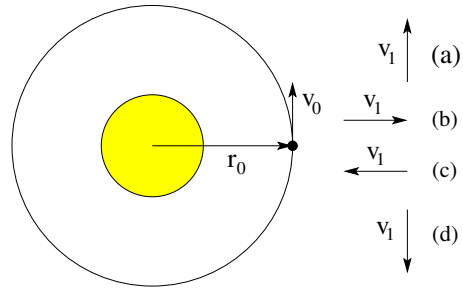


[mex163] Changing orbit by brief rocket boost

A satellite orbits the Earth in a circular orbit of radius r_0 , traveling with velocity \mathbf{v}_0 . Then a rocket on the satellite fires such that it acquires an additional velocity \mathbf{v}_1 of the same magnitude as \mathbf{v}_0 in a very short time. Give a detailed description of the nature of the subsequent orbit of the satellite for the four cases with different directions of \mathbf{v}_1 as shown.



Solution: