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Review Potential in classical Mechanics

First in $d=1$ and by example

$$F = -mg$$



y - m

mass under influence of gravity

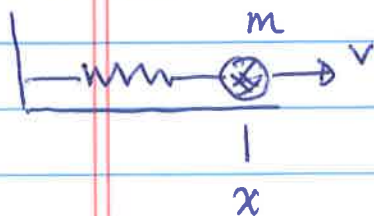
$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + mgy$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} m 2v a + mg v = 0$$



$$-g$$

$$F = -kx \leftarrow$$



mass on spring

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} m 2v a + \frac{1}{2} k 2x v = 0$$



$$-kx$$

$$m$$

Second, in general

$$U(x) = \int_0^x F dx$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dU}{dx}$$

chain rule!

recall Fundamental theorem of calculus! discussion!

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + U(x)$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} m 2v a - v F(x) = 0$$

$$\uparrow F(x)/m$$

PΦB RATIONALE TO GO THROUGH THIS → a) good review
b) practice with vectors

Finally in $d=3$ $v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + U(\vec{r})$$

Dot product is
Reasonable:

$$U(\vec{r}) = - \int_0^{\vec{r}} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{e}$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = - \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \vec{F}$$

↘ analogous to
1D

$$= - \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot m\vec{a} = -\vec{v} \cdot m\vec{a}$$

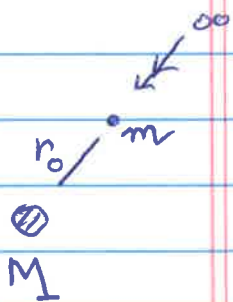


$$\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

no work done!

$$\frac{d}{dt} E = \frac{1}{2} m 2 \vec{v} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{v} \cdot m\vec{a} = 0 !$$

KEPLER was big Example



$$U(\vec{r}) = - \int_0^{\vec{r}_0} - \frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{r} \cdot d\vec{e}$$

$d\vec{e} = + dr \hat{r}$
coming in from ∞

"origin" is
chosen at ∞

$$= + \int_{\infty}^{r_0} \frac{GMm}{r^2} dr$$

$$= - \frac{GMm}{r} \Big|_{\infty}^{r_0} = - \frac{GMm}{r_0}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{GMm}{r}$$

$$dE/dt = 0$$

What else is constant?

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \vec{p} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

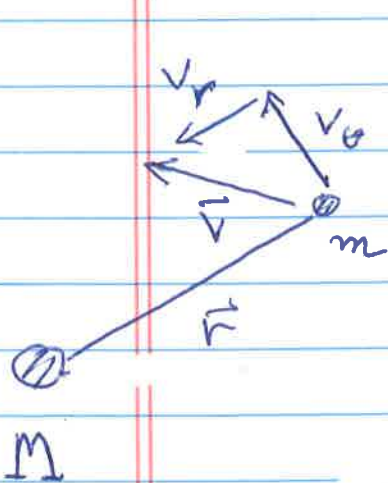
$$= \underbrace{\vec{v} \times \vec{p}}_{\phi} + \underbrace{\vec{r} \times \vec{F}}_{\vec{E} \text{ torque}}$$

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

true for any
central force

$$\rightarrow \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = 0$$

$\vec{L} = \text{const} \equiv$ motion in plane \leftarrow from direction of \vec{L} fixed



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} \\ &= v_r \hat{r} + v_\theta \hat{\theta} \\ &\quad \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \frac{dr}{dt} \quad \quad r \frac{d\theta}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$v^2 = v_x^2 + v_y^2 = v_r^2 + v_\theta^2$$

$$\vec{L} = m \vec{r} \times \vec{v}$$

$$|\vec{L}| = m |\vec{r}| |\vec{v}| \sin\theta = m r v_\theta$$

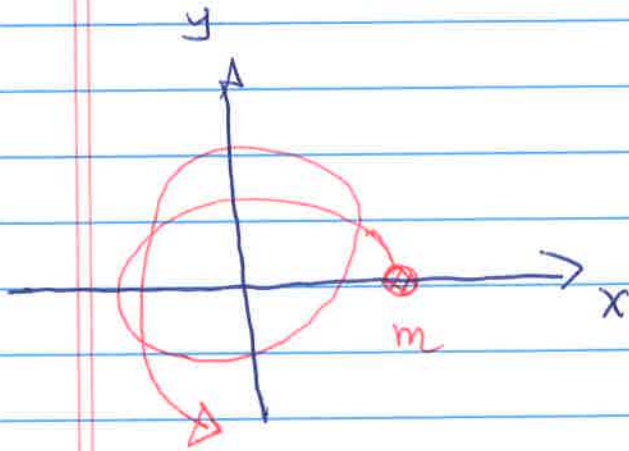
$P \neq 0$

any conservative force
 \Downarrow
 $E = \text{const}$

any
central
force

$$\Rightarrow \vec{L} = \text{const} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\vec{L}| = \text{const} \\ \text{direction } \vec{L} = \text{const} \end{array} \right.$$

