

## Orekit - Bug #351

### PartialDerivativesEquations does not work with non-Cartesian elements

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<b>Target version:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
<p>Using PDE with the propagator's orbitType set to a non-Cartesian value does not produce meaningful results. See the discussion on the dev list: <a href="https://www.orekit.org/www/arc/orekit-developers/2017-08/msg00010.html">https://www.orekit.org/www/arc/orekit-developers/2017-08/msg00010.html</a></p> <p>One workaround is to compute the STM in Cartesian elements and then transform it to the desired element set using equation 7.32 in Montenbruck &amp; Gill:</p> $\text{STM}(\text{Keplerian}) = \text{d}(\text{kep})/\text{d}(\text{cart}) * \text{STM}(\text{Cartesian}) * (\text{d}(\text{kep})/\text{d}(\text{cart}) )^{-1}$ <p>Another workaround is to use a FieldNumericalPropagator with the orbitType set to the desired value, and then extract the STM from the final orbital elements.</p>			