

KINEMATICS OF GALACTIC GLOBULAR CLUSTERS FROM SCHMIDT-PLATE ASTROMETRY

New results for M 5 and M 12

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From measurements of Tautenburg Schmidt plates with the APM facility in Cambridge we obtained absolute proper motions of the Galactic globular clusters M 3 and M 92 directly with respect to large numbers of background galaxies (Scholz et al. 1993, 1994). We have extended our work to the dSphs in Draco and Ursa Minor (Scholz & Irwin 1994) and to other Galactic globular clusters using Tautenburg, Palomar and UK Schmidt plates. Combining our absolute proper motion of a cluster with its known radial velocity and distance (using common parameters of the solar motion) we derive the cluster orbit in the Galaxy (cf. Odenkirchen & Brosche 1992).

Our new results for M 12 are in good agreement with those of Brosche et al. (1991). For M 5 we found an absolute proper motion in the same direction as given by Cudworth & Hanson (1993) but only about half of the value in μ_δ . Our velocity values (right-handed system) differ from those given in Cudworth & Hanson (1993) by 88 km/s in U and 216 km/s in V.

Cluster	$\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ [mas/a]	μ_δ	U	V [km/s]	W
M 5	$+6.7 \pm 0.5$	-7.8 ± 0.4	316 ± 31	195 ± 26	-203 ± 29
M 12	$+3.1 \pm 0.6$	-7.5 ± 0.9	88 ± 17	131 ± 31	-166 ± 24

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