

Homework3

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[ ]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
      import numpy as np
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0.1 Finding the central force given a particular orbit

The equation describing the curve is $r(\theta) = R + a \cos(k\theta + \phi)$, with $R > 0$ radius of the perturbed circumference, a the amplitude of the perturbation ($|a| < R$ to avoid reaching the origin) and k number of oscillations done in an orbit. If $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, the orbits are periodic. ϕ is the initial phase.

Using the Binet's equation, $u = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{R + a \cos(k\theta + \phi)}$ and deriving twice gives

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} = \frac{k^2 a \cos(k\theta + \phi)}{(R + a \cos(k\theta + \phi))^2} + \frac{2k^2 a^2 \sin^2(k\theta + \phi)}{(R + a \cos(k\theta + \phi))^3}$$

Now to have a central force this has to be rewritten as a function of r by using $a \cos(k\theta + \phi) = r - R$. Substituting this gives the result

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} = \frac{k^2(r - R)}{r^2} + \frac{2k^2 a^2 - k^2(r - R)^2}{r^3}$$

Now Binet's method states that for a central force the equation of motion $\ddot{r} - \frac{h^2}{r^3} + f(r) = 0$ gives $\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} + u = \frac{1}{h^2 u^2} f\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)$. By using the previous solution and grouping the terms together, the result is

$$f(r) = \frac{h^2 - h^2 k^2}{r^3} + 3 \frac{h^2 k^2 R}{r^4} + 2 \frac{k^2 h^2 (a^2 - R^2)}{r^5}$$

Any force of the type $f(r) = \frac{A}{r^3} + \frac{B}{r^4} + \frac{C}{r^5}$ can give rise to this kind of orbits if, after choosing h , a tuple of values R, k, a can be found to solve the system and specific initial conditions are chosen.

In the following cell is reported a solution of the ODE after fixing R, a, k

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[ ]: def f(r, h, k, a, R):
      ''' Defining the central force '''
      # I'm not considering the term h^2/r^3 that cancels out in the equation of
      ↪ motion
      return -h**2*k**2/r**3 + 3*h**2*k**2*R/r**4 + 2*h**2*k**2*(a**2-R**2)/r**5
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R, a, k = 3, 1, 5
r, dr, theta, dtheta = R+a, 0.0, 0.0, 0.5

h = r**2*dtheta

y0 = np.array([r,dr,theta])

def ode(t, y, h, k, a, R, f):
    ''' Defining the ODE associated to the system'''
    r, dr, theta = y[0], y[1], y[2]
    return np.array([dr, -f(r,h,k,a,R), h*r**-2])

Y = solve_ivp(ode, t_span=(0,12), y0=y0, t_eval=np.linspace(0,12,1000),
    ↪args=(h,k,a,R, f), rtol=1e-12)

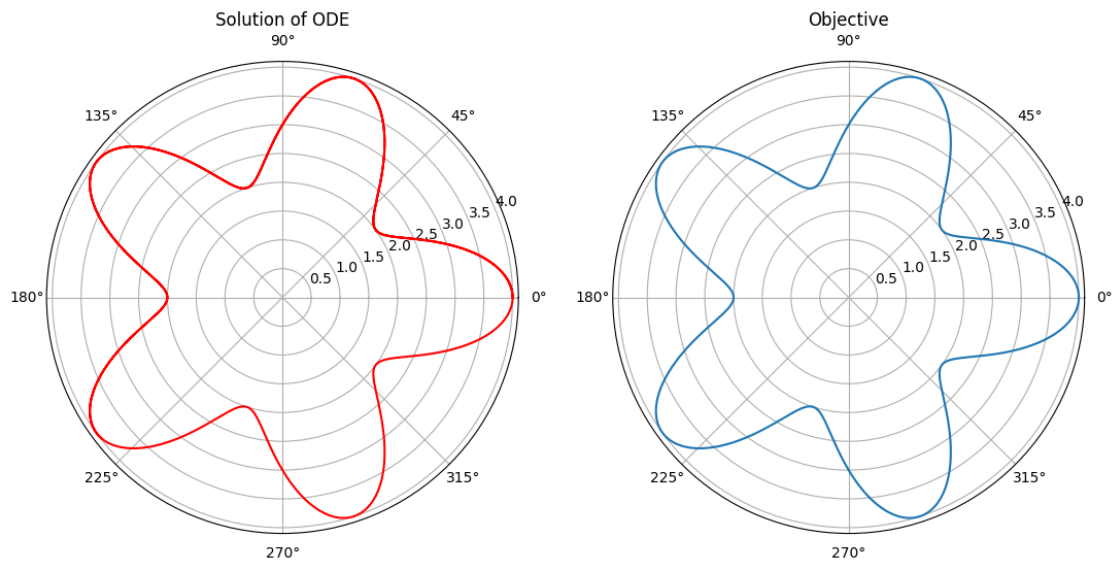
r, dr, theta = Y.y[0], Y.y[1], Y.y[2]

