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HW # 8  
MAE 200A

Restricted 3 body problem.

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Given

$$\ddot{x} - 2\dot{y} - x = - (1-\mu) \left( \frac{x-x_1}{r_1^3} \right) - \mu \left( \frac{x-x_2}{r_2^3} \right)$$

$$\ddot{y} - 2\dot{x} - y = - \left( \frac{1-\mu}{r_1^3} + \frac{\mu}{r_2^3} \right) y$$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{(x-x_1)^2 + y^2}, \quad r_2 = \sqrt{(x-x_2)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\mu = 0.012, \quad x_1 = -0.012, \quad x_2 = 1 - \mu = 1 - 0.012 = 0.988$$

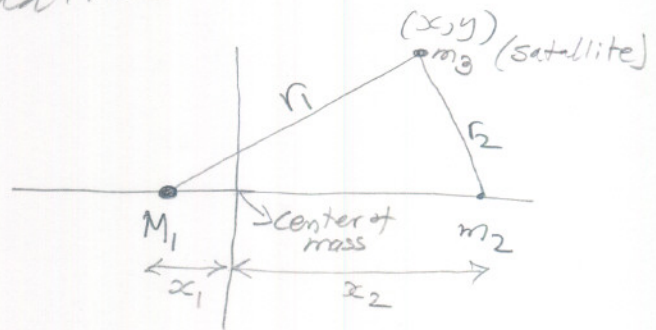
Find The 5 Lagrange points, which are the stable points in the state portrait of the restricted 3 body problem.

Solution

use as frame of reference the rotating (synodic) frame, where

$m_1, m_2$  are stationary relative to each others.

we assume that  $m_3$  has negligible mass, so that it has no effect on  $M_1, m_2$  motion.



relative potential Energy  $V$  of spacecraft is given by

$$V(x,y) = - \frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2} - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1} - \frac{\mu}{r_2}$$

and its K.E. is

$$KE = \frac{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}{2}$$

$$\text{hence Total Energy} = \frac{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2}{2} + V(x,y)$$

$$\text{so Manifold is } F(x,y,\dot{x},\dot{y}) = \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + 2V(x,y)$$

To find singularities set the above to zero  $\rightarrow$



$$F(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y}) = 0$$

where  $\boxed{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0, \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} = 0, \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{y}} = 0}$  (1)

eq(1) is equivalent to saying

$$\underbrace{-\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 0}_{\text{Solve these 2 eq to find } L_1, \dots, L_5}, \quad \underbrace{\dot{x} = 0, \quad \dot{y} = 0}_{\text{means that relative speed of spacecraft is zero at manifold singularities}}$$

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$$-\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ -\frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{2} - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1} - \frac{\mu}{r_2} \right]$$

and  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ -\frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{2} - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1} - \frac{\mu}{r_2} \right]$

Solve these for  $x, y$  to find Lagrange points.

hence

$$0 = x - \frac{(1-\mu)(x-x_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu(x-x_2)}{r_2^3} \quad (*) \text{ solve for } x, y.$$

and  $0 = y \left( 1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu}{r_2^3} \right)$

Start by finding Lagrange points on  $x$ -axis (line connecting  $m_1, m_2$ . On this line  $y=0$  hence we have one equation left which is equation marked  $(*)$  above:

$$0 = x - \frac{(1-\mu)(x-x_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu(x-x_2)}{r_2^3} \Rightarrow$$

method of solution for the collinear Lagrange points:

I divide the solution into 3 Cases.

Case 1 when spacecraft is to the left of  $M_1$

Case 2 when spacecraft is between  $M_1$  and  $m_2$ .

Case 3 when spacecraft is to the right of  $m_2$ .

for each case above, I find  $r_1$  and  $r_2$

so the sign changes depending on case.

for each case, solve the resulting 5<sup>th</sup> order equation in  $x$  using CAS system using

`Solve()` function. I discard all the imaginary solutions and keep the real solution.

for each case I get one real solution

which is  $x$ , the location of spacecraft on

the real line. The next page shows this

method and the solution. and on page

after it a print out of the code using

`Solve` showing the calculations made





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In[55]:= (*Solving for the 3 collinear Lagrange points*)
(*HW8, Nasser Abbasi, MAE 200 A*)
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 $\mu = 0.012;$ 
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$$\text{Solve}\left[x + \frac{1 - \mu}{(x + \mu)^2} + \frac{\mu}{(x - 1 + \mu)^2} = 0, x\right]$$

$$\text{Solve}\left[x - \frac{1 - \mu}{(x + \mu)^2} + \frac{\mu}{(x - 1 + \mu)^2} = 0, x\right]$$

$$\text{Solve}\left[x - \frac{1 - \mu}{(x + \mu)^2} - \frac{\mu}{(x - 1 + \mu)^2} = 0, x\right]$$

