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# GENERALIZED HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTIONS AND THE TWO-BODY PROBLEM

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ABSTRACT. In this article we study a generalization of the homogeneous function concept. An application is done with a solution of the two-body problem.

RESUMO. Neste artigo estudamos uma generalização do conceito de função homogênea. Uma aplicação é feita com uma solução para o problema de dois corpos.

*key words and phrases:* homogeneous function, Kepler's second law, two-body problem

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we generalize the classic concept of homogeneous function of degree  $\alpha$  and we study the relation between the homogeneous function concept and the movement of a body that satisfies the Kepler's second law.

As an application of the involved techniques that were used, we present a solution of the two-body problem, giving a way to obtain a time equation for the body that rotates around the other, using the concept of homogeneous function.

We obtained a series like as that was presented in [1].

## 2. GENERALIZED HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTIONS

Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  so that if  $x \in U$  and  $\lambda$  is a real number,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , then  $\lambda.x \in U$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^r$  function. We say that  $f$  is an homogeneous function of degree  $\alpha$  if  $f(\lambda.x) = \lambda^\alpha.f(x)$ , if  $\lambda > 0$ .

We put bellow the well known concept of homogeneous function.

Let  $\theta$  be a function of class  $C^r$  such that  $\theta : (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \theta(1, z) = z, \\ \theta(\lambda_1.\lambda_2, z) = \theta(\lambda_1, \theta(\lambda_2, z)). \end{cases}$$

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We observe that  $\theta$  is an action of the multiplicative group  $(0, \infty)$  to  $(0, \infty)$ .

Consider the function  $\alpha(z) = \frac{\partial \theta(1, z)}{\partial \lambda}$ ,  $z \in (0, \infty)$ .

Let us generalize the concept of an homogeneous function.

**Definition 2.** Let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function of class  $C^r$ . We say that  $f$  is  $\theta$ -homogeneous if

$$i) f(\lambda \cdot x) = \theta(\lambda, f(x))$$

$$ii) \alpha(f(x)) > 0.$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\theta$  be an action of  $(0, \infty)$ .

Then  $f$  is a  $\theta$ -homogeneous function  $\iff \langle \vec{\nabla} f(x), x \rangle = \alpha(f(x))$

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$ ) We note that:

$$\langle \vec{\nabla} f(\lambda x), x \rangle = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}(\lambda, f(x)). \text{ Then, for } \lambda = 1, \text{ we have that, } \langle \vec{\nabla} f(x), x \rangle = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}(1, f(x)) = \alpha(f(x)).$$

$\Leftarrow$ ) We define for each value of  $x$ , the functions:

$$\varphi(\lambda) = f(\lambda x) \text{ and } \tilde{\varphi}(\lambda) = \theta(\lambda, f(x))$$

We note that  $\varphi(1) = f(x) = \tilde{\varphi}(1)$ . We will prove that  $\varphi$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}$  are solutions of an ordinary differential equation with the same initial condition.

$$\text{We have that: } \alpha(f(\lambda x)) = \langle \vec{\nabla} f(\lambda x), \lambda x \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{\nabla} f(\lambda x), x \rangle = \lambda \varphi'(\lambda)$$

$$\text{Then, } \alpha(\varphi(\lambda)) = \lambda \varphi'(\lambda)$$

So  $\varphi$  is a solution of the equation  $\varphi' = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \varphi$ .

For the function  $\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda)$  we have,

$$\lambda \tilde{\varphi}'(\lambda) = \lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}(t\lambda, f(x)).$$

Consider the function  $h(t) = \theta(t, \theta(\lambda, f(x))) = \theta(t\lambda, f(x))$ .

$$\text{Then, } h'(t) = \lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}(t\lambda, f(x)). \text{ So, } h'(1) = \lambda \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}(\lambda, f(x)).$$

By other side,  $h'(1) = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}(1, \theta(\lambda, f(x))) = \alpha(\theta(\lambda, f(x)))$ . Then,  $\lambda \tilde{\varphi}'(\lambda) = \alpha(\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda))$ . So,  $\tilde{\varphi}' = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \tilde{\varphi}$ , and then  $\varphi = \tilde{\varphi}$ .

