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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE OBSERVATORY AT LEIDEN.

On the extension of the theory of adiabatic Cepheid pulsation, by Miss H. A. Kluyver.

1. In the theory of adiabatically pulsating stars, developed in order to explain Cepheid variability, the usual method of investigating second-order terms breaks down in the particular case where two of the characteristic frequencies are approximately commensurable.

Dr Woltjer has shown 1) how the theory of periodic solutions from celestial mechanics may be applied here, and the present paper contains a solution of Eddington's equations, obtained with the aid of this method. Further it is shown that the observed changes in radial velocity of the cluster-type variable RR Lyrae can be interpreted as due to approximate commensurability between the first and third characteristic frequencies.

2. The equation for the displacement is given by the hydrodynamical equation, combined with the first law of thermodynamics in the adiabatic form and the equation that expresses conservation of mass.

The hydrodynamical equation is:

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = - g\rho - \rho \frac{d^2(r_0\zeta)}{dt^2},$$

where: r = distance from star's centre,

 $P = \text{total pressure} = \text{gas pressure} +_{\bullet} \text{radi-}$ ation pressure,

g = acceleration of gravity,

 $\rho = \text{density},$   $\zeta = \delta r_{\circ}/r_{\circ}.$ 

Quantities with index zero are to be given the equilibrium values for a star with polytropic index equal to 3.

The conservation of mass leads to the equation:

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_o} = (\mathbf{I} + \zeta)^{-2} \left( \mathbf{I} + \zeta + r_o \frac{d\zeta}{dr_o} \right)^{-1}.$$

For adiabatic oscillations the first law of thermodynamics gives:

 $\frac{P}{P_{\circ}} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{\circ}}\right)^{\gamma}$ 

where  $\gamma$  is the ratio of specific heats for matter and radiation taken together. Thus  $P/P_{\circ}$  can be expressed in  $\zeta$  and  $d\zeta/dr_o$ .

The hydrodynamical equation may be written:

$$\frac{dP}{r_{\circ}^{2}\rho_{\circ}dr_{\circ}} = -\frac{g_{\circ}r_{\circ}^{2}}{r^{4}} - \frac{r_{\circ}}{r^{2}}\frac{d^{2}\zeta}{dt^{2}},$$

which gives:

$$\frac{d^2\zeta}{dt^2} = -\frac{r^2}{r_0^3 \rho_0} \frac{dP}{dr_0} - \frac{g_0 r_0}{r^2}$$
 (I).

All quantities occurring in equation (I) can be developed in terms of 4; the first-order terms give:

$$\frac{d^2\zeta}{dt^2} = -\frac{P_o}{r_o\rho_o} \frac{d(P/P_o)}{dr_o} + \frac{g_o(P-P_o)}{r_oP_o} + \frac{4g_o\zeta}{r_o}.$$

With  $\zeta = s \cos nt$  and, as new independent variable the distance from the centre, z, measured in Empen's units, this equation becomes:

$$\frac{d^2s}{dz^2} + \frac{4-\mu}{z}\frac{ds}{dz} + \left\{\frac{\rho_c n^2}{P_c \gamma}\left(\frac{R}{Z}\right)^2 \frac{1}{u} - (3-4/\gamma)\frac{\mu}{z^2}\right\} s = 0;$$

R and Z are the values of  $r_0$  and z at the outer boundary of the star,  $\mu=rac{g_{\circ}
ho_{\circ}r_{\circ}}{P_{\circ}}=-4rac{z}{u}rac{du}{dz},
ho_{c}$  and  $P_{c}$  are

the central values of  $\rho_o$  and  $P_o$ , and  $u = \left(\frac{\rho_o}{\rho_o}\right)^{1/3}$ .

With: 
$$\frac{\rho_c n^2}{P_c \gamma} \left(\frac{R}{Z}\right)^2 = \omega^2,$$

this is Eddington's well-known equation, which may be written, after multiplication with  $z^4u^4$ , in the form:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left\{ z^4 u^4 \frac{ds}{dz} \right\} + z^4 u^4 \left\{ \frac{\omega^2}{u} - (3 - 4/\gamma) \frac{\mu}{z^2} \right\} s = 0.$$

An infinite number of values for ω² exist, such that for any of these the equation has a solution  $s\omega$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>) M. N. 95, p. 260, 1935.

that satisfies both boundary conditions of being finite at the centre and at the outer boundary. The functions  $s_{\omega}$  form a complete set of orthogonal functions; they may be normalized.

3. Equation (I) may be written:

$$\frac{d^2\zeta}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \left\{ \frac{(\mathbf{1}+\zeta)^2}{z\,\rho_\mathrm{o}} \frac{\partial\,P}{\partial\,z} + \frac{\mu\,P_\mathrm{o}}{z^2\,(\mathbf{1}+\zeta)^2\,\rho_\mathrm{o}} \right\}.$$

The solution ζ can be developed in the charac-

teristic functions, in the form:

$$\zeta = \sum_{\omega} C_{\omega}(t) s_{\omega}(z),$$

where the coefficients  $C_{\omega}$  depend on the time only. Differential equations for the coefficients  $C_{\omega}$ , including terms to an arbitrary degree in  $C_{\omega}$ , are derived by developing the right-hand member also in terms of the functions  $s_{\omega}$  and equating the coefficients of  $s_{\omega}$  in both members. The coefficient of  $s_{\omega}$ in the development of the right-hand member is found by multiplying it with  $z^4u^3s_\omega dz$  and integrating from o to Z; it is thus equal to:

$$-\frac{\mathrm{i}}{\rho_c}\left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2\left\{\int\limits_{0}^{Z}\left(\mathrm{i}+\zeta\right)^2\,Z^3\,\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial C_\omega}\,\frac{\partial P}{\partial z}\,dz+\int\limits_{0}^{Z}\frac{\mu\,P_\mathrm{o}\,Z^2}{(\mathrm{i}+\zeta)^2}\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial\,C_\omega}\,dz\right\},$$

since  $\rho_o = \rho_c u^3$  and  $s_\omega = \partial \zeta / \partial C_\omega$ .

