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MEETING #4

Computational Modeling in Engineering and the Sciences
Computer Science Undergraduate Directed Reading Program

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AGENDA

- Discussion
- Physics review
- Formulating the 2-body problem
- Project structure
- Demo: creating project skeleton

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Discussion: Find a paper where a system of Ordinary Differential Equations is used to solve a problem. Is it linear or nonlinear? What techniques were used to solve the system?

PHYSICS REVIEW

- Kinematics
- Newton's First Law
- Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation
- Newton's Third Law

Kinematics for Point Masses

PHYSICS REVIEW

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$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{a}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}$$

Newton's First Law

PHYSICS REVIEW

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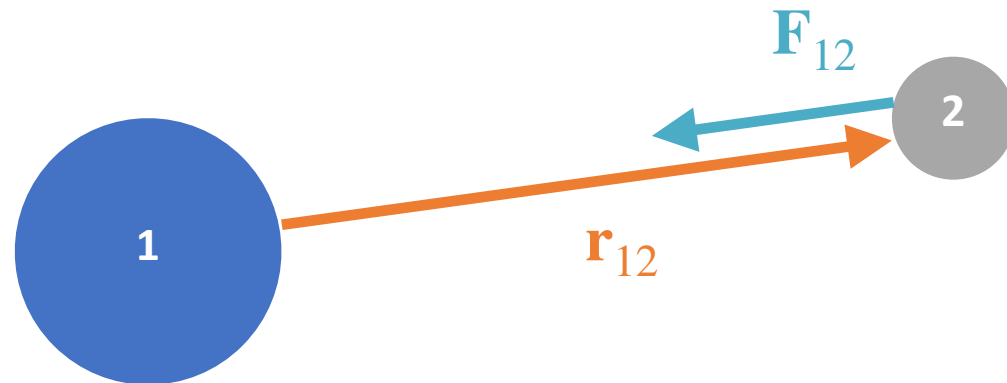
PHYSICS REVIEW

Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation

“Force by 1 on 2”

“Vector from 1 to 2”

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_{12} &= -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{\|\mathbf{r}_{12}\|^2}\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12} \\ &= -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{\|\mathbf{r}_{12}\|^3}\mathbf{r}_{12}\end{aligned}$$



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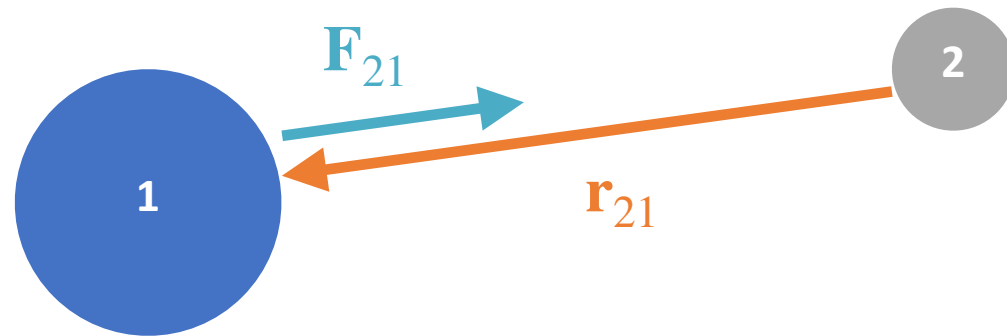
Newton's Third Law

“Force by 2 on 1”

