

# Numerical Scheme for Planetary Motion

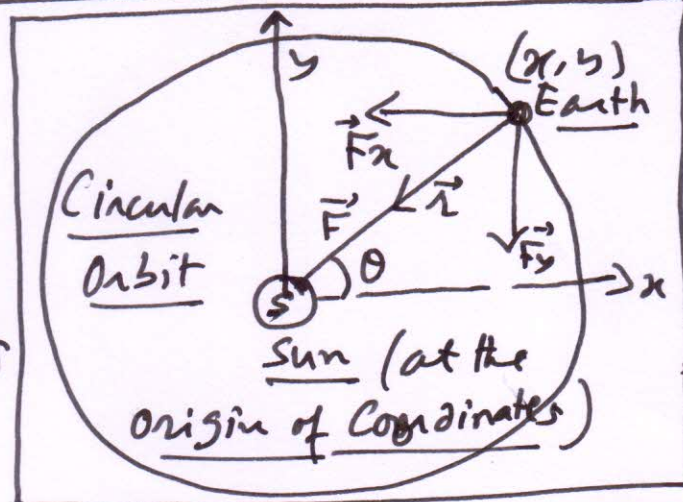
1. Most planets of the solar system have small eccentricity values (the first place of decimal is zero). except for Mercury and Pluto.
2. For the Earth  $[E = 0.017]$ .
3. Approximate a circular Earth orbit.

$M_{\odot} \rightarrow \text{Solar Mass}, m_E \rightarrow \text{Earth mass}$

The Gravitational Force between the Sun and the Earth is

$$\vec{F} = - \frac{G M_{\odot} m_E}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

and  $m_E \frac{d^2 \vec{y}}{dt^2} = \vec{F}_y$



Also  $m_E \frac{d^2 \vec{x}}{dt^2} = \vec{F}_x$

$$\vec{r} = r \hat{r} = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{r} = \left( \frac{x}{r} \right) \hat{x} + \left( \frac{y}{r} \right) \hat{y} = \cos \theta \hat{x} + \sin \theta \hat{y}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{F}_x| = |\vec{F}| \cos \theta = |\vec{F}| \left( \frac{x}{r} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad |\vec{F}_y| = |\vec{F}| \sin \theta = |\vec{F}| \left( \frac{y}{r} \right)$$

(P.T.O.)



The force acting on the Earth is

$$\boxed{m_E \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = - \frac{GM_0 m_E}{r^2} \hat{r}} \quad \text{In components along } \underline{x} \text{ and } \underline{y}$$

~~Directions~~  $\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \left(\frac{dv_x}{dt}\right) \hat{x} + \left(\frac{dv_y}{dt}\right) \hat{y}$

$$\boxed{\vec{F} = F_x + F_y} \Rightarrow \boxed{- \frac{GM_0 m_E}{r^2} \hat{r} = - \frac{GM_0 m_E}{r^2} \left( \frac{x}{r} \hat{x} + \frac{y}{r} \hat{y} \right)}$$

Hence, put together components

$$\boxed{\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \left(\frac{dv_x}{dt}\right) \hat{x} + \left(\frac{dv_y}{dt}\right) \hat{y} = - \frac{GM_0}{r^2} \left( \frac{x}{r} \hat{x} + \frac{y}{r} \hat{y} \right)}$$

Balancing components, we write,

$$\boxed{\frac{dv_x}{dt} = - \frac{GM_0}{r^3} x} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\frac{dv_y}{dt} = - \frac{GM_0}{r^3} y}$$

Also  $\boxed{\frac{dx}{dt} = v_x}$ ,  $\boxed{\frac{dy}{dt} = v_y}$  and  $\boxed{r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}}$

Numerical Scheme:  $\boxed{x_{i+1} = x_i + v_{x,i}(\Delta t)}$

$$\boxed{y_{i+1} = y_i + v_{y,i}(\Delta t)}, \quad \boxed{r_i = \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2}}$$

$$\boxed{v_{x,i+1} = v_{x,i} - \frac{GM_0 x_i}{(x_i^2 + y_i^2)^{3/2}}(\Delta t)}, \quad \boxed{v_{y,i+1} = v_{y,i} - \frac{GM_0 y_i}{(x_i^2 + y_i^2)^{3/2}}(\Delta t)}$$

$\Delta t \rightarrow$  Time Step of numerical integration.



