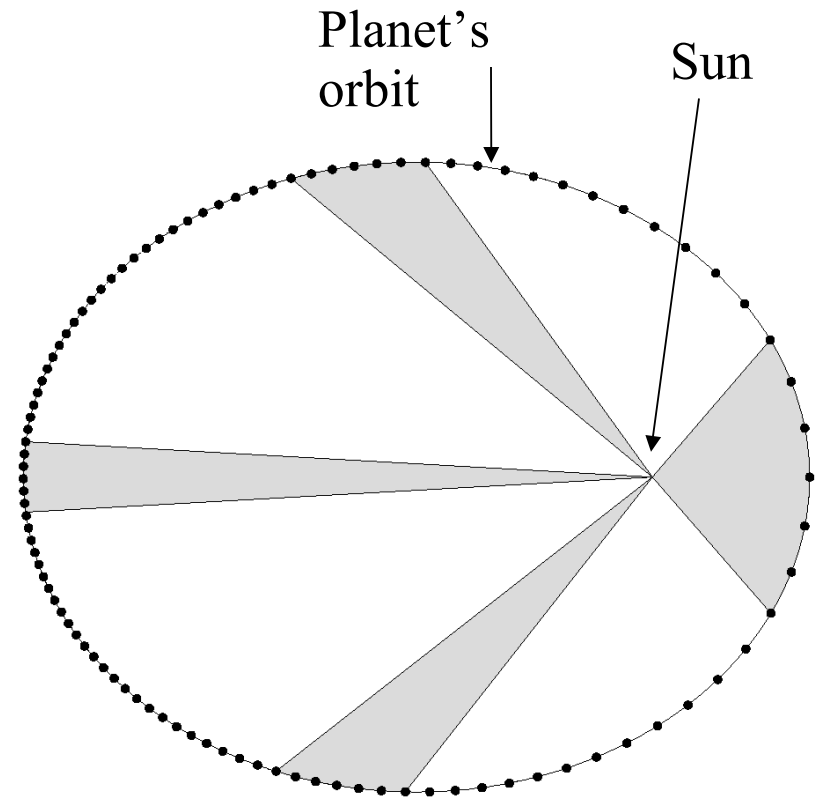


Kepler's Laws of Motion

- 1609 in *Astronomica Nova* (The New Astronomy)
- First Law – A planet orbits the Sun in an ellipse, with the Sun at one focus of the ellipse.
- Second Law – A line connecting a planet to the Sun sweeps out equal areas in equal time intervals
 - Several areas associated with the time interval of “six” are shown
 - They all have equal areas



Kepler's Third Law of Motion

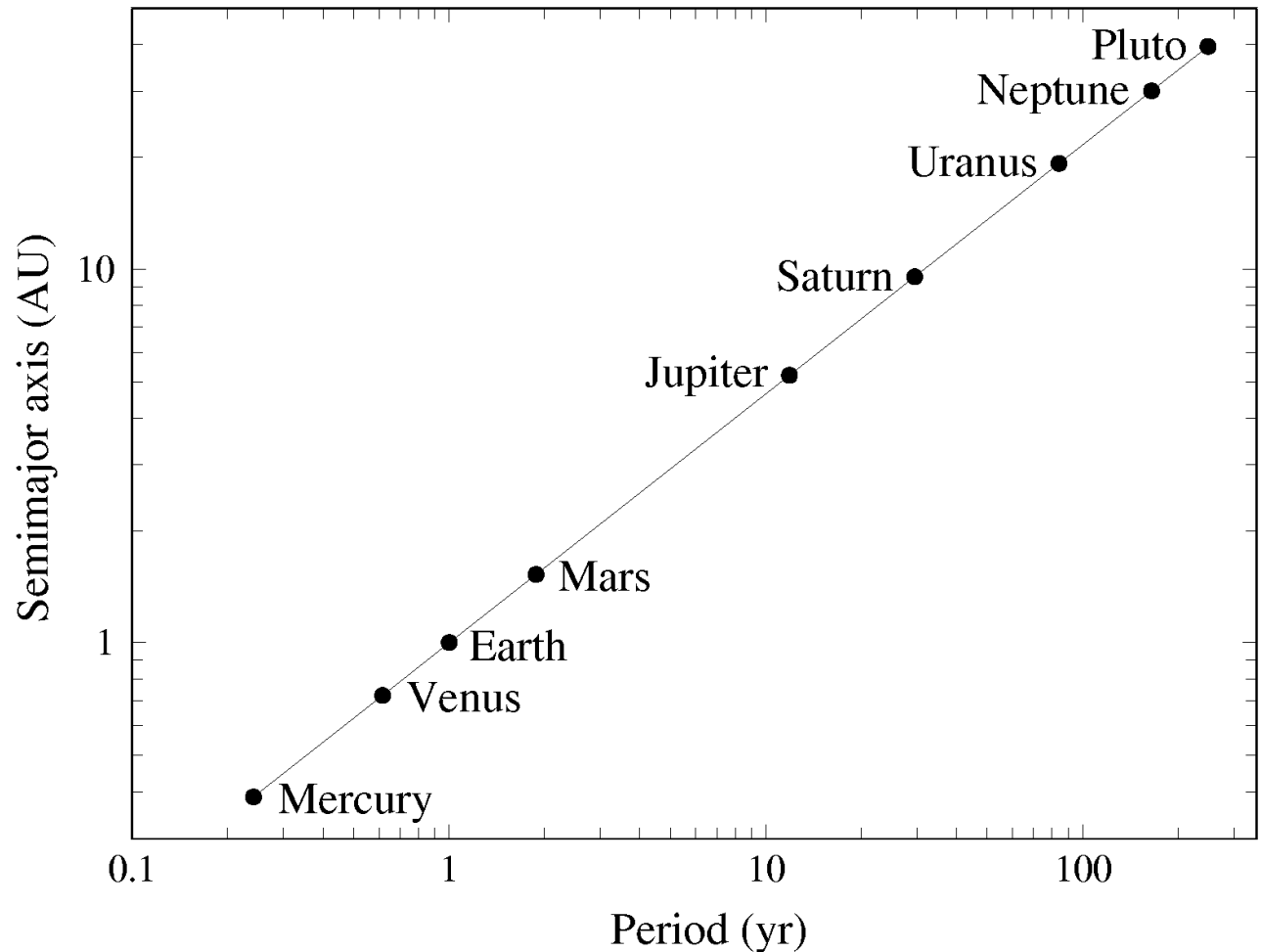
From *Harmonica Mundi* (1619) (Harmony of the Worlds)

