

PROBLEM 3 (K&K 10.4)

$$U(r) = -\frac{A}{r^n} \text{ for } A > 0.$$

Therefore,

$$U_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} + U(r) \rightarrow U_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{A}{r^n} \text{ where } \mu \text{ is the mass of particle.}$$

For the orbit to be stable, $U_{\text{eff}}(r)$ must have a minimum at a certain radius r_0 .
Therefore,

$$\left. \frac{dU_{\text{eff}}(r)}{dr} \right|_{r_0} = \left. \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{A}{r^n} \right) \right|_{r_0} = -\frac{L^2}{\mu r_0^3} + \frac{An}{r_0^{n+1}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{An}{r_0^{n+1}} = \frac{L^2}{\mu r_0^3}} \rightarrow An = \frac{L^2 r_0^{n+1}}{\mu r_0^3}$$

Now we must ensure this is a minimum. Therefore,

$$\left. \frac{d^2 U_{\text{eff}}(r)}{dr^2} \right|_{r_0} > 0 \rightarrow \left. \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{An}{r_0^{n+1}} - \frac{L^2}{\mu r_0^3} \right) \right|_{r_0} > 0 ; \boxed{\left(\frac{3L^2}{\mu r_0^4} - \frac{An(n+1)}{r_0^{n+2}} \right) > 0}$$

Now, combining both boxed equations, we get:

$$\frac{3L^2}{\mu r_0^4} - \frac{(n+1)L^2 r_0^{n+1}}{r_0^3 r_0^{n+2}} > 0 \rightarrow \frac{3L^2}{\mu r_0^4} - \frac{(n+1)L^2}{\mu r_0^4} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{factor} \\ \text{out } \frac{L^2}{\mu r_0^4}}} n+1 \leq 3 \rightarrow \boxed{n \leq 2}$$

Note: for $n=0$, $A < 0$,
so this doesn't work

PROBLEM 4 (K&K 10.6)

$$f(r) = -kr^4 \rightarrow U(\infty) - U(r) = \int_r^\infty -kr^4 \rightarrow U(r) = k \frac{r^5}{5}$$

$$U_{\text{eff}} = \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} + k \frac{r^5}{5} \rightarrow \left. \frac{dU_{\text{eff}}}{dr} \right|_{r_0} = 0 \rightarrow kr_0^4 = \frac{L^2}{\mu r_0^3} \rightarrow \boxed{r_0 = \sqrt[7]{\frac{L^2}{\mu k}}} \text{ where } \mu \text{ is the mass of the particle.}$$

Therefore, when $E_0 = \frac{L^2}{2\mu r_0^2} + \frac{1}{5}kr_0^5$, the motion will be circular. ($E_0 = U_{\text{eff}}(r_0)$)

From example 10.3 in K&K, we know that k is the double derivative of $U_{\text{eff}}(r)$ at r_0 .

Therefore,

$$k = \left. \frac{d^2 U_{\text{eff}}(r)}{dr^2} \right|_{r_0} = 7k \left(\frac{L^2}{\mu k} \right)^{3/7} \rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{7k \left(\frac{L^2}{\mu k} \right)^{3/7}}{m}} \rightarrow f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \rightarrow \boxed{f = \frac{\sqrt{7k \left(\frac{L^2}{\mu k} \right)^{3/7}}}{2\pi m}}$$

PROBLEM 2 (KK 10.3)

In this problem, we have a central force such that $f(r) = -\frac{A}{r^3}$, where A is a random constant. We must find A for the motion to be uniform.

$$U(r) = -\int_{\infty}^r \left(-\frac{A}{r'^3}\right) dr' = -\frac{A}{2r^2}, \text{ since } U(\infty) = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$U_{\text{eff}} = \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{A}{2r^2} \text{ where } \mu \text{ denotes the MASS of the particle.}$$

$U_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{1}{2r^2} \left(\frac{L^2}{\mu} - A \right)$. For $A = \frac{L^2}{\mu}$, $U_{\text{eff}}(r) = 0$, and the radial force is 0, so the radial motion is uniform. QED.

$$\text{If } A = \frac{L^2}{\mu} \text{ and } L = \mu r^2 \dot{\theta} \rightarrow A\mu = (\mu r^2 \dot{\theta})^2 \rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{r^2} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\mu}}$$

Now, solve this by integrating both sides to eventually find $\theta(r)$.

$$\int_{\theta_0}^{\theta(t)} \frac{d\theta}{dt} dt = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\mu}} \int_{r_0}^{r(t)} \frac{1}{r^2} dt = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\mu}} \int_{r_0}^{r(t)} \frac{1}{r^2} dt \cdot \frac{dr}{dr} \Rightarrow \theta(t) - \theta_0 = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\mu}} \cdot \frac{1}{v} \int_{r_0}^{r(t)} \frac{1}{r^2} dr$$

Therefore, we have:

$\theta(t) = \theta_0 + \frac{1}{v} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\mu}} \left(\frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{1}{r(t)} \right)$. As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $r(t)$ and $\theta(t) \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\theta(t)$ becomes $\theta_0 + \frac{1}{v} \sqrt{\frac{A}{\mu}} \left(\frac{1}{r_0} \right)$, which is a constant. Therefore, the particle will continue to move uniformly.