The first integral,  $I_1$ , may be transformed by part the boundaries, into:

tial integration, the integrated terms disappearing at

$$\begin{split} I_{\mathbf{I}} &= -\int\limits_{\circ}^{Z} P \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left\{ (\mathbf{I} + \zeta)^{2} z^{3} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial C_{\omega}} \right\} \, dz = \\ &= -\int\limits_{\circ}^{Z} P z^{2} \left\{ z (\mathbf{I} + \zeta) z \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial C_{\omega}} + 3 (\mathbf{I} + \zeta)^{2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial C_{\omega}} + (\mathbf{I} + \zeta)^{2} z \frac{\partial^{2} \zeta}{\partial z \partial C_{\omega}} \right\} dz = -\int\limits_{\circ}^{Z} P z^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \left( \frac{\rho_{o}}{\rho} \right) dz. \end{split}$$
 Since: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \left( \frac{P}{\rho} \right) = P \frac{\partial^{\mathbf{I}/\rho}}{\partial C_{\omega}} + \frac{\mathbf{I}}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial C_{\omega}} = P \frac{\partial^{\mathbf{I}/\rho}}{\partial C_{\omega}} + \frac{\gamma P}{\rho^{2}} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial C_{\omega}} = -\left( \gamma - \mathbf{I} \right) P \frac{\partial^{\mathbf{I}/\rho}}{\partial C_{\omega}}, \end{split}$$

this last integral is equal to:

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \int_{0}^{z} \frac{P}{(\gamma - 1) \rho} z^{2} \rho_{o} dz.$$

$$I_{2} = \int_{0}^{Z} \frac{\mu z^{2} P_{o}}{(1+\zeta)^{2}} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial C_{\omega}} dz = -\frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \int_{0}^{Z} \frac{\mu z^{2} P_{o}}{1+\zeta} dz.$$

Hence the differential equation for  $C_{\omega}$  is found

$$\frac{d^{2}C_{\omega}}{dt^{2}} = -\frac{\mathbf{I}}{\rho_{c}} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{Z} \frac{P}{(\gamma - \mathbf{I})\rho} z^{2} \rho_{o} dz - \int_{0}^{Z} \frac{\mu z^{2} P_{o}}{\mathbf{I} + \zeta} dz \right\}$$
(II).

The first integral corresponds to the internal energy, the second one to the gravitational energy.

In the right-hand member the terms of different degree in  $C_{\omega}$  are treated separately, and therefore the integrands are developed in powers of ζ.

Since 
$$\frac{P}{P_o} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_o}\right)^{\gamma}$$
 and  $P_o = P_c \left(\frac{\rho_o}{\rho_c}\right)^{4/3} = P_c u^4$ ,

the first integrand may be written:

$$\frac{P_c}{\gamma-1}\,z^2\,u^4\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_o}\right)^{\gamma-1}\,=\frac{P_c}{\gamma-1}\,z^2\,u^4\left(1+\zeta\right)^{-2\,\left(\gamma-1\right)}\left(1+\zeta+z\,\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial z}\right)^{-\,\left(\gamma-1\right)}.$$

The second integrand becomes:

$$P_c \frac{\mu z^2 u^4}{1+\zeta}$$
.

Thus: 
$$\frac{d^2C_{\omega}}{dt^2} = -\frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{Z} \frac{z^2 u^4}{\gamma - \mathbf{I}} \left(\mathbf{I} + \zeta\right)^{-2 (\gamma - \mathbf{I})} \left(\mathbf{I} + \zeta + z \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^{-(\gamma - \mathbf{I})} dz - \int_{0}^{Z} \frac{\mu z^2 u^4}{\mathbf{I} + \zeta} dz \right\}.$$

The terms of order zero disappear with the differentiation. Those of the first order are:

$$-\frac{P_c}{\rho_c}\left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2\left\{-3\int\limits_0^Z z^2\,u^4\,\zeta\,dz-\int\limits_0^Z z^3\,u^4\,\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial z}\,dz+\int\limits_0^Z \mu\,z^2\,u^4\,\zeta\,dz\right\}.$$

They are seen to be identically zero, since by partial second integral may be shown to cancel the two integration, the integrated parts disappearing, the others:

$$-\int_{0}^{Z}z^{3}u^{4}\frac{\partial\zeta}{\partial z}dz=+3\int_{0}^{Z}z^{2}u^{4}\zeta dz-\int_{0}^{Z}u^{2}z^{2}u^{4}\zeta dz.$$

The terms of the second order are:

$$\frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \left[ \int_0^Z \left\{ \left(3 - \frac{9}{2}\gamma\right) \zeta^2 + (2 - 3\gamma) \zeta z \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{2} \gamma z^2 \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^2 \right\} z^2 u^4 dz + \int_0^Z \mu z^2 u^4 \zeta^2 dz \right] = \\
= \frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \left[ \int_0^Z \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\gamma\right) u^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (z^3 \zeta^2) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma z^4 u^4 \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^2 \right\} dz + \int_0^Z \mu z^2 u^4 \zeta^2 dz \right].$$

By partial integration the first term in the first integral is transformed into:

$$\left(\mathbf{1} - \frac{3}{2}\gamma\right) \int\limits_{0}^{Z} \mu \, z^2 \, u^4 \, \zeta^2 \, dz,$$

and the second term into:

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \gamma \int_{0}^{z} \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( z^{4} u^{4} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} \right) dz,$$

so that all terms taken together give:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left( \frac{Z}{R} \right)^2 \gamma \int_0^Z \zeta \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( z^4 u^4 \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} \right) - (3 - 4/\gamma) \mu z^2 u^4 \zeta \right\} dz.$$

After the substitution  $\zeta = \Sigma C_{\omega} s_{\omega}$  the form in brackets may, with the aid of the differential equation for  $s_{\omega}$ , be written:

$$-\sum \omega^2 C_{\omega} s_{\omega} z^4 u^3$$
.

