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The enclosed MSC Internal Note No. 70-FM-11 documents the detailed program logic for the real-time computation of translunar midcourse for lunar flyby. The major changes in the logic, as compared to the current program, are:

1. Simplification of the computations for a fully-optimized lunar flyby midcourse.
2. Computation of a first guess for the height of perilune for a midcourse at a time less than 15 hours from perilune.

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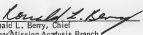
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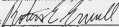
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SUMMARY

The supervisor logic for the flyby modes of the Apollo 14 translunar MCC processor for the RTOC contains three distinct options. After an explanation of the underlying trajectory analysis, the use and limitations of each option are briefly discussed.

INTRODUCTION

The translunar midcourse correction processor will be used during the translunar coast of Apollo 14 to correct dispersions in the nominal trajectory or, if necessary, to compute alternate lunar missions. The flyby options presented below supersede those set down in the reference (i.e., options 6 and 7).

Circumlunar free-return lunar flybys can be categorized as follows.

- (a) Return-to-nominal lunar flyby
- (b) Alternate mission lunar flyby following a large dispersion in TLI
- (c) Fuel-critical lunar flyby (minimum  $\Delta V$ ) to an unspecified landing
- (d) Fuel-critical lunar flyby to a desired longitude at earth landing

The return-to-nominal flyby is already available under the free-return, fixed LPG, BAP option of the midcourse processor. The three flyby options presented in the current work were designed to efficiently

compute free-return lunar flybys in categories (b) through (d), respectively, without depending upon preflight data. These options are as follows: option 8 - SPS flyby to a specified  $INCL_{fr}$  and a desired longitude of earth landing with a specified  $H_{pl}$ ; option 9A - fully optimum RCS flyby; and option 9B - optimized RCS flyby to a desired inclination of free return. This document contains separate flow diagrams of each of these options and a brief description of their use and limitations.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

BAP	best adaptive path
$H_{pl}$	height of perilune
$INCL_{fr}$	inclination of free return
IVTL	inclination of vehicle plane to lunar orbit plane
LOI	lunar orbit insertion
LPO	lunar parking orbit
MCC	midcourse correction maneuver
MED	manual entry device
RCS	reaction control system
RTCC	Real-Time Computer Complex
SPS	service propulsion system
TLI	translunar injection
TLMC	first guess logic for $\Delta V$ , $\Delta \gamma$ , $\Delta \phi$ of the midcourse maneuver
V	velocity
$\gamma$	flight-path angle
$\Delta$	change or difference
$\phi_{pl}$	latitude of perilune
$\phi$	azimuth



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The vector offset method of simulating integrated trajectories with a conic trajectory computer is common to all three flyby modes. This technique makes possible the optimization of small midcourse maneuvers. It also provides an excellent first guess mechanism for larger maneuvers.

The vector offset method is best described as the missing link between conic and integrated trajectories. Beginning with a state vector in translunar coast, a midcourse maneuver is computed to transfer the spacecraft to a conic circumlunar free-return trajectory. Next, an integrated free-return trajectory is computed such that the trajectory passes through the same perilune position as the conic trajectory. The discrepancy between the conic and integrated trajectories is reflected in the difference in their respective midcourse maneuvers ( $\Delta V$ ,  $\Delta Y$ ,  $\Delta \phi$ ). An auxiliary state  $S'$  is built according to

$$S' = S_2C - \Delta V_I, \Delta Y_I, \Delta \phi_I \quad (1)$$

where  $S_2C$  is the state after the conic midcourse and  $\Delta V_I$ ,  $\Delta Y_I$ , and  $\Delta \phi_I$  are integrated values. When  $S'$  is temporarily substituted for the premidcourse state vector and the integrated midcourse maneuver is applied, then the result will propagate conically to the precision end conditions. This method allows minimization of the integrated maneuver with conic trajectories.

Since the end conditions change (because of optimization), the original bias or offset may be slightly in error. When appropriate, a revised  $S'$  may be built using the new end conditions, and the optimization is repeated.

The midcourse maneuver obtained using  $S'$  and conic trajectories serves as an excellent first guess for sending the true premidcourse state on an integrated free-return trajectory to the desired end conditions.

OPTION 8 - SPS LUNAR FLYBY TO SPECIFIED INCL<sub>pr</sub>  
AND A DESIRED LONGITUDE OF EARTH LANDING

Option 8 (flow chart 1) will normally be called when TLI cutoff is so far from nominal that the required  $\Delta V_{acc}$  precludes a lunar orbit mission. This option does not involve optimization.

