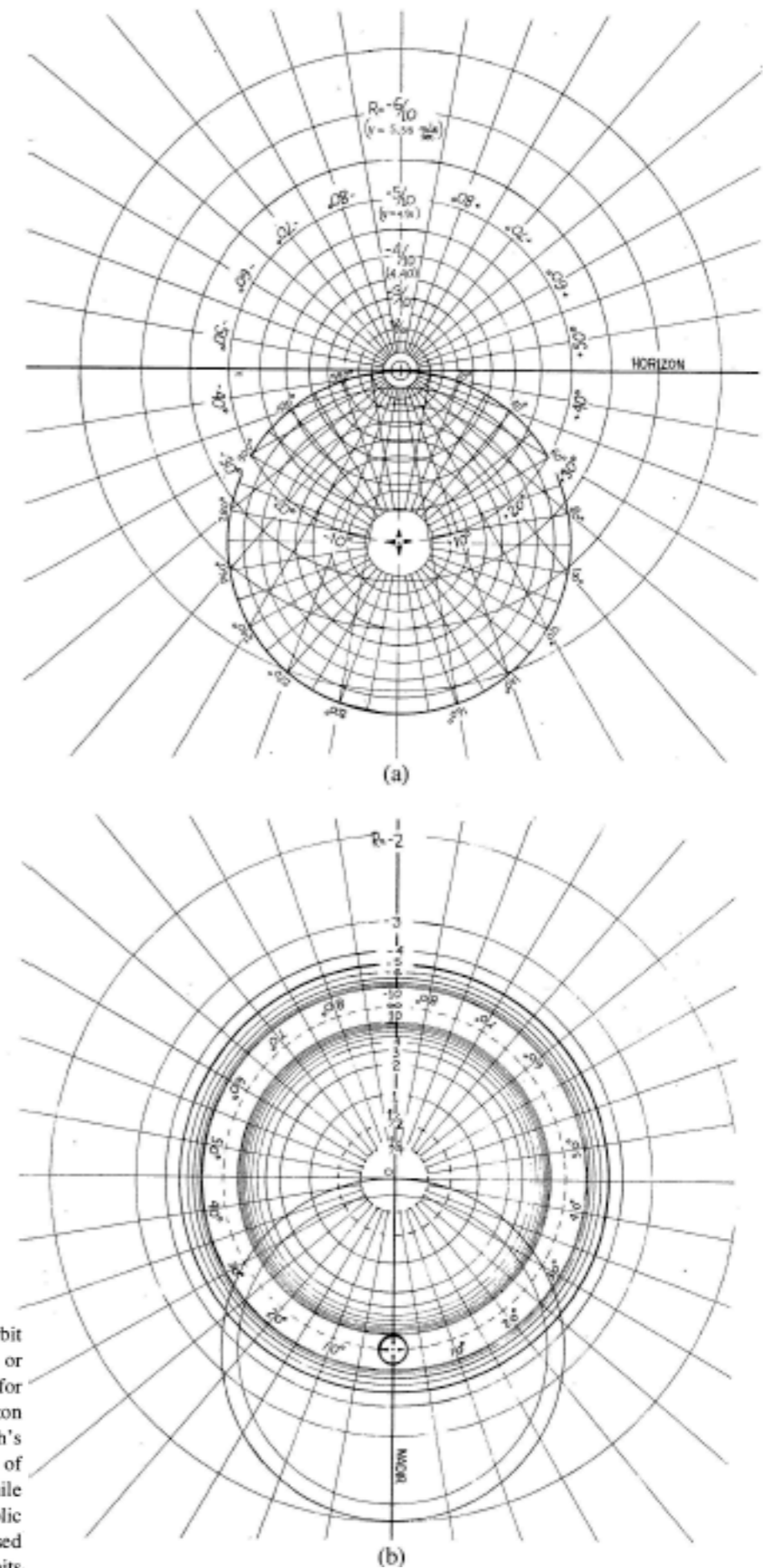
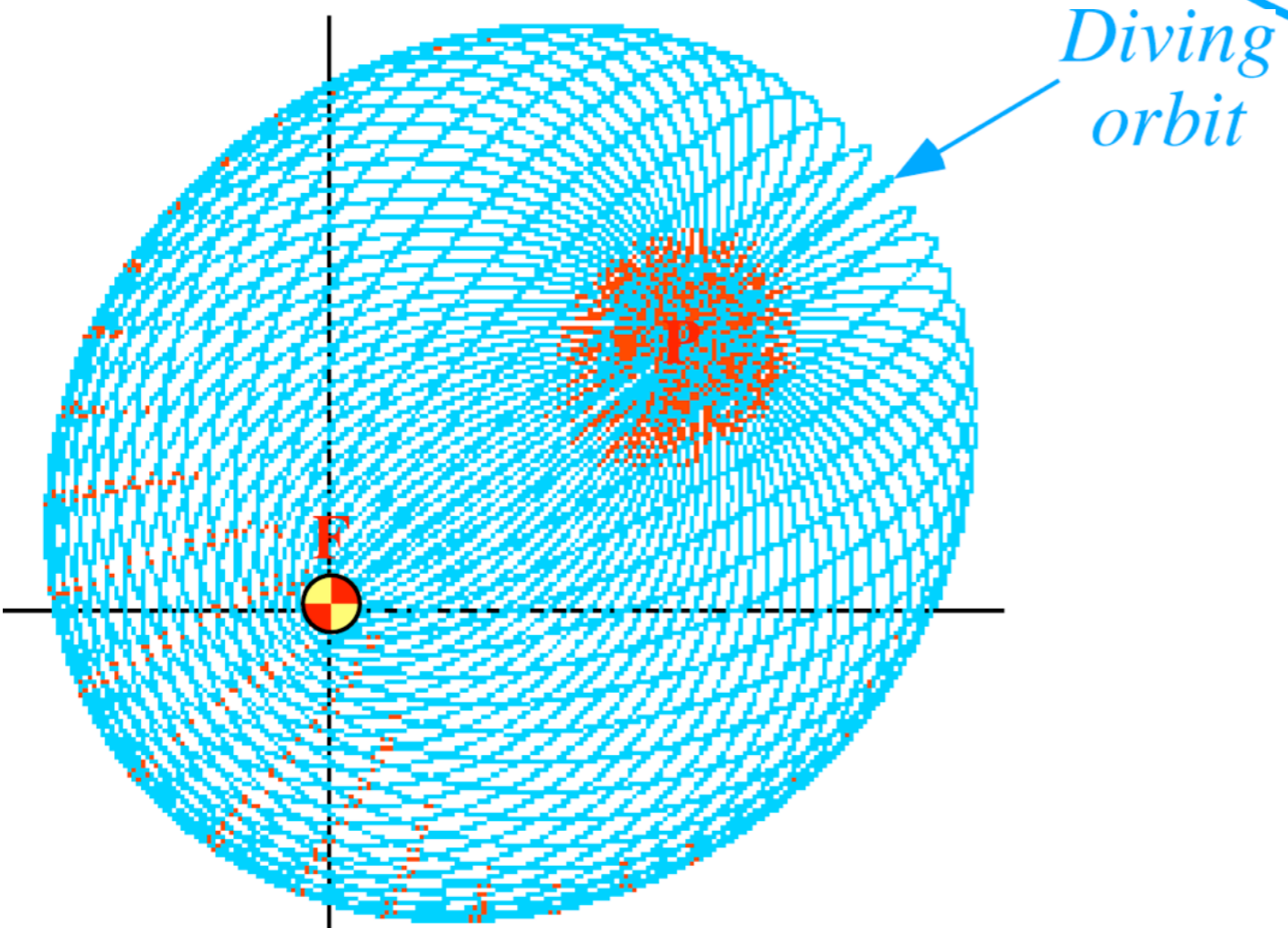
