

# Lecture 26

## Introduction to Orbital Dynamics

(Ch. 2-4 of Unit 5 11.29.12)

### Orbits in Isotropic Harmonic Oscillator and Coulomb Potentials

#### ➔ Effective potentials for IHO and Coulomb orbits

Stable equilibrium radii and radial/angular frequency ratios

Classical turning radii and apogee/perigee parameters

Polar coordinate differential equations

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Detailed orbital functions

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Kepler equation of time and phase geometry

(A mystery similarity appears)



### Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb orbits

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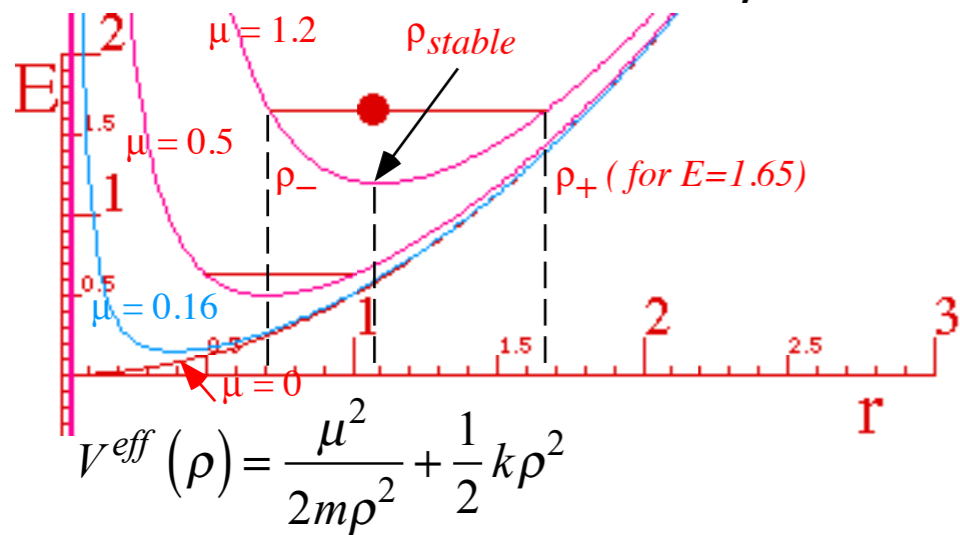
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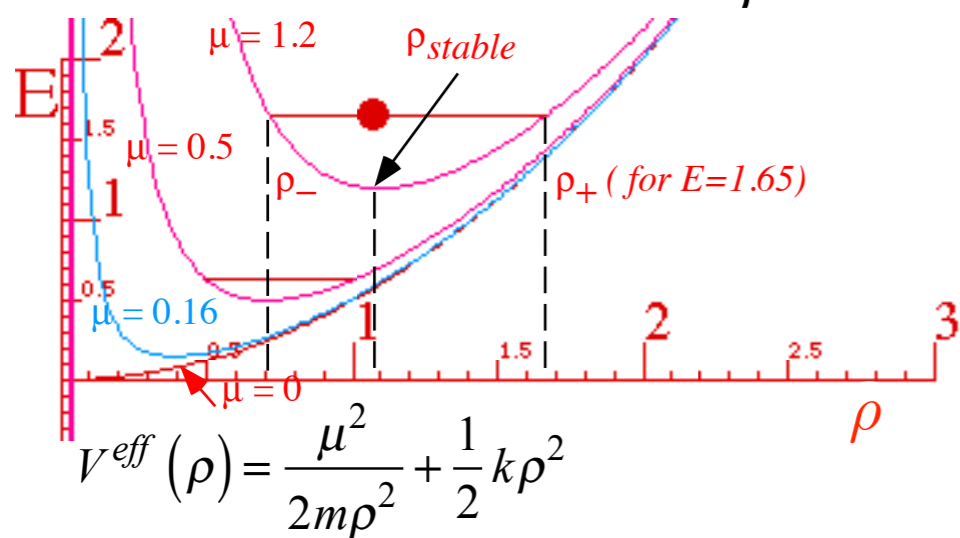
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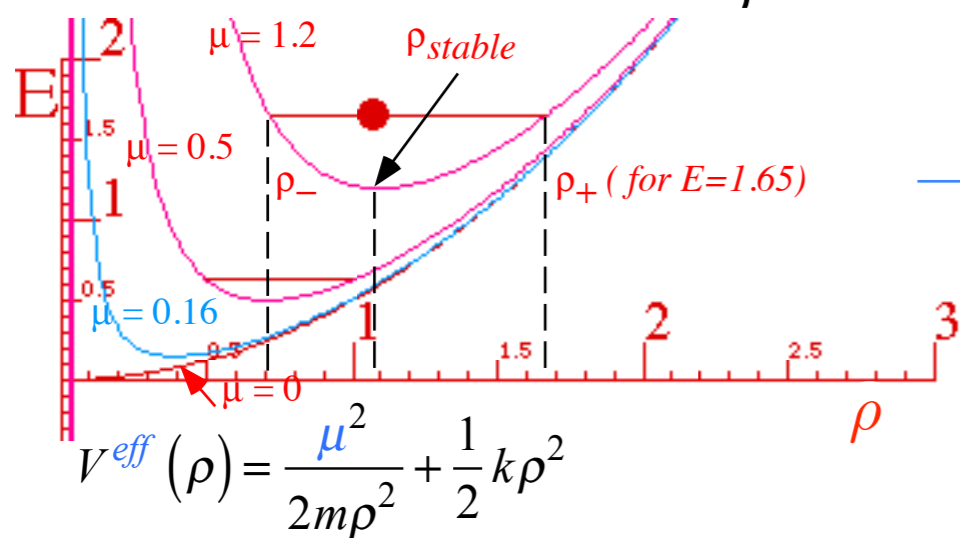
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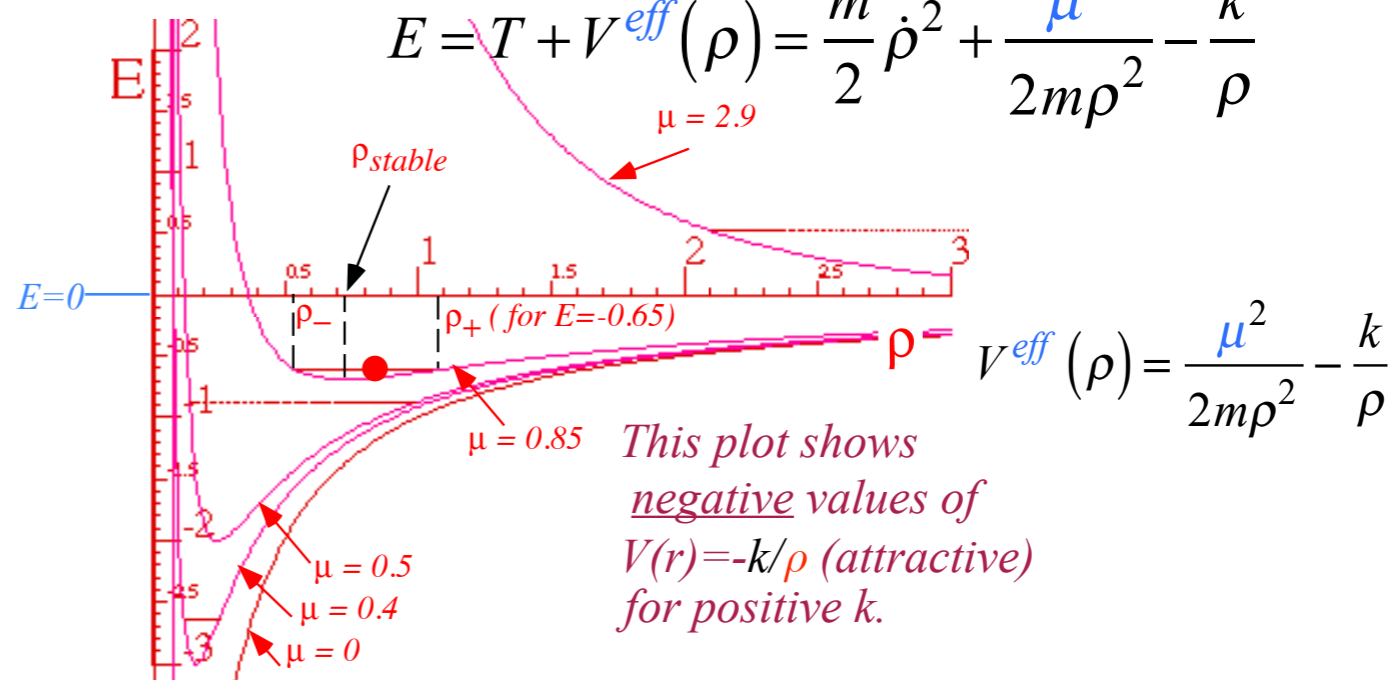
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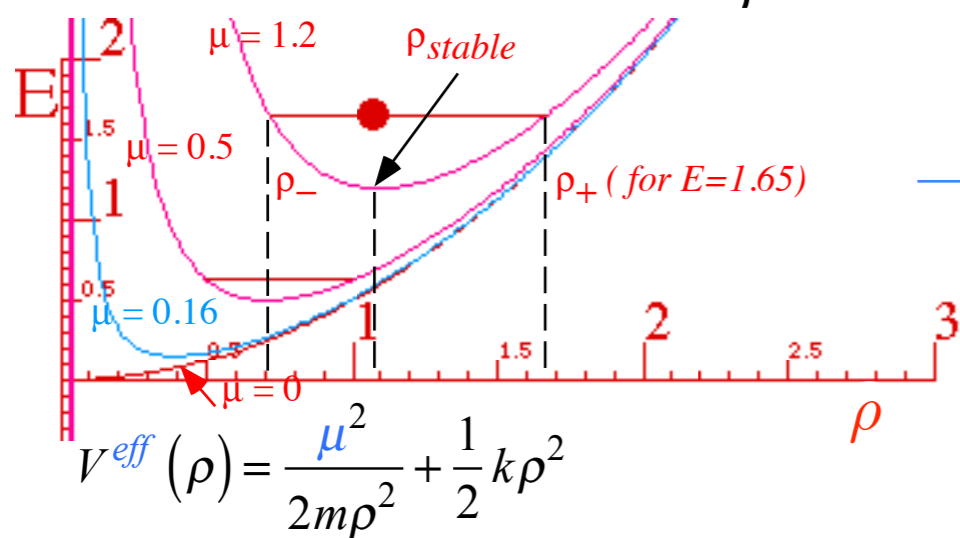
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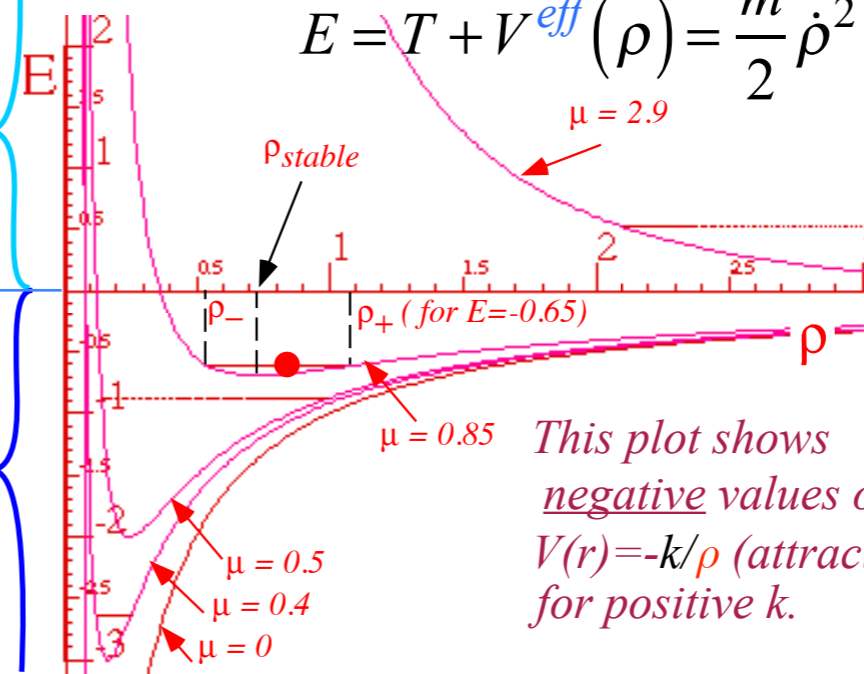


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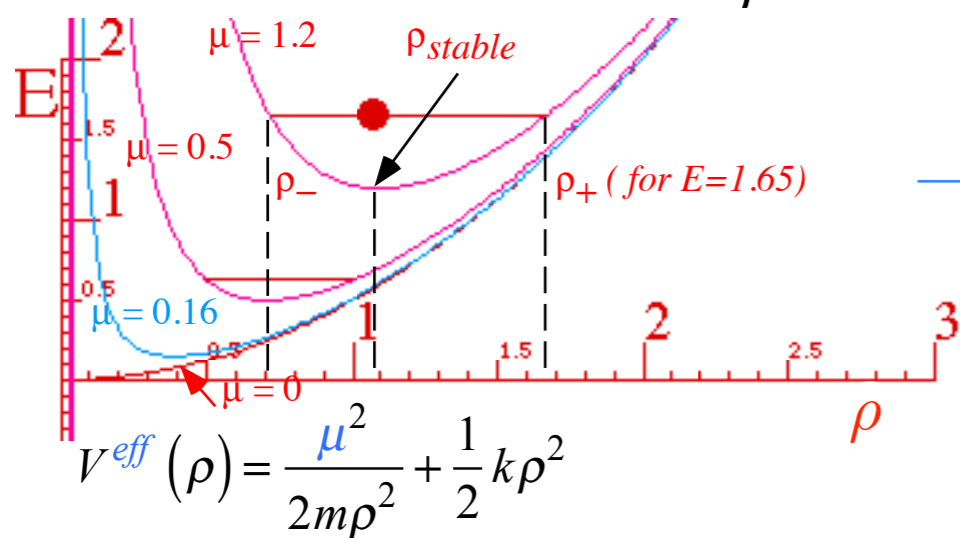
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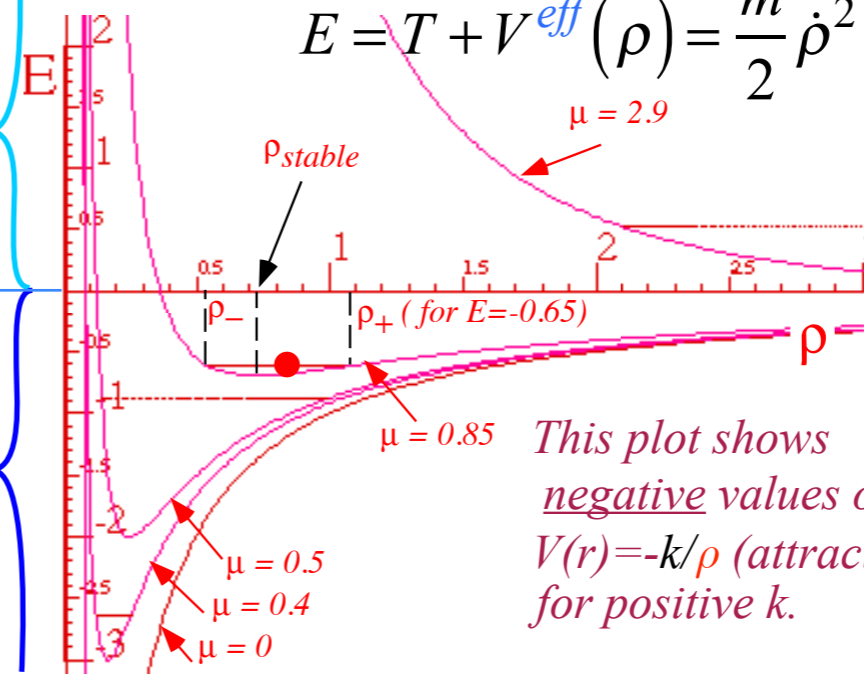


