

- (v) (2 P) A particle with an initial velocity v_0 and mass m scatters in a central potential $U(r) = -\frac{k}{r^4}$.
Use conservation laws to derive a relation between the impact parameter b and the minimal distance to the center r_{min} .

Energy and the is conserved

$$E = E_{kin} + E_{pot} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{k}{r^4} = \text{const}$$

$$L = m \cdot r \cdot v = \text{const}$$

$v =$ velocity at distance r_{min}

Unknowns: V, r_{min}

$$\text{I)} \quad m \cdot b \cdot v_0 = m \cdot r_{min} \cdot V \Rightarrow V = \frac{m \cdot b \cdot v_0}{m \cdot r_{min}} = \frac{b}{r_{min}} \cdot v_0$$

$$\text{II)} \quad \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 - \frac{k}{b^4} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{k}{r_{min}^4}$$

v in II)

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 - \frac{k}{b^4}}_{=: q} = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{b^2}{r_{min}^2} \cdot v_0^2 - \frac{k}{r_{min}^4} \quad | \cdot r_{min}^4$$

$$q \cdot r_{min}^4 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m b^2 v_0^2}_{=: c} \cdot r_{min}^2 - k$$

$$q \cdot r^4 - c \cdot r^2 + k = 0$$

$$z := r^2$$

$$q \cdot z^2 - c \cdot z + k = 0$$

Problem 3 - (total 15.0 P)

For a test particle of mass m we will consider the following Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 - 1 + \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r^3}{r-2M} \right) \dot{\phi}^2 \quad (27)$$

Here polar coordinates have been used and M is a constant.

- (i) (1 P) What are the conserved quantities of this system? You do not have to explicitly compute them at this point.

$E =$ Energy is conserved because Lagrangian doesn't depend explicitly on time

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \right] = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi}$$
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\underbrace{\frac{r^3}{r-2M} \cdot \dot{\phi}}_{=: p_{\phi}} \right] = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{L = p_{\phi} = \text{const}}}$$

(ii) (3.5 P) It can be shown, that the total energy E of the system is given by:

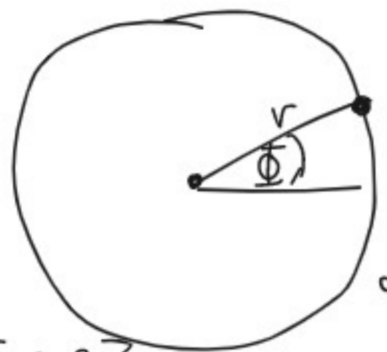
$$E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{L^2}{2r^2} - \frac{ML^2}{r^3} \quad (28)$$

Here L is one of the previously found conserved quantities.

Show that for:

$$\Rightarrow r_{\pm} = L^2 \left(\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{24M^2}{L^2}}}{4M} \right) \quad (29)$$

there exist circular orbits in the effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(r)$. Analyse the solutions given in (29) with regards to their dependence on L and M . Hint: You should consider three different cases.



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 - V_{\text{eff}}(r)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{r}} \right] = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [m\dot{r}] = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$$

$$m\ddot{r} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$$

circular orbit $= r = \text{const} \Rightarrow \dot{r} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 0$$

for circular orbits

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial r} = \frac{2M}{r^2} - \frac{L^2}{r^3} + \frac{3ML^2}{r^4} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad | \cdot r^4$$