$$P^2 = a^3$$

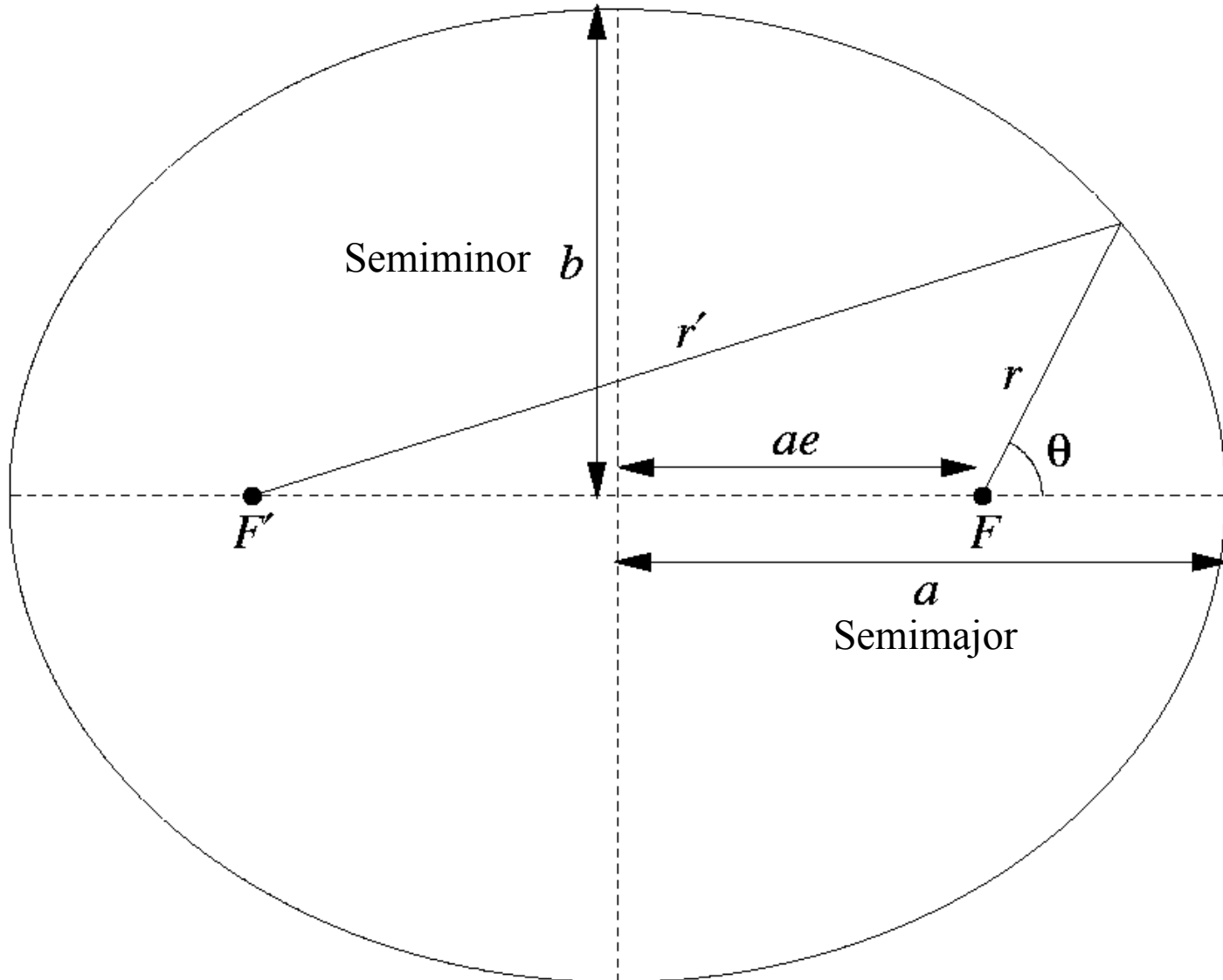
P = orbital period

a = semimajor axis

“Power law”
slope is 2/3:
 $\log(P^2) = \log(a^3)$
 $2\log(P) = 3\log(a)$
 $\log(a) = \frac{2}{3}\log(P)$