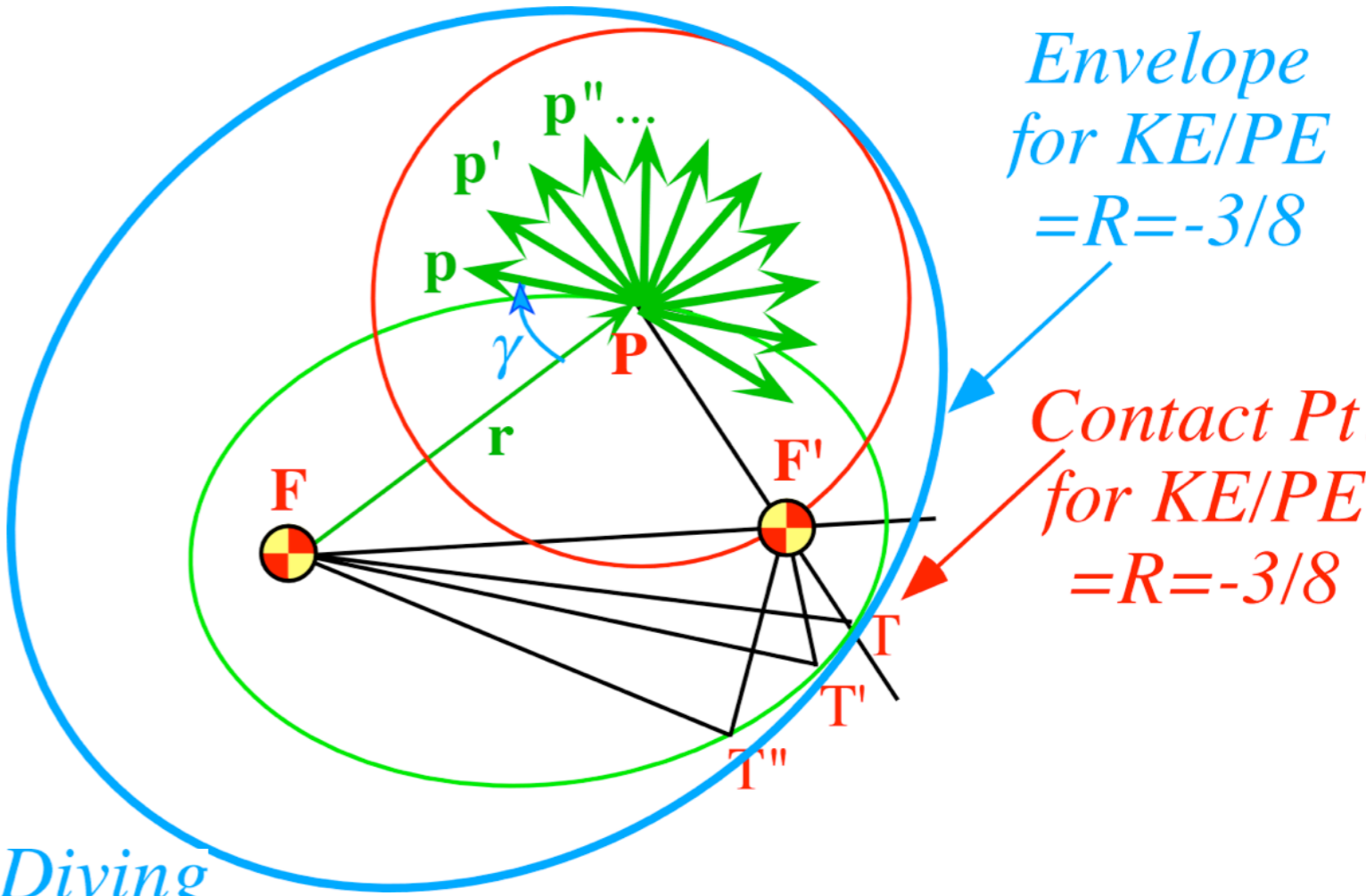
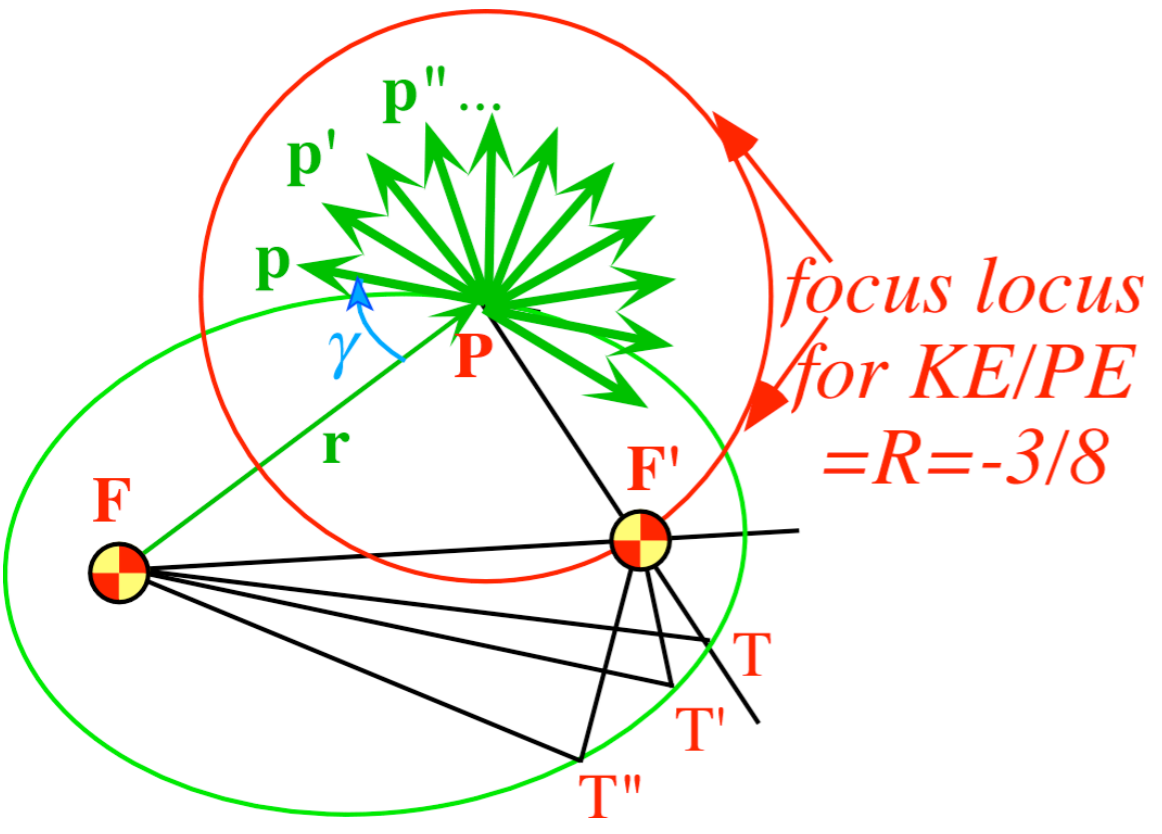