**Remark 1.** Let  $f$  be a  $\theta$ -homogeneous function with  $\theta(\lambda, z) = \lambda^\alpha z$ . Then  $f$  is homogeneous of degree  $\alpha$ , with  $\alpha(z) = \alpha z$ .

In fact, if  $f$  is a  $\theta$ -homogeneous function, then  $f(\lambda x) = \theta(\lambda, f(x)) = \lambda^\alpha f(x)$ . But

$$\alpha(z) = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}(1, z) = \alpha \lambda^{\alpha-1} z, \text{ for } \lambda = 1. \text{ So, } \alpha(z) = \alpha z.$$

**Remark 2.** When  $P_0$  is any point, we say that  $f$  is a  $\theta$ -homogeneous function relative to  $P_0$  if  $f(P_0 + \lambda(x - P_0)) = \theta(\lambda, f(x))$ .

As in the proof of Lemma 1 we easily demonstrate that:  $\langle \vec{\nabla} f(x), x - P_0 \rangle = \alpha(f(x))$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\theta$  be an action as in (1),  $C$  a curve and  $P_0 \notin C$ . There exists a  $\theta$ -homogeneous function  $f$  relative to  $P_0$ , so that  $f(x) = 1, \forall x \in C$ .

**Proof:** Define  $\psi(\lambda) = \theta(\lambda, 1)$ . Suppose  $P_0 = 0$ . For every  $x \in C$ , choose  $y$  so that  $\frac{x}{\psi^{-1}(y)} \in C$ . Then we define  $f(x) = y$ . It is clear that  $f(x) = 1, \forall x \in C$ .

We have that  $\frac{\lambda x}{\psi^{-1}(\theta(\lambda, f(x)))} = \frac{\lambda x}{\lambda \psi^{-1}(f(x))} \in C$ .

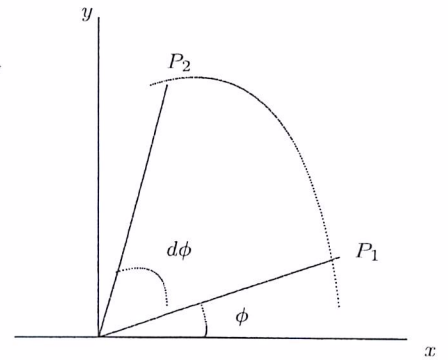
So,  $\theta(\lambda \psi^{-1}(f(x)), 1) = \psi(\lambda \psi^{-1}(f(x))) = \psi(\psi^{-1}(\theta(\lambda, f(x)))) = \theta(\lambda, f(x))$ .

So,  $f(\lambda, x) = \theta(\lambda, f(x))$  and the function  $f$  is  $\theta$ -homogeneous.

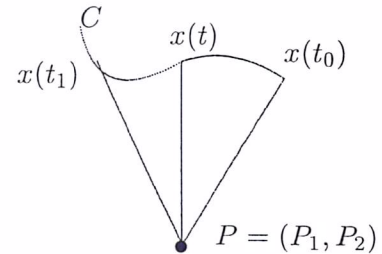
**Corollary 1.** If  $C$  is any curve, then it is a level curve of a homogeneous function of degree  $\alpha > 0$ .

We remember now the Kepler's second law: The Area's Law

Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be two successive positions of a body in a interval of time  $\delta t$ . The element of area in this interval of time is  $\delta A = r^2 \delta \phi / 2$ , or,  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \frac{r^2}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$  is a constant, that is, the area is proportional to time.



Consider a  $C^r$  plane curve  $C$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , and a point  $P = (P_1, P_2) \notin C$ . Suppose  $C$  is given by  $x = x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$ , so that



$$(2) \quad \det \begin{vmatrix} x(t) - P \\ x'(t) \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{vmatrix} x_1(t) - P_1 & x_2(t) - P_2 \\ x'_1(t) & x'_2(t) \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

We know that the area swept out by a body that moves from  $Q_0 = (x_1(t_0), x_2(t_0))$  to  $Q_1 = (x_1(t_1), x_2(t_1))$  is

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left| \begin{vmatrix} x(t) - P \\ x'(t) \end{vmatrix} \right| dt$$

So,

$$A'(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{vmatrix} x(t) - P \\ x'(t) \end{vmatrix} \right| = c$$

**Definition 3.** A curve  $C$  satisfies the Kepler's second law relative to the point  $P$  if  $A'(t) = c$ , for some  $c > 0$ .



