





# 1 Gala: A Python package for galactic dynamics

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## 6 Summary

7 The forces on stars, galaxies, and dark matter under external gravitational fields lead to the  
8 dynamical evolution of structures in the universe. The orbits of these bodies are therefore key  
9 to understanding the formation, history, and future state of galaxies. The field of “galactic  
10 dynamics,” which aims to model the gravitating components of galaxies to study their structure  
11 and evolution, is now well-established, commonly taught, and frequently used in astronomy.  
12 Aside from toy problems and demonstrations, the majority of problems require efficient  
13 numerical tools, many of which require the same base code (e.g., for performing numerical  
14 orbit integration).

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