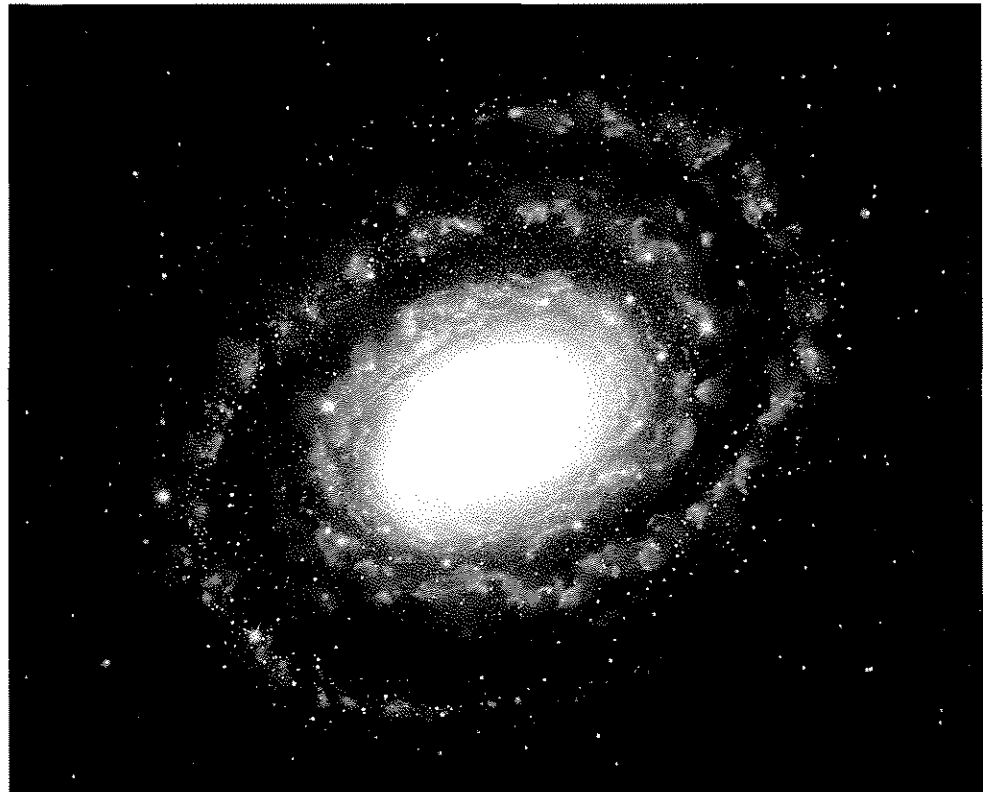


# CHAPTER



A spiral galaxy, having arms made of gas, dust, and stars

## *Coming in this chapter:*

**Exploration** The expression  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 + \dots + n^3$  can be modeled by building  $n$  cubes out of blocks. Could you rearrange these blocks into a square? If so, what are its dimensions? Experiment with different values of  $n$ . Look for a pattern.

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