On account of the orthogonality of the functions  $s_{\omega}$  the only terms left after the integration are:

$$- \; \frac{\mathrm{I}}{\mathrm{2}} \, \frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \Big(\!\frac{Z}{R}\!\Big)^{\!\!\!2} \, \gamma \; \sum \omega^{\mathrm{2}} \; C^{\mathrm{2}} \omega = - \; \sum \; \frac{\mathrm{I}}{\mathrm{2}} \; n^{\mathrm{2}} \; C^{\mathrm{2}} \omega.$$

Thus the differential equation for  $C_{\omega}$ , to the first order in  $C_{\omega}$ , becomes:

$$\frac{d^2C_{\omega}}{dt^2} = -n^2 C_{\omega}.$$

4. In the case of approximate commensurability the second-order terms in the differential equation become critical. These are found from:

$$\frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \left[ \int_{0}^{Z} z^2 u^4 \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{9}{2} \gamma + \frac{9}{2} \gamma^2\right) \zeta^3 + \left(1 - \frac{9}{2} \gamma + \frac{9}{2} \gamma^2\right) \zeta^2 z \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} + \right] \right]$$

$$+\frac{1}{2}\gamma (3\gamma -1)\zeta z^{2} \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^{2} +\frac{1}{6}\gamma (\gamma +1) z^{3} \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^{3} dz -\int_{0}^{z} \mu z^{2} u^{4} \zeta^{3} dz\right],$$

which expression may, by partial integration of the second term in the first integral, be transformed into:

$$\frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\omega}} \int_{0}^{Z} \left\{ \left(\frac{3}{2} \gamma^2 - \frac{3}{2} \gamma - \frac{2}{3}\right) \mu \zeta^3 + \frac{1}{2} \gamma (3 \gamma - 1) \zeta z^2 \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{6} \gamma (\gamma + 1) z^3 \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z}\right)^3 \right\} z^2 u^4 dz.$$

The function  $\zeta$  contains all functions  $s_{\omega}$ , but since this investigation is concerned with the effect of commensurability, only the first characteristic os-

cillation and the one which has a frequency equal to twice the first characteristic frequency, have been included. At first it had been expected that for  $3-4/\gamma$  equal to 0.4 the second characteristic frequency would be about twice the first one; however, it turned out that for this value of the parameter the *third* and first characteristic frequencies are approximately commensurable, whereas for the second and first ones this is the case for  $3-4/\gamma$  somewhat smaller than 0.2. It is possible that for values of the parameter between 0.4 and the maximum 0.6 the fourth and first characteristic frequencies are commensurable. The value 0.2 is less probable on account of the hydrogen content of the stars and the case where  $3-4/\gamma = 0.4$  has been investigated here.

The characteristic values of  $\omega^2$  and the corres-

ponding functions  $s_{\omega}$  have been found according to the method formerly used 1), which has been slightly refined in the following way. At z=5 o the quotient of ds/dz and s is determined both for the solution starting at the centre and for that from the outer boundary; the characteristic frequency is the one for which these two quotients are equal. The final values are  $\omega^2 = .10391$  for the first and  $\omega'^2 = .39179$  for the third characteristic oscillation 2). Details of the successive approximations are shown in Table 1. The functions u and  $\mu$  have been taken from the B. A. Mathematical Tables, vol. II, the solutions for  $\omega^2 = .110$  and  $\omega'^2 = .466$  for z from 0 to 5.0, from the paper by J. A. Edgar.

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	First characteristic oscillation				Third characteristic oscillation			
_	ω <sup>2</sup>	$\frac{1}{s} \frac{ds}{dz}$ (inside)	$\frac{1}{s} \frac{ds}{dz}$ (outside)	difference	$\omega'^2$	$\frac{\mathbf{I}}{s} \frac{ds}{dz}$ (inside)	$\frac{1}{s} \frac{ds}{dz}$ (outside)	difference
	11000 10400	+ '29150 + '47383	+ '52187 + '47730	— :23037 — :00347	.46600 .42000 .39091	—	+ 1.5556 + .7514 + .2685	- 2·5201 - ·8579 + ·0259
	.10301	+ '47627	+ '47668	— ·0004I	'39179	+ '2834	+ '2820	+ '0014

All solutions of the equation for s must, at the centre and at the outer boundary, be started with the aid of a series, on account of singularity of the coefficients. In the outer part of the star the series for the first characteristic oscillation can be used as far inward as z=5°o.

Numerical data about the trial solutions and the characteristic functions s<sub>60</sub> are given in the following tables; all start with value unity. Table 2 contains the second trial solution for the first characteristic vibration, the first one having been taken from EDGAR's paper 3). Corresponding data for the third characteristic vibration may be found in Table 4. The solutions for the final values  $\omega^2$  and  $\omega'^2$ , one for the inner and one for the outer part of the star, are given in Table 5. They have been computed by extrapolation and interpolation from the trial solutions; for the first characteristic oscillation the series has been used in the outer part of the star. The coefficients of this series, together with those from which they have been extrapolated, are shown in Table 3. If the two parts of each final solution are

TABLE 2. Solution for  $\omega^2 = 10400$ .

z	s	$\frac{ds}{dz}$	$\frac{d^2s}{dz^2}$
0'0 0'2 0'4 0'6 0'8 1'0	+ 1'00000 1'00172 1'00691 1'01566 1'02813 1'04454 1'06516	'00000 + '01722 '03475 '05290 '07198 '09231 '11425	+ '0859 '0866 '0889 '0928 '0983 '1054 '1143
1'4 1'6 1'8 2'0 2'2 2'4 2'6 2'8 3'0 3'2 3'4	1'09037 1'12058 1'15631 1'19815 1'24680 1'30304 1'36779 1'44207 1'52704 1'62403 1'73454 1'86022	13814 16439 19340 22561 26152 30167 34665 39710 45376 51742 58898	1250 1378 1527 1699 1897 2123 2380 2671 3001 3373 3792
3.6 3.8 4.0 4.2 4.4 4.6 4.8 5.0	1'80022 2'00298 2'16493 2'34846 2'55622 2'79119 3'05668 + 3'35635	1.59034 1.59034	·4264 ·4793 ·5387 ·6053 ·6796 ·7622 ·8538 + ·9539

combined into one, the values at the outer boundary become, for unit central amplitude, 9.0499 and 114.34; for the normalized functions these boundary values are 1.47042 and 22.520.

