

6.3 (The Lagrange - Jacobi Identity)

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\vec{r}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{3n} \setminus \Delta$ be a solution of the n -body problem.

Def (Moment of Inertia)

$$I(t) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2(t)$$

(remark: physicist would call $2I$ the moment of Inertia
but we will follow the literature on the n -body problem)

Thm (6.18) Lagrange - Jacobi Identity.

$$I''(t) = T + h$$

Proof:

we just compute $\frac{d^2 I}{dt^2}$

$$I(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \langle \vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_i \rangle$$

$$I'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\langle \dot{\vec{r}}_i, \vec{r}_i \rangle + \langle \vec{r}_i, \dot{\vec{r}}_i \rangle)$$

$$I'(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \langle \dot{\vec{r}}_i, \vec{r}_i \rangle$$

$$I''(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\langle \ddot{\vec{r}}_i, \vec{r}_i \rangle + \langle \dot{\vec{r}}_i, \dot{\vec{r}}_i \rangle)$$

(lemma 6.2) $I''(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \vec{r}_i, \frac{-\partial V}{\partial \vec{r}_i} \rangle + 2T$

(lemma 6.11) $= V(\vec{r}) + 2T$

(Notation 6.4) $= T + h$

6.4 Conservation of Momentum

Def (centre of mass)

$$\vec{r}_c := \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

Def (Angular momentum)

$$C := \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

(remark: we show C is constant in ch 1)

Prop: C is constant of motion in the n -body problem.

proof: we have $C = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dC}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i + m_i \vec{r}_i \times \ddot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i \times \ddot{\vec{r}}_i \quad \left(\text{since } \dot{\vec{r}}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i = 0 \right. \\ \left. \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}_i \times (m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i) \quad \leftarrow \text{net force acting on } r_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}_i \times \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_i m_j \frac{\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{G m_i m_j}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3} \vec{r}_i \times \vec{r}_j$$

$$= 0$$

6.5 Sundman's theorem on total collapse

Def (Total collapse)

Let \vec{r} be a solution to the n -body problem.

with its centre of mass fixed at origin.
we say a system is Total collapse if

$$\exists \vec{p}_\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ s.t. } \lim_{t \rightarrow \omega} \vec{r}_i(t) = \vec{p}_\omega \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

(every point collapse to one point.)

Lemma 6.23

If a total collapse happens, then $\vec{p}_\omega = \vec{0}$ and $\omega < +\infty$
proof:

If we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \omega} \vec{r}_i(t) = \vec{p}_\omega \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \omega} \vec{r}_c = \lim_{t \rightarrow \omega} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i(t)}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{p}_\omega}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \vec{p}_\omega$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{p}_\omega = \vec{0}$ by assumption.

For $\omega < +\infty$, we will prove by contradiction.

$$V(r(t)) = -G \sum_{i < j} \frac{m_i m_j}{|\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_j(t)|} \rightarrow -\infty$$

since $\vec{r}_i(t) \rightarrow \vec{r}_j(t)$ as total collapse happens.

we will have $\ddot{I}(t) = 2h - V(r(t)) \rightarrow +\infty$

(Lagrange - Jacobi identity)

then $\exists t_0 \in (\alpha, \omega)$ s.t. $\ddot{I}(t) \geq 1 \quad \forall t \in [t_0, \omega)$
 since $\ddot{I}(t) = 2h - V(\vec{r}(t)) > 2h > 0$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} V(\vec{r}(t)) < 0 \\ \text{by def} \end{array} \right)$
 if we choose $t_0 > \alpha$, then we have $\forall t \geq t_0$

$$\int_{t_0}^t \ddot{I}(t) dt > \int_{t_0}^t 2h dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{I}(t) - \dot{I}(t_0) > 2h(t - t_0) \text{ by FTC.}$$

$$\dot{I}(t) > \dot{I}(t_0) + 2h(t - t_0)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^t \dot{I}(t) dt > \int_{t_0}^t \dot{I}(t_0) + 2h(t - t_0) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow I(t) > I(t_0) + \dot{I}(t_0)(t - t_0) + h(t - t_0)^2$$

if $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, then $t \nearrow \omega \Rightarrow I(t) \rightarrow +\infty$

contradiction since $I(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \nearrow \omega$

Lemma 6.24 (Sundman's inequality.)

For any solution of the n-body problem, we

have
$$c^2 \leq 4I(\ddot{I} - h)$$

angular
momentum

moment of
inertia.

total
energy.