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motion in plane



so far...
 \leftarrow nothing prevents this

unique to $1/r^2$ central
force
and r central
force

"closed orbits"

there is another conserved quantity!

Runge-Lenz vector!

$P \phi E$

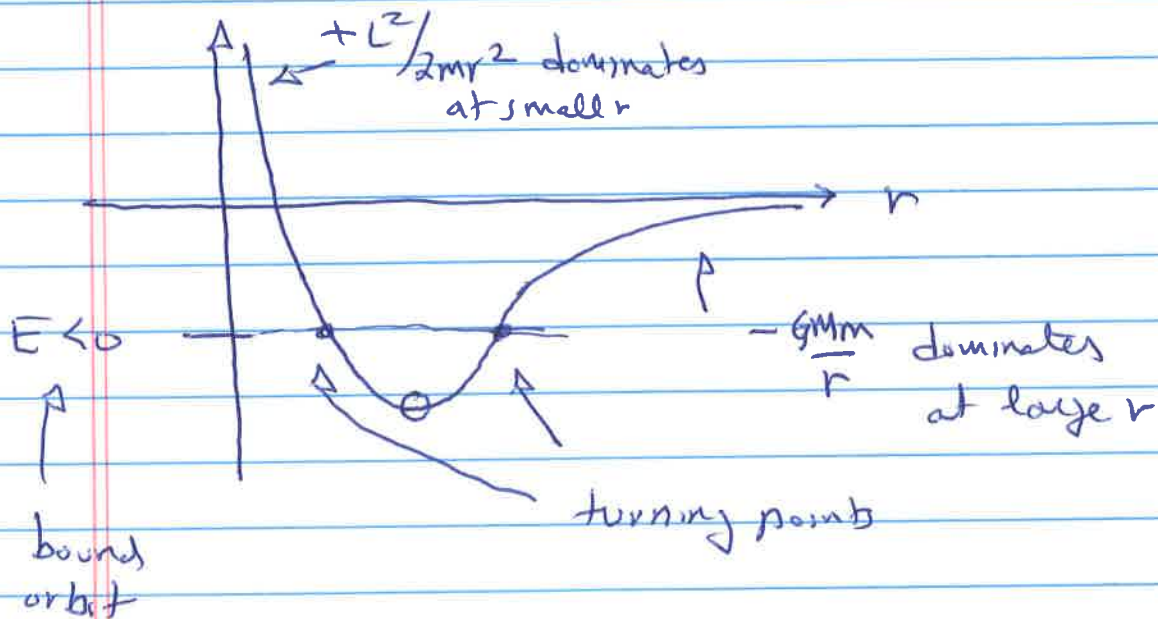
$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{GMm}{r} = \text{const}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m (v_r^2 + v_\theta^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left(v_r^2 + \left(\frac{L}{mr} \right)^2 \right) - \frac{GMm}{r} = E$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + \underbrace{\frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{GMm}{r}}_{V_{\text{eff}}(r)} = E$$

$V_{\text{eff}}(r)$



circular orbit when? at minimum

$$0 = \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dr} = \frac{-2L^2}{2mr^3} + \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$L = mvr$$

$\vec{v} \perp \vec{r}$ for circular orbit

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

look familiar?!

P/F
Why was this so useful?

At t_0 time did we have to solve for the actual trajectory of the planet around the sun.

This is actually a pretty hard problem, but even without doing it we know a lot

(2) $E < 0$ Bound orbits between turning points at r_{\min} and r_{\max}

$$\frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{GMm}{r} = E$$

(1) If $\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 - \frac{GMm}{r_0} = E_0 > 0$ orbit unbound

ie escape velocity is $v_0 = \left[\frac{2GM}{r_0} \right]^{1/2}$

(3) Circular orbit if $\frac{v_0^2}{r_0} = \frac{GM}{r_0^2} \dots$