<sup>1)</sup> B.A.N. 7, p. 265, 1935.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> This result is different from the one found by J. A. Edgar, M. N. 93, p. 422, 1933, viz.  $\omega^2 = .466$  for the second characteristic vibration; however, his method, where the outer part of the star can hardly be taken into account, is not so suitable for a determination of the higher characteristic oscillations.

<sup>3)</sup> l.c., Table III, p. 428.

Table 3. Coefficients in the series  $s = \sum_{i} k_{i} \left(1 - \frac{z}{Z}\right)^{i}$ , near the outer boundary.

	ω²= '11000	ω <sup>2</sup> = '10400	$\omega_3 = .10301$
i	ki	ki	ki
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	+ 1'0000 - 4'0700 + 8'7340 - 12'3991 + 13'3154 - 11'8120 + 9'198 - 6'538 + 4'305 - 2'658	+ 1'0000 - 3'8262 + 7'8664 - 10'6953 + 11'0670 - 9'5088 + 7'223 - 5'025 + 3'250 - 1'966	+ 1'0000 - 3'8225 + 7'8531 - 10'6692 + 11'0326 - 9'4736 + 7'193 - 5'002 + 3'234 - 1'956

Table 4. Solutions for  $\omega'^2 = .42000$  and  $\omega'^2 = .39091$ .

	г			7			
		$\omega'^2 = 42000$			$\omega'^2 = .3000  \mathrm{I}$		
z.	s	$\frac{ds}{dz}$	$\frac{d^2s}{dz^2}$	s	$\frac{ds}{dz}$	$\frac{d^2s}{dz^2}$	
0°0 2 0°6 0°8 0°8 0°1 1°4 0°6 8°0 2°2 4°6 8°0 2°2 4°6 8°3 3°8 0°2 4°6 8°5 0°6 8°5 0°6 8°5 0°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8°6 8	+ 1'00000 1'00045 1'00171 1'00356 1'00557 1'00710 1'00725 1'00477 '99798 '98471 '96214 '92674 '87418 '79921 '69574 '55688 '37530 + 14377 - 14384 '49095 '89575 1'34749 1'82112 2'26962 2'61359 - 2'72739	'00000 + '0044 '0080 '0101 '0095 + '0051 - '0046 '0216 '0481 '0870 '1416 '2159 '3141 '4407 '5998 '7949 10270 12936 15856 18842 21552 23420 23560 20640 - 12725 + '2905	+ '0227 '0208 '0149 + '0045 - '0113 '0339 '0649 '1665 '1609 '2308 '3189 '4275 '5582 '7111 '8834 1'0681 1'2510 1'4075 1'4979 1'4604 1'2030 - '5919 + '5617 2'5179 5'6221 + 10'3134	+ 1'00000 1'00056 1'00219 1'00467 1'00763 1'01051 1'01249 1'01245 1'00889 '99980 '98259 '95397 '90985 '84519 '75400 '62937 '46359 + '24853 - '02357 '35892 '76012 1'22301 1'73187 2'25232 2'72087 - 3'02993	.0000	+ '0285 '0268 '0217 + '0125 - '0016 '0218 '0497 '0873 '1370 '2014 '2834 '3859 '5113 '6610 '8345 1'0280 1'2322 1'4293 1'5885 1'6599 1'5656 1'1873 - '3489 + 1'2072 3'8531 + 8'1208	
5.0 5.2 5.4 5.6 5.8 6.0 6.2 6.4 6.6 6.8 7.0	- '024569     '026962     '025101     - '015454     + '007422     '051744     '129716     '259224     '466206     '787930     1'277504     + 2'010123	- '01846 - '00365 + '02515 '07579 '15973 '29353 '50090 '81553 1'28498 1'97599 2'98171 + 4'43172	+ '0488 '1037 '1907 '3250 '5280 '8296 1'2719 1'9134 2:8359 4'1509 6'0132 + 8:6348	- '026476     '026103     '020402     - '005832     + '022966     '073690     '157482     '290240     '494450     '801687     I '255984     + I '918431	- '00711 + '01278 '04716 '10320 '19113 '32528 '52574 '82038 1'24777 1'86092 2'73247 + 3'96159	+ '0724 '1307 '2189 '3499 '5412 '8169 1'2106 1'7675 2'5499 3'6415 5'1559 + 7'2468	

TABLE 5. Final solutions for the first and third characteristic oscillations.

