

ADVANCED DYNAMICS — PHY 4241/5227
SOLUTIONS – SET 11

(39) For constant α :

$$t_2 - t_1 = \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \cosh(\alpha\tau) d\tau = \alpha^{-1} [\sinh(\alpha\tau_2) - \sinh(\alpha\tau_1)] .$$

With $\alpha^{-1} = c/g = 3 \times 10^8 / 9.81 [s]$, $\tau_2 = 5 [y]$, $\tau_1 = 0 [y]$, $1 [y] = 365 \times 24 \times 3600 [s]$ one finds $t_2 - t_1 = 84.12 [y]$. The same for the other three sections of the trip. Therefore, the year on earth is $2020 + 4 \times 84.12 = 2020 + 336.47 \rightarrow 2356$.