The longitude at earth landing depends upon the total mission time free return, which in turn is determined by the altitude at perilune. A 100-n. mi. increase in perilune altitude increases the total mission time by approximately 2 hours and moves the longitude of earth landing westward by approximately  $33^\circ$ . The specified inclination of free return may be any value greater than the declination of the moon (at the time of perilune passage) plus  $5^\circ$ . A distinction is made between ascending and descending returns.

Applicability of option B is limited solely by the  $\Delta V$  capability of the SPS. However, for large dispersions,  $\Delta V_{\text{acc}}$  increases rapidly with delay times. Thus, for large maneuvers, this option will be exercised early in the translunar coast.

The detailed flow of the computational steps in option B is given in flow chart 1. Beginning with an initial state vector in translunar coast phase, conic TMC (step 1) is used to provide first guesses for computation of a conic flyby (step 2) to obtain the perilune latitude ( $e_{\text{split}}$ ) associated with the lowest possible inclination of free return.

In step 3, an integrated trajectory is converged to a latitude of perilune either  $2^\circ$  north or  $2^\circ$  south of  $e_{\text{split}}$  depending on whether an ascending or descending inclination of return has been specified. A conic free return (step 4) is then converged with the same latitude and height of perilune as step 3. Following this, another conic free return (step 5) is converged with the inclination of return and height of perilune identical to step 3. When step 5 is complete, the postmidcourse state vector ( $S_2C$ ) of step 5 and the midcourse components of step 3 are used to compute the offset state vector according to the equation

$$S' = S_2C - \Delta \dot{X}_T, \Delta \dot{Y}_T, \Delta \dot{Z}_T$$

First guesses are computed for step 6 as follows.

$$S_2C \text{ (polarform)} - S' \text{ (polarform)} = \Delta V, \Delta \gamma, \Delta \phi$$

Step 6 is a conic free return that converges with the desired inclination of return and height of perilune using the premidcourse state vector  $S'$ . This step is not optimized. Step 7 uses the original premidcourse state vector and converges with the same conditions as the previous step. This final step produces the precision midcourse maneuver for the specified free-return trajectory conditions.

Steps 1 through 6 are used to provide first guesses for the final step and to insure that a distinction is made between ascending and descending returns. The results are excellent. Rarely are more than

two iterations required for step 7 to converge. The total run time of this scheme is approximately 50 percent of that required if integrated TIME is used to provide first guesses directly to step 7.

#### OPTION 9A - FUEL CRITICAL LUNAR FLYBY

This option (flow chart 2) will determine the cheapest possible (least  $\Delta V$ ) lunar flyby. The only direct trajectory constraints are the inclination of free return, which must be less than  $90^\circ$ , and the minimum and maximum allowable heights of perilune, which are 40 n. mi. and 5000 n. mi., respectively, unless overridden by a MED.

Step 2 computes a conic free-return trajectory which converges to the nominal TLI height of perilune (subject to MED) and an inclination of free return which is  $2^\circ$  greater than the declination of the moon. The latitude of perilune ( $\phi_{split}$ ) obtained from this step is used to separate ascending and descending inclinations of return. Step 3 converges an integrated trajectory to a latitude of perilune  $2^\circ$  north of  $\phi_{split}$ . This is followed by a conic trajectory with the same specifications (step 4). In step 5, a conic trajectory is converged with the same inclination of return as step 3. Next, the offset vector  $S'$  is computed with the same method used in option 8.

The premidcourse state vector  $S'$  is used in steps 6, 7, and 8. Step 6 selects a conic trajectory with an inclination of return identical to that of step 3 and a perilune height between 40 n. mi. and 5000 n. mi. Step 7 optimizes the midcourse maneuver with the inclination of return still fixed. In step 8, the inclination is released to permit complete optimization.

Step 9 used the original premidcourse state vector  $S_1$  and converges an integrated trajectory with the optimum height and inclination of step 8. If the  $\Delta V_{acc}$  of step 9 differs with that of step 8 by more than 1 fps or 3 percent, a new  $S'$  vector will be computed and steps 8 and 9 will be repeated to obtain the prescribed  $\Delta V$  agreement.

Note that the earth landing point obtained from this option depends upon the dispersion involved and usually bears little relation to the nominal impact point.

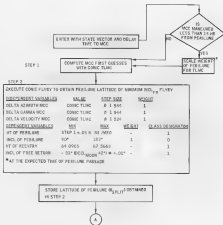
OPTION 9B - OPTIMIZED RCS FLYBY TO A DESIRED  
INCLINATION OF FREE RETURN

This option will normally be used to compute small midcourse corrections if the SPE fails and the fully optimized RCS flyby yields a  $\Delta V_{acc}$  which is well within the RCS capability. This option can be exercised during transunar coast from TLI cutoff plus 3 hours to LOI minus 2 hours. It can also be used for larger maneuvers should the nominal free-return impact point be undesirable.