	$\omega^2 = 1$	10391	$\omega^{2} = .39179$		
z	s	$\frac{ds}{dz}$	s	$\frac{ds}{dz}$	
0.0	+ 1.00000	.00000	+ 1.00000	*0000	
0.5	1.001.72	+ '01722	1.00026	+ .0026	
0'4	1.00901	.03476	1.00518	.0104	
0.6	1.01266	·05291	1.00464	.0130	
0.8	1.02813	·07198	1.00222	.0120	
1.0	1.04452	.09233	1,01041	'0127	
1.5	1.06212	11427	1.01533	+ '0057	
1'4	1.00030	·13818	1.01555	0080	
1.6	1.15001	·16445	1.00826	.0304	
1.8	1.12632	19348	'99934	.0640	
2.0	1.10851	22572	98197	1124	
2.5	1.24687	.26167	.95315	1792	
2.4	1.30312	·3018 <del>7</del>	90877	2688	
2.6	1.36792	.34692	·84380	.3859	
2.8	1.44229	39747	75224	5354	
3.0	1.52734	45426	62717	7217	
3.5	1.62445	.51809	·46092	9478	
3.4	1.73512	·58988	+ '24536	1'2143	
3.6	1.86100	·67066	- 02721	1.2162	
3.8	2.00402	·76154	36292	1.8427	
4.0	2.16638	86383	76423	2.1621	
4.2	2.35044	·9789ĭ	1.22678	2.4456	
4 4	2.55891	1.10832	1.73457	2.6042	
4.6	2.79471	1 25386	2.25284	2.5264	
4.8	3.06151	1.41764	2 71762	2.0330	
5.0	+ 3.36269	+ 1.60155	— 3·02076	8261	
5.0	+ '37157	+ '17712	- 026418	- '00745	
5.5	·40925	·20008	.026129	+ '01228	
5.4	45181	.22587	.020544	.04649	
5.6	49982	·25488	— ·006124	10237	
5.8	55399	.28752	+ '022495	.10018	
6.0	.61209	·32426	.073025	32432	
6.5	.68400	.36557	156641	52499	
6.4	.76168	41204	289300	82023	
6.6	·84922	46434	493594	1.24890	
6.8	.94784	52315	.801270	1.86441	
7.0	1.02892	.58936	1.256636	2.74002	

The term needed afterwards is the one proportional to  $C^2\omega C\omega'$ ; its coefficient is:

$$-\frac{P_c}{\rho_c}\left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2\left\{\left(z+\frac{9}{2}\gamma-\frac{9}{2}\gamma^2\right)\int\limits_0^Z s^2\omega s\omega'\mu z^2u^4dz-\frac{1}{2}\gamma \left(3\gamma-1\right)\int\limits_0^Z \left(\frac{ds\omega}{dz}\right)^2s\omega'z^4u^4dz-\frac{1}{2}\gamma \left(3\gamma-1\right)\int\limits_0^Z \left(\frac{ds\omega}{dz}\right)^2s\omega'z^4u^4dz-\frac{1}{2}\gamma \left(\gamma+1\right)\int\limits_0^Z \left(\frac{ds\omega}{dz}\right)^2\frac{ds\omega'}{dz}z^5u^4dz\right\}.$$

Because the possibility of this general treatment had not been realized from the beginning, the coefficient had been derived in a more complicated form. In order to express the coefficient as found

above in actually computed integrals, it may be transformed, by partial integration of the last integral and application of the differential equation for  $s_0$ , into:

$$-\frac{P_c}{\rho_c}\left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2\gamma\left\{\left(\frac{2}{\gamma}+\frac{9}{2}-\frac{9}{2}\gamma\right)\int\limits_{0}^{Z}s\omega^2s\omega'\mu\ z^2\ u^4\ dz-(\gamma+1)\ \omega^2\int\limits_{0}^{Z}s\omega\ \frac{ds\omega}{dz}\ s\omega'\ z^5\ u^3\ dz+\right\}\right\}$$

$$+ (\gamma + 1) \left(3 - \frac{4}{\gamma}\right) \int_{0}^{Z} s_{\omega} \frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz} s_{\omega'} \mu z^{3} u^{4} dz - (3\gamma + 1) \int_{0}^{Z} \left(\frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz}\right)^{2} s_{\omega'} z^{4} u^{4} dz +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\gamma + 1) \int_{0}^{Z} \left(\frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz}\right)^{2} s_{\omega'} \mu z^{4} u^{4} dz - (3\gamma - 1) \int_{0}^{Z} s_{\omega} \frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz} \frac{ds_{\omega'}}{dz} z^{4} u^{4} dz \right\}.$$

The six integrands are given in Table 6, the inte- | the interval o'2 has been used from o to 6'0, and grals being shown in the last line. For the integration  $\mid$  from 6.0 to Z the interval 0.1.

TABLE 6.

	TABLE O.							
z	$s^2_{\omega} s_{\omega'} \mu z^2 u^4$	$s_{\omega} \frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz} s_{\omega'} z^5 u^3$	$s_{\omega} \frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz} s_{\omega'} \nu z^3 u^4$	$\left(\frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz}\right)^2 s_{\omega'} z^4 u^4$	$\left(\frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz}\right)^2 s_{\omega'} \mu z^4 u^4$	$s_{\omega} \frac{ds_{\omega}}{dz} \frac{ds_{\omega'}}{dz} z^{4} u^{4}$		
0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.6 2.8		'0000 '0000 -0004 '018 '061 '159 '343 '645 1'088 1'683 2'412 3'226 4'029 4'665	'0000 '0000 + '0004 '0042 '0200 '0614 '1430 '2731 '4495 '6591 '8800 I'0857 I'2476 I'3379	'00000 '00000 + '00003 '00029 '00142 '00460 '01137 '02318 '04088 '06438 '06438 '09238 '12238 '15068 '17257	'000 '000 '000 '000 + '001 '005 '018 '048 '106 '198 '332 '501 '694 '882	'0000 '0000 '0000 + '0001 '0003 '0007 + '0006 - '0014 '0084 '0246 '0561 '1096 '1924 '3112		
3.0 3.2 3.6 3.8 4.0 4.4 4.8 5.0 5.4 5.6	1 7244 1 3481 1 9169 + 4468 - 0449 5389 1 0114 1 4331 1 7689 1 9785 2 0209 1 8624 1 4862 9096 - 2011	4 005 4 902 4 424 + 2 825 - 368 5 650 13 424 23 828 36 467 50 086 62 256 69 219 66 113 48 024 - 12 510	1'3307 1'2028 9357 + '5165 - '0583 '7782 1'6132 2'5069 3'3711 4'0832 4'4923 4'4370 3'7781 2'4554 - '5742	18253 17457 14281 + 08235 - 00964 13241 28006 44003 59243 71078 76570 73098 59290 36042 - 07717	1'027 1'073 '955 + '597 - '076 1'124 2'573 4'385 6'425 8'427 9'986 10'570 9'605 6'629 - 1'640	74714 76753 79206 1°1988 1°4912 1°7692 1°9916 2°1062 2°0535 1°7767 1°2369 — '4338 + '5700 1°6315 2°5297		
5.78 5.9 6.0 6.12 6.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 7.8 7.1 7.2	+ 1656	+ 11'158 37'308 64'033 88'744 108'333 119'550 119'588 107'040 82'992 52'044 22'457 + 3'917 '000 - 9'898 108'229 - 511'881	+ '4859 1'5424 2'5157 3'3157 3'8523 4'0491 3'8607 3'2963 2'4396 1'4613 6028 + '1006 0000 - '2330 2'4412 - 11'0713	+ '06190 '18471 '28074 '34105 '36040 '33893 '28302 '20554 '12409 '05675 '01583 + '00132 '00000 + '00339 '07130 + '49110	+ 1'426 4'643 7'766 10'488 12'475 13'417 13'081 11'413 8'626 5'273 2'219 + '377 000 - '907 9'682 - 44'691	2.8372 3.0088 3.0241 2.8730 2.5639 2.1254 1.6076 1.0772 6081 2626 0697 + 0056 0000 + 0133 2708 + 1.8128		
inte- grals	+ 2.4562	+ 10.505	8453	— ·4595	1.872	`5486		

