

# Lagrange Points Part III

Calculating the radial derivatives:

$$U(r) = -\frac{GM_E m}{r_a} - \frac{GM_S m}{r_b} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{l^2}{m r^2}$$

$$l = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

→ look for points  $r$  that are stable and rotate at  $\omega_0$

$$U(r, \theta) = \underbrace{-\frac{GM_S m}{a}}_{V_0} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{M_E}{M_S}}_{\alpha} \frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{a}{r_b} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{l^2}{m r^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = V_0 \left[ \alpha \frac{a}{r_a^2} (-1) \frac{\partial r_a}{\partial r} + \frac{a}{r_b^2} (-1) \frac{\partial r_b}{\partial r} \right] - \frac{l^2}{m r^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial r_a}{\partial r} = \frac{r - a \cos(\theta)}{(r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos(\theta))^{3/2}} = \frac{r - a \cos(\theta)}{r_a^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial r_b}{\partial r} = \frac{r + b \cos(\theta)}{(r^2 + b^2 + 2rb \cos(\theta))^{3/2}} = \frac{r + b \cos(\theta)}{r_b^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = -V_0 \left[ \frac{\alpha a(r - a \cos(\theta))}{r_a^3} + \frac{a(r + b \cos(\theta))}{r_b^3} \right] - \underbrace{\frac{(mr^2 \omega_0^2)}{mr^3}}_{-mr\omega_0^2}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{GM_s}{a^3(1+\alpha)^2} = \frac{-V_0}{m a^2(1+\alpha)^2}$$

$$= -V_0 \left[ \frac{\alpha a(r - a \cos(\theta))}{r_a^3} + \frac{a(r + b \cos(\theta))}{r_b^3} - \frac{r}{a^2(1+\alpha)^2} \right]$$

Now we need to evaluate cases:

Case i  $r_a = r_b = r_0$

set  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 0$

$$\frac{\alpha a r}{r_0^3} + \frac{a r}{r_0^3} + \frac{a}{r_0^3} [b - \alpha a] \cos(\theta) - \frac{r}{a^2(1+\alpha)^2} = 0$$

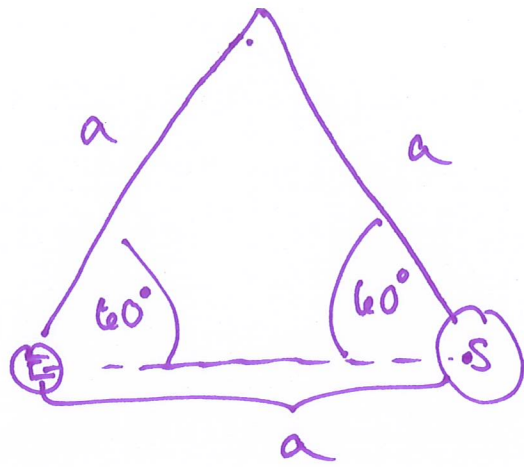
$$(1+\alpha) \frac{a r}{r_0^3} - \frac{r}{a^2(1+\alpha)^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r_0^3 = a^3(1+\alpha)^3}$$

For Earth-Sun  
 $a \approx 1.0$

$$r_0 = a$$

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Case ii  $\theta = 180^\circ$   $\cos(180^\circ) = -1$

$$r - a \cos(\theta) \rightarrow r + a$$

$$r + b \cos(\theta) \rightarrow r - b$$

$$r_a = \sqrt{r^2 + a^2 - 2ar \cos(\theta)} = r + a$$

$$r_b = \sqrt{r^2 + b^2 + 2ab \cos(\theta)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(r-b)^2} = |r-b|$$

$$= \begin{cases} r-b & \text{if } r > b \\ b-r & \text{if } r < b \end{cases}$$

does not exist.

$\sim 10^{-6}$  ignore

$$\frac{\alpha a (r+a)}{(r+a)^2} + \frac{a (r-b)}{(r-b)^2} - \frac{r}{a^2 (1a)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{a}{(r+b)^2} = \frac{r}{a^2 (1)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{r^2} = \frac{r}{a^2}$$

$b = \alpha a$  ignore.

$$\boxed{r = a}$$