

## Astro 342: Fall 06

### Review Sheet 1

**Basic apparent motions** of stars, planets, Sun and Moon as seen from Earth, and interpretation as seen from out of the Solar System.

**Coordinate systems:**

Horizon system: altitude, azimuth, cardinal points, local meridian, zenith.

Celestial equatorial system: right ascension, declination, celestial equator, celestial poles, equinoxes, solstices, ecliptic

**Renaissance astronomy:** Know major scientific achievements of Copernicus, Tycho, Kepler, and Galileo. Terminology: configurations: inferior and superior conjunction, opposition, quadrature, greatest elongation, superior and inferior planets, retrograde motion

**Classical Mechanics**

Kepler's and Newton's laws

2-body problem: understand basic steps in deriving sol'n., understand allowable types of orbit, and different ways that these orbits can be expressed.

Conservation laws

Orbital elements (in a very qualitative way).

Restricted 3-body problem:

- lunar perturbations on artificial satellites

- restricted problem in the plane

- rotating coord. system: Lagrange points and their stability, examples

Tides and differential gravity: know how force law is derived, important effects on Earth, definition of: synchronous rotation, Roche overflow (and disruption).

**Solar Atmospherics:** photosphere, chromosphere, corona, spots and magnetic cycle, flares and prominences.

**EM Radiation theory:** Different wavebands in the EM spectra, thermal radiation, Wien's law, Stefan-Boltzmann law, Planck law, definition of optical depth, basic theory of absorption and emission lines.