

Energy in Closed Systems

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Abstract

The writing indicates a breakdown of the classical laws . We consider conservation of energy with a many body system in relation to the inverse square law and point out the breakdown. The breakdown is first demonstrated with a two body system and finally with a many body system.

Introduction

. We consider conservation of energy^[1] with a many body system in relation to the inverse square law and point out the breakdown. The breakdown is first demonstrated with a two body system and finally with a many body system.

Basic calculations

Infinitesimal work dw is given by,

$$dw = \sum_i dw_i = \sum_i \vec{F}_i d\vec{r}_i = \sum_i m_i \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} d\vec{r}_i \quad (1)$$

dw :total infinitesimal work done on the system by external+internal forces, covering all the particles

$$\begin{aligned} dw &= \sum_i m_i \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} dt = \sum_i \frac{m_i \vec{v}_i d\vec{v}_i}{dt} dt \\ &= \sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i d\vec{v}_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i d(\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i dv_i^2 \\ &= d \left(\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 \right) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Let's now consider a particle in a conservative field:

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla U$$

$$dW = \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{r} = -\nabla U \cdot d\vec{r} = -dU$$

if the potential function is independent of time

If U depends on time then $dU = \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} dt + \nabla U \cdot d\vec{r} \Rightarrow \nabla U \cdot d\vec{r} = dU - \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} dt; \nabla U \cdot d\vec{r} \neq dU$

We have for time independent potentials

$$dW = -dU$$

Again

$$dW = KE_f - KE_i$$

The last equation is the work energy theorem which is universally valid

$$KE_f - KE_i = -dU$$

$$KE_f - KE_i = U_i - U_f$$

$$KE_i + U_i = KE_f + U_f \quad (4)$$

The above is valid for a time independent conservative field. If the mass[magnitude of source] of one body is much larger than the other bodies involved then the above two conditions are satisfied to a good/high degree of approximation. The potentials of the smaller bodies in motion are ignorable. Thus time independence is achieved.

Inverse square Law, Gravitation

Potential energy in a three body gravitational system:

$$\begin{aligned} dW &= \vec{F}_1 d\vec{r}_1 + \vec{F}_2 d\vec{r}_2 + \vec{F}_3 d\vec{r}_3 \\ &= (\vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13})d\vec{r}_1 + (\vec{F}_{21} + \vec{F}_{23})d\vec{r}_2 + (\vec{F}_{31} + \vec{F}_{32})d\vec{r}_3 \end{aligned}$$

where \vec{F}_{ij} is the force on the i th particle from the j th one due to gravity .

$$\begin{aligned} dW &= (\vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13})d\vec{r}_1 + (\vec{F}_{21} + \vec{F}_{23})d\vec{r}_2 + (\vec{F}_{31} + \vec{F}_{32})d\vec{r}_3 \\ &= (\vec{F}_{12}d\vec{r}_1 + \vec{F}_{21}d\vec{r}_2) + (\vec{F}_{13}d\vec{r}_1 + \vec{F}_{31}d\vec{r}_3) + (\vec{F}_{23}d\vec{r}_2 + \vec{F}_{32}d\vec{r}_3) \\ &= (\vec{F}_{12}d\vec{r}_1 - \vec{F}_{12}d\vec{r}_2) + (\vec{F}_{13}d\vec{r}_1 - \vec{F}_{13}d\vec{r}_3) + (\vec{F}_{23}d\vec{r}_2 - \vec{F}_{23}d\vec{r}_3) \\ &= \vec{F}_{12}(d\vec{r}_1 - d\vec{r}_2) + \vec{F}_{13}(d\vec{r}_1 - d\vec{r}_3) + \vec{F}_{23}(d\vec{r}_2 - d\vec{r}_3) \\ &= \vec{F}_{12}d(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + \vec{F}_{13}d(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_3) + \vec{F}_{23}d(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_3) \\ &= \vec{F}_{12}d\vec{r}_{12} + \vec{F}_{13}d\vec{r}_{13} + \vec{F}_{23}d\vec{r}_{23}; \vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j \end{aligned}$$

$$dw = Gm_1m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{r_{21}^3} d\vec{r}_{12} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{31}}{r_{31}^3} d\vec{r}_{13} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{32}}{r_{32}^3} d\vec{r}_{23} \quad (5)$$

$$= -Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{2r_{12}^3} d(\vec{r}_{12} \cdot \vec{r}_{12}) - Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{13}}{2r_{13}^3} d(\vec{r}_{13} \cdot \vec{r}_{13}) - Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{23}}{2r_{23}^3} d(\vec{r}_{23} \cdot \vec{r}_{23})$$

$$dw = -Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{2r_{12}^3} dr_{12}^2 - Gm_2m_3 \frac{1}{2r_{13}^3} dr_{13}^2 - Gm_3m_1 \frac{1}{2r_{23}^3} dr_{23}^2$$

$$w = Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{r_{12}} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{1}{r_{13}} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{1}{r_{23}} + \text{constant} \quad (6)$$

'w' excludes external work[it is work done by the system] .It applies to a closed three body gravitating system.

