

Example: 1d motion:

$$\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + U(x) = E \quad (\text{constant})$$

This is a 1st order differential

eqn. (only involves  $\dot{r}$ , not  $\ddot{r}$ )

How to solve it?

1) Solve for  $\dot{x}$ :

$$2) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{\frac{2(E - U(x))}{m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow dt = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\frac{2(E - U(x))}{m}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx'}{\sqrt{\frac{2(E - U(x'))}{m}}} \quad *$$

$\Rightarrow$  If you can do this over  $x$ , you

can get  $t(x)$ . In principle, invert  $t \Rightarrow x(t)$

Question: In original ~~problem~~

~~of~~  
equation of motion:

$$m \ddot{x} = - \frac{dU}{dx},$$

how many arbitrary constants? ~~at least~~

i.e., how many initial conditions?

what are they?

Where have they gone in  $*$ ?

Examples:

1) constant force  $\Rightarrow U(x) =$   
 $(F_0)$

$$\Rightarrow * \Rightarrow t(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx'}{\sqrt{\frac{2(E - U(x'))}{m}}} =$$

2.1) ~~Spring constant~~

(2) Harmonic oscillator:  $F(x) = -kx$

$$\Rightarrow U(x) = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow t(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx'}{\sqrt{\frac{2(E - U(x'))}{m}}} =$$

Substitution:

$$\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}} x' = \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow t(x) &= \int_{\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}} x_0)}^{\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}} x)} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2E}} \sqrt{\frac{2E}{k}} d\theta \\ &= \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}}_{\equiv \frac{1}{\omega}} \left( \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}} x) - \underbrace{\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}} x_0)}_{\equiv \phi_0} \right) \end{aligned}$$

define  $x_{\max} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2E}{k}}$  (Why do I call this  $x_{\max}$ ?)

$$\Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{x_m}\right) = \omega t + \phi_0 \Rightarrow x = x_m \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$$

Simple harmonic motion

etc. ....

~~Note: Because of~~  
 This also works for Central Force motion  
 with effective potential:

~~$$\dot{r} = \sqrt{2E - U_{\text{eff}}(r)}$$~~

$$\frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \underbrace{U_{\text{eff}}(r)}_{\frac{L^2}{2mr^2} + U(r)} = E$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{r} = \sqrt{\frac{2(E - \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - U(r))}{m}} \quad (C1)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \int_{r_0}^r \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\frac{2(E - \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - U(r))}{m}}} \quad (C2)$$

But, even better: Can get shape of orbit

Using other conservation law.

Conservation of  $\vec{L}$  momentum  $\Rightarrow$  ?

$$\Rightarrow d\theta = \frac{L}{mr^2} dt \quad \text{or} \quad dt = \frac{mr^2 d\theta}{L}$$

Use this in (1):

$$\Rightarrow dr = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left( E - \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - U(r) \right)} dt$$

$$= \frac{m r^2}{L} \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left( E - \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - U(r) \right)} d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta = \frac{L}{m} \int_{r_0}^r \frac{dr'}{r'^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left( E - \frac{L^2}{2mr'^2} - U(r') \right)}}$$

This Gives  $\theta(r)$ ; invert  $\Rightarrow r(\theta)$

Classic example:  $\bullet$  Kepler problem:

$$F(r) \propto \frac{1}{r^2} \Rightarrow U(r) = -\frac{\mu}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{L}{m} \int_{r_0}^r \frac{dr'}{r'^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left( E - \frac{L^2}{2mr'^2} + \frac{\mu}{r'} \right)}}$$

Obvious change of variables:  $u = \frac{1}{r}$   $\Rightarrow du = -\frac{dr'}{r'^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{L}{m} \int_{\frac{1}{r}}^{\frac{1}{r_0}} \frac{du}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left( E - \frac{L^2 u^2}{2m} + \mu u \right)}}$$

~~Shift  $u$  to write den. as  $C_1 - C_2 u^2$~~

~~Seek to write den~~

Shift to kill linear term in den:

$u = u' + \delta$ , choose  $\delta$  s.t. den a  $\sqrt{1 - k u'^2}$   
(then trig sub obviously works)

