

# On the wave mechanics of galaxies

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## Abstract

The consistency in stellar orbital speeds, independent upon their distance from galactic nuclei, is shown to be due to an increase in their angular frequencies.

## 1. Introduction

The standard gravitational parameter  $\mu$  for a circular orbit can be determined by

$$[1] \mu = G(M + m) = rv^2 = r^3 n^2,$$

where  $G$  is the gravitational constant,  $M$  is the mass of a primary,  $m$  is the mass of a secondary,  $r$  is the radius of the orbit,  $v$  is the secondary's velocity, and  $n$  is its mean motion,

$$[2] n = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

where  $T$  is a secondary's period. Setting  $M$  to  $M_\odot$  (one solar mass) and  $r$  to an astronomical unit,

$$[3] G = \frac{n^2}{(M_\odot + m)}.$$

What does this tell us about the gravitational constant? When  $M_\odot \gg m$ , as in the case with the bodies in our solar system, the gravitational constant  $G \approx n^2$ . Since the Gaussian gravitational constant is

$$[4] k = \frac{2\pi}{T} \approx n \approx \sqrt{G}$$

(in radians per day),  $G \approx n^2$  is valid under these conditions. Setting  $G$  to unity results in  $T = 2\pi$ , and

when  $T$  is set to a sidereal year,  $k \approx 2\pi$ .  $G$  and  $k$  are evidently linked to time (being dependent upon the sum of the masses in a 2-body system).

## 2. The Sun's angular frequency

According to geological evidence<sup>[1]</sup>, the Sun oscillates perpendicular to the galactic plane in  $33 \pm 1$  Myr cycles during its estimated 225–250 Myr revolution period (the duration of its nodal (draconic) period is significantly less than its revolution (sidereal) period). The Sun's angular frequency  $\omega$  is therefore

$$[5] \ \omega \approx \frac{2\pi}{66 \pm 2 \text{ Myr}},$$

( $33 \pm 1$  Myr is half of the Sun's nodal period). Revisiting equation [3],  $T = 2\pi$  when the gravitational constant  $G$  is set to unity, i.e.  $T = 1$  cycle. A wave mechanical version of equation [1] can be given as,

$$[6] \ G' \sum_{i=1}^n (\gamma M_{0i} + \gamma m_0) = \vec{r}(t_1, t_2)^3,$$

where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are temporal dimensions relative to a star's revolution and nodal periods (discussed further in the conclusion), the Lorentz factor  $\gamma$  indicates the relativistic masses of the bodies (the  $n$  in the summation indicates 1, 2, 3...  $n$  and not mean motion), and

$$[7] \ G' = \frac{(Nn)^2}{\omega^2} = 1$$

where  $N$  is a star's wave quantity (the ratio between its revolution and nodal periods respectively),  $n$  is its mean motion, and  $\omega$  is its angular frequency. According to the estimates given previously, the Sun's wave quantity  $N \approx 3.7$ . Note, however, that the nodal period was chosen arbitrarily for galactic systems since it can be deduced from physical evidence<sup>[1]</sup>.

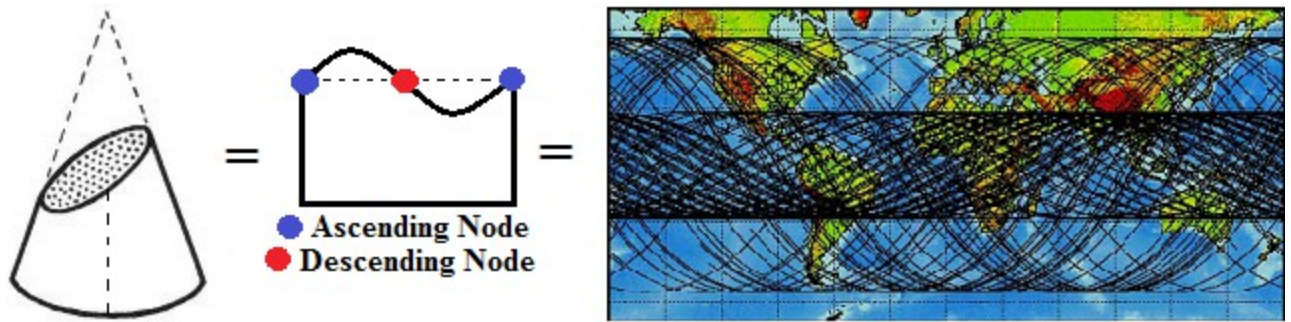


FIG. 1: An elliptical conic section is a wave with  $N \approx 1:1$  relative to a 2D plane of reference.

### 3. Conclusion

It is hypothesized that stellar positions will be observed to change helically over time by

$$[8] \vec{r}(t_1, t_2) = (r_1 + r_2 \cos(t_2)) \cos(t_1)x + (r_1 + r_2 \cos(t_2)) \sin(t_1)y + r_2 \sin(t_2)z,$$

where  $r_1$  is a star's revolution radius,  $r_2$  is its nodal radius (amplitude),  $t_1 \in (0, T_R)$ , and  $t_2 \in (0, T_N)$ , where  $T_R$  and  $T_N$  are the revolution and nodal periods. Notice that the spacetime dimensions in equations [8] match the spacetime dimensions of the gravitational constant (three spatial and two temporal), whereas Kepler's parametric equations are three dimensional (two spatial and one temporal). The temporal dimension  $t_2 = it_1$  (i.e. it is orthogonal to  $t_1$ ) and  $(0 \leq t_2 \leq T_R)$  in a bound orbit. Since stars furthest from a galaxy's nucleus have higher angular frequencies according to equation [6], their relativistic mass should also be greater, which may shed light on dark matter.

### Dedication

This paper is dedicated to Cynthia Cashman Lett, without whom it would not have been possible.

### Reference

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