# Three-Body Problem: Sun-Earth-Jupiter

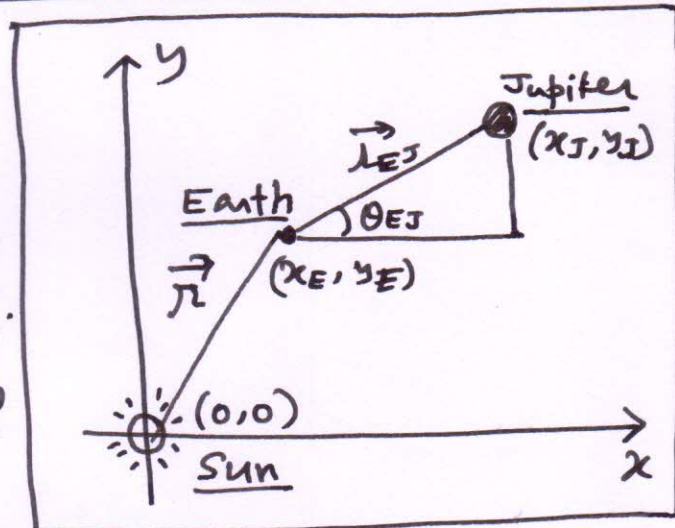
- 1/. Apart from the Sun, the planets themselves exert gravity on one another.
- 2/. Jupiter has the most prominent gravitational effect among planets.
- 3/. Consider the effect of Jupiter only in a three-body system of the Sun, the Earth and Jupiter.

The Sun is at the Origin of Coordinates, in the Solar System,  $(0,0)$ .

The Earth experiences the gravity of both the Sun and Jupiter. The magnitude of the force between the Earth and Jupiter.

is 
$$F_{EJ} = - \frac{G m_J m_E}{r_{EJ}^2}$$

(P.T.O) distance between



$m_J \rightarrow$  Jupiter mass

$m_E \rightarrow$  Earth mass

$r_{EJ} \rightarrow$  Separation between Jupiter & Earth



With respect to Jupiter the gravity felt by the Earth, along the  $\hat{x}$ -~~comp~~ component.

is  $\boxed{\vec{F}_{EJ,x} = - \frac{G m_E m_J}{r_{EJ}^2} \cos \theta_{EJ} \hat{x}}$   $\boxed{\cos \theta_{EJ} = \frac{x_E - x_J}{r_{EJ}}}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{F}_{EJ,x} = - \frac{G m_E m_J}{r_{EJ}^3} (x_E - x_J) \hat{x}}$  . Similarly the y-component

is  $\boxed{\vec{F}_{EJ,y} = - \frac{G m_E m_J}{r_{EJ}^2} \sin \theta_{EJ} \hat{y}}$   $\boxed{\sin \theta_{EJ} = \frac{y_E - y_J}{r_{EJ}}}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{F}_{EJ,y} = - \frac{G m_E m_J}{r_{EJ}^3} (y_E - y_J) \hat{y}}$  These are in addition to the Sun's gravity.

The x-component of the Earth's motion under the total gravity of the Sun and Jupiter is

$$\boxed{\frac{dV_{x,E}}{dt} = - \frac{G M_\odot x_E}{r^3} - \frac{G m_J (x_E - x_J)}{r_{EJ}^3}}$$

Like wise, the y-component is,  $\boxed{r^2 = x_E^2 + y_E^2}$

$$\boxed{\frac{dV_{y,E}}{dt} = - \frac{G M_\odot y_E}{r^3} - \frac{G m_J (y_E - y_J)}{r_{EJ}^3}}$$

Note:  $\boxed{x_E < x_J}$ ,  $\boxed{y_E < y_J}$ , (Jupiter's orbit is <sup>larger</sup>  $\hat{r}$ ).  
 $\therefore$  Jupiter contributes positive terms to the components