fig, AX = plt.subplots(1,2, figsize = (13,6), subplot_kw={'projection':
    ↪'polar'})
AX[0].set_title('Solution of ODE')
AX[0].plot(theta, r, 'r')

AX[1].set_title('Objective')
theta = np.linspace(0,2*np.pi, 1000)
AX[1].plot(theta, R+a*np.cos(k*theta))

plt.show()

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0.2 Investigating the orbit of a projectile

The projectile is launched east with a velocity of 5 km s^{-1} at an angle of 45° in the rotating Earth RF, so the velocity in an inertial RF is $\mathbf{v}_I = \mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{R}$, so as $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{23h56min4.1s} = 7.292 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$, and the equatorial radius is $R_E = 6378.137 \text{ km}$, the velocity in the inertial RF is $v_I = 5.339 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ with an angle of 41.468° with the horizon.

Now the specific angular momentum is $h = R_E v_I \sin(\alpha + \frac{\pi}{2}) = 2.5516 \cdot 10^4 \text{ km}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, the gravitational parameter is $\mu = 3.986 \cdot 10^5 \text{ km}^3 \text{ s}^{-2}$, the energy constant is $C = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - \frac{\mu}{R_E} = -48.24 \text{ km}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$, so the orbit has $e = 0.78$, $a = 4131 \text{ km}$. The initial true anomaly is found by reversing $r = \frac{a(1-e^2)}{1+e \cos f}$, thus the angular distance covered in the inertial RF is $\phi = 2(\pi - f) = 33.85^\circ$.

Finally, the period of the orbit is given by $\frac{T^2}{a^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{\mu}$ and the time from pericenter as $n(t - \tau) = \cos^{-1}[\frac{1}{e}(1 - \frac{r}{a})] - e\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{e^2}(1 - \frac{r}{a})^2}$. This gives the time of flight as $T - 2t = 1137 \text{ s}$ and the angular distance covered in the Earth RF as $\phi - \omega\Delta t = 29.09^\circ$

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[ ]: v = 5 #Initail velocity
R = 6378.137 #Equatorial radius
T = 23*3600+56*60+4.100 #Sidereal rotation period
mu = 398600.4415 #Gravitational parameter
alpha = np.deg2rad(45)

omega = 2*np.pi/T
v = np.array([v*np.cos(alpha)+R*omega, v*np.sin(alpha)]) #velocity vector
    ↪(horizontal and vertical components)
h = R*v[0]
C = 0.5*np.linalg.norm(v)**2-mu/R
e = (1+2*C*h**2/mu**2)**0.5
a = -mu/(2*C)
f = np.arccos(1/e*(a*(1-e**2)/R-1))

phi = 2*(np.pi-f)
print(f'The angular distance covered in the inertial RF is {np.rad2deg(phi)}°
    ↪deg')

T = (4*np.pi**2*a**3/mu)**0.5 #Period of the orbit
n = 2*np.pi/T
t = (np.arccos((1-R/a)/e) - e*(1-(1-R/a)**2/e**2)**0.5)/n
delta_t = T-2*t

print(f'The time of flight is {delta_t} s')
print(f'The angle covered in the Earth RF is {np.rad2deg(phi-omega*delta_t)}°
    ↪deg')
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The angular distance covered in the inertial RF is 33.84449835570999 deg

The time of flight is 1137.1251066749837 s

The angle covered in the Earth RF is 29.09350532725621 deg

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[ ]: theta = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 1000)

r =lambda theta: a*(1-e**2)/(1+e*np.cos(theta))

ax = plt.subplot(projection='polar')
ax.plot(theta, r(theta), color='r', label='trajectory')
ax.plot(theta, R*np.ones(shape=1000), color='lightblue', label='Earth')
ax.fill_between(theta, R, 0, color='lightblue', alpha=0.8)
ax.set_yticks(np.arange(2000,8000, 2000))
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.show()
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