

PHYS 620 Classical Mechanics: Assignment 9

Due 11/08/24

1. Consider motion of two bodies of mass M and m interacting gravitationally. Their trajectory in relative coordinates is $r(\phi) = c/(1 + \epsilon \cos \phi)$ with $c = 1$ and $\epsilon = 0.7$. Plot this function and then plot the corresponding trajectories in coordinates of the two bodies, \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2 for bodies of masses M and m , respectively, with M/m mass ratios: 1, 3, 10, and ∞ (with m constant). Assume that c and ϵ are the same for all cases (since $c = (M + m)l^2/GM^2m^2$, where l^2 is angular momentum and G is gravitational constant, l had to be appropriately adjusted in each case).
2. Taylor: Problem 9.1.
3. Taylor: Problem 9.4.
4. Taylor: Problem 9.6.
5. Taylor: Problem 9.10.
6. Taylor: Problem 9.11.
7. Taylor: Problem 9.17.
8. Taylor: Problem 9.20.