

Newton is the "Last Word" on Orbits

Kepler: EMPIRICAL LAWS

- Based solely on a simple description
- Predictions enabled, - but -
- Not an explanation (what? not why?)

NEWTON

- peculiar historical background
- precociousness
- Galileo influence, etc.

Newton's Laws (Physics 221) address in full generality - motions of point-masses

- subject to external forces
- \* - separability of orthogonal directions

1- motion continues at constant velocity (speed + direction) unless a force acts (ie. gravity, friction...)

2- Change in velocity is proportional to force, in same direction as force, inversely with mass

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

3- Action = - Reaction  $\vec{F}_1 = -\vec{F}_2$   $m_1\vec{a}_1 = -m_2\vec{a}_2$

Universal Gravitation

- Gravity is a universal, attractive force between bodies.
- depends solely on mass and
- distance:

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

unit vector in radial dir.  
inverse square law

note:  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ , so  $\vec{a} = -\hat{r} \frac{GM}{r^2}$  is grav. accel.

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measured value on Earth:  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Hold this thought.

Newton on orbital motion

Calculus = instantaneous change

- $v_r$  is motion, radially, towards or away from  $\oplus$
- $v_\theta \perp \vec{r}$ , so no force effects from gravity.

$\therefore$  orbiting body (ie. Moon) is in perpetual free-fall

simplest case: circular motion  
constant centrifugal balance

no net radial acceleration

\* Force balance = no net force = constant ENERGY } conservation of energy, momentum (7)

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$E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{GMm}{r}$  (8)  
 $\mu = \frac{M_1 M_2}{M_1 + M_2}$

Inward force (gravity) = outward force (centrif. accel)

$$m \frac{GM}{r^2} = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$v_c^2 = \frac{GM}{r}; \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}} \text{ is circular velocity}$$

orbital period =  $\frac{2\pi r}{v}$

dep. on orbit size  
 • Mass of dominant object

So  $\frac{2\pi r}{P} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$

$$4\pi^2 r^3 = \frac{GM}{P^2} P^2 \rightarrow \boxed{P^2/r^3 = \frac{4\pi^2}{GM}}$$

• Only works for moon if acceleration drops w/  $r^2$   
 • this is genesis of "inverse square law" for gravity

Look familiar?  
Kepler #3! ( $M = M_{\odot}$ )  
 ( $= M_1 + M_2$ )

• Newton's Laws + U.G. can also derive

Kepler #1 and Kepler #2!

↳ universal laws + def. of mass, accel, etc shows underlying "cause" of Kepler's Laws

plan 1 solutions to  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$  in general produce

- orbits that are all conic sections,
- center of mass at one focus

Kepler 1, cont'd

Conic Sections

- ellipse • bound orbit
- neg. total energy
- planets
- $e=0$  (circular orbit) a special case
- parabola • 0 total energy
- "just" unbound
- comets
- hyperbola • + total energy
- unbound
- material ejected from s.s.

\* Water Fountain → jet shape? \*

Kepler 2

↳ "simply" conservation of angular momentum  
 $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$ ,  $\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = 0$   
 $mvr = m r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \text{const}$   
 $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \dot{\theta} \rightarrow m r^2 \dot{\theta} = \text{const}$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{const}$

Escape Velocity?

$E_{tot} = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 \geq \frac{GMm}{r}$$

$$v \geq \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{r}}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \text{ (injection rate from } z=0, v=0)$$

$$\int_0^r \frac{GM}{r'^2} dr' = \frac{GM}{r}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{2GM}{r}$$

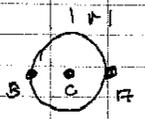
$$v = \sqrt{2GM/r}$$

"Point masses" vs. Macroscopic Bodies

Tidal Forces

- important for studying details of planetary / satellite interiors
- orbital evolution via transfer of orbital energy into deformations, rotational energy, and vice-versa

Differential Gravitational force



$$F_c = \frac{GMm}{R^2} \quad F_A = \frac{GMm}{(R-r)^2} \quad F_B = \frac{GMm}{(R+r)^2}$$