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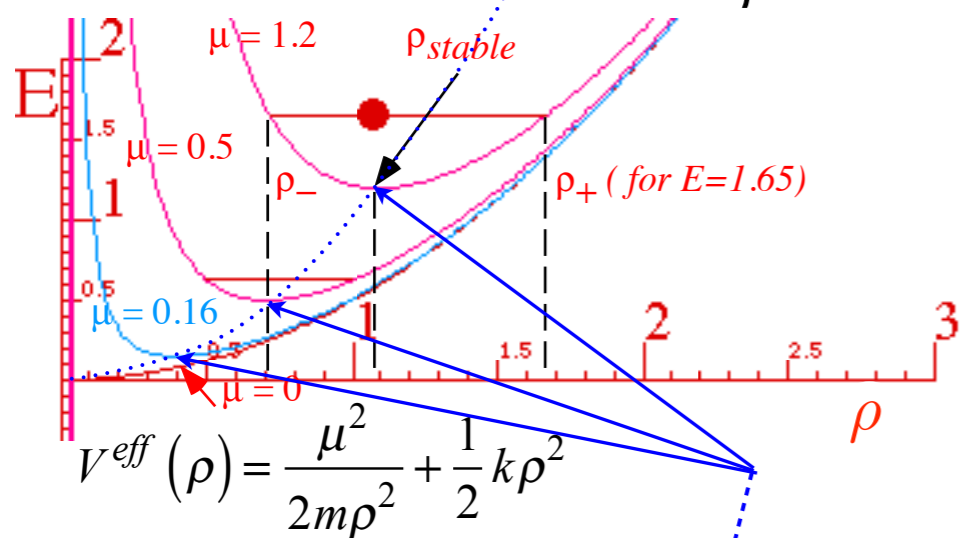
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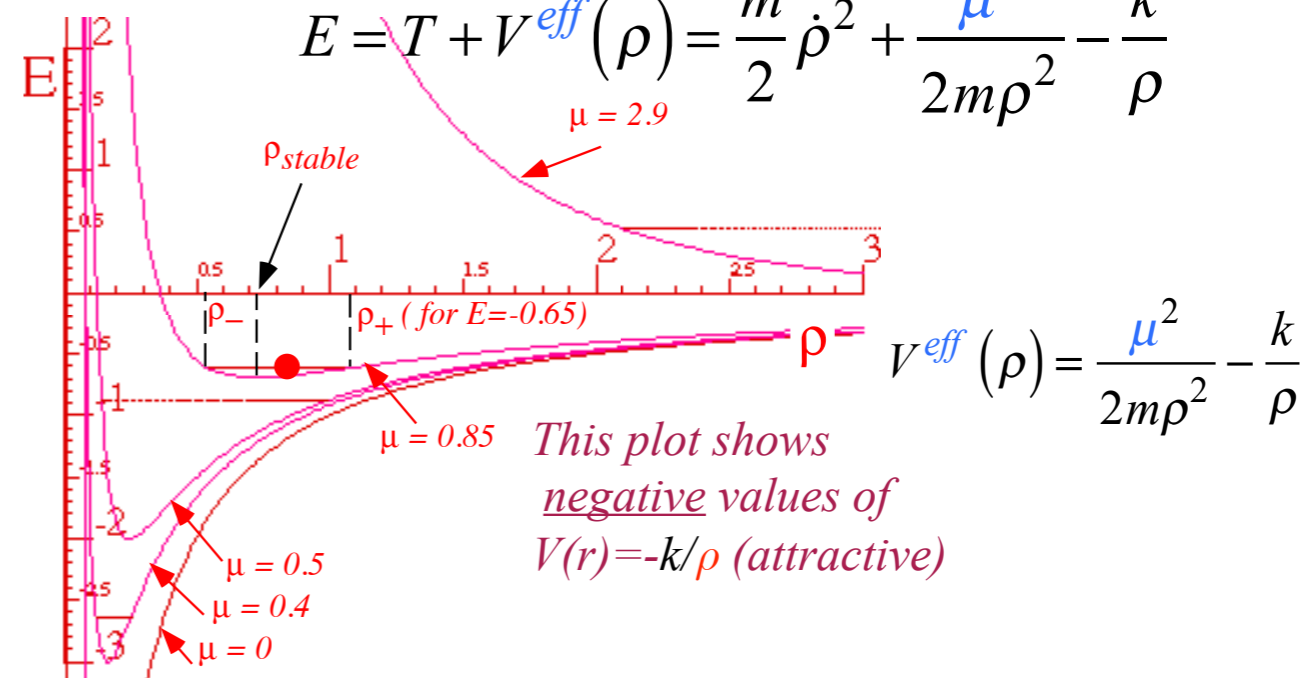
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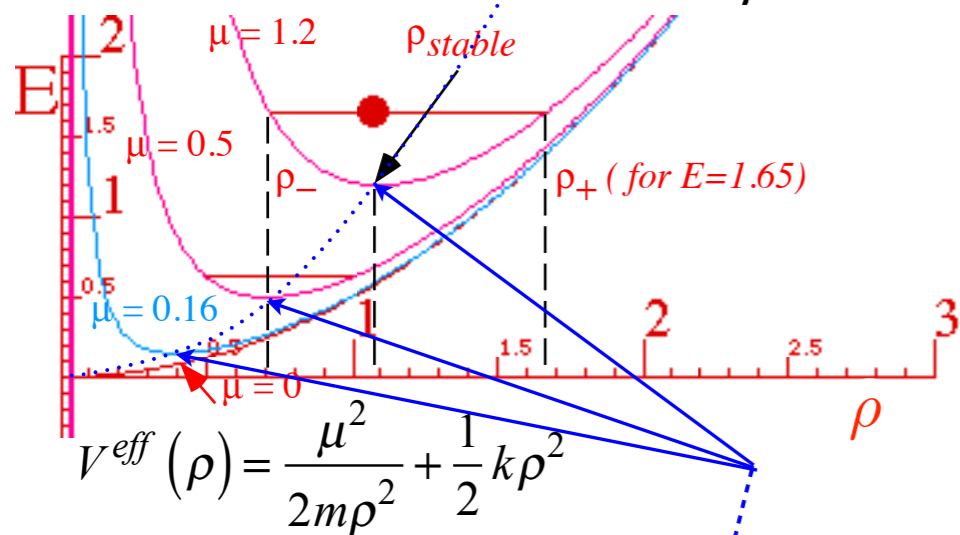
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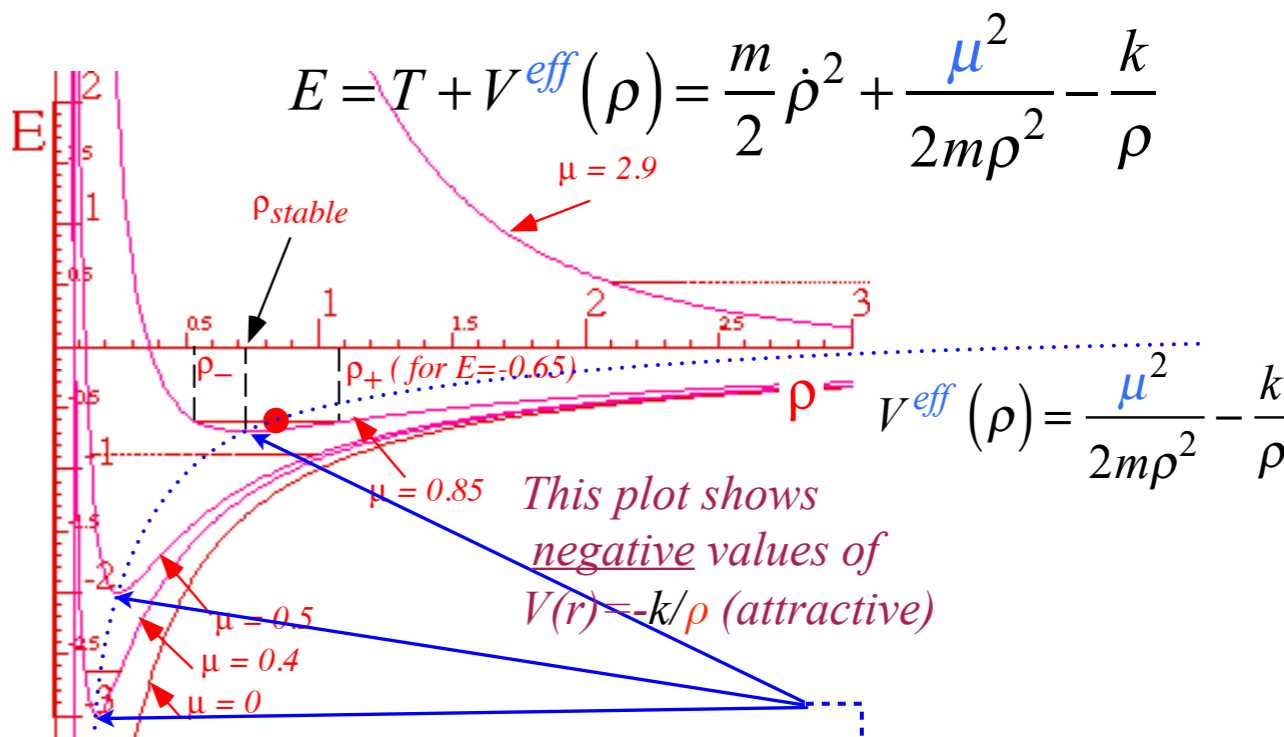
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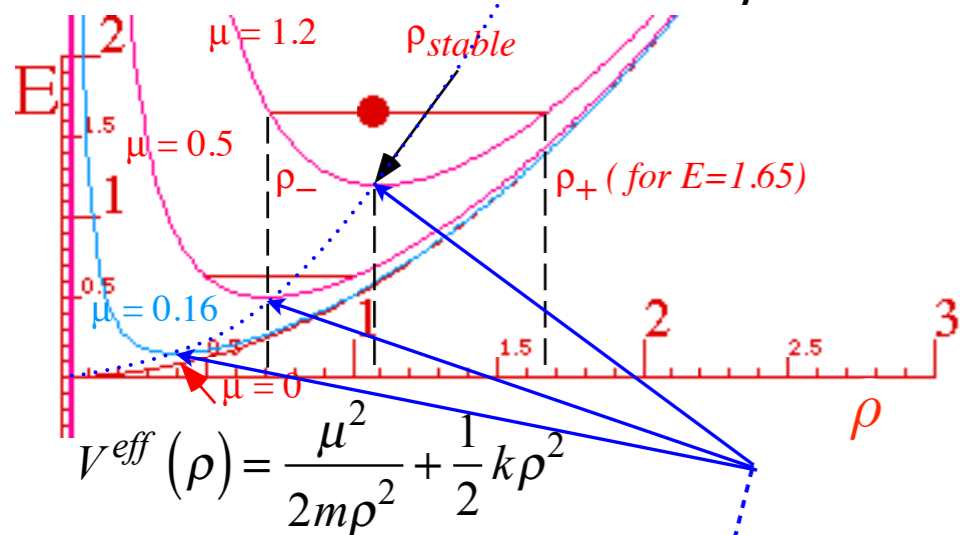
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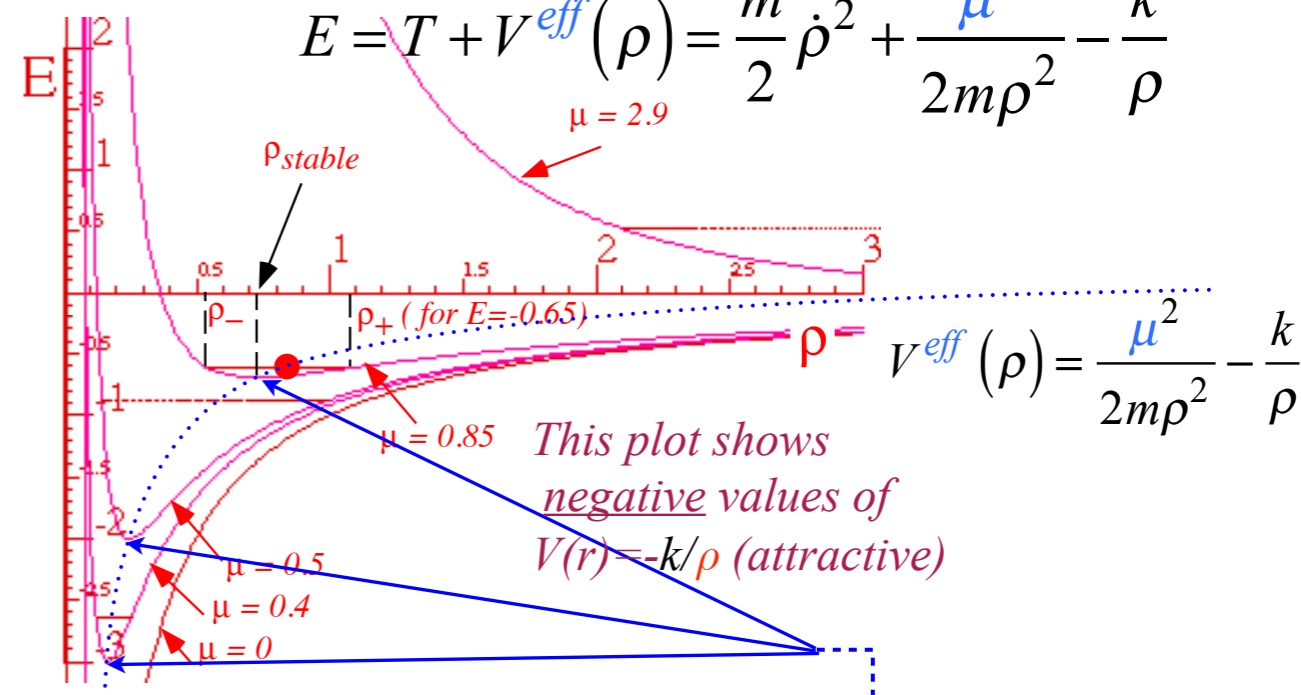
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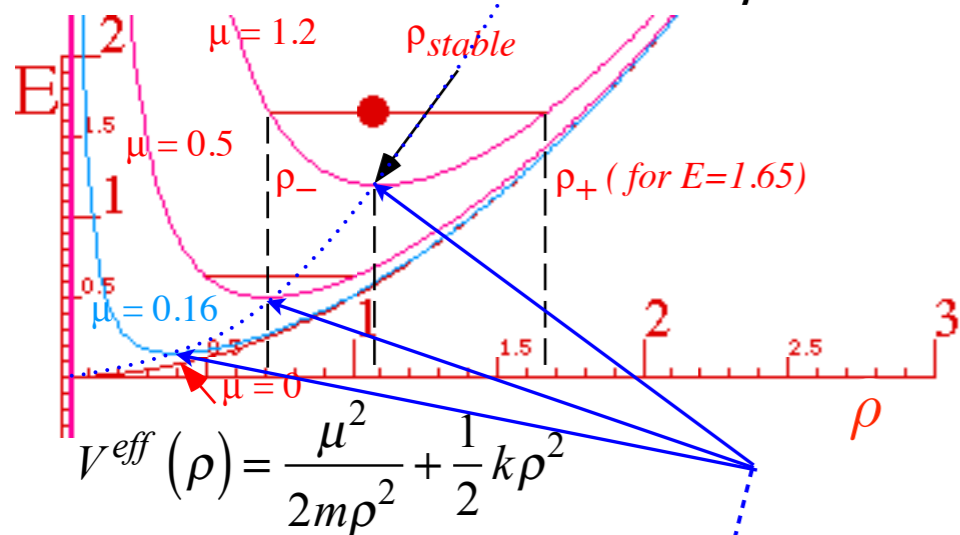
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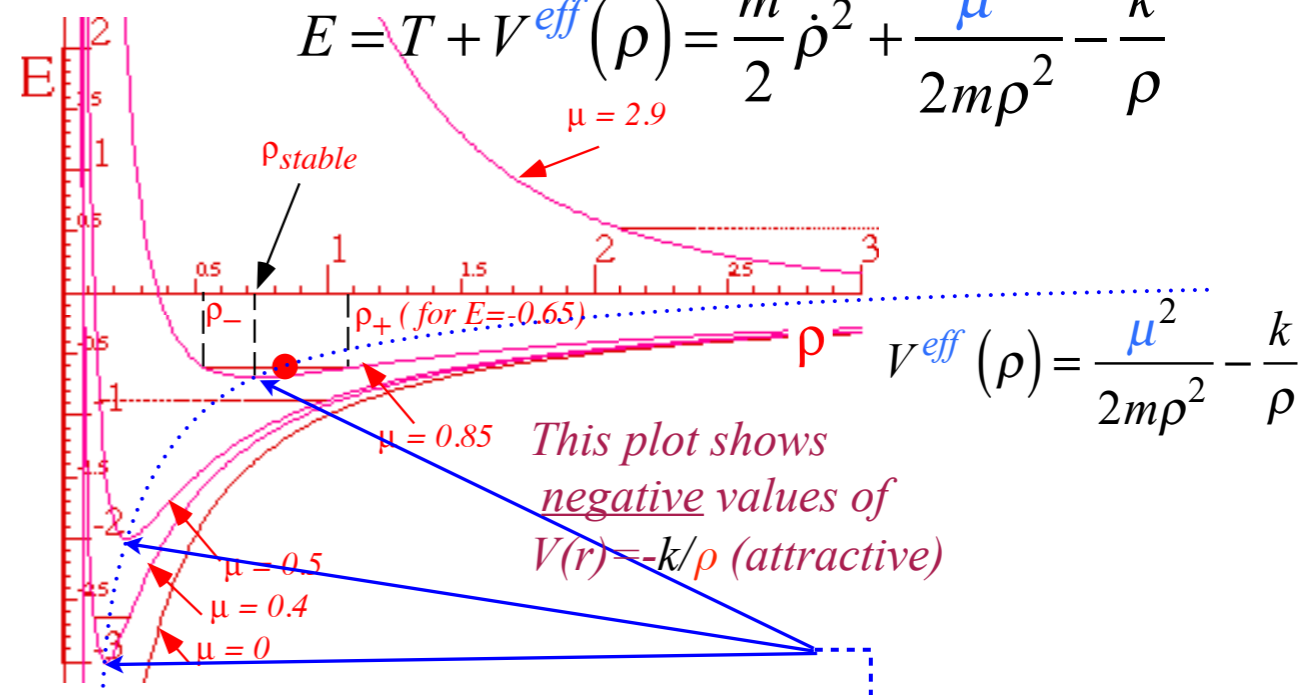
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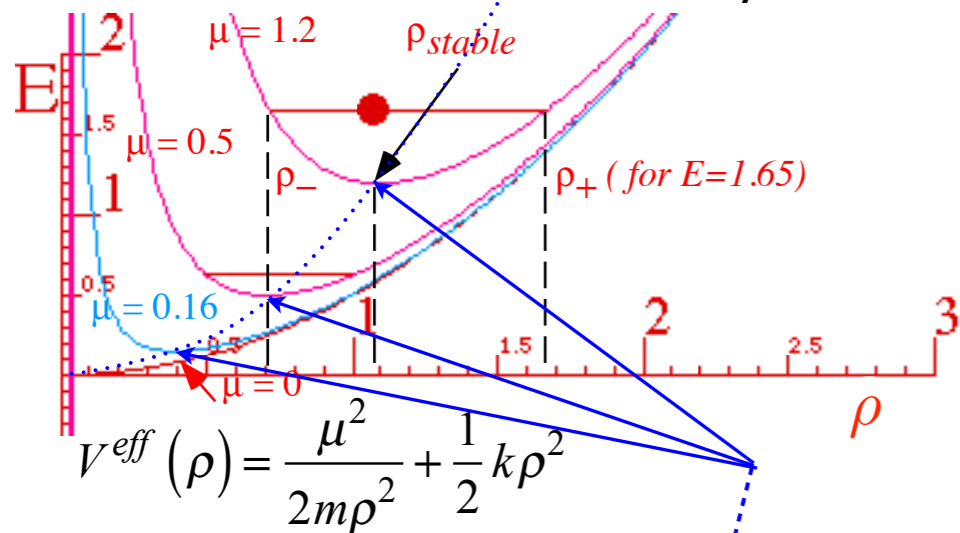
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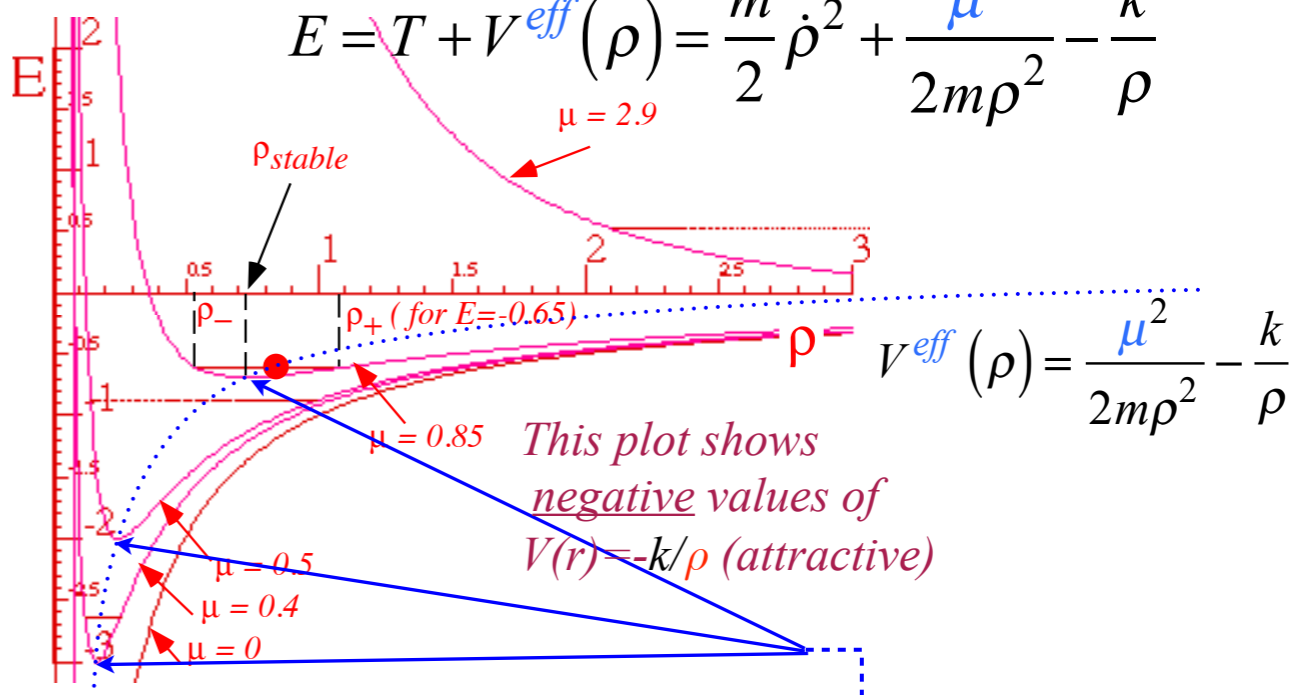
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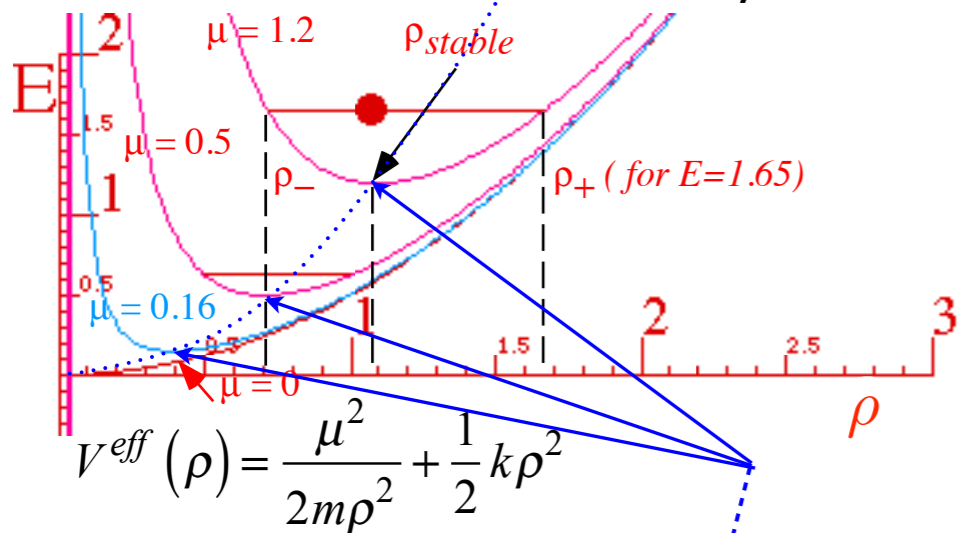
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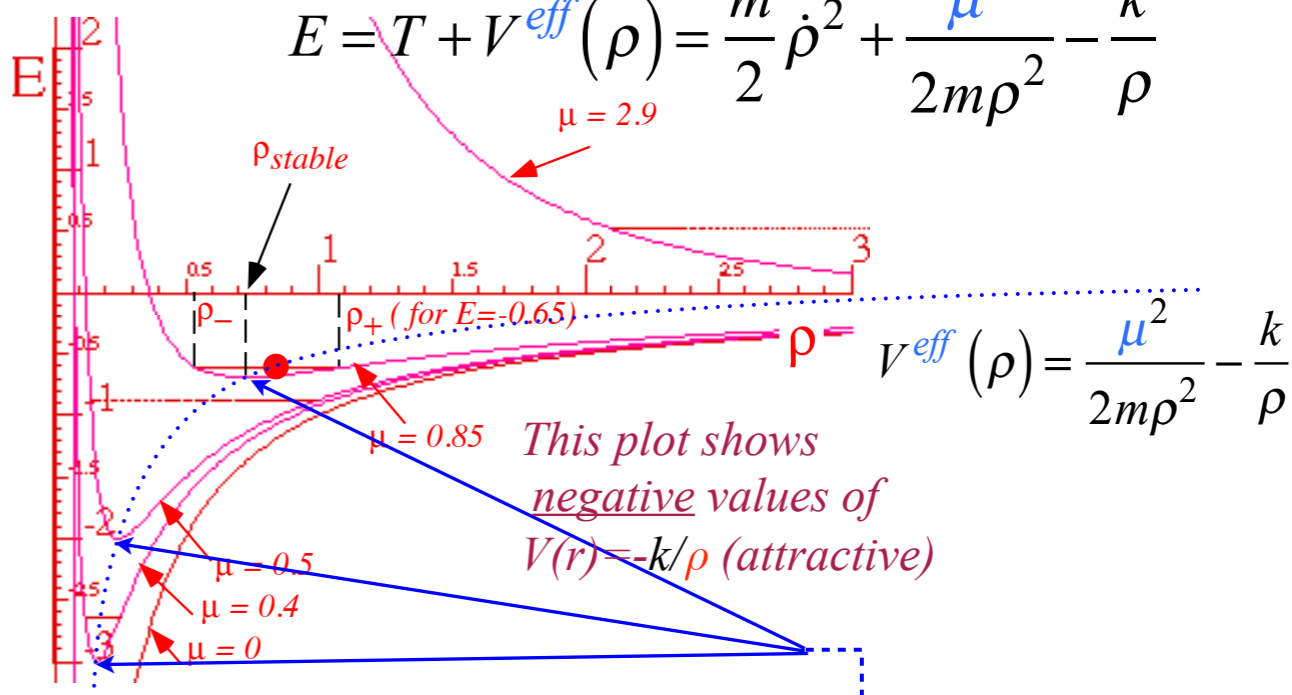
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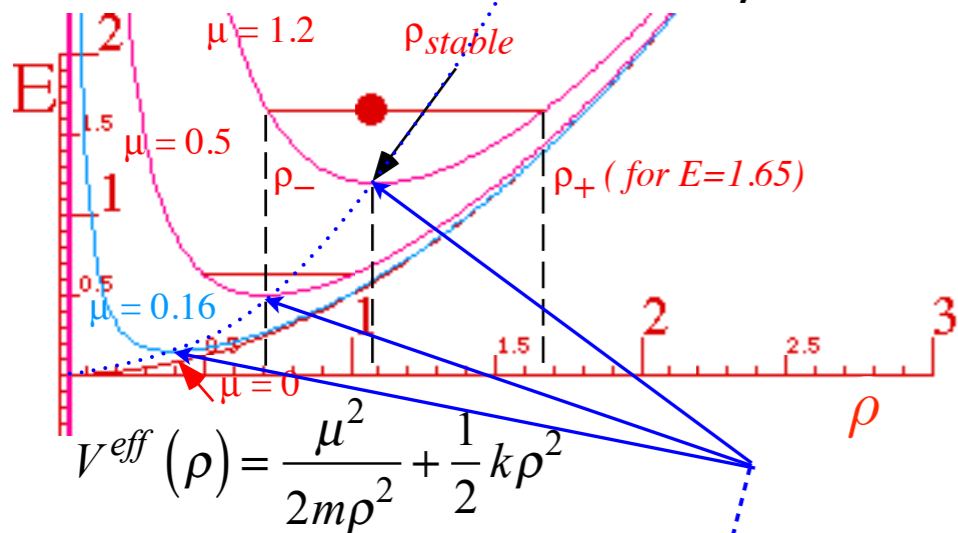
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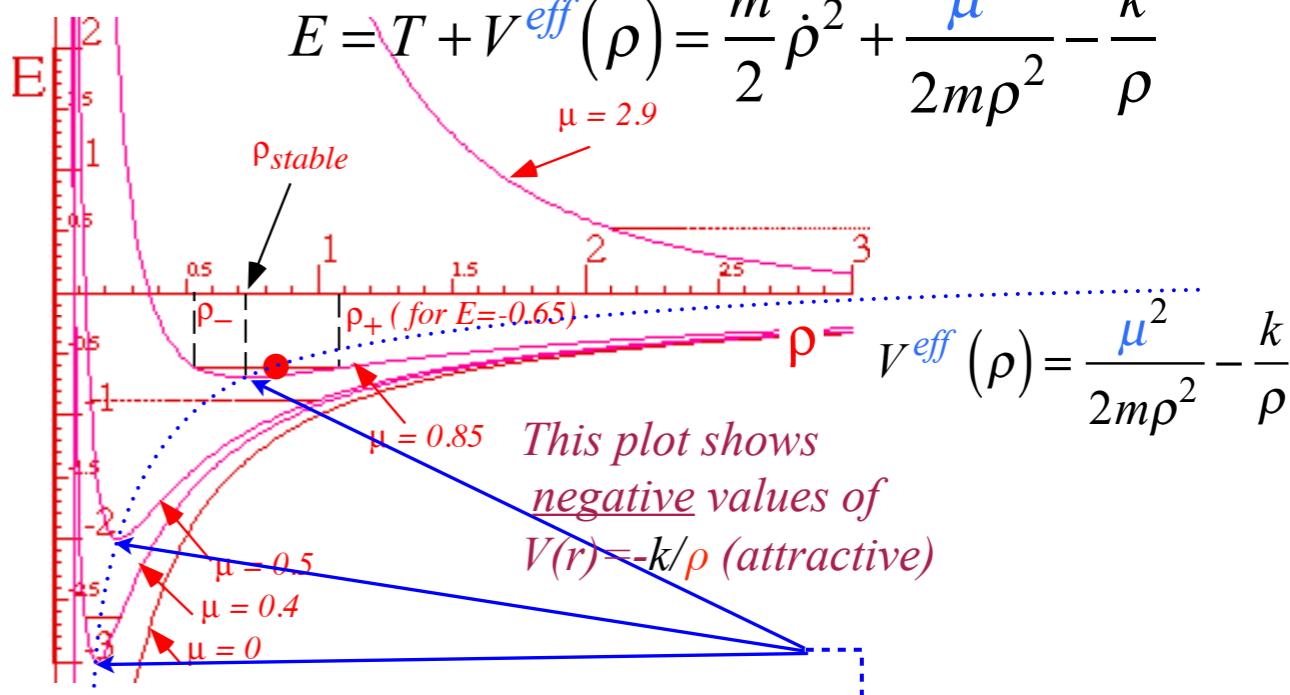
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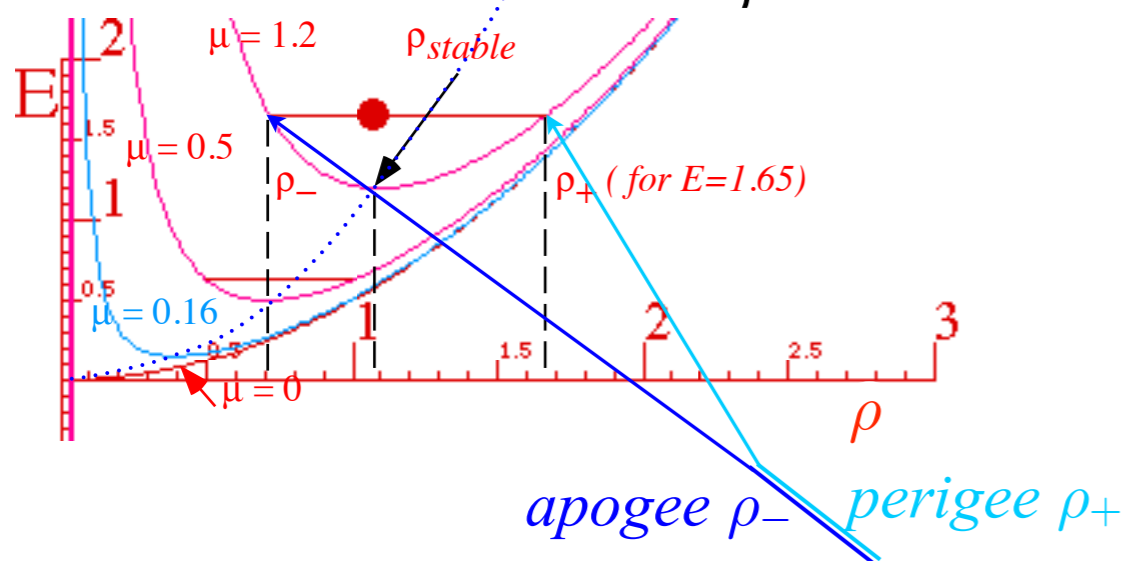
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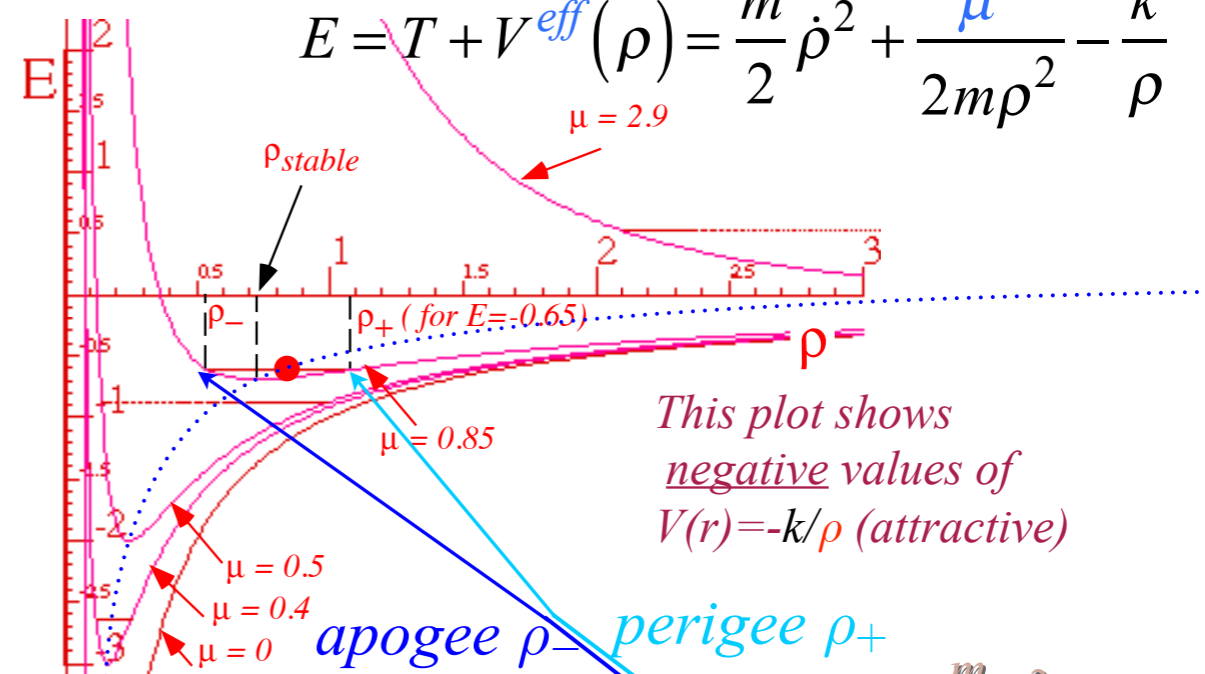
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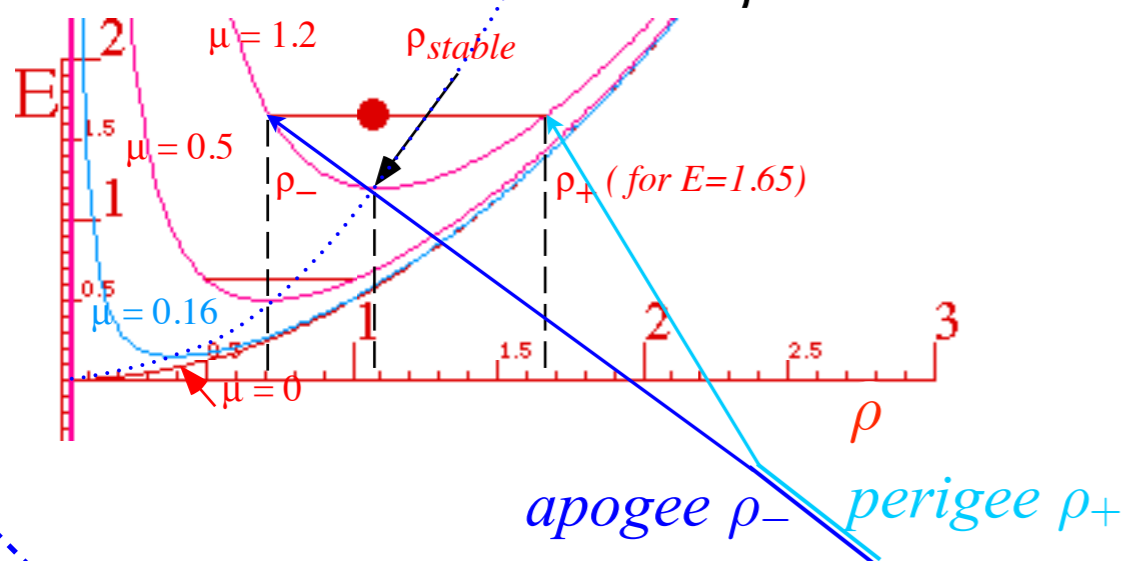
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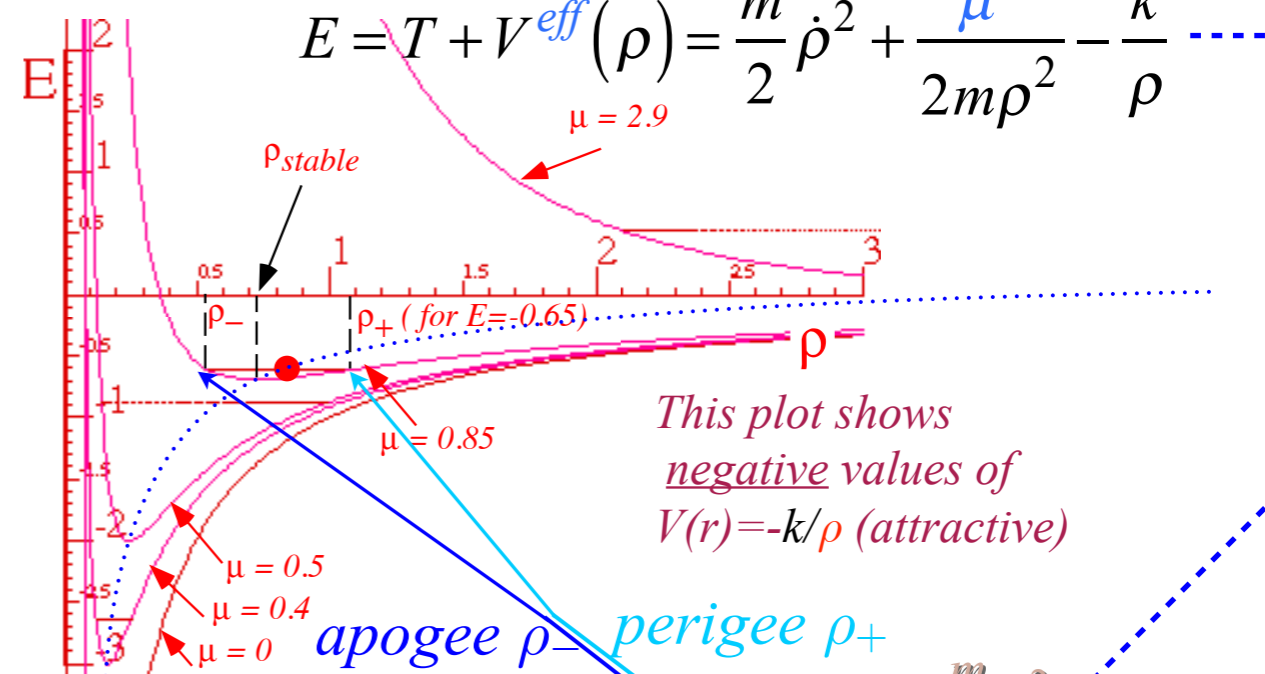
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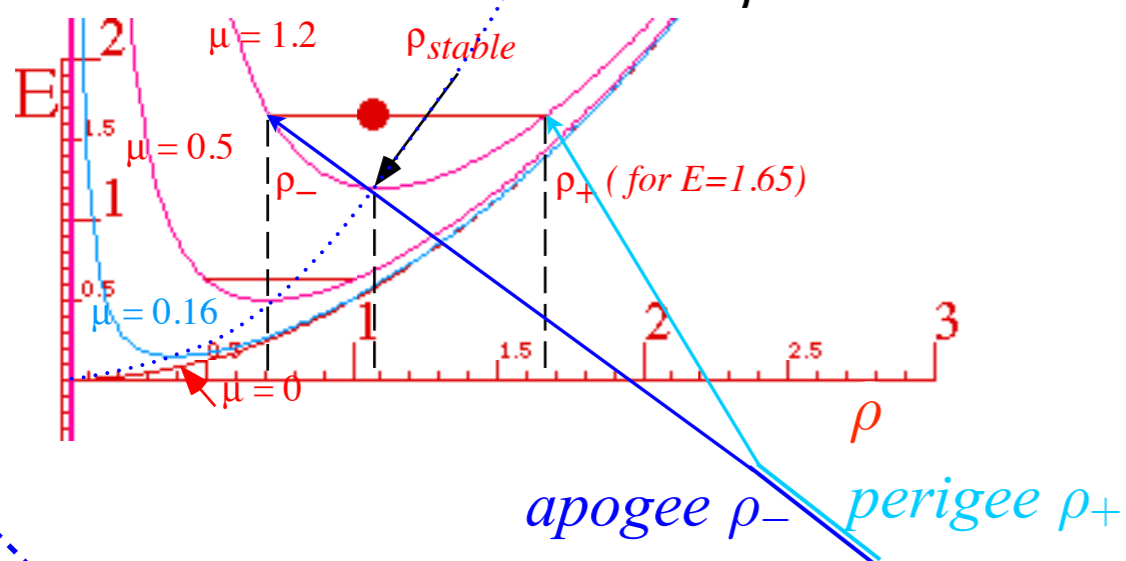
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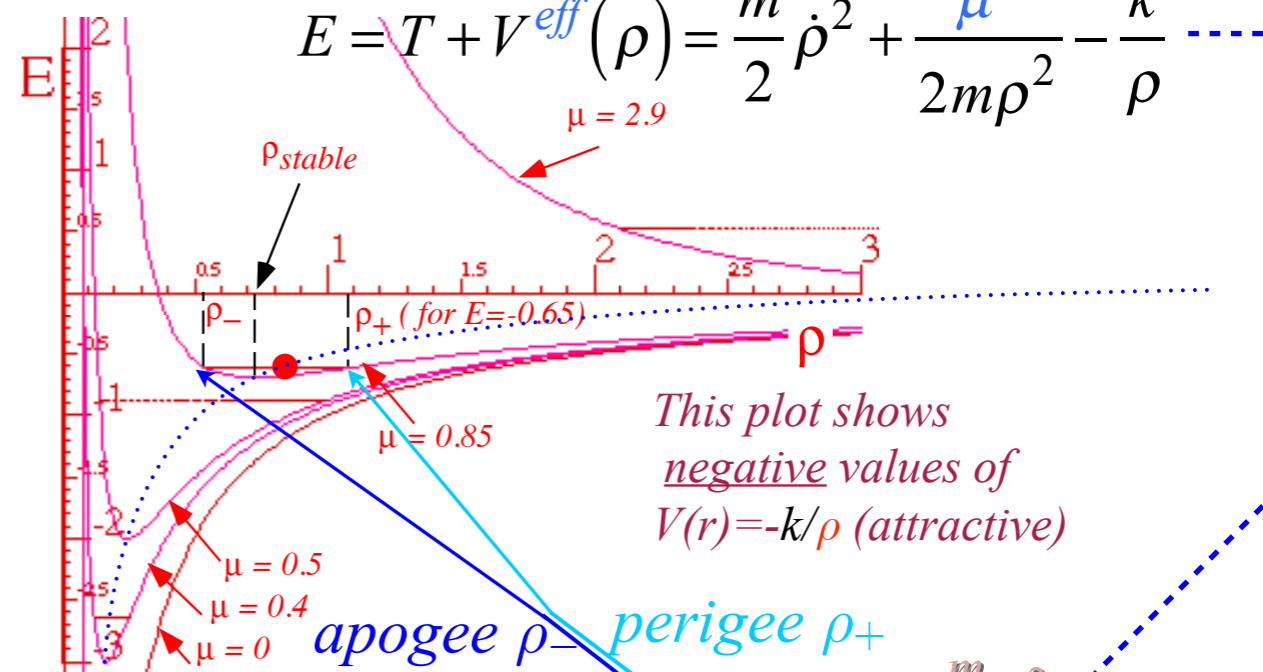
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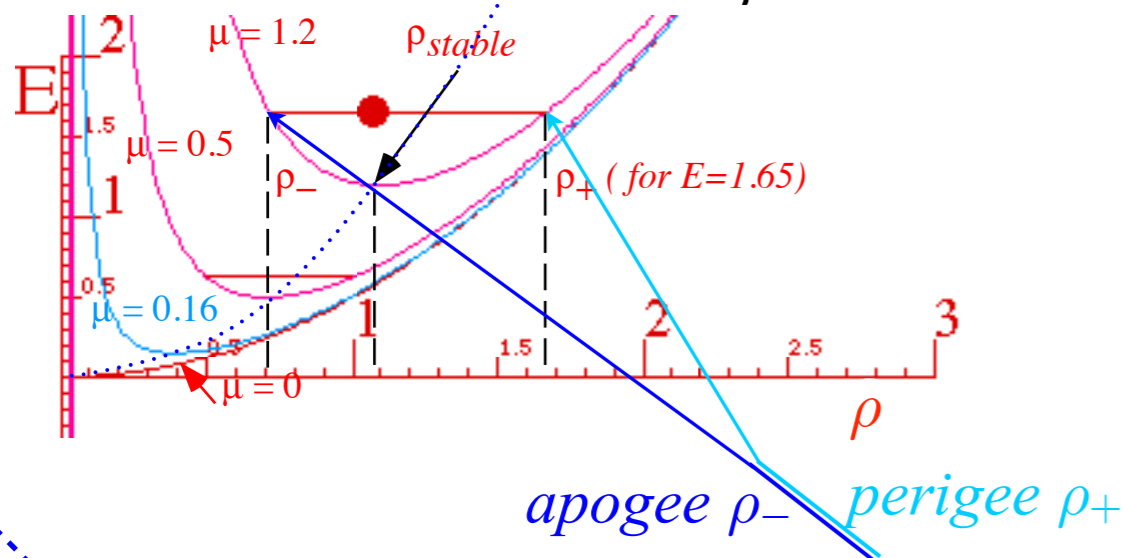
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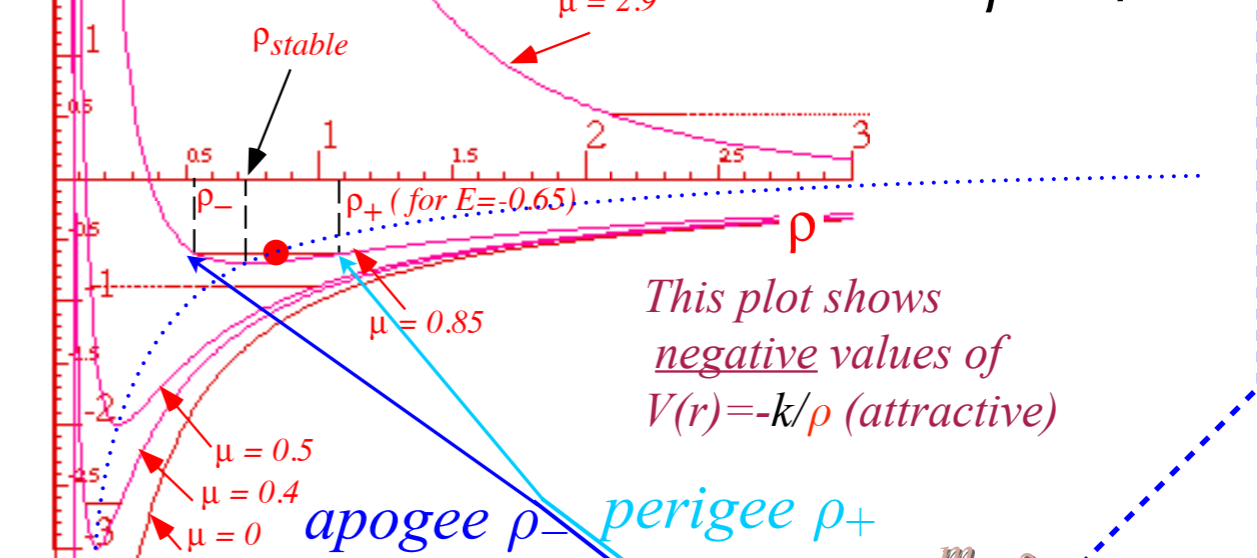
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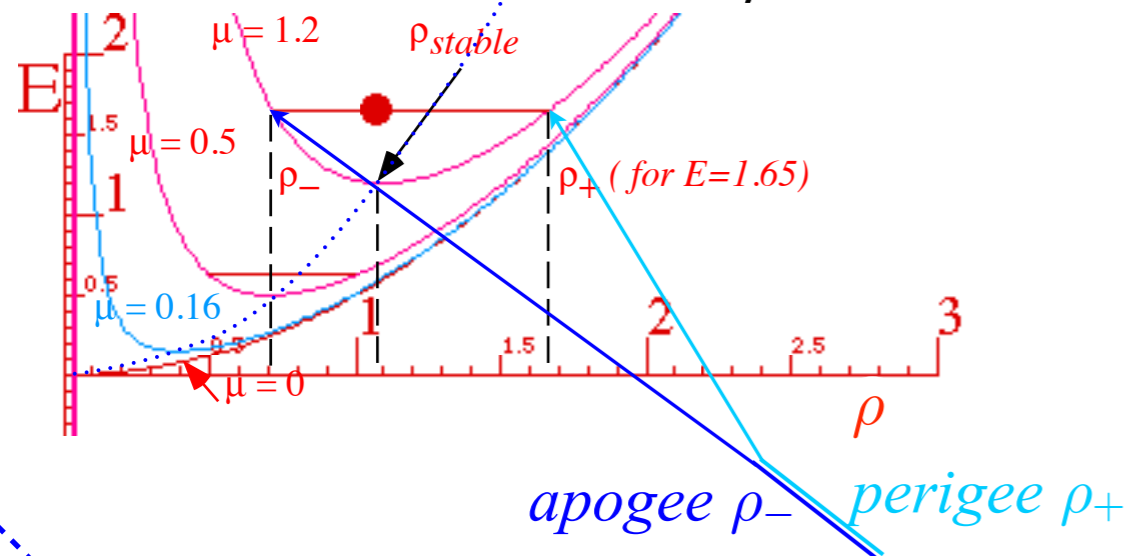
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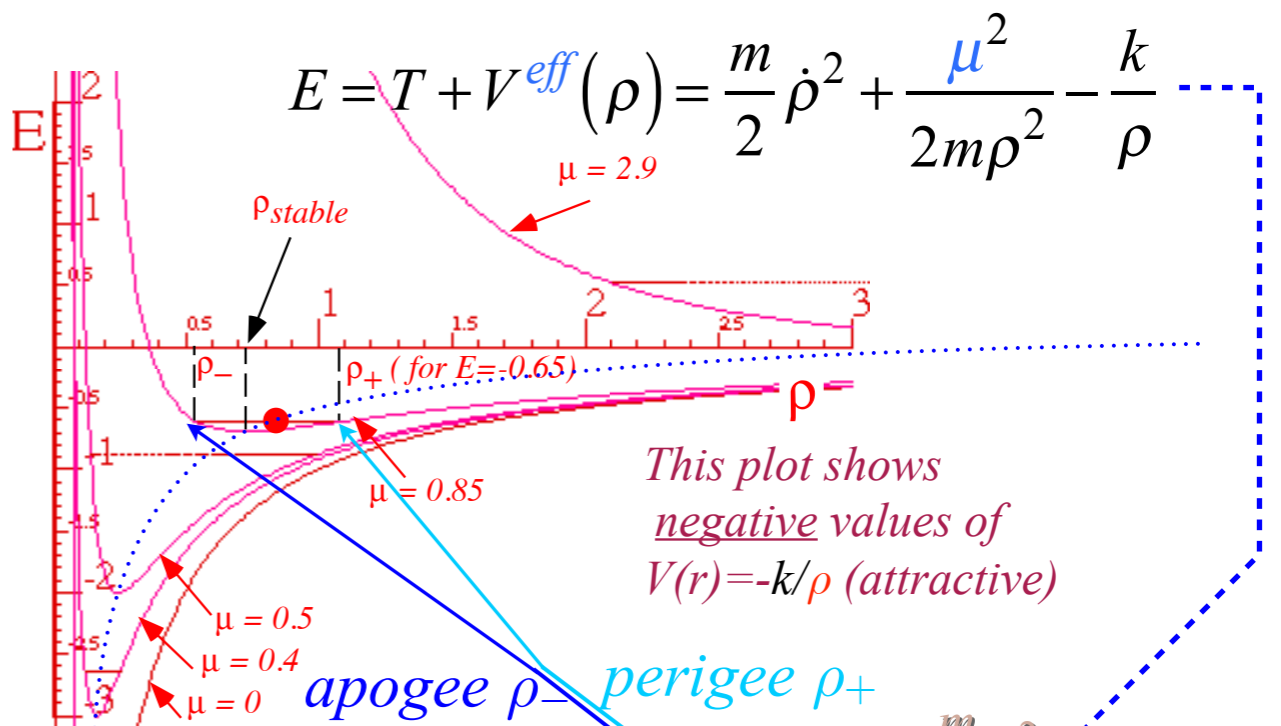
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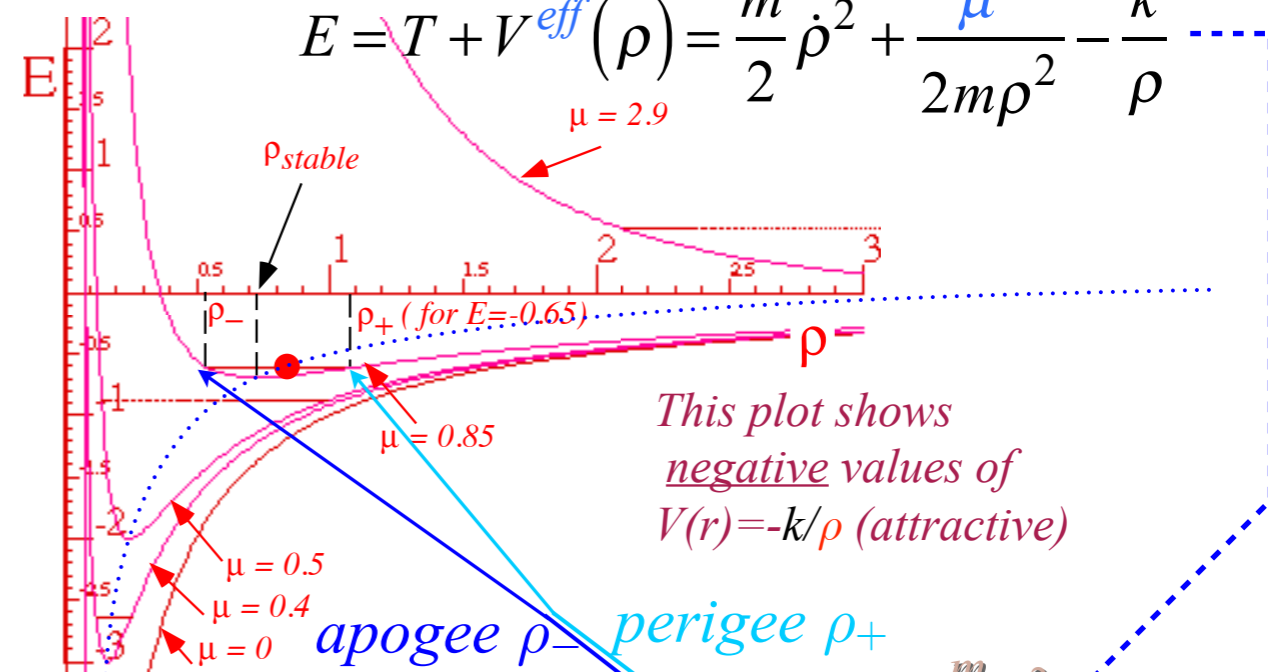
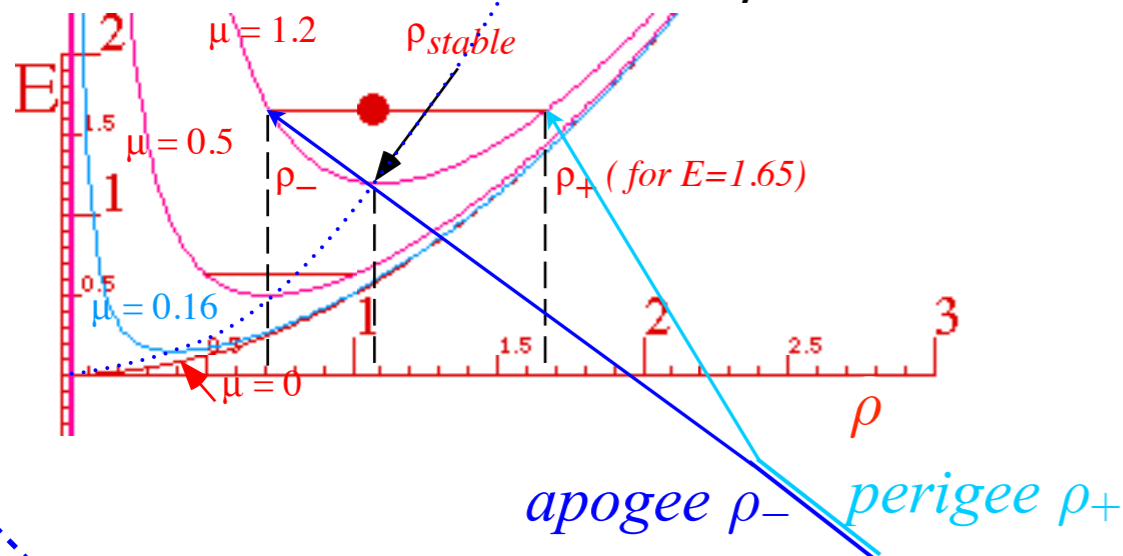
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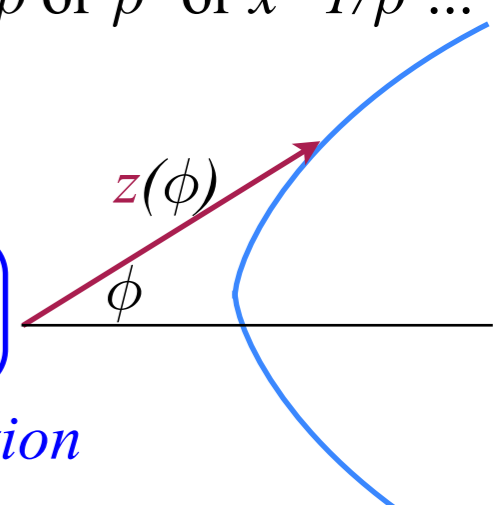
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# Algebra details and checks