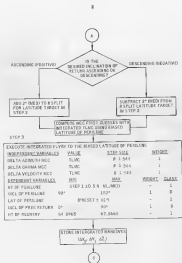
Flow chart 3 gives the detailed flow of option 9B. The first five steps of option 9B are identical to those of option 8. Using the  $S'$  state vector computed with steps 2, 3, and 4, step 6 converges a conic trajectory with the specified inclination of return and a height of perilune that is 20 n. mi. greater than the minimum input value. The standard range of perilune altitude is 40 n. mi. to 5000 n. mi., but these values are subject to MED input. In step 7, the height of perilune is opened up, and the conic trajectory is optimized within the specified limits. With the original premidcourse vector, step 8 converges an integrated trajectory with the specified free-return inclination and the optimum perilune height.

If the  $\Delta V_{acc}$  of step 8 differs with that of step 7 by more than 1 fps or 3 percent, a new  $S'$  vector is computed and steps 7 and 8 are repeated. When the  $\Delta V$  agreement is satisfactory, the program exits.

This option permits the user to compute optimum flybys that return to a desired earth longitude by ranging the limits of perilune altitude or the inclination of return or both. Given an inclination of return, variations in the height of perilune will result in a range of landing longitudes with a corresponding range in midcourse  $\Delta V$ . With a different inclination of return, the same range of earth longitudes is available for a substantially different cost in  $\Delta V$ . The relationship between height of perilune, inclination of return, and midcourse  $\Delta V$  presents several solutions to one problem, some of which are better than others. Repeated use of this option permits a tradeoff to be made between the variables mentioned.



<sup>1</sup>The maximum maximum performed from perihelion mean 15 to to various orbital, the upper limits of perihelion for TLAC and the first three years of each Eddy cycle are listed in Table 10 in the text of the manuscript. Estimated TLJ and perihelion mean 15 to, the length of the orbital TLJ per year is shown in TLAC. From perihelion mean 15 to to perihelion mean, the mean logic decay time by from the TLJ target value is 40 to, in.



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STEP 4

EXECUTE CONIC FLYBY TO THE SAME LATITUDE OF PERILUNE AS STEP 3

INDEPENDENT VARIABLES	VALUE	STEP SIZE	WEIGHT
DELTA AZIMUTH MCC	STEP 2	# 1.544	1
DELTA GAMMA MCC	STEP 2	# 1.544	1
DELTA VELOCITY MCC	STEP 2	# 1.524	1

DEPENDENT VARIABLES	MIN	MAX	HEIGHT	CLASS
HT OF PERILUNE	STEP 1.10.5 N	80,000	-	1
INCL OF PERILUNE	90°	102°	1	0
LAT OF PERILUNE	OSAM AS STEP 30		-	1
INCL OF FREE RETURN	0°	50°	1	0
HT OF REENTRY	64,0965	67,5445	-	1

STEP 5

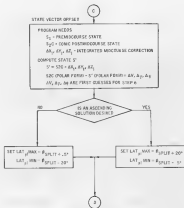
EXECUTE CONIC FLYBY TO SAME INCL OF FREE RETURN AND HEIGHT AS STEP 3

INDEPENDENT VARIABLES	VALUE	STEP SIZE	WEIGHT
DELTA AZIMUTH MCC	STEP 4	# 1.544	1
DELTA GAMMA MCC	STEP 4	# 1.544	1
DELTA VELOCITY MCC	STEP 4	# 1.524	1

DEPENDENT VARIABLES	MIN	MAX	HEIGHT	CLASS
HT OF PERILUNE	STEP 1.10.5 N	80,000	-	1
INCL OF PERILUNE	90°	102°	1	0
INCL OF FREE RETURN	OSW VALUE FROM STEP 3 + .021°		-	1
HT OF REENTRY	64,0965	67,5445	-	1

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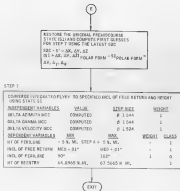


