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Solution: Relative Motion of Two Bodies

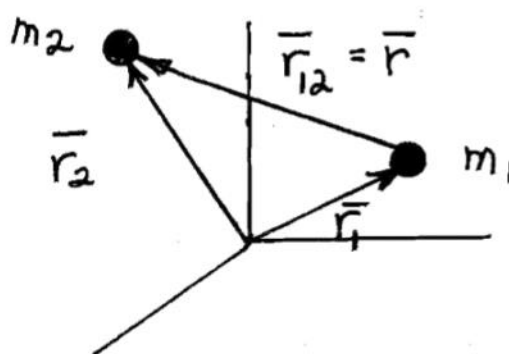
Solve $\ddot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\mu}{r^3} \vec{r} = \vec{0}$ $\vec{r}_{12} = \vec{r}$

Method 1 : Classical Derivation

I. Observations from angular momentum

1. n -body problem – angular momentum of system

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i) = \vec{C}_3 \quad \text{constant vector}$$

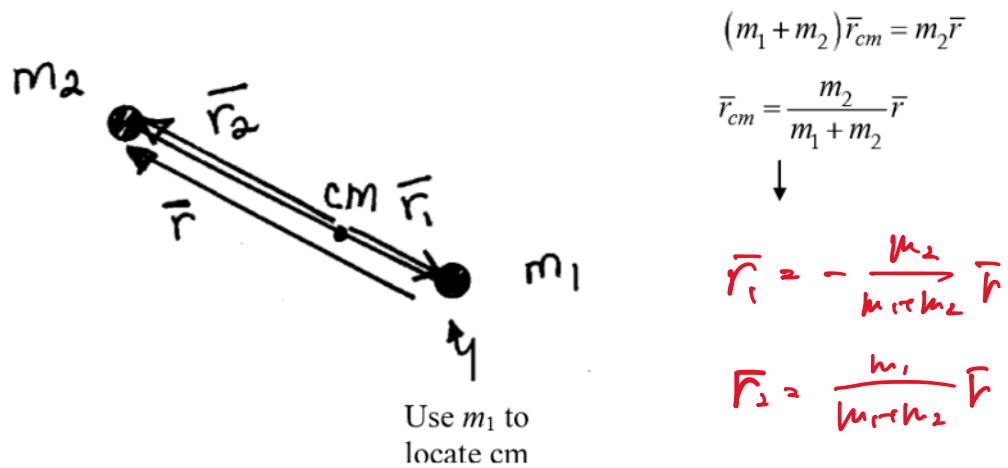


Let $n=2$

$$\vec{C}_3 = m_1 (\vec{r}_1 \times \dot{\vec{r}}_1) + m_2 (\vec{r}_2 \times \dot{\vec{r}}_2)$$

System linear momentum conserved

- $\vec{v}_{cm} = \text{const}$ in mag. \neq dir.
- Any frame moving w/ cm is inertial
- in new inertial frame cm appear "fixed",
cm as "inertially fixed base pt"



$$\bar{C}_3 = m_1 (\bar{r}_1 \times \dot{\bar{r}}_1) + m_2 (\bar{r}_2 \times \dot{\bar{r}}_2)$$

Sub back into equation for \bar{C}_3

$$\bar{C}_3 = m_1 \left(\frac{-m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \bar{r} \times \frac{-m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \dot{\bar{r}} \right) + m_2 \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \bar{r} \times \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \dot{\bar{r}} \right)$$

$$\bar{C}_3 = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} (\bar{r} \times \dot{\bar{r}})$$

$$\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \bar{C}_3 = \bar{r} \times \dot{\bar{r}} = \bar{h} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{specific} \\ \text{angular} \\ \text{momentum} \end{array}$$

Note: $\dot{\bar{r}} = \frac{d\bar{r}}{dt}$ relative velocity

↑ consr. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mag} \\ \neq \\ \text{dir} \end{array} \right.$

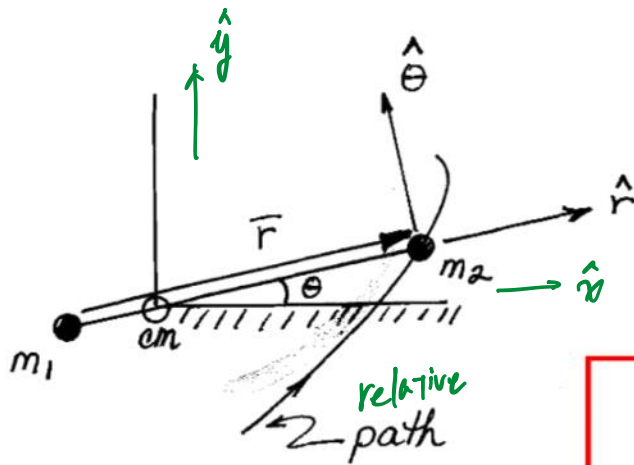
\bar{h} always \perp to $\bar{r} \neq \dot{\bar{r}}$

$$\ddot{\bar{r}} + \frac{\mu}{r^3} \bar{r} = 0$$

2. $\bar{h} = \bar{r} \times \dot{\bar{r}} = \text{constant}$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{h} \perp \bar{r}, \dot{\bar{r}} \\ \bar{r}, \dot{\bar{r}} \text{ remain in a plane} \end{array} \right\}$ relative motion in 2D is planar

