# ROTATIONAL DISTORTION ON THE SURFACES OF JUPITER AND SATURN

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**Abstract.** Having formulated the Clairaut second-order differential equations up to the fourth order in superficial distortion due to Hensen's coefficients in the previous article (El-Sharawy *et al.*, 1989 III, hereafter denotes by SM3), we are now in a position to solve them. In this paper we shall discuss the methods of solving the Clairaut theory, to give an explicit form about the distortion of the surfaces of Jupiter and Saturn, numerically up to the fourth-order.

#### 1. Introduction

In the previous article SM3, we derived the differential equations governing the form and exterior potential of rotating stars. These equations are the Clairaut theory of the rotational distortion of self-gravitating configuration of arbitrary structure, arising from axial rotation with constant angular velocity, and extended to quantities of fourth-order in superficial distortion due to Hensen's coefficients.

A particular numerical solution of the previous Clairaut second-order theory (derived by Kopal, 1960) was made by James and Kopal (1963) for planets such as the Earth, as well as Jupiter and Saturn. They used Rung–Kutta's method for step-by-step numerical integration. In the present work, we shall investigate the numerical solutions of the foregoing differential equation formed in the previous article SM3 and governing  $f_2$ ,  $f_4$ ,  $f_6$ , and  $f_8$ , applying Hamming's predictor corrector method for numerical integration. We restrict our analysis to the configurations characterizing the planets Jupiter and Saturn with density distribution given by Zharkov *et al.* (1973).

### 2. Boundary Conditions

In this section we derive the formulae defining the boundary conditions, which are necessary for complete specification of the numerical solutions of the fourth-order Clairaut theory (Equation (1) in SM3), since we have a second-order differential equations two boundary values are needed. These are at the centre (a = 0) and at the external boundary  $(a = a_1)$ . From these particular solutions we can evaluate the amplitudes f(a), the radial part of the equipotential surfaces, which expresses the deformation of the shape of the equipotential. So, 1. at the center (a = 0), all the  $f_n(a)$  as are to be a minimum, which requires that their derivatives must identically vanish, i.e., all

$$f'_n(a) = 0, \quad \text{for} \quad n = 2, \ 4, \ 6, \ \text{and} \ 8,$$
 (1)

2. at the external equipotential  $(a = a_1)$ , all the expressions  $E_n(a)$  (Equations (I1)–(I5) in Appendix I) are equal to zero, but the expressions  $F_n(a)$  continue to be defined as before by Equations (I6)–(I10) in Appendix I also, replacing a by  $a_1$ , except for j = 0. The exterior potential V at n = 0 take the form, (see El-Shaarawy *et al.*, 1989I)

$$V_0 = G \int_0^{a_0} \mathrm{d}m = G m_0, \tag{2}$$

where

$$m_0 = 4 \int_0^{a_0} \rho a^2 \mathrm{d}a.$$
 (3)

Replacing  $a_0$  by  $a_1$ , and using Equation (I6), Equation (3) become

$$m_1 = 4\Pi F_0(a_1),$$
 (4)

where  $m_1$  is the total mass of our distorted configuration.

Applying the previous condition (2) on the equations of the radial functions described the actual form of the equipotential surfaces as given by Equations (5)–(8) in Marie *et al.*, (1993), with the aid of Equations (9)–(13) in the same reference, we obtain, for  $a = a_1$ 

