

# eccentric\_tides

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## 1 1. Formalism

According to KZ16, when the companion is on a circular orbit with pattern frequency  $\sigma = 2(\Omega - \Omega_s)$  (where  $\Omega_s$  is the spin frequency of the stellar core and  $\Omega$  is the orbital frequency), the torque is given

$$\tau = \beta_2 \frac{GM_c^2 r_c^5}{a^6} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \left| \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{GM_c/r_c^3}} \right|^{8/3} \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c} \right)^2.$$

where  $\beta_2 \approx 1$  for most stars, and  $r_c$  is the core radius.

VLF17 furthermore give the total torque for an eccentric mode

$$\tau = \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N2}^2 \tau_N$$

where the  $F_{N2}$  are Hansen coefficients, and the  $\tau_N$  are the contributions from each harmonic  $N$ . If we let  $\sigma = N\Omega - 2\Omega_s$  in the KZ16 torque, then we can rewrite the torque exerted by each harmonic as

$$\tau_N(r_c) = \hat{\tau}(r_c) \text{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3}$$

where

$$\hat{\tau}(r_c) = \beta_2 \frac{GM_c^2 r_c^5}{a^6} \left( \frac{\Omega}{\sqrt{GM_c/r_c^3}} \right)^{8/3} \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c} \right)^2.$$

This implies we can write

$$\tau = \hat{\tau}(r_c) \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N2}^2 \text{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3}$$

The energy term is similar:

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \frac{\hat{\tau}(r_c, \Omega)}{2} \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ N \Omega F_{N2}^2 \text{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} + \left( \frac{W_{20}}{W_{22}} \right)^2 \Omega F_{N0}^2 |N|^{11/3} \right]$$

and

$$\dot{E}_{\text{rot}} = \dot{E}_{\text{in}} - \Omega_s \tau$$

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[2]: import sympy as sp
import numpy as np
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from scipy.special import gamma
from IPython.display import display
sp.init_printing(use_latex=True)

N, e = sp.symbols('N e ', positive=True)
f2, f3, f5, j = sp.symbols('f_2 f_3 f_5 j', positive=True)
ecc_subdict = {
    f2: 1 + e**2 * sp.Rational(15, 2) + e**4 * sp.Rational(45, 8) + e**6 * sp.
    ↳ Rational(5, 16),
    f3: 1 + e**2 * sp.Rational(15, 4) + e**4 * sp.Rational(15, 8) + e**6 * sp.
    ↳ Rational(5, 64),
    f5: 1 + e**2 * 3 + e**4 * sp.Rational(3, 8)
}
jsub = { j: sp.sqrt(1 - e**2) }
def my_display(expr, other_subs={}):
    all_subs = {**jsub, **other_subs}
    if type(expr) == list:
        expr = [e.subs(all_subs) for e in expr]
    else:
        expr = expr.subs(all_subs)
    display(expr)
display([f2, f3, f5])
my_display([f2, f3, f5], ecc_subdict)

C2, eta2 = sp.symbols(r'C_2 \eta_2', positive=True)
p = 2 # ansatz
C0, eta0 = sp.symbols(r'C_0 \eta_0', positive=True)

F_N2 = C2 * N**p * sp.E**(-N / eta2)
F_N0 = C0 * sp.E**(-N / eta0)
def get_fn2_integral(p):
    return sp.Integral(F_N2**2 * N**p, (N, 0, sp.oo))
def get_fn0_integral(p):
    return sp.Integral(2 * F_N0**2 * N**p, (N, 0, sp.oo))

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$[f_2, f_3, f_5]$

$$\left[ \frac{5e^6}{16} + \frac{45e^4}{8} + \frac{15e^2}{2} + 1, \frac{5e^6}{64} + \frac{15e^4}{8} + \frac{15e^2}{4} + 1, \frac{3e^4}{8} + 3e^2 + 1 \right]$$

## 2. Fitting Formulas

### 2.1 a. F\_N2

First, we aim to calculate the fitting formulas for the two sets of Hansen coefficients,  $F_{N0}$  and  $F_{N2}$ . Below we first do so for  $F_{N2}$ . The constraints are

$$\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N2}^2 = \frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{9/2}}, \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N2}^2 N = \frac{2f_2}{(1-e^2)^6}. \quad (2)$$

