

Solution 16 set 5.

1. Yes, the Lagrangian does not depend on the time.

2. Solving for $\vec{r}_1$:

$$\begin{aligned} M \vec{R} &= m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2, \quad \vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2, \\ m_1 \vec{r}_1 &= M \vec{R} - m_2 \vec{r}_2 = M \vec{R} + m_2 \vec{r} - m_2 \vec{r}_1, \\ \vec{r}_1 &= \vec{R} + \frac{m_2}{M} \vec{r}, \quad \vec{r}_2 = \vec{R} - \frac{m_1}{M} \vec{r}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Using μ we can write

$$\vec{r}_1 = \frac{\mu}{m_1} \vec{r}, \quad \vec{r}_2 = -\frac{\mu}{m_2} \vec{r}.$$

Therefore,

$$T_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_1} + \frac{\mu^2}{m_2} \right) \vec{v}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu^2 (m_1 + m_2)}{m_1 m_2} \vec{v}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu \vec{v}^2$$

4. Angular momentum:

$$m_1 \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{v}_2 = m_1 \frac{\mu}{m_1} \vec{r} \times \vec{v}_1 - m_2 \frac{\mu}{m_2} \vec{r} \times \vec{v}_2 = \mu \vec{r} \times (\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2) = \mu \vec{r} \times \vec{v}.$$