With these numerical values the coefficient of  $C^2_{\omega} C_{\omega'}$  is found to be equal to

$$+ 4.144 \frac{P_c}{\rho_c} \left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)^2 \gamma$$

which becomes, by multiplication with the normalizing factor:

$$+ \cdot 02155 \frac{n^2}{\omega^2} = + \cdot 2074 n^2.$$

The numerical value of this coefficient will, in the neighbourhood of the commensurability, change only slowly with changes in  $\gamma$ .

5. Equation (II) may be written:

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{C}}, \quad \frac{\dot{d}\dot{C}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial C};$$

$$\frac{dC'}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{C'}}, \quad \frac{d\dot{C'}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial C'};$$

where C and C' have been put for  $C_{\omega}$  and  $C_{\omega'}$ .

New variables J and w,  $\hat{J}'$  and w' are introduced by the equations:

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{2J}{n}}\cos w, \ \dot{C} = \sqrt{2Jn}\sin w;$$

$$C' = \sqrt{\frac{2J'}{n'}}\cos w', \ \dot{C}' = \sqrt{2J'n'}\sin w'.$$

Since this is a canonical transformation, the new variables satisfy the equations:

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial w}, \qquad \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial J};$$

$$\frac{dJ'}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial w'}, \qquad \frac{dw'}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial J'}.$$

Because 2n-n' is about zero, the terms in H with argument 2w-w' are the most important ones. This argument occurs only in a term given by the product  $C^2C'$ , the coefficient of which has been computed in the preceding section. This product gives also terms with the arguments 2w+w' and w'; since these are not critical they have not been included. Thus H has been used in the form:

$$H = -nJ - n'J' + i_{467} Jn \sqrt{\frac{J'}{n'}} \cos(2w - w').$$

There exists a periodic solution for which w and

Thus J' is seen to be proportional to  $J^2$ , in the same way as the coefficient found in the preceding paper 1). On the other hand it is evident from the quadratic equation that for 2n approaching n', J' approaches the value J/4.

As the observations of RR Lyrae are treated of in section 7, the numerical data relating to this star may be used here:

$$\frac{J}{n} = .000308, \ \frac{2n-n'}{n} = \frac{1}{67.412}.$$

w' change linearly with the time, such that 2w-w' is constant and J and J' are constant. If J and J' do not depend on the time,  $\partial H/\partial w$  and  $\partial H/\partial w'$  must be zero, which gives the condition:

$$\sin\left(2w-w'\right)=\mathsf{o}.$$

This equation is satisfied for 2w-w' equal to zero or  $\pi$ , and  $\cos(2w-w')=\pm 1$ .

With:  $H = -nJ - n'J' \pm {}^{\cdot}1467 Jn \sqrt{\frac{J'}{n'}}$ , it is found that:

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = -n \pm 1467 \, n \, \sqrt{\frac{J'}{n'}},$$

$$\frac{dw'}{dt} = -n' \pm \cdot \circ 734 \frac{Jn}{V(J'n')}.$$

The condition:  $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{2} w - w') = \mathbf{0}$ ,

gives a quadratic equation for V(J'/n'), viz.

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{J'}{n'}}\right)^2 = 3.408 \frac{2n-n'}{n} \sqrt{\frac{J'}{n'}} - \frac{J}{4n'} = 0.$$

For a definite value of 2n-n' the two solutions  $\zeta$  found for 2w-w' equal to zero are the same as those for 2w-w' equal to  $\pi$ , because both V(J'/n') and  $\cos w'$  change sign, if 2w-w' is taken to be  $\pi$  instead of zero. Therefore it suffices to consider only one sign of the second term in the quadratic equation; the negative sign, corresponding to 2w-w' equal to zero, has been chosen.

Of the two solutions for V(J'/n') only that one is used, which becomes zero for J equal to zero.

At a distance from the commensurability the root occurring in the expression for V(J'/n') may be developed, which gives, if only the term of the first degree is included:

 $\int \frac{J'}{n'} = - \cdot 000767.$  The periodic solution derived here

The periodic solution derived here is only a particular solution. Adjacent ones may be found by considering variations of the variables 1); this results in a differential equation of the second order, with constant coefficients, for the variation of the critical

<sup>1)</sup> B.A.N. 7, p. 265, 1935.

