

# Lecture 6 Kepler's law and mass determination

Recap

$$L = G M_1 M_2$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2EL^2}{\mu k^2}}$$

$$p = \frac{L^2}{\mu k^2}$$

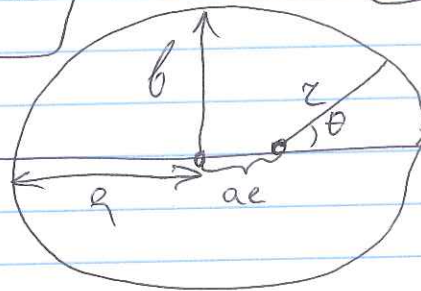
$$\frac{p}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$$

$$a = \frac{p}{1 - e^2} = \frac{L^2}{2|E|}$$

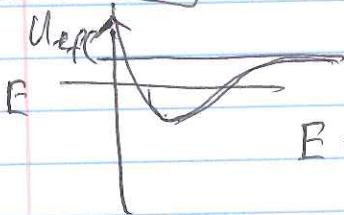
$$b = \frac{p}{\sqrt{1 - e^2}} = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2\mu|E|}}$$

$$e < 1$$

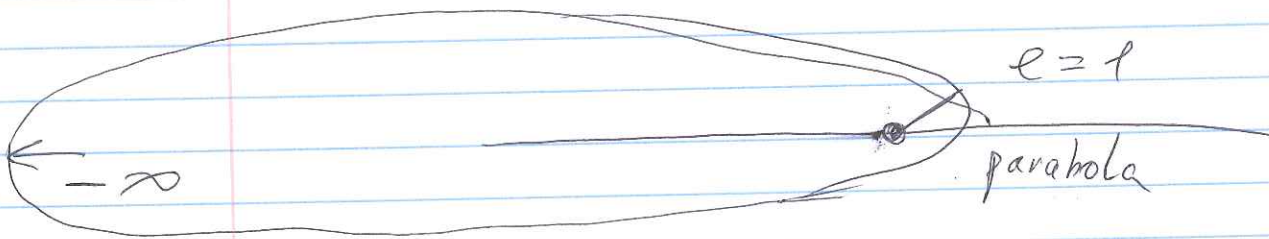
Kepler's 1st law  
 $e < 1$   
↑  
bound orbits



