

## iClicker Registration

You must have correct iClicker registered **by tomorrow afternoon (hard deadline)**. See Prof. Saxena in Rm 176.

Scores for Lectures 1-9 will be finalized by next Tuesday.

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F} \Delta t$$

$$\Delta E = W + Q$$

$$\Delta \vec{L} = \vec{\tau} \Delta t$$

# TODAY

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- Multiparticle Systems and Potential Energy
- Relationship of Force and Potential Energy
- Energy Graphs

# Last Time: Single Particle System

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Energy principle (single particle system):

$$\Delta E_{\text{single particle system}} = W + \cancel{Q} \quad = 0 \text{ for now}$$

where energy is

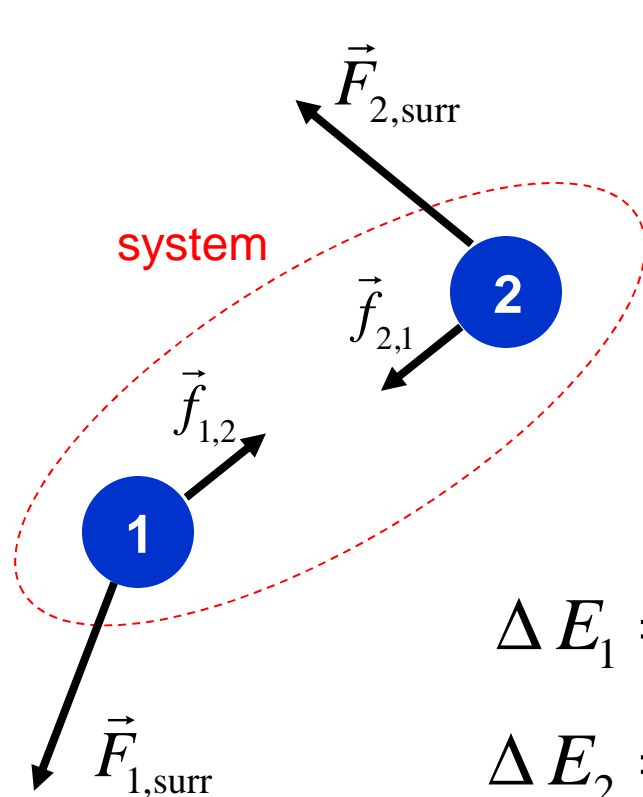
$$E_{\text{single particle system}} = \gamma mc^2 = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - v^2 / c^2}}$$

and work is

$$W_{\text{on particle}} = \vec{F}_{\text{net on particle}} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}$$

**How do we generalize these results to multiparticle systems?**

# Example: Energy in 2-Particle System



$$\Delta E_{\text{system}} = W + \cancel{Q} = 0$$

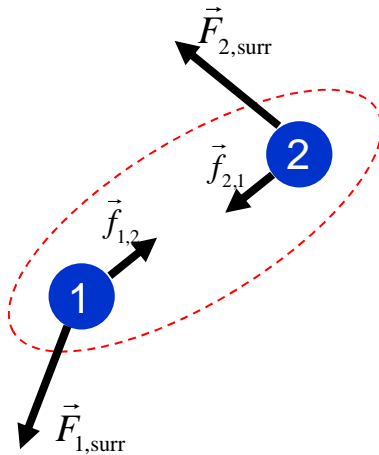
Let's find the energy change of each particle:

$$\Delta E_1 = \underline{\vec{f}_{1,2} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_1} + \underline{\vec{F}_{1,\text{surr}} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_1} = \underline{W_{1,\text{internal}}} + \underline{W_{1,\text{surr}}}$$

$$\Delta E_2 = \vec{f}_{2,1} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_2 + \vec{F}_{2,\text{surr}} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_2 = W_{2,\text{internal}} + W_{2,\text{surr}}$$