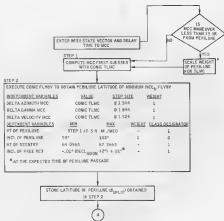
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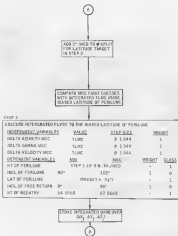
CONVERGE A CONIC FREE RETURN SELECT MODE USING 0° AS THE STATE VECTOR					
DEPENDENT VARIABLES	VALUE	STEP SIZE	WEIGHT		
BETA AZimuth WOC	COMPUTED	# 1 544	1		
BETA GAMMA WOC	COMPUTED	# 1 944	1		
BETA VELOCITY WOC	COMPUTED	# 1 524	1		
DEPENDENT VARIABLES	DES	WAO	NEGAT	CLASS OF SIGNATOR	
HT OF PERIAPSE	- 5 N. MI. WEO	+ 5 N. MI.	-	1	
INCL OF PERIAPSE	90°	351°	1	0	
LAT OF PERIAPSE	FRESET	FRESET	32	0	
WGL OF FREE RETURN	- 01° WEO	+ 01° WEO	-	1	
HT OF APERTURE	64.0845 N. MI.	67.2465	-	1	

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\*The altitude windows performed from perigee when 25 ft to perigee arrival. The tick height of missile for TLMC and the tick time data of each tick occur are varied according to the time of the maneuver. Between TL and perigee about 25 ft, the height of the tick and TL perigee is entered to TLMC. From perigee about 15 ft to continue ascent, the tick height decreases linearly from the TL tick value to 60 ft.



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## STEP 4

EXECUTE CONIC FLYBY TO THE SAME LATITUDE OF PERILUNE AS STEP 3

<u>INDEPENDENT VARIABLES</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>STEP SIZE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	
DELTA AZIMUTH MCC	STEP 2	0.1 544	1	
DELTA GAMMA MCC	STEP 2	0.1 544	1	
DELTA VELOCITY MCC	STEP 2	0.1 524	1	
<u>DEPENDENT VARIABLES</u>	<u>VAL</u>	<u>MAX</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
HT OF PERILUNE	STEP 2 +0.5 0. M /980	-	1	
INCL OF PERILUNE	90°	100°	1	0
LAT OF PERILUNE	PRESET 2: 81°	-	1	
INCL OF FREE RETURN	0°	90°	1	0
HT OF REENTRY	64.0965	67.0665	-	1

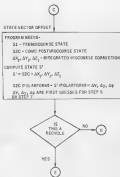
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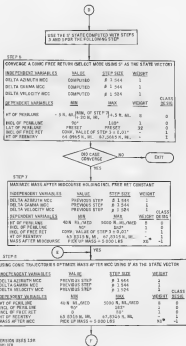
EXECUTE CONIC FLYBY TO SAME INCL. OF FREE RETURN AND HEIGHT AS STEP 3

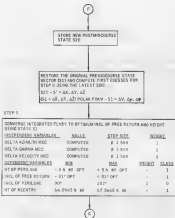
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DELTA AZIMUTH MCC	STEP 4	0.1 544	1	
DELTA GAMMA MCC	STEP 4	0.1 544	1	
DELTA VELOCITY MCC	STEP 4	0.1 524	1	
<u>DEPENDENT VARIABLES</u>	<u>VAL</u>	<u>MAX</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
HT OF PERILUNE	STEP 2 +0.5 0. M /980	-	1	
INCL OF PERILUNE	90°	100°	1	0
INCL OF FREE RETURN	CONV VALUE FROM STEP 3: 81°	-	1	0
HT OF REENTRY	64.0965	67.0665	-	1

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AND POSTPROCESSOR STATE (S2)

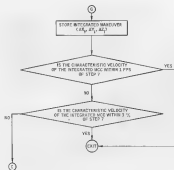
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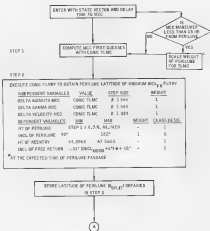




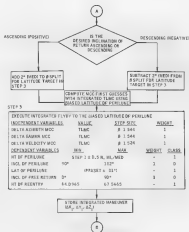




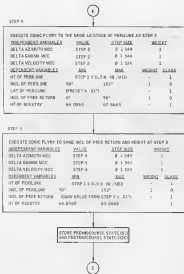




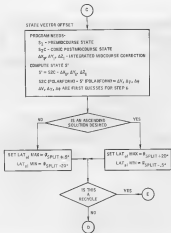
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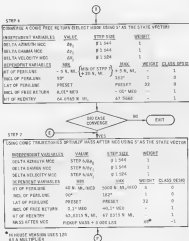


Flow chart 5.- Optimized RES Flyer to a desired inclination of free return - Continued.



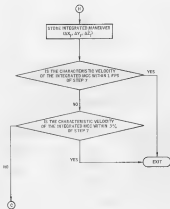
Flow chart 3.- Ephemeris ACS Fly in a desired combination of free return - Continued.





Flow chart 3 - Concept of RCS Fly in a fixed orbit  
of low orbit - Continued





Flow chart 3. - Estimated RCS type is a function of low velocity - Continued.



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