$$2f_{2} + a_{1}f_{2}' + \frac{3\omega^{2}a_{1}^{2}}{2Gm_{2}} = (-_{1}\beta_{1}f_{2}^{2} + _{1}\beta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}' - _{1}\beta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{1}\beta_{4}f_{4} + \\ + _{1}\beta_{5}a_{1}f_{4}' - _{1}\eta_{1}f_{2}^{3} - _{1}\eta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}' - _{1}\eta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'^{2} - _{1}\eta_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{3} - _{1}\eta_{5}f_{2}f_{4} + \\ + _{1}\eta_{6}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4}' + _{1}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{4} + _{1}\eta_{8}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' - _{1}\eta_{9}f_{6} - _{1}\eta_{10}a_{1}f_{6}' - _{1}\xi_{1}f_{2}^{4} - \\ - _{1}\xi_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{3}f_{2}' - _{1}\xi_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} - _{1}\eta_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}f_{2}'^{3} - _{1}\xi_{5}a_{1}^{4}f_{5}'^{4} - _{1}\xi_{6}f_{2}^{2}f_{4} + \\ + _{1}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{4}' - _{1}\xi_{8}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' + _{1}\eta_{9}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' + _{1}\xi_{10}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4} + \\ + _{1}\xi_{11}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4}' + _{1}\xi_{12}f_{2}f_{6} - _{1}\xi_{13}a_{1}f_{2}f_{6}' + _{1}\xi_{14}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{6} - \\ - _{1}\xi_{15}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{2}f_{6}' + _{1}\xi_{16}f_{4}^{2} - _{1}\xi_{17}a_{1}f_{4}f_{4}' + _{1}\xi_{18}a^{2}f_{4}'^{2}) + \\ + \frac{\omega^{2}a_{1}^{2}}{4Gm_{1}}(-_{2}\alpha_{1}f_{2} + _{2}\alpha_{2}a_{1}f_{2}' - _{2}\beta_{1}f_{2}^{2} + _{2}\beta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}' + _{2}\beta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{2}\beta_{4}f_{4} + \\$$

$$+ {}_{2}\beta_{5}a_{1}f_{4}' - {}_{2}\eta_{1}f_{2}^{3} - 2\eta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}' + {}_{2}\eta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'^{2} + {}_{2}\eta_{5}f_{2}f_{4} - {}_{2}\eta_{6}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4}' - {}_{2}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{4} - {}_{2}\eta_{8}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{4}'),$$
(5)

where the coefficients  $_{i}\alpha_{j}$ ,  $_{i}\beta_{j}$ ,  $_{i}\eta_{j}$ , and  $_{i}\xi_{j}$  are given in Appendix II.

$$\begin{aligned} 4f + a_{1}f_{4}' &= (_{1}\beta_{1}f_{2}^{2} + _{1}\beta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}' - _{1}\beta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{1}\eta_{1}f_{2}^{3} - _{1}\eta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}' - \\ &- _{1}\eta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{1}\eta_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{1}'^{3} - _{1}\eta_{5}f_{2}f_{4} - _{1}\eta_{6}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4}' + _{1}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{4} - _{1}\eta_{8}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' \\ &+ _{1}\eta_{9}f_{6} + _{1}\eta_{10}a_{1}f_{6}' + _{1}\xi_{1}f_{2}'^{4} - _{1}\xi_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{3}f' + _{1}\xi_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{1}\xi_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}f_{2}'^{3} + \\ &+ _{1}\xi_{5}a_{1}^{4}f_{2}'^{4} + _{1}\xi_{6}f_{2}^{2}f_{4} - _{1}\xi_{7}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{4}' + _{1}\xi_{8}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' - _{1}\xi_{9}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' - \\ &- _{1}\xi_{10}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4} - _{1}\xi_{11}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4}' - _{1}\xi_{12}a_{1}f_{2}f_{6}' + _{1}\xi_{13}a_{1}f_{2}f_{6}' - _{1}\xi_{14}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{6}' \\ &+ _{1}\xi_{15}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{6}' - _{1}\xi_{16}f_{4}^{2} + _{1}\xi_{17}a_{1}f_{4}f_{4}' - _{1}\xi_{18}a_{1}^{2}f_{4}'^{2}) + \\ &+ \frac{\omega^{2}a_{1}^{3}}{4Gm_{1}}(_{2}\beta_{1}f_{2}^{2} - _{2}\beta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}' - _{2}\beta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{2}\beta_{4}f_{4} + _{2}\beta_{5}a_{1}f_{4}' - _{2}\eta_{1}f_{2}^{3} + \\ &+ _{2}\eta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}' - _{2}\eta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'^{2} + _{2}\eta_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{3} - _{2}\eta_{5}f_{2}f_{4} + _{2}\eta_{6}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4}' + \\ &+ _{2}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{4} + _{2}\eta_{8}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' - _{2}\eta_{9}f_{6}) \end{aligned}$$

the coefficients  $_{i}\beta_{j}$ ,  $_{i}\eta_{j}$ , and  $_{i}\xi_{j}$  are given in Appendix II.

