Kepler's Laws of Motion

- 1609 in Astronomia Nova (The New Astronomy)
- First Law $-$ A planet orbits the Sun in an ellipse, with the Sun at one focus of the ellipse.
- Second Law A line connecting a planet to the Sun sweeps out equal areas in equal time intervals
	- Several areas associated with the time interval of "six" are shown
		- They all have equal areas

Kepler's Third Law of Motion

From *Harmonia Mundi* (1619) (Harmony of the Worlds)

Ellipses

Conic Sections

- Intersection of a plane with a cone
- Parabola plane is parallel to a side
- Hyperbola plane is parallel to central axis
- All are possible orbits (elliptical orbits most common)

Conic Sections

- All are possible in celestial mechanics.
- "p" is closest approach for parabolic orbit

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r = a
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 $e = 0$ Circle

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r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \theta} \qquad 0 \le e < 1 \quad \text{ellipse}
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r = \frac{2p}{1 + \cos \theta} \qquad e = 1 \qquad \text{parabola}
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\frac{a(e^2-1)}{1+e\cos\theta} \qquad e>1 \qquad \text{hyperbola}
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General, where $L = dist$ from Focus to curve along line perp to major axis (semi-latus rectum) *L* 1*+e* cos*θ*

Ellipse Drawing

After drawing your ellipse on graph paper by keeping a pencil snug against a string looped loosely around two tacks, do the following:

- 1) Mark center "O".
- 2) Mark F and F' (foci).
- 3) Measure and label a and b (in mm).
- 4) Measure and label ae.
- 5) Draw point (labelled "P") on ellipse in the 1st quadrant position. Draw, label, and measure r and r'. Measure θ.

6) Confirm $r + r' = 2a$

- 7) Calculate eccentricity using $e = \frac{ae}{a}$ 2
- 8) Calculate eccentricity using $e=\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$ *a*)
- 9) Confirm that $r=a(1-e^2)/(1+ecos\theta)$
- 10) Measure x and y for P, where $(x,y)=(0,0)$ at center
- (not focus)

11) Confirm the Cartesian coordinate equation for the ellipse using point P: $\frac{x}{a}$ $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y}{b}$ $\frac{y}{b^2}$ =1

Ellipses – actual orbits (September 2012)

Newton's Laws of Motion

- 1st Law Law of inertia
	- An object at rest remains at rest and an object in uniform motion remains in uniform motion unless acted upon by an unbalanced force.
	- An *inertial reference frame* is needed for 1st law to be valid
	- A non-inertial reference frame is accelerating (e.g. In car going around a curve you feel a fictitious force)
- 2^{nd} Law $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{net}}/m$ or $\mathbf{F}_{\text{net}}=m\mathbf{a}$
	- The net force (sum of all forces) acting on an object is proportional to the object's mass and its resultant acceleration.
	- Inertial mass, m, does not appear to be different from gravitational mass

 $m₂$

- 3rd Law
	- For every action there is an equal but opposite reaction

Universal Law of Gravitation

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\vec{F}_{12} = G \frac{Mm}{r^2} \hat{r}_{12}
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Unfortunately, this is opposite the convention used in PHYS 2321 (Coulomb's Law) Shell theorems for gravity:

) The Force on *m* due to a uniform shell of mass is the same as the force due to a point mass at the center of the shell with the same total mass as the shell.

) The force of gravity inside of a uniform shell is zero.

Binary Orbits Generalized, absolute coordinates.

Generalized \rightarrow the COM could be in motion relative to the coordinate system.

Absolute \rightarrow both m₁ and m₂ are moving and the coord sys is an inertial frame of ref.

Binary Orbits **Absolute coordinates.**

Absolute \rightarrow both m₁ and m₂ are moving and the coord sys is an inertial frame of ref. The COM is placed at the origin. It is labeled with the

total mass $M = m_1 + m_2$.

Binary Orbits Relative coordinates.

Relative → shows orbit of moving, *reduced mass* μ around a stationary *total mass* M.

Binary Orbits Absolute coordinates and velocity. Velocity vector is only purely tangential at perihelion and aphelion.

Work by gravity depends on direction of net force vector relative to the direction of motion.