

7. (6 pts) A particle of mass m moves in a potential field $V(r, \theta, \phi; t)$. Its Lagrangian in spherical coordinates is

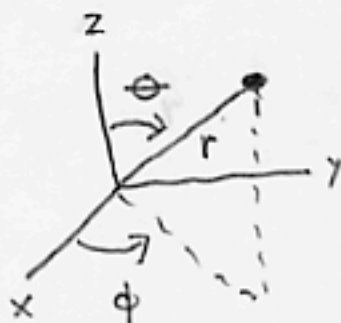
$$\mathcal{L}(r, \theta, \phi; \dot{r}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi}; t) = \frac{m}{2} \left[(\dot{r})^2 + r^2 (\dot{\theta})^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta (\dot{\phi})^2 \right] - V$$

and the canonically conjugate momenta are explicitly given by

$$p_r = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{r}} = m \dot{r}$$

$$p_\theta = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$p_\phi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = m r^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}$$



8. (6 pts) For a single particle the Virial Theorem reads

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k x^2, \quad F = -kx$$

$$\langle 2T \rangle = -\langle r \cdot F \rangle \Rightarrow \langle 2T \rangle = \langle x kx \rangle = \langle 2V \rangle$$

Apply this theorem to a one-dimensional harmonic oscillator described by a potential V and having total energy E :

- (a) Relate $\langle T \rangle$ and $\langle V \rangle$.

$$\langle T \rangle = \langle V \rangle$$

$$T + V = E \Rightarrow$$

$$\langle T \rangle + \langle V \rangle = E$$

- (b) Give a formula for $\langle T \rangle$ in terms of E .

$$\langle T \rangle = E/2$$

- (c) Give a formula for $\langle V \rangle$ in terms of E .

$$\langle V \rangle = E/2$$