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{E} - \frac{L^2 u'^2}{2m} + \mu u' - \frac{L^2}{2m} \\ \rightarrow & E - \frac{L^2}{2m} (u'^2 + 2u'\delta + \delta^2) + \mu u' + \mu \delta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{E - u' \left[ \frac{L^2 \delta}{m} - \mu \right] +} \\ & = \underbrace{E - \frac{L^2 \delta^2}{2m} + \mu \delta}_{\substack{\text{constant pieces} \\ \mu \\ E'}} + \underbrace{u' \left( \mu - \frac{L^2 \delta}{m} \right)}_{\substack{u' \text{ pieces} \\ \text{choose} \\ 0}} - \underbrace{\frac{L^2 u'^2}{2m}}_{u'^2 \text{ pieces}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{m\mu}{L^2} \Rightarrow E' = E + \cancel{\frac{m\mu^2}{2L^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{L}{m} \int_{\frac{1}{r} - \frac{mu}{L^2}}^{\frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{mu}{L^2}} \frac{du'}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{m} (E' - \frac{L^2 u'^2}{2m})}}$$

pull this out of  $\sqrt{\quad}$

$$= \frac{L}{\sqrt{2E'm}} \int_{\frac{1}{r} - \frac{mu}{L^2}}^{\frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{mu}{L^2}} \frac{du'}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{L^2}{2E'm} u'^2}}$$

$\cos^2 \phi$

now, trig substitution

$$\Rightarrow \cos \phi = \sqrt{\frac{L^2}{2E'm}} u' = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2E'm}} u'$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sin \phi d\phi = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2E'm}} du' \rightarrow \frac{p}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \int_{\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{p}{e} \left(\frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{mu}{L^2}\right)\right)}^{\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{p}{e} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{mu}{L^2}\right)\right)} \left( \frac{\sin \phi d\phi}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \phi}} = d\phi \right)$$

$\equiv -\theta_0$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{p}{e} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{mu}{L^2}\right)\right) + \theta_0$$

$\equiv \frac{1}{p}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{e} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0}\right) = \cos(\theta - \theta_0) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} (1 + e \cos(\theta - \theta_0))$$

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos(\theta - \theta_0)}$$

etc

shape of Kepler orbit.

Note:

1) Closed!(Return to same  $r$  when  $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$ )

$$2) \quad \frac{p}{e} = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2E'm}}, \quad E' = E + \frac{m u^2}{2}, \quad p = \frac{L^2}{m u^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{"eccentricity"} \quad e = \frac{\sqrt{2E'm}}{L} \quad p = \frac{L}{m u} \sqrt{2m \left( E + \frac{m u^2}{2} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{L}{m u} \sqrt{\frac{m^2 u^2}{L^2} + 2mE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2EL^2}{m u^2}}}$$

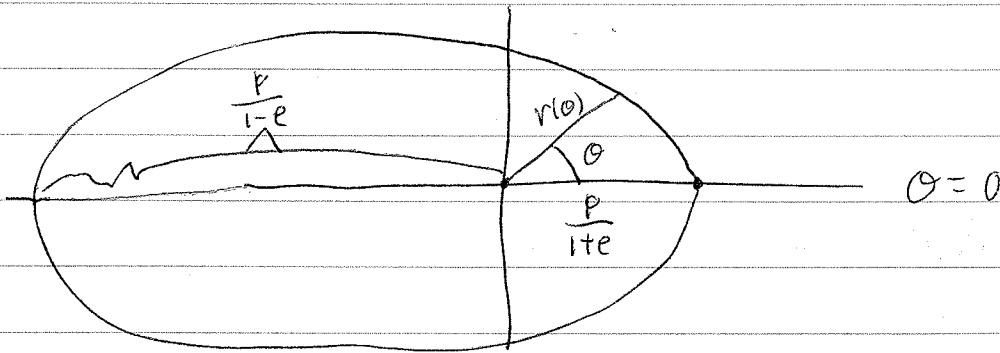
Note:  $E < 0 \Rightarrow e < 1$ ,  $E > 0 \Rightarrow e > 1$ 
 $\Downarrow$   
closed