Then,  $A(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^t \left| \frac{x(u) - P}{x'(u)} \right| du = \frac{1}{2} 2c(t - t_0) = c(t - t_0)$ .

So, the area is proportional to the time to go from  $x(t_0)$  to  $x(t)$ , and then satisfies the area's Kepler's law.

**Remark 3.** If  $x(t)$ ,  $t \in (a, b)$  is a parametric curve  $C$  that satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant  $c$  in relation to  $P$ , we have that:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| dt = c(b - a) = cp$$

where  $p = b - a$ .

### 3. PARAMETRIC REPRESENTATION BY SURFACE MEASURE

It is often convenient to shift from one parameter representation of a curve, to another, to achieve once a special parametric representation for the Kepler's second law to be satisfied. Let  $\tilde{x}(u)$ ,  $u \in (c, d)$ , the parameter representation of a curve  $C$ . We have that:

$$\tilde{A}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{u_0}^u \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(v) - P}{\tilde{x}'(v)} \right| dv$$

So,

$$\tilde{A}'(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(u) - P}{\tilde{x}'(u)} \right| > 0, \forall u$$

We make the follow change of parameter:  $t = \tilde{A}(u)$ ,  $t \in (a, b)$ , and  $h(t) = u$ , and define  $x(t) = \tilde{x}(h(t))$ .

With this choice of the parametric representation, the curve  $C$  satisfies the Kepler's second law in relation to  $P$ .

In fact, we have that:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(u) - P}{\tilde{x}'(u) \cdot h'(t)} \right| = \frac{1}{2} h'(t) \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(u) - P}{\tilde{x}'(u)} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \frac{1}{\left| \frac{\tilde{x}(u) - P}{\tilde{x}'(u)} \right|} \cdot \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(u) - P}{\tilde{x}'(u)} \right| = 1$$

So  $\left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| = 2$  and the Kepler's second law is satisfied.

**Definition 4.** If a curve  $C$  satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant  $c = 1$  in relation to  $P$  we say that the curve  $C$  has a parametric representation by surface measure.

Then, above we prove that any curve can have a parametric representation by surface measure, what is analogous that we know by the parametric representation of one curve by arc length. [2]

So we prove that if  $x(t)$  is a parametric representation of a curve by surface measure and the time to go from a point  $Q_1$  to  $Q_2$  is  $T$ , then the area swept out is  $T$ .

#### 4. GENERALIZED HOMOGENEITY AND THE KEPLER'S SECOND LAW

Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^1$  function whose derivative at a point  $x$  is denoted by  $f'(x)$ . There exists a unique vector  $g(x) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f'(x) \cdot v = \langle g(x), v \rangle$ , for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $u(x)$  be the hamiltonian field obtained by rotating  $g(x)$  by an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  radians. Observe that the vectors  $u(x)$  are tangent to the level curves of  $f$ , so the vectors  $g(x)$  are orthogonal to the level curves of  $f$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f$  be a  $\theta$  - homogeneous function and  $x(t)$  a solution of the initial value problem*

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = u(x) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

*where  $u$  is defined above. Then  $x(t)$  satisfies the Kepler's second law in relation to the origin.*

**Proof** We note that because  $x(t)$  is a solution of (3), then it is a parametric function of a part of the level curve  $f^{-1}(f(x_0))$ . This fact and lemma 1 imply that

$$A'(t) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \\ x_1'(t) & x_2'(t) \end{vmatrix} = \langle \nabla f(x), x \rangle = \alpha(f(x)) = \alpha f(x_0)$$

which is constant.

