

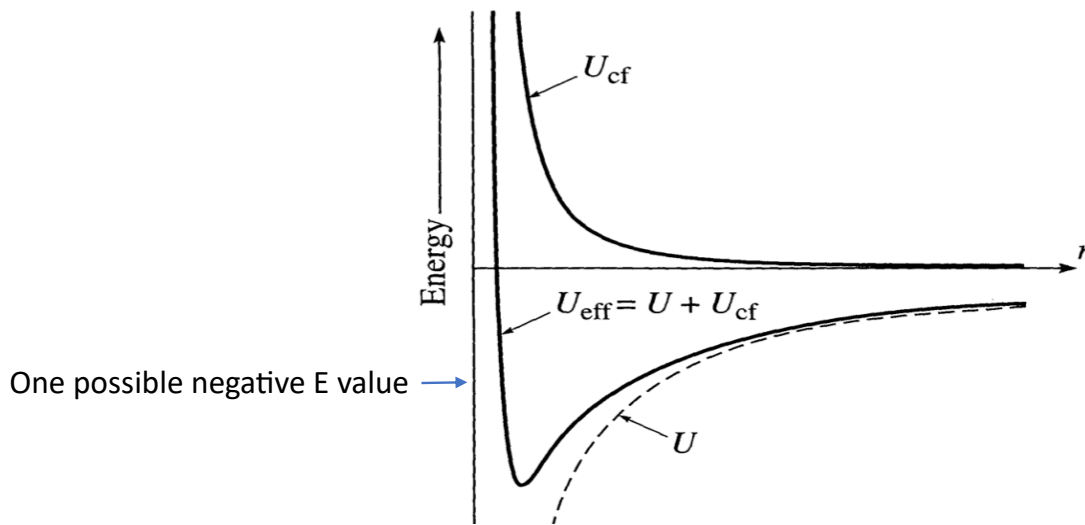
IX. You used constant  $\ell = \mu r^2 \dot{\theta}$  to eliminate  $\dot{\theta}$  in constant  $E = T + U = \frac{1}{2} \mu (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + U(r)$  & got  $E = \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{r}^2 + \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + U(r)$ . **a) Must allowed  $r$  values have  $E \geq \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + U(r)$ ? Yes or no?**

We set  $\frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} + U(r) \equiv U_{eff}(r)$  and plot for nonzero  $\ell$  -- qualitative shape is general.

Consider  $U(r) = -\frac{k}{r}$  (shown as dashed curve below its  $U_{eff}$  in plot). Know  $r = |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|$

**b) Should  $U_{eff} = \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{k}{r}$  approach the dashed  $U = -\frac{k}{r}$  curve as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ ? Y / N**

Term from centrifugal effects is called  $U_{cf} = \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2}$  in picture; it goes to  $\infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .



**c) Does**

$U_{eff} = \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{k}{r}$  go to  $+\infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ ?

**d) Can separation between  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  go to zero in  $\ell \neq 0$  gravity case? Y / N**

**e) What is the  $r \rightarrow \infty$  limit of  $U_{eff} = \frac{\ell^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{k}{r}$ ?**

**f) What is minimum  $E$  for separation to reach  $\infty$ ?**

**g) If  $E =$  value of  $U_{eff}$  where  $\frac{dU_{eff}}{dr} = 0$  what can  $r$  do? ( $r$  value with  $\frac{dU_{eff}}{dr} = 0$  is  $c$  below.)**

**h) For “one possible negative  $E$  value” indicated on the energy axis, make marks on the plot indicating the approximate min and max values of  $r$  (separation) allowed for that  $E$  value.**

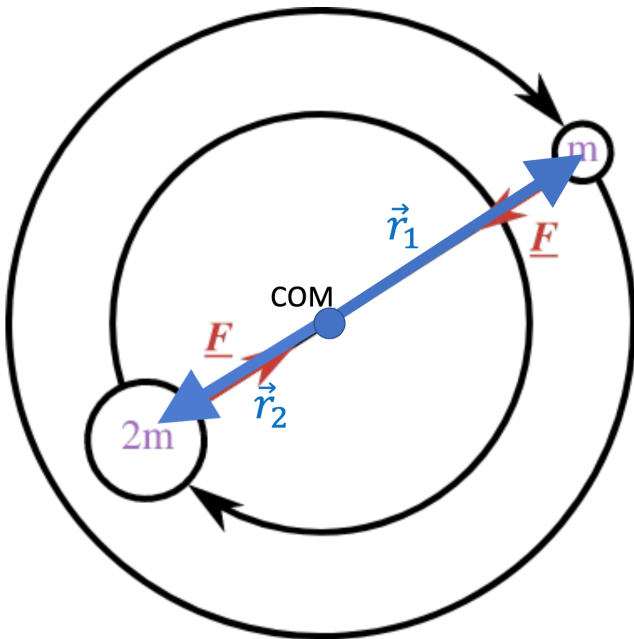
Exact solution has  $c = \frac{\ell^2}{\mu k}$   $r = \frac{c}{1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta}$   $\varepsilon = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2E\ell^2}{\mu k^2}}$

**i) We plugged into  $\frac{2c}{1 - \varepsilon^2}$  and got  $\frac{-k}{E}$ . Relate  $\frac{2c}{1 - \varepsilon^2}$  to  $r_{min} + r_{max}$ .**

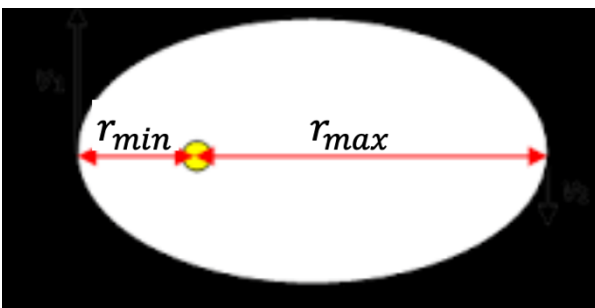
j) You observe round asteroids of mass  $M$  and  $2M$  in elliptic orbits around their COM origin and find their min separation= $D$  and max separation= $2D$ . How much energy would have to be added **in the COM frame** (bang!) to allow them to go infinitely far apart eventually?

k) Homework 9 found  $m_1 \vec{r}_1 = -m_2 \vec{r}_2$  meant  $\vec{r} \left( \frac{-m_1}{m_1+m_2} \right) = \vec{r}_2$   $\vec{r} \left( \frac{m_2}{m_2+m_1} \right) = \vec{r}_1$

How long is the long axis of the elliptic orbit that JUST  $m_1=M$  travels around the COM?  
[Below is picture for circular orbit case. Bottom ellipse is fake  $\mu$  orbit.]



l) If  $m_1 \ll m_2$  approximate  $\vec{r}_1 = \vec{r} \left( \frac{m_2}{m_2+m_1} \right)$



m) If  $m_1 \ll m_2$   
roughly where is the origin (i.e. the COM)?

n) If  $m_1 \ll m_2$  is the  $m_1$  orbit like the orbit of the fake particle of mass  $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_2+m_1}$  at  $\vec{r}$ ? Y or N