$$6f_{6} + a_{1}f_{6}' = (_{1}\eta_{1}f_{2}^{3} + _{1}\eta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}' + _{1}\eta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'^{2} - _{1}\eta_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{3} + _{1}\eta_{5}f_{2}f_{4} + \\ + _{1}\eta_{6}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4}' + _{1}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{4} + _{1}\eta_{8}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{2}' - _{1}\xi_{1}f_{2}^{4} - _{1}\xi_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{3}f_{2}' - \\ - _{1}\xi_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} - _{1}\xi_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}f_{2}'^{3} - _{1}\xi_{5}a_{1}^{4}f_{2}'^{4} + _{1}\xi_{6}f_{2}^{2}f_{4} + _{1}\xi_{7}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{4}' - \\ - _{1}\xi_{8}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{2}' - _{1}\xi_{9}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' + _{1}\xi_{10}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4} + _{1}\xi_{11}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4}' - \\ - _{1}\xi_{12}f_{2}f_{6} - _{1}\xi_{13}a_{1}f_{2}f_{6}' - _{1}\xi_{14}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{6} + _{1}\xi_{15}a^{2}f_{2}'f_{6}' - _{1}\xi_{16}f_{4}^{2} - \\ - _{1}\xi_{17}a_{1}f_{4}f_{4}' + _{1}\xi_{18}a_{1}^{2}f_{4}'^{2}) + \frac{\omega^{2}a_{1}^{3}}{4m_{1}G}(-_{2}\eta_{1}f_{2}^{3} - _{2}\eta_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}' + \\ + _{2}\eta_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}f_{2}'^{2} - _{2}\eta_{5}f_{2}f_{4} - _{2}\eta_{6}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4}' - _{2}\eta_{7}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{4} - _{2}\eta_{8}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{4}' - \\ - _{2}\eta_{9}f_{6} - _{2}\eta_{10}a_{1}f_{6}'),$$

$$(7)$$

where the coefficients  $_{i}\eta_{j}$  and  $_{i}\xi_{j}$  are given in Appendix II, and,

$$8f_{8} + a_{1}f_{8}' = -\xi_{1}f_{2}^{4} - \xi_{2}a_{1}f_{2}^{3}f_{2}' - \xi_{3}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}^{2}f_{2}'^{2} + \xi_{4}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}f_{2}'^{3} + \\ +\xi_{5}a_{1}^{4}f_{2}'^{4} + \xi_{6}f_{2}^{2}f_{4} + \xi_{7}a_{1}f_{2}^{2}f_{4}' - \xi_{8}a_{1}f_{2}f_{2}'f_{4} - \\ -\xi_{10}a_{1}f_{2}f_{4} - \xi_{11}a_{1}^{3}f_{2}'^{2}f_{4}' + \\ \xi_{12}f_{2}f_{6} - \xi_{13}a_{1}f_{2}f_{6}' - \\ -\xi_{14}a_{1}f_{2}'f_{6} - \\ \xi_{15}a_{1}^{2}f_{2}'f_{6}' + \\ \xi_{16}f_{4}^{2} - \\ \xi_{17}a_{1}f_{4}f_{4}' + \\ \xi_{18}a_{1}^{2}f_{4}'^{2},$$
(8)

the coefficients  $\xi_i$  are given in Appendix II.

These four first-order differential equations of the amplitudes  $f_j(a)$  specify the particular solutions of Clairaut equations (SM3, Equation (1)) and will be needed on dealing with the numerical solutions afterwards.

#### 3. Numerical Solutions

A construction of the numerical solutions of the Clairaut equations specified by the boundary conditions (5)–(8) can be accomplished by successive approximation using the same technique followed by Kopal (1974): first solving for to accuracy of first-order, next solving for  $f_2$  and  $f_4$  to quantities of second-order, and continuing until a solution for  $f_2$ ,  $f_4$ ,  $f_6$  and  $f_8$  accurate to fourth-order has been established. Over all steps of our calculations the Hamming's predictorcorrector method is used to report the numerical integration of the foregoing Clairaut differential equations governing  $f_2$ ,  $f_4$ ,  $f_6$ , and  $f_8$  for the density distribution  $\rho(a)$  characterizing our configuration. This method consists of solving a system of *n*-first order ordinary differential equations.