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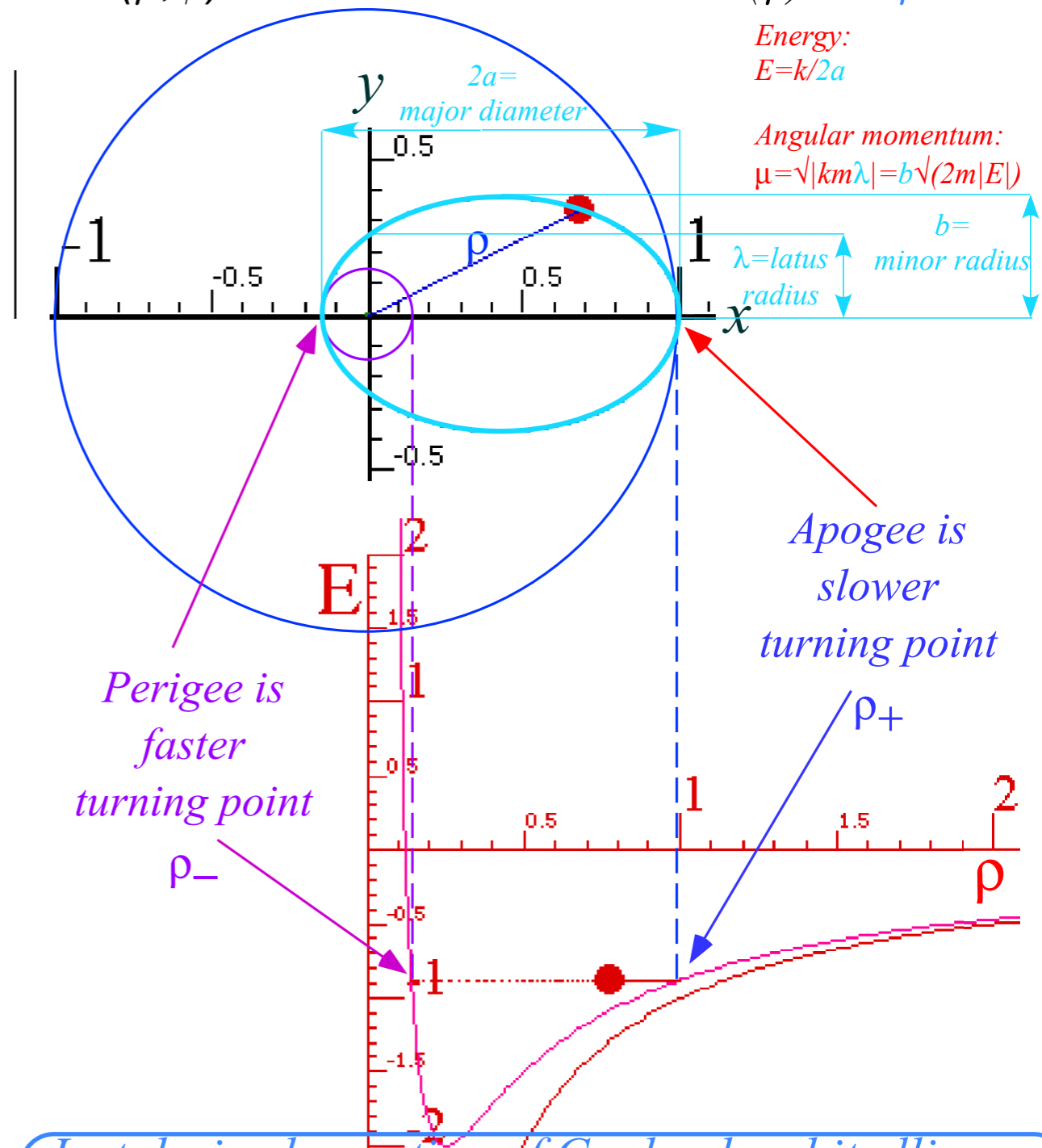
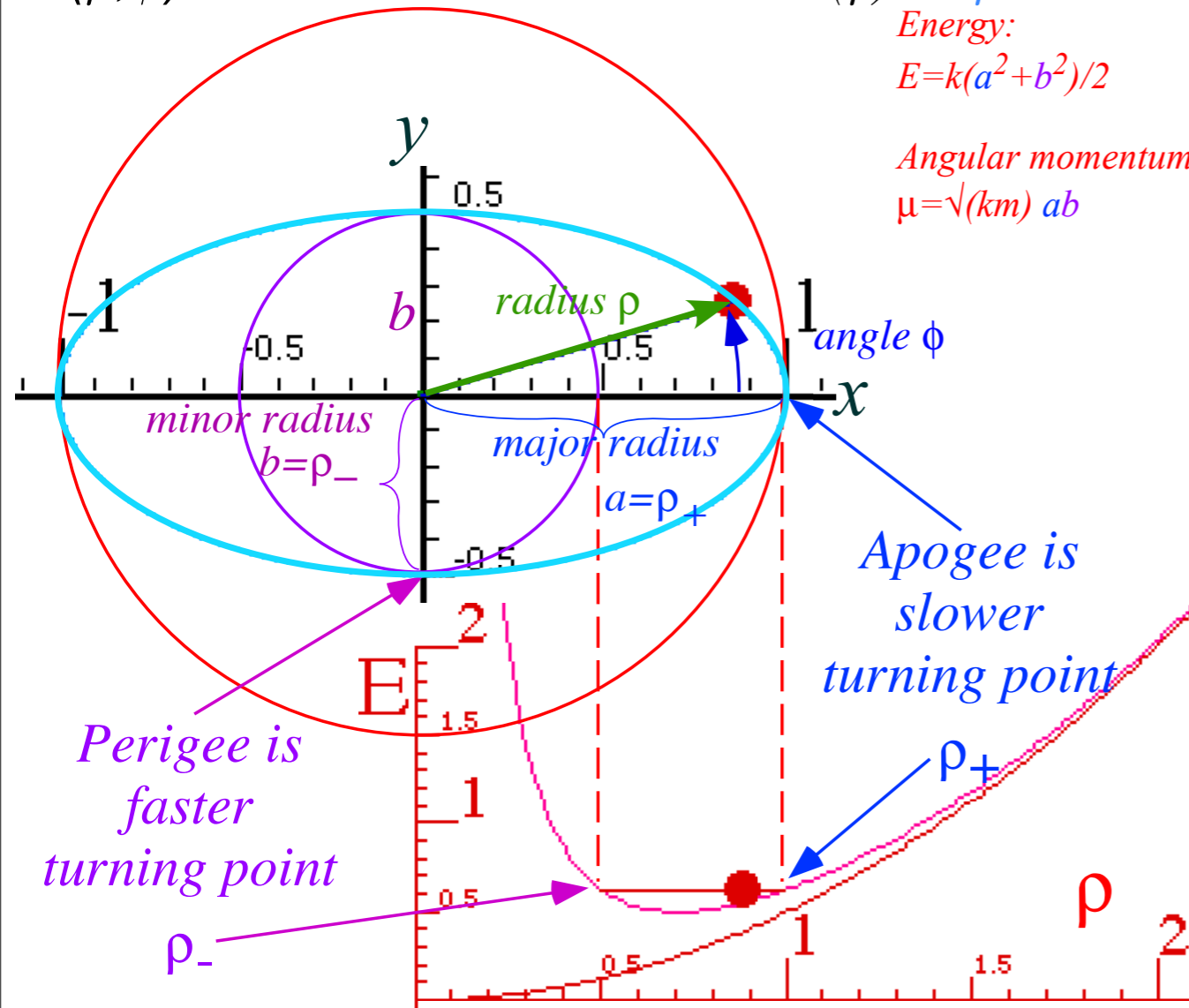
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*Just derived equation of IHO orbit ellipse*

