

In[43]:= $r = \frac{ke}{1 + e \cos[\theta[t]]}$ (* From Stein handout and Thomas 13.6. *)

Out[43]:= $\frac{ek}{1 + e \cos[\theta[t]]}$

$v = \{D[r, t], r D[\theta[t], t]\}$ (* u_r, u_θ components *)

Out[38]:= $\left\{ \frac{e^2 k \sin[\theta[t]] \theta'[t]}{(1 + e \cos[\theta[t]])^2}, \frac{ek \theta'[t]}{1 + e \cos[\theta[t]]} \right\}$

In[40]:= $v_0 = (\text{Norm}[v] /. \{\theta[t] \rightarrow 0\} // \text{Simplify}[\#, \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow \{e > 0, k > 0, \theta'[t] > 0\}] \&)$
 (* v_0 is the speed at the moment θ equals 0 *)

Out[40]:= $\frac{ek \theta'[t]}{1 + e}$

In[44]:= $a = \{D[r, \{t, 2\}] - r D[\theta[t], t]^2, r D[\theta[t], \{t, 2\}] + 2D[r, t] D[\theta[t], t]\}$

Out[44]:= $\left\{ -\frac{ek \theta'[t]^2}{1 + e \cos[\theta[t]]} + ek \left(\frac{e \cos[\theta[t]] \theta'[t]^2}{(1 + e \cos[\theta[t]])^2} + \frac{2e^2 \sin[\theta[t]]^2 \theta'[t]^2}{(1 + e \cos[\theta[t]])^3} + \frac{e \sin[\theta[t]] \theta''[t]}{(1 + e \cos[\theta[t]])^2} \right), \frac{2e^2 k \sin[\theta[t]] \theta'[t]^2}{(1 + e \cos[\theta[t]])^2} + \frac{ek \theta''[t]}{1 + e \cos[\theta[t]]} \right\}$

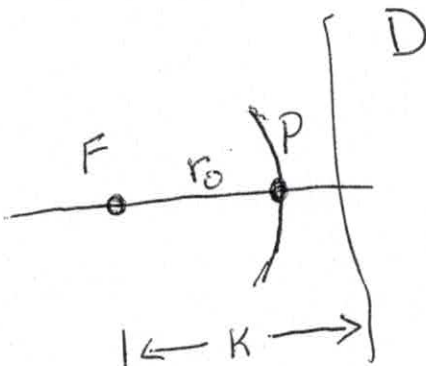
In[46]:= $a_0 = (\text{Norm}[a] /. \{\theta[t] \rightarrow 0, \theta''[t] \rightarrow 0\} // \text{Simplify}[\#, \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow \{e > 0, k > 0, \theta'[t] > 0\}] \&)$
 (* At the moment θ equals 0, r is at its minimum value,
 and thus (since $r^2 D[\theta, t]$ is constant) $D[\theta, t]$ attains its maximum value,
 and thus, at this moment, the second derivative of θ w.r.t. t must be 0. *)

Out[46]:= $\frac{ek \theta'[t]^2}{(1 + e)^2}$

In[51]:= $\frac{v_0^2}{a_0}$

Out[51]:= ek

(* Wow! That's nice. It follows that $ke = \frac{v_0^2}{a_0} = \frac{v_0^2}{GM/r_0^2} = \frac{r_0^2 v_0^2}{GM}$. *)



$FP = e PD$
 At time "0":
 $r_0 = e(k - r_0)$
 So $ke = r_0(1 + e)$
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 $\frac{r_0^2 v_0^2}{GM}$
 So $e = \frac{r_0 v_0^2}{GM} - 1$