

Motion under central force!

Central force  $\equiv$  ! Conservative force  
Spherically symmetric

Example — gravitational  
— Electrical etc.

Mass "m" in Spherically symmetric  
Central field of force!

$$\vec{v} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$$

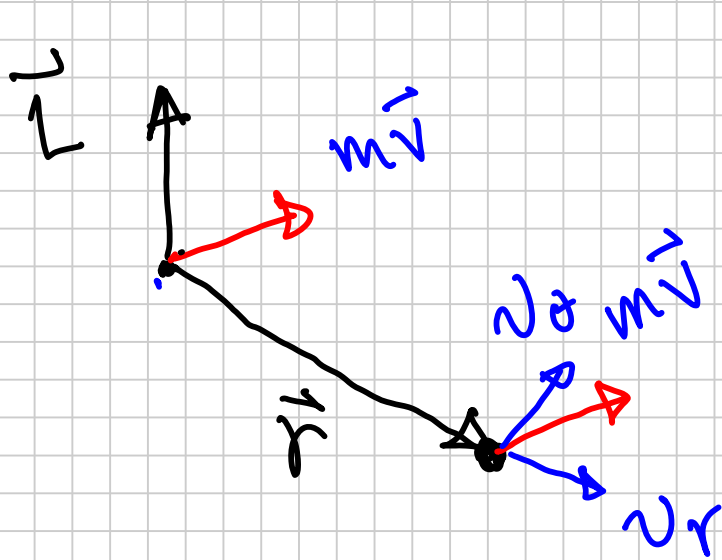
$$\vec{a} = \underbrace{[\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2]}_{a_r} \hat{r} + \underbrace{[r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}]}_{a_\theta} \hat{\theta}$$

Conservation of angular momentum:

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

Now  $\tau = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{r} \times m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$

orbital momentum  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$



$$\vec{v} = v_r \hat{r} + v_\theta \hat{\theta}$$

$$L = r m v_\theta = m r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$a_{\theta} = r \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dr}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

Central force

$$F_r = F(r)$$

$$F_{\theta} = 0$$

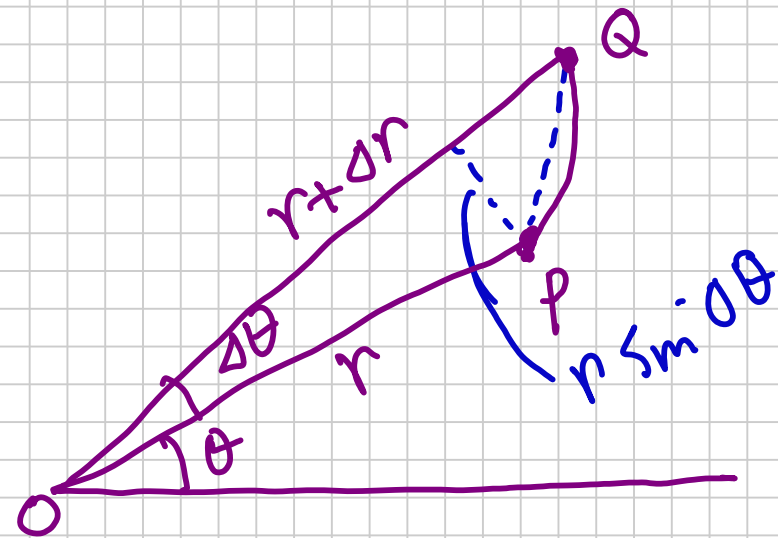
$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + 2r \frac{dr}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) = 0$$

$$r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{L}{2m}$$



$$\Delta A = \frac{1}{2} r (r + \Delta r) \sin \Delta \theta$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \text{const}$$

[Kepler]

Conservation of energy!

$$\frac{m}{2} [v_r^2 + v_\theta^2] + U(r) = E \quad \text{mechanical energy}$$

We know  $m r v_\theta = L$

$E$  and  $L$  Constant of motion!