**We're counting the work done by internal forces.**

# Example: Energy in 2-Particle System



$$\text{Thus } \Delta(E_1 + E_2) = W_{\text{int}} + W_{\text{surr}} + \cancel{Q}$$

$$\text{where } W_{\text{int}} = W_{1,\text{internal}} + W_{2,\text{internal}}$$

$$\text{and } W_{\text{surr}} = W_{1,\text{surr}} + W_{2,\text{surr}}$$

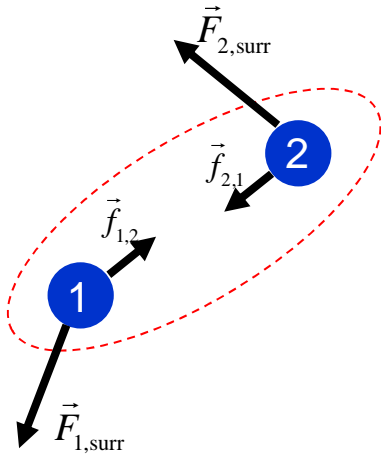
Put system on left side, surroundings on right side:

$$\Delta(E_1 + E_2) - W_{\text{int}} = W_{\text{surr}} + Q$$

Now define the change in potential energy as  $\Delta U \equiv -W_{\text{int}}$ :

$$\Delta(E_1 + E_2) + \Delta U = W_{\text{surr}} + Q$$

# Potential Energy (in 2-Particle System)



$$\Delta U = -W_{\text{int}} = -\vec{f}_{1,2} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_1 - \vec{f}_{2,1} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_2$$

**The potential energy U represents a sum of interaction energies between all pairs of particles inside the system.**

NOTE: i) U is defined to take into account both terms above.  
ii) we choose  $U=0$  for infinite separation

Question: If  $\vec{f}_{1,2} + \vec{f}_{2,1} = 0$ , why isn't  $\Delta U = 0$  here?

Answer: Usually,  $\Delta \vec{r}_1 \neq \Delta \vec{r}_2$

$\Delta U$  is related to a system changing shape.

# Energy of a Multiparticle System

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Energy of system =  $\underbrace{\text{sum of single particle energies}} + \underbrace{\text{sum of interaction energies of all pairs}}$

$$E_{\text{sys}} = (m_1 c^2 + m_2 c^2 + \dots) + (K_1 + K_2 + \dots) + (U_{12} + \dots)$$

We now write  $\Delta E_{\text{sys}} = W_{\text{surr}} + Q$

**Now  $W$  is about external forces only**

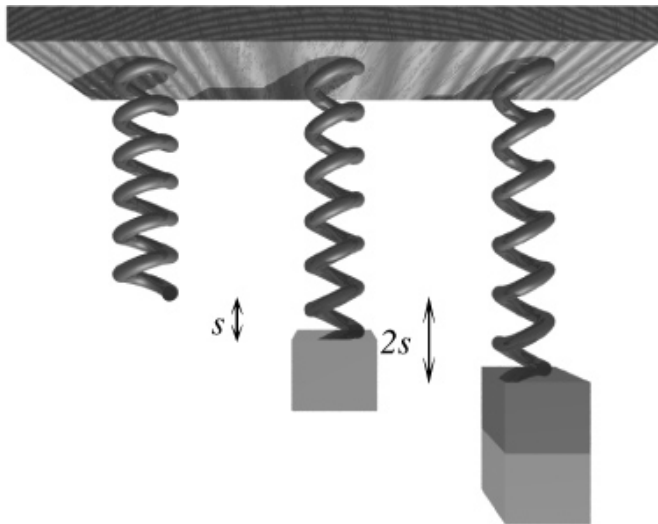
(internal forces show up in  $U$ ).

# Energy of a Multiparticle System

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$$\Delta E_{sys} = W_{surr} + Q$$

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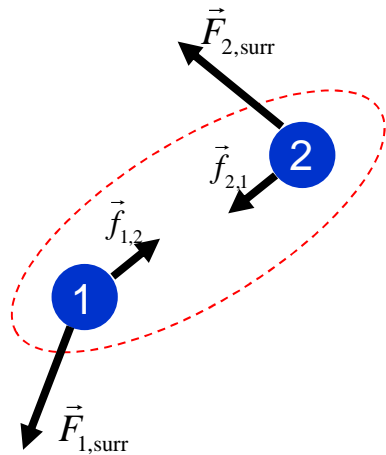


Add a mass to the spring.  
How much work does the  
gravitational force do on the mass?

What if the mass oscillates before  
coming to equilibrium?