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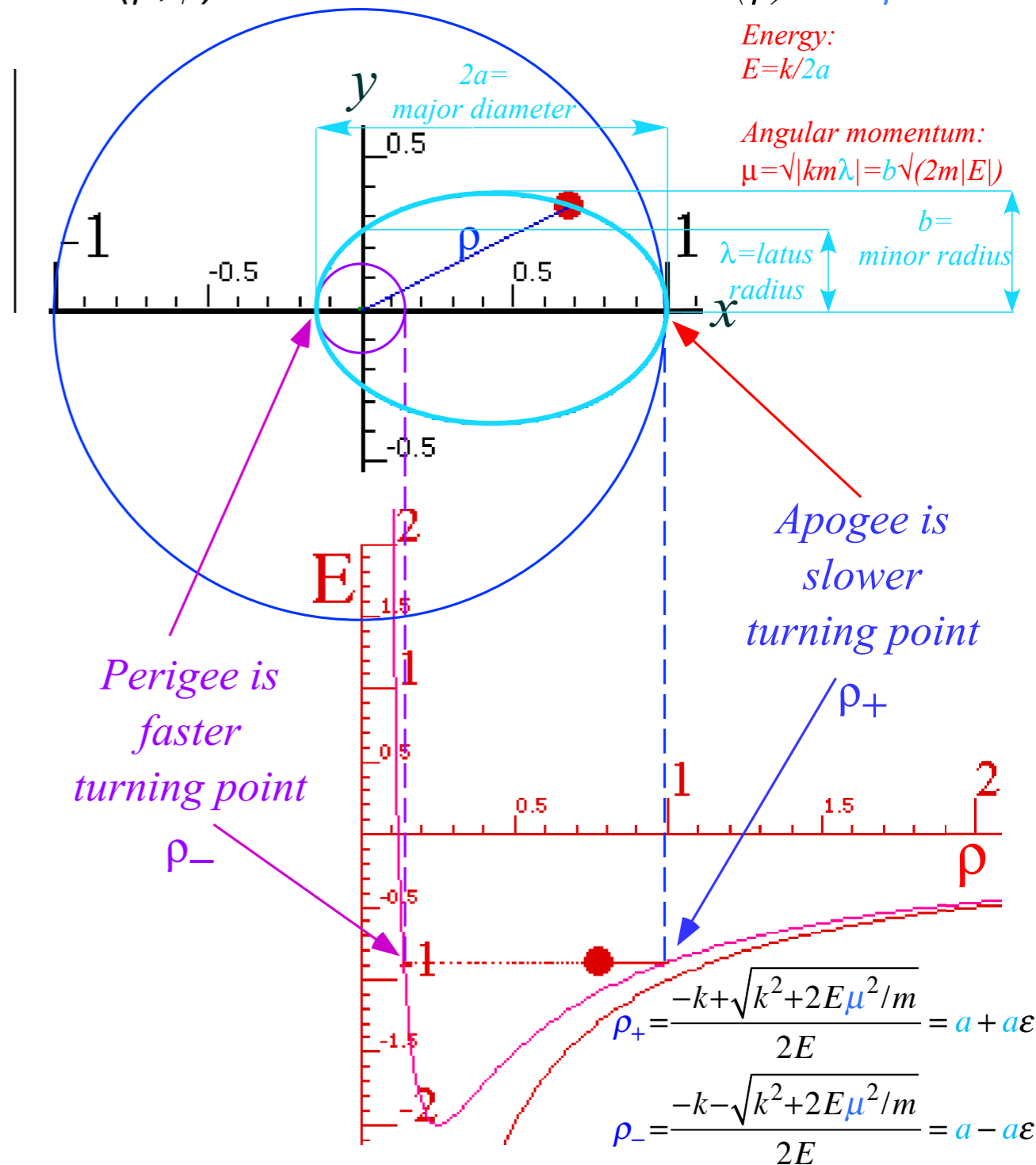
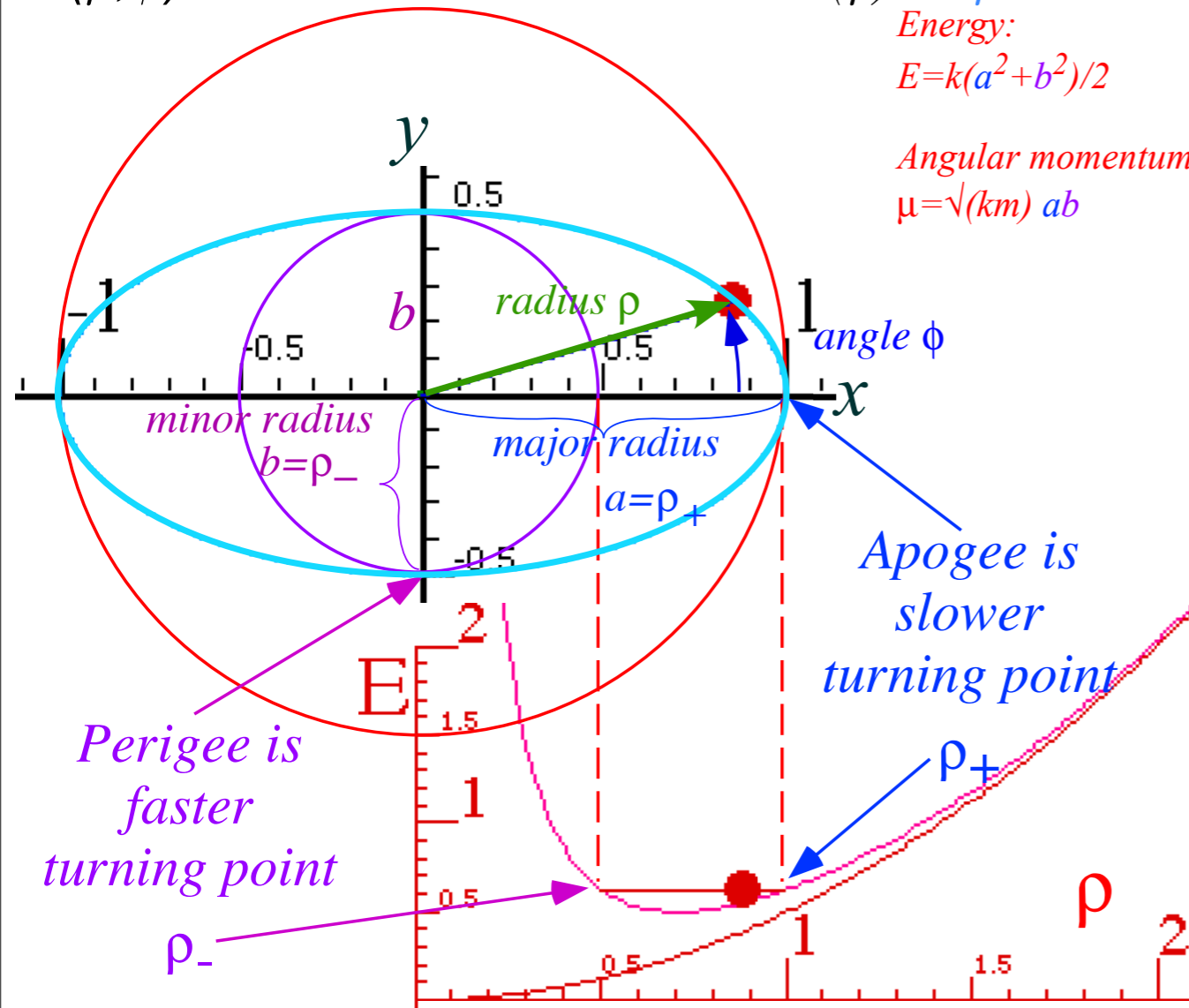
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(to be discussed first: turning point relations)