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escape

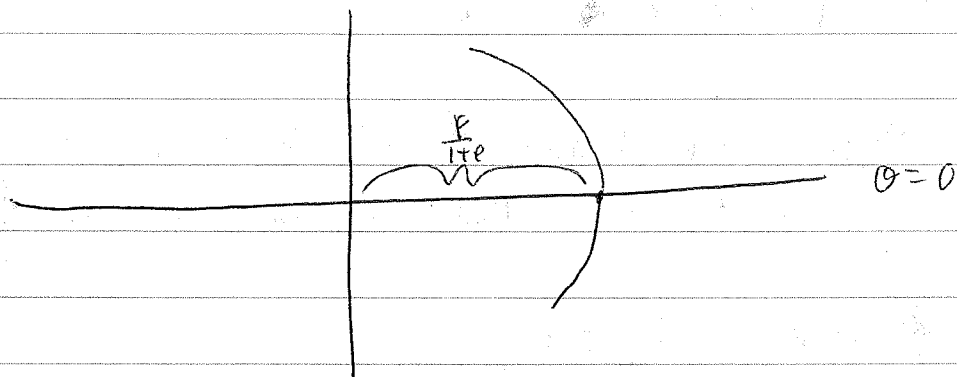


3) Shape of orbit:

a)  $e < 0$ ; choose  $\theta_0 = 0$ : Ellipse

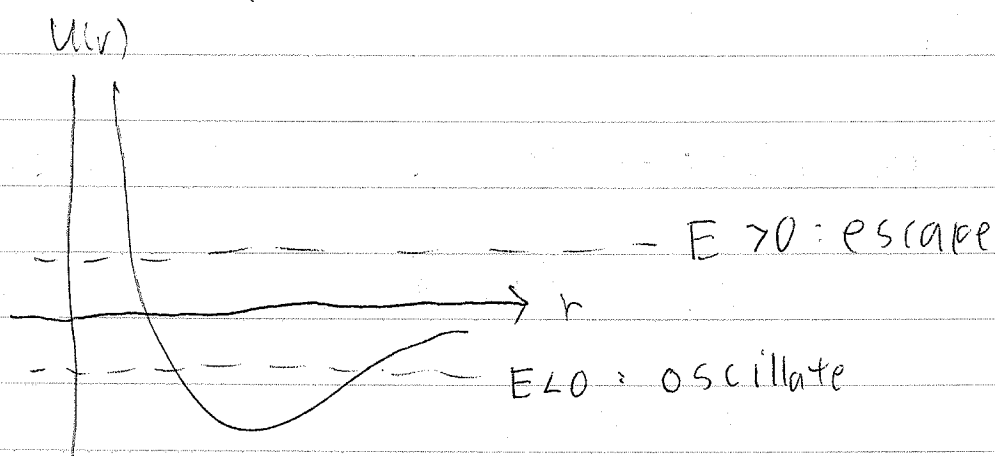


b)  $e > 0$ : hyperbola



Why change when  $E$  changes sign?

Effective potential:



Why did  $\frac{1}{r^2}$  force work out so nicely?

Alternative approach: Equation of motion:

$$\vec{V} \equiv \dot{\vec{r}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{V} = - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

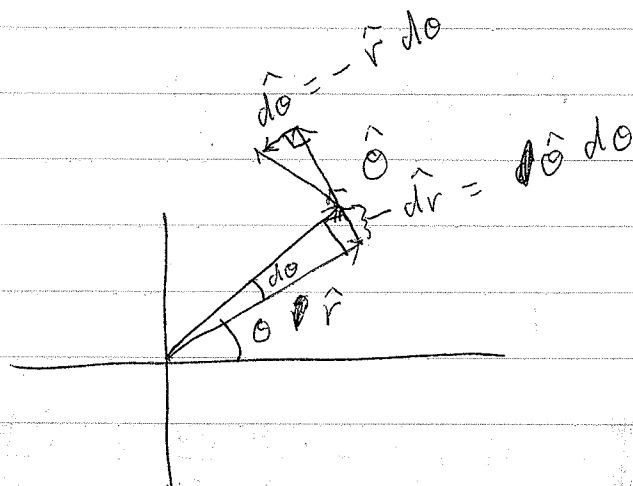
Note: ~~Derive~~ This  $\mu$   
= earlier  $\mu/m$

Use  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{L}{r^2} \right) = 0$ , or  $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{r^2}{h} \frac{d}{d\theta}$ ,  $h \equiv \frac{L}{m}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{V}}{\left( \frac{r^2}{h} \frac{d}{d\theta} \right)} = - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \hat{r} \Rightarrow \frac{h}{r^2} \frac{d\vec{V}}{d\theta} = - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \hat{r}$$