The Clairaut equation (see SM3) takes the form

$$a^{2}f_{j}'' + 6D(f_{j} + af_{j}') - j(j+1)f_{j} = T_{j}(a),$$
(9)

which is a second order differential equation, where D is the ratio between the arbitrary density  $\rho(a)$  and the mean density which is given by

$$D = \frac{\rho(a)}{\bar{\rho}(a)} \text{ and } \bar{\rho} = \frac{3}{a^3} \int_0^{a_0} \rho a^2 \, \mathrm{d}a = \frac{3}{a^3} F_0. \tag{10}$$

The ratio D can be expanded, in the proximity of the origin, in a series as

$$D(a) = 1 - \lambda a + \dots \tag{11}$$

even power only occurring on the r.h.s on account of spherical symmetry of our configuration in its undistorted state, where by definition

$$D(a) = 1$$
 and  $D(a_1) = 0.$  (12)

By successive approximation method, we can extend with difficulties to solve for each amplitude  $f_j(a)$  of *j*th harmonic distortion to the required degree of accuracy. The structure of the differential equations of the form (9) governing these, make it evident that near the origin (a = 0), the complementary function of each  $f_j$  (factored by an arbitrary positive constant  $K_j$ ) will vary as  $K_j a^{j-1}$ , while its particular integral will be factored by  $K_j^{j/2}$ , while the constants  $K_j(j =$ 2, 4, 6&8) constitute the eigen-parameters of our problem, and their values must be determined with the aid of the boundary conditions (5)–(8) valid at  $a = a_1$ .

Thus, to put Equations (9) as a two first order ordinary differential equations, consider that

$$y_1 = f_j \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = f'_j \tag{13}$$

on differentiation with respect to a, thus

$$y'_1 = f'_j$$
 and  $y_2 = f''_j$  (14)

Equations (11) can be written as,

$$y'_1 = y_2$$
 (15)

and,

$$a^2 y'_2 = [j(j+1) - 6D]y_1 - 6aDy_2 + T_j,$$
(16)

which are two differential equations of first-order, subject to the initial conditions

$$y_1(0) = \text{constant} (f_i(0)) \text{ and } y_2(0) = 0$$
 (17)

The numerical integration of the boundary value problem (13) for Jupiter and Saturn has been carried out on the basis of their models of internal structure worked out by Zharkov (1975) as given diagrammatically in Figures 1 and 2. These planets will underlying under the assumption that the mass of these planets being in hydrostatic equilibrium and are known to rotate so fast that the higherorder than first-order effects of centrifugal force become of much greater relative importance.

Using the computing program, written by one of us (Marie), based on solving n-first order differential equations, which applying the successive approximation steps as shown before and through every step, it solved the system of differential Equations (15) and (16) under the boundary conditions (17) – up to the order of evaluation – using Hamming predictor – corrector method for the numerical integrations.

As long as terms of first-order only are retained throughout Equation (9), the problem for computation is simple: The first-order equation being linear and homogeneous in the sole dependent variable  $f_2$ , its numerical integration can be started from an arbitrary value  $f_2(0)$ , and its appropriate scale constant adjusted by means of the outer boundary condition (5). To do so we consider as a first approximation  $K_2 = 1$ , to begin the numerical integration. Using the values of  $f_2$  and  $f'_2$  from the first step and satisfy the boundary condition at  $a = a_1$ , the program use iteration method to  $K_2$  until the values of  $f_2$  and  $f'_2$  will give appropriate accuracy to fulfill the boundary conditions (5), where the value of constants occurring in Equation (5) can be specified without difficulty for our planets. These constants were given in Table I.

Owing to this we can obtain the value of amplitudes  $f_2$  and its derivative at the different levels inside the planet as a first approximation. When, however the terms of second, third and fourth order are considered, we face a non-linear boundary value problem of the jury type the solution of which proceeded as follows: consider Equation (6) at the boundary  $a = a_1$  of the amplitude  $f_4$ , using the values of  $f_2$  and  $f'_2$  which obtained as a first approximation to get initial value to  $K_4$ , as well as  $f_4$ . Take the numerical values of  $f_2$  and  $f_4$  to repeat the numerical integration of Equations (9) up to second-order and so continue



Fig. 1. Internal density distribution of Jupiter.