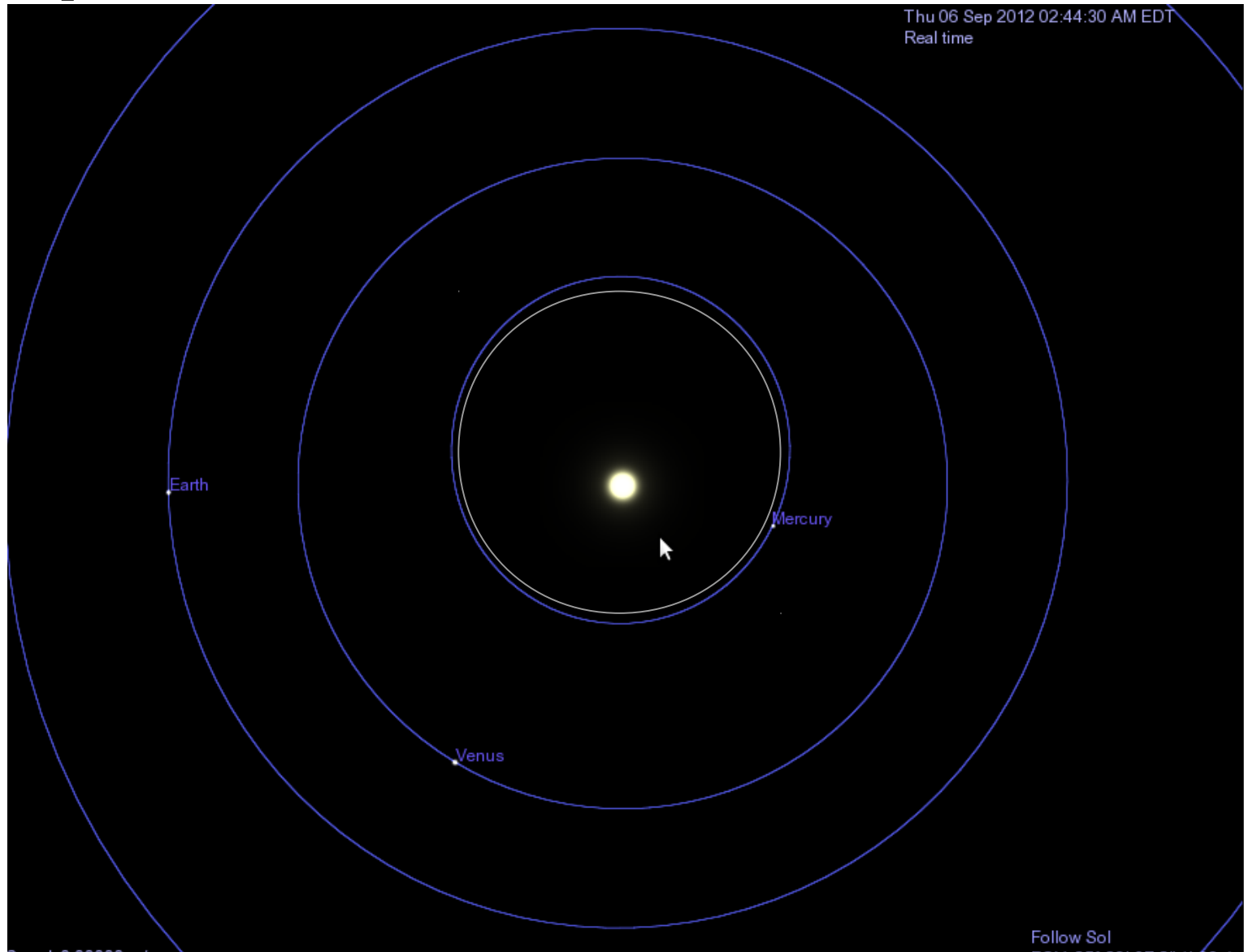


Ellipses



Ellipses – actual orbits

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Conic Sections

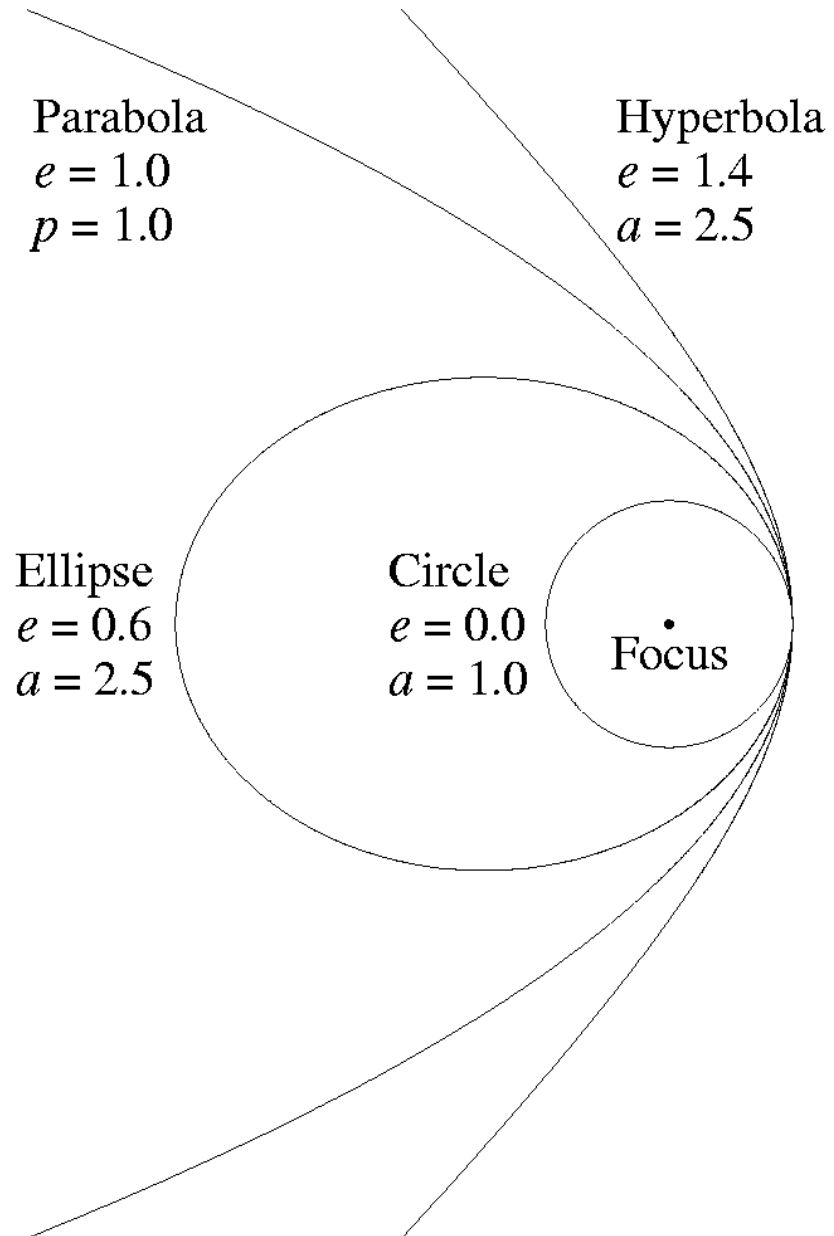
- All are possible in celestial mechanics
- Orbits are Ellipses