Comparing (2) and (5) we have for a closed system where external work is zero,

$$d\left(\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2\right) = Gm_1m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{r_{21}^3} d\vec{r}_{12} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{31}}{r_{31}^3} d\vec{r}_{13} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{32}}{r_{32}^3} d\vec{r}_{23}$$

$$w = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 + C = Gm_1m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{r_{21}^3} d\vec{r}_{12} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{31}}{r_{31}^3} d\vec{r}_{13} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{32}}{r_{32}^3} d\vec{r}_{23} + C' \quad (7)$$

If $\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$ increases $Gm_1m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{r_{21}^3} d\vec{r}_{12} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{31}}{r_{31}^3} d\vec{r}_{13} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{32}}{r_{32}^3} d\vec{r}_{23}$ has to increase

$-\left(Gm_1m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{r_{21}^3} d\vec{r}_{12} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{31}}{r_{31}^3} d\vec{r}_{13} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{32}}{r_{32}^3} d\vec{r}_{23}\right)$ decreases

For a closed system ,we have

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 - \left(Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{2r_{12}} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{1}{2r_{13}} + Gm_3m_1 \frac{1}{2r_{23}}\right) = \text{constant} \quad (7)(8)$$

We recall

$$dw = -Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{2r_{12}^3} d(r_{12}^2) - Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{13}}{2r_{13}^3} d(r_{13}^2) - Gm_3m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{23}}{2r_{23}^3} d(r_{23}^2)$$

$$w = +Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{r_{12}} + C_1(r_{13}, r_{23}) + Gm_2m_3 \frac{1}{r_{13}} + C_1(r_{23}, r_{12}) + Gm_3m_1 \frac{1}{r_{23}} + C_1(r_{13}, r_{12})$$

$$w = 0 \Rightarrow Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{r_{12}} + C_1(r_{13}, r_{23}) + Gm_2m_3 \frac{1}{r_{13}} + C_2(r_{23}, r_{12}) + Gm_3m_1 \frac{1}{r_{23}} + C_3(r_{13}, r_{12}) = 0$$

Differentiating the above with respect to time

$$\begin{aligned}
& Gm_1m_2 \frac{1}{r_{12}^2} \frac{dr_{12}}{dt} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{1}{r_{23}^2} \frac{dr_{23}}{dt} + Gm_1m_3 \frac{1}{r_{13}^2} \frac{dr_{13}}{dt} \\
& \quad = -(C_1(r_{13}, r_{23}) + C_2(r_{23}, r_{12}) + C_3(r_{13}, r_{12})) \\
& Gm_1m_2 \frac{r_{12}}{r_{12}^3} \frac{dr_{12}}{dt} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{r_{23}}{r_{23}^3} \frac{dr_{23}}{dt} + Gm_1m_3 \frac{r_{13}}{r_{13}^3} \frac{dr_{13}}{dt} \\
& \quad = -\frac{d(C_1(r_{13}, r_{23}) + C_2(r_{23}, r_{12}) + C_3(r_{13}, r_{12}))}{dt} \neq 0 \\
& Gm_1m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{12}}{r_{12}^3} \frac{d\vec{r}_{12}}{dt} + Gm_2m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{23}}{r_{23}^3} \frac{d\vec{r}_{23}}{dt} + Gm_1m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{13}}{r_{13}^3} \frac{d\vec{r}_{13}}{dt} \\
& \quad = -\frac{d(C_1(r_{13}, r_{23}) + C_2(r_{23}, r_{12}) + C_3(r_{13}, r_{12}))}{dt} \neq 0 \quad (11)
\end{aligned}$$

The functions C_1, C_2 and C_3 are arbitrary: we can fix them up according to our choice

The above is not true when $dw=0$. From(5) we expect the right side to be zero when $dw=0$. Therefore $C_1(r_{13}, r_{23}) + C_2(r_{23}, r_{12}) + C_3(r_{13}, r_{12})$ should be independent of time.

Therefore the constant in(7) is time independent.

$\sum_{i,j;i \neq j} Gm_i m_j \frac{1}{r_{ij}} = \text{constant}$, independent of time. Else the right side (8) will be non zero when we require it to be zero[for $w=0$].

