Stability of prograde and retrograde planets within binary systems

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CR3BP: massless planet within circular binary system



PROGRADE

RETROGRADE

Terms in disturbing function are

$$e^{j_3}\cos(j_1\lambda+j_2\lambda'+j_3\varpi)$$

with
$$j_1 + j_2 + j_3 = 0$$

If orbital frequencies are commensurable

$$\frac{n'}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$$

Then since
$$\dot{\lambda}' = n'$$

 $\dot{\lambda} = \pm n$
 $\dot{\varpi} \ll n$

The resonant (slow) terms in the disturbing function are

$$e^{p \mp q} \cos(p \lambda \mp q \lambda' - (p \mp q) \varpi)$$

PROGRADE p/q resonance is of order p-q

RETROGRADE p/q resonance is of order p+q





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$$\alpha \approx 0.4$$

4/1 MMR

$$\lambda - 4\lambda' + 3\varpi$$









$$\alpha \approx 0.5$$

3/1 MMR

$$\lambda - 3\lambda' + 2\varpi$$



 $\alpha \approx 0.55$







RETROGRADE Circular Restricted 3 Body Problem $\mu = \frac{m_2}{m_0 + m_2}$ Simulations for 10^4 binary periods



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$$\alpha \approx 0.6$$

2/-1 MMR

$$\lambda + 2\lambda' - 3\varpi$$







 $3\lambda + 5\lambda' - 8\varpi$



3/-2 MMR



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- Retrograde planets are stable closer to the secondary than prograde planets.
- ZVC criterion is necessary but not sufficient condition for instability.
- Instability is due to MMRs overlap (chaos) or due to effect of a single MMR...

• Differences are due to topology of prograde versus retrograde MMRs: prograde p/q MMR is of order p-q while retrograde p/q MMR is of order p+q