

Lec 4, Friday 17 Feb

- potential and eqs. of motion
 - in general geometry
 - Axisymmetric
 - spherical

Laplacian in various coordinates

Cartesians :

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

Cylindrical :

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

Spherical :

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Example: Energy is conserved in STATIC potential

- The orbital energy of a star is given by:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \phi(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \bar{v} \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \nabla \phi + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$$

0 since $\frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} = -\nabla \phi$

and $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \bar{v}$

0 for static potential.

So orbital Energy is Conserved $dE/dt=0$
only in "time-independent" potential.

Static Axisymmetric density \rightarrow Static Axisymmetric potential

- We employ a cylindrical coordinate system (R, ϕ , z) e.g., centred on the galaxy and align the z axis with the galaxy axis of symmetry.
- Here the potential is of the form $\phi(R, z)$.
- Density and Potential are Static and Axisymmetric
 - independent of time and azimuthal angle

$$\phi(R, z) \Rightarrow \rho(R, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi G} \left[R \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

$$g_r = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R} \quad g_z = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

Orbits in an axisymmetric potential

- Let the potential which we assume to be symmetric about the plane $z=0$, be $\phi(R, z)$.
- The general equation of motion of the star is

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\nabla \phi(R, z) \quad \text{Eq. of Motion}$$

- Eqs. of motion in cylindrical coordinates

$$\ddot{z} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}, \quad \ddot{R} - R\dot{\theta}^2 = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial R}, \quad 2R\dot{\theta} + R\ddot{\theta} = \frac{d}{Rdt}(R^2\dot{\theta}) = -\frac{\partial \phi}{R\partial \theta} = 0$$

Conservation of angular momentum z-component J_z if axisymmetric

$$J_z = R^2 \dot{\theta} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} J_z = \frac{d}{dt} (R^2 \dot{\theta}) = 0$$

- The component of angular momentum about the z-axis is conserved.
- If $\phi(R, z)$ has no dependence on θ then the azimuthal angular momentum is conserved
 - or because z-component of the torque $\vec{r} \times \vec{E} = 0$. (Show it)

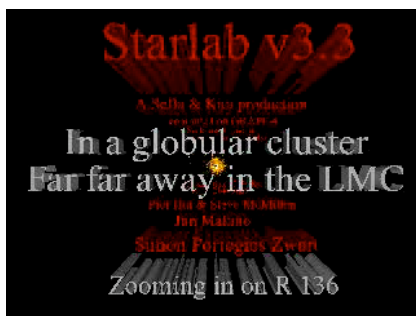
Spherical Static System

- Density, potential function of radius $|r|$ only
- Conservation of
 - energy E ,
 - angular momentum J (all 3-components)
 - Argue that a star moves orbit which confined to a plane perpendicular to J vector.

Spherical Cow Theorem

- Most astronomical objects can be approximated as spherical.
- Anyway non-spherical systems are too difficult to model, almost all models are spherical.

Globular: A nearly spherical static system



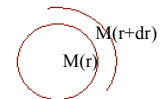
From Spherical Density to Mass

$$M(R + dr) = M(R) + dM$$

$$dM = \rho(r) d\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right) = 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{dM}{d\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right)} = \frac{dM}{4\pi r^2 dr}$$

$$M(R) = \int \rho d\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right)$$



Theorems on Spherical Systems

- **NEWTONS 1st THEOREM:** A body that is inside a spherical shell of matter experiences no net gravitational force from that shell
- **NEWTONS 2nd THEOREM:** The gravitational force on a body that lies outside a closed spherical shell of matter is the same as it would be if all the matter were concentrated at its centre.

