

Problem 1. Consider two particles with masses m_1 and m_2 interacting through a potential $U(|r_1 - r_2|)$. The Lagrangian of the system is given by

$$L = \frac{m_1 \dot{r}_1^2}{2} + \frac{m_2 \dot{r}_2^2}{2} - U(|r_1 - r_2|).$$

Rewrite the Lagrangian in terms of the relative coordinate $r = r_1 - r_2$ and the center-of-mass coordinate R .

Problem 2. Find the Hamiltonian of the system with the Lagrangian

$$L = \frac{\dot{x}^2}{x} + x + \frac{1}{x}.$$

Problem 3. Find the period of the system described by the Lagrangian

$$L = \dot{x}^2 - \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

Problem 4. The Lagrangian of the system is

$$L = \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2 \sin^2 \theta - 4\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta.$$

Verify that the quantity

$$I = \mathbf{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}} - 2 \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}$$

is an integral of motion.