Note:  $r^2$  cancel

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{V}}{d\theta} = -\frac{\mu}{h} \hat{r}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{r}}{d\theta} = \hat{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{d\theta} = -\hat{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{V}}{d\theta} = \frac{\mu}{h} \left( \frac{d\hat{\theta}}{d\theta} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{V} = \vec{V}_0 + \frac{\mu}{h} \hat{\theta} = A$$

$\uparrow$   
 "constant of integration"

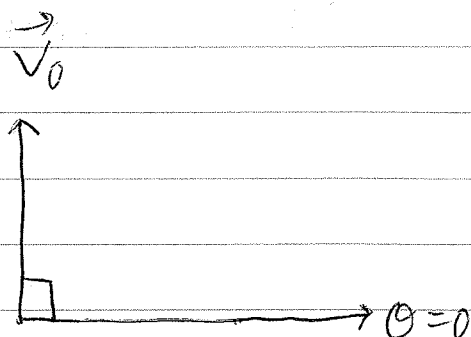
Note: This is already a broad hint that

orbit is closed: same  $\vec{v}$  at same  $\theta$

Continue: let's compute  $\dot{r}$

How?

Co-ordinate choice:



$$\frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = V_0 \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{r^2} \frac{dr}{d\theta} = V_0 \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow h \left( \frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{1}{r} \right) = -V_0 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r_0} + \frac{V_0}{h} \cos \theta$$

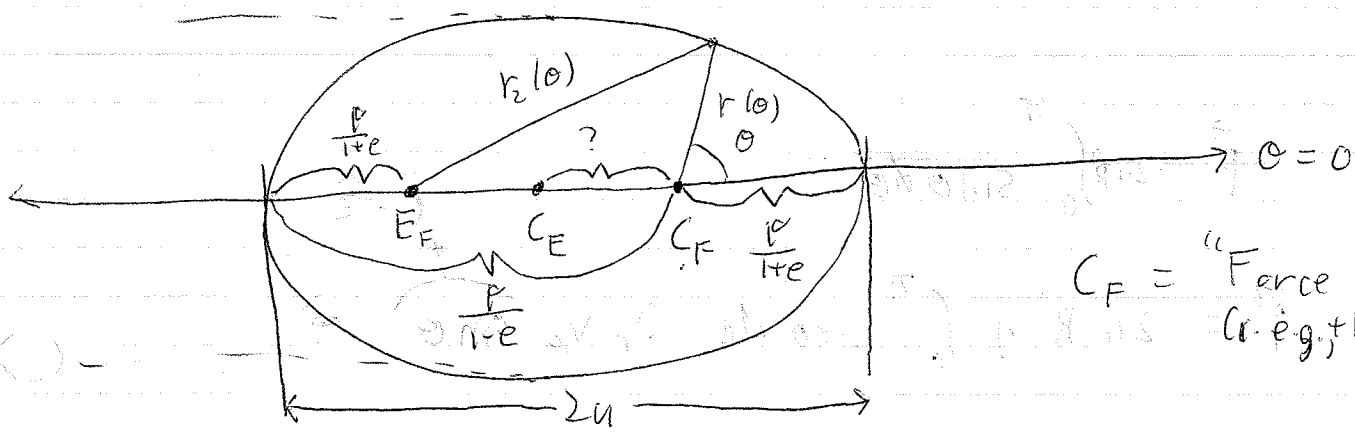
$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{r_0}{1 + e \cos \theta}, \quad e = \frac{V_0 r_0}{h}$$

Some simple geometrical properties of

ellipse:

1) Focus construction:  $\phi_0 = 0$

$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos \theta}$  ,  $2p \equiv$  "latus rectum"



$C_F =$  "Force center"  
(e.g., the sun)

$C_E =$  "center of ellipse"  
(empty)

$a \equiv$  "semi-major axis" = ?