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $f$  be homogeneous of degree  $\alpha > 0$ . Then the solution of the equation  $\dot{x} = u(x)$  satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant  $c = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ .*

**Proof** The function  $f$  is homogeneous of degree  $\alpha$ , then by Remark 1,  $\alpha(z) = \alpha z$ . Let  $x(t)$  be the solution of  $\dot{x} = u(x)$  so that  $f(x(t)) = 1$ . Then by Theorem 2,  $2c = A'(t) = \alpha \cdot f(x_0) = \alpha \cdot 1$ , and so  $c = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $x(t)$ ,  $t \in (a, b)$  a parameter representation of a curve of a curve  $C$  that satisfies the second Kepler's law with constant  $c$  in relation to  $P$ . Then to obtain another parametric representation  $x_1(s)$ ,  $s \in (c, d)$  that satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant  $c_1$  it is sufficient to take  $x_1(s) = x(s \frac{c}{c_1})$ .*

**Proof** Let  $h: (c, d) \rightarrow (a, b)$  be a function so that  $t = h(s)$  and  $x(t) = x_1(h(s))$ . Then,

$$2c = \left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| = \left| \frac{x_1(h(s)) - P}{h'(s)x_1'(h(s))} \right| = h'(s) \left| \frac{x_1(h(s)) - P}{x_1'(h(s))} \right| = h'(s)2c_1$$

Then  $h'(s) = \frac{c}{c_1}$  which implies that  $t = h(s) = \frac{c}{c_1}s + t_0$ ,  
 So,  $x_1(s) = x\left(s\frac{c}{c_1} + t_0\right)$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $x(t)$ ,  $t \in J$  and  $\tilde{x}(s)$ ,  $s \in J_1$ , parametric representations of a curve  $C$  that satisfies the Kepler's second law with the same constant  $c$  in relation to  $P$ . Then  $t = s + d$ , with  $d$  constant.*

**Proof** Because  $x(t)$  and  $\tilde{x}(s)$  parameterize the same curve  $C$  we have that  $\tilde{x}(s) = x(t) = x(h(s))$ ,  $t = h(s)$ , and then  $\tilde{x}'(s) = h'(s)x'(h(s)) = h'(s)x'(t)$ . So,

$$2c = \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(s) - P}{\tilde{x}'(s)} \right| = h'(s) \left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| = h'(s)2c$$

Then,  $h'(s) = 1$  and so  $h(s) = s + d$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $x(t)$  be a parametric representation of a curve  $C$  that satisfies the Kepler's second law with a constant  $\alpha = c$  in relation to origin. Then there exists a homogeneous function of degree  $\alpha = 2c$  so that  $x(t)$  is a solution of (3).*

**Proof** By Corollary 1 we have that  $C = \{x(t), t \in J\}$  is a level curve of a homogeneous function  $f$  of degree  $\alpha = 2c$ , that is,  $f(x(t)) = 1$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$ ,  $f(x_0) = 1$ .

Consider the equation (3) and let  $\tilde{x}(s)$  be a solution so that  $\tilde{x}(t_0) = x_0$ . Then,  $f(\tilde{x}(s)) = 1$ , and because  $\tilde{x}(s)$  satisfies the Kepler's second law with the same constant  $c$  and  $\tilde{x}(t_0) = x_0$ , then  $\tilde{x}(t) = x(t)$ .

We observe that if we change the point  $P$  and consider the same parameter, the relation between the areas swept out by a point that moves from point  $P$  to a point  $P_1$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad A &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| dt = \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x(t) - P_1 + P_1 - P}{x'(t)} \right| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x(t) - P_1}{x'(t)} \right| dt + \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{P_1 - P}{x'(t)} \right| dt = A_1 + \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{P_1 - P}{x(t) - x(a)} \right| \end{aligned}$$

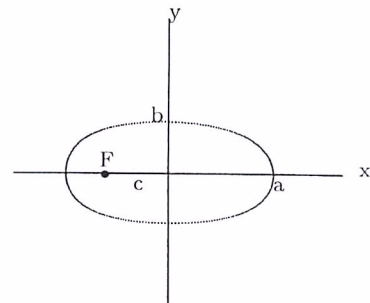
If  $f$  is  $\theta$  homogeneous and  $x(t)$  is a solution of (3) for  $t \in (t_0, t_1)$ , we have that  $\left| \frac{x(t) - P}{x'(t)} \right| = \left| \frac{x(t) - P}{u(x)} \right| = \alpha(f(x))$   
 Then,  $A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \alpha(f(x(t))) dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \alpha(z_0) dt = \frac{1}{2} \alpha(z_0)(t_1 - t_0)$ .