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Coulomb envelope geometry

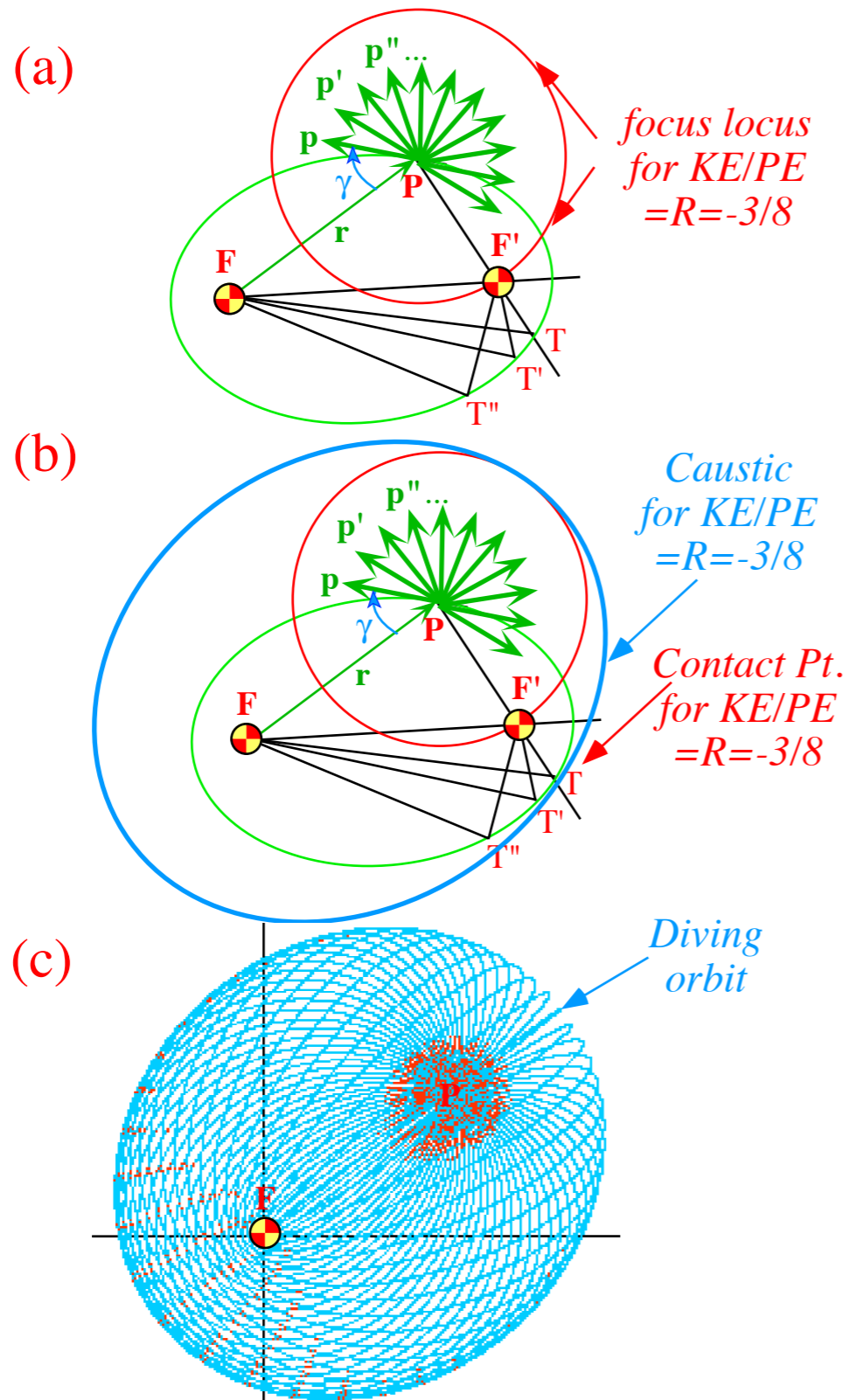
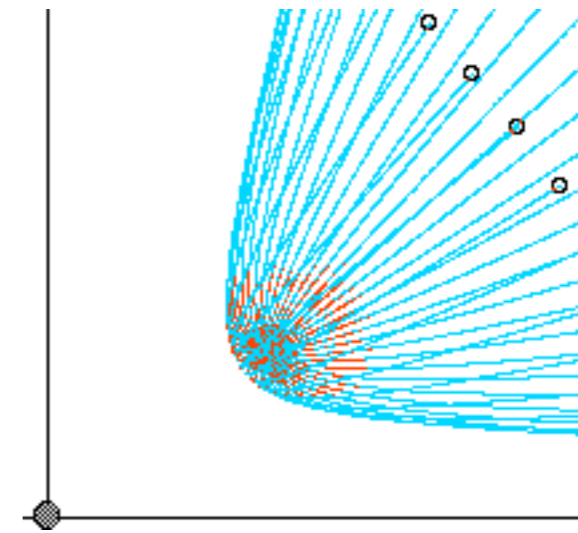


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Ideal comet "heads" or "tails" in solar wind