These are analytic. We approximate

$$F_{N2} = \begin{cases} 0 & N \leq 0 \\ C_2 N^p e^{-N/\eta_2} & N > 0. \end{cases}$$

We take universal  $p = 2$  based on numerical comparison. We then fit for  $C_2, \eta_2$  by setting both of the below equal to zero:

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[3]: fn2_moment0 = get_fn2_integral(0) - f5 / j**9
      fn2_moment1 = get_fn2_integral(1) - 2 * f2 / j**12
      my_display(fn2_moment0)
      my_display(fn2_moment1)
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$$-\frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}} + \int_0^{\infty} C_2^2 N^4 e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_2}} dN$$

$$-\frac{2f_2}{(1-e^2)^6} + \int_0^{\infty} C_2^2 N^5 e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_2}} dN$$

Setting both of the above equal to zero gives solution for  $\eta_2, C_2$ :

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[4]: [[c2sol, eta2sol]] = sp.solve([
      fn2_moment0.doit(),
      fn2_moment1.doit(),
      ], [C2, eta2])
      sol2subs = { C2: c2sol, eta2: eta2sol }
      my_display([eta2, C2**2 * (eta2 / 2)**5])
      print('=')
      my_display([sp.simplify(eta2sol), sp.simplify(c2sol**2 * (eta2sol / 2)**5)])
```

$$\left[ \eta_2, \frac{C_2^2 \eta_2^5}{32} \right]$$

$$=$$

$$\left[ \frac{4f_2}{5f_5(1-e^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \frac{f_5}{24(1-e^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}} \right]$$

Note that the  $N$  for which  $F_{N2}^2$  peaks is just  $p\eta_2 = 2\eta_2$ . Naively, we expect this to scale with the pericenter harmonic  $N_{\text{peri}} = \sqrt{1+e}(1-e^2)^{3/2}$ . For  $e \rightarrow 1$ , the fitted formula peaks at  $N = 132/25(1-e^2)^{-3/2}$ , which is the right scaling.

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[5]: nmax = eta2sol.subs(ecc_subdict).subs(e, 1)
my_display(sp.simplify(2 * nmax))
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$$\frac{132}{25(1-e^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

## 2.2 b. F\_N0

Next, we fit  $F_{N0}$ . The constraints are

$$\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N0}^2 = \frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{9/2}}, \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N0}^2 N^2 = \frac{9e^2 f_3}{2(1-e^2)^{15/2}}. \quad (4)$$

We pick fitting formula

$$F_{N0} = C_0 e^{-|N|/\eta_0}.$$

This produces fit

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[6]: fn0_moment0 = get_fn0_integral(0) - f5 / j**9
fn0_moment2 = get_fn0_integral(2) - sp.Rational(9, 2) * e**2 / j**15 * f3
my_display(fn0_moment0)
my_display(fn0_moment2)
[[c0sol, eta0sol]] = sp.solve([
    fn0_moment0.doit(),
    fn0_moment2.doit(),
], [C0, eta0])
sol0subs = { C0: c0sol, eta0: eta0sol }
my_display([eta0**2, C0**2 * eta0])
print('=')
my_display([sp.simplify(eta0sol**2), sp.simplify(c0sol**2 * eta0sol)])
```

$$-\frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}} + \int_0^{\infty} 2C_0^2 e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_0}} dN$$

$$-\frac{9e^2 f_3}{2(1-e^2)^{\frac{15}{2}}} + \int_0^{\infty} 2C_0^2 N^2 e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_0}} dN$$

$$[\eta_0^2, C_0^2 \eta_0]$$

$$=$$

$$\left[ \frac{9e^2 f_3}{f_5 (1-e^2)^3}, \frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}} \right]$$

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 a. Torque

Now, we evaluate the torque,

$$\tau = \hat{\tau} \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N2}^2 \operatorname{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3}, \quad (5)$$

$$= \hat{\tau} \int_0^{\infty} C_2^2 N^4 e^{-2N/\eta_2} \operatorname{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} dN. \quad (6)$$