$U(r)$  — P.E of particle in central field

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_r^2 + \frac{L^2}{2m r^2} + U(r) = E$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m v_r^2 + U'(r) = E$$

with

$$U'(r) = U(r) + \frac{L^2}{2m r^2}$$

Equivalent P.E.  
for 1D radial  
problem

$$U'(r) = U(r) + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2}$$

Effective Potential Energy

Any fn of r  
 $U(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

Independent of  $\theta, \dot{\theta}$

Centrifugal Potential Energy

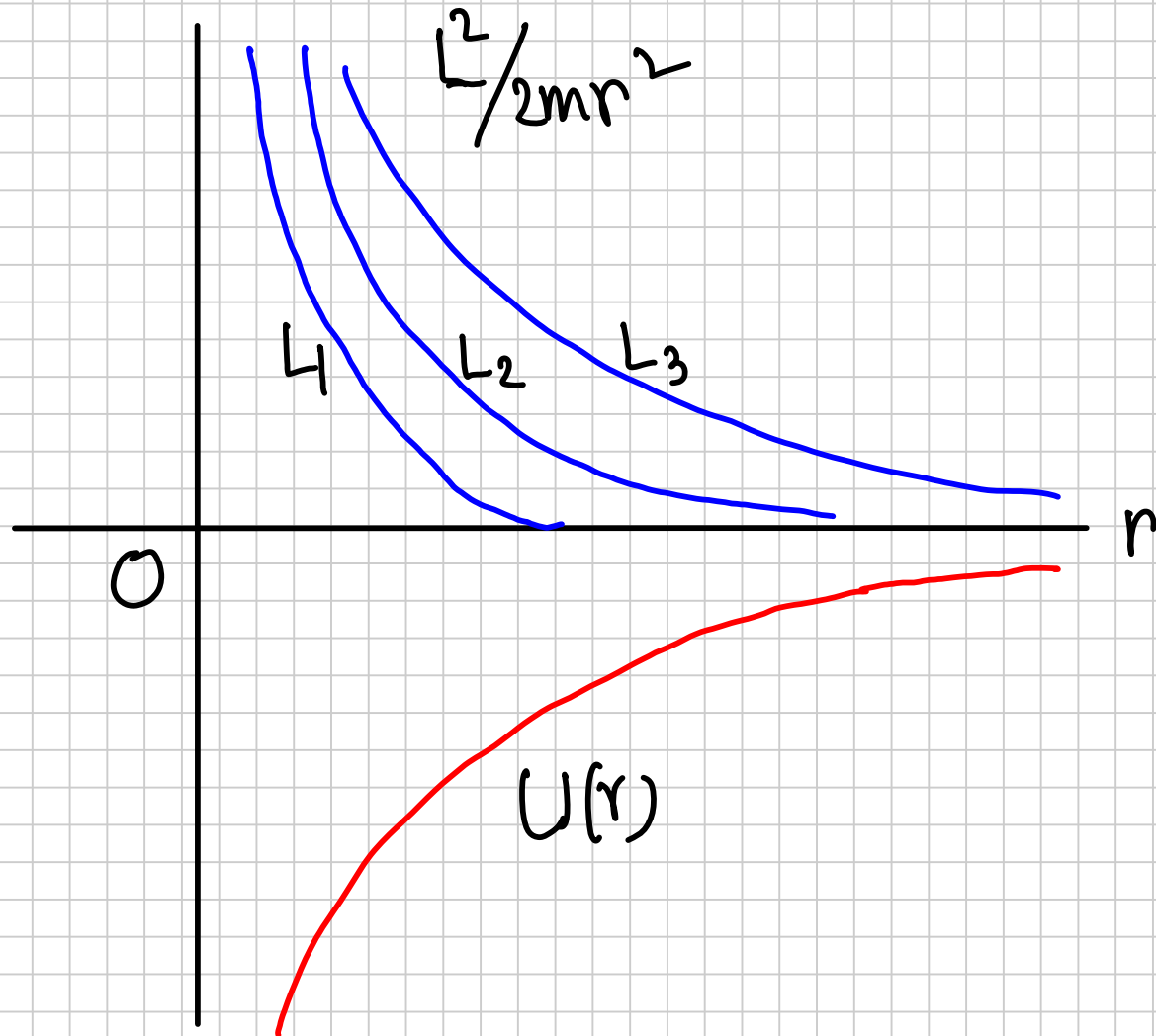
$$F_{\text{Centrifugal}} = - \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} \right) = \frac{L^2}{mr^3}$$