Poisson's eq. in Spherical systems

- Poisson's eq. in a spherical potential with no θ or Φ dependence is:

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$$

Interpretation of Poissons

Equation

- Consider a spherical distribution of mass of density $\rho(r)$.

$$g = -\frac{GM(r)}{r^2}$$



$$\phi = \int_r^\infty g(r) dr \quad \text{since } \phi = 0 \text{ at } \infty \text{ and is } < 0 \text{ at } r$$

$$= -\int_r^\infty \frac{GM(r)}{r^2} dr$$

$$\text{Mass Enclosed} = \int_r^\infty 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr$$

- Take d/dr and multiply $r^2 \rightarrow$

$$r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} = -gr^2 = GM(r) = \left(G \int 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr \right)$$

- Take d/dr and divide $r^2 \rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (-r^2 g) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (GM) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{g} = 4\pi G \rho$$

Escape Velocity

- ESCAPE VELOCITY** = velocity required in order for an object to escape from a gravitational potential well and arrive at ∞ with zero KE.

$$\phi(r) = \phi(\infty) - \frac{1}{2} v_{esc}^2$$

$$\rightarrow v_{esc}(r) = \sqrt{2\phi(\infty) - 2\phi(r)}$$

Plummer Model for star cluster

- A spherically symmetric potential of the form:

$$\phi = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{r^2 + a^2}}$$

e.g., for a globular cluster $a=1\text{pc}$, $M=10^5$ Sun Mass
show $v_{esc}(0)=30\text{km/s}$

- Show corresponding to a density (use Poisson's eq):

$$\rho = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right)^{-\frac{5}{2}}$$

What have we learned?

- Conditions for conservation of orbital energy, angular momentum of a test particle
- Meaning of escape velocity
- How Poisson's equation simplifies in cylindrical and spherical symmetries

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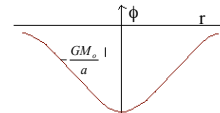
A worked-out example:
Hernquist Potential for stars in a galaxy

$\phi_*(r) = -\frac{GM_0}{a+r}$, use Poisson eq. show

$\rho_*(r) = \frac{M_0}{2\pi a^3} \left(\frac{r}{a}\right)^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{r}{a}\right)^{-2}$

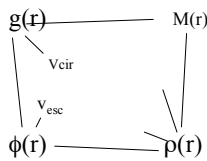
- E.g., a=1000pc, $M_0=10^{10}$ solar, show central escape velocity $V_{esc}(0)=300\text{km/s}$,
- Show M_0 has the meaning of total mass
 - Potential at large r is like that of a point mass M_0
 - Integrate the density from $r=0$ to infinity also gives M_0

Potential of globular clusters and galaxies looks like this:



$\phi(0) = -const$ (finite well at centre)
 $\phi(r) \propto r^{-1}$ (Kepler for large r)
 → Centre is the minimum of potential with escape velocity
 $v_{esc}(0) = \sqrt{\frac{2GM_0}{a}}$

Links between dynamical quantities



Circular Velocity

- **CIRCULAR VELOCITY**= the speed of a test particle in a circular orbit at radius r.

$|g| = \frac{v_{cir}^2}{r} = \nabla\phi = \frac{GM(r)}{r^2}$

$\Rightarrow M(r) = \frac{v_{cir}^2 r}{G}$

For a point mass M: Show in a uniform density sphere

$v_c(r) = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$ $v_c(r) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G\rho}{3}} r$ since $M(r) = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho$

What have we learned?

- How to apply Poisson's eq.
- How to relate
 - Vesc with potential and
 - Vcir with gravity
- The meanings of
 - the potential at very large radius,
 - The enclosed mass

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Motions in spherical potential

Equation of motion
 $\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$
 $\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \mathbf{g} = -\nabla\phi$

If no gravity
 $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{v}_0 t + \mathbf{x}_0$
 $\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}_0$

If spherical
 $g_r = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r}$

Conserved if spherical static
 $E = \frac{1}{2}v^2 + \phi(r)$
 $L = J = \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{v} = r v_t \cdot \hat{n}$

Proof: Angular Momentum is Conserved if spherical

• $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{v}$

→ $\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \frac{d(\vec{r} \times \vec{v})}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \vec{v} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0 + \vec{r} \times \vec{g}$

Since $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta} = 0$ then the spherical force \mathbf{g} is in the r direction, no torque

→ both cross products on the RHS = 0.