# Connection: Force and Potential Energy



$$\Delta U = -W_{\text{int}} = -\vec{f}_{2,1} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_2 - \vec{f}_{1,2} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_1$$

$$= -\vec{f}_{2,1} \cdot (\Delta \vec{r}_2 - \Delta \vec{r}_1)$$

$$= -\underbrace{\vec{f}_{2,1} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}}_{\text{The combination is independent of coordinate system.}}$$

$$\text{where } \vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$$

$$\vec{f}_{1,2} = -\vec{f}_{2,1}$$

Equal and opposite

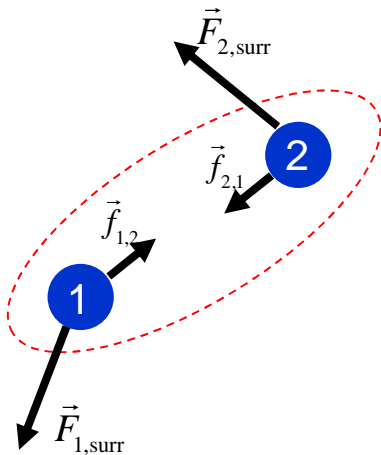
The combination is independent of coordinate system.

$$\text{Thus } \vec{f}_{2,1} = -\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta \vec{r}} \quad (\text{gradient})$$

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$$f_r = -\frac{dU}{dr}$$

# Connection: Force and Potential Energy



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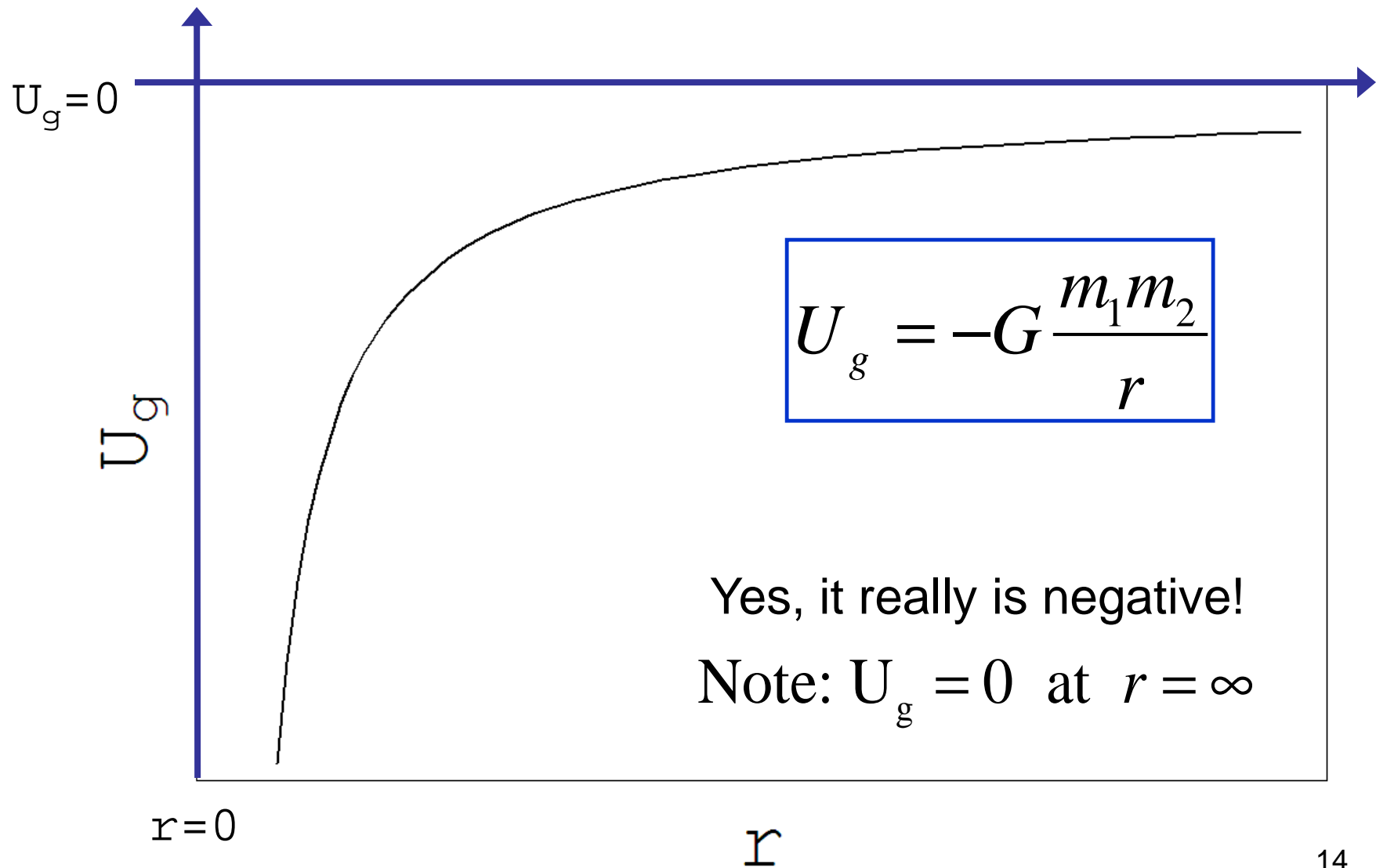
For Gravity:

$$f_r = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad U_g = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r}$$

To see this:

$$\begin{aligned} f_r &= -\frac{dU}{dr} = -\frac{d}{dr} \left( -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} \right) \\ &= G m_1 m_2 \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) = G m_1 m_2 \left( \frac{-1}{r^2} \right) = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

# Gravitational Potential Energy



# Example: Planet and Star

System: planet+star

$$\Delta E_{\text{sys}} = W_{\text{surr}} + Q = 0$$

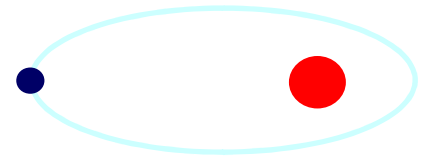
$$\Delta \left[ E_{\text{particles}} + U_{\text{system}} \right] = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\Delta \left[ m_{\text{star}} c^2 + K_{\text{star}} + m_{\text{planet}} c^2 + K_{\text{planet}} + U_{\text{system}} \right] = 0$$

Each of these is constant

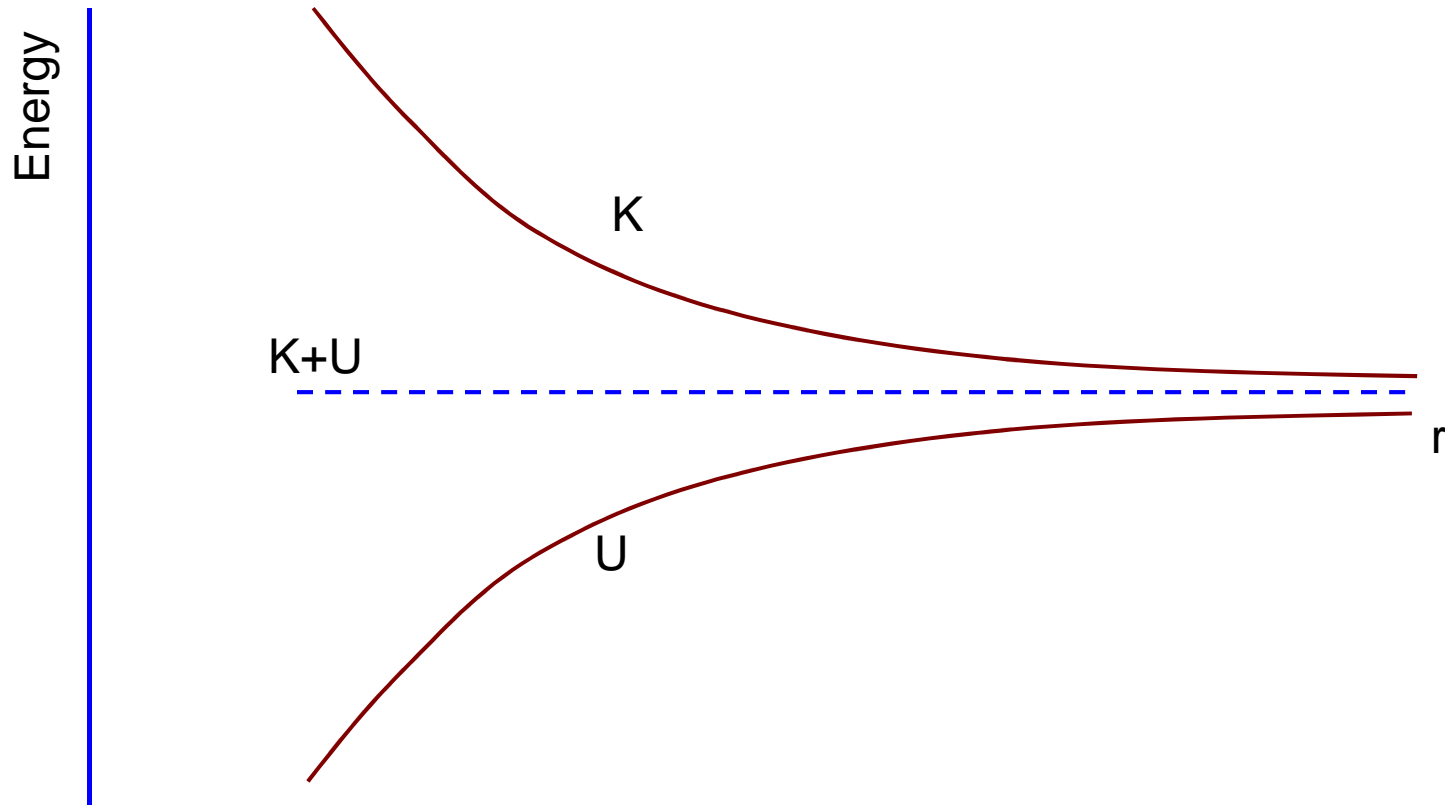
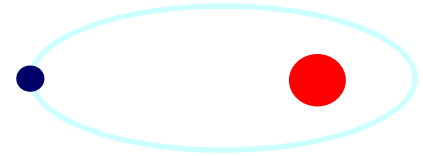
So these together  
must be constant