Call  $N_{\max}$  the  $N$  for which the summand is maximized (we will determine this a posteriori); note  $N_{\max} > 0$ . First, we will approximate  $|\Omega_s/\Omega| \gg N_{\max}$ , then we will show that the accuracy of the prediction can be improved via yet another ansatz

##### 3.1.1 Case 1: Asymptotic

First, consider  $N_{\max} \ll |2\Omega_s/\Omega|$ . The sign is just  $-\operatorname{sgn}(\Omega_s)$ , and the rest simplifies easily

$$\tau = -\hat{\tau} \operatorname{sgn}(\Omega_s) |2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} \sum_{N=-\infty}^{N=\infty} F_{N2}^2 \quad (7)$$

$$= -\hat{\tau} \operatorname{sgn}(\Omega_s) |2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} \frac{f_5}{(1 - e^2)^{9/2}} \quad (8)$$

##### 3.1.2 Case 2: Approaching Pseudosynchronization

In the limit where  $N_{\max} \simeq 2\Omega_s/\Omega$ , the largest terms in the summation have opposite signs, and we must be more careful. We make ansatz for unknown  $\alpha$

$$N - 2\Omega_s/\Omega \simeq \frac{N}{N_{\max}} \left( N_{\max} - \frac{2\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right),$$

which gives torque (see below)

$$\tau = \hat{\tau} \operatorname{sgn} \left( N_{\max} - \frac{2\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right) \left| N_{\max} - \frac{2\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right|^{8/3} \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} F_{N2}^2 \left( \frac{N}{N_{\max}} \right)^{8/3}, \quad (9)$$

$$= \hat{\tau} \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{10}{3}\eta_2 - \frac{2\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right) \left| \frac{10}{3}\eta_2 - \frac{2\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right|^{8/3} \frac{1}{4!} \frac{\Gamma(23/3)}{(20/3)^{8/3}} \frac{f_5}{(1 - e^2)^{9/2}}, \quad (10)$$

$$= \hat{\tau} \operatorname{sgn} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{5\eta_2} \frac{\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right) \left| 1 - \frac{3}{5\eta_2} \frac{\alpha\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right|^{8/3} \frac{\Gamma(23/3)}{4!} \left( \frac{\eta_2}{2} \right)^{8/3} \frac{f_5}{(1 - e^2)^{9/2}}. \quad (11)$$

We have gone ahead and used  $N_{\max} = (2 + 4/3)\eta_2$ , since the summand  $\propto N(4 + 8/3)e^{-2N/\eta_2}$ . The integral can be checked below:

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[7]: t_case2_intexpr = get_fn2_integral(sp.Rational(8, 3))
      print('Integral is:')
      my_display(t_case2_intexpr)
      t_case2 = t_case2_intexpr.subs(sol2subs).doit()
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t_case2simpdiv = sp.simplify(
    t_case2 * 24 / sp.gamma(sp.Rational(23, 3)) / (eta2sol * sp.Rational(10, 3))
    ** (sp.Rational(8, 3))
    * (sp.Rational(20, 3)) ** sp.Rational(8, 3))
print('Integral * 4! / Gamma(23/3) / (eta2 * 10 / 3)**(8/3) * (20/3)**(8/3) =')
my_display(t_case2simpdiv)
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Integral is:

$$\int_0^{\infty} C_2^2 N^{\frac{20}{3}} e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_2}} dN$$

Integral \* 4! / Gamma(23/3) / (eta2 \* 10 / 3)\*\*(8/3) \* (20/3)\*\*(8/3) =

$$\frac{f_5}{(1 - e^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}}$$

$\alpha$  is fixed by requiring  $\tau(|\Omega_s| \rightarrow \infty)$  have the correct asymptotic behavior. This then requires

$$1 = \left(\frac{3\alpha}{20}\right)^{8/3} \frac{\Gamma(23/3)}{4!}, \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{3\alpha}{5} = 4 \left(\frac{4!}{\Gamma(23/3)}\right)^{3/8} \approx 0.691. \quad (13)$$

