

Problem #1 (Addition to the periodic motion problem)

In the previous HW I showed that for a central force of the form $F = |\vec{r} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}| \cdot k \cdot \hat{r}$ the particle's motion appeared to be almost periodic (Fig. 1).

In order to find the initial conditions that would result in a pure periodic motion I defined a cost function as follows:

$$f = |\text{azimuth}_{t=0} - \text{azimuth}_{t=k}| \cdot |\text{velocity}_{t=0} - \text{velocity}_{t=k}|$$

Where $t=0$ is the initial time and $t=k$ is the time when the particle returns to its initial position (subject to numerical errors)

For each value of k and v_0 the function would find its minimal value.

Fig. 2 shows the values obtained for f for all combinations of k and v_0 . Note the the f axis scale is logarithmic.

The "valleys" indicate those combinations of k and v_0 where the product of the azimuth error and the velocity error

are minimal.

The "red zones" are actually a cut off of greater values, indicating that no periodic motion exists there.

I picked $k=1$ and $v_{y0}=1$ for my final trajectory (Fig. 3). The results are quite convincing.

Fig 1.

Trajectory for: $F=k*(r)*(dr/dt)$ $x_0=1$ $y_0=0$ $z_0=0$ $V_{x0}=0$ $V_{y0}=1$ $V_{z0}=0$

