

$$v_{CM} = 40 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

$$P = 17.5 \text{ days}$$

- If you assume  $i=90^\circ$  the masses are:

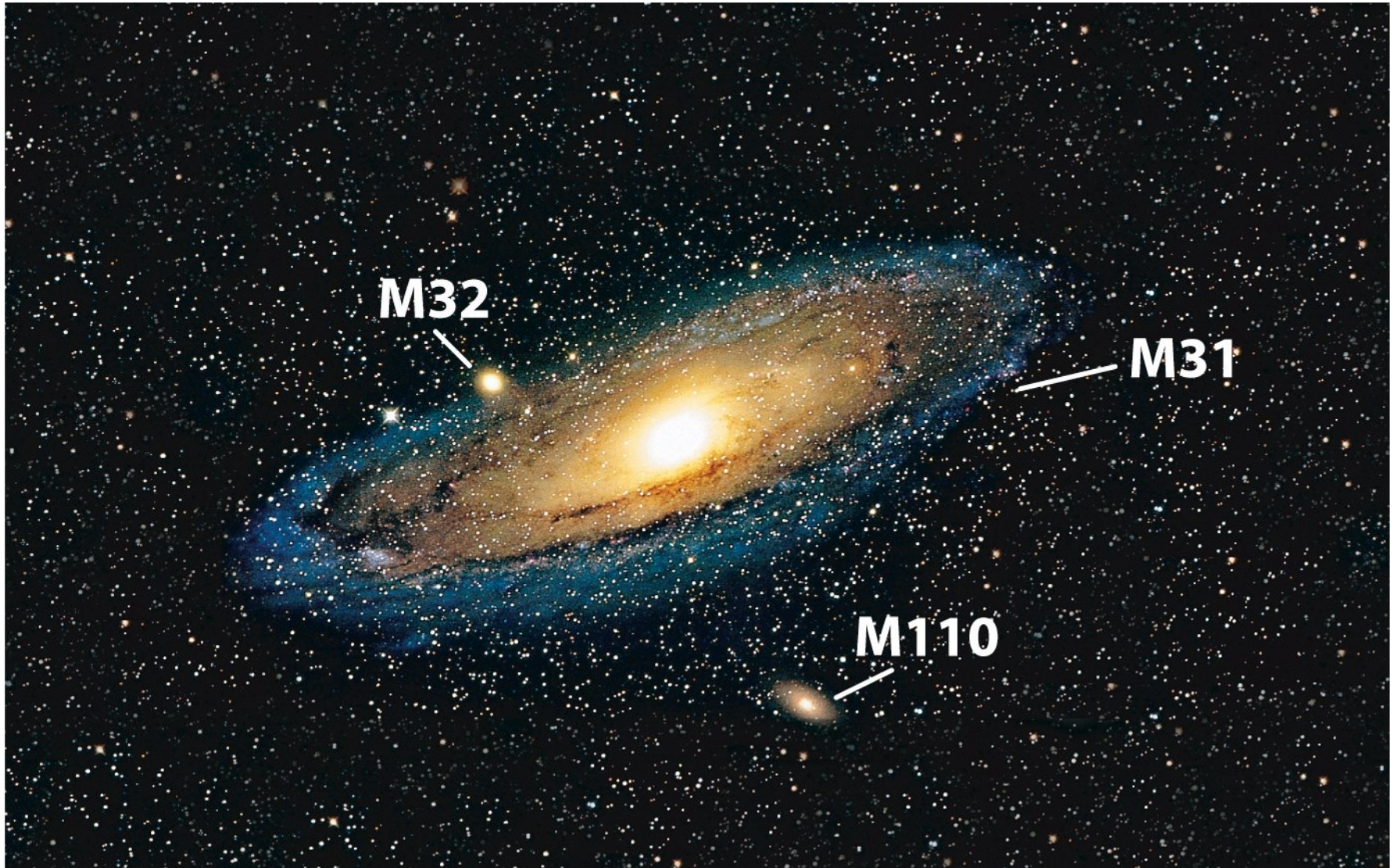
$$\begin{aligned}
 M_A + M_B &= \frac{P}{2\pi G} \left( \frac{v_{rA} + v_{rB}}{\sin i} \right)^3 & \frac{M_B}{M_A} &= \frac{v_{rA}}{v_{rB}} = \frac{25}{70} \\
 &= \frac{17 \times 24 \times 3600}{2\pi 6.7 \cdot 10^{-11}} \left( \frac{(25 + 70) \times 10^3}{\sin 90^\circ} \right)^3 & M_A &= 2.8 M_B \\
 &= 3.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg} & 3.8 M_B &= 1.4 M_{Sun} \\
 &= 1.5 M_{Sun} & M_B &= 0.37 M_{Sun} \\
 & & M_A &= 1.0 M_{Sun}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Galaxy Types

- Definition of a galaxy
- Galaxy Types
  - Spiral
  - Elliptical
  - Irregular
- Galaxy Classification
  - Hubble's Tuning Fork Diagram

