Periodic and quasi-periodic orbits for the spatial isosceles Three-Body Problem

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Abstract

Using appropriate coordinates, we will prove the existence of 2-dimensional invariant tori for a special case of the spatial three-body problem, the spatial isosceles three-body problem. These tori are filled with either periodic or quasi-periodic orbits and they are not KAM tori. In particular, using the analytic continuation method, we will see that the 2-dimensional invariant tori of the circular Sitnikov problem (an special case of the restricted spatial isosceles three-body problem) can be continued to the spatial isosceles three-body problem for sufficiently small values of one of the masses.

Key words and expressions: Isosceles three-body problem, periodic orbits, quasi-periodic orbits, analytic continuation method.

1. Introduction

In this work we consider a particular case of the spatial three-body problem, the spatial isosceles three-body problem (or simply in this work the isosceles problem). Using appropriate coordinates, we reduce the dimension of the phase space of this problem in two units obtaining the reduced isosceles problem. We see (in Theorem 1) that the periodic orbits of the reduced isosceles problem with angular momentum different from zero give 2-dimensional invariant tori for the isosceles problem that can be filled with either periodic or quasi-periodic orbits. We note that these tori are not KAM tori. Using the