

May 2000 #1 (CM)



$$a) \quad \Phi = -G \int \frac{dM}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \quad dM = \lambda dl = \lambda a d\phi$$

$$\lambda = \frac{M}{2\pi a}$$

$$\Phi = -G \lambda a \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

A small diagram showing a point on the ring at distance  $a$  from the center, and the point mass  $m$  at distance  $R$  from the center. The distance between them is  $|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|$ .

$$|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| = \sqrt{R^2 + a^2 - 2Ra \cos\phi}$$

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} = \frac{1}{R} \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{R^2} - \frac{2a \cos\phi}{R} \right)^{-1/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{R} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{R^2} - \frac{2a \cos\phi}{R} \right) + \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{a^2}{R^2} - \frac{2a \cos\phi}{R} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{R} \left[ 1 + \frac{a \cos\phi}{R} + \frac{(a)^2}{R^2} \frac{3 \cos^2\phi - 1}{2} + \dots \right]$$

$$\Phi = -\frac{G \lambda a}{R} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \left( 1 + \frac{a \cos\phi}{R} + \frac{a^2}{R^2} \frac{3 \cos^2\phi - 1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Phi = -\frac{G \lambda a}{R} \left( 2\pi + \frac{\pi a^2}{2 R^2} \right) = -\frac{GM}{R} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{a^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$$U = m\Phi = -\frac{GmM}{R} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{a^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$$L = T - U = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{R}^2 + R^2 \dot{\phi}^2) + \frac{GmM}{R} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{a^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (mR^2 \dot{\phi}) = 0 \quad \dot{\phi} = \frac{l}{mR^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{R}} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial R} \quad m\ddot{R} = mR\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{GmM}{R^2} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4} \frac{a^2}{R^2} \right)$$

circular orbit:  $\ddot{R} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\phi}^2 = \omega_0^2 = \frac{GM}{R^3} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4} \frac{a^2}{R^2} \right)$

$$\omega_0 \approx \left( \frac{GM}{R^3} \right)^{1/2} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{8} \frac{a^2}{R^2} \right)$$

c. small radial perturbation:  $R \rightarrow R_0 + \epsilon$   $\ddot{R} = \ddot{\epsilon}$

$$\ddot{\epsilon} = R\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{GM}{R^2} \left(1 + \frac{3a^2}{4R^2}\right)$$

expand  $\frac{GM}{R^2} \left(1 + \frac{3a^2}{4R^2}\right)$  about  $R_0$ :

$$GM \left[ \frac{2}{R^3} - \frac{3a^2}{R^5} \right] \rightarrow \frac{GM}{R_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{3a^2}{4R_0^2}\right) - \frac{GM}{R_0^3} \left(2 + \frac{3a^2}{R_0^2}\right) \epsilon$$

$$R\dot{\phi}^2 = \frac{l^2}{m^2 R^3} \quad \text{expand about } R_0: \quad \frac{l^2}{m^2 (R_0 + \epsilon)^3} = \frac{l^2}{m^2 R_0^3 \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{R_0}\right)^3} \approx \frac{l^2}{m^2 R_0^3} \left(1 - \frac{3\epsilon}{R_0}\right)$$

• because  $l$  is a constant, while  $\dot{\phi}$  is not, as  $R$  changes

$$\ddot{\epsilon} = \frac{l^2}{m^2 R_0^3} - \frac{3l^2}{m^2 R_0^3} \frac{\epsilon}{R_0} - \frac{GM}{R_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{3a^2}{4R_0^2}\right) + \frac{GM}{R_0^3} \left(2 + \frac{3a^2}{R_0^2}\right) \epsilon$$

$$\frac{l^2}{m^2 R_0^3} = R_0 \dot{\phi}_0^2 = \frac{GM}{R_0^2} \left(1 + \frac{3a^2}{4R_0^2}\right)$$

$$\ddot{\epsilon} = -\frac{3GM}{R_0^3} \left(1 + \frac{3a^2}{4R_0^2}\right) \epsilon + \frac{2GM}{R_0^3} \epsilon + \frac{3GM}{R_0^3} \frac{a^2}{R_0^2} \epsilon$$

$$\ddot{\epsilon} = \left(-\frac{GM}{R_0^3} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{GM a^2}{R_0^5}\right) \epsilon = -\frac{GM}{R_0^3} \left(1 - \frac{3a^2}{4R_0^2}\right) \epsilon$$

$$\omega_r^2 = \frac{GM}{R_0^3} \left(1 - \frac{3a^2}{4R_0^2}\right)$$

$$\omega_r \approx \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R_0^3} \left(1 - \frac{3a^2}{8R_0^2}\right)}$$

$$\frac{\omega_r - \omega_0}{\omega_0} \approx \frac{\left(\frac{GM}{R_0^3}\right)^{1/2} \left(-\frac{3a^2}{8R_0^2}\right) \cdot 2}{\left(\frac{GM}{R_0^3}\right)^{1/2}} = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{a^2}{R_0^2}$$

$$\Delta\phi = 2\pi \left(\frac{\omega_r - \omega_0}{\omega_0}\right) = -\frac{3\pi a^2}{2R_0^2}$$