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Out[57]= {{x → -1.005}, {x → 0.491999 - 0.858984 i}, {x → 0.491999 + 0.858984 i},
{x → 0.986501 - 0.0782147 i}, {x → 0.986501 + 0.0782147 i}}
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Out[58]= {{x → -0.506677 - 0.86138 i}, {x → -0.506677 + 0.86138 i},
{x → 0.837659}, {x → 1.06385 - 0.145146 i}, {x → 1.06385 + 0.145146 i}}
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Out[59]= {{x → -0.505323 - 0.863689 i}, {x → -0.505323 + 0.863689 i},
{x → 0.903772 - 0.130525 i}, {x → 0.903772 + 0.130525 i}, {x → 1.1551}}
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now need to find Lagrange points  $L_4$  and  $L_5$ .

recall that the 2 equations to solve now are

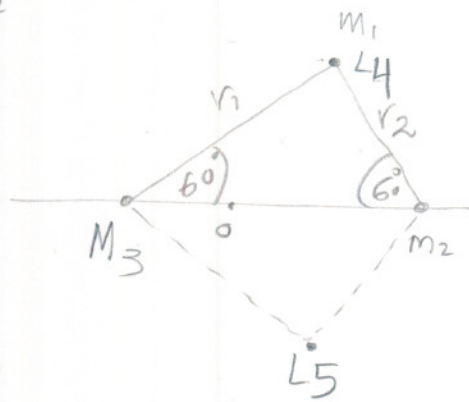
$$0 = x - \frac{(1-\mu)(x-x_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu(x-x_2)}{r_2^3}$$

$$0 = y \left( 1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu}{r_2^3} \right)$$

to find  $L_4$  and  $L_5$ , let  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$

since in this case we obtain equilateral triangles formed, and

since the distance between  $M_3, M_2$  is normalized to 1.



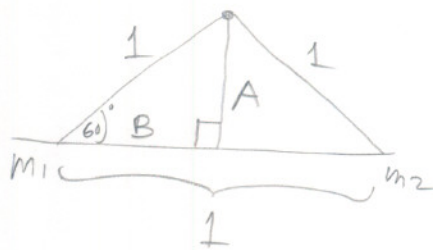
so now substitute  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$  into the above diagram, we set

so  $B = 1 \cos 60^\circ = 0.5$

$A = 1 \sin 60^\circ = 0.866$

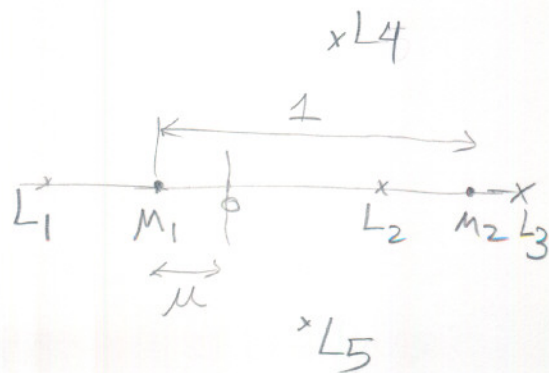
hence  $L_4 = (0.5, 0.866)$

$L_5 = (0.5, -0.866)$



Conclusion The 5 Lagrange points are

- $L_4 = (0.5, 0.866)$   
 $L_5 = (0.5, -0.866)$   
 $L_1 = (-1.005, 0)$   
 $L_2 = (0.8376, 0)$   
 $L_3 = (1.1551, 0)$





Part 2 of HW #8

Characterize the local behavior in the neighborhood of  $L_2$  and  $L_4$  using linear analysis.

Answer

$$\text{let } U = \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{2} + \frac{1-\mu}{r_1} + \frac{\mu}{r_2}$$

Using  $U$ , we can write the equations of motion  $\rightarrow$

$$\ddot{x} - 2\dot{y} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$$

$$\ddot{y} + 2\dot{x} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$$

$$\ddot{z} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

I will only use  $x, y$  from now on and not  $z$  since I'll assume we are in the  $x-y$  plane and hence there is no  $z$  movement.

Convert to state space using

$$S_1 = x$$

$$S_2 = y$$

$$S_3 = \dot{x}$$

$$S_4 = \dot{y}$$

State variables.