Proof:

$$\text{by def, } \vec{c} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$\Rightarrow c \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m_i |\vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i v_i \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{since} \\ |\vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i| \leq |\vec{r}_i| |\dot{\vec{r}}_i| = r_i v_i \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{m_i} r_i) (\sqrt{m_i} v_i)$$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{m_i} r_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{m_i} v_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \text{(by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n m_i v_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= (2I)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 2 \cdot \sqrt{I} (\sqrt{\dot{I} - h})$$

by Lagrange
Jacobi identity

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \leq 4I(\dot{I} - h)$$

Remark (there is a stronger version in Ex 6.9)
which is given by

$$c^2 \leq 4IT - \dot{I}^2$$

Thm (Sundman's theorem on total collapse)

If a total collapse occurs in an n -body system with \vec{r}_c fixed at the origin, then

$$C = 0.$$

Proof: Suppose total collapse occur at time ω , by Lemma 6.23, we have $\omega < +\infty$.

also we have proved that $I(t) \rightarrow 0$,

$$\ddot{I}(t) \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } t \nearrow \omega.$$

then $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\ddot{I}(t) > 0 \forall t \in (\omega - \delta, \omega)$

then \dot{I} is strictly increasing on $(\omega - \delta, \omega)$

It follows that there is an Interval $[t_0, \omega)$ on which \dot{I} does not change sign. since

$I > 0$, $I(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \nearrow \omega$, we have

$\dot{I} < 0$ on $[t_0, \omega)$. we may choose

large enough t_0 s.t. $I(t) < 1$ on $[t_0, \omega)$

we combine $-\dot{I} > 0$ & $I > 0$ to give $-\frac{\dot{I}}{I} > 0$

we multiply it to both side of the Sundman's Inequality.

we have $-\frac{\dot{I}}{I} c^2 \leq -4\dot{I}(\ddot{I} - h)$ on $[t_0, \omega)$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \int -\frac{\dot{I}}{I} dt \leq \int 4(h\dot{I} - \dot{I}\ddot{I}) dt \text{ on } [t_0, \omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow -c^2 \int \frac{1}{I} dI \leq 4hI - \int 4\dot{I} dI$$

$$-c^2 \log(I) \leq 4hI - 2\dot{I}^2 + k$$

$$\leq 4hI + k \quad \text{on } [t_0, \omega)$$

\nwarrow integration constant.

$$\text{since } I(t) < 1 \quad \text{on } [t_0, \omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(I(t)) < 0 \quad \text{on } [t_0, \omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\log(I(t)) > 0 \quad \text{on } [t_0, \omega)$$

then we will have

$$c^2 \leq \frac{4hI + k}{-\log(I)} \quad \text{on } [t_0, \omega)$$

$$\text{as } t \nearrow \omega, I \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow -\log(I) \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\text{so we have } c^2 \leq 0$$

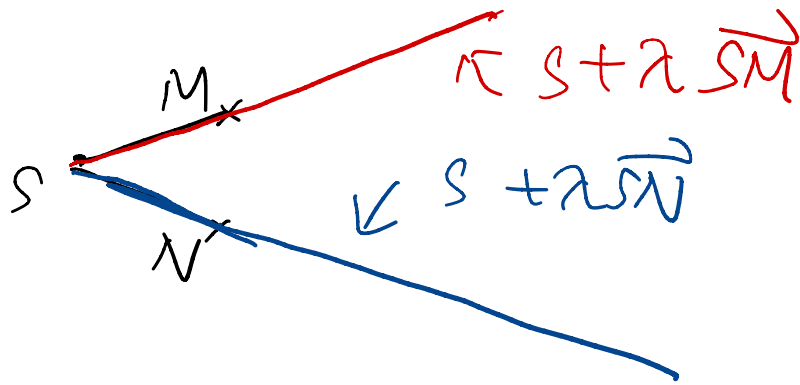
$$\Rightarrow c = 0$$

6.6 (central configurations)

Def (Homotheties)