ellipse

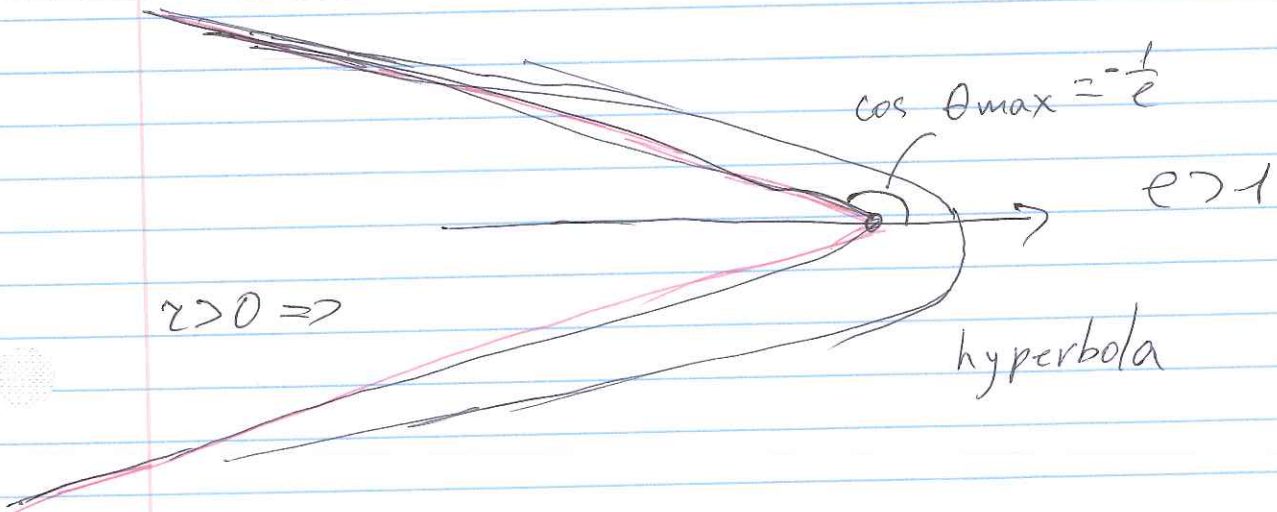


$$E < 0 \Rightarrow e < 1$$



$e = 1$

parabola



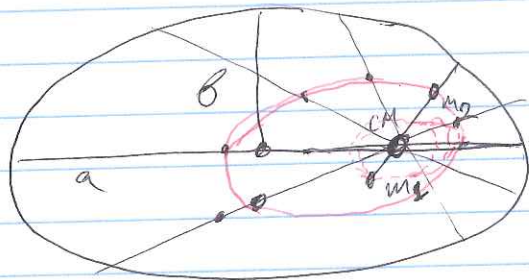
$$\cos \theta_{\max} = -\frac{1}{e}$$

$e > 1$

hyperbola

$$E > 0 \Rightarrow$$

Let's talk about ellipses again



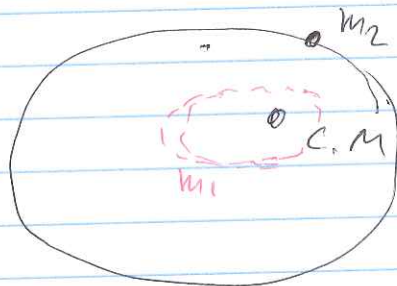
$$\vec{r}_1 = -\frac{M}{m_1} \vec{r}$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = -\frac{M}{m_2} \vec{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 + a_2 = a$$

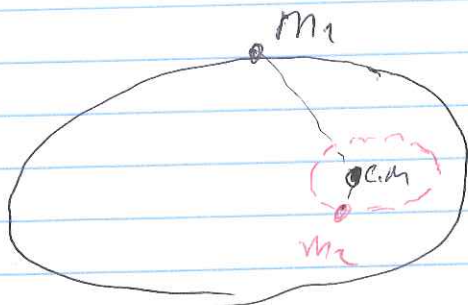
$$e_1 = e_2 = e$$

Before some Q



Is it correct?  
i.e. for both ellipses  
~~the~~ long sides  
on the same  
side?

see above to see  
that this is Wrong



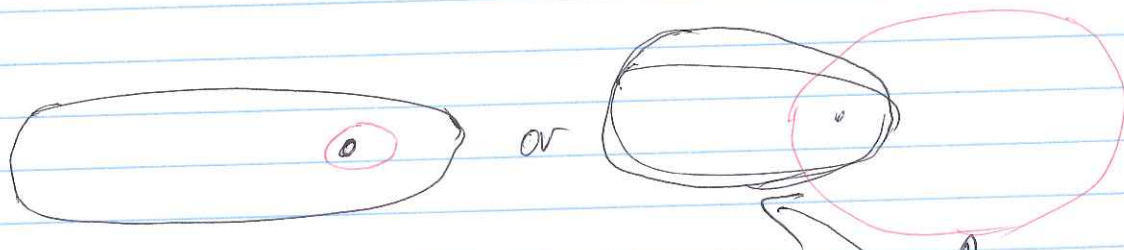
at some time  $t$

is it possible?

No!