PROBLEM 5 (KK 10.7)



In an elliptical orbit, the mechanical energy is smaller than 0. To escape, the energy must be greater than 0. Since the potential energy is ^{virtually} unchanged in the small period of time through which we ~~apply~~ fire the engine, we could say that only the kinetic energy can change. We must therefore make use of where in the ellipse the velocity is greatest, so we can just apply Kepler's 2nd law, to find that this point is the perigee. Therefore, we must fire the rockets in the perigee, and in the same direction as that tangential to the ellipse in the direction of motion.

PROBLEM 8

- (a) In Uniform Circular Motion, the centripetal "force" must equal the force of gravity. From here we get the two equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} G \frac{M_S M_E}{R_E^2} &= M_E \omega^2 R_E \\ G \frac{M_S M}{R_1^2} - G \frac{M_E M}{(R_E - R_1)^2} &= M \omega^2 R_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \boxed{\frac{M_S}{R_E^3} = \frac{M_S}{R_1^3} - \frac{M_E}{R_1 (R_E - R_1)^2}}$$

- (b) Now, by taking $R_1 = R_E(1-d)$, $m_e = \frac{M_E}{M_S}$, and $d = \frac{R_E - R_1}{R_E}$, we substitute to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_S}{R_E^3} &= \frac{M_S}{R_E^3(1-d)^3} - \frac{M_E}{R_E(1-d)(R_E - R_E(1-d))^2} \rightarrow \frac{M_S}{R_E^3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1-d)^3}\right) = -\frac{M_E}{R_E^3(1-d)(1-(1-d))^2} \\ \rightarrow \frac{(1-d)^3 - 1}{(1-d)^3} &= \frac{M_E}{M_S} \left(-\frac{1}{(1-d)d^2}\right) \rightarrow -\frac{M_E}{M_S} = \boxed{\frac{d^2((1-d)^3 - 1)}{(1-d)^2} = -m_e} \end{aligned}$$

Now, interpreting this, and assuming that $(1 \pm d)^n \approx 1 \pm nd$, we find that:

$$-m_e = \frac{d^2((1-d)^3 - 1)}{(1-d)^2} \approx \frac{d^2((1-3d) - 1)}{1-2d} = \frac{-3d^3}{1-2d} \quad \text{we can omit the denominator to find that}$$

$$-m_e = -3d^3 \rightarrow \boxed{C=3} \rightarrow \boxed{d(M_E) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{M_E}{3}}}$$

- (c) Now, since $d = \frac{R_E - R_1}{R_E} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{M_E}{3}}$, since $M_S \gg M_E$, we find that

$$(R_E - R_1) = R_E \sqrt[3]{\frac{M_E}{3}} = R_E \sqrt[3]{\frac{M_E}{3M_S}}$$

Using the actual numerical values, we find that the distance between L_1 and the Earth is

$$(R_E - R_1) = R_E \sqrt[3]{\frac{M_E}{3M_S}} = 1.5 \times 10^8 \sqrt[3]{\frac{5.972 \times 10^{24}}{3 \times 10^{30} \times 1.989}} \approx \underline{\underline{1.5 \times 10^9 \text{ m}}}$$

PROBLEM 7 (KK 10.12)

At point A, m travels in a circular orbit, and at point B, the radius is $4R_e$.
of radius $2R_e$

Therefore, we can write the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad m \frac{v^2}{2R_e} &= G \frac{M_e m}{(2R_e)^2} \rightarrow v_A^2 = \frac{G M_e}{2R_e} \rightarrow v_{A \text{ circle}} = \sqrt{\frac{G M_e}{2R_e}} \\ m \frac{v^2}{4R_e} &= G \frac{M_e m}{(4R_e)^2} \rightarrow v_B^2 = \frac{G M_e}{4R_e} \rightarrow v_{B \text{ circle}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{G M_e}{R_e}} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} m \frac{v^2}{2R_e} &= G \frac{M_e m}{(2R_e)^2} \rightarrow v_A^2 = \frac{G M_e}{2R_e} \rightarrow v_{A \text{ circle}} = \sqrt{\frac{G M_e}{2R_e}} \\ m \frac{v^2}{4R_e} &= G \frac{M_e m}{(4R_e)^2} \rightarrow v_B^2 = \frac{G M_e}{4R_e} \rightarrow v_{B \text{ circle}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{G M_e}{R_e}} \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{for future reference in (b).}$$

Now, let's compute the energies for both orbits and substitute v_A^2 and v_B^2 .