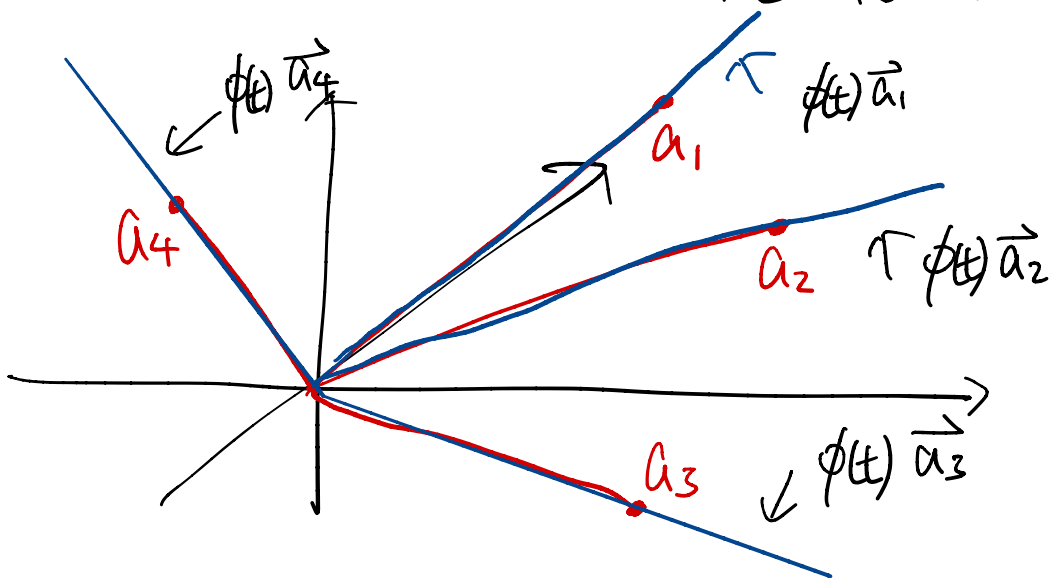
Homotheties is a transformation with a fixed centre S and $\lambda \geq 0$ s.t. we map

$M \longmapsto S + \lambda \vec{SM}$ for any point M



In our case, we take $O \in \mathbb{R}^3$ as the centre.

Then if \vec{r} is a solution change only by homotheties over time it to be like this



here λ become a positive real-valued function ϕ .

we will see that $\vec{r}_i(t) = \phi(t) \vec{a}_i$ for some fixed $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^3$, ϕ is a positive real-valued function
 recall In b.1, we have system of n -body problem is

$$m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_i m_j \frac{\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3}, \quad i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$$

so if we plug in $\vec{r}_i(t) = \phi(t) \vec{a}_i$, we have

$$\phi(t) m_i \ddot{\vec{a}}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_i m_j \frac{\phi(t) (\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i)}{\phi^3(t) |\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi^2 \ddot{\phi} m_i \vec{a}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_i m_j \frac{\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}$$

since R.H.S is clearly does not depends on time, we have $\exists \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\ddot{\phi} = -\frac{\mu}{\phi^2}$, and so

$$-\mu \vec{a}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_j \frac{\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}, \quad i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$$

Def (central configuration)

A configuration $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{3n} \setminus \Delta$ of n bodies with mass m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n is called a central configuration if

$$-\mu \vec{a}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_j \frac{\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}, \quad i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \text{ for some } \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

Remark

1. If $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$ is a central configuration
 $\Rightarrow (\lambda a_1, \lambda a_2, \dots, \lambda a_n)$ is also a central configuration
for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$, with μ replaced by $\frac{\mu}{\lambda^3}$.
 2. Any configuration similar to the
centre configuration (through rotation, translation)
scaling
is also a centre configuration. In this
case, we call they are equivalent.
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Prop 6.28

The n -point $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) := \vec{a}$ form a
central configuration iff \vec{a} is a critical point
of the function $V^2 \overline{I}$

\nearrow \nearrow
newton \nearrow moment of
potential inertia.

Proof: since $I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i} = m_i \vec{r}_i \quad \forall i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) = m_i \vec{a}_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) = -m_i (-\mu \vec{a}_i)$$

$$= - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_i m_j \frac{\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i}{\|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i\|^3}$$

$$= \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) \quad \forall i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket \quad \text{by lemma 6.2.}$$

Recall: A function $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on a cone $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called positive homogeneous of degree $p \in \mathbb{R}$ if $f(\lambda \vec{x}) = \lambda^p f(\vec{x}) \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \Omega, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$
 since $I(\vec{r}_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2$

$$I(\lambda \vec{r}_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\lambda r_i)^2 \\ = \lambda^2 I(\vec{r}_i) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$\Rightarrow I$ is homogeneous of degree 2