$a = -\frac{\mu}{E}$  : depends only on  $E$ , not on  $L$

$E_F =$  "empty focus"

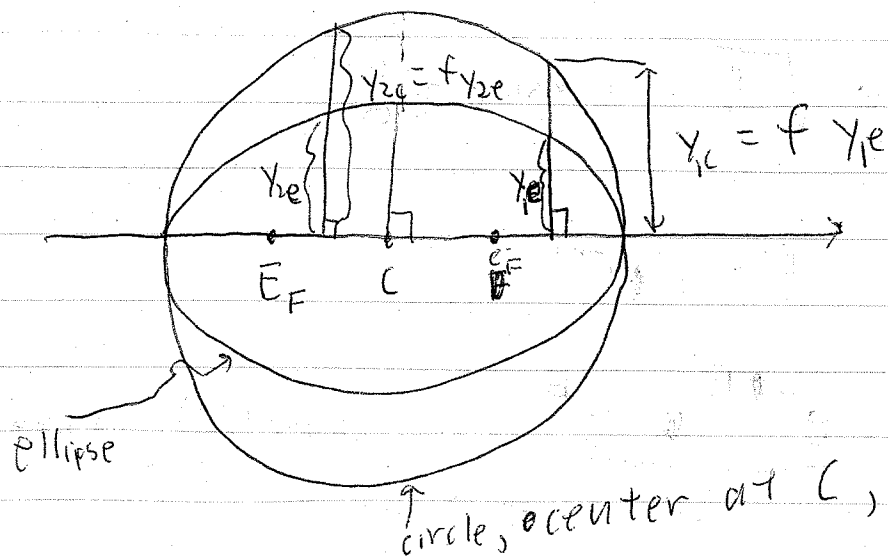
Focus construction

$r + r_2 = \text{constant} = ?$

String + thumbtacks

$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$

2) Ellipse = Squashed Circle



$f = \text{constant} = ?$

$\Rightarrow A \equiv \text{Area of ellipse} = ?$

Period of orbit  $\equiv T = \frac{A}{\left(\frac{L}{2m}\right)} = \frac{2m}{L} A = \pi a^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{m}{\mu}}$

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Why?

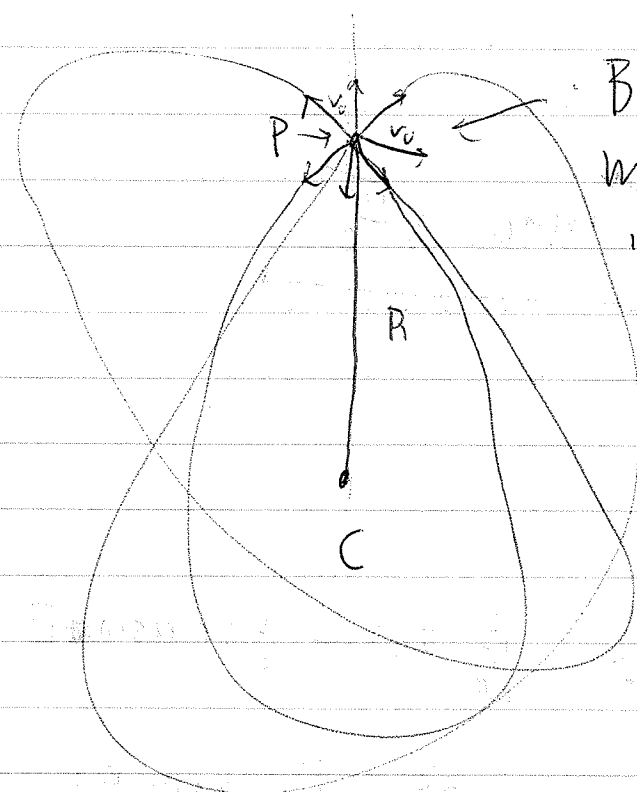
$T \propto a^{3/2}$ : Kepler's 2nd law

Note:  $T$  independent of  $L$

depends only on  $a \propto r$

$\Rightarrow$  " " "  $E,$

$\Rightarrow$  only repeating firecracker:



Boom!  
many particles fly out  
in all direction,  
all with same speed  
 $v_0$