So **Angular Momentum \underline{L} is Conserved**

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = 0$$

In static spherical potentials: star moves in a plane (r, θ)

- central force field $\mathbf{g} = g\hat{r}$
- angular momentum $\underline{r} \times \underline{\dot{r}} = \underline{L}$

- equations of motion are

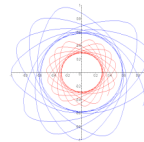
– radial acceleration: $\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 = g(r)$
 – tangential acceleration: $2r\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta} = 0$
 $r^2\dot{\theta} = \text{constant} = L$

Orbits in Spherical Potentials

- The motion of a star in a centrally directed field of force is greatly simplified by the familiar law of conservation (WHY?) of angular momentum.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{L} &= \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \text{const} \\ &= r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 2 \frac{\text{area swept}}{\text{unit time}} \end{aligned}$$

Keplers 3rd law



Energy Conservation (WHY?)

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \phi(r) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \\ \phi_{\text{eff}} &= \phi(r) + \frac{L^2}{2r^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \pm \sqrt{2E - 2\phi_{\text{eff}}(r)}$$

Orbit in the $z=0$ plane of a disk potential $\phi(R,z)$.

- Energy/angular momentum of star (per unit mass)

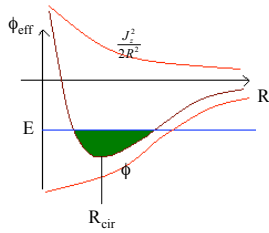
$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{R}^2 + (R\dot{\theta})^2 \right] + \Phi(R, 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{R}^2 \right] + \left[\frac{J_z^2}{2R^2} + \Phi(R, 0) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{R}^2 \right] + \Phi_{\text{eff}}(R, 0) \end{aligned}$$

- orbit bound within

$$\Rightarrow E \geq \Phi_{\text{eff}}(R, 0)$$

Radial Oscillation

- An orbit is bound between two radii: a loop
- Lower energy E means thinner loop (nearly circular closed) orbit

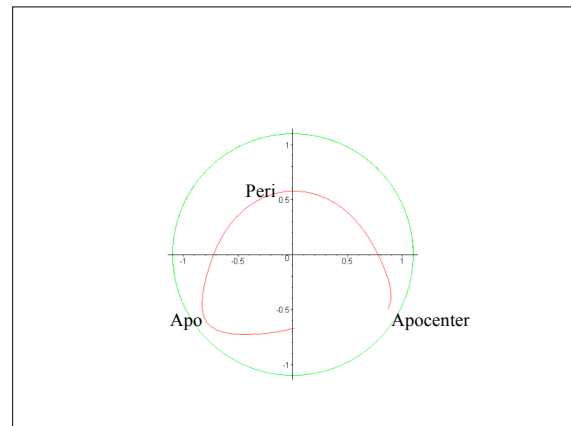
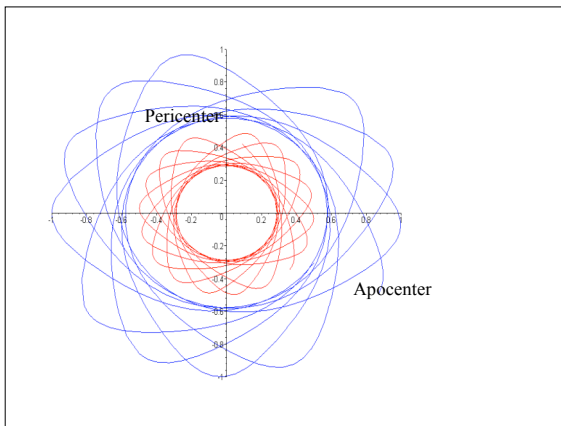