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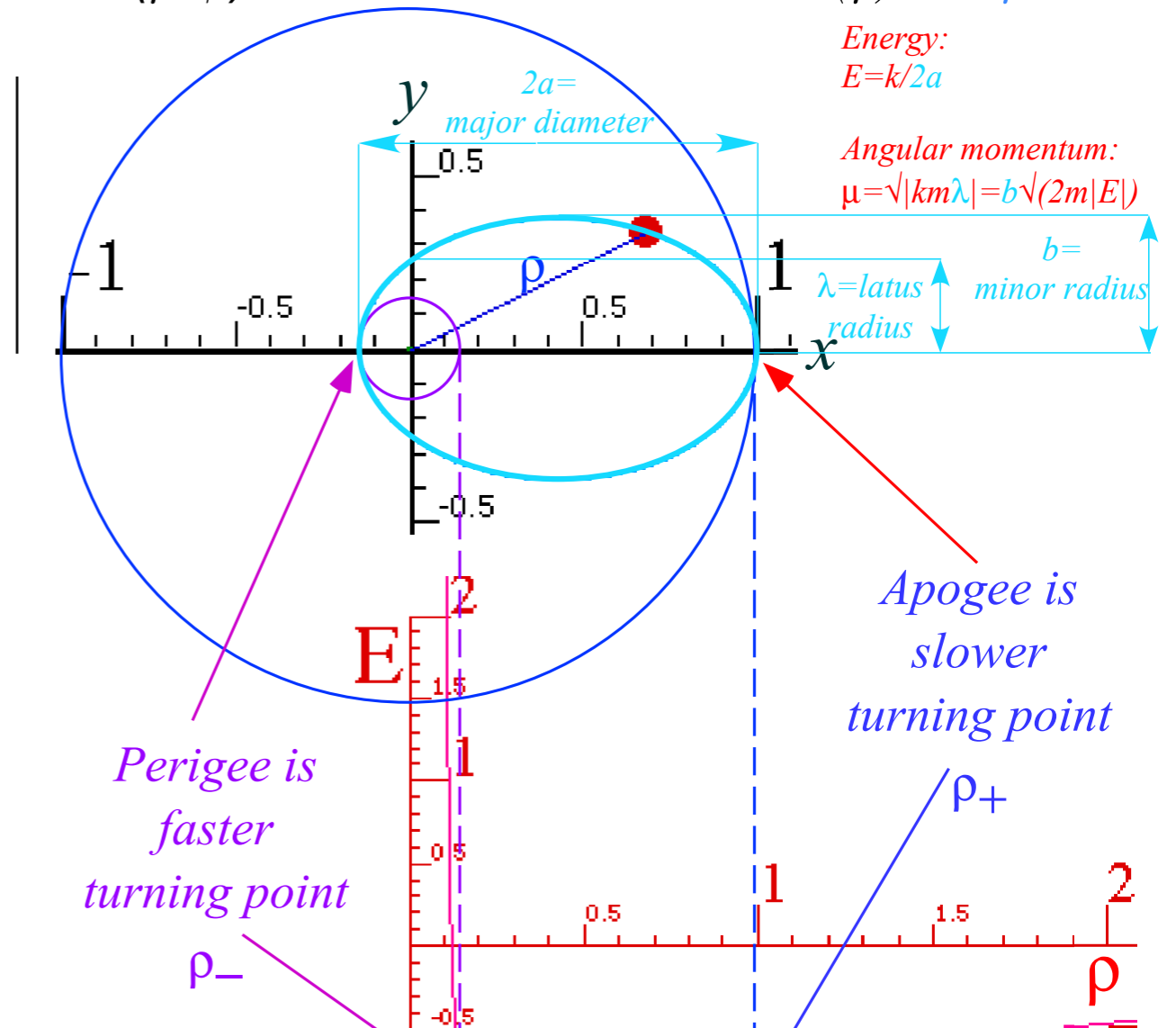
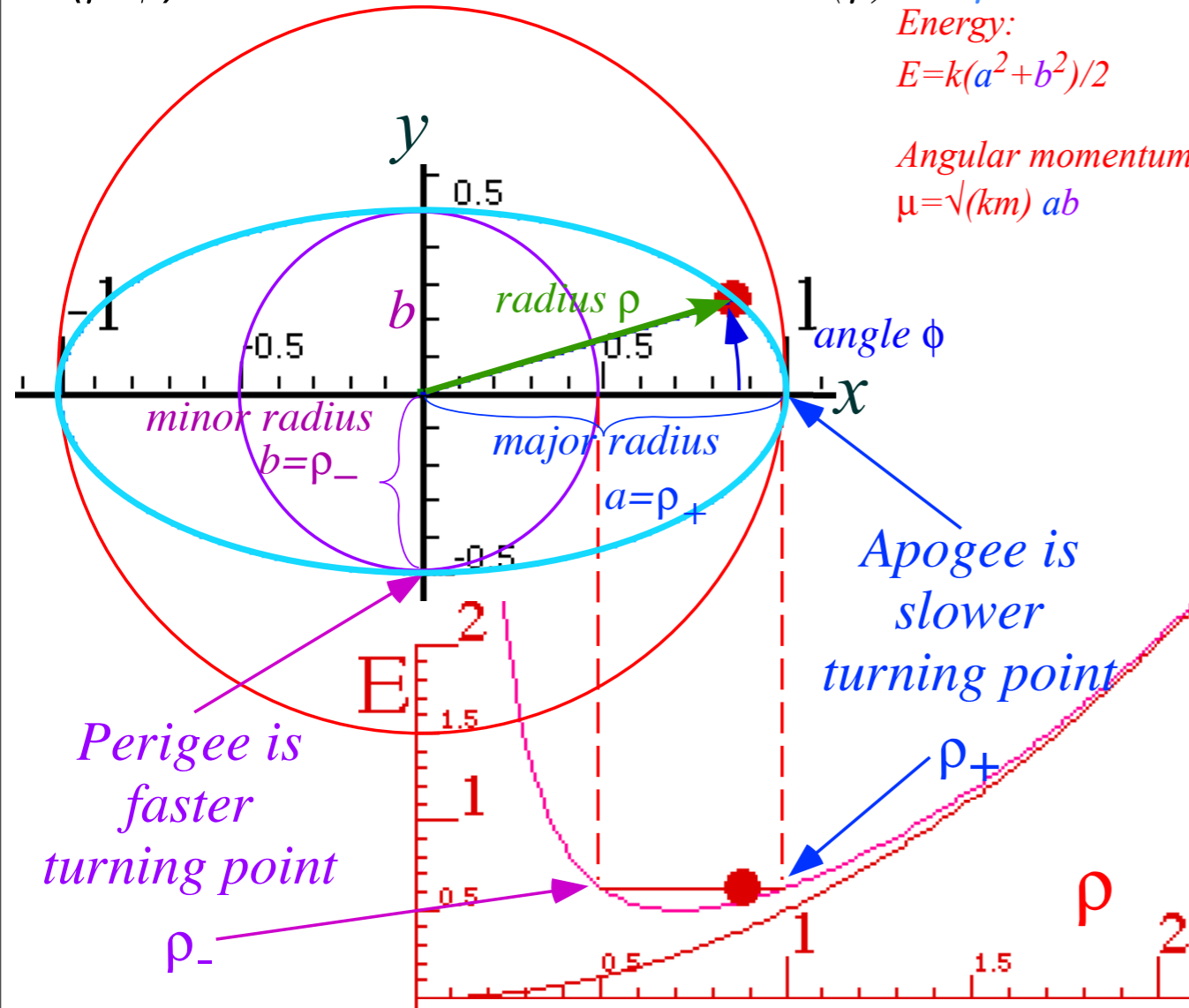
$(\rho, \phi)$  orbits for Coulomb  $V(\rho) = -k/\rho$