Invariable plane - plane contains cm & whose normal coincides w/ \bar{h}

3. Represent \bar{h} in scalar component / magnitude form



$$\bar{r} = r \hat{r}$$

$$\dot{\bar{r}} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$$

$$|\bar{h}| = |\bar{r} \times \dot{\bar{r}}| = r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$h = r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

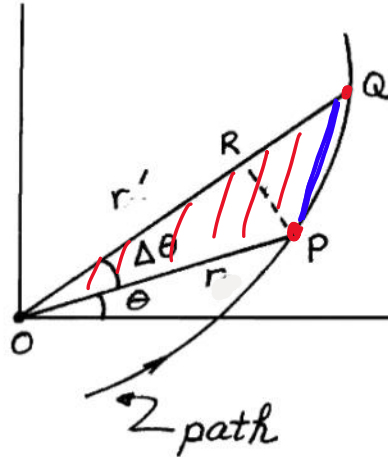
const

tradeoff between
 r & $\dot{\theta}$ related to
areal velocity

↓
Kepler's 3rd law

4. h related to areal velocity

[Kepler III. Line joining planet to Sun sweeps out equal areas in equal times.]



ΔA differential area swept out $P \rightarrow Q$

Actually already known from h

(Assume motion in a plane)

ΔA represents area of triangle OPQ swept over by radius vector in interval Δt

$$\text{Area triangle} = \frac{1}{2} (\text{base}) (\text{height})$$


$$\Delta A = \frac{1}{2} (r') (r \sin \Delta \theta) = \frac{r' r \sin \Delta \theta}{2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta t} = \frac{r' r \sin \Delta \theta}{2} \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta \theta} \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \dot{\theta} = \frac{h}{2}$$

$$\dot{A} = \frac{h}{2} = \text{const.}$$

As $\Delta\theta$ diminishes, ratio of area of triangle to that of sector approaches unity as a limit

 limit of $\frac{\sin \Delta\theta}{\Delta\theta}$ is unity

Passing to the limit $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

II. Observations from energy

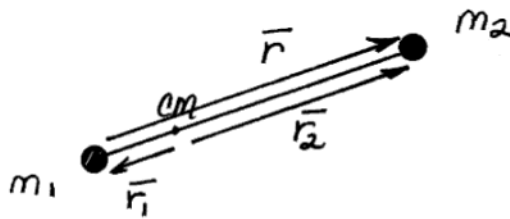
1. gravity field is
- conservative

$$T - U = C_4$$

2. write equation
- $T - U = C_4$
- in a more convenient form

scalar const.

$$KE - \text{Grav pot} = \text{const.}$$



$$\vec{r}_1 = \frac{-m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \vec{r} \quad \dot{\vec{r}}_1 = \frac{-m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \dot{\vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \vec{r} \quad \dot{\vec{r}}_2 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \dot{\vec{r}}$$

kinetic energy

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{v}_i^P \cdot \vec{v}_i^P$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{\vec{r}}_1 \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_1) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{\vec{r}}_2 \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_2)$$

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$$T = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} (\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}})$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} G \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{m_i m_j}{r_{ji}}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} G \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{r} + \frac{m_2 m_1}{r} \right) = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r}$$

$n=2$

$$U = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r}$$

$$T - U = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} - \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r} = C_4$$



Multiply by $\frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1 m_2}$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\underbrace{\dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}}_{\vec{v}}) - \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{r} = C_4 \frac{(m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 m_2} = \mathcal{E} \quad \text{specific energy}$$

Define $\vec{v} = \dot{\vec{r}} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ ← base point moves!!!
relative velocity

$$\vec{v} = \dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$$

$$v^2 = |\dot{\vec{r}}|^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$



$$\frac{v^2}{2} - \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{r} = C_4 \frac{(m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 m_2} = \mathcal{E} \quad \text{"energy"}$$

Let $\mu = G(m_1 + m_2)$



$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{v^2}{2} - \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{r}}_{v'}$$

what info can we extract from this to get a soln?

$$\text{General U: } \mathcal{E} = \frac{v^2}{2} - U'$$

III. Using known constants ($h; \mathcal{E}$), vector 2nd-order DE

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\mu}{r^3} \vec{r} = \vec{0}$$

solve! $\vec{r}, \dot{\vec{r}}$

has been replaced by two 1st-order scalar differential equations in the dependent variables r, θ

Note: only 2 dependent variables because motion takes place in a plane (polar components simplifies problem)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h = r^2 \dot{\theta} \\ \mathcal{E} - \frac{1}{2} v^2 - U' = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) - U' \end{array} \right.$$

$\vec{v} = \dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$
 $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2$

$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$ $\frac{\mu}{r}$

Solution ?