$$K_{\text{planet}} + U_{\text{system}} = \text{const}$$



# Example: Planet and Star

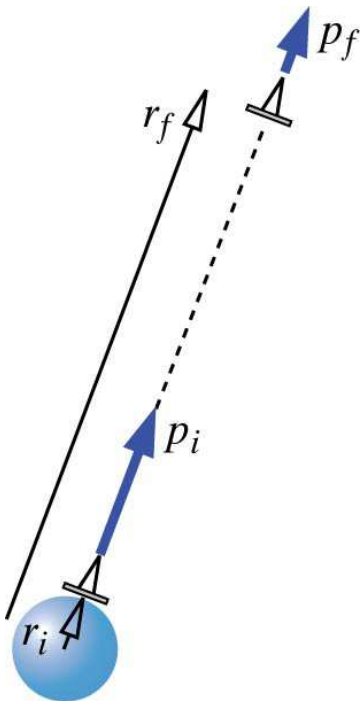
$$K_{\text{planet}} + U_{\text{system}} = \text{const}$$



# Application: Escape Speed

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What does it take to launch a rocket so it leaves the Earth's gravitational well?



Minimal condition for escape:  $K + U = 0$

Assume: kinetic energy of a planet is negligible,  $v \ll c$

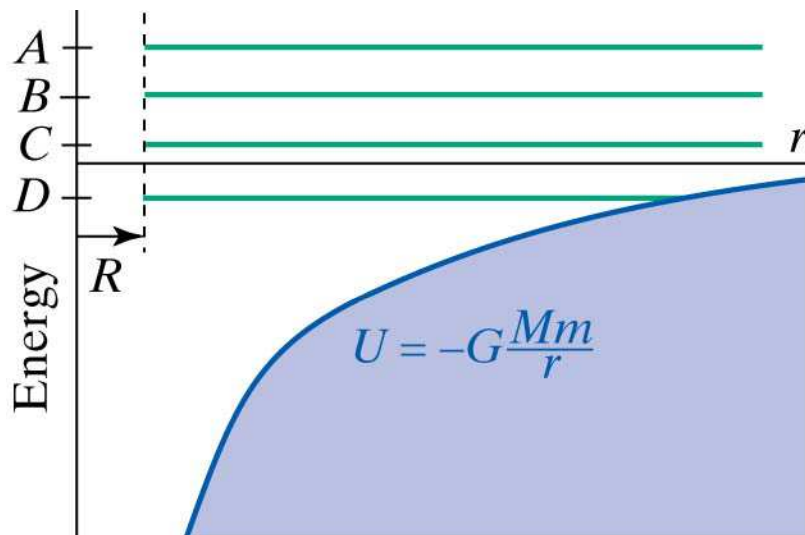
$$K_i + U_i = \frac{mv_{esc}^2}{2} + \left[ -G \frac{Mm}{R} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{mv_{esc}^2}{2} = G \frac{Mm}{R}$$