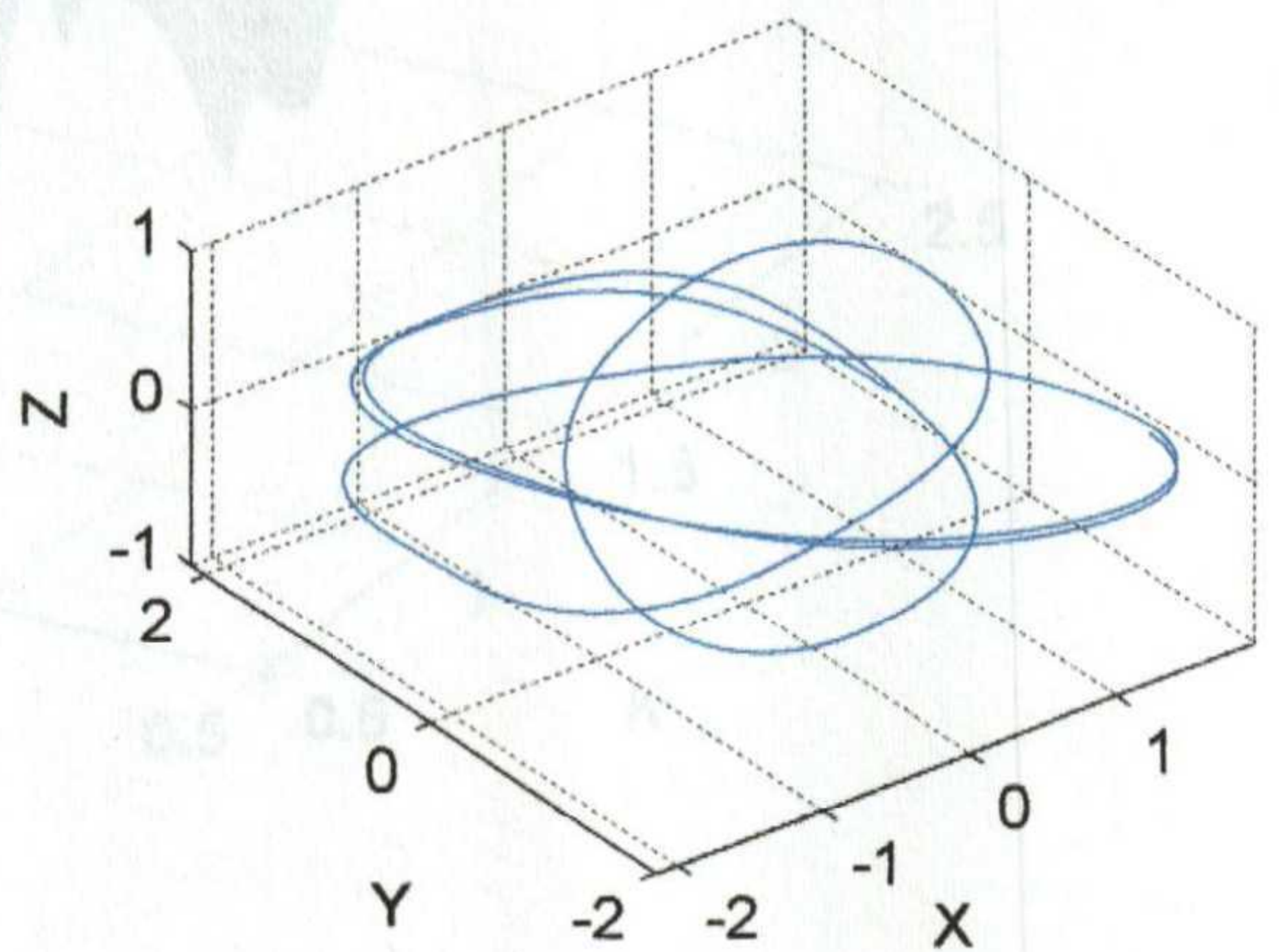
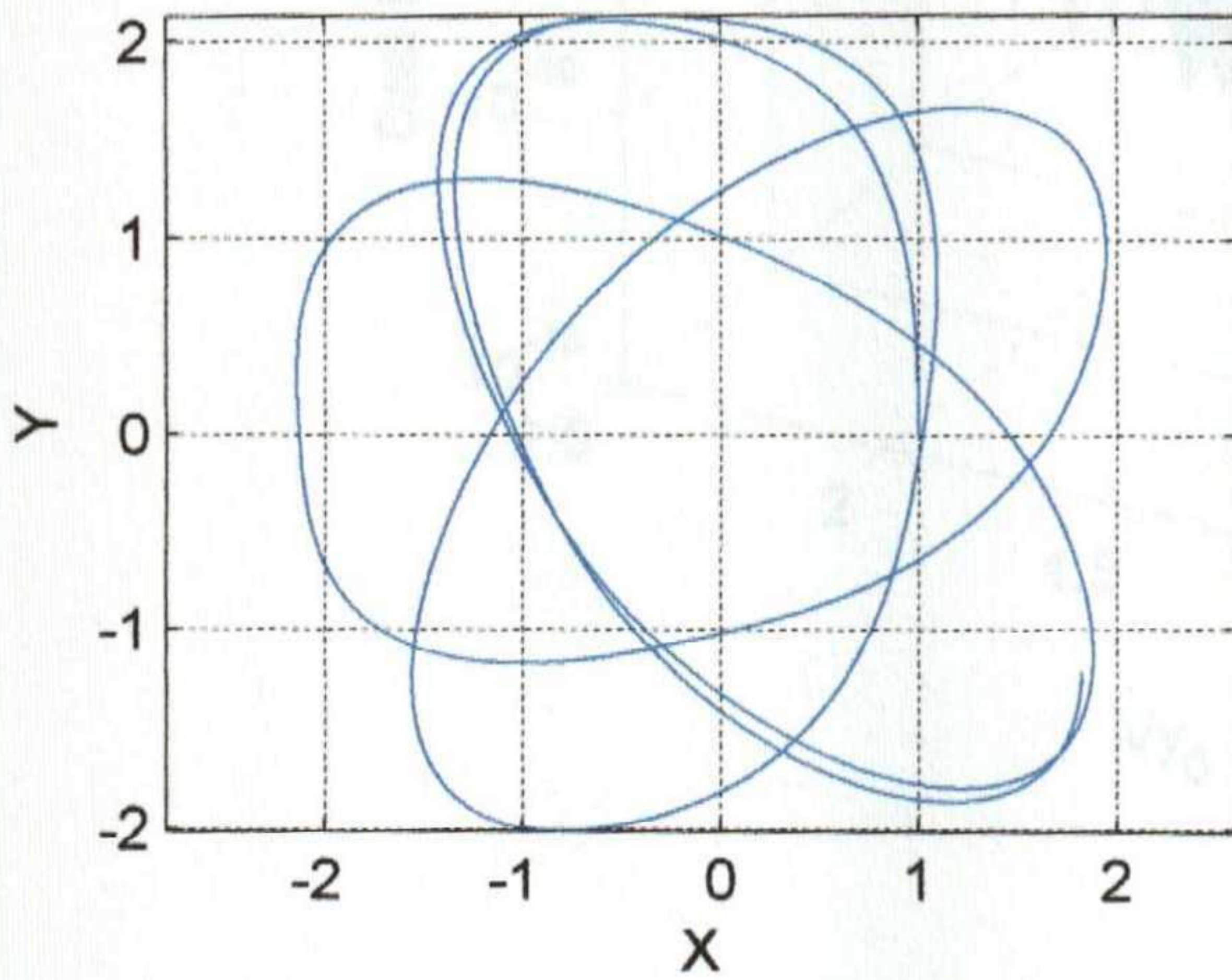
