

ASTR 400B: Homework 4

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1) COM Position and Velocity

These are the results for the three galaxies, using only disk particles:

name	ptype	x kpc	y kpc	z kpc	vx km s^{-1}	vy km s^{-1}	vz km s^{-1}	R kpc	V km s^{-1}
MW_000	disk	-2.07	2.95	-1.45	0.94	6.32	-1.35	3.88	6.53
M31_000	disk	-377.66	611.43	-284.64	72.85	-72.14	49.0	772.98	113.63
M33_000	disk	-476.22	491.44	-412.4	44.42	101.78	142.23	798.98	180.45

So for the Milky Way:

The position vector is $\langle -2.07, 2.95, -1.45 \rangle$ kpc

The velocity vector is $\langle 0.94, 6.32, -1.35 \rangle$ km/s

Both are small compared with M31 and M33, reflecting the choice of our galaxy as the origin in this sim.

2, 3) Relative Position and Velocity

pairs	Separation kpc	Radial velocity km s^{-1}	Tangential velocity km s^{-1}
MW \rightarrow M31	769.1	-115.85	21.36
M31 \rightarrow M33	201.08	-150.09	132.69

4) Why Iterate?