$$L = mr^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

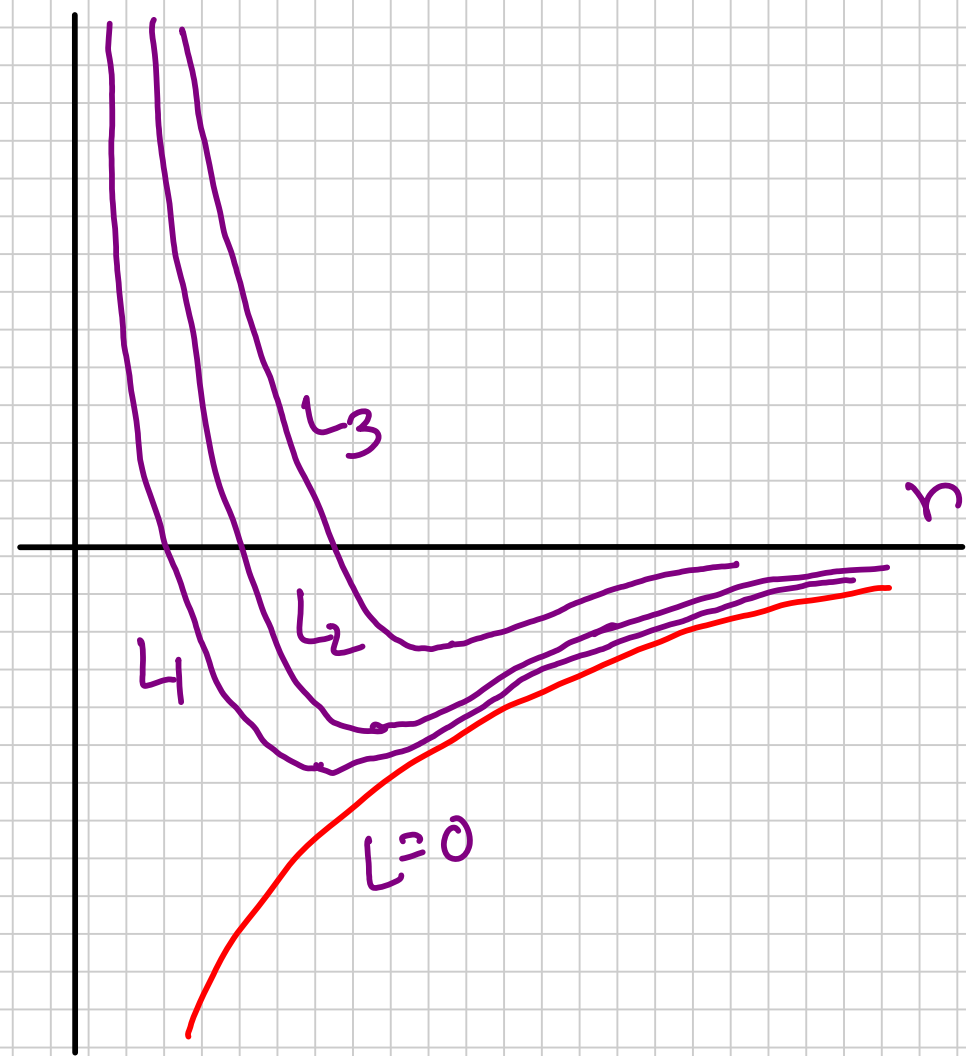
$$F_{\text{Centrifugal}} = mr \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 = m\omega^2 r$$