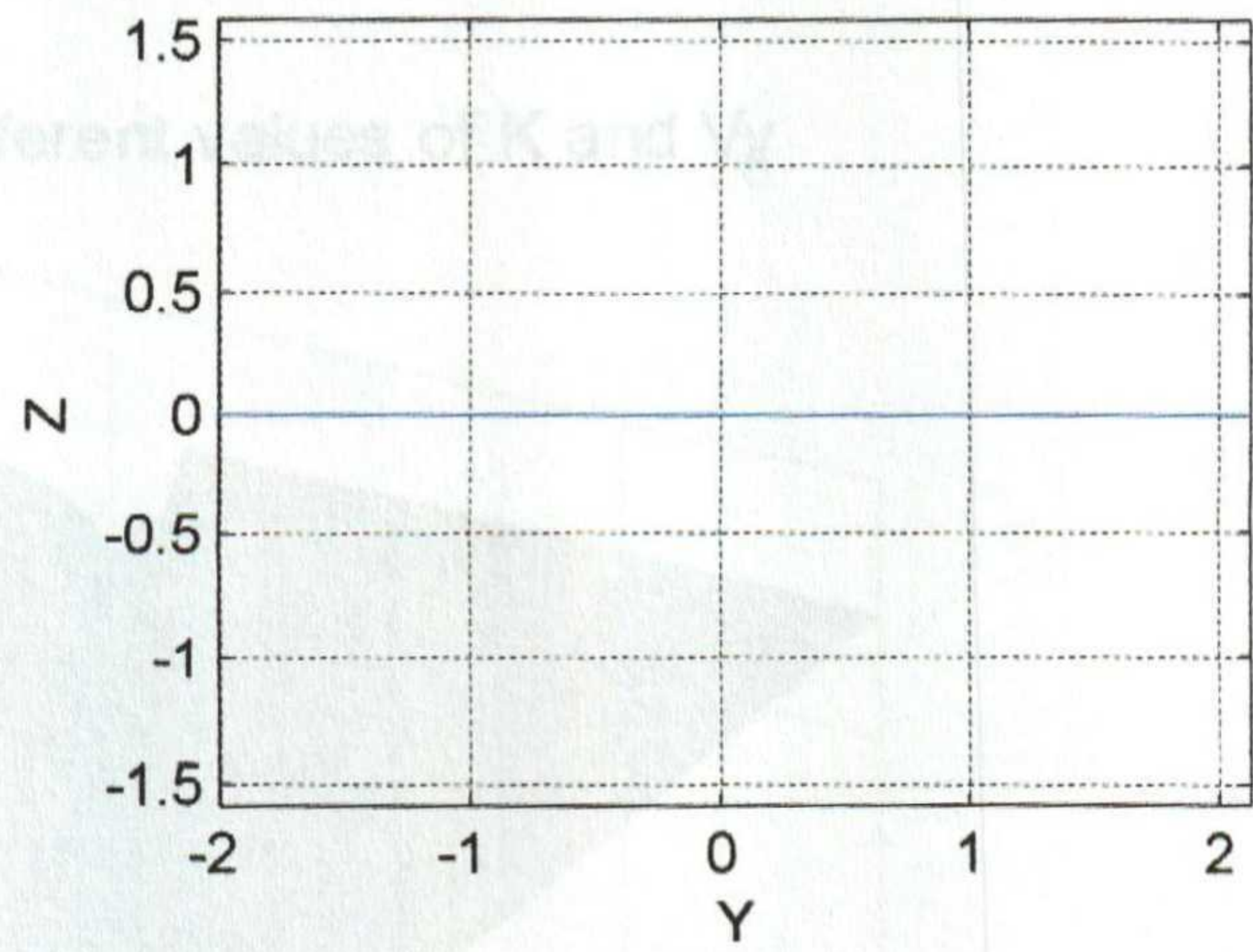
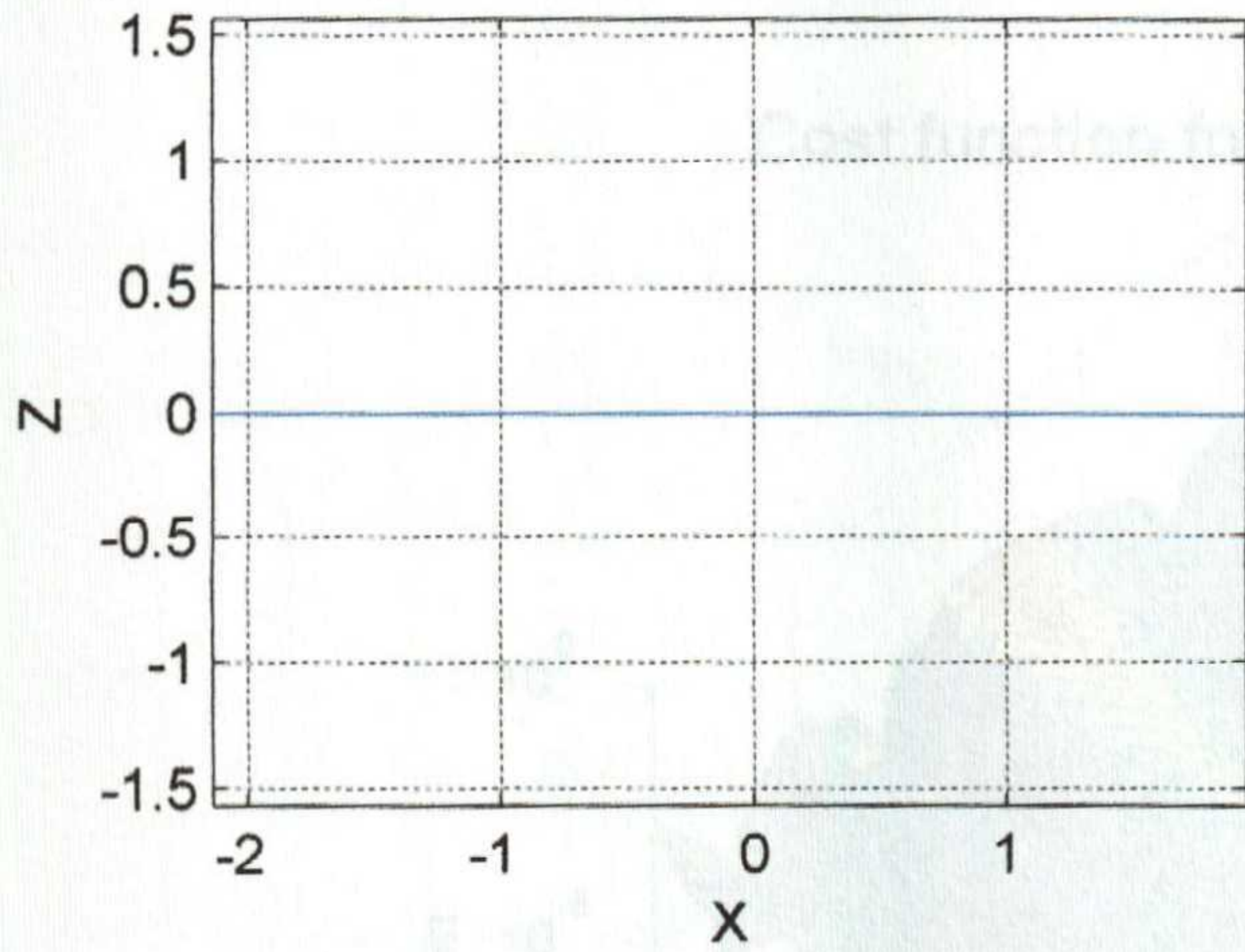
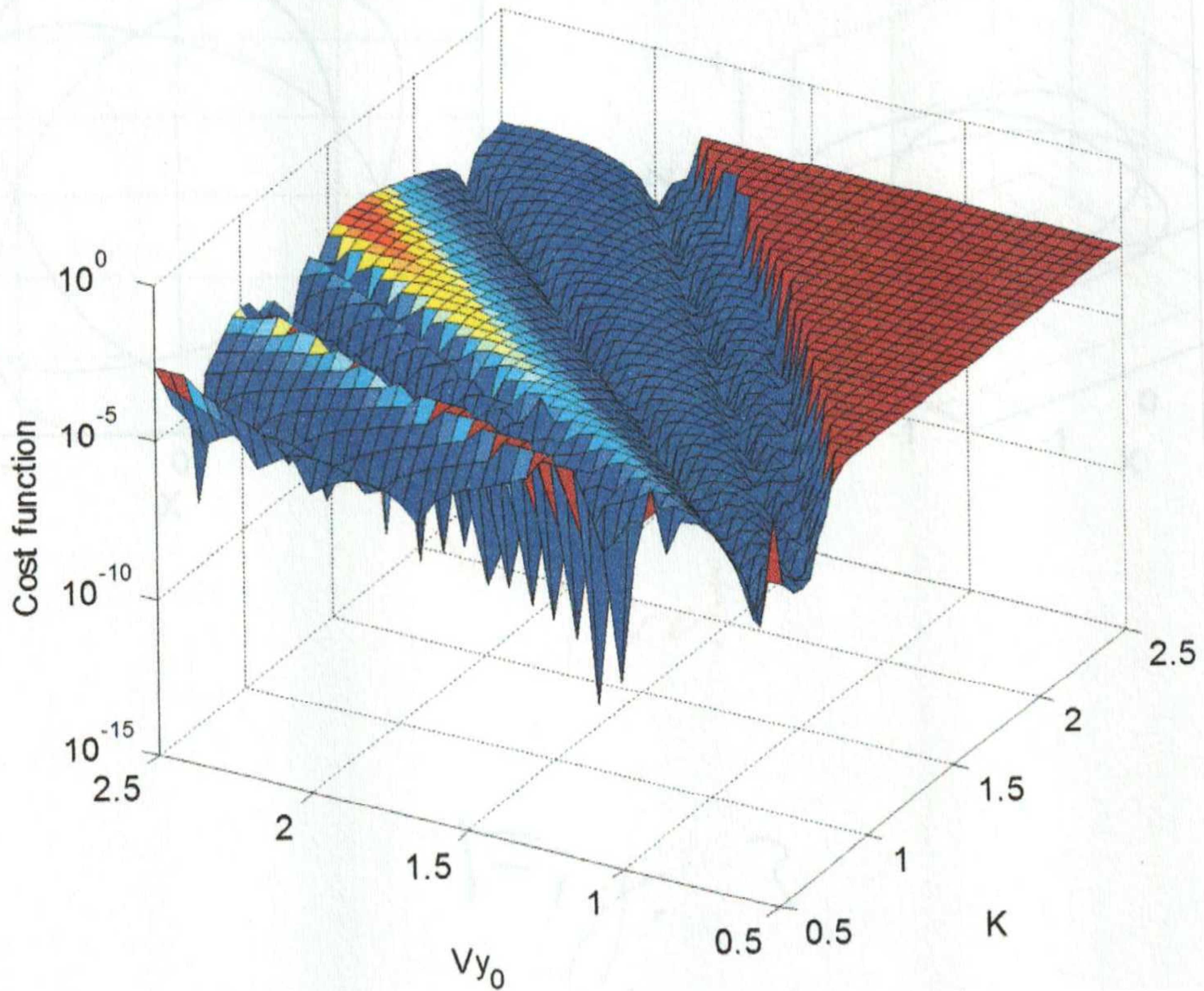