From the Lagrangian formulation

If the potential function is independent of the generalized velocities then we have the relation^{[2][3]} $T + V = \text{constant}$; T : total kinetic energy; V potential function of the system of particles; we consider the potential function to be velocity independent.:

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_{ij}} = -F_{ij}$$

i :particle index

j :component index[$j = x, y, z$]

$$\sum_{i,j;i \neq j} Gm_i m_j \frac{1}{r_{ij}} = V \quad (9)$$

satisfies

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_{ij}} = -F_{ij}$$

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{G m_i m_j}{r_{ij}} = \text{constant} \quad (10)$$

Closed Systems

For a closed system where external work is zero we have

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 + C = G m_1 m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{21}}{r_{21}^3} d\vec{r}_{12} + G m_2 m_3 \frac{\vec{r}_{31}}{r_{31}^3} d\vec{r}_{13} + G m_3 m_1 \frac{\vec{r}_{32}}{r_{32}^3} d\vec{r}_{23} + C'$$

[The right side involves only internal forces: gravitation. Hence the work is internal work.]

For an 'n' body system

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{G m_i m_j}{r_{ij}} = \text{constant} \quad (10)$$

We apply this idea two body system

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 - \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r} = C \quad (11)$$

Two Body motion

Two gravitating masses m_A and m_B are being considered

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_A}{dt^2} = G m_B \frac{\vec{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_B}{dt^2} = -G m_A \frac{\vec{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_B}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_A}{dt^2} = -G(m_A + m_B) \frac{\vec{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{AB}}{dt^2} = -G(m_A + m_B) \frac{\vec{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3} \quad (12)$$

$$\vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{AB}}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} = -G(m_A + m_B) \frac{\vec{r}_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} G(m_A + m_B) \frac{1}{r_{AB}^3} \frac{d(\vec{r}_{AB} \cdot \vec{r}_{AB})}{dt} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= -\frac{1}{2} G(m_A + m_B) \frac{1}{r_{AB}^3} \frac{d(r_{AB}^2)}{dt} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= -G(m_A + m_B) \frac{2r_{AB}}{r_{AB}^3} \frac{dr_{AB}}{dt} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= -G(m_A + m_B) \frac{2}{r_{AB}^2} \frac{dr_{AB}}{dt} \\ d \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= -G(m_A + m_B) \frac{2}{r_{AB}^2} dr_{AB} \\ \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= \frac{2G(m_A + m_B)}{r_{AB}} + E \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

E : constant of integration

$$\left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{2G(m_A + m_B)}{r_{AB}} = E[\text{constant}] \quad (14)$$

Now,

$$\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} = \frac{d(\vec{r}_B - \vec{r}_A)}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}_B}{dt} - \frac{d\vec{r}_A}{dt} = \vec{v}_B - \vec{v}_A$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_{AB}}{dt} \right)^2 &= (\vec{v}_B - \vec{v}_A)^2 \\ \Rightarrow (\vec{v}_B - \vec{v}_A)^2 - \frac{2G(m_A + m_B)}{r_{AB}} &= E = E \\ v_A^2 + v_B^2 - 2\vec{v}_A \cdot \vec{v}_B - \frac{2G(m_A + m_B)}{r_{AB}} &= E \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

Momentum of $m_A = \vec{p}_A$;

Momentum of $m_B = \vec{p}_B$

For COM frame

$$\vec{p}_A = -\vec{p}_B = \vec{P}$$

$$|\vec{p}_A| = |\vec{p}_B| = P$$

$$m_A^2 v_A^2 = m_B^2 v_B^2 = P^2;$$

Equation (4) stands as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P^2}{m_A^2} + \frac{P^2}{m_B^2} - 2 \frac{\vec{P} \cdot (-\vec{P})}{m_A m_B} + \frac{2K}{r_{AB}} &= E \\ P^2 \left[\frac{1}{m_A^2} + \frac{1}{m_B^2} + 2 \frac{1}{m_A m_B} \right] - \frac{2G(m_A + m_B)}{r_{AB}} &= E \\ \frac{P^2}{2} \left[\frac{1}{m_A} + \frac{1}{m_B} \right]^2 - \frac{2G(m_A + m_B)}{r_{AB}} &= E \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

We observe from (5),

$$\frac{1}{2} m_A v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B v_B^2 - \frac{G m_A m_B}{r_{AB}} = E' \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{P^2}{2m_A} + \frac{P^2}{2m_B} - \frac{G m_A m_B}{r_{AB}} = E'$$

$$\frac{P^2}{2} \left[\frac{1}{m_A} + \frac{1}{m_B} \right] - \frac{G m_A m_B}{r_{AB}} = E' \quad (18)$$

