

# Secularity in $u(\theta)$ and Bertrand's Theorem

$\hookrightarrow$  closed orbits ONLY for Kepler or H.O.; else secular

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = -r^2 f \quad (\text{Normalized})$$

$$u = 1/r \quad f \rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{X \equiv d-2}$$

$$\text{let } r^2 f \rightarrow \frac{-1}{r^X} \rightarrow -u^X$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u'' + u = u^X}$$

$X=0 \Rightarrow 1/r^2$  Kepler  
 $X=-3 \Rightarrow r$  H.O.

Circular orbit  $\Rightarrow u=1$

$$\text{let } u = 1 + \tilde{u}, \quad |\tilde{u}| \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{u}'' + \tilde{u} = (1 + \tilde{u})^X - 1$$

$$= X\tilde{u} + \frac{X(X-1)}{2}\tilde{u}^2 + \frac{X(X-1)(X-2)}{6}\tilde{u}^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{let } \beta^2 = 1 - X, \quad \beta = \text{rational}$$

$X=0 \Rightarrow$  No h.o.  
 $X=2 \Rightarrow d=4$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\tilde{u}'' + \beta^2 \tilde{u}}{\beta^2} = -\frac{X}{2}\tilde{u}^2 - \frac{X(X-2)}{6}\tilde{u}^3 + \dots}$$

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$$\text{let } \tilde{u} = \underbrace{\epsilon}_{\downarrow} u_1 + \underbrace{\epsilon^2}_{\downarrow} u_2 + u_3 + \dots, \quad |u_{n+1}| \ll |u_n|$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{u}^2 \rightarrow (u_1 + u_2)^2 \rightarrow u_1^2 + 2u_2 u_1 + O(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\tilde{u}^3 \rightarrow u_1^3 + O(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\text{So } u_1'' + \beta^2 u_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 = a_1 \cos(\beta\theta)$$

$$\frac{u_2''}{\beta^2} + u_2 = -\frac{x a_1^2}{4} (1 + \cos(2\beta\theta))$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 = -\frac{x a_1^2}{4} + \frac{x a_1^2}{12} \cos(2\beta\theta)$$

$$\frac{u_3''}{\beta^2} + u_3 = -x u_2 u_1 - x(x-2) \frac{u_1^3}{6}$$

$u_2 u_1$  will have terms like  $\cos(\beta\theta)$   
 $u_1^3$  " " " " "

$\Rightarrow$  secular behavior,  $u_3 \sim t \sin(\beta\theta)$

$\rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ; perturbation fails

unless coefficient of  $\cos(\beta\theta)$  term vanishes.

Clearly,  $x=0$  is one possibility

Also, Consider  $u_2 u_1 + \frac{(x-2) u_1^3}{6} \rightarrow \frac{x}{12} \cos(\beta\theta) [\cos(2\beta\theta) - 3]$

$$+ \frac{(x-2) \cos^3(\beta\theta)}{6} \rightarrow \frac{x}{12} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cos(\beta\theta) - 3 \cos(\beta\theta) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{(x-2) 3}{6 \cdot 4} \cos(\beta\theta) \rightarrow \frac{x}{12} \left( \frac{-5}{2} \right) + \frac{(x-2)}{8} \rightarrow -5x + 3(x-2)$$

$$= -2x - 6 = -2(x+3). \quad \text{This is zero for } x = -3$$

o. Closed orbits for  $x=0$  or  $x=-3 \Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{r^2}$  or  $f = -r$

# Secular behavior (example)

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$$\text{Suppose } u_3'' + \beta^2 u_3 = A \cos(\beta \phi)$$

$$\text{Try } u_3 = C \phi \sin(\beta \phi)$$

$$u_3'' = -C \phi \beta^2 \sin(\beta \phi) + 2C \beta \cos(\beta \phi)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cancel{-C \phi \beta^2 \sin(\beta \phi)} + 2C \beta \cos(\beta \phi) + \beta^2 C \phi \cancel{\sin(\beta \phi)} = A \cos(\beta \phi)$$

cancel

$$\Rightarrow 2C\beta = A \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \frac{A}{2\beta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_3 = \frac{A}{2\beta} \phi \sin(\beta \phi)$$

$u_3 > u_2$  as  $\phi \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  failure of expansion.