Expression for r ?

$$h = r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \Rightarrow dt = \frac{r^2}{h} d\theta \quad \text{can remove time}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \right\} - U'$$

sub for dx

$$2\mathcal{E} = \left(\frac{h}{r^2} \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\theta} \frac{h}{r^2} \right)^2 - 2U' \quad \leftarrow -\frac{2\mu}{r}$$

$$= \left(\frac{h}{r^2} \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 + \frac{h^2}{r^2} - 2U'$$

$$\frac{2}{h^2} [\mathcal{E} + U'] = \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^4} \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{differential equation}$$

integrate?

solve $r = r(\theta)$ because t removed

Introduce new variable

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{r} = r^{-1} \quad \frac{d\zeta}{d\theta} = -r^{-2} \frac{dr}{d\theta}$$



$$\frac{2}{h^2} [\mathcal{E} + U'] = \left(\frac{d\zeta}{d\theta} \right)^2 + \zeta^2$$



$$\frac{d\zeta}{d\theta} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{h^2} (\mathcal{E} + U') - \zeta^2}$$

$\frac{\mu}{r}$

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{r}$$

3 const: h, μ, ζ

$$d\theta = \frac{d\zeta}{\pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{h^2}(\mathcal{E} + U') - \zeta^2}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{3 parameter family of orbits}$$

fcn of $\zeta \rightarrow U' = \frac{\mu}{r} = \mu \zeta$

Integrate *easily*

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\zeta - \frac{\mu}{h^2}}{\sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{h^4} + \frac{2\mathcal{E}}{h^2}}} + \omega$$

measured from a reference

integration const.

direction "periapsis"

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{\mu}{h^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu^2}{h^4} + \frac{2\mathcal{E}}{h^2}} \cos(\theta - \omega)$$

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos(\theta - \omega)}$$

Standard polar equation of a conic section referred to the focus as the origin

where

$$p = \frac{h^2}{\mu}$$

semi latus rectum

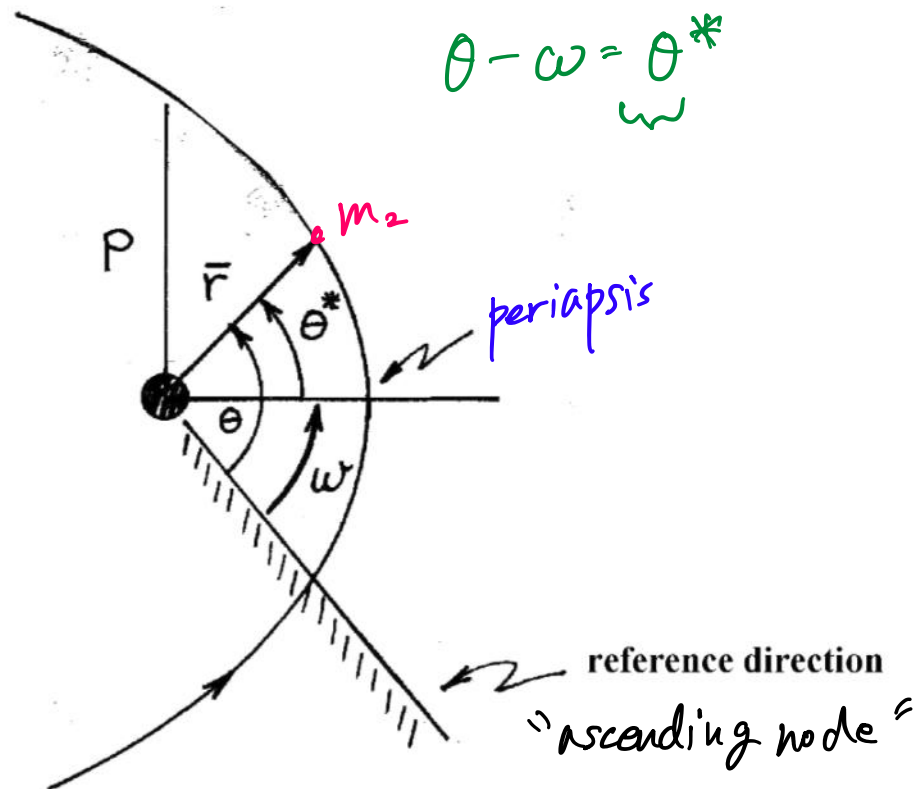
$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\mathcal{E}h^2}{\mu^2}}$$