so  $\dot{S}_1 = \dot{x} = S_3$

$$\dot{S}_2 = \dot{y} = S_4$$

$$\dot{S}_3 = \ddot{x} = U_x + 2\dot{y} = U_x + 2S_4$$

$$\dot{S}_4 = \ddot{y} = U_y - 2\dot{x} = U_y - 2S_3$$



$$\text{but } U_x = x - \frac{(1-\mu)(x-x_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu(x-x_2)}{r_2^3}$$

$$\text{so } U_x = S_1 - \frac{(1-\mu)(S_1-x_1)}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_1)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3} - \frac{\mu(S_1-x_2)}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_2)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } U_y &= y \left(1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu}{r_2^3}\right) \\ &= S_2 \left(1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_1)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3} - \frac{\mu}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_2)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{bmatrix} \dot{S}_1 \\ \dot{S}_2 \\ \dot{S}_3 \\ \dot{S}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_3 \quad \checkmark \quad h_1(S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4) \\ S_4 \quad \leftarrow \quad h_2(S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4) \\ S_1 - \frac{(1-\mu)(S_1-x_1)}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_1)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3} - \frac{\mu(S_1-x_2)}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_2)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3} + 2S_4 \quad \leftarrow \quad h_3 \\ S_2 \left(1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_1)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3} - \frac{\mu}{\left(\sqrt{(S_1-x_2)^2+S_2^2}\right)^3}\right) - 2S_3 \quad \leftarrow \quad h_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

So linearized equations are

Jacobian evaluated at  $L_1$  and  $L_4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{S}_1 \\ \Delta \dot{S}_2 \\ \Delta \dot{S}_3 \\ \Delta \dot{S}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial S_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial S_2} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial S_3} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial S_4} \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial S_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial S_2} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial S_3} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial S_4} \\ \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial S_1} & \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial S_2} & \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial S_3} & \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial S_4} \\ \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial S_1} & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial S_2} & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial S_3} & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial S_4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \\ S_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s_2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s_3} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s_4} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h_2}{\partial s_2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial s_3} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial s_4} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_1} = 1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} + \frac{3(1-\mu)(s_1-x_1)^2}{r_1^5} - \frac{\mu}{r_2^3} + \frac{3\mu(s_1-x_2)^2}{r_2^5}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_2} = \frac{3s_2(1-\mu)(s_1-x_1)}{r_1^5} + \frac{3s_2\mu(s_1-x_2)}{r_2^5}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_3} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_4} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_1} = s_2 \left( \frac{3(1-\mu)(s_1-x_1)}{r_1^5} + \frac{3\mu(s_1-x_2)}{r_2^5} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_2} = 1 - \frac{(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} + s_2 \left( \frac{3s_2(1-\mu)}{r_1^5} + \frac{3s_2\mu}{r_2^5} \right) - \frac{\mu}{r_2^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_3} = -2, \quad \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_4} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta s_1 \\ \Delta s_2 \\ \Delta s_3 \\ \Delta s_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_1} & \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_2} & 0 & 2 \\ \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_1} & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_2} & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Now evaluate Jacobian at  $L_2$  and  $L_4$ .

at  $L_2$  (i.e.  $L_1$  in part 2)

→ P.S. I called  $L_1$  as  $L_2$  in part 1. in my diagram. this is the same  $L$  we are required to solve for.

$L_2 = (0.8376, 0)$  i.e.  $x = 0.8376, y = 0$   
 i.e.  $S_1 = 0.8376, S_2 = 0$ .

hence  $\left. \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial S_1} \right|_{L_2} = 11.2767$

$\left. \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial S_2} \right|_{L_2} = 0$

$\left. \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial S_1} \right|_{L_2} = 0$

$\left. \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial S_2} \right|_{L_2} = -4.13833$

so Linearized equations at  $L_2$

$$\dot{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 11.2767 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -4.13833 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \\ S_3 \\ S_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Delta(\lambda)$  for above  $A$  matrix is  $\lambda^4 - 3.13837\lambda^2 - 46.6667$

⇒  $\lambda = -2.92889, \lambda = -2.33239j, \lambda = +2.33239j, \lambda = 2.92889$   
 (P.S. even though  $L_1$  is non-hyperbolic; it has one  $\lambda > 0$  ⇒ unstable)

since one eigenvalue is positive ⇒  $L_2$  is unstable  
 equilibrium based on linear analysis (i.e.  $L_1$  in part 2)



now evaluate Jacobian at  $L_4$

at  $L_4$

$$L_4 = (0.5, 0.866) \text{ i.e. } x = 0.5, y = 0.866$$

$$\text{i.e. } S_1 = 0.5, S_2 = 0.866$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_1} \right|_{L_4} = 0.780261$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial s_2} \right|_{L_4} = 1.25961$$

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$$\left. \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s_2} \right|_{L_4} = 2.20229$$

Linearized equations at  $L_4$  are

$$\Delta \dot{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0.780261 & 1.25961 & 0 & 2 \\ 1.25961 & 2.20229 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda^4 + 1.01745\lambda^2 + 0.131744$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -0.290223j$$

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$$\lambda = -0.930148j$$

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$L_4$  is non-hyperbolic

and it has no  $\lambda > 0$  hence

this is critical case. since all  $\lambda$ 's on imaginary axis, we unable to decide on stability based on what we learned.