

Gravity and central forces:

$$V_{ab} = - \frac{G m_a m_b}{|\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b|} = V(\vec{r}_{ab})$$

$$\vec{r}_{ab} = \vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b$$

$$F(\vec{r}_{ab}) = - \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right] \times \{ V(\vec{r}_{ab}) \}$$

$$\vec{r}_{ab} = \vec{r}$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} V(\vec{r}) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{\partial r}{\partial x_a} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial y_a} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial z_a} \vec{k} \right] V(\vec{r})$$

$$r = \sqrt{(x_a - x_b)^2 + (y_a - y_b)^2 + (z_a - z_b)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x_a} = \frac{2x_a}{2r} = - \frac{(x_b - x_a)}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow - \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} V(\vec{r}) = + \frac{x_b - x_a}{r} \frac{\partial V(\vec{r})}{\partial r}$$

$$V(\vec{r}) = - \frac{G m_a m_b}{|\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b|} = - \frac{G m_a m_b}{r}$$

$$= V(r) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial V(r)}{\partial r} = + \frac{G m_a m_b}{r^2}$$

F force from b to a

$$F_{ba}(r) = - \frac{G m_a m_b}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Internal forces only and
more objects (N)

$$\vec{F}_a = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq a}}^N F(\vec{r}_{ia}) =$$

$$\text{Total force} \\ \vec{F}^{\text{Total}} = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq a}}^N F(\vec{r}_{ia})$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0$$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_y \right] \hat{x}$$

$$- \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_x \right] \hat{y}$$

$$+ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_x \right] \hat{z} = 0$$

— Two-body problems
center of mass position

$$\vec{R} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

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$$M = \sum_{i=1}^2 m_i = \frac{m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2}{M}$$

Momentum $\vec{P} = M \cdot \frac{d\vec{R}}{dt}$
 $= M \vec{R}$

Simpler case: $m_1 = m_2$

$$\vec{R} = \frac{m(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2)}{2m} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2)$$

Relative distance

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} &= \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{r}_1 = \vec{R} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{r} \\ \vec{r}_2 = \vec{R} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{r} \end{cases} & \left| \begin{array}{l} m_1 \neq m_2 \\ \vec{r}_1 = \vec{R} + \frac{m_2}{M} \vec{r} \\ \vec{r}_2 = \vec{R} - \frac{m_1}{M} \vec{r} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Total kinetic energy;

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 \left| \begin{array}{l} m_1 = m_2 \\ \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[m_1 \left(\vec{R} + \frac{m_2}{M} \vec{r} \right)^2 + m_2 \left(\vec{R} - \frac{m_1}{M} \vec{r} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[M \dot{R}^2 + \frac{m_1 m_2}{M} \dot{r}^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Define relative motion

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} M \dot{R}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{r}^2$$

$$m_1 = m_2 = m \quad \mu = \frac{1}{2} m$$

$$M = 2m$$

$$K = m \dot{R}^2 + \frac{1}{4} m \dot{r}^2$$

CM Reference Frame

$F(\vec{r})$ depends only on relative position.

Equations of motion can be decoupled

$$M \cdot \ddot{\vec{R}} = M \cdot \frac{d^2 \vec{R}}{dt^2} = M \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\mu \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}} = \mu \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \mu \vec{a} = -\vec{\nabla} V(r)$$

In the CM frame, the total CM position $\vec{R} = 0$

$$\underline{\vec{r}_1 = \frac{m_2}{M} \vec{r}} \quad \wedge \quad \underline{\vec{r}_2 = -\frac{m_1}{M} \vec{r}}$$

Total angular momentum

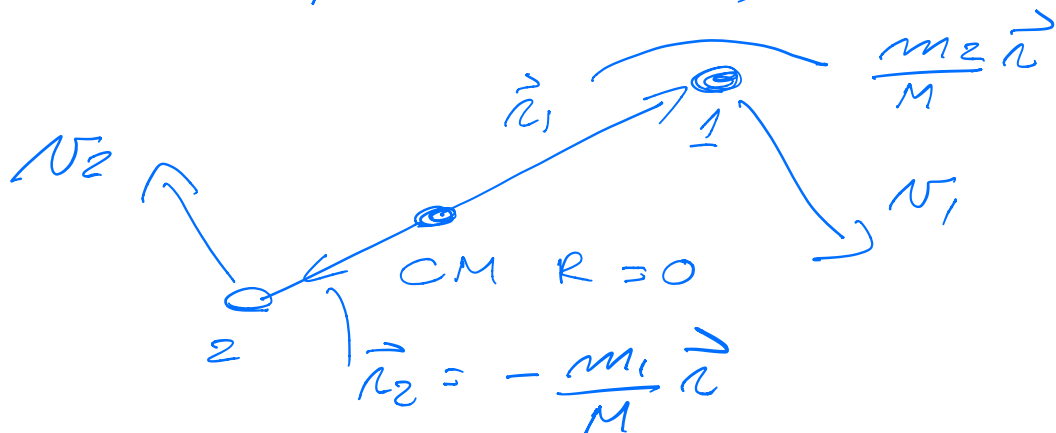
$$\vec{L} = \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{p}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{p}_2$$

$$= m_1 (\vec{r}_1 \times \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt}) + m_2 (\vec{r}_2 \times \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt})$$

$\vec{p}_i = m_i \vec{v}_i$

$$\vec{L} = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M^2} (m_2 \vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} + m_1 (\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}))$$

$$= \underline{\mu} \cdot (\underline{\vec{r}} \times \underline{\dot{\vec{r}}})$$



Total ang. mom. in CM frame is reduced to a "onebody" like momentum

Angular momentum is conserved (central force)

$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}$ is a constant

of the motion