Energy:  
 $E = k(a^2 + b^2)/2$

Angular momentum:  
 $\mu = \sqrt{km} ab$

Energy:  
 $E = k/2a$

Angular momentum:  
 $\mu = \sqrt{|km\lambda|} = b\sqrt{2m|E|}$



$$\rho_+^2 = \frac{E + \sqrt{E^2 - k\mu^2/m}}{k} = a^2$$

$$\rho_-^2 = \frac{E - \sqrt{E^2 - k\mu^2/m}}{k} = b^2$$

$$\rho_+^2 + \rho_-^2 = \frac{2E}{k} = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\rho_+^2 - \rho_-^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{E^2 - k\mu^2/m}}{k} = a^2 - b^2 = a\varepsilon$$

$$\rho_+^2 \rho_-^2 = \frac{E^2 - E^2 - k\mu^2/m}{k^2} = a^2 b^2 = \frac{-\mu^2}{km}$$

$$\rho_+ + \rho_- = \frac{-k}{E} = 2a$$

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(to be discussed first: turning point relations)

Just derived equation of IHO orbit ellipse

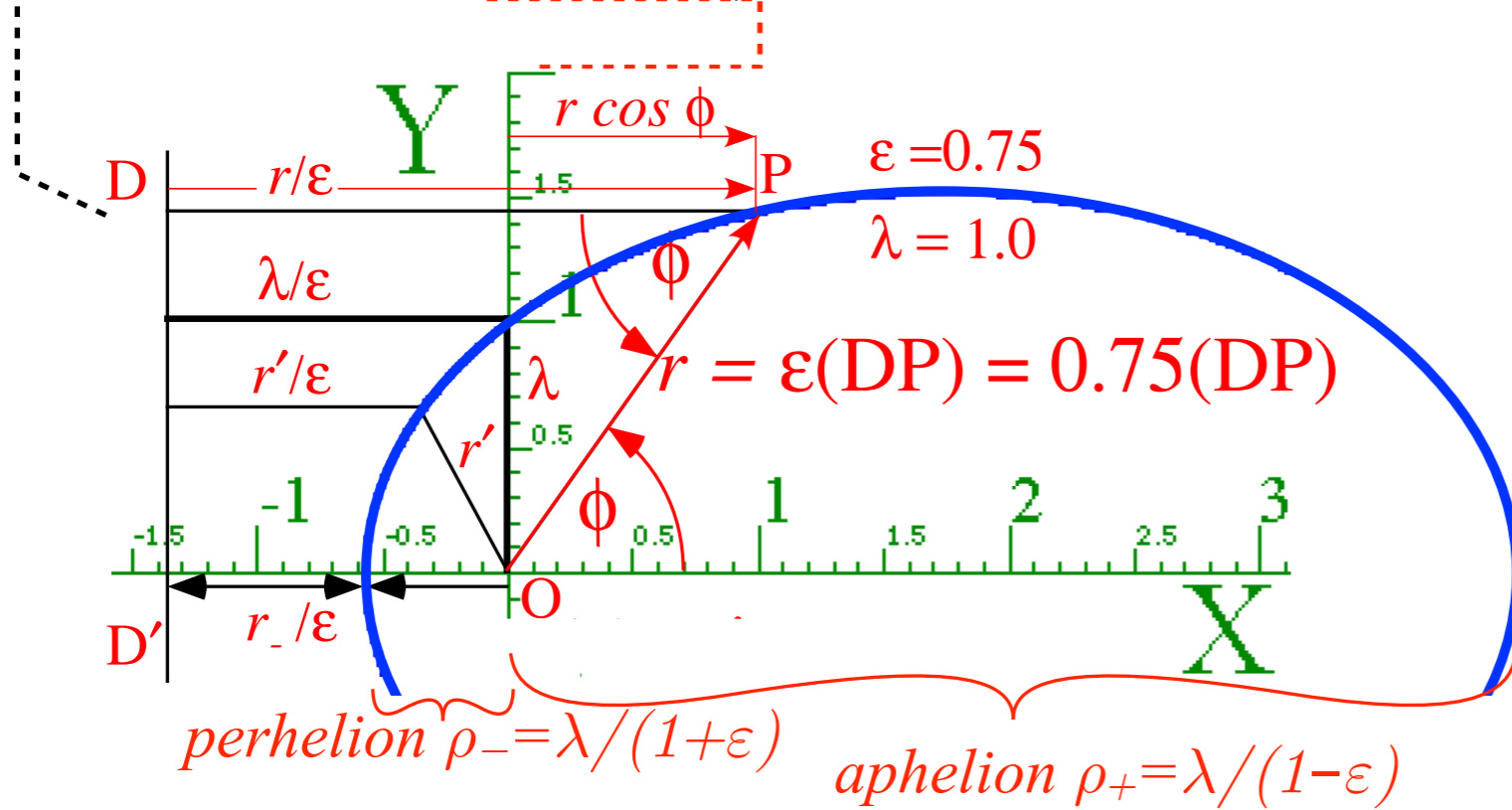
$$x = \frac{1}{\rho^2} = \frac{E}{\mu^2/m} + \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - k\mu^2/m}}{\mu^2/m} \sin(-2\phi)$$

Just derived equation of Coulomb orbit ellipse

$$u = \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{-k}{\mu^2/m} + \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 2E\mu^2/m}}{\mu^2/m} \sin(-\phi)$$