$r = \text{constant}$ $e = 0$ Circle

$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \theta}$ $0 \leq e < 1$ ellipse

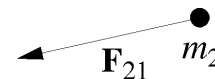
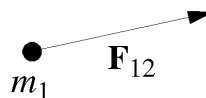
$r = \frac{2p}{1 + \cos \theta}$ $e = 1$ parabola

$r = \frac{a(e^2 - 1)}{1 + e \cos \theta}$ $e > 1$ hyperbola



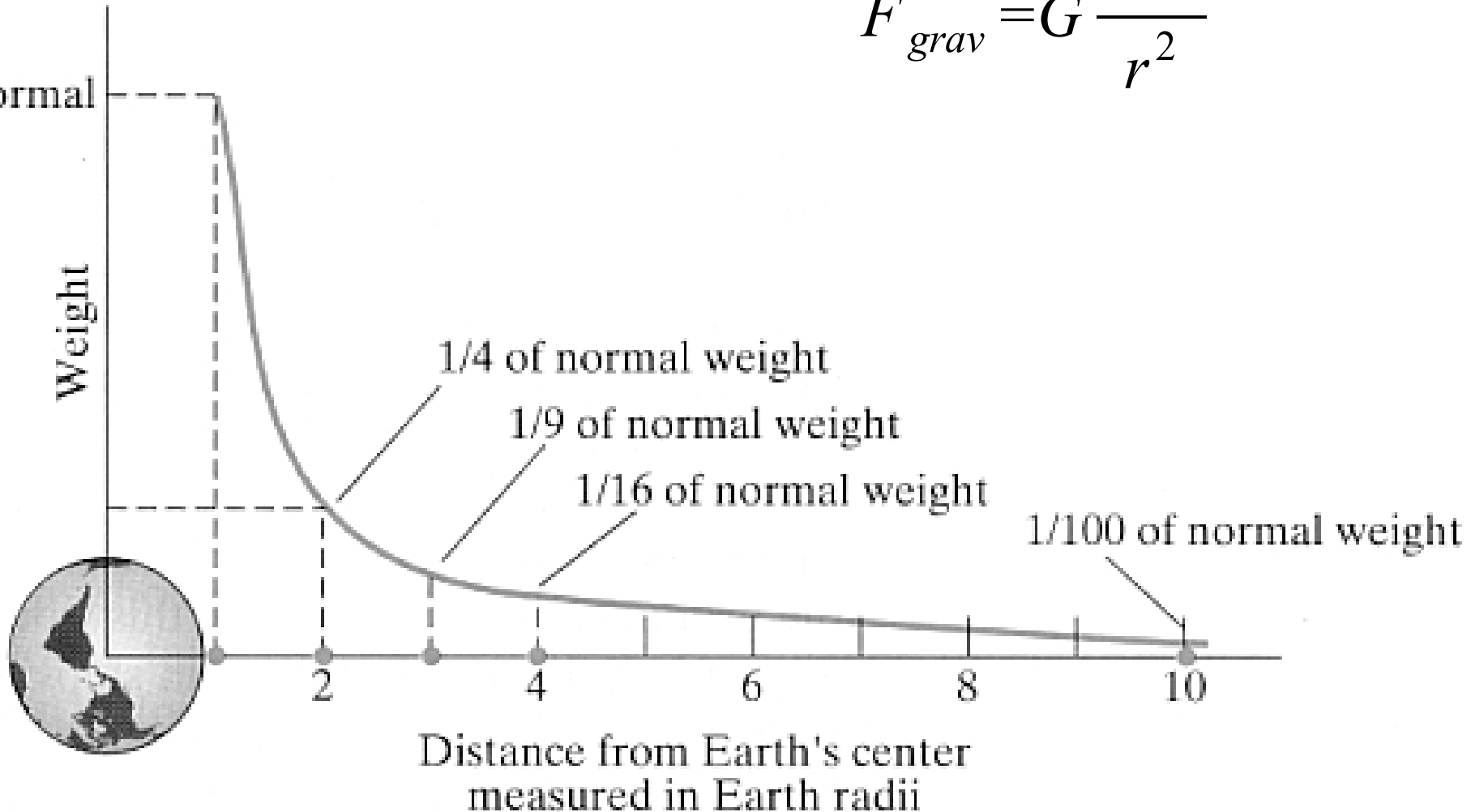
Newton's Laws of Motion

- Brachistochrone problem...
- 1st Law – Law of inertia
 - An object at rest remains at rest and an object in uniform motion remains in uniform motion unless acted upon by an unbalanced force.
 - An *inertial reference frame* is needed for 1st law to be valid
 - A non-inertial reference frame is being accelerated (e.g. In car going around a curve you feel a fictitious force)
- 2nd Law – $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{net}}/m$ or $\mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} = m\mathbf{a}$
 - The net force (sum of all forces) acting on an object is proportional to the object's mass and its resultant acceleration.
 - Inertial mass, m , does not appear to be different from gravitational mass
- 3rd Law
 - For every action there is an equal but opposite reaction