In example 6.9 we show that $V(\vec{r}_i)$ is homogeneous of degree -1

then we have

$$\mu \cdot 2I(\vec{a}) = \mu \left\langle \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}}(\vec{a}), \vec{a} \right\rangle \text{ by Prop 6.10} \\ = \left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{r}}(\vec{a}), \vec{a} \right\rangle \quad \left(\left\langle \text{grad}(f(x)), x \right\rangle = p f(x) \right) \\ = -V(\vec{a}) \quad \text{by Prop 6.10}$$

then we have $\mu = \frac{-V(\vec{a})}{2I(\vec{a})} > 0$

since $V(\vec{a}) \neq 0$ we have, $\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(V^2 I)$

$$= 2V(\vec{r}_i) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{r}_i) I(\vec{r}_i) + V^2(\vec{r}_i) \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{r}_i) \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial (V^2 I)}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) = 2V(\vec{a}) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) I(\vec{a}) + V^2(\vec{a}) \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) \\ = -V^2(\vec{a}) \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) + V^2(\vec{a}) \frac{\partial I}{\partial \vec{r}_i}(\vec{a}) \\ = 0$$

that show \vec{a} is a critical point of $V^2 I$.

Remark: 1. any two body configuration is central.

we will see an example to see condition of 3 or 4 body configuration to be central.

example 6.29

since $\vec{r}_c = \vec{0}$ by our assumption, we have

$$-\vec{a}_i = -\vec{a}_i + \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n m_j \vec{a}_j}{\sum_{j=0}^n m_j} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^n m_j (\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^n m_j} = \frac{\sum_{j \neq i}^n m_j (\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^n m_j}$$

if we plug it in (6.4), we have

$$\mu \frac{\sum_{j \neq i}^n m_j (\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i)}{\sum_{j=0}^n m_j} = \sum_{j \neq i}^n G m_j \frac{\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j \neq i}^n m_j \left(\frac{G}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3} - \frac{\mu}{M} \right) \cdot (\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i) = \vec{0}$$

so for given i , if $\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i$ are

linearly independent $\forall j \neq i$, we must have

$$\sum_{j \neq i}^n m_j \left(\frac{G}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3} - \frac{\mu}{M} \right) = 0$$

we will have following two statements hold

- ① Three body not on a line form central configuration
iff bodies form an equilateral triangle
- ② four body not in a plane form central configuration
iff bodies form a regular tetrahedron.

Fact: The regular n -gon is a central configuration of n equal mass.

Proof: Let n mass form a regular n -gon with length l

$$\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n m_j \left(\frac{G}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3} - \frac{\mu}{M} \right) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n M \left(\frac{G}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3} - \frac{\mu}{M} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{GM - \mu |\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{GM - \mu l^3}{l^3}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)(GM - \mu l^3)}{l^3}$$

$$= 0$$

(exercise: prove that $\frac{GM}{l^3} = \mu$)

Def (Homographic)

A solution of the n -body problem where the configuration formed by body stay self similar is called Homographic.

Prop 6.32

Let \vec{r} be a planar homographic solution of the n -body problem with centre fixed at origin.

Then we have $r_i = \phi a_i \quad \forall i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$,
where (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) is a planar central configuration, and ϕ is a solution of the corresponding two-dimensional Kepler problem.

here planar means that motion occurs in a fixed plane.

Proof = If we identify the plane of motion with $\mathbb{C} \equiv \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, the planar homographic solution $(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_n)$ can be written as

$$\vec{r}_i(t) = \lambda(t) e^{i\varphi(t)} a_i, \quad i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket,$$

where (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) is some planar configuration.

function λ & φ take values in \mathbb{R}^+ & \mathbb{R} .

we compute $\dot{\vec{r}}(t) = (\dot{\lambda} + i\lambda\dot{\varphi}) e^{i\varphi} a_i$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}(t) = (\ddot{\lambda} - \lambda\dot{\varphi}^2 + i(2\dot{\lambda}\dot{\varphi} + \lambda\ddot{\varphi})) e^{i\varphi} a_i$$

Since \vec{a}_i is orthogonal to $\dot{\vec{r}}_i$, we have

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i = (0, 0, \lambda^2 \dot{\phi} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i a_i^2)$$

is constant (by Prop 1.3)

Hence $\lambda^2 \dot{\phi}$ is a constant.