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

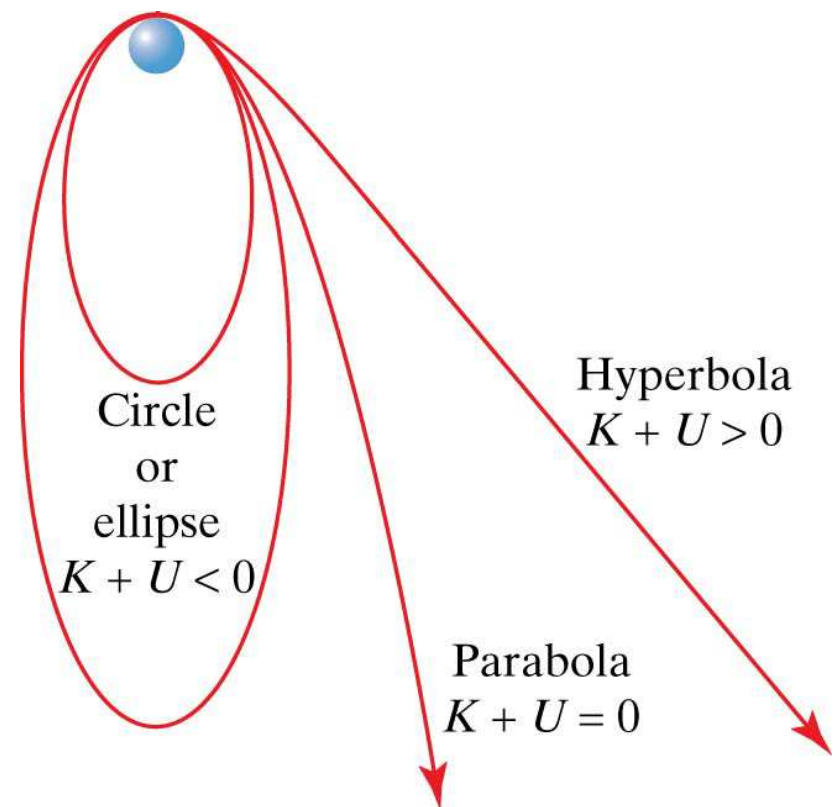
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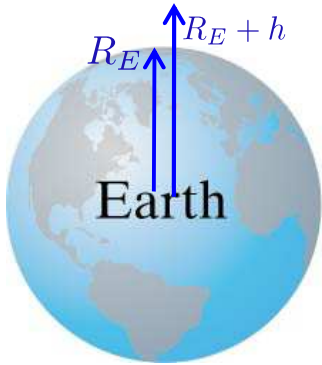
Unbound state:  $K + U \geq 0$



# Gravitational U Near Earth's Surface

$$U = -G \frac{Mm}{r} \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\text{Are these the same?}} \rightarrow U = mgh$$

They are the same near the Earth's Surface.



$$\frac{1}{1+x} \approx 1 - x + \dots$$

Taylor Expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U &= -G \frac{Mm}{R_E + h} - \left( -G \frac{Mm}{R_E} \right) \\ &= -G \frac{Mm}{R_E} \left( \frac{1}{1 + h/R_E} - 1 \right) \\ &\approx -G \frac{Mm}{R_E} \left( 1 - h/R_E - 1 \right) \\ &= m \left( \frac{GM}{R_E^2} \right) h \equiv \boxed{mgh = \Delta U} \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad g = GM/R_E^2 \end{aligned}$$



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