Universal Law of Gravitation

$$F_{grav} = G \frac{Mm}{r^2}$$

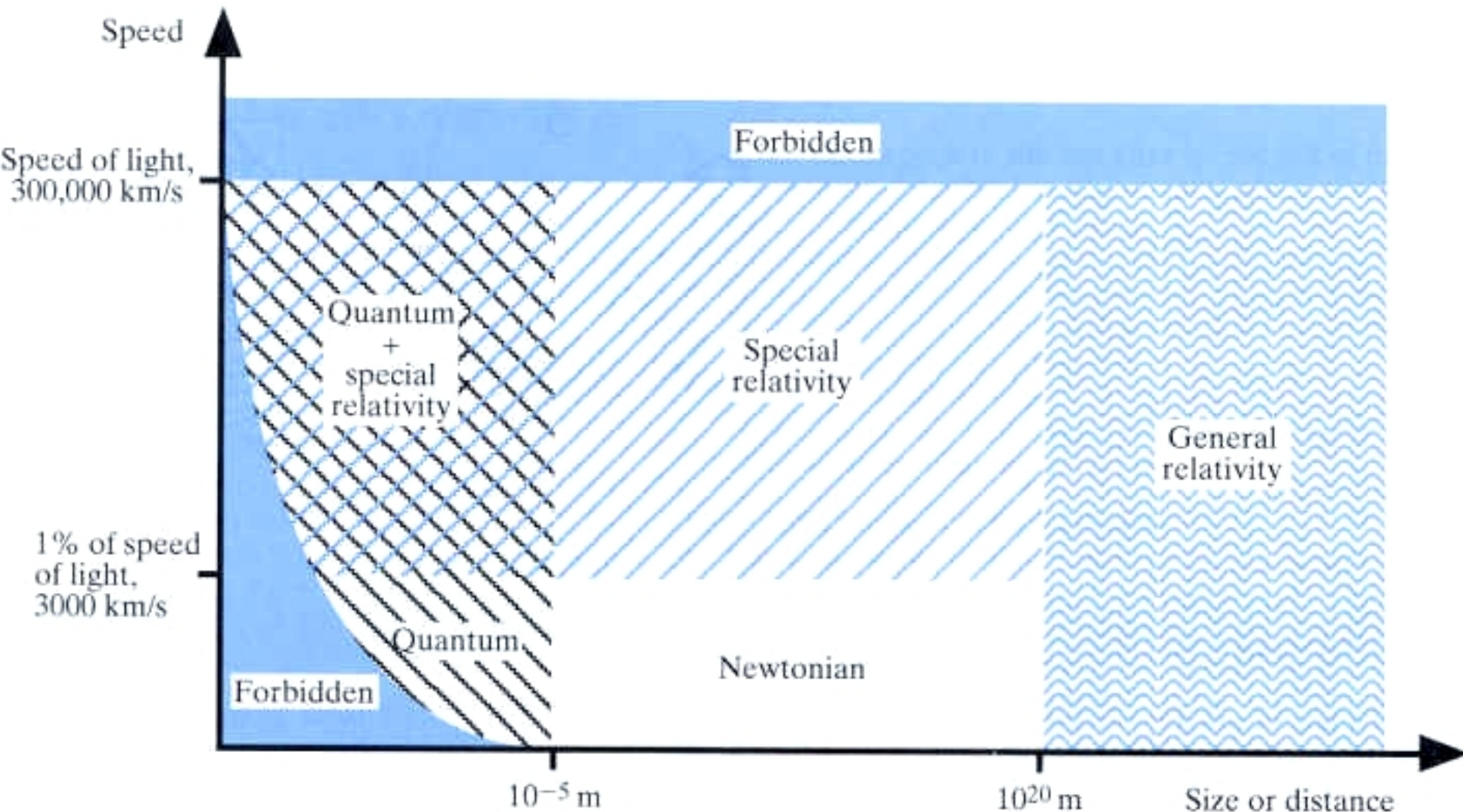


An inverse-square law.

(Light and sound intensity drop off same way.)

