

GPS time difference

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The squared time ratio $(dt'/dt'')^2$ between GPS satellite and the surface of the earth is obtained as the followings.

$$(iCdt')^2 = (dS')^2 = (iCdt')^2 + (U'dt')^2$$

$$U'^2 = 2GM/R'$$

R' : The distance between GPS satellite and the center of the earth

R'' : The radius of the earth

dt' : The time passage on GPS satellite

dt'' : The time passage on the surface of the earth

$$(iCdt'')^2 = (dS'')^2 = (iCdt'')^2 + (U''dt'')^2$$

$$U''^2 = 2GM/R''$$

$$\begin{aligned} (dt'/dt'')^2 &= (-C^2 + U'^2) / (-C^2 + U''^2) \\ &= (C^2 - U'^2)(C^2 + U''^2) / (C^4 - U'^4) \end{aligned}$$

$$U'^4/C^4 \ll 1 \quad \text{and} \quad U''^4/C^4 \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} (dt'/dt'')^2 &= (1 - (1/R'' - 1/R')(2GM/C^2)) \\ &= (1 - (1/R'' - 1/R')Rs) \end{aligned}$$

$Rs = 2GM/C^2$: Schwarzschild radius

$$R' = \gamma'Rs, \quad R'' = \gamma''Rs$$

$$(dt'/dt'')^2 = (1 - (1/\gamma'' - 1/\gamma'))$$

$$(1/\gamma'' - 1/\gamma') \ll 1$$

$$dt'/dt'' = 1 - (1/2)(1/\gamma'' - 1/\gamma')$$

$$dt'' - dt' = (1/2)(1/\gamma'' - 1/\gamma')dt''$$

$$dt'' - dt' = (1/2)(1/R'' - 1/R')Rsdt''$$

The time difference $(dt'' - dt')$ between the GPS satellite and the surface of the earth occurs during the time dt'' on the surface.