

Try  $\Theta(t) = \pi/2 \Rightarrow \ddot{\Theta} = \dot{\Theta} = 0 + \cos \Theta = 0.$

Then a) is satisfied with  $r^2 \dot{\phi} \neq \infty$   
and hence  $r^2 \sin \Theta \cos \Theta \dot{\phi}^2 = 0$

Thus b) is also satisfied.

Finally, there is no inconsistency with c)

Thus motion in  $\Theta = \pi/2$  plane is a solution.  
Since original Lagrangian is rotationally invariant + eqns of motion are second order, motion started in any plane will remain in a plane. But all initial conditions are equivalent to starting in some plane. Therefore motion always occurs in a plane.

So far, we have one constant of motion. By inspection,  $\partial \mathcal{L} / \partial t = 0$ . Thus, using Goldstein, page 53, we get a 2<sup>nd</sup> constant of motion.

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum \dot{q}_i p_i - \mathcal{L} = \text{const} \quad \text{where } p_i = \partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \dot{q}_i$$

$$\dot{\phi} \partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \dot{\phi} + \dot{\Theta} \partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \dot{\Theta} + \dot{r} \partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \dot{r} = -f^{3/2}$$

$$-f^{3/2} \left[ r^2 (\dot{\Theta}^2 + \sin^2 \Theta \dot{\phi}^2) + \dot{r}^2 \left(1 - \frac{a}{r}\right)^{-1} \right]. \quad \text{Therefore,}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = -f^{-1/2} \left[ r^2 (\dot{\Theta}^2 + \sin^2 \Theta \dot{\phi}^2) + \dot{r}^2 \left(1 - \frac{a}{r}\right)^{-1} \right] - f^{1/2}$$