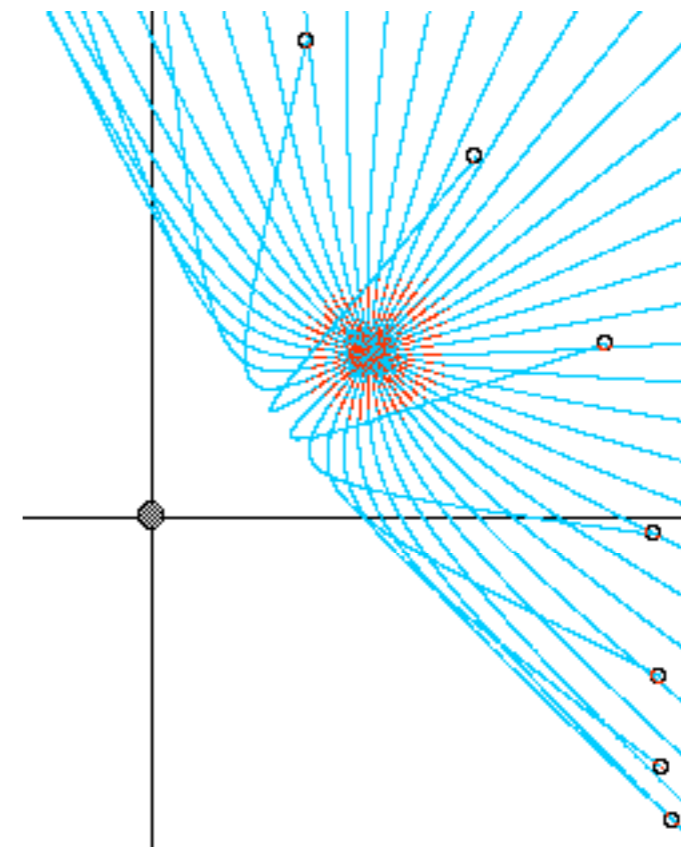
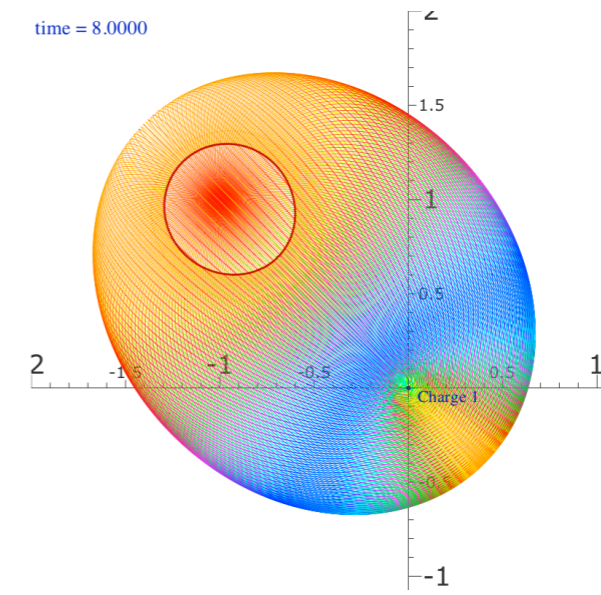
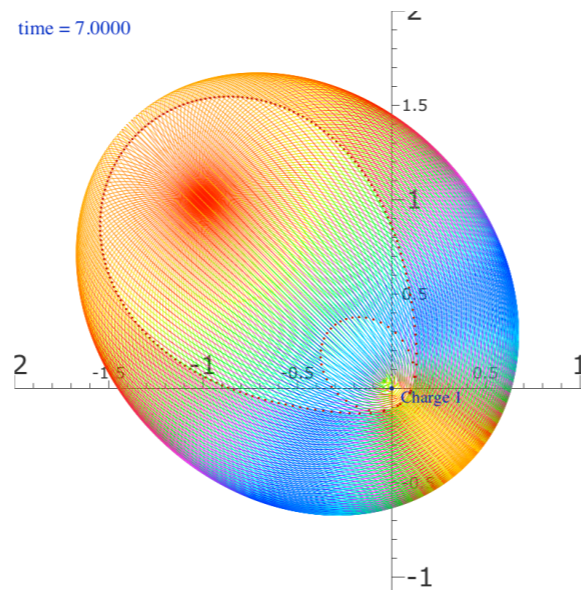
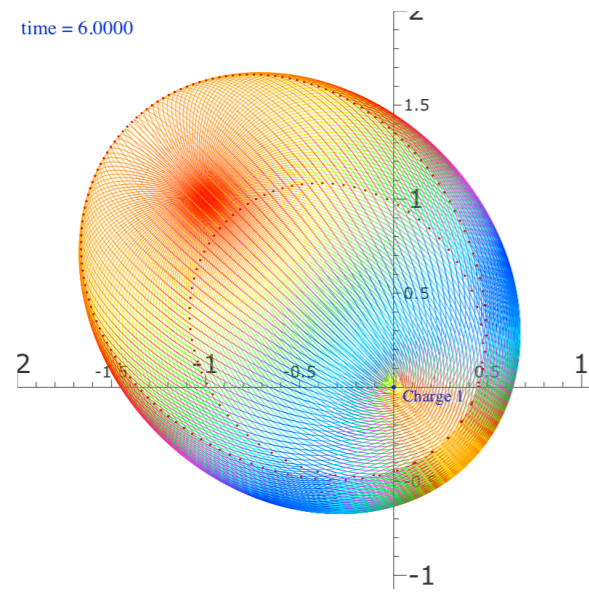
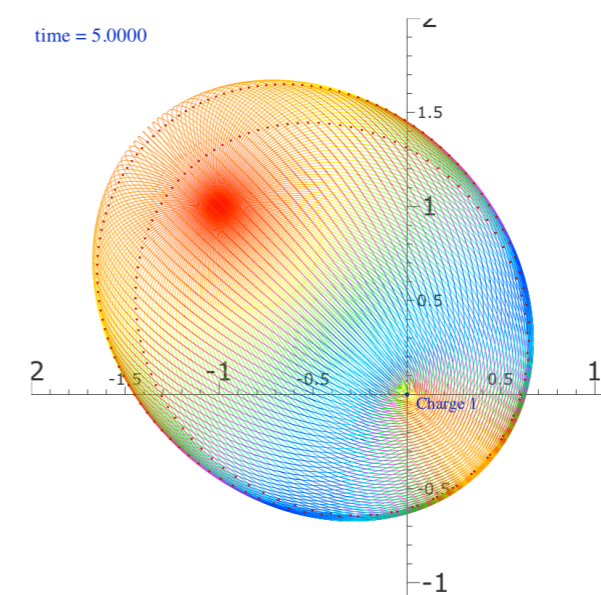