By construction  
 $m_1, C.M., m_2$  are on  
the same line

Q: Which is correct

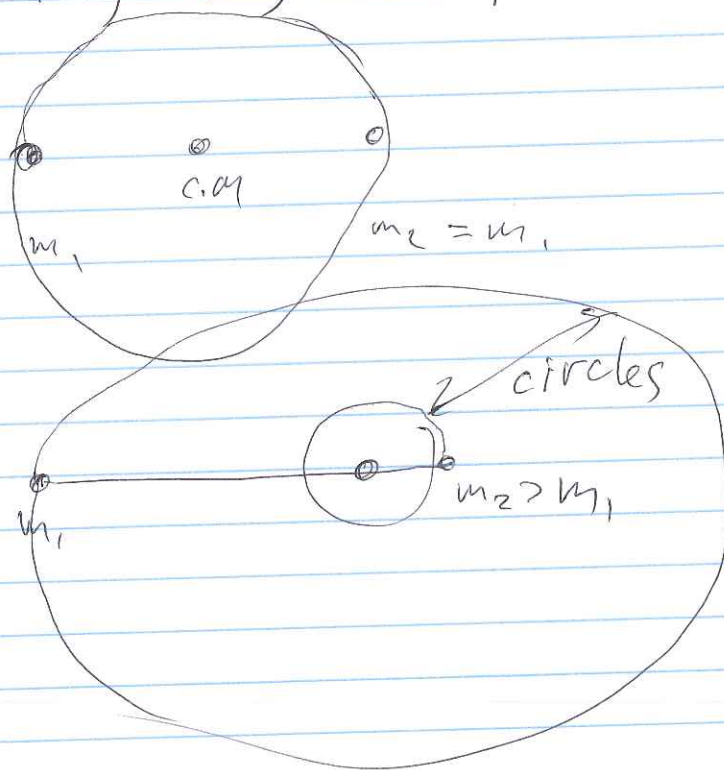


A: Both is possible

Fun problem: condition for intersection

Find  $\frac{m_1}{m_2}$  and  $e$  which leads to

Some known case for  $e=0$  it is not possible. they may overlap but do not cross.



Q  
tricky

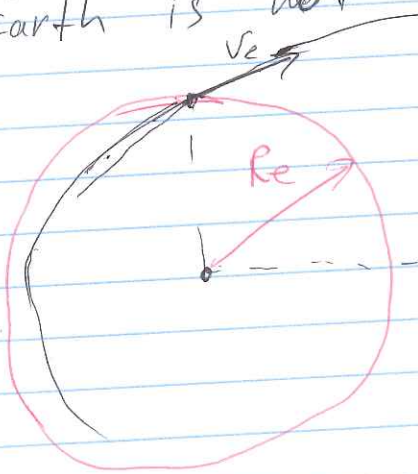
from gravity bound motion

$$r > 0 \quad \frac{p}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$$

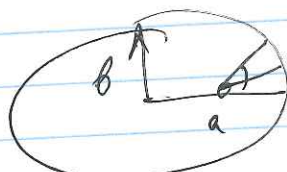
Why thrown ~~stones~~ stones fall on Earth?  
i.e.  $r$  seems to be zero.

Trick replace  $r$  with  $r - R_{\text{Earth}}$

Which is not the same  $\Leftrightarrow$  also  
Earth is ~~not~~ a point.



Find period:



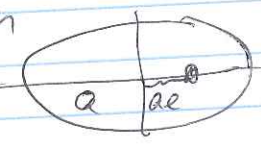
$$A = \int_0^P \frac{dA}{dt} dt = \frac{L}{2M} \int_0^P dt = \frac{L}{2M} P$$

$$\pi ab = \frac{L}{2M} P$$

$$\pi \frac{P}{1-e^2} \cdot \frac{P}{\sqrt{1-e^2}} = \frac{L}{2M} P = \pi a^2 \sqrt{1-e^2}$$

$$\left( \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1-e^2}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{L^2}{\mu a^3} \right)^2 = \frac{L}{2M} P = \pi ab = \pi a^2 \sqrt{1-e^2}$$