$$2Mr^2 - L^2 r + 3ML^2 = 0$$

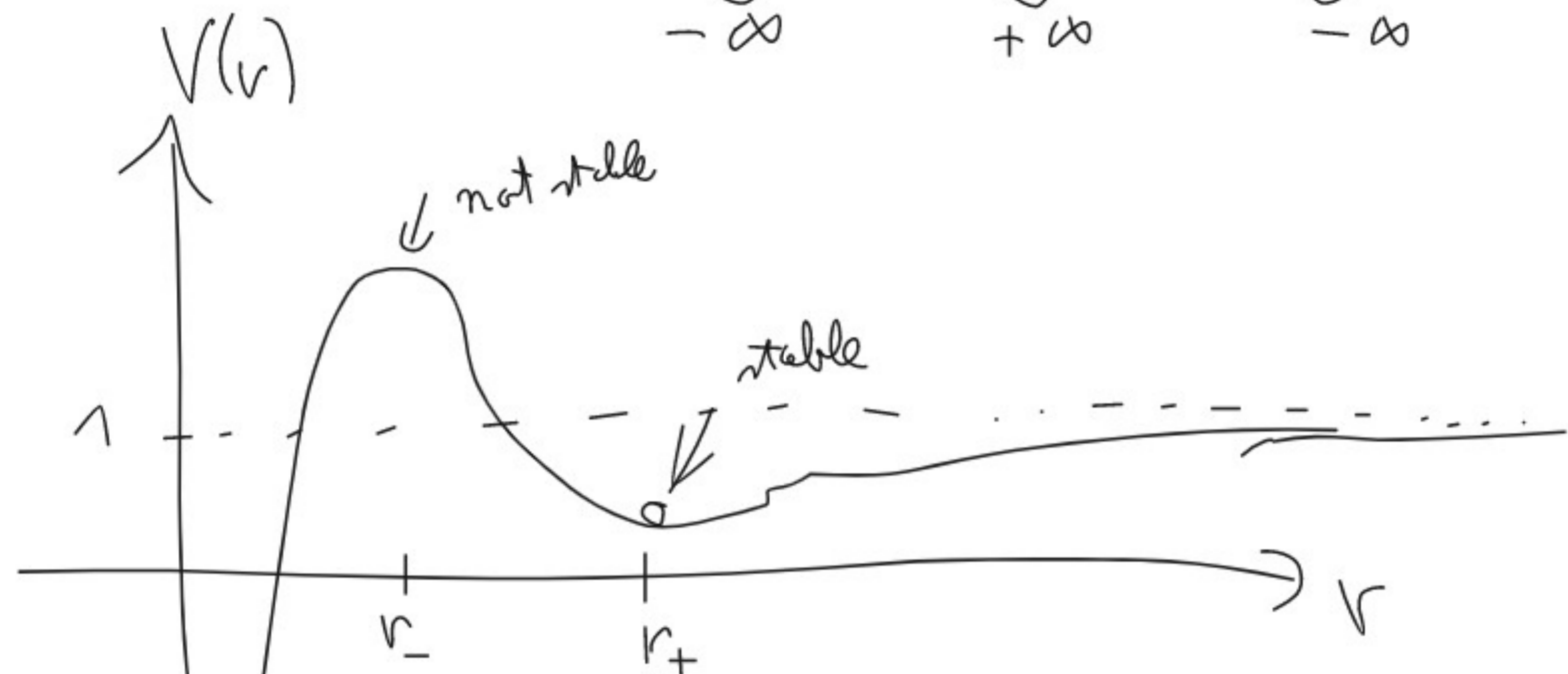
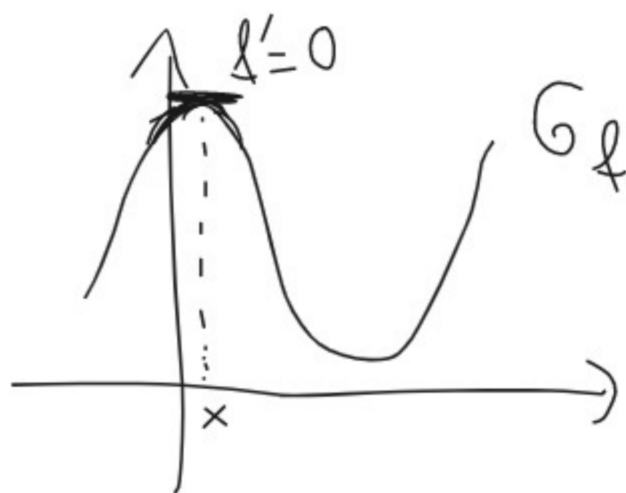
$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$x_{1/2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

(iii) (3.0 P) Perform a stability analysis of the previously derived circular orbits. Hint: Analyse the potential and sketch it instead of performing a lengthy computation.

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} V(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{L^2}{2r^2} - \frac{ML^2}{r^3} \right) = 1$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} V(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{L^2}{2r^2} - \frac{ML^2}{r^3} \right) = -\infty$$



$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} V(r) = -\infty$$

(iv) (1 P) Does there exist an angular momentum barrier? What does this tell you with regards to the completeness of the potential?

Angular momentum $= L = m \cdot r^2 \cdot \dot{\phi} = m \cdot r^2 \cdot L_{\dot{\phi}} \frac{r-2M}{r^3} = m \cdot \frac{L_{\dot{\phi}} (r-2M)}{r} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} -\infty$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = L_{\dot{\phi}} = \frac{r^3}{r-2M} \cdot \dot{\phi} \Rightarrow \dot{\phi} = L_{\dot{\phi}} \frac{r-2M}{r^3} = L_{\dot{\phi}}$$

$$\text{Taylor} \\ f(h+x_0) \approx f(x_0) + \frac{f'(x_0)}{1!} \cdot h + \frac{f''(x_0)}{2!} \cdot h^2$$

(vi) (1.5 P) Determine and solve the equation of motion for r .

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{L^2}{2r^2} - \frac{ML^2}{r^3}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 - V_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{r}} \right] = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial r}$$

$$m \ddot{r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(V(r_0) + 0 + k \cdot r^2 \right)$$

$$m \ddot{r} = -2kr \quad | : m$$

$$\ddot{r} = - \frac{2k}{m} r \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{m}}$$

$$\text{Taylor} \\ V_{\text{eff}}(r_0 + r) \stackrel{=0}{=} V(r_0) + \underbrace{V'(r_0)}_{=0} \cdot r + \underbrace{\frac{V''(r_0)}{2}}_{=:k} \cdot r^2$$

Harmonic oscillator

$$\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$$

$$x(t) = A \cdot \cos(\omega t) + B \cdot \sin(\omega t)$$