# Galaxies

- A galaxy is a gravitationally bound collection of stars, gas and dust
  - e.g. our Galaxy contains of order  $10^{11}$  stars
- Usually isolated in space, although can interact with near neighbours
- The main visible component of the Universe



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# Galaxy Types

- Galaxies are seen in three major types
  - Spirals
  - Ellipticals
  - Irregulars

# Spiral Galaxies

- Rotating *disc* dominated by spiral arms
- Spiral Arms are
  - rich in young, hot, blue stars, i.e. Population I
  - rich in gas and dust
  - where formation of new stars takes place



Credit: Gemini Observatory, GMOS Team

- An elliptical concentration of stars at the centre is called the *bulge*
- Bulge is rich in red stars – Population II and old Population I





- Also come in *barred* form where the two arms originate from the ends of a central linear feature of bulge-like stars



Credit: NASA, ESA, and The Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)

# Elliptical Galaxies

- Elliptical collections of red stars – Population II and old Population I
- Smooth variation in intensity
- Very little gas & dust
- Little organized rotation
- Come in both giant and dwarf forms





Leo I  
Dwarf Elliptical

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# Irregular Galaxies

- No regular structure
- Contain plenty of gas and dust and blue stars
- Mixture of Population I and II
- Usually relatively small



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Irregular galaxy NGC 4214. Credit NASA HST

# Class Example

- What is the typical angular separation of stars that are about 1 pc apart in a galaxy that is at a distance of 1 Mpc?

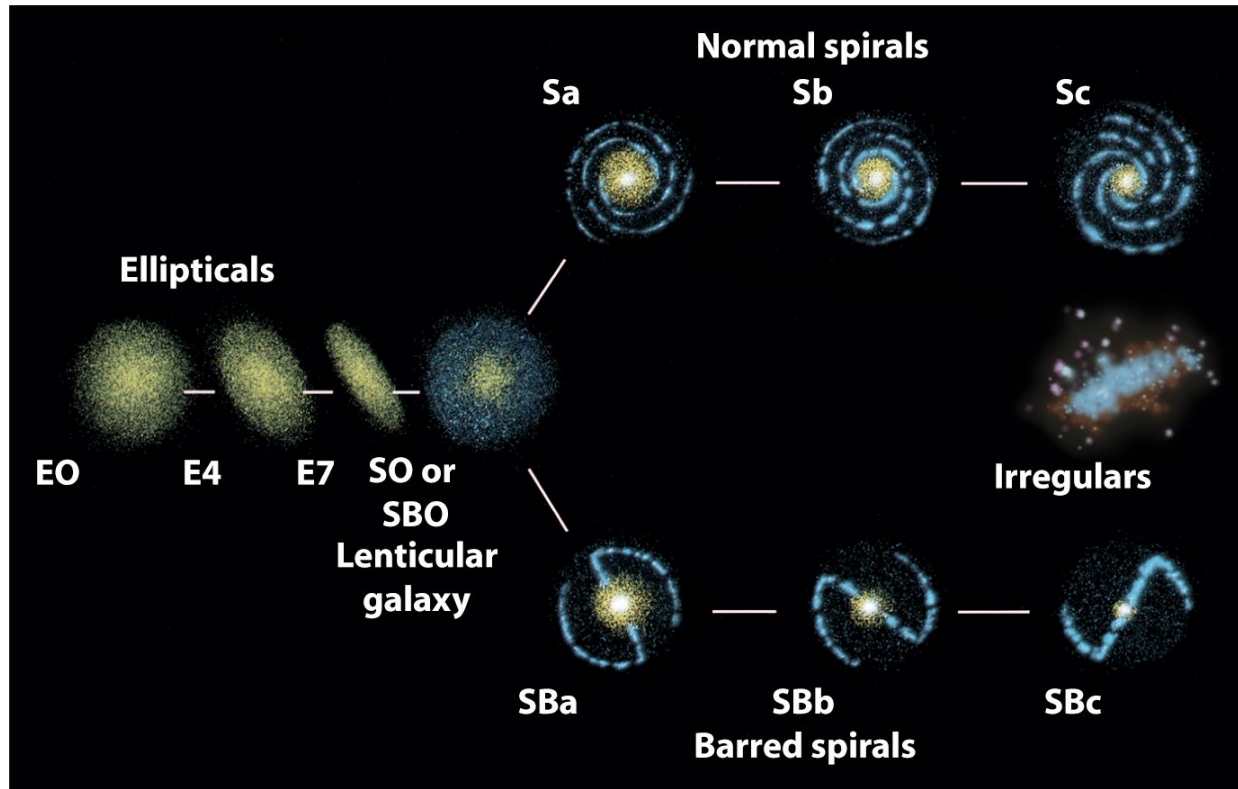
$$\theta = \frac{l}{d} = \frac{1}{1 \times 10^6} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ radians}$$
$$= 206265 \times 1 \times 10^{-6} = 0.2''$$



<https://sci.esa.int/web/hubble/-/55194-sharpest-ever-view-of-the-andromeda-galaxy>