$$\text{then we have } 2\lambda \dot{\lambda} \dot{\phi} + \lambda^2 \ddot{\phi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda (2\dot{\lambda} \dot{\phi} + \lambda \ddot{\phi}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\dot{\lambda} \dot{\phi} + \lambda \ddot{\phi}) = 0 \quad (\because \lambda \neq 0)$$

then we have

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_i(t) = (\ddot{\lambda} - \lambda \dot{\phi}^2 + \tau (2\dot{\lambda} \dot{\phi} + \lambda \ddot{\phi})) e^{i\phi} \vec{a}_i$$

$$= (\ddot{\lambda} - \lambda \dot{\phi}^2) e^{i\phi} \vec{a}_i$$

Plug these expressions for \vec{r}_i and $\ddot{\vec{r}}_i$ into n -body problem, we have

$$m_i (\ddot{\lambda} - \lambda \dot{\phi}^2) e^{i\phi} \vec{a}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_i m_j \frac{\lambda e^{i\phi} (\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i)}{\lambda^3 |\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 (\ddot{\lambda} - \lambda \dot{\phi}^2) \vec{a}_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n G m_j \frac{\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i}{|\vec{a}_j - \vec{a}_i|^3}$$

which is the equation for a central configuration. By previous result,

$\phi = \lambda e^{i\phi}$ is a solution of the

two-dimensional Kepler problem.

Def 6.34 (relative equilibrium)

A solution of the n -body problem where the configuration formed by the bodies stays self-congruent is called a relative equilibrium.

Fact = Given any planar central configuration, the circular sols. of the corresponding two-dim Kepler Problem give rise to relative equilibria.

proof: next chapter.

Exercise

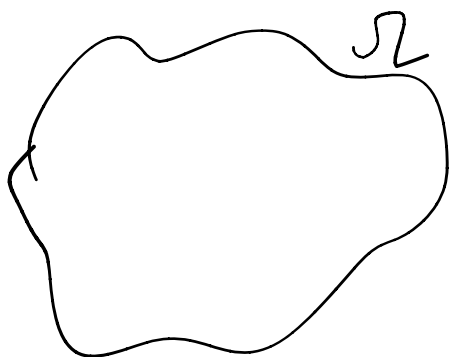
(6.1) Give a geometric interpretation of prop 6.10 in the case $p=0$.

If $p=0$, we have

$$\langle \text{grad } f(\vec{x}), \vec{x} \rangle = 0 \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{grad } f(\vec{x}) = \vec{0} \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is a constant function.



$$\bullet c \in \mathbb{R}$$

6.2

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be an open cone, and

$f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is C^1 function satisfying

$$f(\lambda \vec{x}) = \log \lambda + f(\vec{x}) \quad \forall x \in \Omega, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

show that $\langle \text{grad} f(\vec{x}), \vec{x} \rangle = 1 \quad \forall x \in \Omega$

Sol.: since Ω is a cone.

$\forall x \vec{x} \in \Omega$. we have

$g: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a real valued function

sending $\lambda \mapsto f(\lambda \vec{x}) = \log \lambda + f(\vec{x})$

$$f(\lambda \vec{x}) = \log \lambda + f(\vec{x})$$

when we take the derivative with respect to λ ,

$$\langle \text{grad} f(\lambda \vec{x}), \vec{x} \rangle = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

setting $\lambda = 1$, we have

$$\langle \text{grad} f(\vec{x}), \vec{x} \rangle = 1 \quad \forall \vec{x} \in \Omega$$

6.6

A subset $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is called convex if $s\vec{x} + (1-s)\vec{y} \in A$ for any $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in A$ and $s \in [0, 1]$.

(a) Let $\{A_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ be a family of convex subset of \mathbb{R}^d . Show that their intersection $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is likewise convex.

proof: Pick any $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

then $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in A_\lambda \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$

$\Rightarrow s\vec{x} + (1-s)\vec{y} \in A_\lambda \forall \lambda \in \Lambda$

$\Rightarrow s\vec{x} + (1-s)\vec{y} \in \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

(b) Let $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be an arbitrary subset of \mathbb{R}^d .

The convex hull of S is $Co(S) := \bigcap_{\substack{A \supset S \\ A \text{ convex}}} A$

Show that $Co(S)$ is the smallest convex set containing S .

proof: clearly S is convex set.

pick any any convex set K containing S .

pick any $\vec{x} \in Co(S)$, by def $\vec{x} \in K$

$\Rightarrow Co(S) \subset K$

$\Rightarrow Co(S)$ is smallest convex set containing S .