$\Rightarrow$  All have same  $E = ?$

$\Rightarrow$  " " "  $a$

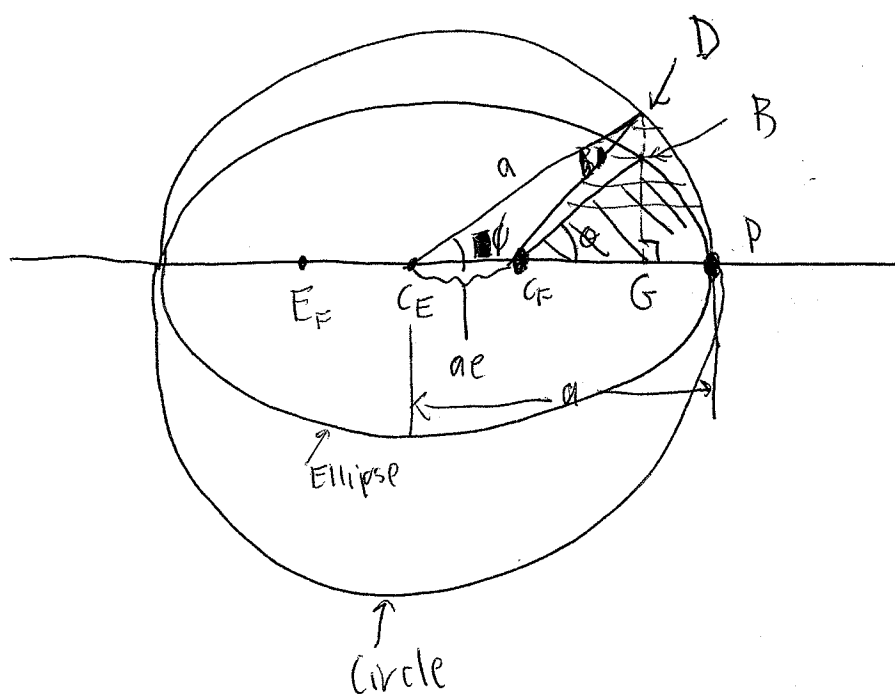
$\Rightarrow$  " " "  $T$

$\Rightarrow$  after  $T$ , all return to point P  
of original explosion (Don't be there  
then)

Diff to at  $2T, 3T, \dots, NT$

How to determine time of flight for  
fractions of complete orbit:

$$\frac{1}{2} h t = A(t)$$



To find time to get from P to B,  
need  $A_{C_F PB}$ .

But, since circle is just a vertically stretched  
(with constant stretch factor) version of ellipse

$$\frac{A_{C_F DP}^{(circle)}}{A_{circle}} = \frac{A_{C_F BP}}{A_{ellipse}} = \frac{t_{PB}}{T}$$



So, what's ~~the~~  $A_{CFDP}$ ?

1st, what's ~~the~~  $\phi$ ?

What's  $A_{CEDP}^{\text{circle}}$ ?

What's  $A_{CEDCF}^{\text{triangle}}$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  What's  $A_{CFDP}^{\text{circle}}$ ?

~~$$t = T \frac{(\phi - e \sin \phi)}{2\pi}$$~~

$$\Rightarrow t = T \frac{(\phi - e \sin \phi)}{2\pi}$$

$$\sin \phi = \frac{p \sin \theta}{\sqrt{a}(1+e \cos \theta)} = \frac{(1-e^2)^{1/2} \sin \theta}{(1+e \cos \theta)}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\mu/m}} a^{3/2} = \frac{2\pi p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\mu/m}} (1-e^2)^{-3/2}$$

Example: Time from perihelion to  $r = a$ ?

Ex

Escape orbits,  $e > 1$  : use same formulae

$$\sin \phi = \frac{i \sinh \sqrt{e^2 - 1}}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

Look for imaginary sol'n

$$\phi = i\phi', \quad \phi' \text{ real}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \phi = \frac{e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}}{2i} = \frac{e^{-\phi'} - e^{\phi'}}{2i} = -\frac{\sinh \phi'}{i} = i \sinh \phi'$$

$$\Rightarrow \sinh \phi' = \frac{\sinh \sqrt{e^2 - 1}}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

$$t = \frac{\cancel{2\pi} p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\mu_m}} (1 - e^2)^{3/2} (i\phi' - e i \sinh \phi')$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2\pi} p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\mu_m}} (e^2 - 1)^{3/2} i(i\phi' - e \sinh \phi')$$

$$t = \frac{\cancel{2\pi} p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\mu_m}} (e^2 - 1)^{3/2} (e \sinh \phi' - \phi') \quad *$$