[8]: (gamma(5) / gamma(23/3))\*\*(3/8) \* 4

[8]: 0.690919908604587

Thus, we arrive at final answer

$$\tau = \hat{\tau} \frac{f_5 \eta_2^{8/3}}{(1 - e^2)^{9/2}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( 1 - 0.691 \frac{\Omega_s}{\eta_2 \Omega} \right) \left| 1 - 0.691 \frac{\Omega_s}{\eta_2 \Omega} \right|^{8/3} \frac{\Gamma(23/3)}{4!} \frac{1}{2^{8/3}}.$$

This gives a very clear prediction for the pseudosynchronization frequency, i.e.  $\tau(\Omega_s = \eta_2 \Omega / 0.691) = 0$ . This matches the pseudosynchronization frequency calculated using the full integral approximation.

### 3.2 b. Energy

We can also write down the integral approximation for the energy dissipation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}_{\text{in}} &= \frac{\hat{\tau}(r_c, \Omega)}{2} \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ N \Omega F_{N2}^2 \operatorname{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s / \Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s / \Omega|^{8/3} + \left( \frac{W_{20}}{W_{22}} \right)^2 \Omega F_{N0}^2 |N|^{11/3} \right] \quad (14) \\ &= \frac{\hat{\tau}(r_c, \Omega) \Omega}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \left[ C_2^2 N^5 e^{-2N/\eta_2} \operatorname{sgn}(N - 2\Omega_s / \Omega) |N - 2\Omega_s / \Omega|^{8/3} + 2 \frac{2}{3} C_0^2 e^{-2N/\eta_0} N^{11/3} \right] dN \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2.1 Term 1: m=2 Term

We first consider the first term in the integral, which is handled very similarly to the above. The high spin limit is just

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}}^{(m=2)} = -\frac{\hat{\tau}\Omega}{2} \text{sgn}(\Omega_s) |2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} \frac{2f_2}{(1-e^2)^6}$$

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[9]: e_case1base = get_fn2_integral(1)
my_display(e_case1base)
my_display(e_case1base.doit().subs(sol2subs))
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$$\int_0^{\infty} C_2^2 N^5 e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_2}} dN$$

$$\frac{2f_2}{(1-e^2)^6}$$

Making the same ansatz as above, we end up with

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[10]: e_case1_intexpr = get_fn2_integral(sp.Rational(11, 3))
print('Integral is:')
my_display(e_case1_intexpr)
e_case1 = e_case1_intexpr.subs(sol2subs).doit()
e_case1simpdiv = sp.simplify(
    e_case1 * 24 / sp.gamma(sp.Rational(26, 3)) / (eta2sol * sp.Rational(13, 3))
    ** (sp.Rational(11, 3))
    * (sp.Rational(26, 3)) ** sp.Rational(11, 3))
print('Integral * 4! / Gamma(26/3) / (eta2 * 13 / 3) ** (11/3) * (26/3) ** (11/3) =')
my_display(e_case1simpdiv)
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Integral is:

$$\int_0^{\infty} C_2^2 N^{\frac{23}{3}} e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_2}} dN$$

$$\text{Integral} * 4! / \text{Gamma}(26/3) / (\text{eta2} * 13 / 3) ** (11/3) * (26/3) ** (11/3) =$$

$$\frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{\frac{9}{2}}}$$

Noting that now  $N_{\max} \simeq \frac{5+8/3}{2}\eta_2$ , our constraint becomes

$$\lim_{|\Omega_s| \rightarrow \infty} \left| 1 - \frac{2\alpha\Omega_s}{N_{\max}\Omega} \right|^{8/3} \frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{9/2}} \frac{\Gamma(26/3)}{4!} \left( \frac{\eta_2}{2} \right)^{11/3} = |2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} \frac{2f_2}{(1-e^2)^6}, \quad (16)$$

$$\left( \frac{6\alpha}{23\eta_2} \right)^{8/3} \frac{\Gamma(26/3)}{4!} \left( \frac{\eta_2}{2} \right)^{11/3} \frac{f_5(1-e^2)^{3/2}}{2f_2} = 1, \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{12\alpha}{23} = \left( \frac{5!2^{16/3}}{\Gamma(26/3)} \right)^{3/8} \approx 0.5886 \quad (18)$$

and so

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}}^{(m=2)} = -\frac{\hat{\tau}\Omega}{2} \text{sgn}(\Omega_s) \left| 1 - 0.5886 \frac{\Omega_s}{\eta_2\Omega} \right|^{8/3} \frac{f_5}{(1-e^2)^{9/2}} \frac{\Gamma(26/3)}{4!} \left( \frac{\eta_2}{2} \right)^{11/3}$$