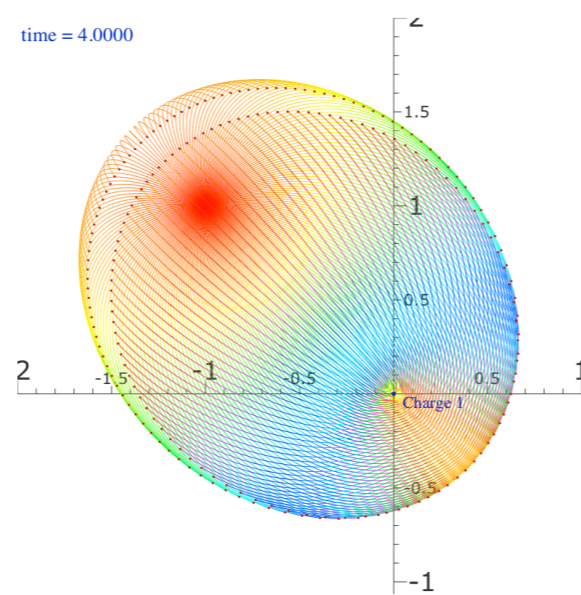
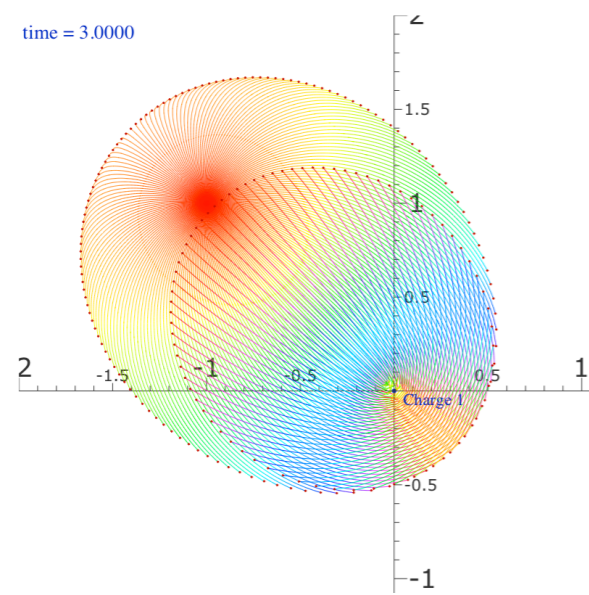
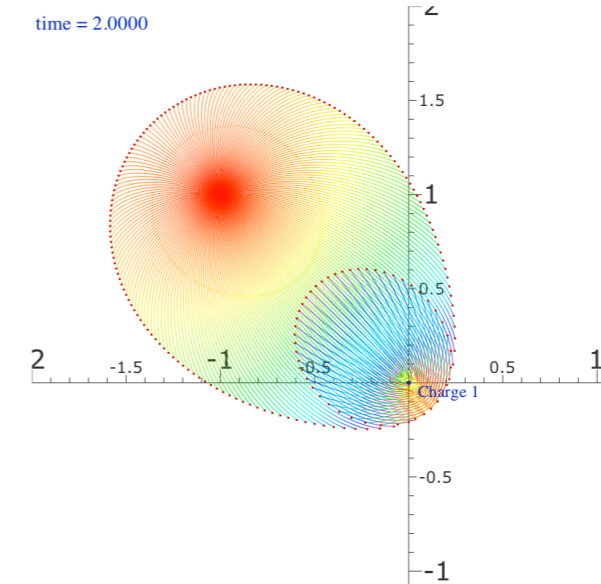
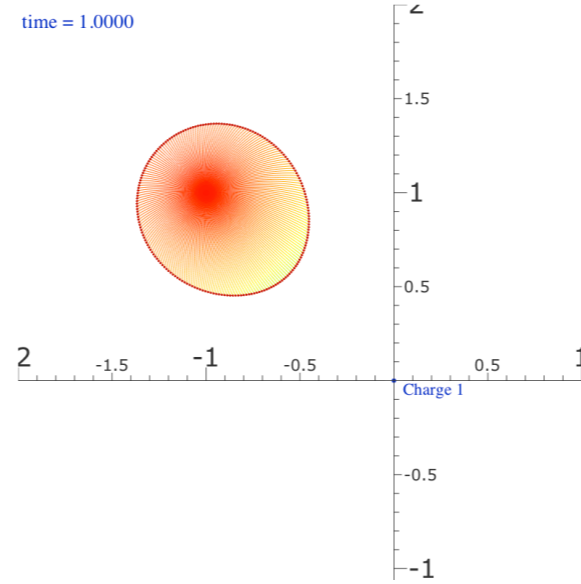
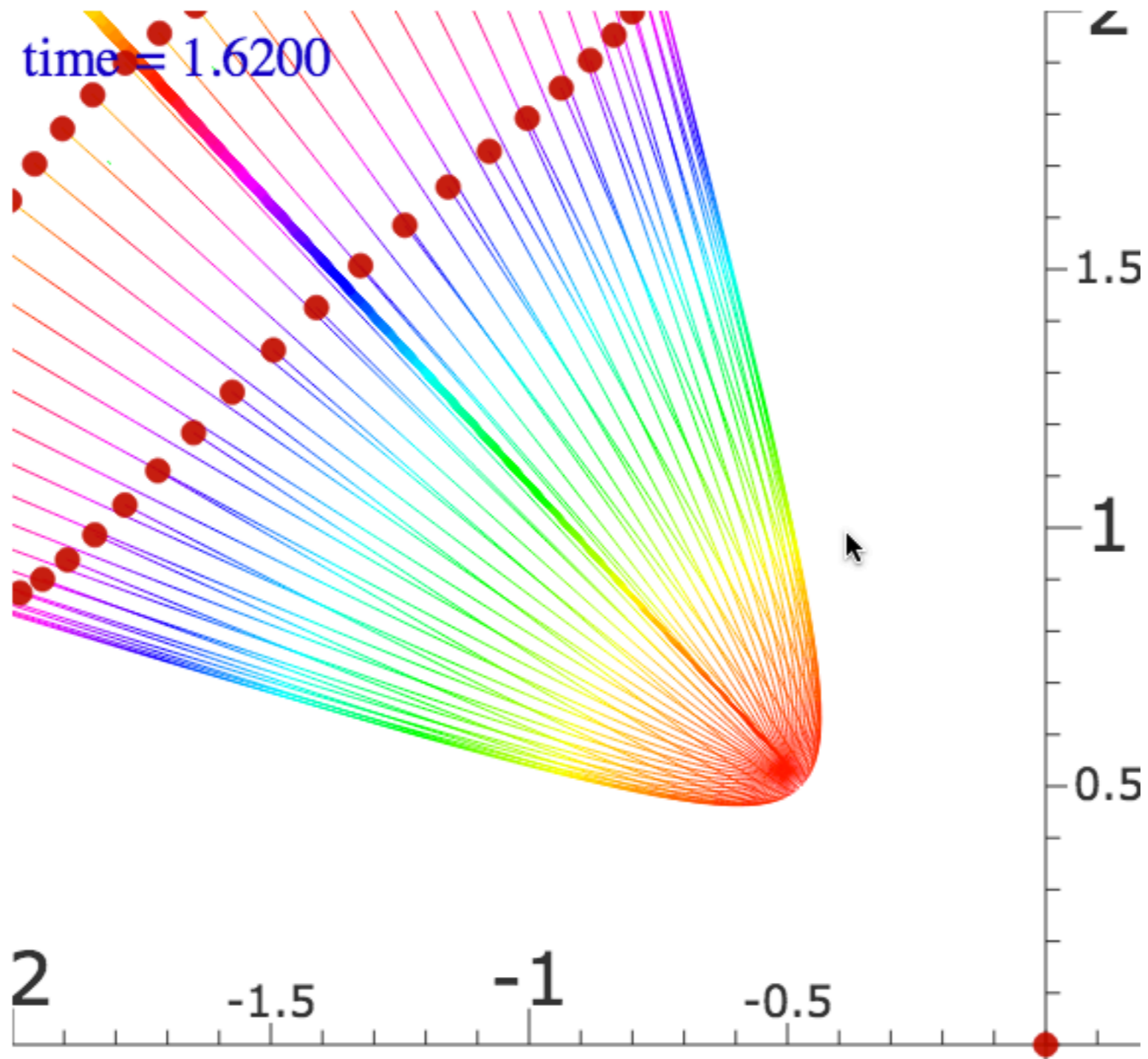