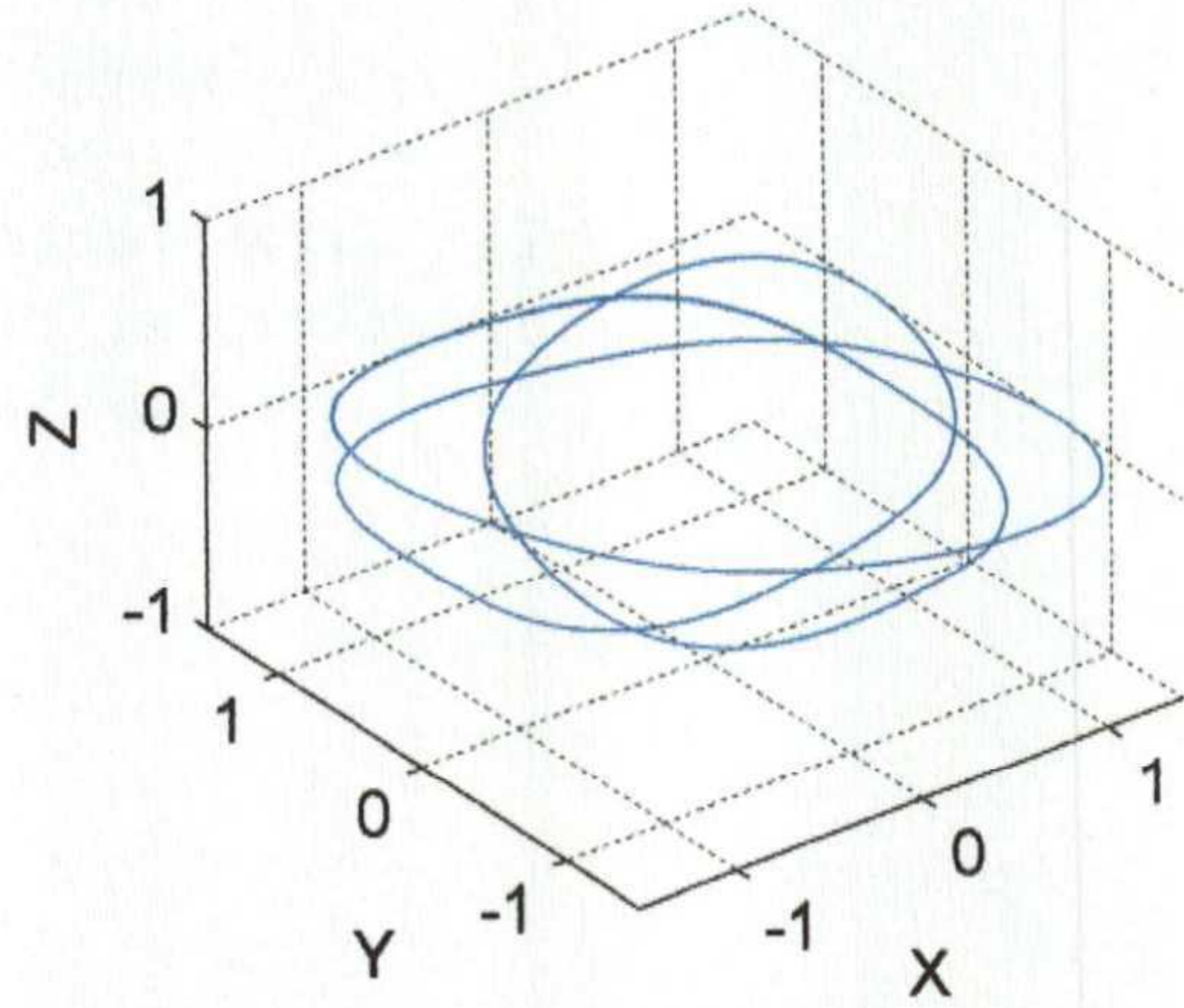
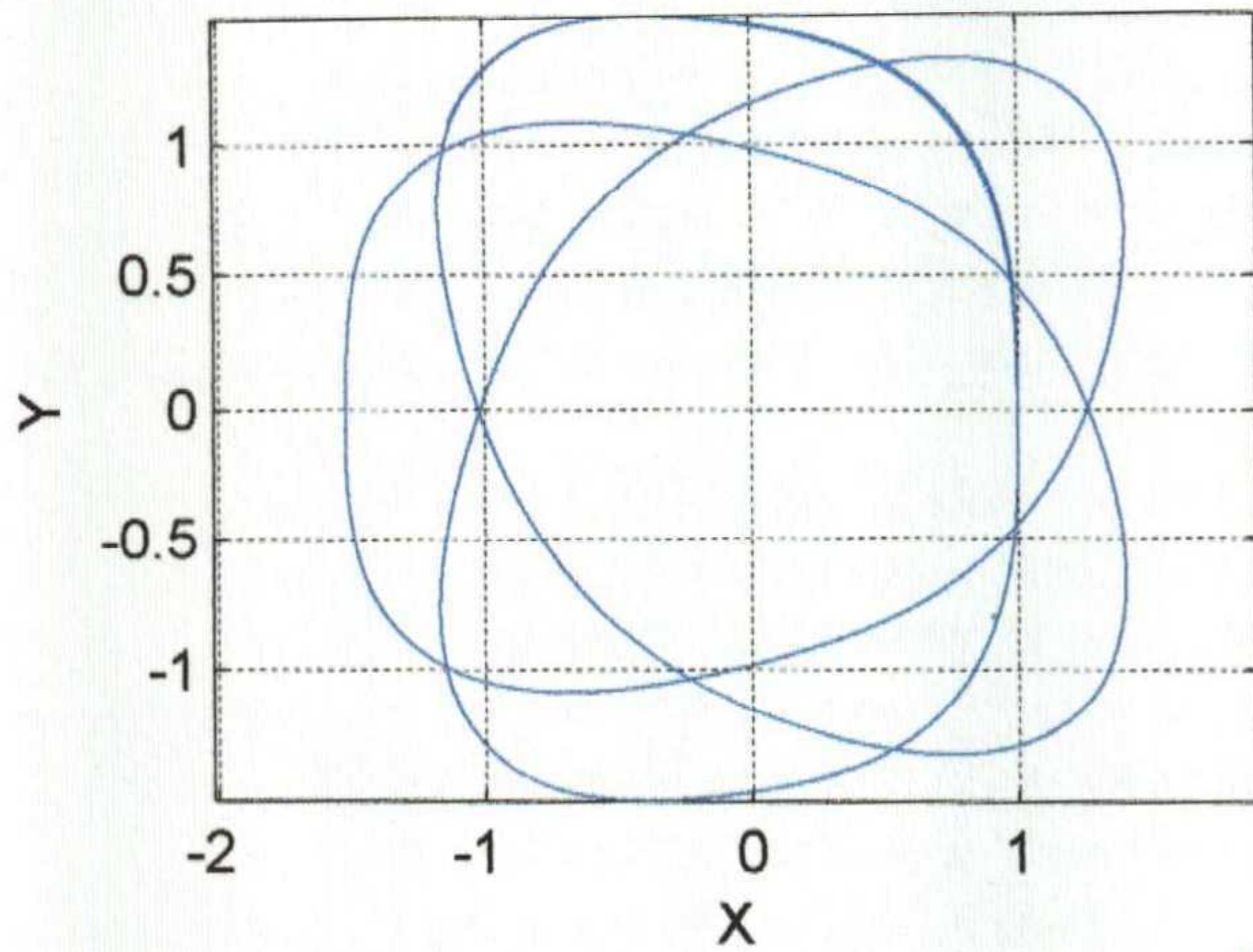