eccentricity

love vectors 1800s

Conic Section

ellipse, parabola, hyperbola



$$h = \sqrt{\mu p} \quad \mathcal{E} = -\frac{\mu^2}{2h^2}(1 - e^2)$$

define $a = \frac{p}{(1 - e^2)}$ semimajor axis

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{E} = -\frac{\mu}{2a} \Rightarrow -\frac{\mu}{2a} = \frac{v^2}{2} - \frac{\mu}{r}$$

if path circular $r = a$ $e = 0$

$$\text{so } v_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$$

Method 2 : Direct Vector Derivation

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\mu}{r^3} \vec{r} = \vec{0} \quad \text{equation of relative motion for two-body system}$$

$\mu \rightarrow G(m_1 + m_2)$

$$\vec{h} = \vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} \quad \text{constant}$$

mag
direction

Start with some observations concerning vectors

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{1}{dt} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right) = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}}}{r} - \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \dot{r} = \frac{r^2 \dot{\vec{r}} - r \dot{r} \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

$$\left[\text{Note: } \dot{\vec{r}} = \frac{1}{dt} d\vec{r} \quad \dot{r} = \frac{dr}{dt} \right]$$

Rewrite

$$\frac{1}{dt} d\hat{r} = \frac{(\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) \dot{\vec{r}} - (\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = r^2$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} = (r\hat{r}) \cdot (\dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}) = r\dot{r}$$

$$\text{Identity: } \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) \vec{B} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{C}$$

$$\vec{r} \times (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{r}) = (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \dot{\vec{r}} - (\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}) \vec{r}$$

$$\frac{1}{dt} d\hat{r} = - \frac{\vec{r} \times (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{r})}{r^3} = \frac{\overbrace{(\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}})}^{\vec{h}} \times \vec{r}}{r^3}$$

$$= \vec{h} \times \underbrace{\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}}_{\text{sub}}$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} + \frac{\mu}{r^3} \vec{r} = \vec{0} \quad \text{Eqn}$$

$$\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = - \frac{\ddot{\vec{r}}}{\mu}$$

$$\dot{\hat{r}} = \bar{h} \times \left(-\frac{\ddot{\vec{r}}}{\mu} \right) \quad \text{OR} \quad \dot{\hat{r}} = \frac{\ddot{\vec{r}} \times \bar{h}}{\mu}$$

constant
constant

Integrate once

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}} \times \bar{h}}{\mu} + \text{integration constant} = \frac{\dot{\vec{r}} \times \bar{h}}{\mu} - \bar{e}$$

eccentricity vector

\bar{e} in { direction of periapsis
oriented via ω

r as a scalar (\rightarrow conic eqn)

Dot product with \bar{r}

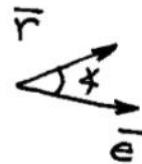
$$\bar{r} \cdot \hat{r} = \bar{r} \cdot \frac{\dot{\vec{r}} \times \bar{h}}{\mu} - \bar{r} \cdot \bar{e}$$

$$\left[\text{Identity } \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \times \bar{C} = \bar{C} \cdot \bar{A} \times \bar{B} \right]$$

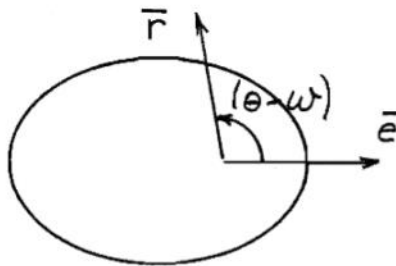
$$r = \frac{\bar{h}}{\mu} \cdot \underbrace{(\bar{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}})}_{\bar{h}} - \bar{r} \cdot \bar{e} = \frac{\bar{h} \cdot \bar{h}}{\mu} - \bar{r} \cdot \bar{e}$$

$$r = \frac{h^2}{\mu} - \vec{r} \cdot \vec{e}$$

$$r + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{e} = h^2/\mu$$



$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{e} = r \cos \phi$$



$$r + r \cos(\theta - \omega) = h^2/\mu$$

$$r = \frac{h^2/\mu}{1 + e \cos(\theta - \omega)}$$

conic eqn

Note: $\vec{h} \rightarrow$ 3 constants

\vec{h} normal to plane of motion

\vec{e} always IN plane of motion

\vec{h} and \vec{e} are NOT independent so only represents 5 arbitrary constants

But together \vec{h} , \vec{e} determine size, shape, and orientation of conic with respect to focus

6th constant related to time, i.e., orbital position relative to periapsis