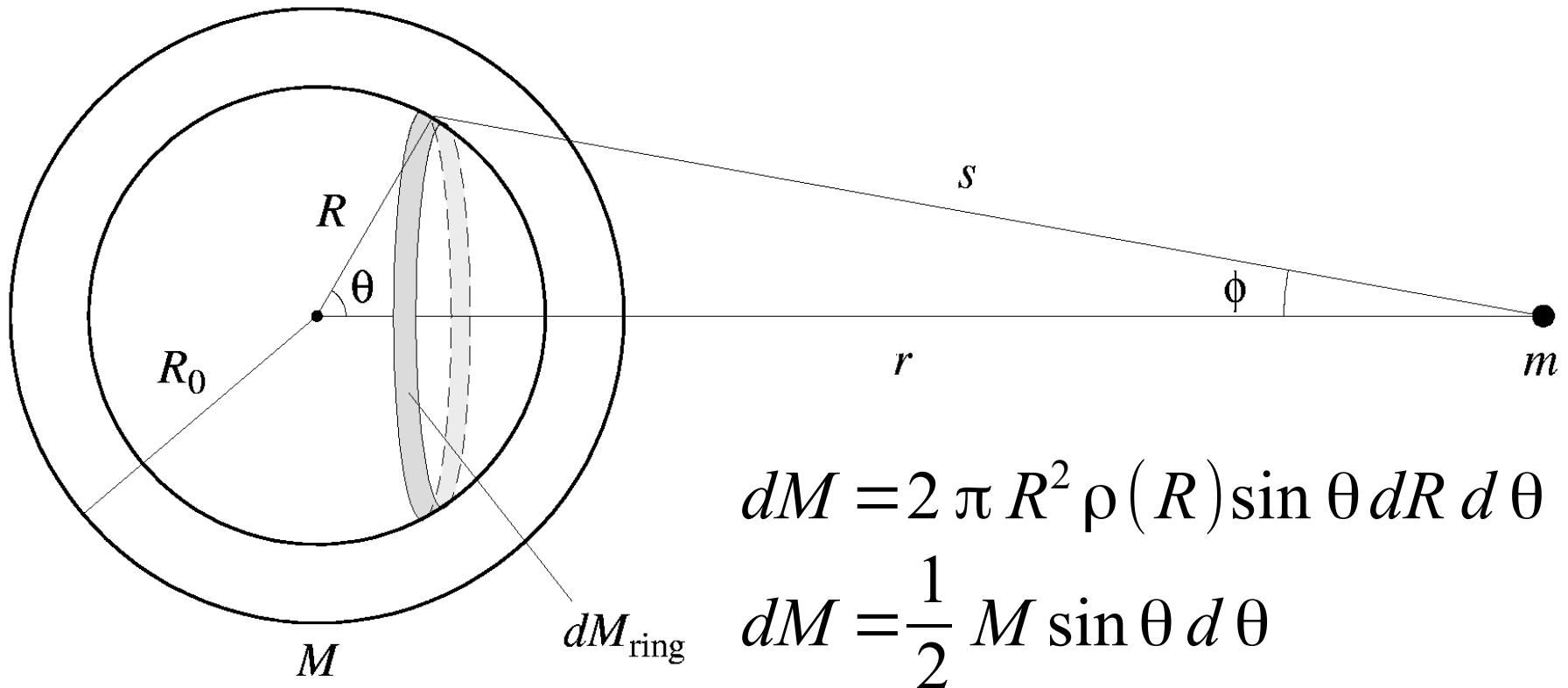
Beyond Newton

- Gravity passed every test until ~1890s
- Newton's gravity and motion is incorrect when ...



Shell theorems for gravity:

-) The Force on m due to a uniform shell of mass is the same as the force due to a point mass at the center of the shell with the same total mass as the shell.
-) The force of gravity inside of a uniform shell is zero.