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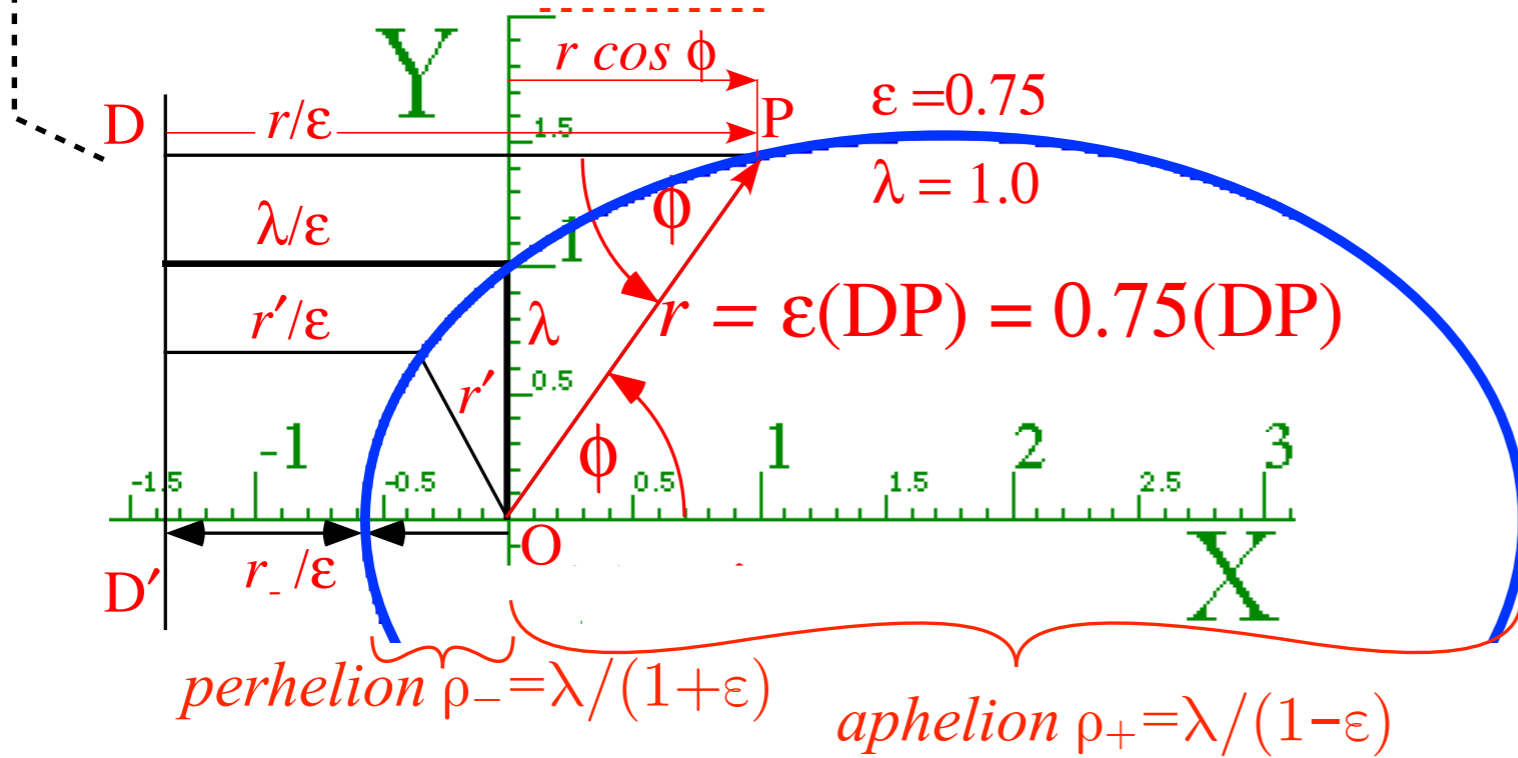


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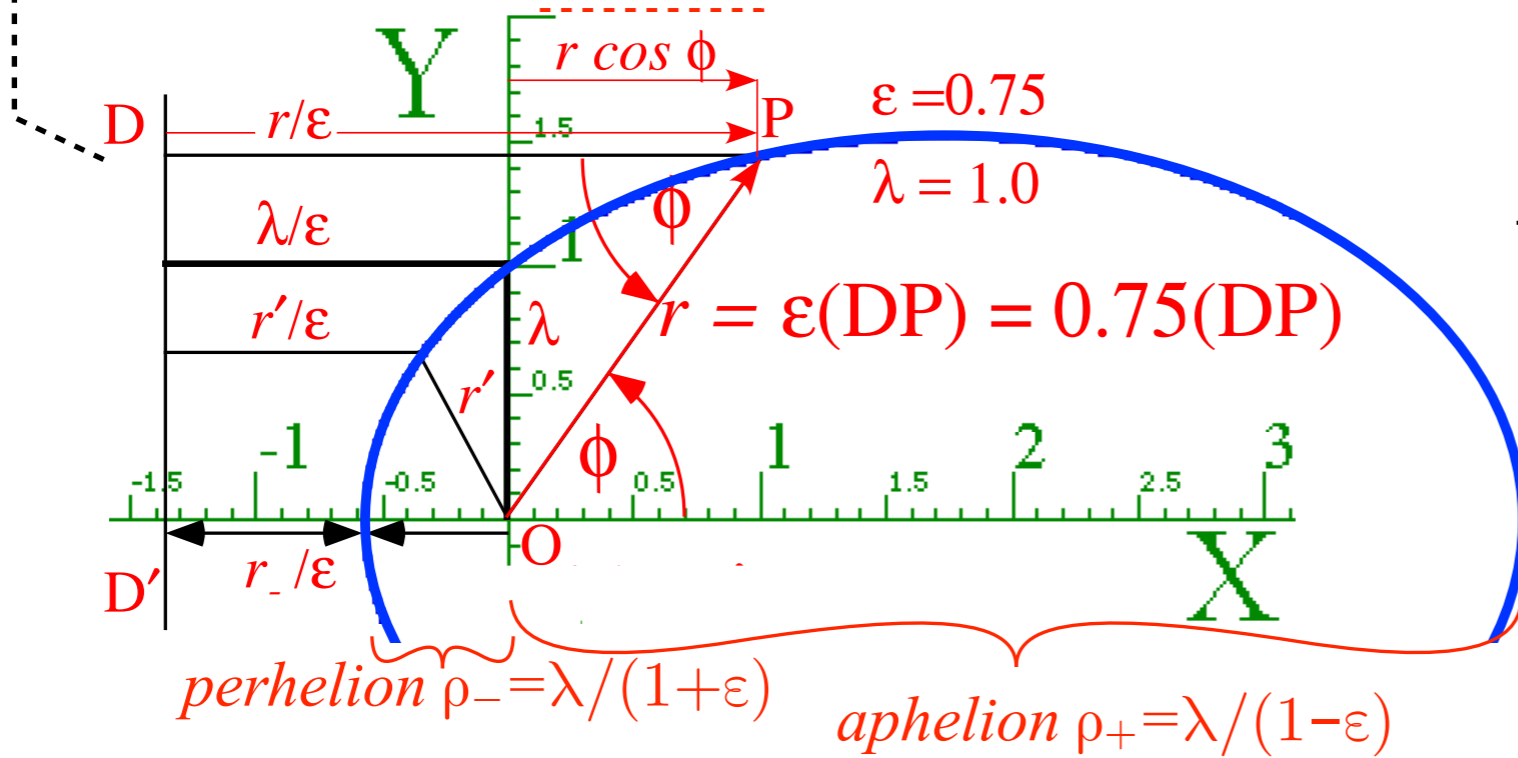


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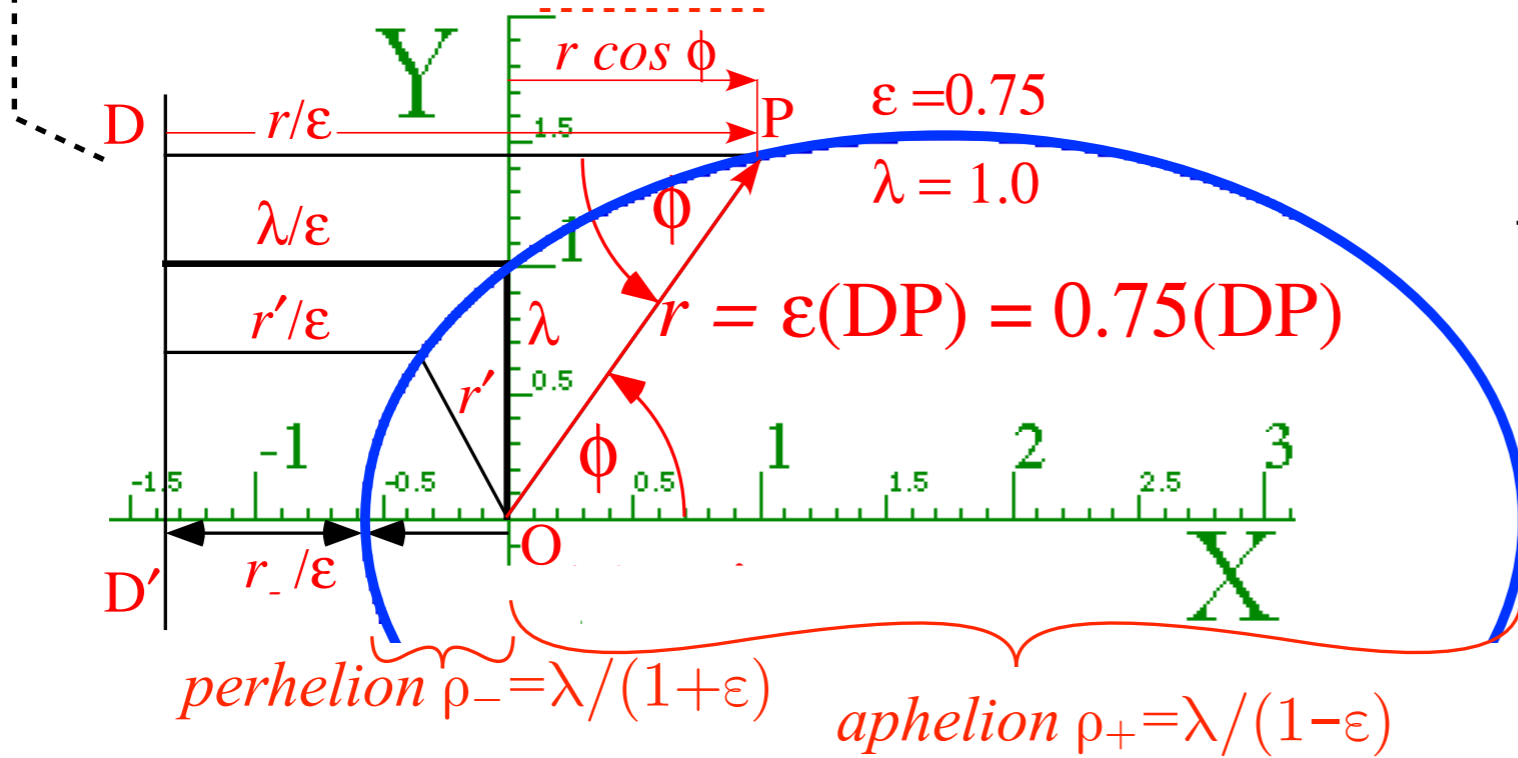
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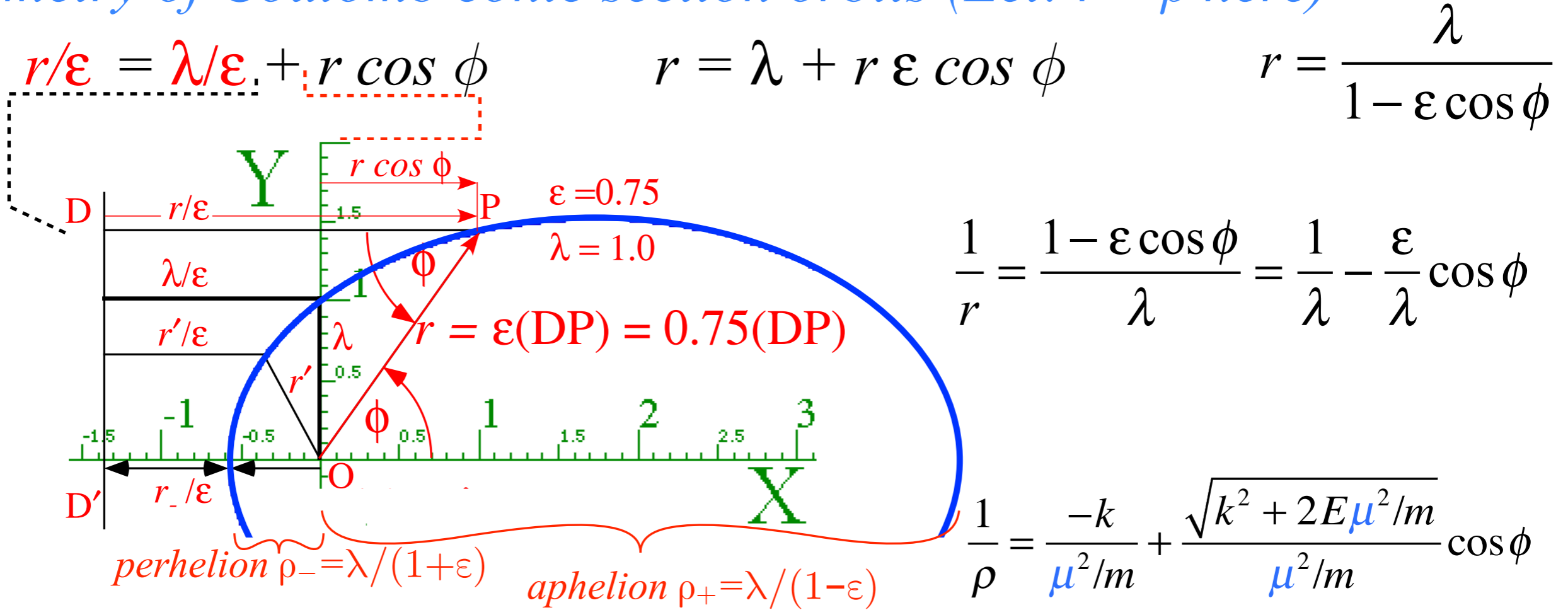
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## Cartesian Parameters

*Semi-major axis*

$$a = k/|2E|$$

*Semi-minor axis*

$$b = \mu/\sqrt{|2mE|}$$

## Physics

*Energy*

$E$

*Angular momentum*

$$\mu = \ell$$

## Polar Parameters

*Eccentricity*

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{1 + 2\mu^2 E/(k^2 m)}$$

*Latus radius*

$$\lambda = \mu^2/(km)$$

## *Orbits in Isotropic Harmonic Oscillator and Coulomb Potentials*

*Effective potentials for IHO and Coulomb orbits*

*Stable equilibrium radii and radial/angular frequency ratios*

*Classical turning radii and apogee/perigee parameters*

*Polar coordinate differential equations*

*Quadrature integration techniques*

*Detailed orbital functions*

*Relating orbital energy-momentum to conic-sectional orbital geometry*

**➔** *Kepler equation of time and phase geometry*

# Kepler equation of time for Coulomb orbits

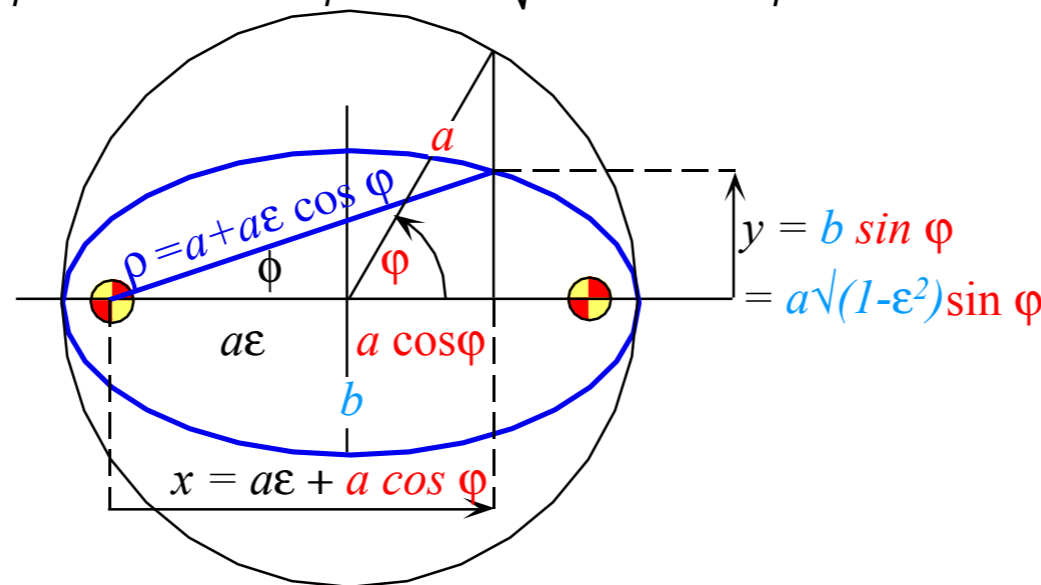
Throughout the history of astronomy a most important consideration was the timing of orbits.