Let's find  $a$  from energy conservation

$$E = \frac{M v_p^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{2M r_p^2} - \frac{\mathcal{L}}{r_p}$$


perihelion  $\Rightarrow \dot{r} = 0 \Rightarrow$  aphelion

$$E = \frac{L^2}{2M r_p^2} - \frac{\mathcal{L}}{r_p} = \frac{L^2}{2M r_a^2} - \frac{\mathcal{L}}{r_a}$$

$$r_p = a(1-e) ; r_a = a(1+e)$$

~~Let's find~~

~~$$\frac{L^2}{2M a^2 (1-e)^2} - \frac{\mathcal{L}}{a(1-e)} = \frac{L^2}{2M a^2 (1+e)^2} - \frac{\mathcal{L}}{a(1+e)}$$~~

$$E = \frac{L^2}{2\mu a^2(1-e)^2} - \frac{\mu}{a(1-e)} = \frac{L^2}{2\mu a^2(1+e)^2} - \frac{\mu}{a(1+e)}$$

$$\frac{L^2}{2\mu a} \left( \frac{1}{(1-e)^2} - \frac{1}{(1+e)^2} \right) = \mu \left( \frac{1}{1-e} - \frac{1}{1+e} \right)$$

$$\frac{L^2}{2\mu a} \frac{4e}{[(1-e)(1+e)]^2} = \frac{2\mu e}{(1-e)(1+e)}$$

$$L = \sqrt{\cancel{a} \mu d (1-e^2)} =$$

$$= \sqrt{a M_0 G \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \frac{(m_1 + m_2)^M}{1} (1-e^2)}$$

$$L = \mu \sqrt{a G M (1-e^2)} = \sqrt{\mu M d (1-e^2)}$$

$$\pi a b = \pi a^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{L}{M} P = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P}{M} \sqrt{a^2 M^2 (1-e^2)}$$

$$P = 2\pi a^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{M}{a}}$$

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 M}{a} a^3$$

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}}{G m_1 m_2} a^3$$

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(m_1 + m_2)} a^3$$

Q: Let's look at problem 2.14

Halley's comet has  $P = 76$  year  
and  $e = 0.9673$ .

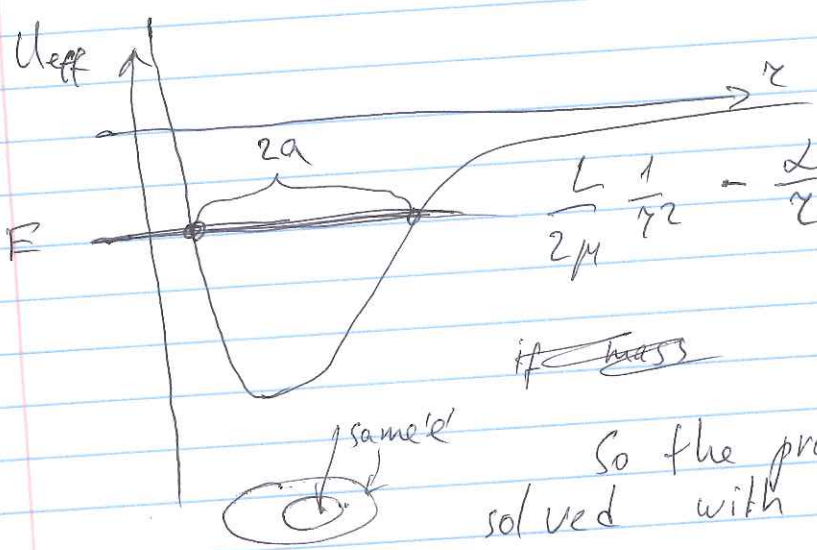
Can we find  $a$ , and  ~~$M_{\odot}$~~   
solar mass, and comet mass  $(m_c)$   
 $(M_{\odot})$

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Stops Here from this information alone?

Well we know  $P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G M_{\text{total}}} a^3$

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we need  $M_{\odot}$  and  $a$ , so we need  
at least 1 more eq. so we can  
use one for 'e'.  
So sounds like easy problem.



But 'e' does  
not bound  
anything  
for we can  
have different  
'a's with the  
same e.

So the problem cannot be  
solved with only provided inform

So we need to use the fact that we  
know something else about solar system  
i.e. Earth has  $P = 1$  year and  $a = 1 \text{ AU}$   $M_{\odot} + M_{\oplus} \approx M_{\odot}$