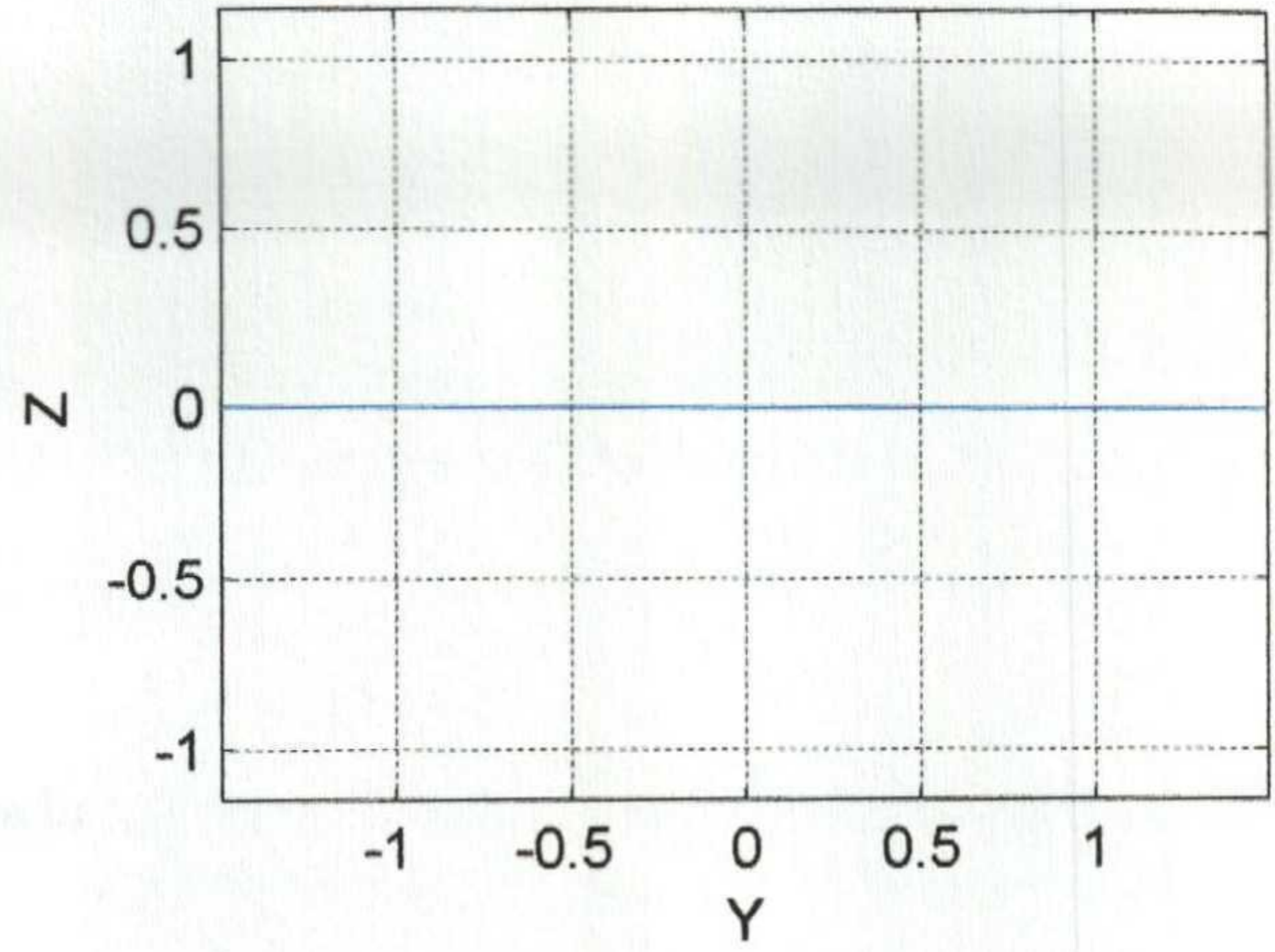
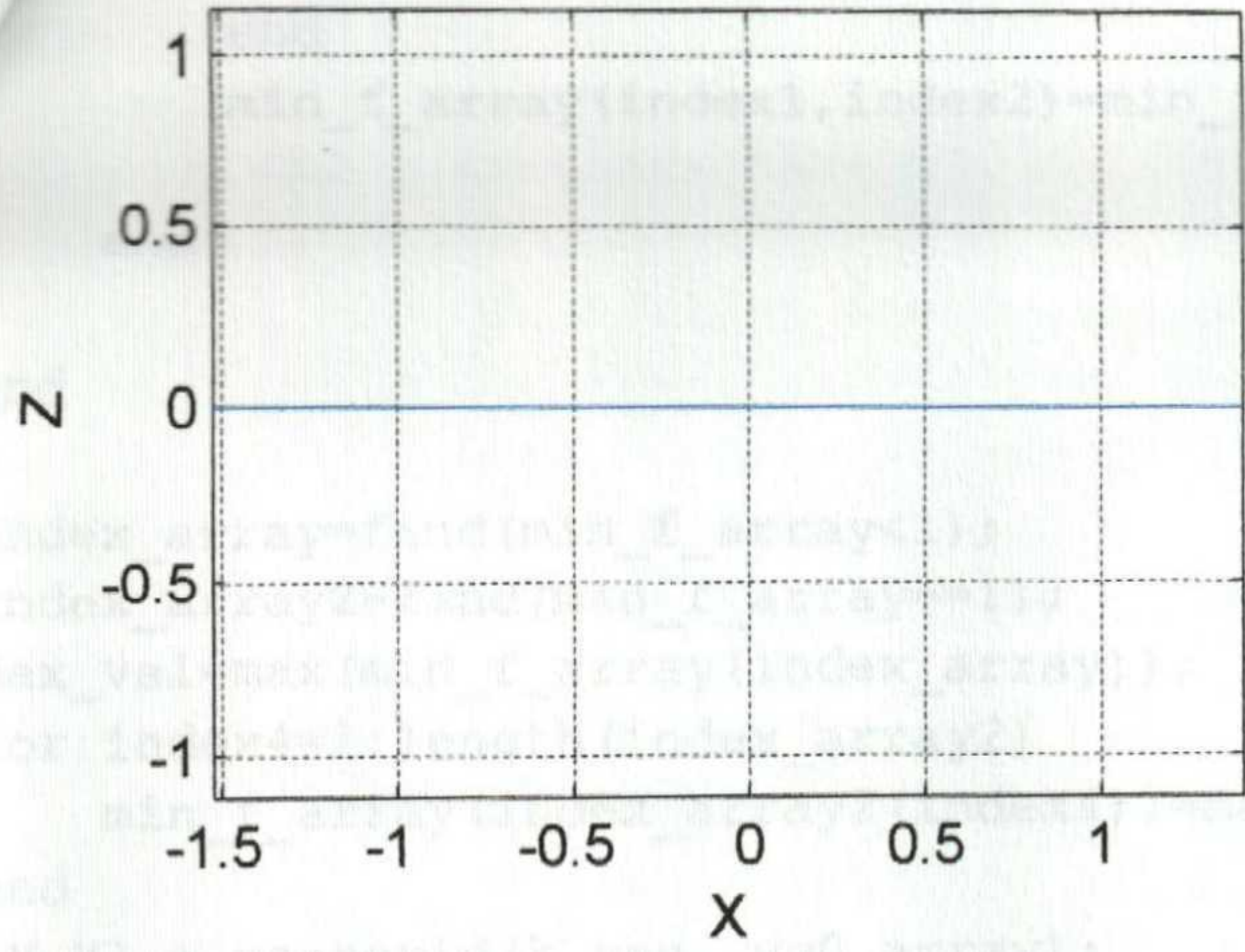