$$t_1 - t_0 = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} dt = \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho_1} \frac{d\rho}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{2E}{m} - \frac{\mu^2}{m^2\rho^2} + \frac{2k}{m\rho}\right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} \int_{\rho_0}^{\rho_1} \frac{\rho d\rho}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{E}{k}\rho^2 + \rho - \frac{\mu^2}{2km}\right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} \int_{\rho_{apogee}}^{\rho_{perigee}} \frac{-\rho d\rho}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{-1}{2a}\rho^2 + \rho - \frac{b^2}{2a}\right)}}$$

$$x = a\varepsilon + a \cos \varphi, \quad y = a\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2} \sin \varphi,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{a^2\varepsilon^2 + 2a^2\varepsilon a \cos \varphi + a^2 \cos^2 \varphi + a^2 \sin^2 \varphi - a^2\varepsilon^2 \sin^2 \varphi} \\ &= \sqrt{a^2\varepsilon^2 - a^2\varepsilon^2 \sin^2 \varphi + 2a^2\varepsilon a \cos \varphi + a^2} = \sqrt{a^2\varepsilon^2 \cos^2 \varphi + 2a^2\varepsilon a \cos \varphi + a^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = a(1 + \varepsilon \cos \varphi)$$



$$t = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} \int \frac{(a + a\varepsilon \cos \varphi)a\varepsilon \sin \varphi d\varphi}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{-(a + a\varepsilon \cos \varphi)^2}{2a} + a + a\varepsilon \cos \varphi - \frac{a^2(1-\varepsilon^2)}{2a}\right)}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} \int \frac{(a + a\varepsilon \cos \varphi)a\varepsilon \sin \varphi d\varphi}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{-a^2 - 2a^2\varepsilon \cos \varphi - a^2\varepsilon^2 \cos^2 \varphi + 2a^2 + 2a^2\varepsilon \cos \varphi - a^2 + a^2\varepsilon^2}{2a}\right)}}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{k}} \int (1 + \varepsilon \cos \varphi) d\varphi = \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{k}} (\varphi + \varepsilon \sin \varphi)$$

$$\text{Orbit Period} = T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_\varphi} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{ma^3}{k}}$$



*Geometry and Symmetry of Coulomb orbits*

*Rutherford scattering and differential scattering cross sections*

*Ruler & compass construction*

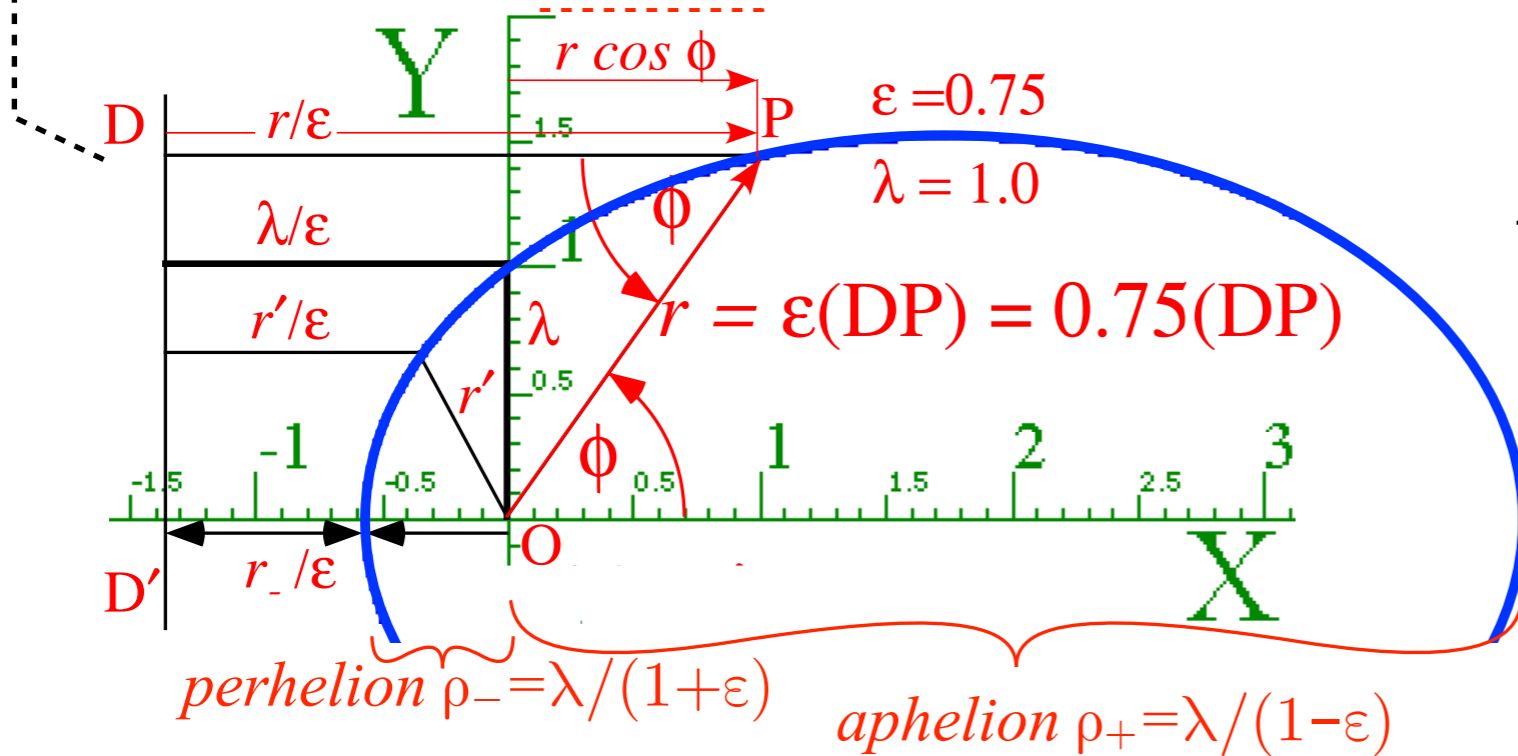
*Eccentricity vector  $\epsilon$  and orbital phase geometry*

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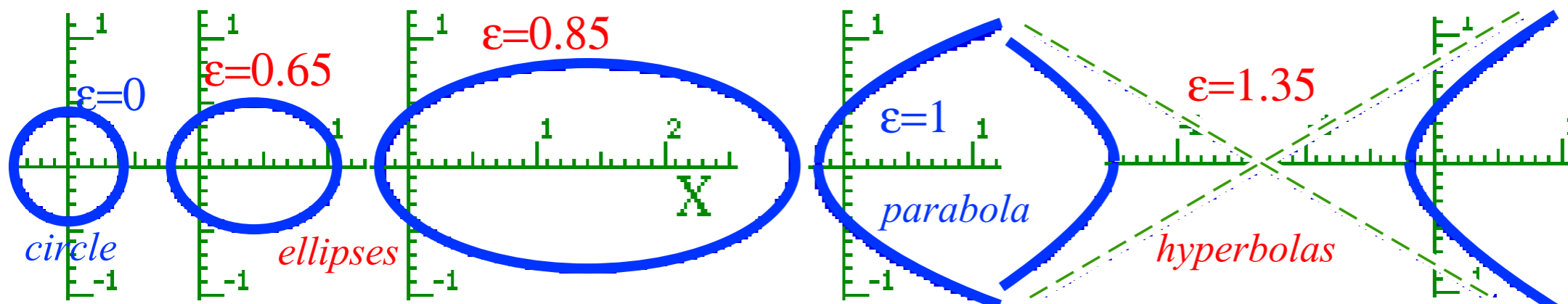


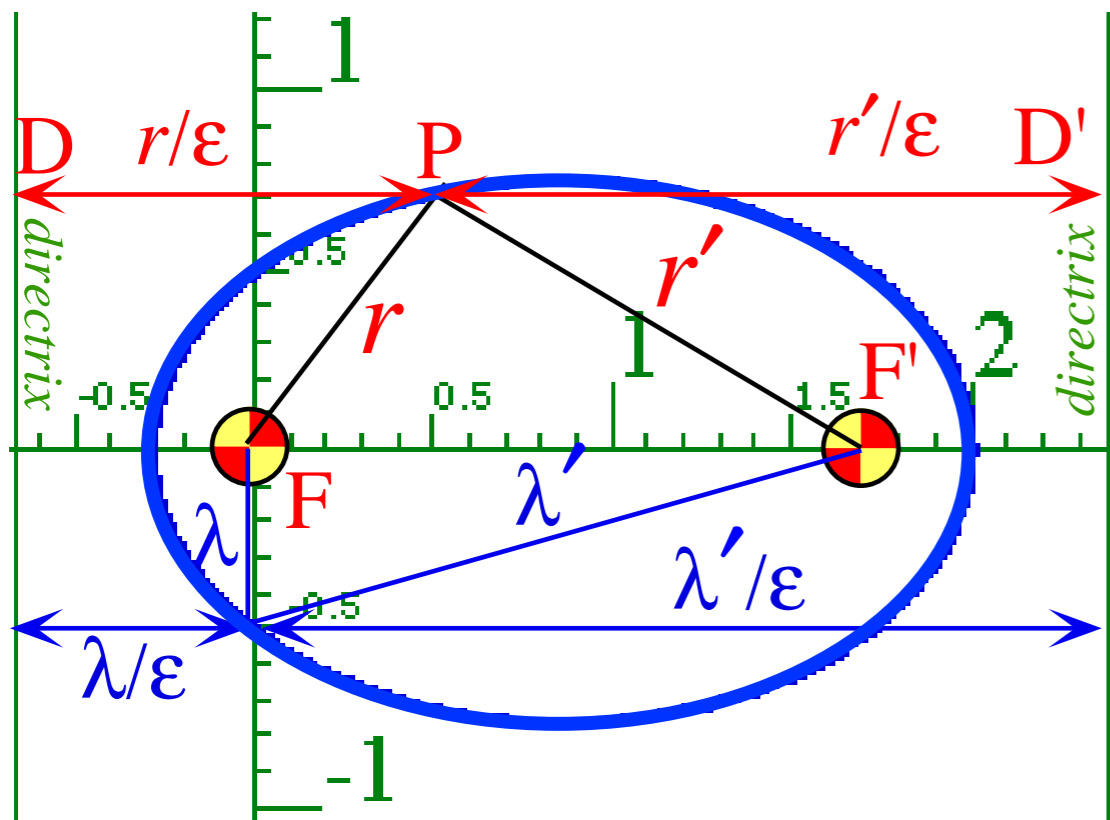
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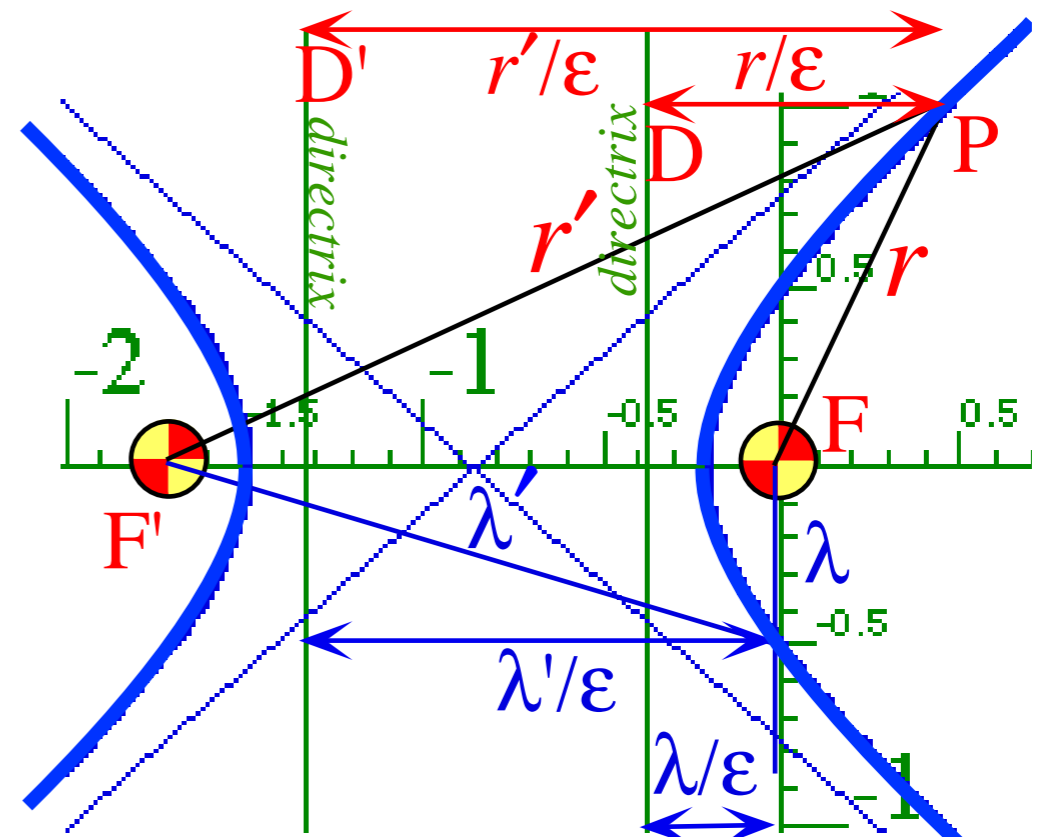
Becoming more and more eccentric...

Eccentricity  $\epsilon=0$  (circle) to  $0 < \epsilon < 1$  (ellipse) to  $\epsilon=1$  (parabola) to  $\epsilon > 1$  (hyperbola)

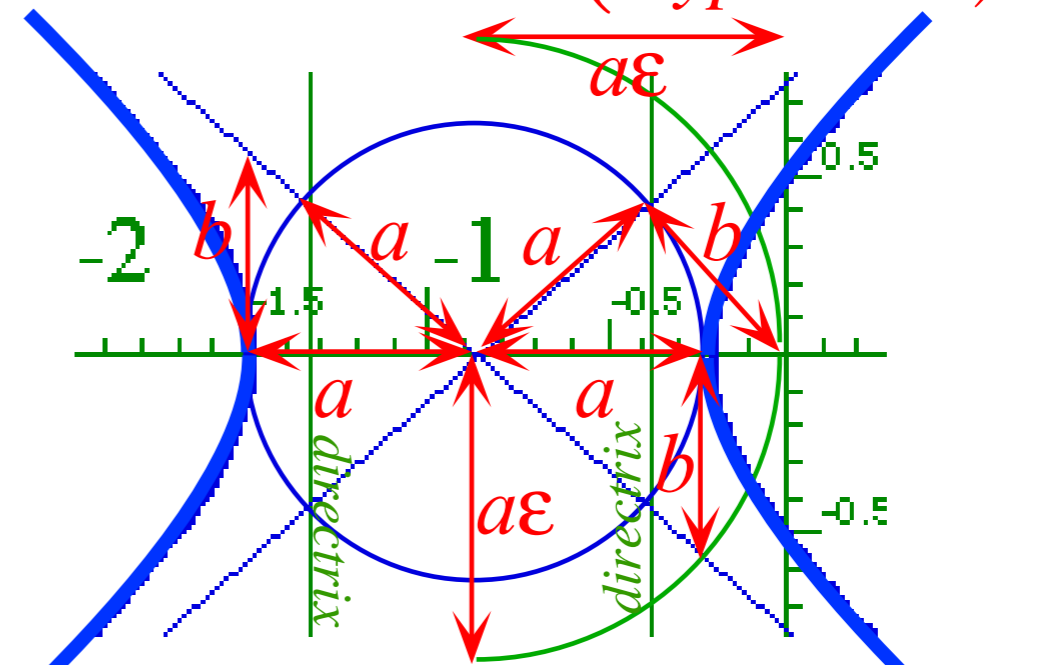
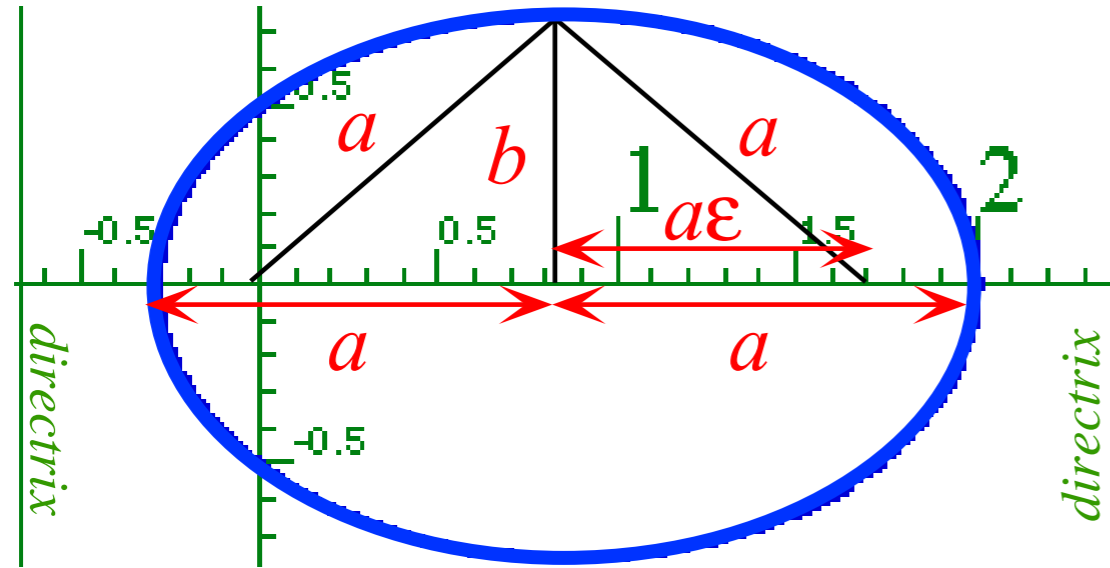




$\epsilon = 3/4$  (Ellipse)



$\epsilon = 4/3$  (Hyperbola)



$$2a = |r_+ + r_-| = |\lambda/(1-\epsilon) + \lambda/(1+\epsilon)| = |2\lambda/(1-\epsilon^2)|$$

$$FF' = |r_+ - r_-| = |\lambda/(1-\epsilon) - \lambda/(1+\epsilon)| = |2\lambda\epsilon/(1-\epsilon^2)| = 2a\epsilon$$