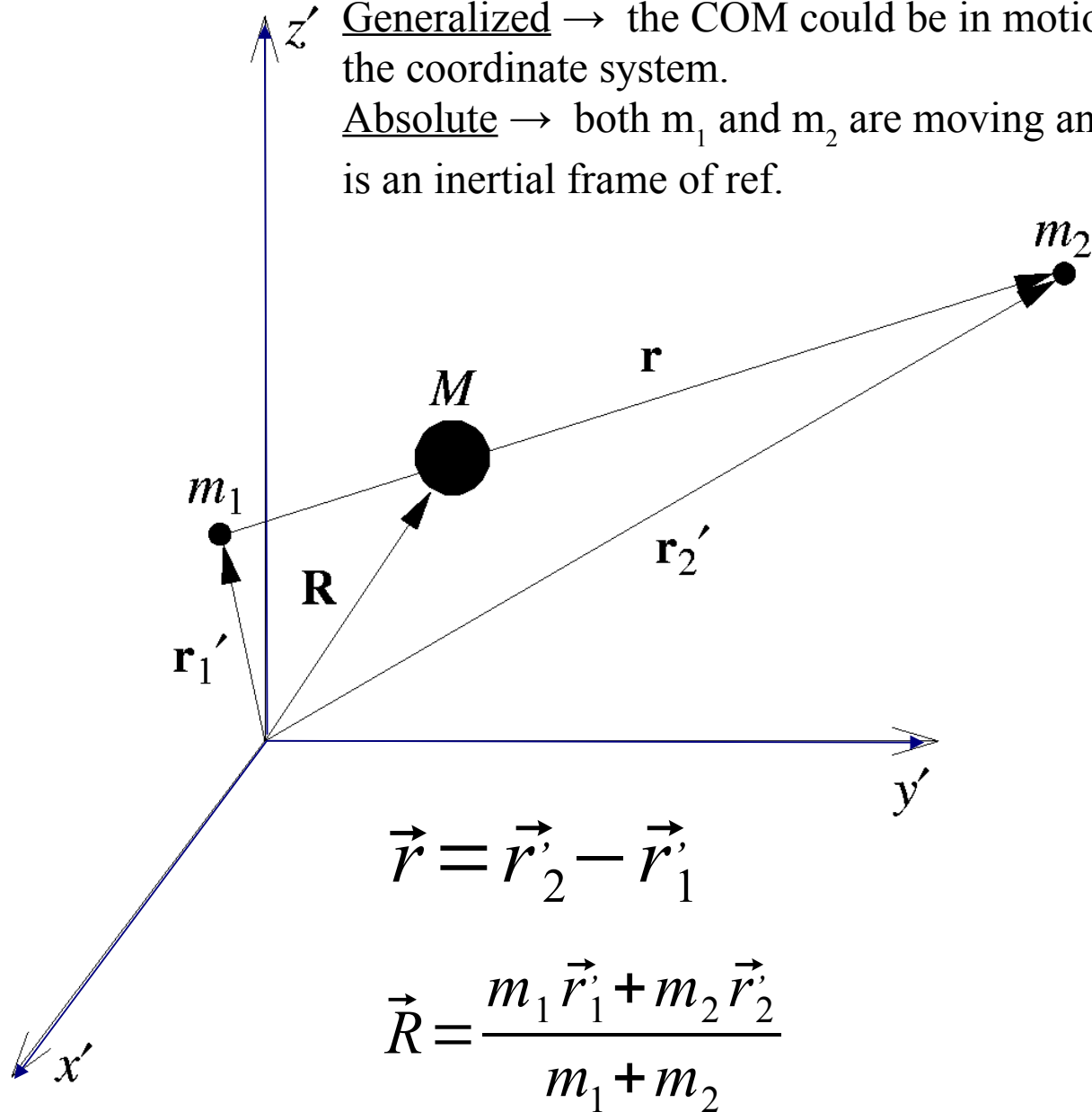


Binary Orbits

Generalized, absolute coordinates.

Generalized → the COM could be in motion relative to the coordinate system.

Absolute → both m_1 and m_2 are moving and the coord sys is an inertial frame of ref.

