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Integrating $\Rightarrow \dot{\psi} = -2(\omega/R)\rho + \alpha$ 6/19
↑ a constant

$\Rightarrow 2R\omega \dot{\psi} = -4\omega^2\rho + 2R\omega\alpha$ and \Rightarrow becomes

$m\ddot{\rho} = 4\omega^2\rho - 4\omega^2\rho + 2R\omega\alpha \Rightarrow$

$m\ddot{\rho} = 2R\omega\alpha \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{R\omega\alpha}{m}t^2 + \beta t + \gamma$

Putting back in and integrating \Rightarrow

$\psi = \alpha t - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\omega^2\alpha}{m} t^3 - \frac{\omega}{R} \beta t^2 - \frac{2\omega}{R} \gamma t + \text{const}$

We see that ρ grows/decreases in time unless $\alpha = \beta = 0$, and therefore the circular solution is unstable.

b) Use the orbit equation

$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = -\frac{m}{L^2} \frac{d}{du} V(\frac{1}{u})$ Goldstein 3.34

$V(r) = \frac{\lambda}{r^2} \Rightarrow V(\frac{1}{u}) = \lambda u^2$ and

$\frac{d}{du} V(\frac{1}{u}) = 2\lambda u \Rightarrow$

$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u \left[1 + \frac{2m\lambda}{L^2} \right] = 0$ ★