# Galaxy Classification

- Galaxies are classified according to Hubble's tuning fork diagram





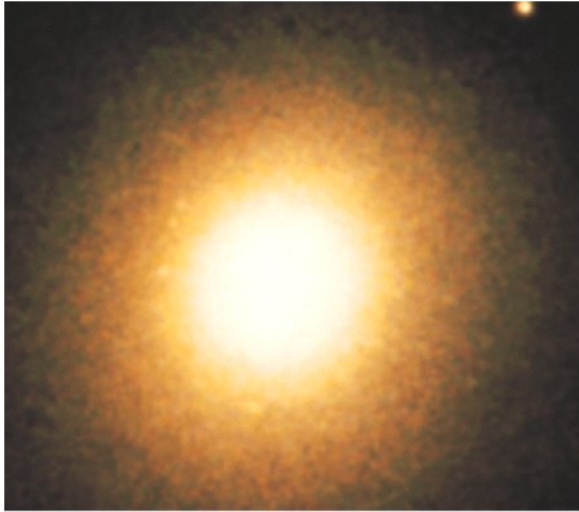
# Classification of Ellipticals

- Ellipticals (E) are classified according to their apparent ellipticity by the nearest integer to

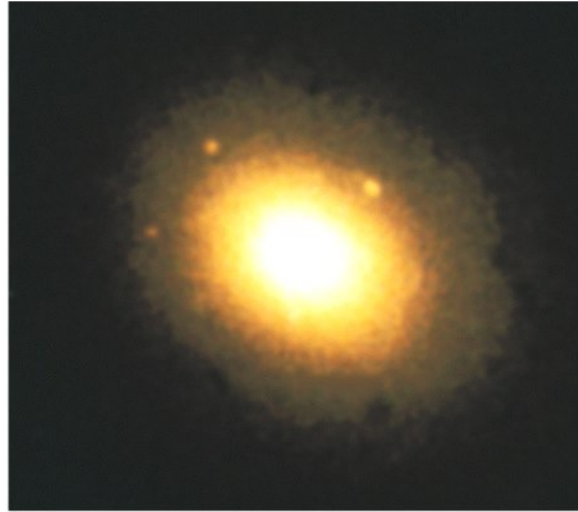
$$10 \frac{(a-b)}{a}$$

where  $a$  is the major axis and  $b$  the minor axis of the ellipse

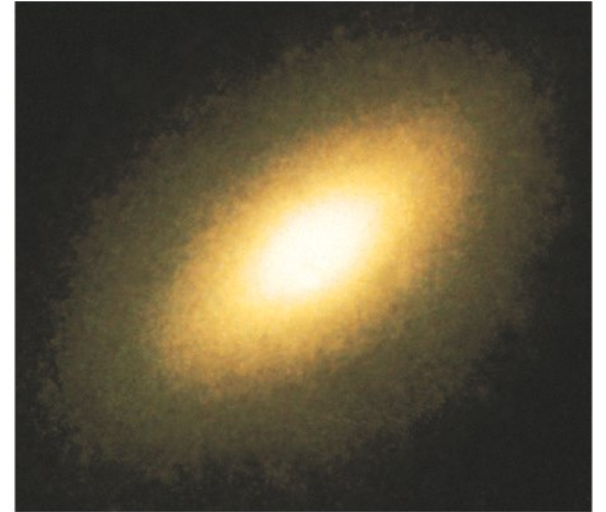
- This is the apparent ellipticity, i.e. it is affected by the viewing angle



**(a)** E0 (M105)



**(b)** E3 (NGC 4365)



**(c)** E6 (NGC 3377)

# Classification of Spirals

- Spirals (S) are classified by
  - the relative size of the bulge,
  - the amount of dust and gas,
  - the tightness of the spiral arms
- Sa galaxies have a large bulge, small disc and tight spiral arms and little gas & dust
- Sc galaxies have a small bulge, large disc and loose spiral arms and lots gas & dust
- Sb are intermediate



**(a) Sa (NGC 1357)**



**(b) Sb (M81)**



**(c) Sc (NGC 4321)**

- Barred spirals (SB) have an equivalent classification going from SBa to SBc with the bulge and bar being dominant in class 'a' and progressively less so towards class 'c'



**(a)** SBa (NGC 4650)



**(b)** SBb (M83)



**(c)** SBc (NGC 1365)

# S0 Galaxies

- S0 galaxies are intermediate between the most elliptical ellipticals (E7) and the spirals Sa or SBa.
- Has a disc and a bulge as well as an elliptical component
- A little gas but no obvious spiral arms
- Also called lenticular galaxies

Galaxy NGC 2787



Hubble  
Heritage

Lenticular galaxy

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# Summary

- Galaxies can be classified as either spirals, ellipticals or irregulars
- Hubble's tuning fork diagram is a convenient memory aid but is not an evolutionary sequence
- Spirals and irregulars contain gas, dust and blue stars whilst ellipticals contain only red stars

# Class Example

- What is the physical diameter of the Andromeda galaxy that has an angular diameter of  $3^\circ$  and a distance of 0.78 Mpc?