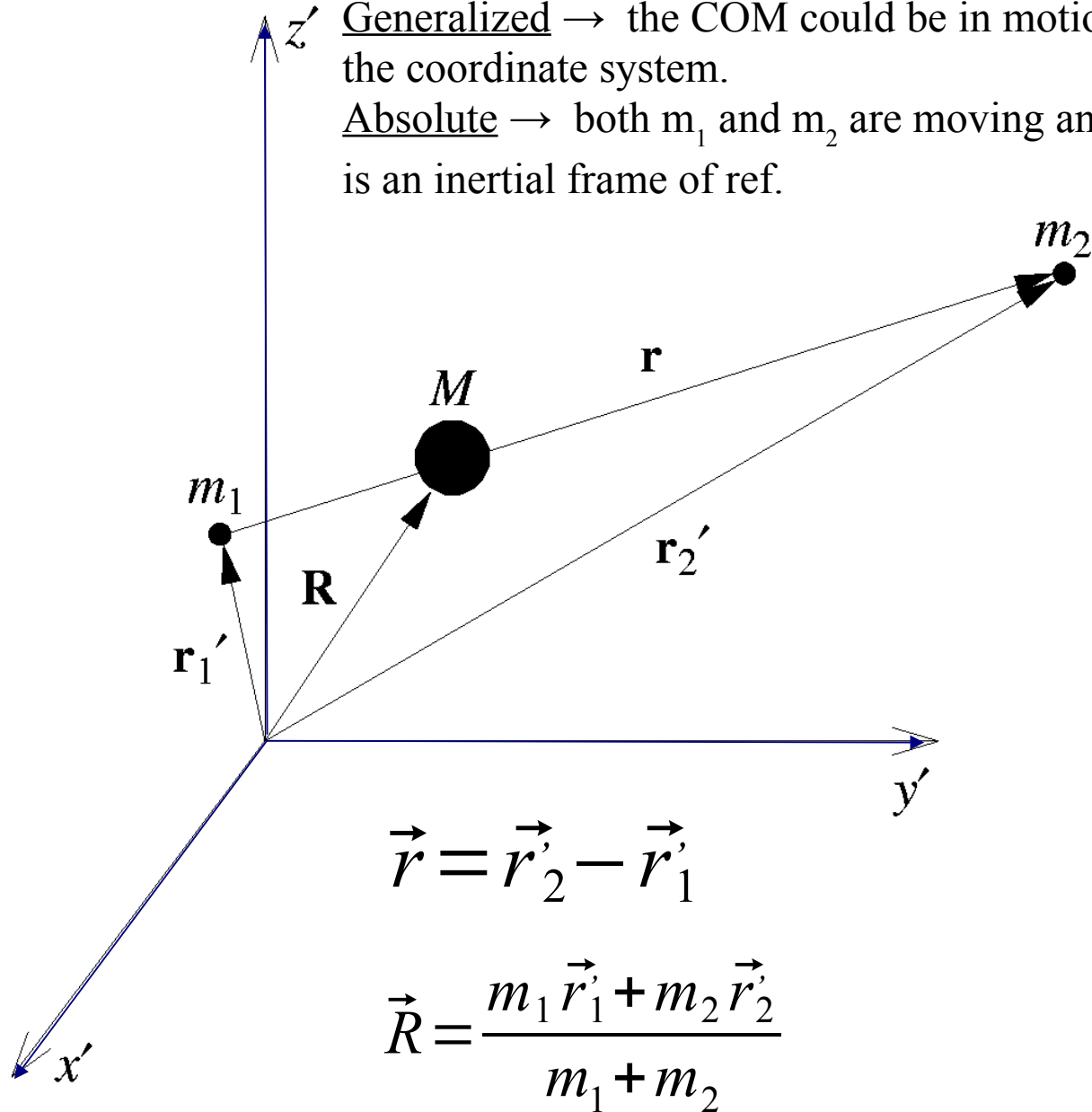


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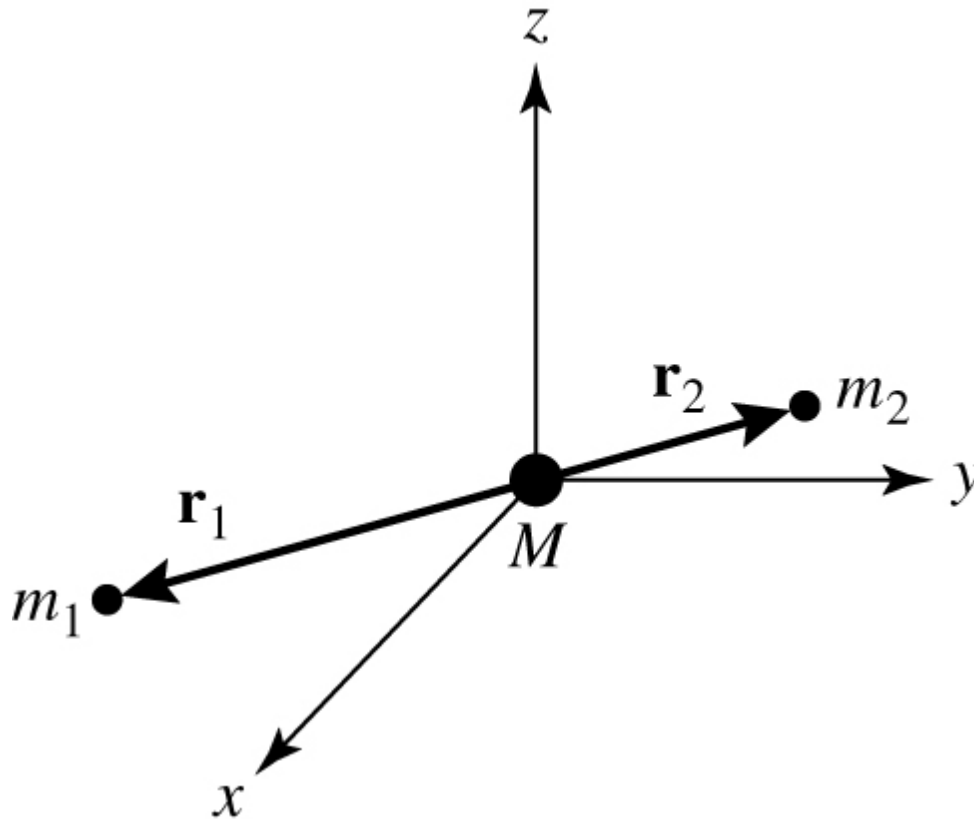


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The COM is usually at the origin labeled with the total mass $M = m_1 + m_2$.

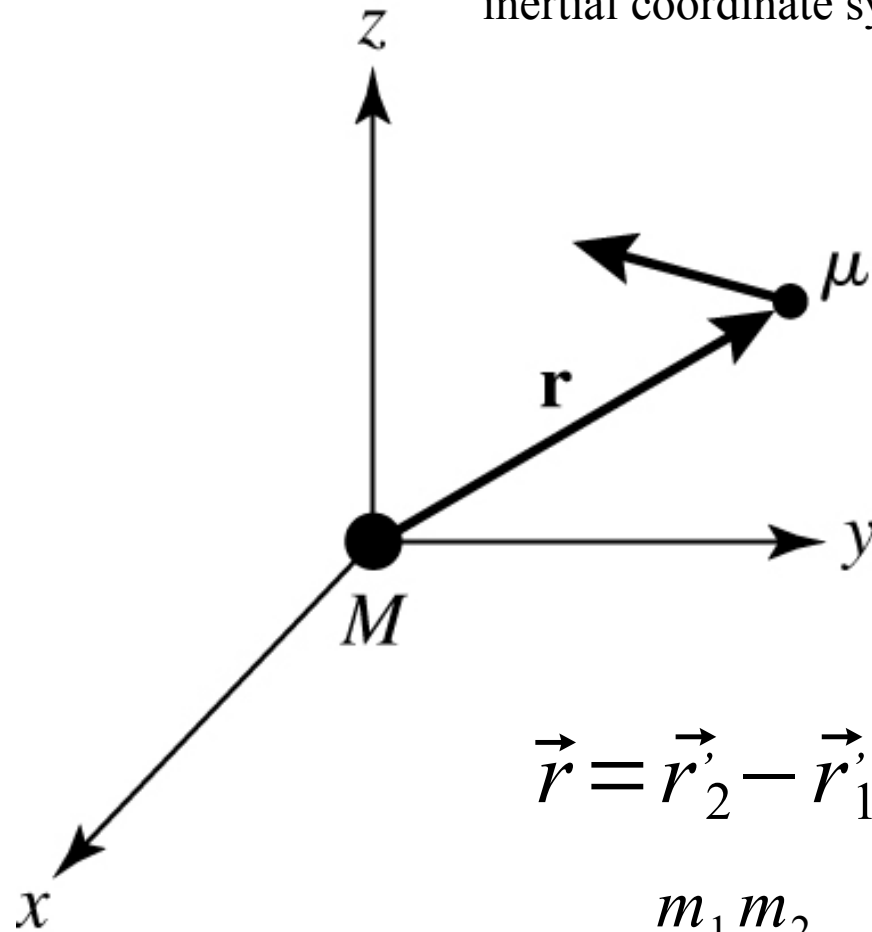


$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$$

Binary Orbits

Relative coordinates.

Relative → shows orbit of moving, reduced mass μ around a stationary total mass M . Since both masses move in inertial coordinate systems, this would have to be a non-inertial coordinate system.



$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}'_1$$

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

Binary Orbits