Fig. 2

Cost function for different values of K and V_y



Trajectory for: $F=k*(\text{norm}(r)^2)$ $x_0=1$ $y_0=0$ $z_0=0$ $v_{x0}=0$ $v_{y0}=1$ $v_{z0}=0$ $k=1$

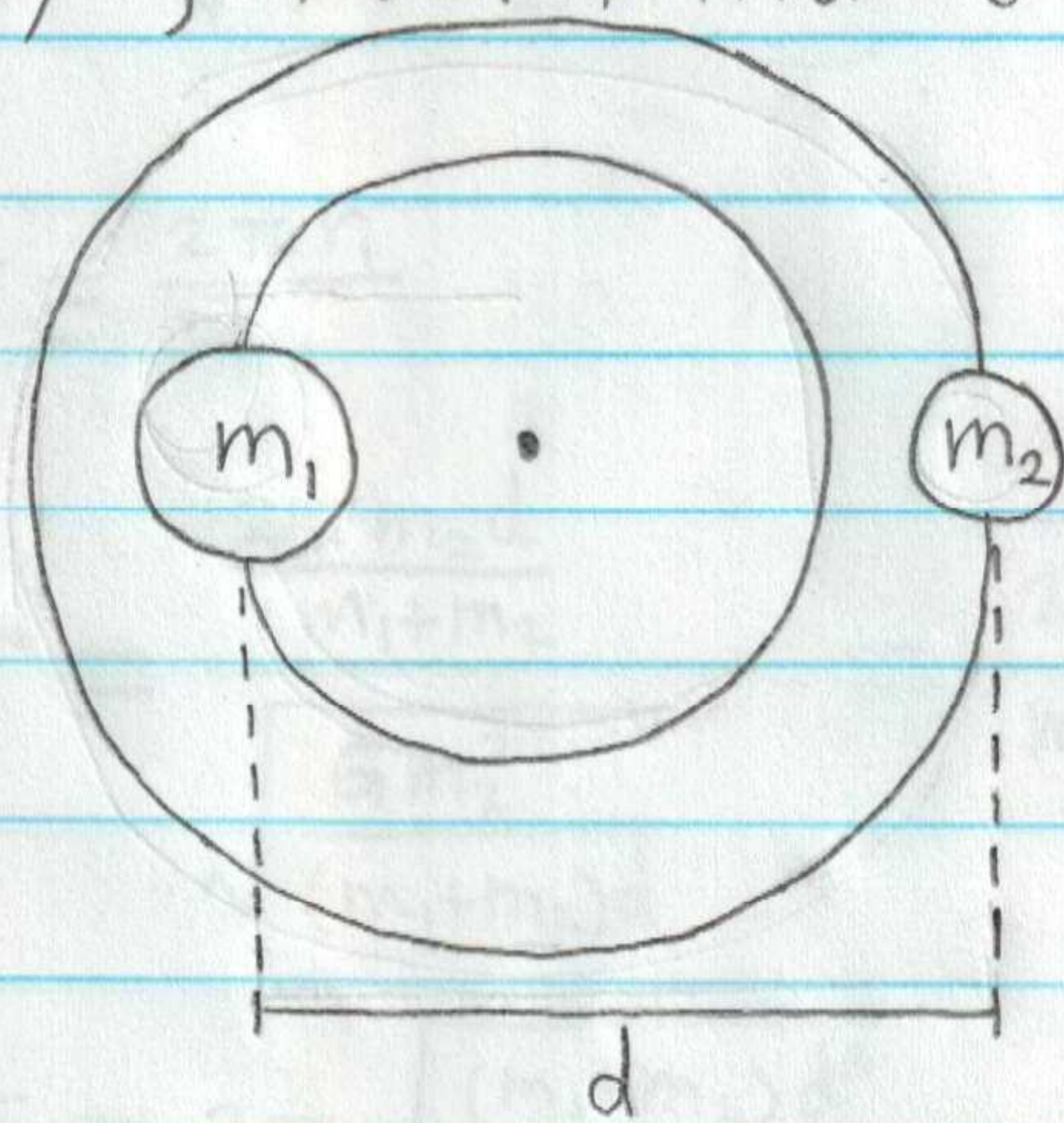


Very Nice!

Fig. 3

2. Handout #6

(a) Two particles (m_1 and m_2) are in circular motion with the gravity between them being the only force. Find the period.



FBD: $m_1 \rightarrow F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{d^2} \leftarrow F = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{d^2} m_2$ ✓

$$r_{cm} = \frac{\sum r_i m_i}{\sum m_i}$$

(b) $m_1 \rightarrow r$

$$r_{cm/m_1} = r_1 = \frac{m_2 d}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$r_{cm/m_1} \omega = r_1 \omega = \frac{\omega^2 r_1}{\omega} = \frac{\omega^2 m_2 d}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\frac{m_1 v_1^2}{r_1} = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{d^2}$$

$$\frac{v_1^2}{\frac{m_2 d}{m_1 + m_2}} = \frac{G m_2}{d^2}$$

$$\frac{(m_1 + m_2) v_1^2}{m_2 d} = \frac{G m_2}{d^2}$$

$$(m_1 + m_2) d v_1^2 = G m_2^2$$

$$V_1^2 = \frac{G m_2^2}{(m_1 + m_2) d}$$

$$V_1 = \sqrt{\frac{G m_2^2}{(m_1 + m_2) d}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r_1}{V_1}$$

$$T = \frac{\frac{2\pi m_2 d}{m_1 + m_2}}{\sqrt{\frac{G m_2^2}{(m_1 + m_2) d}}} = \frac{2\pi m_2 d \sqrt{(m_1 + m_2) d}}{m_2 (m_1 + m_2) \sqrt{G}}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(m_1 + m_2) d^3}{(m_1 + m_2)^2 G}}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{d^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)}} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) Pick $G=1, m_1=2, m_2=1, d=1$

Initial conditions:

$$\vec{r}_{10} = \vec{0}, \quad \vec{r}_{20} = 1\hat{i} \Rightarrow r_1 = 1$$

$$V_1 = V_{10} = \sqrt{\frac{G m_2^2}{(m_1 + m_2) d}} = \sqrt{\frac{1(1)^2}{(2+1)(1)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\vec{V}_{10} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{j}$$

$$V_2 = V_{20} = \sqrt{\frac{G m_1^2}{(m_1 + m_2) d}} = \sqrt{\frac{1(2)^2}{(2+1)(1)}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\vec{V}_{20} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{j}$$

Problem 2 (Handout #6) part (b)

MATLAB code:

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function TwoParticles()
close all
clear
clc

% Put parameters in struct p
p.G = 1;
p.m1 = 2;
p.m2 = 1;
p.d = 1;

n = 100000; % number of steps in integration
tarray = linspace(0,3.63,n+1); % time span

% Initial conditions
r10 = [0,0];
r20 = [1,0];
v10 = [0,-1/sqrt(3)];
v20 = [0,2/sqrt(3)];
z0 = [r10,r20,v10,v20];

% Command to solve the ODEs
zarray = euler(@ODEs,tarray,z0,p);

x1 = zarray(:,1);
y1 = zarray(:,2);
x2 = zarray(:,3);
y2 = zarray(:,4);

% Plot trajectory
plot(x1,y1,x2,y2)
axis('equal');
title('Paths of the Particles')
xlabel('x (m)')
ylabel('y (m)')
legend('Particle 1', 'Particle 2')

