

Time correction in GPS SVs

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$$t = t_{SV} - \Delta t_{SV} \quad (1)$$

where

- t = GPS system time at message transmission time (seconds)
- hereafter called *system time*
- t_{SV} = effective SV PRN code phase time at message transmission time (seconds)
- hereafter called *SV clock time*
- Δt_{SV} = SV PRN code phase time offset (seconds)
- hereafter called *SV clock offset*

The *SV clock offset* is given by

$$\Delta t_{SV} = a_{f0} + a_{f1} (t - t_{oc}) + a_{f2} (t - t_{oc})^2 + \Delta t_r \quad (2)$$

where

- t_{oc} = the clock data reference time in seconds, the GPS system time when the parameters a_{f0} , a_{f1} and a_{f2} were updated
- a_{f0} = the *SV clock offset* at the time t_{oc} , (*seconds*) maximum value ca 1 *ms*
- a_{f1} = the SV clock rate error, (*sec/sec*)
- a_{f2} = the rate of change of the SV clock rate error, (*sec/sec²*)
- Δt_r = the relativistic correction term, (*seconds*)

$$\Delta t_r = Fe\sqrt{A} \sin E_k \quad (3)$$

where

- F = a constant = $-4.442807633 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{sec}{\sqrt{meter}}$
- e = the eccentricity of the orbit, given in the ephemeris, (*dimensionless*)
- \sqrt{A} = square root of the semi major axis, given in the ephemeris, (\sqrt{metres})
- E_k = Eccentric Anomaly, calculated from the ephemeris, (*radians*)

The relativistic correction Δt_r is due to the eccentricity of the orbit. The radius of the orbit will vary around the orbit, and the relativistic correction will deviate from the nominal value $-4.4647 \cdot 10^{-10}$ around the orbit.