<sup>1)</sup> C.f. Dr J. Woltjer Jr, B.A.N. 1, p. 219, 1923.

argument. Thus 2w-w' is seen to change periodically with a frequency  $\nu$ , given by:

$$\frac{y^2}{n^2} = .02150 \frac{J}{n'} \left( 2 + \frac{J}{4J'} \right)$$

For increasing  $|2n-n'| \nu$  approaches |2n-n'|, but in the critical case of |2n-n'| becoming equal to zero,  $\nu$  reaches the finite value given by:

$$\frac{v^2}{n^2} = \cdot 03226 \frac{J}{n} \cdot$$

For the numerical values used above  $\nu/n = .01506$ , whereas |2n-n'|/n is equal to .01483.

6. In the previous section it has been shown how a solution may be found for all values of 2n-n', including zero, by treating the two characteristic oscillations together, taking into account the second-order terms from the beginning. However, at some distance from commensurability the equations can be solved more simply by successive approximations. This method, where the two characteristic oscillations are considered independently, has been used in the present section.

The equations are, up to second-order terms:

$$\frac{d^2C}{dt^2} + n^2 C = Q(C, C', ...),$$

$$\frac{d^2C'}{dt^2} + n'^2 C' = Q'(C, C', ...),$$

and analogous equations for C'' etc.; the functions Q are homogeneous and quadratic in the coefficients C.

The solutions for the equations with right-hand member equal to zero are:

$$C = A \cos (nt+\varphi),$$
  
 $C' = A' \cos (n't+\varphi'),$   
etc.

If a number of free oscillations are excited the light-curve will be variable, but if there is only one, the variation of light will be strictly periodic. A periodic solution of this kind has been sought in the earlier paper 1); it has been derived by a different method, the displacement not being developed in terms of the functions  $s_{\omega}$ . It is equivalent to the solution that would be found if the equations above for all coefficients C, C' etc. were solved, the right-hand members consisting only of the term with argument  $2(nt+\varphi)$ , given by the term proportional to  $C^2$  in the functions Q.

If the solutions of the equations to the first order only are substituted in the quadratic terms, it is seen that for 2n close to n' the most important term in the right-hand member of the first of the equations above is the one with argument (n'-n)  $t+\varphi'-\varphi$ , and in the second one that with argument  $2(nt+\varphi)$ , since these give resonance. The equations for C'' etc. contain no such critical terms and have not been considered 2). If only the above-mentioned terms are retained, the equations for C and C' become:

$$\frac{d^{2}C}{dt^{2}} + n^{2}C = \frac{1}{2074} AA' n^{2} \cos \{ (n'-n) t + \varphi' - \varphi \},$$

$$\frac{d^{2}C'}{dt^{2}} + n'^{2}C' = \frac{1}{1037} A^{2} n^{2} \cos 2 (nt + \varphi).$$

The solutions are:

$$C = A \cos (nt + \varphi) + \frac{2074 AA' n^{2}}{n^{2} - (n' - n)^{2}} \cos \{ (n' - n) t + \varphi' - \varphi \},$$

$$C' = A' \cos (n't + \varphi') + \frac{1037 A^{2} n^{2}}{n'^{2} - 4 n^{2}} \cos 2 (nt + \varphi).$$

Hence:

$$\zeta = \left[ A \cos (nt + \varphi) + \frac{2074 A A' n^{2}}{n^{2} - (n' - n)^{2}} \cos \{ (n' - n) t + \varphi' - \varphi \} \right] s_{\omega} + \left[ A' \cos (n't + \varphi') + \frac{1037 A^{2} n^{2}}{n'^{2} - 4 n^{2}} \cos 2 (nt + \varphi) \right] s_{\omega'}.$$

It is evident that for 2n close to n' the equations cannot be solved in this way, since the second and fourth terms then get small denominators; however, by the theory of periodic solutions as used in section 5, this difficulty is avoided, and it is found that for approximate commensurability the coefficient of the fourth term has a value of about A/21/2.

The argument of the second term in ζ may be written:

$$nt + \varphi + (n'-2n)t + \varphi'-2\varphi = nt + \varphi + \chi,$$

<sup>1)</sup> B.A.N. 7, p. 265, 1935.

<sup>2)</sup> It may be stated once more explicitly that primes refer to the *third* characteristic vibration.

that of the third term:

$$2 (nt + \varphi) + \chi;$$

 $\chi$  has the frequency n'-2n. In the neighbourhood of the commensurability, however, the solution found in the preceding section must be used instead of the present one, and the argument  $\chi$  is replaced by an argument with frequency  $\nu$ ;  $\nu$  has the limiting value

The displacement is strictly periodic if there is no free oscillation in C', so that A' is equal to zero;  $\zeta$  then consists of the first and fourth terms only. The character of the velocity-curve depends on the relative values of the two coefficients, but also on the sign of the last term, which is here the same as that of n'-2n, since  $s_{\omega}$  and  $s_{\omega'}$  have the same sign at the outer boundary. It may be remarked here that the curves found before 1) would have had an entirely different shape if a slightly different value of  $\gamma$  had been chosen. Therefore the agreement found with the well-known empirical result that for the equivalent spectroscopic orbit the distance from node to periastron is about  $90^{\circ}$ , is more or less accidental.

7. In the variation of light of the cluster-type

$$\frac{d\zeta}{dt} = -n\left\{A s_{\omega} \sin \left(nt + \varphi\right) + \frac{\cdot 2074 A^2 n^2}{n'^2 - 4 n^2} s_{\omega'} \sin 2 \left(nt + \varphi\right)\right\}.$$

The value of A is determined by equating the maximum of  $-Rd\zeta/dt^2$ ) to the observed maximum radial velocity; this latter has been multiplied with 24/17, to account for the fact that the observed velocity is an average over the stellar disc, the intensity having been taken proportional to  $2+3\cos\beta$ . The resulting value of A reduces the equation to:

$$-\frac{1}{n}\frac{d\zeta}{dt} = \cos 65 \sin (nt + \varphi) - \cos 491 \sin 2 (nt + \varphi).$$

This function has two maxima<sup>3</sup>), the principal one, equal to '0764, at  $nt+\varphi=128^{\circ}$ '35, and the secondary one of '0253 at  $nt+\varphi=36^{\circ}$ '3. Sanford actually mentions the possibility of a secondary maximum <sup>4</sup>).