Eq of Motion for planar orbits

- EoM:

$$\ddot{R} = -\frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial R}; \quad z=0$$

$$\text{If circular orbit } R=\text{cst}, z=0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial R} = 0 \quad \text{at } R = R_c$$



Apocenter and pericenter

- No radial motion at these turn-around radii
 $-dr/dt = V_r = 0$ at apo and peri
- Hence
- $J_z = R V_t$
 $= R_a V_a = R_p V_p$
- $E = \frac{1}{2} (V_r^2 + V_t^2) + \Phi(R, 0) = \frac{1}{2} V_r^2 + \Phi_{\text{eff}}(R, 0)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} V_a^2 + \Phi(R_a, 0)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} V_p^2 + \Phi(R_p, 0)$

Orbit in axisymmetric disk potential $\phi(R, z)$.

- Energy/angular momentum of star (per unit mass)

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{R}^2 + (R\dot{\theta})^2 + \dot{z}^2 \right] + \Phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{R}^2 + \dot{z}^2 \right] + \frac{J_z^2}{2R^2} + \Phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\dot{R}^2 + \dot{z}^2 \right] + \Phi_{\text{eff}}(R, z) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow E \geq \Phi_{\text{eff}}(R, z)$$

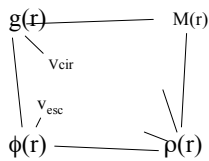
EoM for nearly circular orbits

- EoM: $\ddot{R} = -\frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial R}; \quad \ddot{z} = -\frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial z}$
- Taylor expand $\frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial R} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial z} = 0$ at $R = R_g, z = 0$
- Taylor expand $\Phi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial R^2} \right)_{(R_g, 0)} x^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_{\text{eff}}}{\partial z^2} \right)_{(R_g, 0)} z^2 + \dots$
 $= \kappa^2 x^2 / 2 + \nu^2 z^2 / 2 + \dots$
- $-x = R - R_g$

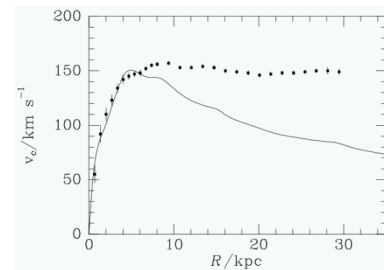
Sun's Vertical and radial epicycles

- harmonic oscillator $\pm 10\text{pc}$ every 10^8 yr
 - κ – epicyclic frequency :
 - ν – vertical frequency :
- $$\ddot{R} = -\kappa^2 R, \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{z} = -\nu^2 z$$

Links between dynamical quantities



Stars are not enough: add Dark Matter in galaxies



NGC 3198 (Begeman 1987)

Bekenstein & Milgrom (1984)
 Bekenstein (2004), Zhao & Famaey (2006)

- Modify gravity g ,
 – Analogy to E-field in medium of varying Dielectric

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}}{4\pi G} \right) = \rho_*(r)$$

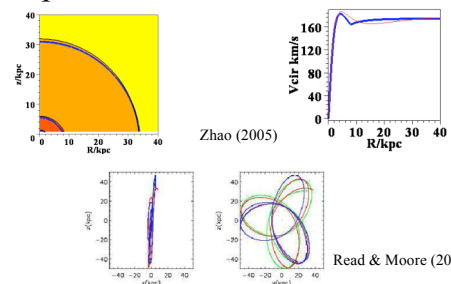
$$\bar{G}(g/a_0) = (1 + a_0/g) G$$

$$\sim G \quad \text{if } g = |\nabla \phi| > a_0$$

$$\sim G a_0/g > G \quad \text{if } g < a_0$$

- Gradient of Conservative potential

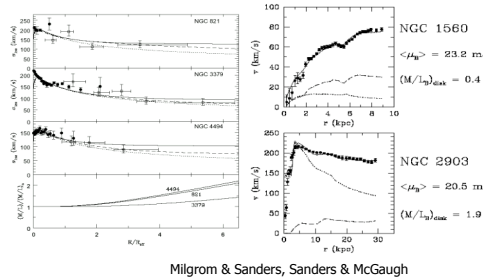
MOND similar to DM in potential, rotation curve, orbit



Zhao (2005)

Read & Moore (2005)

Explained: Fall/Rise/wiggles in Ellip/Spiral/Dwarf galaxies



What have we learned?