## 5. AN APPLICATION: THE TWO-BODY PROBLEM

Consider the classical problem in which an object of mass  $m$  orbits another object of a much larger mass  $M$ . Let  $F$  be the center of mass between  $m$  and  $M$ , and suppose that the movement is elliptical, that is, the object of mass  $m$  describes an ellipse whose focus is  $F$ .

The orbital period  $P$  is known in terms of the masses  $m$  and  $M$ , that is:  $P = \frac{4\pi^2 a^3}{G(m+M)}$ , where  $G$  is the gravitational constant.



We observe that this is a movement that satisfies the Kepler's second law and then we know that:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{c} x(t) \\ x'(t) \end{array} - F \right| = c \quad \text{and} \quad A = \pi ab$$

$$\text{Then, } \pi ab = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{c} x(t) \\ x'(t) \end{array} - F \right| dt = (t_1 - t_0)c = Pc.$$

$$\text{So, } c = \frac{\pi ab}{P}.$$

Our objective is to obtain the equation of the movement  $x(t)$  of the body of mass  $m$ . (with Kepler's constant  $c$  relatively to  $F$ ).

Given  $f = f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} - 1$ , the movement's orbit is given by the level curve one of  $f$ , that is,  $\frac{x_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{b^2} = 1$ .

We observe that  $f$  is homogeneous of degree 2,  $\vec{\nabla} f(x) = (\frac{2x_1}{a^2}, \frac{2x_2}{b^2})$ , and

$$u(x) = (\frac{-2x_2}{b^2}, \frac{2x_1}{a^2}).$$

The ordinary differential equation is  $\dot{x} = (\frac{-2x_2}{b^2}, \frac{2x_1}{a^2})$ .

The solution for this equation is  $\tilde{x}(s) = (a \cos \frac{2s}{ab}, b \sin \frac{2s}{ab})$ . For this solution the constant in relation to  $P = 0$  is:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{c} x(\tilde{t}) \\ x'(\tilde{t}) \end{array} - P \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{array}{cc} a \cos \frac{2\tilde{t}}{ab} & b \sin \frac{2\tilde{t}}{ab} \\ -\frac{2}{b} \sin \frac{2\tilde{t}}{ab} & \frac{2}{a} \cos \frac{2\tilde{t}}{ab} \end{array} \right| = 1$$

Let  $\bar{x}(\tilde{t})$  be the parametric representation with constant  $c = 1$  in relation to  $F$ . We know that any curve can have a parametric representation for to satisfy the Kepler's



second law.

$$\text{So, } \tilde{t} = \tilde{A}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{s_0}^s \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(v) - F}{\tilde{x}'(v)} \right| dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_{s_0}^s \left| \frac{\tilde{x}(v)}{\tilde{x}'(v)} \right| dv - \frac{1}{2} \int_{s_0}^s \left| \frac{F}{\tilde{x}'(v)} \right| dv =$$

$$s - s_0 - \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{F}{\tilde{x}(s) - \tilde{x}(s_0)} \right|$$

Since  $F = -\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$  and taking  $s_0 = 0$ , it follows that:

$$\tilde{t} = \tilde{A}(s) = s - s_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{(-\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}, 0)}{\tilde{x}(s) - \tilde{x}(0)} \right| = s + \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{-\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{a(\cos \frac{2s}{ab} - 1)} \quad 0 \right|.$$