Moreover the periodic variation in the epoch of

variable RR Lyrae two periods have been found, one of 0.56685 day and one of 38.21 days, or 67.41 times the short period 1). The long period suggests interference between two approximately commensurable frequencies, and therefore the observations of this star have been interpreted with the aid of the present analysis.

Observers of the radial velocity have not mentioned the long period, but the radius may be expected to change with the same periods as the luminosity  $^2$ ). If  $_38.21$  days corresponds to the frequency  $^\nu$ , this means that  $n/\nu = 67.4$ , or  $n/(2n-n') = \pm 67.4$ , since it has been shown in section 5 that for RR Lyrae  $^\nu$  and |2n-n'| are about equal. It has also been found there that the development of the root in the expression for V(J'/n') gives a good approximation, so that the solutions of the preceding section may be used here. From the shape of the radial velocity-curve it is seen that the amplitudes of  $\cos(nt+\varphi)$  and  $\cos 2(nt+\varphi)$  have opposite signs; therefore n'-2n must be negative.

For the interpretation of Sanford's velocity-curve, which is an average one, A' must be taken equal to zero; hence:

the light-curve exists, with a period of 38°21 days and an amplitude of about '01 day. In order to account for this, another free oscillation must be brought in, and therefore A' must no longer be taken equal to zero. For the radial velocity the amplitude of this term will probably also be of the order of a few hundredths of a day, and for the purpose of making an estimate of A' it has been assumed to be door. Substitution of the boundary values of  $s_{\omega}$  and  $s_{\omega'}$  and of the value for A found above, gives for the additional terms in  $\zeta$ :

 $259 A' \cos(nt + \varphi + \chi)$  and 22 520  $A' \cos\{2(nt + \varphi) + \chi\}$ , so that evidently the first of these may be neglected as compared with the second one. Therefore:

$$\zeta = .0365 \cos (nt + \varphi) - .0246 \cos 2(nt + \varphi) + 22.520 A' \cos \{ 2(nt + \varphi) + \chi \},$$

and, since χ is approximately constant during one period of '56685 day:

$$-\frac{1}{n}\frac{d\zeta}{dt}=\cos 65\sin (nt+\varphi)-\cos 69\sin 2(nt+\varphi)+45\cos 4\sin \left\{2(nt+\varphi)+\chi\right\}.$$

<sup>1)</sup> l.c., p. 270.

<sup>2)</sup> For R the value given by Eddington in The Internal Constitution of the Stars, Table 25, p. 182, has been used.

<sup>3)</sup> The curves, found in B.A.N. 7, p. 270, show, for the larger values of  $a_1$ , the same characteristics.

<sup>4)</sup> Ap. J. 81, p. 151, 1935.

<sup>1)</sup> Data about the variation of light have been taken from B.A.N. 6, p. 215, 1932, by A. DE SITTER.

<sup>2)</sup> The radial velocity-curve used is the one given by R. F. SANFORD, Ap. J. 81, p. 149, 1935.

The additional term changes both the time and the height of the maximum; the time is changed by a periodic term  $\delta t$ , given by:

$$n \, \delta t = 410 \, \text{or} \, A' \cos (\chi + 256^{\circ} \, 70).$$

Hence the value A' = .0002705 results and:

$$-\frac{1}{n}\frac{d\zeta}{dt}=.0248 \, s_{\omega} \sin (nt+\varphi)-.00218 \, s_{\omega}' \sin 2 (nt+\varphi)+.0005410 \, s_{\omega}' \sin \left\{2 (nt+\varphi)+\chi\right\}.$$

 $s_{\omega}$  and  $s_{\omega}$  are of the same order of magnitude, the one, whereas at the boundary:

It is seen that in the greater part of the star, where | third term is very small compared with the first

$$-\frac{1}{n}\frac{d\zeta}{dt}=0.365\sin{(nt+\varphi)}-0.491\sin{2(nt+\varphi)}+0.122\sin{\{2(nt+\varphi)+\chi\}}.$$

EDDINGTON has pointed out that the reason why in general only one period is observed, probably is that the higher characteristic oscillations suffer a larger dissipation than the first one. Here it is seen that the third oscillation may, even though it is relatively small within the star, still give an observable effect in the radial velocity, as a consequence of the large increase of  $s_{\omega}$ , as compared with  $s_{\omega}$ , towards the boundary. The height of the principal maximum oscillates between '0886 and '0642, which is not incompatible with the observations.

#### 8. Summary.

In this paper the terms of higher order in the theory of adiabatically pulsating stars have been investigated, and in particular those of the second order, for the case of approximate commensurability between two of the characteristic frequencies.

The displacement has been developed in terms of the amplitudes of the characteristic oscillations; it has been found possible to write the differential equations for the coefficients in this development, which are functions of the time only, in the canonical form (sections 3 and 5). In the case where  $3-4/\gamma$ = 0.4, the first and third characteristic frequencies are approximately commensurable. For this value of  $3-4/\gamma$  the solution has been determined in section 5 according to the method given by Dr Woltjer, which is valid for all values of 2n-n', including zero; the solution can be studied close to and exactly in the commensurability. In section 6 the equations are solved by successive approximations, which procedure is only possible at some distance from the commensurability.

Finally the numerical results have been compared with the observed changes in radial velocity of RR Lyrae; the observations have been interpreted with the assumption that the long period observed in the variation of light must be attributed to the interference between the first and third characteristic oscillations. It has been found that the theoretical velocity-curve can represent the observations.

The long-periodic change of the epoch may be explained as a consequence of the free oscillation with the third characteristic frequency being excited; although the amplitude of this free oscillation is rather small in the interior of the star, it still gives an observable effect in the radial velocity.

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