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[11]: alpha = sp.symbols('alpha', positive=True)
expr = (
    (sp.Rational(6, 23) * alpha / eta2)**(sp.Rational(8, 3)) * sp.gamma(sp.
    ↪ Rational(26, 3))
    / sp.gamma(5) * (eta2 / 2)**(sp.Rational(11, 3))
    * f5 * j**3 / (2 * f2)) - 1
my_display(expr)
[root] = sp.solve(expr.subs(eta2, eta2sol), alpha)
print(12 * root.evalf() / 23)
print((gamma(5) * 2**(16/3) * 5 / gamma(26/3))**(3/8))
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$$\frac{3\sqrt[3]{23} \cdot 3^{\frac{2}{3}} \eta_2 \alpha^{\frac{8}{3}} f_5 (1-e^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{26}{3}\right)}{389344 f_2} - 1$$

0.588591506083493

0.5885915060834931

### 3.2.2 Term 2: m=0 Sum

This integral is trivial to evaluate with our fitting formulas above:

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}}^{(m=0)} = \frac{\hat{\tau}(r_c, \Omega)\Omega}{2} \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{4}{3} C_0^2 e^{-2N/\eta_0} N^{11/3} \right] dN, \quad (19)$$

$$= \frac{\hat{\tau}\Omega}{2} \frac{f_5 \Gamma(14/3)}{(1-e^2)^{10}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{8/3} \left( \frac{e^2 f_3}{f_5} \right)^{11/6} \quad (20)$$

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[12]: # guess is above, simplify is too messy
m0intexpr = sp.Integral(sp.Rational(4, 3) * C0**2 * sp.E**(-2 * N / eta0) *
    ↪ N**(sp.Rational(11, 3)), (N, 0, sp.oo))
my_display(m0intexpr)
res = m0intexpr.doit().subs(sol0subs)
guess = sp.simplify(
    f5 * sp.gamma(sp.Rational(14, 3)) / j**20 * (
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e**2 * f3 / f5)**(sp.Rational(11, 6))) * (sp.Rational(3, 2))**(sp.
↪Rational(8, 3))
display(res / guess)

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$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{4C_0^2 N^{\frac{11}{3}} e^{-\frac{2N}{\eta_0}}}{3} dN$$

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### 3.2.3 Final edot

Putting it all together, we obtain

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \frac{\hat{\tau}\Omega}{2} \left[ \text{sgn} \left( 1 - 0.5886 \frac{\Omega_s}{\eta_2 \Omega} \right) \left| 1 - 0.5886 \frac{\Omega_s}{\eta_2 \Omega} \right|^{8/3} \frac{f_5}{(1 - e^2)^{9/2}} \frac{\Gamma(26/3)}{4!} \left( \frac{\eta_2}{2} \right)^{11/3} + \frac{f_5 \Gamma(14/3)}{(1 - e^2)^{10}} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{8/3} \left( \frac{e^2 f_3}{f_5} \right)^1 \right]$$

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While the expression for  $\dot{E}_{\text{in}}$  is rather complex, it is well separated. Denote the entire bracketed term  $g(e, \Omega_s/\Omega)$ , then

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \hat{\tau}\Omega g \left( e, \frac{\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right).$$

If  $\dot{P}/P$  is measured for a system, we can write the change in gravitational binding energy

$$\dot{E}_g = \frac{GM_1 M_2}{2a} \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \frac{GqM_2^2}{3a} \frac{\dot{P}}{P}, \quad (21)$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \hat{\tau}\Omega g \left( e, \frac{\Omega_s}{\Omega} \right) = -\dot{E}_g \quad (22)$$

