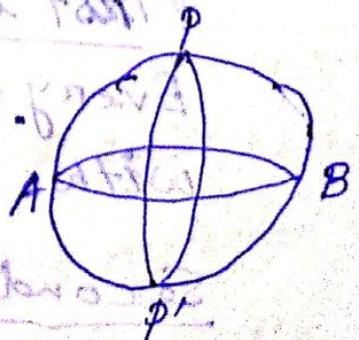


14. Angular distance: The angular distance between any two points on a sphere is measured by the smaller one of the great circle through these points, the arc is measured by the angle it subtends at the centre of the sphere.

15. Secondaries:

All those great circles which pass through both the poles of a given great circle are called secondaries to the given circle and the given circle in this turn is called the primary circle, the plane in which the secondaries lie is perpendicular to the plane of the given great circle.

Here PP' is a secondary.



16. Spherical Triangle:

Let A, B, C be any three points on the

surface of the sphere. Then

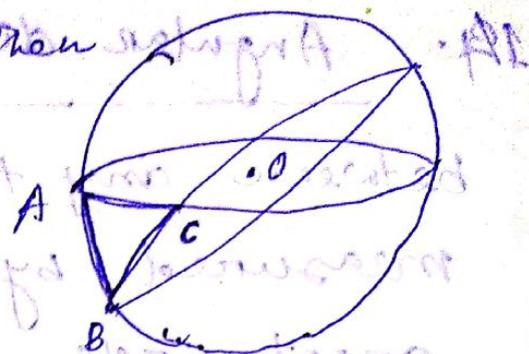
the figure ABC formed

by joining the arcs AB,

B,C, CA of great circles

passing through them is called

spherical triangle.



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Kepler's law of Planetary motion,

Motion of the planets is governed by these three laws, which are due to Kepler. The first two laws were published in the year 1609, while the third one in the year

1619.

First law

Every planet revolves in an elliptic orbit with the sun at one of its foci

Second law:

Every planet revolves in its orbit, A line that connects a planet to the sun sweeps equal area in equal time.

Third law:

The squares of the periods of revolution of the planets are proportional to the cubes of the semi major axis of their orbit.

Two-body problem

The problem of dealing with the motions of two objects under their mutual attraction are called the two body problem. It is assumed that, the bodies are specially symmetrical and that Newton's law holds; then the bodies can be considered to be a point masses.

The natural example of two body problem is the one, where one body represents the Sun and the other a planet. In this example the general gravitational influence exerted by the other planets are neglected also. The motion of an artificial satellite around the Earth is governed by the attraction

between the Earth and the satellite, Here the effects of Gravitational attractions of the sun, Moon, and the other planets on the satellite orbit are small and may thus be neglected which enable us to consider it as a two body problem.