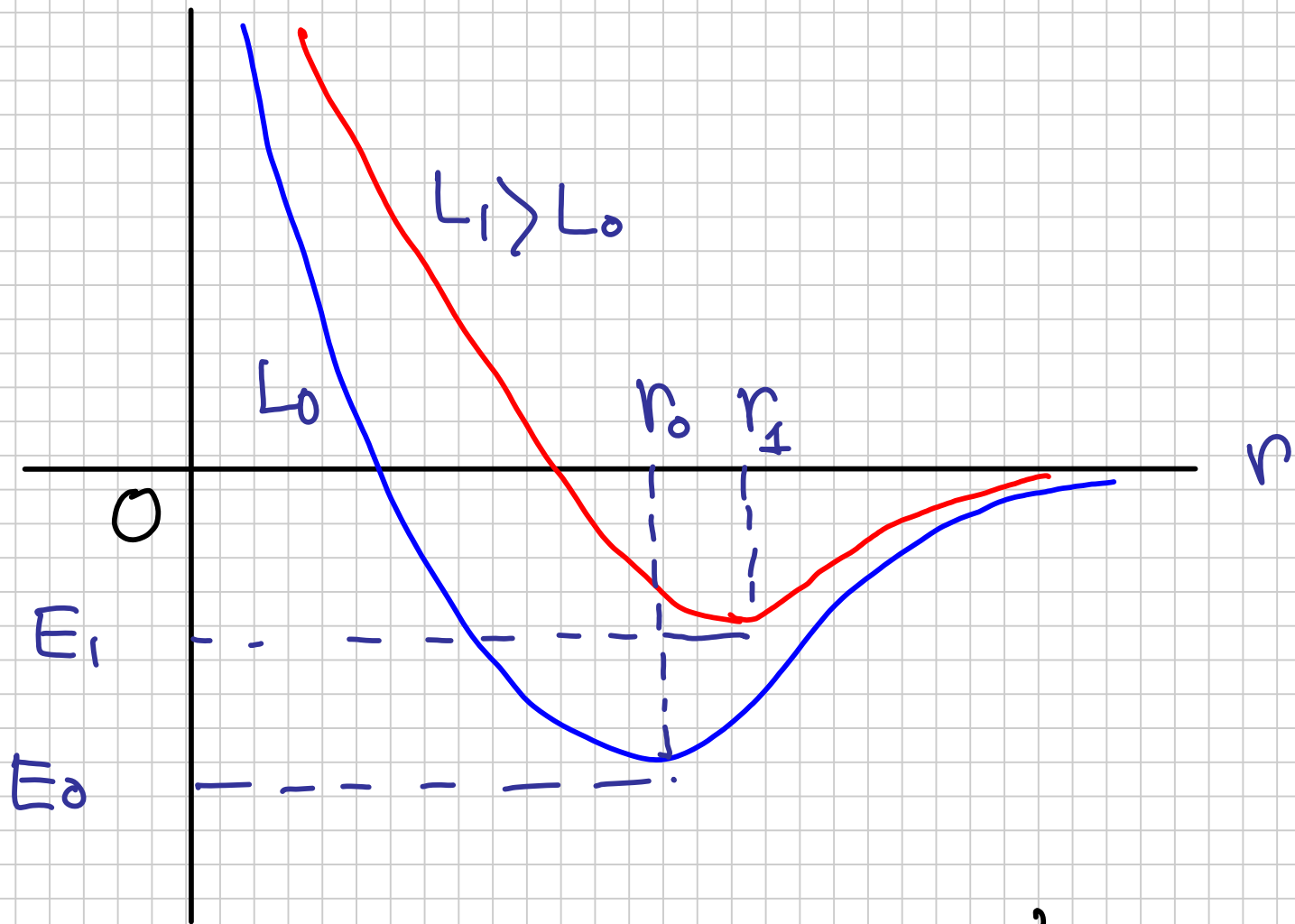
Centrifugal P.E  $\cong$  Part of K.E.

Energy



$U'(r)$





If  $v_r = 0$  Energy  $E = \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{GMm}{r}$

Put  $\frac{GMm}{r} = \frac{L^2}{mr^2} \Rightarrow E = -\frac{L^2}{2mr^2} = -\frac{GMm}{2r}$

$r \propto \frac{1}{E}$

## Example

$$U(r) = - \frac{GMm}{r}$$

Gravitational field!

So,

$$\frac{m v_r^2}{2} + \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{GMm}{r} = E \quad \text{and}$$

$$U'(r) = \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{GMm}{r} \rightarrow \text{Effective potential}$$

$$\frac{dU'}{dr} = - \frac{L^2}{mr^3} + \frac{GMm}{r^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L^2}{mr} = GMm = \text{Constant}$$

Orbital radius  $r \propto L^2$



$$U'(r) = \frac{L^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{GMm}{r}$$

$$\frac{dU'}{dr} = -\frac{L^2}{mr^3} + \frac{GMm}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{L^2}{mr_0} = GMm$$

$$\frac{d^2U'}{dr^2} = \frac{3L^2}{mr^4} - \frac{2GMm}{r^3}$$

at  $r=r_0 \rightarrow$  Effective Spring constant  $k = \frac{d^2U'}{dr^2}$

$$k = \frac{GMm}{r_0^3}$$

$$T_r = 2\pi \left( \frac{m}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2\pi}{(GM)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot r_0^{3/2}$$