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[20]: Eg, G, M, q, a, P, rhoterm, g, beta2, spin, rc, W = sp.symbols(r'Eg G M_2 q a P_⊥
↪f(\rho_{c}) g beta_2 \omega r_c \Omega_{\omega}')
adot, Pdot, g = sp.symbols(r'\dot{a} \dot{P} g(e)')
Eg = -G * q * M**2 / (2 * a)
dEg_dt = sp.Derivative(Eg, a).doit() * adot
# P^2 \propto a^3, so 2\dot{P} / P = 3\dot{a} / a, adot = 2 * Pdot * a / 3 * P
dEg_dt_pdot = dEg_dt.subs(adot, (2 * Pdot * a) / (3 * P))
display(dEg_dt_pdot)

tau = beta2 * G * M**2 * rc**5 / a**6 * W**(sp.Rational(8, 3)) * rhoterm
dEin_dt = tau * W * g
[res] = sp.solve(dEg_dt_pdot + dEin_dt, Pdot)
display(res.subs(P, 2 * sp.pi / W))
display(
    -6 * sp.pi / q
    * beta2 * (rc / a)**5
    * W**(sp.Rational(8, 3))
)

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    * rhoterm * g
)

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{GM_2^2 \dot{P} q}{3Pa} \\
& - \frac{6\pi \Omega^{\frac{8}{3}} \beta_2 f(\rho_c) g(e) r_c^5}{a^5 q} \\
& - \frac{6\pi \Omega^{\frac{8}{3}} \beta_2 f(\rho_c) g(e) r_c^5}{a^5 q}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting in  $\hat{\tau}$ , we obtain ( $q = M_1/M_2$ , and  $\Omega_{s,c} = \sqrt{GM_c/r_c^3}$ )

$$-\dot{P} = \frac{6\pi}{q} \beta_2 \left(\frac{r_c}{a}\right)^5 \left(\frac{\Omega}{\Omega_{s,c}}\right)^{8/3} \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c} \left(1 - \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c}\right)^2 g\left(e, \frac{\Omega_s}{\Omega}\right). \quad (23)$$

Note that  $g$  increases for faster spins, but  $|\Omega_s| \lesssim \sqrt{GM_c/r_c^3}$ , the breakup spin frequency. Otherwise, taking  $\beta_2 \approx 1$ , the only unconstrained quantities are  $\rho_c$ ,  $\bar{\rho}_c$ , and  $r_c$ . Generally, the density terms seem constant for a range of stellar models we simulated using MESA. Thus, if we assume  $\dot{P}/P$  solely comes from dissipation of the dynamical tide, that the  $m = 2$  components dominate the  $m = 0$  contribution (i.e. the critical rotation rate is fast), and that all harmonics are dissipated completely in the envelope, we arrive at constraint for  $r_c$ :

$$g\left(e, \frac{\Omega_s}{\Omega}\right) \lesssim \frac{1}{2} |2\Omega_s/\Omega|^{8/3} \frac{2f_2}{(1-e^2)^6}, \quad (24)$$

$$-\dot{P} \lesssim \frac{6\pi}{q} \beta_2 \left(\frac{r_c}{a}\right)^5 \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c} \left(1 - \frac{\rho_c}{\bar{\rho}_c}\right)^2 2^{8/3} \frac{f_2}{(1-e^2)^6}. \quad (25)$$

If we take  $\rho_c/\bar{\rho}_c \approx 0.76$ , which is what we see in our MESA models, the rest of the parameters can be explicitly evaluated:

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[19]: pdot = 3.03e-7
      rho_c_over_bar_rho_c = 0.76
      e_val = 0.808
      f5_val = f5.subs(ecc_subdict).subs(e, e_val).evalf()
      f2_val = f2.subs(ecc_subdict).subs(e, e_val).evalf()
      eta2_val = eta2sol.subs(ecc_subdict).subs(jsub).subs(e, e_val).evalf()
      q = 6.3
      a = 126 # solar radii

      rc_min1 = (
          pdot / (2 * np.pi)
          / (
              3 / q
              * (rho_c_over_bar_rho_c * (1 - rho_c_over_bar_rho_c)**2)
              * 2**(8/3) * f2_val / (1 - e_val**2)**6
          )
      )**(1/5)

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print(rc_min1 * a)
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