$$\text{Orbit } 2R_e: E_A = \frac{1}{2} m v_A^2 - G \frac{M_e m}{2R_e} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{G M_e}{2R_e} m - G \frac{M_e m}{2R_e} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{G M_e m}{R_e}$$

$$\text{Orbit } 4R_e: E_B = \frac{1}{2} m v_B^2 - G \frac{M_e m}{4R_e} = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{G M_e}{4R_e} - G \frac{M_e m}{4R_e} = -\frac{1}{8} \frac{G M_e m}{R_e}$$

Therefore the energy loss is $E_B - E_A$:

$$E_B - E_A = \left(-\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4}\right) \frac{G M_e m}{R_e} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{G M_e m}{R_e} = \frac{1}{8} m g R_e = \frac{1}{8} (3 \times 10^3) (7672 \times 10^3)^2 = \boxed{2.35 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}}$$

(b) For this part, we will be using equation 10.30 in KK, which is:

$$v^2 = \frac{2C}{m} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{A} \right), \text{ where } A \text{ is the distance from A to B, and } R \text{ is the distance from the mass to the center of Earth, and } C = G M_e m$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_A^2 &= 2GM \left(\frac{1}{2R_e} - \frac{1}{6R_e} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{G M_e}{R_e} \\ v_B^2 &= 2GM \left(\frac{1}{4R_e} - \frac{1}{6R_e} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \frac{G M_e}{R_e} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} v_A^2 &= 2GM \left(\frac{1}{2R_e} - \frac{1}{6R_e} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{G M_e}{R_e} \\ v_B^2 &= 2GM \left(\frac{1}{4R_e} - \frac{1}{6R_e} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \frac{G M_e}{R_e} \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \text{We know this because } A = 2R_e + 4R_e = 6R_e. \\ &v_A = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} g R_e} \quad \text{and} \quad v_B = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} g R_e} \end{aligned}$$

From v_A and v_B , we can calculate the velocity changes in A (perigee) and B (apogee):

$$\Delta v_A = v_{A \text{ in ellipse}} - v_{A \text{ in circle}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} g R_e} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} g R_e} = \boxed{864 \text{ m/s}}$$

we calculated it in (a)

$$\Delta v_B = v_{B \text{ in circle}} - v_{B \text{ in ellipse}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{G M_e}{R_e}} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} g R_e} = \boxed{727 \text{ m/s}}$$

PROBLEM 6 (KK 10.8)

The initial energy of m is: $E_{\text{initial}} = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{l^2}{2mr} + U_{\text{gravitational}}(R_e)$

$$E_{\text{initial}} = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 - G \frac{Mm}{R_e}$$

The energy at r_{max} is similar, but $\dot{r} = 0$, so we have:

$$E_{\text{final}} = \frac{l^2}{2mr^2} - G \frac{Mm}{r}$$

Since $l = mrv$ generally, for this

case we have $l = m R_e \cdot v_0 \sin \alpha$
 \uparrow
 radial component of v_0

$$\rightarrow E_{\text{final}} = -G \frac{Mm}{r} + \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha \left(\frac{R_e}{r} \right)^2$$

Now, since there are no external forces, we have conservation of Energy.

$$E_{\text{initial}} = E_{\text{final}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 - G \frac{Mm}{R_e} = -G \frac{Mm}{r} + \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha \left(\frac{R_e}{r} \right)^2$$

\rightarrow Since we know that $v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{GM_e}{R_e}}$, we write:

$$\frac{GM_e}{2R_e} - \frac{GM_e}{R_e} = -G \frac{M_e}{r} + \frac{GM_e \sin^2 \alpha R_e^2}{R_e r^2} \rightarrow \frac{M_e}{2R_e} - \frac{M_e}{R_e} = -\frac{M_e}{r} + \frac{M_e \sin^2 \alpha R_e}{r^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{R_e} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) = -\frac{1}{r} + \frac{\sin^2 \alpha R_e}{r^2} \rightarrow \text{Taking } x \equiv r/R_e, \text{ we get}$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 - 2x + \sin^2 \alpha = 0 \rightarrow \text{Quadratic equation} \rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \sin^2 \alpha}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2 \cos \alpha}{2}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{r}{R_e} = 1 \pm \cos \alpha \rightarrow r = R_e (1 \pm \cos \alpha)$$

However, since $r > R_e$, and the rocket flies up, $r = R_e (1 + \cos \alpha)$

PROBLEM 1

~~For Kepler's 1st law: The gravitational force in 2d is still working as in 3d but in a simpler form, so objects still travel in ellipses on a plane.~~

Both Kepler's 1st and 3rd laws wouldn't hold in $d=2$, because the elliptical motion depends on the potential energy being $-\frac{GMm}{r}$. However, on $d=2$, this becomes $-GMm \ln(r)$, which would not result in ellipses. However, 2nd law is a statement about ellipses themselves and their geometry, so it holds for any dimension.