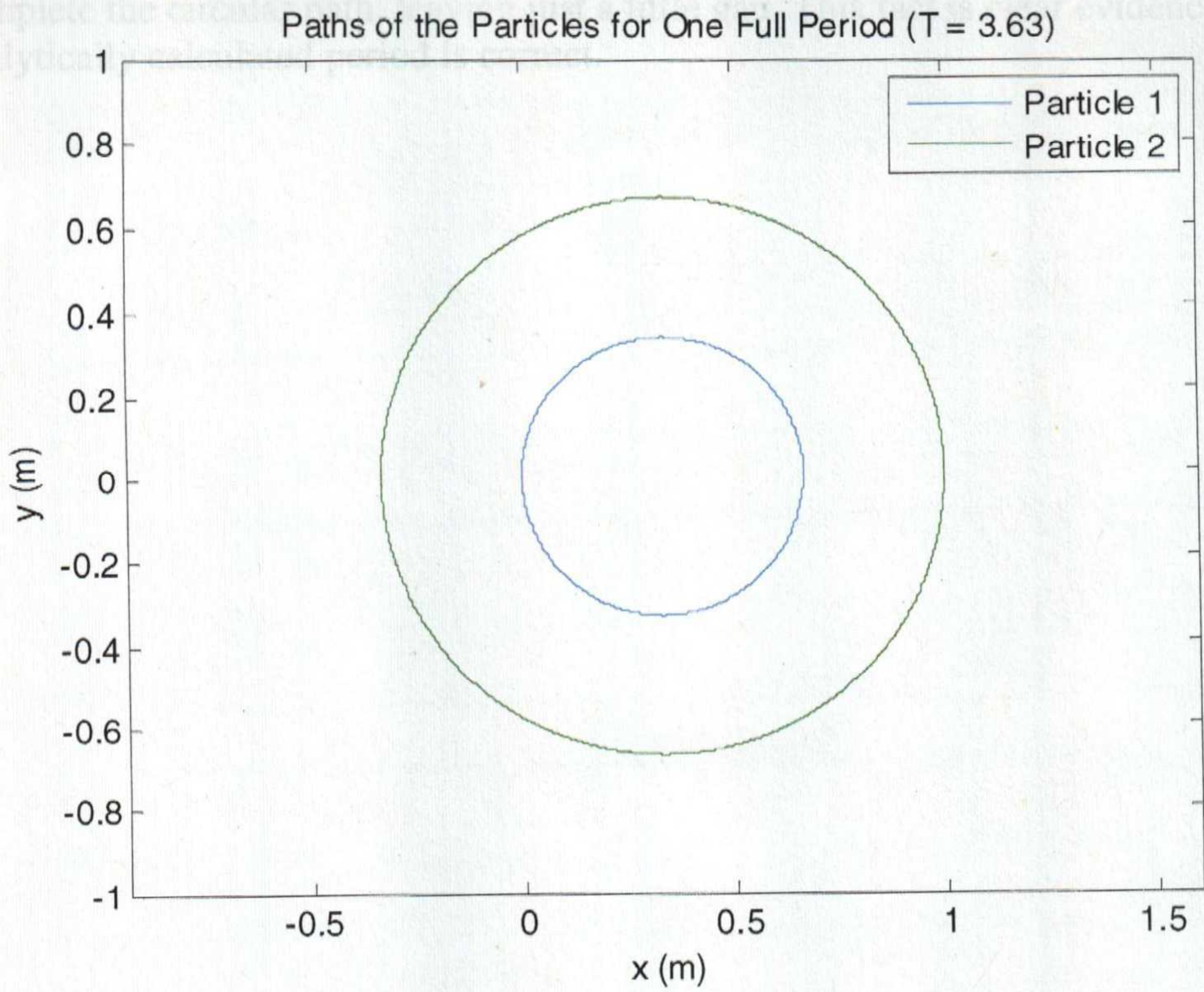
end
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function zdot = ODEs(t,z,p)
% The ODEs for quadratic drag

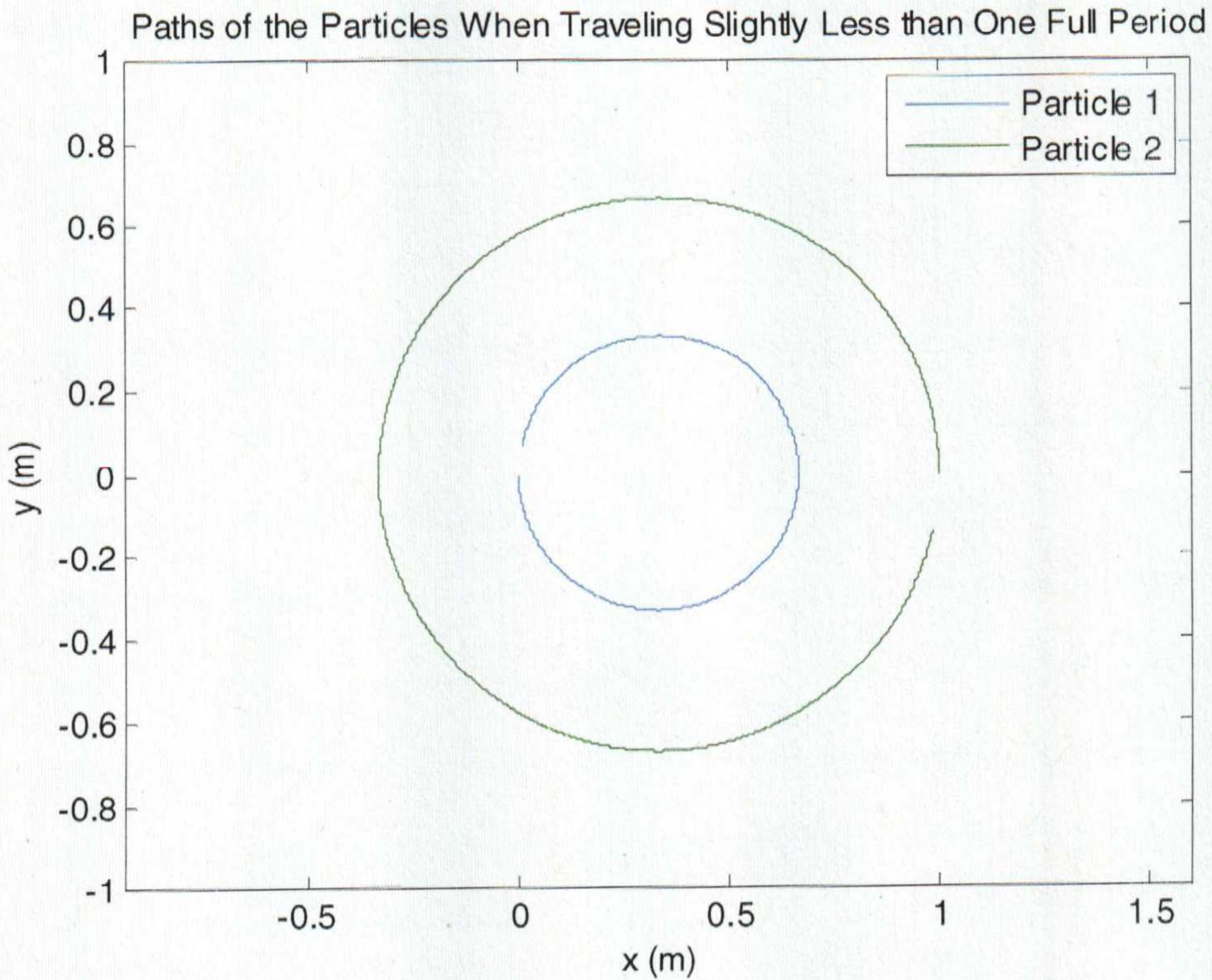
% Unpack the list of numbers into position and vel
r1 = z(1:2);
r2 = z(3:4);
v1 = z(5:6);
v2 = z(7:8);