Fig. 5.4.5 in Unit 5 of CMwBANG!

CoulIt Web Simulation Attractive Coulomb Burst





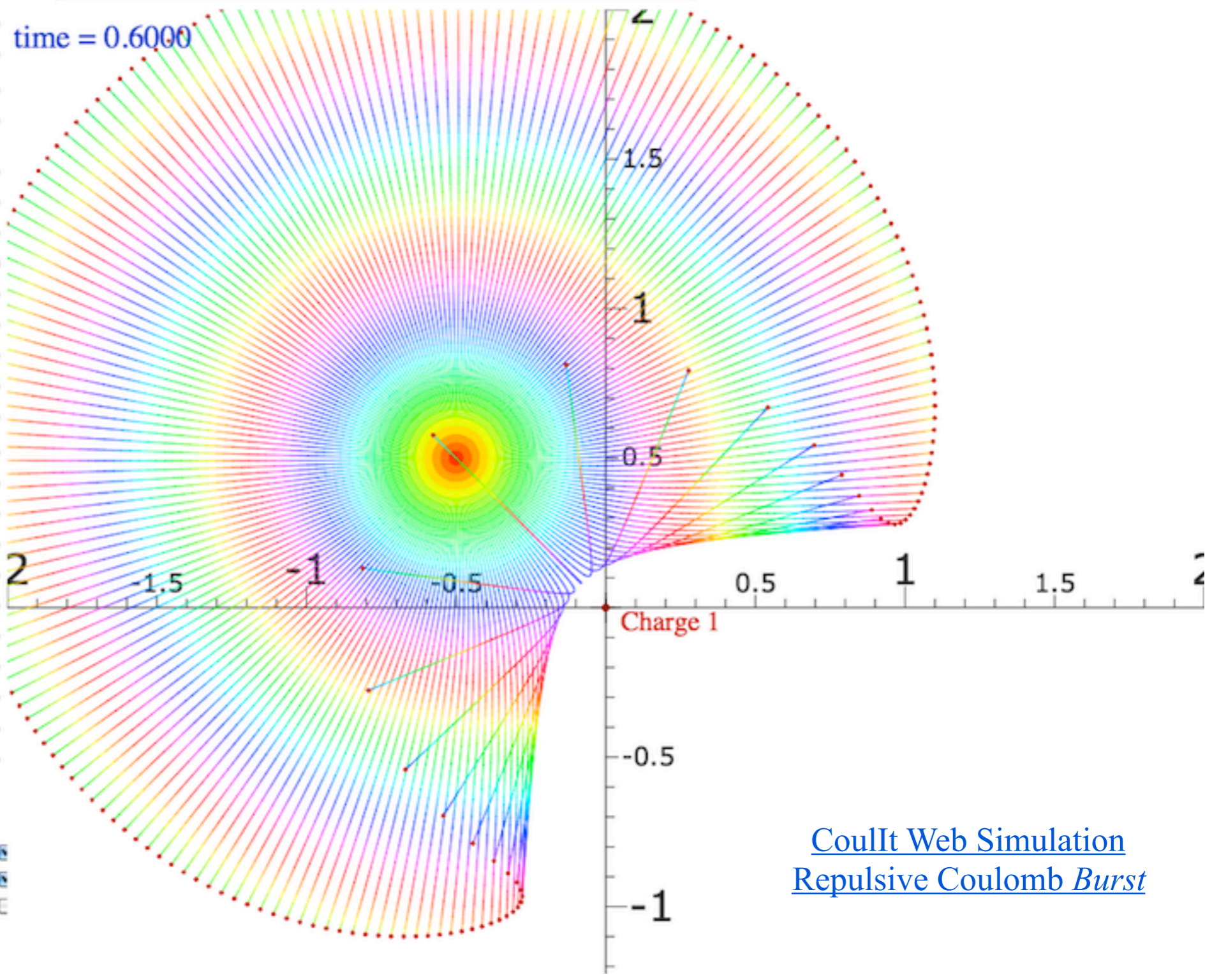
[CoulIt Web Simulation Repulsive
Coulomb Burst - Tight](#)

Main Control Toggle Local Pause Reset T=0 Erase Paths

- Initial position $x(0) = -0.5$
- Initial position $y(0) = 0.5$
- Initial momentum $p(0) = 2.7$
- Initial momentum $\phi(0) = 90$

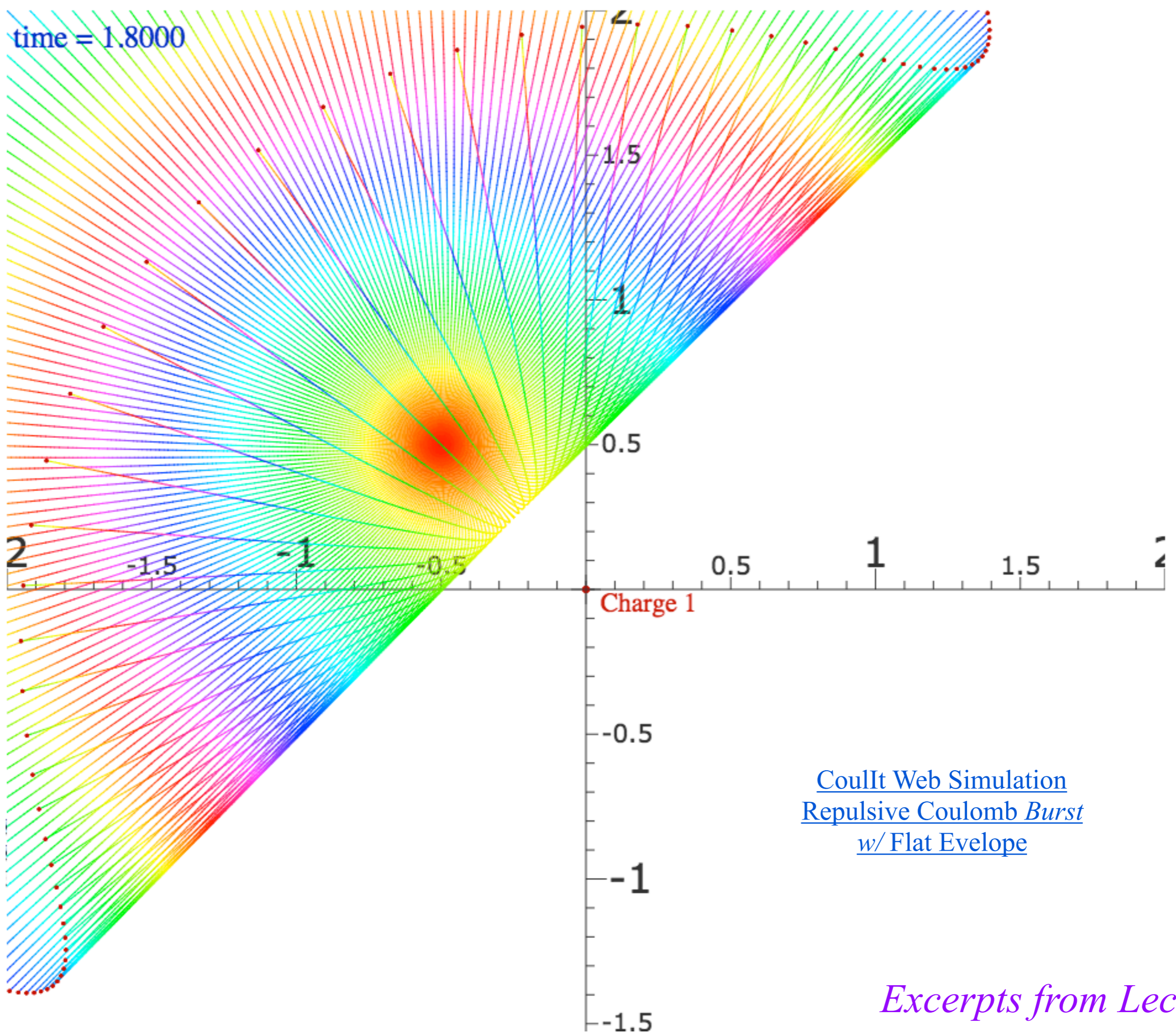
- Terminal time $t(\text{off}) = 0.6$
- Maximum step size $dt = 0.01$
- Start launch angle $\phi_1 = -180$
- Start launch angle $\phi_2 = 180$
- Number of burst paths = 200
- Charge of Nucleus 1 = 0.5
- x-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0
- y-Position of Nucleus 1 = 0
- Charge of Nucleus 2 = 0
- Coulomb (k_{12}) = -1
- Core thickness $r = 1e-32$
- 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 = 256
- Color quantization bands = 2
- Fractional Error (e^{-x}), $x = 8$
- Particle Size = 1

