



FIG. 3.—*Upper*, major axis heliocentric velocities on plane of sky, as a function of distance from the nucleus. *Lower*, minor axis velocities as a function of distance from the nucleus; note change in scale from upper plot. The steep velocity gradient in nuclear region along minor axis is prominent.

From Rubin, Vera, Thonnard, Norbert, and Ford, W. Kent, jr., 1977, *Astrophysical Journal* 217, L1.

1. **Mizar, the first binary star deduced from the spectrum.** Even though Mizar appears to be a single star, Pickering's spectrum showed it to be a binary star. You will need to refer to the figure in the in-class exercise of Nov. 9th. The speed of light is 3×10^5 km/s.
 - a. (1 pt.) Draw the orbit of the binary star. Place the two stars on 1 October. Be certain to draw the location of the earth. (2 pts.) Why is there only a single spectral line on 1 and 23 October and two spectral lines on other days?
 - b. (2 pts.) Why is the H β line of hydrogen not at its laboratory wavelength even on 1 October?
 - c. (1 pt.) Find the speed of the center of the binary star system.
 - d. (1 pt.) Find the orbital speed of one of the stars.
2. Material at radius R rotates about the center of a galaxy at speed v . The mass $M(R)$ of the galaxy within radius R is $M(R) = 233 v^2 R M_{\text{sun}}$ for R expressed in pc and v expressed in km/s.
 - a. (2 pts.) What is the mass within 16 kpc of the galaxy?
 - b. (2 pts.) What is the mass within 3 kpc of the center of the galaxy? The mass found in part (a) is larger than that in part (b). The extra mass is located in a spherical shell between radius 3 and 16 kpc.

- c. (2 pts.) What would be the mass within 160 kpc of the galaxy, if the rotation velocity is constant out to that distance?
 - d. (2 pts.) If, on the other hand, all of the mass is contained within 9 kpc, how fast would a satellite in a circular orbit at 180 kpc move?
3. **Dark matter in spiral galaxies.** In question 1, you made many calculations; this question asks you to think about the results of questions 1 and to draw some conclusions.
- a. (5 pts.) If dark matter did not exist, how would Figure 3 of the paper by Rubin, Thonnard, & Ford be different?
 - b. (5 pts.) What is the evidence for dark matter?