

## ORBITAL MECHANICS

suggestion  $\Rightarrow$  follow theory, exercise and labs step by step  
it will help with the understanding of the material.

Fundamentals of Astrodynamics and Applications  $\rightarrow$  Vallado

$\hookrightarrow$  for perturbation

$\rightarrow$  Lambert problem  $\rightarrow$  Astro Libros  $\leftarrow$  Vedula registrations

Everything will be on Beep.

## GENERAL AND RESTRICTED TWO-BODY PROBLEM

Obj: describe motion of planets or satellite around Sun / Planet.

(e.g. Moon  $\odot$  Earth, Galileo  $\odot$  Jupiter, S/C  $\odot$  Earth,  
planet  $\odot$  Sun, S/C  $\odot$  Sun)

## NOTE

Understanding the motion of planets / Sun and Star is a need  
much older than the first space flight (Sputnik 1957).

Such understanding was needed for:

- measuring time
- navigation using celestial body.

Nowadays  $\rightarrow$  predicting S/C for:

- scientific mission (remote sensing mission)
- exploration mission
- technological demonstration
- Space is providing different services

Mission funded by private sources to obtain a return on investment  $\rightarrow$  Private interest in Space.

## → Space situational awareness (threat to space activities)

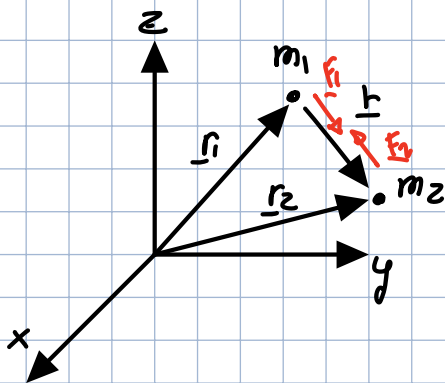
- space weather
- Near Earth objects bolides @ Sun (asteroids comets)
  - ↳ for avoiding collision for mining
- space debris
  - ~ 4000 s/c active
  - ~ 300'000 trackable object (non active)
  - ~ millions smaller than 1 cm.

## NEWTON'S GRAVITATION LAW

$$\underline{F} = G \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\underline{r}}{r} \Rightarrow |\hat{r}| = 1 \quad \hat{r} = \frac{\underline{r}}{r} \quad r = \|\underline{r}\|$$

$$G = 6,67 \cdot 10^{-20} \frac{\text{km}^3}{\text{kg s}^2} \quad \text{universal constant.}$$



$$\underline{r} = \underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1 \quad (1.2)$$

e.g.

$m_1$	$m_2$
Sun	planet/ s/c
Earth	satellite/ Moon
planet	Moon/ s/c

## Newton's Second Law

$$m_1 \underline{\ddot{r}}_1 = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$m_2 \underline{\ddot{r}}_2 = - G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

(1.3)

$$\underline{\ddot{r}} = \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2}$$

$$\underline{F}_1 = \underline{F}$$

$$\underline{F}_2 = -\underline{F}$$

we want to find the relative motion between  $m_1$  and  $m_2$

but before  $\rightarrow (1.2) + (1.3)$

$$m_1 \underline{\dot{r}}_1 + m_2 \underline{\dot{r}}_2 = 0$$

Position of the barycenter G

velocity of the barycenter G

$$\underline{r}_G = \frac{m_1 \underline{r}_1 + m_2 \underline{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\underline{v}_G = \underline{\dot{r}}_G = \frac{m_1 \underline{\dot{r}}_1 + m_2 \underline{\dot{r}}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

acceleration of G

$$\underline{a}_G = \underline{\ddot{r}}_G = \frac{m_1 \underline{\ddot{r}}_1 + m_2 \underline{\ddot{r}}_2}{m_1 + m_2} \equiv 0$$

No external forces  $\Rightarrow$  G moves on a straight line with constant velocity.

$$\underline{r}_G(t) = \underline{r}_{G0} + \underline{v}_{G0} t$$

Coming back at equations (1.2) (1.3)

$$\underline{\ddot{r}}_1 = G m_2 \frac{1}{r^2} = \begin{cases} \ddot{x}_1 = G m_2 \frac{x_2 - x_1}{r^3} \\ \ddot{y}_1 = G m_2 \frac{y_2 - y_1}{r^3} \\ \ddot{z}_1 = G m_2 \frac{z_2 - z_1}{r^3} \end{cases}$$

it is a vectorial equation.

$$r = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

$$\underline{\ddot{r}}_2 = G m_1 \frac{1}{r^2} = \begin{cases} \ddot{x}_2 = G m_1 \frac{x_1 - x_2}{r^3} \\ \ddot{y}_2 = G m_1 \frac{y_1 - y_2}{r^3} \\ \ddot{z}_2 = G m_1 \frac{z_1 - z_2}{r^3} \end{cases}$$

Describe motion of  $m_2$  with respect  $m_1$

$$m_1 \ddot{\underline{r}}_1 = \underline{F} \rightarrow \ddot{\underline{r}}_1 = \frac{\underline{F}}{m_1}$$

$$m_2 \ddot{\underline{r}}_2 = -\underline{F} \rightarrow \ddot{\underline{r}}_2 = -\frac{\underline{F}}{m_2}$$

$$\ddot{\underline{r}}_2 - \ddot{\underline{r}}_1 = \ddot{\underline{r}} = -\frac{\underline{F}}{m_2} - \frac{\underline{F}}{m_1} = -\frac{G m_1}{r^2} \hat{r} - \frac{G m_2}{r^2} \hat{r} = -\frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = -G \frac{(m_1 + m_2)}{r^2} \hat{r} \quad \text{or} \quad \ddot{\underline{r}} = -G \frac{(m_1 + m_2)}{r^3} \underline{r} \quad (1.4)$$

Equation of two Body Problem.

$$\mu = G(m_1 + m_2) \quad \text{2BP constant}$$

### RESTRICTED TWO BODY PROBLEM

Ass:  $m_1 \gg m_2$

$m_2$  does not affect motion of  $m_1$

$m_1$  @ center of reference frame.

(1.4) becomes

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = -\frac{G(m_1 + \cancel{m_2})}{r^3} \underline{r} \Rightarrow \ddot{\underline{r}} = -\frac{G m_1}{r^3} \underline{r} \quad (1.5)$$

and now  $\mu$  becomes

$$\mu = G m_1 \quad \text{Planetary constant}$$

↓  
No longer depends on the smaller body.

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = -\frac{\mu}{r^3} \underline{r} \quad (1.6)$$

Knowing  $(r_0, v_0)$  Numerically integrate (1.6)  $\Rightarrow \underline{r}(t), \underline{v}(t)$

Motion of  $m_2$  in the gravitational field of  $m_1$

**NOTE**

$m_1$  assumed to be spherically symmetric

$\Rightarrow$  mass is all concentrated @ origin of RF (point mass)

Gravitational force in (1.6) can be expressed in terms of a gradient of a scalar function, the gravity potential  $V$  of  $m_1$

$$\underline{F} = -\nabla V \quad \text{where} \quad V = \frac{\mu}{r} \quad (1.7)$$

For a spherical symmetric body  $V = \frac{\mu}{r}$

For Non-Symmetric body add additional terms