Constants characterize our planets Jupiter and Saturn

	Jupiter	Saturn
Mass $m_1$	$1.8985 \times 10^{30} \text{ gm}$	$0.56846 \times 10^{30} \text{ gm}$
Mean radius $a_1$	6.9911×10 <sup>9</sup> cm	$5.8232 \times 10^9$ cm
Mean density $\bar{\rho}$	1.326 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>	0.6873 gm/cm <sup>3</sup>
Angular velocity of rotation $\omega$	$0.00017585 \text{ sec}^{-1}$	$0.000163785 \text{ sec}^{-1}$



Fig. 2. Internal density distribution of Saturn.

as mentioned before until we solve up to four approximations, where the initial values of  $K'_j$ s, j = 2, 4, 6, and 8, are obtained from the boundary condition equations.

In this investigation, we take into consideration the different shape of ratio D, Equation (11), which given by James and Kopal (1968) as: this ratio of the form of Equation (11) could be used only to  $a/a_1 = 0.15$  and 0.267, respectively. Outside the core, empirical polynomial were used again to represent the theoretical variation of  $\rho/\rho_c$ : For Jupiter, polynomials of degree 3, 2, and 2 were found adequate in the inner, intermediate, and outer shell, respectively; while for Saturn, distinct polynomials had to be used in the range,  $0.267 < a/a_1 < 0.465$ ,  $0.465 < a/a_1 < 0.549$  and  $0.549 < a/a_1 < 1.0$ .

Take into consideration the above different ratio of  $\rho/\rho_c$ ; first to Jupiter and secondly for Saturn, the outcome of our solutions of the fourth order Clairaut Theory is then contained in Tables II and III for Jupiter and Saturn, respectively,

$-10^{2}f_{2}$	$-10^{2}f_{4}$	$-10^2 f_6$
0.781	0.0047	0.000009
0.781	0.0048	0.000020
0.782	0.0049	0.000039
0.783	0.0050	0.000070
0.784	0.0051	0.000073
0.806	0.0061	0.00062
0.822	0.0069	0.00112
0.844	0.0083	0.00190
0.872	0.0099	0.00291
0.907	0.0120	0.00440
0.961	0.0154	0.00685
1.021	0.0194	0.0099
1.099	0.0247	0.0146
1.195	0.0318	0.0212
1.321	0.0417	0.0316
1.475	0.0546	0.0466
1.643	0.0697	0.0656
1.866	0.0896	0.0914
1.867	0.0897	0.0921
1.039	0.1079	0.1193
2.344	0.1422	0.1752
2.608	0.1712	0.2239
2.829	0.1985	0.2741
3.033	0.2246	0.3244
3.249	0.2533	0.3818
3.508	0.2888	0.4558
3.712	0.3152	0.5097
3.859	0.3350	0.5517
4.060	0.3642	0.6168
4.262	0.3893	0.6683
4.350	0.4013	0.6944
4.461	0.4172	0.7304
	$-10^{2} f_{2}$ 0.781 0.781 0.782 0.783 0.784 0.806 0.822 0.844 0.872 0.907 0.961 1.021 1.099 1.195 1.321 1.475 1.643 1.866 1.867 1.039 2.344 2.608 2.829 3.033 3.249 3.508 3.712 3.859 4.060 4.262 4.350 4.461	$\begin{array}{c cccc} -10^2 f_2 & -10^2 f_4 \\ \hline 0.781 & 0.0047 \\ \hline 0.781 & 0.0048 \\ \hline 0.782 & 0.0049 \\ \hline 0.783 & 0.0050 \\ \hline 0.784 & 0.0051 \\ \hline 0.806 & 0.0061 \\ \hline 0.822 & 0.0069 \\ \hline 0.844 & 0.0083 \\ \hline 0.872 & 0.0099 \\ \hline 0.907 & 0.0120 \\ \hline 0.961 & 0.0154 \\ \hline 1.021 & 0.0194 \\ \hline 1.099 & 0.0247 \\ \hline 1.195 & 0.0318 \\ \hline 1.321 & 0.0417 \\ \hline 1.475 & 0.0546 \\ \hline 1.643 & 0.0697 \\ \hline 1.866 & 0.0896 \\ \hline 1.867 & 0.0897 \\ \hline 1.039 & 0.1079 \\ \hline 2.344 & 0.1422 \\ \hline 2.608 & 0.1712 \\ \hline 2.829 & 0.1985 \\ \hline 3.033 & 0.2246 \\ \hline 3.249 & 0.2533 \\ \hline 3.508 & 0.2888 \\ \hline 3.712 & 0.3152 \\ \hline 3.859 & 0.3350 \\ \hline 4.060 & 0.3642 \\ \hline 4.262 & 0.3893 \\ \hline 4.461 & 0.4172 \\ \hline \end{array}$

TABLE II

Coefficients of the internal distorton of Jupiter

which shows the deformation at the equipotential agrees with the density distribution level given in Figures 1, 2. These solutions are diagrammatic in Figures 3 and 4.

