Analog of Weber's Formula for Gravitation may Explain Dark Matter, Dark Energy and Pioneer Anomaly

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Abstract

Weber's formula for the force of interaction between charged particles, which is a modification of Coulomb's law, may solve many of the paradoxes and puzzles in classical and relativistic electromagnetism. In this paper we propose modification of Newton's law of gravitation according to Weber's formula. This may solve many of the outstanding problems in cosmology such as dark matter, dark energy and the Pioneer anomaly.

Introduction

In my paper [1], I have proposed a new theory known as Apparent Source Theory that can explain many of the light speed experiments, such as the Michelson-Morley experiment, Sagnac effect, moving source, moving observer and moving mirror experiments and the Silvertooth experiment. However, I was unable to solve the problems of classical magnetism theory in terms of Apparent Source Theory.

This led me to adopt Weber's formula [2], which is a modification of Coulomb's law. I have found Weber's formula promising, not only in view of the failure of classical and relativistic electromagnetism to resolve the puzzles of magnetism, but also because of its own successes [2]. Weber's formula gets rid of magnetic force as a separate phenomenon and explains it as a form of electrical force. However, Weber's formula cannot explain some exotic phenomenon such as the Biefeld-Brown effect, which is one of the profound predictions of Apparent Source Theory. Therefore, I have combined Weber's formula with Apparent Source Theory in my paper [1].

I have proposed that gravity is an electrostatic phenomenon [1], based on interpretation of astronomical experiments, according to Apparent Source Theory. This assertion is also supported by the fact that gravitational and electrostatic forces have some common characteristics such as inverse square distance law and instantaneous action at a distance. Therefore, if gravity is an electrostatic phenomenon, then it is possible to formulate analogous Weber's formula for gravitation that may explain many of the problems in gravitation such as 'dark matter', 'dark energy' (or cosmological acceleration) and Pioneer anomaly.
Weber's formula

The Weber's formula for electrostatic attraction between two point charges is given by:

\[ F = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{u^2}{c^2} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{c^2} \right] \]

where \( u \) is the relative velocity of the charges, \( r \) is the distance between the charges, \( \mathbf{r} = \frac{dr}{dt} \) is the rate of change of distance between the charges, and \( \mathbf{a} \) is the relative acceleration of the charges.

We may formulate analogous formula for gravitation as follow.

\[ F = G \frac{M m}{r^2} \left[ K_0 + K_1 \frac{u^2}{c^2} + K_2 \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{c^2} + K_3 \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{c^2} \right] \]

where \( K_0 = 1 \)

The first term with coefficient \( K_0 \) is the usual Newton's law of gravitation. The second, third and fourth terms with coefficients \( K_1, K_2 \) and \( K_3 \), respectively, may be related to the cosmological phenomena of 'dark matter', Pioneer anomaly, Hubble’s law and 'dark energy'.

Each component may cause an attractive or repulsive gravity depending on the sign of the respective coefficient.

The first component of the force, which is Newton's law of gravitation, varies inversely with the square of the distance \( r \).

The second component with coefficient \( K_1 \) may be related to the phenomenon of dark matter. Since the third and fourth components depend only on radial motion, they are zero for transverse motion, so they may be less related to dark matter, assuming that the velocity \( u \) in spiral galaxies is mainly transverse.

At sufficiently large distance \( r \) the first component may become negligible, and the second component may dominate. It has been proposed that dark matter implies gravity varying inversely not with the square of the distance, but inversely with the distance. This requires that

\[ u \propto \sqrt{r} \]
\[ \Rightarrow u = b_1 \sqrt{r} \]

where \( b_1 \) is some constant.

So the second component will be

\[ G \frac{Mm}{r^2} K_1 \frac{u^2}{c^2} = G \frac{Mm}{r^2} K_1 \frac{(b\sqrt{r})^2}{c^2} = G \frac{Mm}{r} \frac{bK_1}{c^2} \]

From the above formula we can see that the second component of the gravitational force varies inversely with \( r \), not inversely with \( r^2 \).

Still at sufficiently large distance \( r \), the first and second components may become negligible, with the third component dominating.

From Hubble's law we know that:

\[ \dot{r} = Hr \]

where \( H \) is Hubble's constant.

Therefore, the third component of the force \( F \) will be:

\[ G \frac{Mm}{r^2} * K_1 \frac{\dot{r}^2}{c^2} = G \frac{Mm}{r^2} * K_1 \frac{H^2r^2}{c^2} = G \frac{Mm}{r} K_1 \frac{H^2}{c^2} \]

This component is independent of distance \( r \)!

The acceleration due to this component is:

\[ \frac{G \frac{H^2}{c^2} Mm K_1}{m} = G \frac{Mm}{r} K_1 \frac{H^2}{c^2} \]

which is constant independent of distance!

Therefore, the third component is related to Hubble's law.

Observations show that the red shift of distant galaxies deviates from Hubble's law. Perhaps the fourth component with coefficient \( K_3 \) may be somehow related to dark energy.

We speculate about the fourth component as follows. As we have noticed so far, the first component varies inversely with \( r^2 \), the second component varies inversely with \( r \), the third component is constant independent of \( r \). From this pattern, we may guess that the fourth component should vary directly with distance \( r \).
The fourth component is given by:

\[ G \frac{Mm}{r^2} K_3 \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\alpha}}{c^2} \]

For receding motion, the fourth component can be written as:

\[ G \frac{Mm}{r^2} K_3 \frac{r}{c^2} \frac{a}{c^2} \]

Therefore, for the fourth component to be proportional to \( r \), the acceleration must be a function of distance as follows:

\[ a \propto r^2 \]

\[ \Rightarrow a = b_2 r^2 \]

where \( b_2 \) is some constant.

At sufficiently large distance \( r \), the first, the second and the third components will become negligible, with the fourth component dominating. In this case, the fourth component will be:

\[ G \frac{Mm}{r^2} K_3 \frac{r}{c^2} \frac{a}{c^2} = G \frac{Mm}{r^2} K_3 \frac{r b_2 r^2}{c^2} = GMm K_3 \frac{r b_2}{c^2} \]

We can see that the fourth component varies directly with distance \( r \).

What about the Pioneer anomaly? Since an unexplained attractive force has been observed in the Pioneer anomaly, it may be related to the second component, which is also responsible for dark matter.
Conclusion

We have seen how Weber's formula can be applied to gravitation to solve many of the outstanding problems in cosmology, such as dark matter, dark energy and Pioneer anomaly. In this paper we have presented only a preliminary qualitative treatment. However, we have seen that this approach is promising to resolve these long standing problems in cosmology.

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