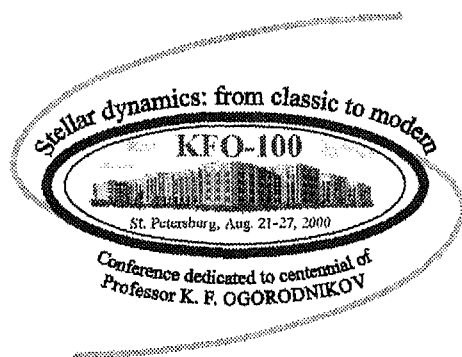


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Some Principal Questions of the Theory of Equilibrium Figures

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The goal of this paper is to describe several problems unifying objective of which is to obtain an improved understanding of the theory of equilibrium figures. We will consider three basic questions.

1. The first section includes remarks on the stability problem of Jacobi ellipsoids. One begins with a demonstration that the bifurcation point for the pear-shaped equilibrium figures on the Jacobi sequence must coincide with the corresponding neutral point. Our method is original and independent on Cartan's one.
2. In the second section we have proved an impossibility of the quasiprecession for the large class of equilibrium figures with (or without) internal flows. This analysis significantly extends known results, obtained early by H. Poincaré, P. Appell and V. A. Antonov.
3. At last, the new formula for the angular velocity $\Omega/\sqrt{\pi G \rho}$ of rotating, self-gravitating homogeneous equilibrium figures has been derived:

$$\Omega^2 = 1 + \eta - \sqrt{(1 + \eta)^2 - \frac{6W_i - W_t}{\pi G \rho I_3}}.$$

Here η is the normalized total gravitational potential energy and W_i is the "internal" potential energy of the figure.

Equilibrium Figures of Gas-Dust Clouds in the Galaxy

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According to observations, in our Galaxy there exist a numerous class of rather dense, compact gas-dust nebulae, which Bok has called by globules. The physical conditions in these dense nebulae are such, that young stars can be formed there. Many of these nebulae have a smoothed, sometimes round, form. Hence, they are in equilibrium state under influence of external and internal forces. The problem on the equilibrium form of these globules is considered. The methods of the theory equilibrium figures are applied for solving the problem. Modelling the globule by a homogeneous triaxial ellipsoid and setting the potential Φ in a plane of symmetry of the Galaxy, the equilibrium equations for it were obtained

$$A_1 a^2 = b^2 \left(A_2 - \frac{2\Omega^2}{\pi G \rho} + \frac{\kappa^2}{2\pi G \rho} \right) = A_3 c^2,$$