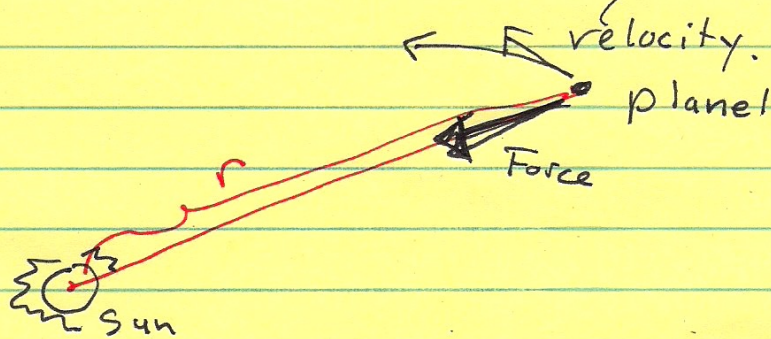


K1

Beginnings of Modern Physics, Astronomy

Newton : sets up laws of mechanics as a differential eqn ; derives Kepler's laws of planetary motion.



Represent location of planet as a point in the Cartesian (x,y) - plane with sun at origin. (plane of 'ecliptic')

Force law: directed in to sun.

$$\text{strength} \propto \text{mass}_{\text{planet}} \times \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Rightarrow & & \\ \uparrow & F = ma & \\ \text{Force.} & \uparrow \text{mass} & \uparrow \text{acceleration} \end{array}$$

k2

Newton used • for  $\frac{d}{dt}$   
&

imagines all variables dependy  
on  $t$

so

~~acc~~ if  $\vec{q} =$  position

$\dot{\vec{q}} =$  velocity

$\ddot{\vec{q}} =$  acceleration.

Now:

so  $\vec{q} = (x, y)$ ;  $\dot{\vec{q}} = (\dot{x}, \dot{y})$   
eqns:

$$m \ddot{x} = -\frac{mGx}{r^3}$$

$$m \ddot{y} = -\frac{mGy}{r^3}$$

} why not  $\frac{1}{r^3}$ ?



at  $(x, y)$  the  
unit inward vector  
is  $(\frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r})$ .

Why?

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case  $(x, y) = (x, 0)$ ,  $x > 0$ .

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unit vector, pointing in??

or if

$$\vec{r} = (x, y)$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

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

constant.

unit vector

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How to solve??

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Some simpler ones 1st  
Motion along a line.

$$\ddot{x} = 0$$

(?)

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$$\ddot{x} = -x$$

Solve!

piece  $\square$

Hooke:

$$m\ddot{x} = -kx$$

Rewrite "Kepler problem"

$$\boxed{\ddot{\vec{r}} = -\mu f(r) \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r}\right)} \quad ; \quad f(r) = \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$\vec{r}$  ← a vector

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+h) - \vec{r}(t)}{h}$$

= velocity

Theorem: If  $\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t))$

is differentiable then

$$\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = (\dot{x}(t), \dot{y}(t))$$

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usual 'single variables'  
derivative.

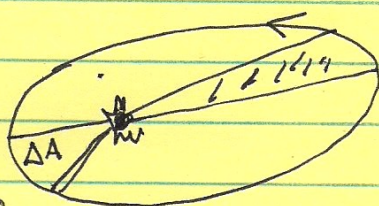
$$\text{or } \begin{cases} \ddot{x} = -\mu f(r) \frac{x}{r} \\ \ddot{y} = -\mu f(r) \frac{y}{r} \end{cases}$$

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Goal derive Kepler's 3 laws  
of planetary motion from  
the 'Kepler' problem (ODE)

K1: planets move in ellipse  
with the sun being  
one focus

K2: as the planet moves  
it sweeps out equal  
areas in equal times



$$\Delta A = c \Delta t$$

if  $\Delta t$  the same  
then  $\Delta A$  the same

K3:  $(\text{orbit size})^3 = k (\text{year})^2$  linear  
if  $a$  measures size of  
orbit &  $T$  " year (period)

$$a^3 = k T^2$$

space &  
years of  
planets.

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K2  $\Leftrightarrow$

Angular momentum is

$$x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}$$

is "conserved" = constant along solutions

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}) &= \dot{x}\dot{y} + x\ddot{y} - \dot{y}\dot{x} - y\ddot{x} \\ &= \underbrace{\dot{x}\dot{y} - \dot{y}\dot{x}}_0 + x\ddot{y} - y\ddot{x}\end{aligned}$$

But

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{\mu}{r^3} f(r) \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{\mu}{r^3} f(r) \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{so } x\ddot{y} - y\ddot{x} &= -\frac{\mu f(r)}{r} \frac{xy}{r} + \frac{\mu f(r)}{r} \frac{xy}{r} \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

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Now use polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

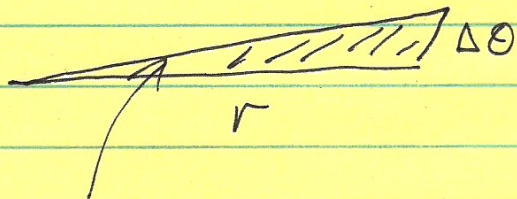
$$y = r \sin \theta.$$

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Compute:

$$x\dot{y} - y\dot{x} = r^2\dot{\theta}$$

Set  $J = x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}$   
& use knowledge of circles.



$$\text{area} : \frac{1}{2} r (r\Delta\theta) = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \Delta\theta$$

Can prove:

Area swept out in time  $t$  is

$$\int \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta = \int \frac{1}{2} r(t)^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} dt$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} r(t)^2 \dot{\theta} dt$$

$$\Delta A(t) = \cancel{\frac{1}{2} r^2 \Delta\theta} + \frac{1}{2} J \Delta t$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta A = K \Delta t}$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} J$$

or

$$k \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

So:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = r^2 \dot{\theta} = \text{const}$$

$$\text{or } A(t) = c(t - t_0)$$

"equal areas in equal times:

$$\frac{\Delta A}{\Delta t} = c$$

or

$$\Delta A \propto \Delta t$$

Means

$$\Delta A = k \Delta t$$

$\uparrow$

$\frac{1}{2}$  angular momentum.



K2

Establishing K2  
for any central  
force law.

ie arbitrary  $f(r)$ .

$$\text{eg: } \ddot{x} = -\mu \frac{x}{r^5}$$

$$\ddot{y} = -\mu \frac{y}{r^5}.$$

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Partial justification of K3

Now special to  $f(r) = \frac{1}{r^2}$ .

1st: Suppose

$$\vec{r}(t) = (R_0 \cos \omega t, R_0 \sin \omega t)$$

uniform  
[ circular motion ]

Compute  $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2}(t)$ .

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Kepler's 3rd Law  
special case of circular.

$$c(t) = (R_0 \cos \omega t, R_0 \sin \omega t)$$

$$\ddot{c} = -\omega^2 R_0 \left( \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\mu}{r^2} \left( \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \omega^2 R_0 = \frac{\mu}{R_0^2}$$

$\omega$

$$\omega^2 R_0^3 = \mu$$

$$\text{But } \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_0^3 = c T^2$$

$$c = \frac{\mu}{(2\pi)^2}$$