- 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
- Save to GIF



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time = 1.8000



CouIt Web Simulation
Repulsive Coulomb *Burst*
w/ Flat Envelope

Excerpts from Lect. 27

Eccentricity vector ϵ and (ϵ, λ) -geometry of orbital mechanics

Analytic geometry derivation of ϵ -construction

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

Detailed ruler & compass construction of ϵ -vector and orbits

($R = -0.375$ elliptic orbit)

($R = +0.5$ hyperbolic orbit)

Properties of Coulomb trajectory families and envelopes

➔ *Graphical ϵ -development of orbits*

Launch angle fixed-Varied launch energy

Launch energy fixed-Varied launch angle

➔ *Launch optimization and orbit family envelopes*

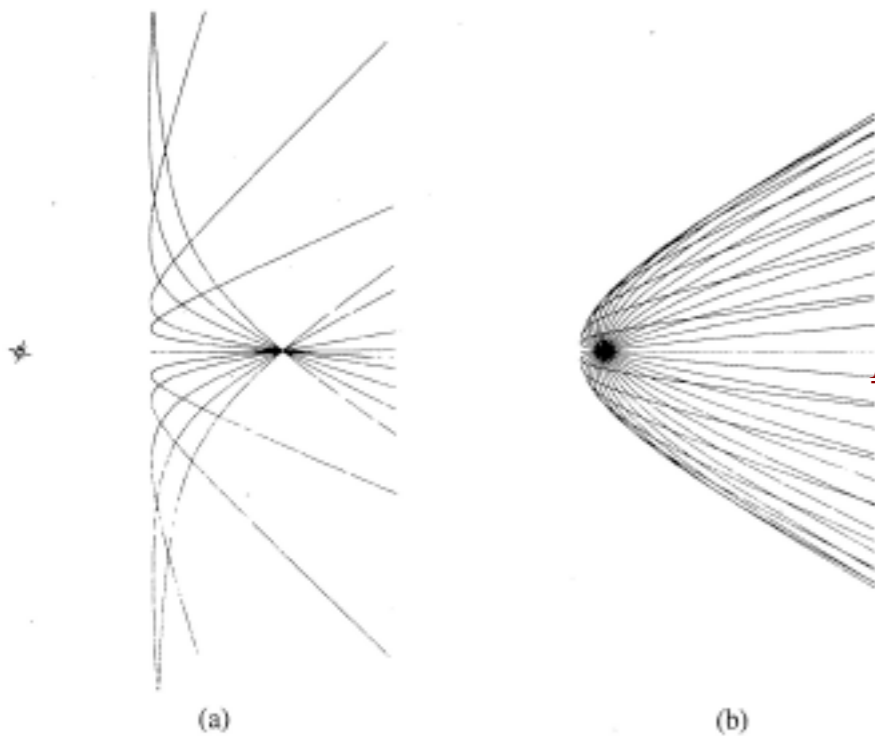
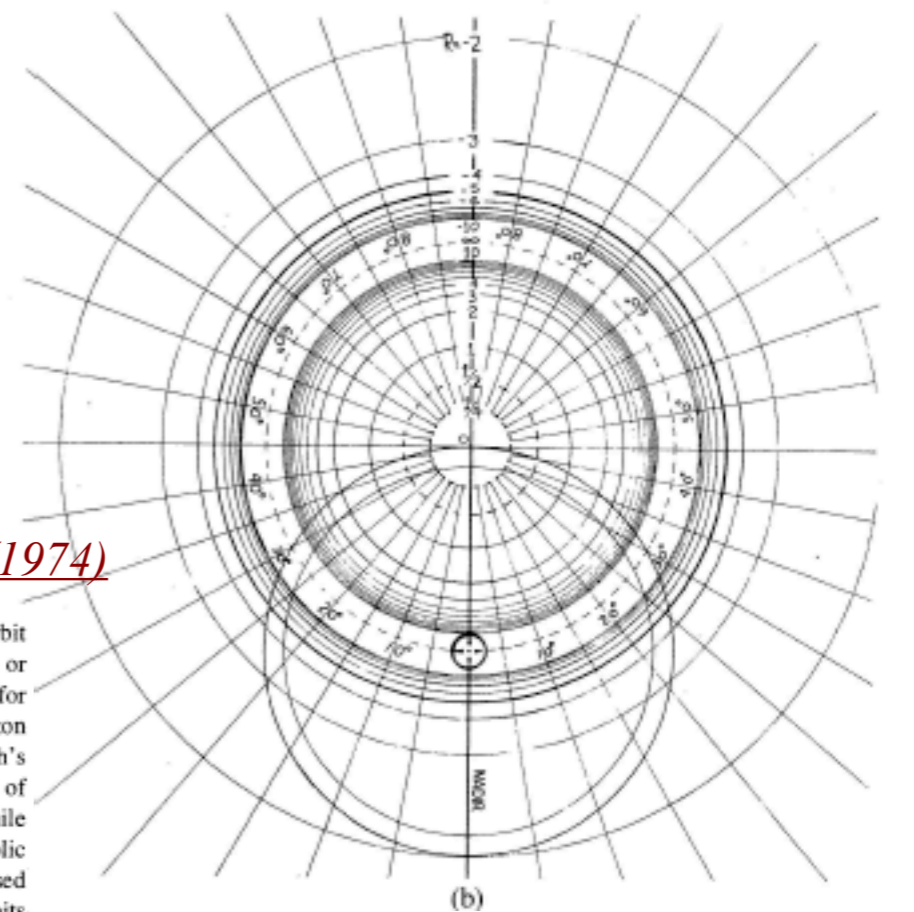
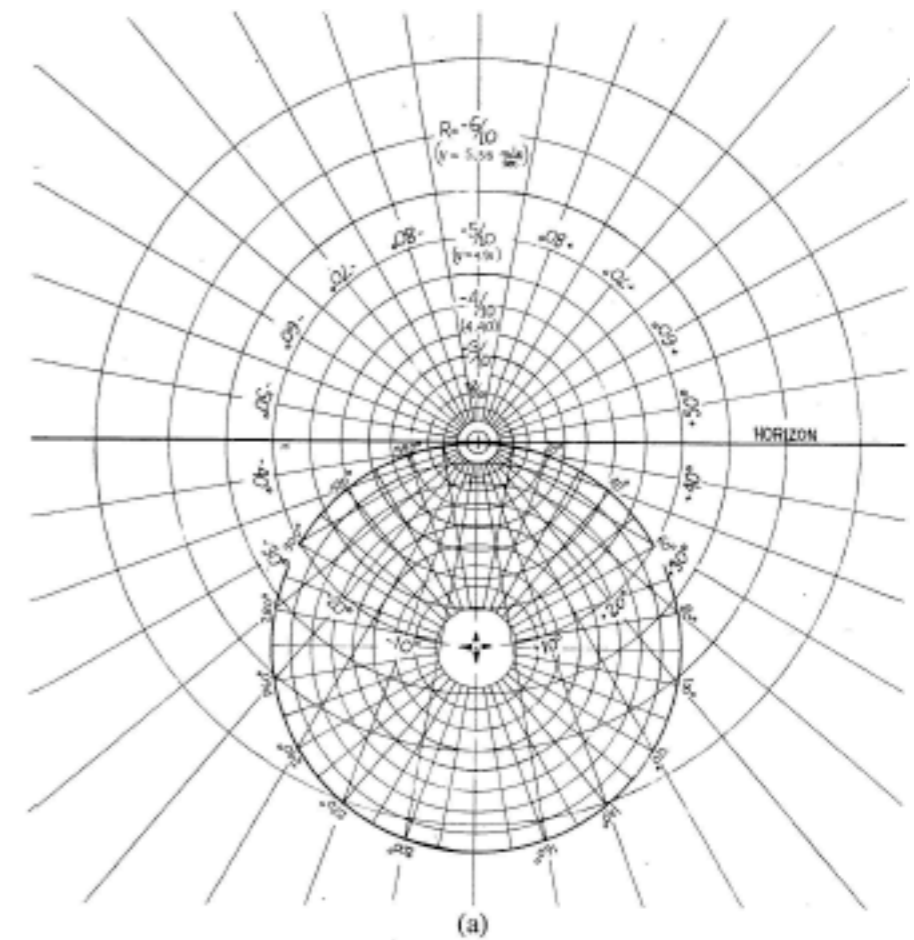