Diving equation by (16) we may solve for r_{AB} which becomes a constant

Many Body Motion

Similar breakdown may be observed for an n body system

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_1}{dt^2} &= \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} \vec{r}_{12} + \frac{G m_1 m_3}{r_{13}^3} \vec{r}_{13} + \frac{G m_1 m_4}{r_{14}^3} \vec{r}_{14} \dots \dots \dots \frac{G m_1 m_{n-1}}{r_{1n-1}^3} \vec{r}_{1n-1} \\ m_2 \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_2}{dt^2} &= \frac{G m_2 m_1}{r_{21}^3} \vec{r}_{21} + \frac{G m_2 m_3}{r_{23}^3} \vec{r}_{23} + \frac{G m_2 m_4}{r_{24}^3} \vec{r}_{24} \dots \dots \dots \frac{G m_2 m_{n-1}}{r_{2n-1}^3} \vec{r}_{2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i$

By subtraction,

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_2}{dt^2} - \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_1}{dt^2} = \frac{G m_2}{r_{21}^3} \vec{r}_{21} - \frac{G m_1}{r_{12}^3} \vec{r}_{12} + \vec{R}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{12}}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{r_{12}^3} \vec{r}_{12} + \vec{R} \quad (19)$$

Let

$$\vec{R} = G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{r_{12}^3} \vec{r}_{12} - G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{|\vec{r}_{12} - \vec{r}'|^3} (\vec{r}_{12} - \vec{r}') + \frac{d^2 \vec{r}'}{dt^2} \quad (20)$$

where \vec{r}' is a suitable vector satisfying the above equation.

Now we have two body motion

$$\frac{d^2 (\vec{r}_{12} - \vec{r}')}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{|\vec{r}_{12} - \vec{r}'|^3} (\vec{r}_{12} - \vec{r}') \quad (21)$$

It is possible to locate an origin from where the pair (m_1, m_2) executes an equivalent two body motion

We may write : $\vec{r}_{12} - \vec{r}' = \vec{r}'_{12} = \vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}'_1$

The equation now stands as

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}'_{12}}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{|\vec{r}'_{12}|^3} \vec{r}'_{12} \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{d^2 (\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}'_1)}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_1 + m_2}{|\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}'_1|^3} (\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}'_1)$$

In a general manner the above equation and hence equation (22) may be obtained from the following two equations[by subtraction]

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}'_2}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_1}{|\vec{r}'_{12}|^3} \vec{r}'_2 + \vec{f}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}'_1}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_2}{|\vec{r}'_{12}|^3} \vec{r}'_1 + \vec{f}$$

By applying an acceleration of \vec{f} on the origin we cancel out this acceleration. We now do have

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}'_2}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_1}{|\vec{r}'_{12}|^3} \vec{r}'_2$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}'_1}{dt^2} = -G \frac{m_2}{|\vec{r}'_{12}|^3} \vec{r}'_1$$

We now have our inverse square law and consequently a pair of equations like (16) and (18)!

Physical Independence of forces

First we write the following equations [in an n body motion] for their partial interactions:

$$m_1 \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{12}}{dt^2} = G m_1 m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{12}}{r_{12}^3} \quad (23.1)$$

$$m_1 \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{13}}{dt^2} = G m_1 m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{13}}{r_{13}^3} \quad (23.2)$$

$$m_1 \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{14}}{dt^2} = G m_1 m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{14}}{r_{14}^3} \quad (23.3)$$

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$$m_1 \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{1n}}{dt^2} = G m_1 m_2 \frac{\vec{r}_{1n}}{r_{1n}^3} \quad (23.n)$$

Each of the above equations expresses an independent two body motion which leads to equations of the type (16) and (18)! Each holds for every instant of time as if the partial interactions were proceeding independently.

We also have

$$\frac{d^2(\vec{r}_{12} + \vec{r}_{13} + \dots + \vec{r}_{1n})}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_1}{dt^2}$$

[total acceleration= sum of partial accelerations]

$$\vec{r}_1 = \vec{r}_{12} + \vec{r}_{13} + \dots + \vec{r}_{1n} + Ct + D$$

We solve $\vec{r}_{12}, \vec{r}_{13}, \vec{r}_{14} \dots \dots \vec{r}_{1n}$ from (23.1),(23.2).....(23.n). Then we apply

$$\vec{r}_1 = \vec{r}_{12} + \vec{r}_{13} + \dots + \vec{r}_{1n} + Ct + D$$

to obtain the many body solution subject to the difficulty mentioned [equations [(16) and (18)]]

For validation (cross checking) we may consider the following

$$\vec{r}_j = \vec{r}_{j2} + \vec{r}_{j3} + \dots + \vec{r}_{jn} + C_j t + D_j$$

$$\sum_j \vec{r}_j = t \sum_j C_j + \sum_j D_j$$

For Center of Mass frame

$$\sum_j m_j \vec{r}_j = 0$$

Conclusion

There is a clear indication of laws getting violated. Classical physics itself is a beacon to new

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