Once the values of  $f_j(a)$  are thus numerically for two planetary configurations, Jupiter and Saturn, then insertion in Equation (9) gives the respective approxi-

$a/a_1$	$-10^{2}f_{2}$	$-10^{2}f_{4}$	$-10^{2}f_{6}$
0	1.086	0.0081	0.00018
0.005	1.078	0.0097	0.00019
0.091	1.079	0.0098	0.00020
0.147	1.080	0.0100	0.00030
0.198	1.082	0.0105	0.00035
0.247	1.088	0.0110	0.00061
0.267	1.100	0.0120	0.00071
0.267	1.107	0.0128	0.00080
0.298	1.215	0.0170	0.00257
0.338	1.264	0.0200	0.00376
0.388	1.339	0.0250	0.00582
0.445	1.447	0.0320	0.00924
0.465	1.510	0.0360	0.01130
0.465	1.520	0.0370	0.01150
0.500	1.616	0.0440	0.01518
0.549	1.763	0.0550	0.02182
0.599	1.956	0.0710	0.03182
0.650	2.190	0.0910	0.04651
0.699	2.455	0.1170	0.06657
0.749	2.772	0.1500	0.09569
0.799	3.140	0.1930	0.13689
0.848	3.590	0.2500	0.19698
0.873	3.930	0.2930	0.24464
0.899	4.235	0.3350	0.29635
0.917	4.514	0.3750	0.34470
0.934	4.783	0.4150	0.39537
0.960	5.194	0.4800	0.48344
0.969	5.506	0.523	0.53997
0.979	5.721	0.5570	0.58805
0.9864	5.903	0.5870	0.62919
0.9919	6.045	0.6090	0.66194
0.9958	6.131	0.6240	0.68315
1.0000	6.208	0.6370	0.70485

TABLE III

Coefficients of the internal distorton of Saturn

mation to the form of the equipotential surfaces of any layer of constant density and mean radius a inside the planets.

In order to test the accuracy of our results, the following two checks have been carried out:



Fig. 3.

1. Considering the density distribution of Jupiter and Saturn reported by James and Kopal (1963), and repeating the computation of the distortions up to secondorder only, we notice that our results are identical up to the third decimal with that of James and Kopal.

2. The value of the constant  $\lambda$  in Equation (11) was arbitrarily reduced by 1% and the integration repeated; the corresponding ranges in the terminal values of  $f_i$ 's were likewise changed about 1%.

Note that the departure of our planets from (Jupiter and Saturn) due to these fourth-order rotational distortion terms was interesting up to the amplitude  $f_6$  only. Thus any greater accuracy would, however, require an increased precision





in our knowledge of the density distribution inside these planets. So the thirdorder rotational distortion terms was sufficient to study the deformation of these planets owing to the density distribution in our hand.

## 4. Appendix I

Radial function of internal potential

$$E_0(a) = \int_{a_0}^{a_1} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^2 \left( 1 - \frac{7}{2} f_2^2 + \frac{1}{4} f_2^4 - \frac{7}{2} f_4^2 - 2 f_2^2 f_4 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a,\tag{I1}$$

$$E_2(a) = \int_{a_0}^{a_1} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left( f_2 + \frac{3}{4} f_2^3 - \frac{1}{2} f_2 f_4 \right) \, \mathrm{d}a,\tag{I2}$$

$$E_4(a) = \int_{a_0}^{a_1} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^{-2} \left( f_4 - \frac{3}{4} f_2^2 + \frac{3}{4} f_2^3 - \frac{3}{2} f_2^2 f_4 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a,\tag{I3}$$

$$E_6(a) = \int_{a_0}^{a_1} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^{-4} \left( f_6 - \frac{5}{4} f_2^3 - \frac{5}{2} f_2 f_4 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a,\tag{I4}$$

and

$$E_8(a) = \int_{a_0}^{a_1} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^{-6} \left( f_8 - \frac{49}{24} f_2^4 - \frac{7}{2} f_2 f_6 - \frac{7}{4} f_4 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a. \tag{I5}$$