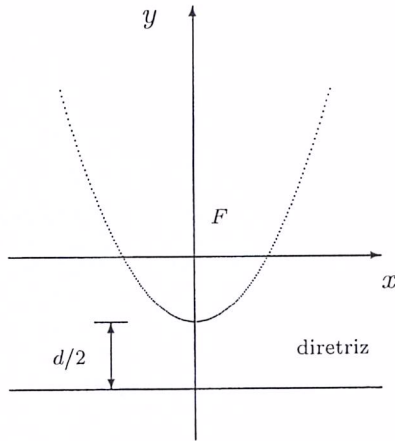
$$\text{Then, } \tilde{t} = s - \frac{1}{2} b \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} \sin \frac{2s}{ab} = s - \frac{1}{2} b \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} \left[ \frac{2s}{ab} - \left(\frac{2s}{ab}\right)^3 \frac{1}{3!} + \left(\frac{2s}{ab}\right)^5 \frac{1}{5!} + \dots \right]$$

But  $\tilde{t} = \tilde{A}(s)$ ,  $s = h(\tilde{t})$ , then  $\bar{x}(\tilde{t}) = \tilde{x}(h(\tilde{t}))$ , and we remember that in this manner  $\bar{x}(\tilde{t})$  satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant  $c = 1$ .

Taking  $x(t) = \bar{x}(ct)$ , where  $\tilde{t} = ct$ , the Kepler's second law is satisfied with constant  $c = \frac{\pi ab}{P}$ .

This is the parametric representation of the planetary movement of two-body problem whose Kepler's constant is given as a function of the period.

Let us now consider the case when the orbit is a parabola,  $y = \frac{1}{2d}(x^2 - d^2)$ .



The parametric representation 
$$\begin{cases} x = u \\ y = \frac{1}{2d}(u^2 - d^2) \end{cases}$$

cannot satisfies the Kepler's second law, and then we make a parametric representation by surface measure by making:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{matrix} u & \frac{1}{2d}(u^2 - d^2) \\ 1 & \frac{u}{d} \end{matrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{u^2}{d} - \frac{1}{2d}(u^2 - d^2) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{u^2 + d^2}{2d} \right) = \frac{1}{4d}(u^2 + d^2)$$

$$\text{Then, } \tilde{t} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^u \frac{v^2 + d^2}{2d} dv = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{6d} u^3 + \frac{d}{2} u \right) = \frac{1}{12d} u^3 + \frac{d}{4} u = \theta(u) \text{ and so, } u = \theta^{-1}(\tilde{t})$$

By making a change of parameters, we obtain a new parametric representation that satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant 1 in relation to F. Let  $(\tilde{x}(\tilde{t}), \tilde{y}(\tilde{t}))$  this parametric representation. So,  $(\tilde{x}(ct), \tilde{y}(ct))$  will satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant c determined by the velocity  $v_0$  at  $t = 0$ .

But,  $(\tilde{x}(ct), \tilde{y}(ct)) = ((u, \frac{1}{2d}(u^2 - d^2)) = (\theta^{-1}(ct), \frac{1}{2d}(\theta^{-1}(ct))^2 - d^2)$  and  $(\tilde{x}'(ct), \tilde{y}'(ct))_{t=0} = \left( \frac{1}{\theta'(u)}, \frac{2}{2d} \frac{1}{\theta'(u)} u \right)_{u=0}$ , where  $\theta'(u) = \left( \frac{3u^2 + 3d^2}{12d} \right)_{u=0} = \frac{1}{4}d$  and we observe that in this example the constant c was not determined in function of the period because we are treating of the parabolic case; it is done in function of the initial velocity.

Put now  $x(t) = \tilde{x}(ct)$  and  $y(t) = \tilde{y}(ct)$ . Then,  $(x'(0), y'(0))_{\frac{4}{d}} = (1, 0)$  and then  $\vec{v}_0 = (c\frac{4}{d}, 0)$  and  $v_0 = |\vec{v}_0| = c\frac{4}{d}$  and then,  $c = \frac{dv_0}{4}$ . So, we have that  $(x(t), y(t))$  is a parametric representation that satisfies the Kepler's second law with constant c in relation to F, where c is given above.

We observe that in this case we obtain u in function of  $\tilde{t}$  by resolving a cubic equation.

In the elliptic case the equation is transcendent.

In a analogous way we can describe the movement in the case that the orbit is a hyperbole. In this case the parametric representation involves hyperbolic functions.

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