- Orbits in a spherical potential or in the mid-plane of a disk potential
- How to relate Pericentre, Apocentre through energy and angular momentum conservation.
- Rotation curves of galaxies
 - Need for Dark Matter or a boosted gravity

Tutorial: Singular Isothermal Sphere

- Has Potential Beyond r_0 : $\phi(r) = -\frac{GM_0}{r}$
- And Inside $r < r_0$: $\phi(r) = v_0^2 \ln \frac{r}{r_0} + \phi_0$
- Prove that the potential AND gravity is continuous at $r=r_0$, if $\phi_0 = -GM_0 / r_0 = -v_0^2$
- Prove density drops sharply to 0 beyond r_0 , and inside r_0

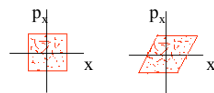
$$\rho(r) = \frac{v_0^2}{4\pi G r^2}$$
- Integrate density to prove total mass=M0
- What is circular and escape velocities at $r=r_0$?
- Draw diagrams of $M(r)$, $V_{\text{esc}}(r)$, $V_{\text{cir}}(r)$, $|\Phi(r)|$, $\rho(r)$, $|g(r)|$ vs. r (assume $V_0=200\text{km/s}$, $r_0=100\text{kpc}$).

Another Singular Isothermal Sphere

- Consider a potential $\Phi(r)=V_0^2 \ln(r)$.
- Use Jeans eq. to show the velocity dispersion σ (assume isotropic) is constant V_0^2/n for a spherical tracer population of density $A^* r^{-n}$; Show we required constants $A = V_0^2/(4\pi^2 P^* G)$, and $n=2$ in order for the tracer to become a self-gravitating population. Justify why this model is called Singular Isothermal Sphere.
- Show stars with a phase space density $f(E) = \exp(-E/\sigma^2)$ inside this potential well will have no net motion $\langle V \rangle = 0$, and a constant rms velocity σ in all directions.
- Consider a black hole of mass m on a rosette orbit bound between pericenter r_0 and apocenter $2r_0$. Suppose the black hole decays its orbit due to dynamical friction to a circular orbit $r_0/2$ after time t_0 . How much orbital energy and angular momentum have been dissipated? By what percentage has the tidal radius of the BH reduced? How long would the orbital decay take for a smaller black hole of mass $m/2$ in a small galaxy of potential $\Phi(r)=0.25V_0^2 \ln(r)$.? Argue it would take less time to decay from r_0 to $r_0/2$ then from $r_0/2$ to $r_0/4$.

Incompressible $df/dt=0$

- N_{star} identical particles moving in a small bundle in phase space ($\text{Vol}=\Delta_x \Delta_p$),
- phase space deforms but maintains its area.
 - Likewise for y - p_y and z - p_z .



$$\frac{dVol}{d\lambda} = 0, \frac{dN_{\text{star}}}{d\lambda} = 0, \text{ 'LIOUVILLES THEOREM'}$$

Phase space density $f = N_{\text{stars}} / \Delta_x \Delta_p \sim \text{const}$

Stars flow in phase-space

- Flow of points in phase space \sim stars moving along their orbits.
- phase space coords: $(x, y) \equiv \underline{w} \equiv (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_6)$

$$\dot{\underline{w}} = (\dot{x}, \dot{y}) = (y, -\nabla\Phi)$$

Collisionless Boltzmann Equation

- Collisionless $df/dt=0$:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(x, v, t) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^6 \dot{w}_{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{\alpha}} \right) f(w, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[v_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_i} \right] = 0$$

- Vector form

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla f - \nabla \Phi \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}} = 0$$