Radial function of external potential,

$$F_0(a) = \int_0^{a_0} \rho a^2 \, \mathrm{d}a,$$
 (I6)

$$F_2(a) = \int_0^{a_0} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^5 \left( f_2 - \frac{1}{2} f_2^3 + 2f_2 f_4 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a,\tag{17}$$

$$F_4(a) = \int_0^{a_0} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^7 \left( f_4 + \frac{3}{4} f_2^2 + \frac{9}{2} f_2^2 f_4 - \frac{5}{4} f_2^4 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a,\tag{18}$$

$$F_{6}(a) = \int_{0}^{a_{0}} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^{9} \left( f_{6} + \frac{7}{2} f_{2}^{3} + 4 f_{2} f_{4} \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a, \tag{19}$$

and,

$$F_8(a) = \int_0^{a_0} \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ a^{11} \left( f_8 + \frac{15}{4} f_2^4 + 5 f_2 f_6 + \frac{5}{2} f_4^2 \right) \right] \, \mathrm{d}a. \tag{I10}$$

# 5. Appendix II

COEFFICIENTS OF THE BOUNDARY-CONDITION EQUATIONS For n = 2, Equation (5)

 $\alpha_{21} = 0.960, \quad \alpha_{22} = 0.192$ 

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	$_ieta_j$			$\xi_i$
j/i	1	2	$\overline{i}$	ξ
1	1.398	0.820	1	23304.440
2	10.602	0.473	2	709.513
3	1.043	0.200	3	606.828
4	0.356	12.220	4	141.948
5	0.178	2.448	5	12.861
			6	2642.228
	$_i\eta_j$		7	1255.993
j/i	1	2	. 8	2298.639
1	224.233	7.063	9	266.595
2	59.566	6.579	10	920.509
3	52.412	9.095	11	251.313
4	4.510		12	150.349
5	71.443	122.447	13	30.355
6	62.827	23.369	14	7.073
7	569.811	42.242	15	3.313
8	43.134	2.252	16	112.872
9	2.250		17	37.173
10	1.201		18	7.696

TABLE II-1

For n = 4, Equation (6)

 $\alpha_{21} = 0.960, \quad \alpha_{22} = 0.192$ 

	$_ieta_j$				$\xi_i$
j/i	1	2		i	ξ
1	13.883	2.989	•	1	127522
2	18.886	1.434		2	54820
3	5.971	1.146		3	11784
4		96.526		4	2603
5		13.783		5	148.093
			-	6	68124
	$_i\eta_j$			7	24642
j/i	1	2	•	8	44906
1	1940.640	50.780		9	15709
2	1370.270	321.015		10	6429.622
3	99.990	85.083		11	2221.347
4	35.038	0.697		12	3009.495
5	3438.151	291.302		13	457.206
6	509.673	431.353		14	485.365
7	3757.689	360.193		15	51.153
8	325.157	6.291		16	1612.857
9	36.540	0.843		17	887.502
10	9.135			18	54.004

TABLE (II-2)

# For n = 6, Equation (7)

	$_ieta_j$			$\xi_i$
j/i	1	2	i	ξ
1	760.192	80.100	1	69158.640
2	240.244	94.288	2	13920.842
3	61.914	14.252	3	1521.300
4	3.839		4	201.909
5	512.779	127.235	5	3.354
6	52.141	154.946	6	14147.950
7	294.380	65.863	7	6176.276
8	35.85	6.761	8	10972.332
9		3.258	9	1091.333
10		0.363	10	929.157
			11	64.228
			12	223.132
			13	82.640
			14	194.812
			15	5.738
			16	21.113
			17	143.331

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TABLE (II-3)

For n = 8, Equation (8)

TABLE (II-3)		
	$\xi_i$	
i	ξ	
1	1190.734	
2	910.458	
3	426.987	
4	5.991	
5	0.319	
6	157.532	
7	19.697	
8	357.118	
9	49.530	
10	9.385	
11	3.245	
12	66.473	
13	7.400	
14	1.482	
15	0.406	
16	4.314	
17	2.131	
18	0.045	

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