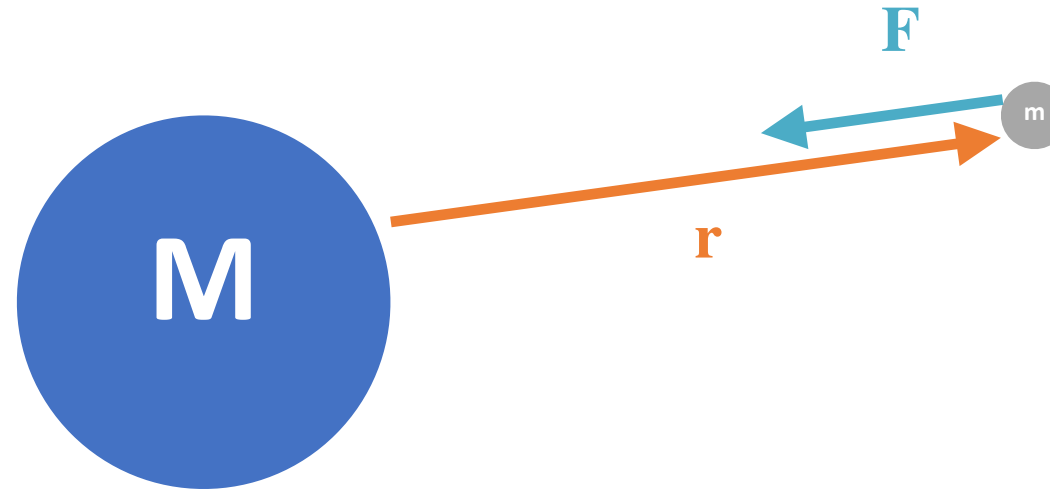
“Vector from 2 to 1”

What if $m_1 \gg m_2$?

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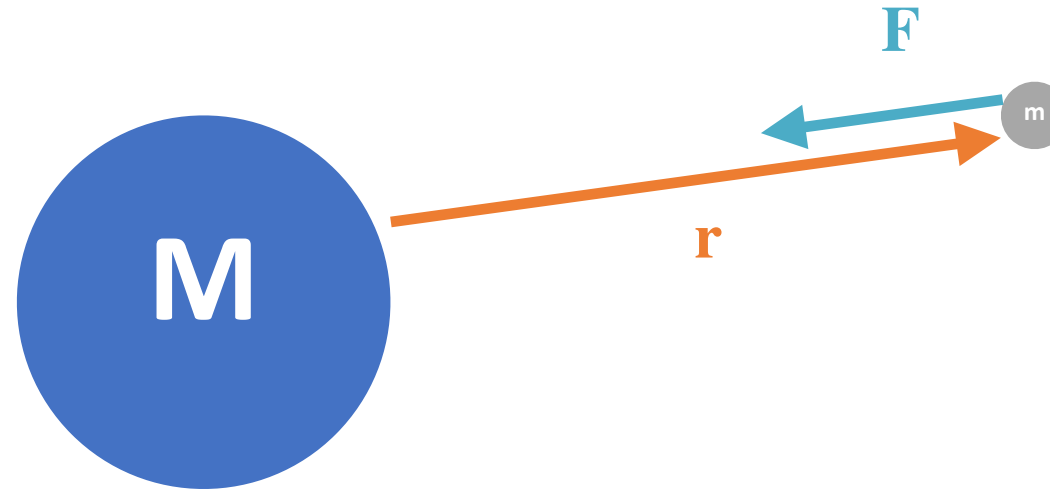


FORMULATING THE 2-BODY PROBLEM

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FORMULATING THE 2-BODY PROBLEM

Defining our differential equation

What is our “state vector?”

Derivation time!

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{U})$$

Defining our differential equation

FORMULATING THE 2-BODY PROBLEM

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ -\frac{GM}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} r_1 \\ -\frac{GM}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} r_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Defining our differential equation

FORMULATING THE 2-BODY PROBLEM

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{GM}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{GM}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{U}$$

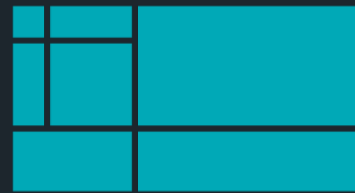
PROJECT STRUCTURE: SO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SIMULATION?

- Driver script: runs the show
- Problem setup
 - Parameter inputs (from file?)
 - Defining governing equations
 - Building your matrix
 - Applying constraints and boundary conditions
- Solution loop
- Output (to file?)
- Visualization and post-processing
- Error analysis and convergence studies
- Test scripts

DEMO: CREATING PROJECT SKELETON

Demo time!

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