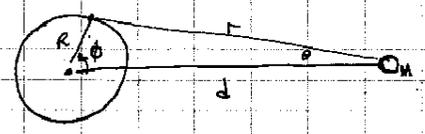
Force difference between A & C

$$\begin{aligned} F_A - F_c &= GMm \cdot \left( \frac{1}{(R-r)^2} - \frac{1}{R^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{GMm}{R^2} \left( \frac{R^2 - (R-r)^2}{R^2(R^2 - 2rR + r^2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{GMm}{R^2} \left( \frac{R^2 - R^2 + 2rR - r^2}{R^2 - 2rR + r^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{GMm}{R^2} \left( \frac{2rR - r^2}{R^2 - 2rR + r^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $\frac{r}{R} \ll 1$

$$\approx \frac{GMm}{R^2} \cdot 2 \frac{r}{R}$$

More generally



$$a_{core} = -\frac{GM}{d^2} \quad a_{surf} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{d - R \cos \phi}{r} \Rightarrow a_{surf} = \frac{GM}{d^2} \left[ \frac{d^3}{r^3} - \frac{d^2}{r^3} R \cos \phi - 1 \right]$$

$$a_{surf} - a_{core} = -\frac{GM}{d^2} \left[ \frac{d^3}{r^3} - \frac{d^2}{r^3} R \cos \phi - 1 \right]$$

note  $d = r \cos \theta + R \cos \phi$

if  $\theta$  small,  $\frac{d}{r} \approx 1 + \frac{R}{r} \cos \phi$

$$\frac{d^2}{r^2} \approx 1 + 2 \frac{R}{r} \cos \phi + \frac{R^2}{r^2} \cos^2 \phi$$

$$\frac{d^3}{r^3} \approx 1 + 3 \frac{R}{r} \cos \phi + 3 \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^2 \cos^2 \phi + \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \cos^3 \phi$$

but  $\theta$  small means  $\frac{R}{r}$  small, so can go!

$$a_{surf} - a_{core} = -\frac{GM}{d^2} \left[ 1 + 3 \frac{R}{r} \cos \phi - 1 - 2 \frac{R}{r} \cos \phi \right]$$

$$= -\frac{GM}{d^2} \left[ \frac{R}{r} \cos \phi \right]$$

$$= -\frac{GM}{d^2} \left[ 2 \frac{R \cos \phi}{r} \right] = -\frac{2GM}{d^3} R \cos \phi$$

Compare tidal accel. to grav. accel. (M)

$\Delta a$

$g = \frac{Gm}{r^2}$

$\Delta a = \frac{2GMr}{d^3} \cos\phi$

$\frac{\Delta a}{g} = \frac{2M}{m} \frac{r^3}{d^3} \cos\phi$

Moon tide  $\approx 2.8 \times 10^{-8}$   
earth g

Very small!

When is  $\Delta a = g$ ?

$d = \left[ \frac{2M r^3}{m} \right]^{1/3}$  but  $m = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_m$   
 $d = \left[ \frac{2M \cdot 3}{4\pi \rho_m} \right]^{1/3} = \left[ \frac{R^3 \left( \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m} \right)}{2} \right]^{1/3}$   
 and  $M = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho_p$

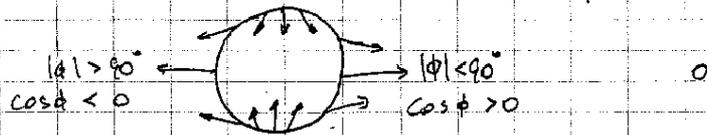
$d = 1.26 R \left( \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m} \right)$   
 the "Roche Distance"

MORE GENERALLY

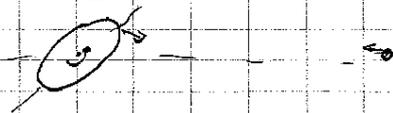
TIDES  $\rightarrow$  DEFORMATION  
 (non-central effective potential)

• 1 day = 1 mo = 27 current days in distant future (when?)  
 • Moon  $\rightarrow$  Earth much closer in past!

The "tidal bulge" net effect of tidal force/accel



- stretches out to "football" shape, pointing at companion
- If rotating non-synchronously, bulge pushes "ahead" of direct line of centers



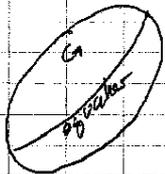
- $\rightarrow$  net torque pulls companion along
- $\rightarrow$  add orbital energy at expense of rotational energy

- $\therefore \rightarrow$  orbit of (moon) moves out (longer period via Kepler's)
- $\rightarrow$  rotation of (planet) slows
- currently, month lengthening  $\approx 0.014$ /century

- $\therefore \rightarrow$  rotation of (planet) slows (moon already synchronous)  $\oplus$  day lengthening by  $0.0015$ /century

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Another effect -  $\oplus$  rotation tilted w.r.t. Moon orbit.



- rotational flattening @ poles  $\rightarrow \oplus$

- moon exerts a torque on equatorial bulge

$\hookrightarrow$  precession (like a gyro) of pole of  $\oplus$  rotation

Wobble period  $\sim$  26,000 years

### Tidal Heating

- small in  $\oplus$ -moon

- much bigger in resonant systems  
(i.e. Jupiter's moons). More later