Fig. 11. Sample computer trajectories. (a) Family of hyperbolic orbits with $R = 1$. (b) Family of hyperbolic orbits with $R < 1$.



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Fig. 7. Coordinate grids for orbital analog computers. (a) Elliptical orbit scale ($0 > R > -1$). This can be used with the apparatus in Figs. 8 or 9. Radial lines marked $\pm 10^\circ, \pm 20^\circ, \dots$, are each the focus locus for orbits with an initial velocity $\pm 10^\circ, \pm 20^\circ, \dots$, above the horizon line. The circle marked $20^\circ, 40^\circ, \dots, 340^\circ$ can be taken as the Earth's surface, or any circle inside this one can be taken to be the surface of any celestial body. The R values apply correctly in either case, while the velocity values are marked for the former case only. (b) Hyperbolic orbit scale ($0 < R < \infty$) and ($-\infty < R < -1$). This can only be used with the apparatus shown in Fig. 9. Outer circles locate foci for orbits of particles attracted to the force center, while inner circles locate foci for orbits in a repulsive field. In either case a radial line marked $\pm 10^\circ, \pm 20^\circ, \dots$, is the focus locus for an orbit with the initial velocity an angle $\pm 10^\circ, \pm 20^\circ, \dots$, above the nadir line.

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 ($k > 0$).

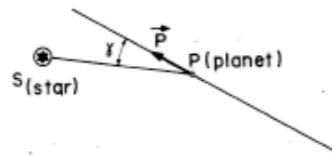


Fig. 1. Initial position and momentum must be given before construction of the resulting orbit is possible.

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

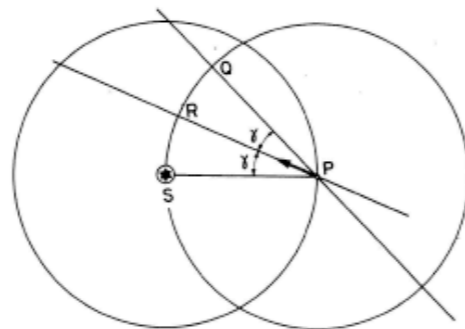


Fig. 2. Doubling the angle between the momentum and the position vectors gives a line QP which must contain the orbit focus.

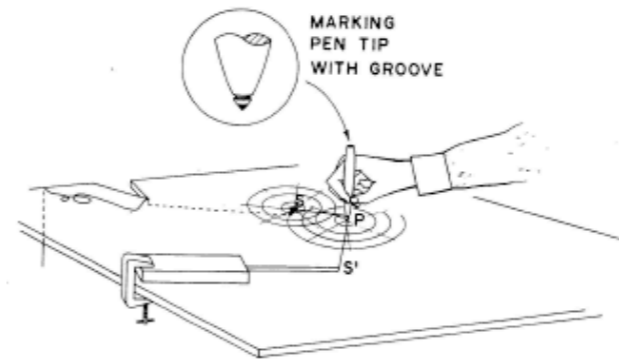


Fig. 8. Orbital computer design: cheaper model that computes elliptical orbits only using the scale of Fig. 7(a). A Plexiglas sheet that is about 1/8 in. thick has a string hole at the orbit's center. A transparency (Xerox, 3-M, etc.) of Fig. 7(a) is taped in position on the underside. (Caution: One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

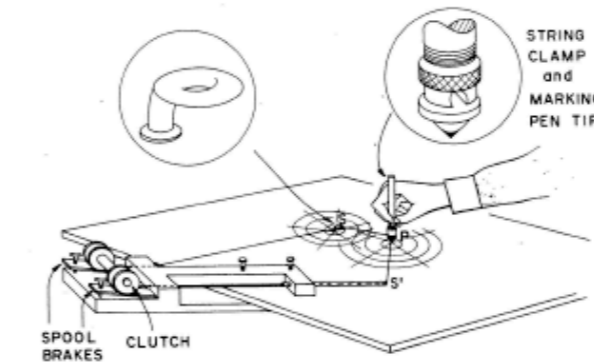


Fig. 9. Orbital computer design: a more elaborate model that computes general Coulomb orbits. The ellipse drawing mode is obtained when, first, the clamp is opened to allow the string to slide and then the spool brakes are tightened after the initial adjustment has been made with the use of the scale 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.)

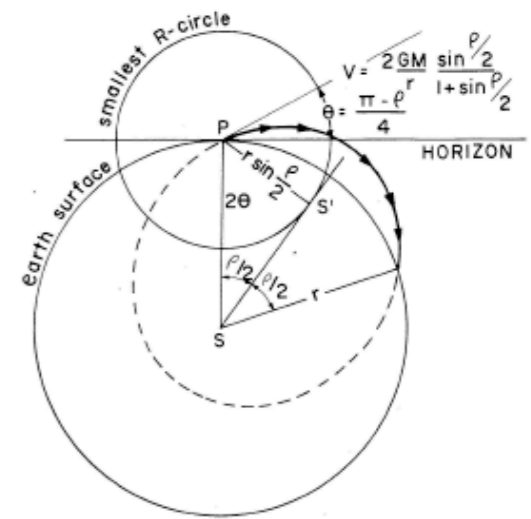


Fig. 10. Sample computer trajectory problem. One finds the minimum-energy trajectory for a given range ρ . Initial velocity v and θ follow easily from the geometry of the computer scale in Fig. 7(a).

tightened and the string clamp on the marking pen is loosened.

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