% Unpack constants in struct p
G = p.G;
m1 = p.m1;
```


Paths of the particles traveling one full period ($t_{\max} = T = 3.63$):



Paths of the particles traveling slightly less than one full period ($t_{\max} = 3.5$):



The analytically calculated period is 3.63. When plotting with 3.63 as the end time, the complete circular path is observed. If a slightly smaller end time is used, say 3.5, then the plot will not complete the circular path, leaving just a little gap. This fact is clear evidence that the analytically calculated period is correct. ✓

FBD:

$$\textcircled{m_1} \rightarrow F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{d^2}$$

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{d^2} \leftarrow \textcircled{m_2}$$

Equations of motion:

$$m_1 \ddot{\vec{r}}_1 = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{d^2} (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)$$

$$m_2 \ddot{\vec{r}}_2 = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{d^2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_1 = \frac{Gm_2}{d^2} (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_2 = \frac{Gm_1}{d^2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_1 = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_2 = \vec{v}_2$$

$$\dot{\vec{v}}_1 = \frac{Gm_2}{d^2} (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)$$

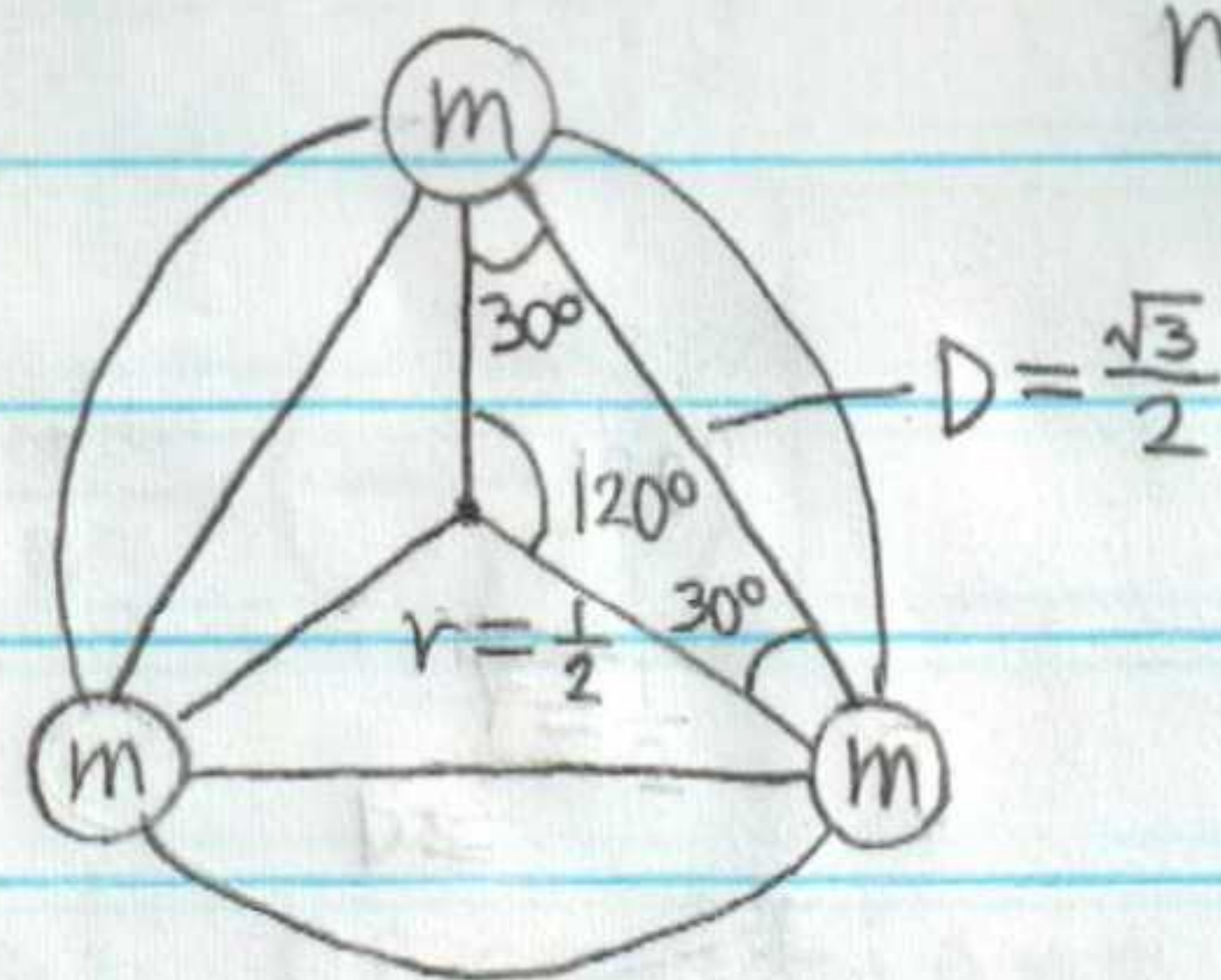
$$\dot{\vec{v}}_2 = \frac{Gm_1}{d^2} (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{d^3}{G(m_1+m_2)}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{2+1}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}} = 3.63 \text{ s}$$

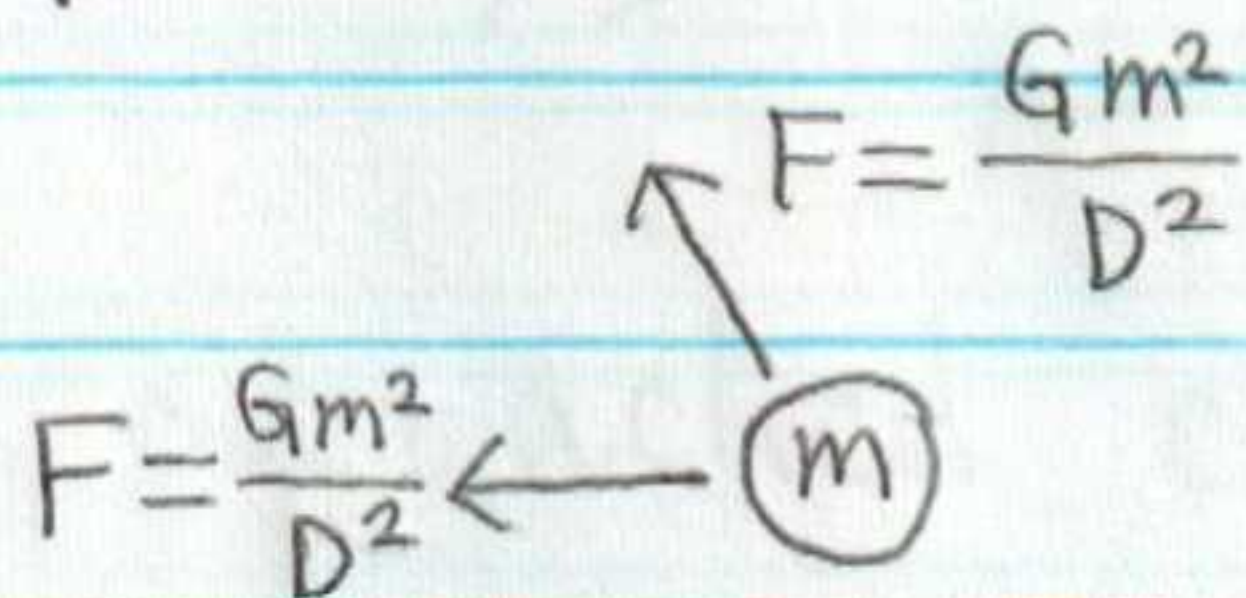
See attached code, plots, and explanation.

(c)



$$m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m = 1$$

FBD:



$$F_{\text{central}} = 2F \cos 30^\circ$$

$$F_{\text{central}} = 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \frac{Gm^2}{D^2}$$

$$F_{\text{central}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{D^2}$$

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$F_{\text{central}} = mr\omega^2$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{D^2} = mr\omega^2$$

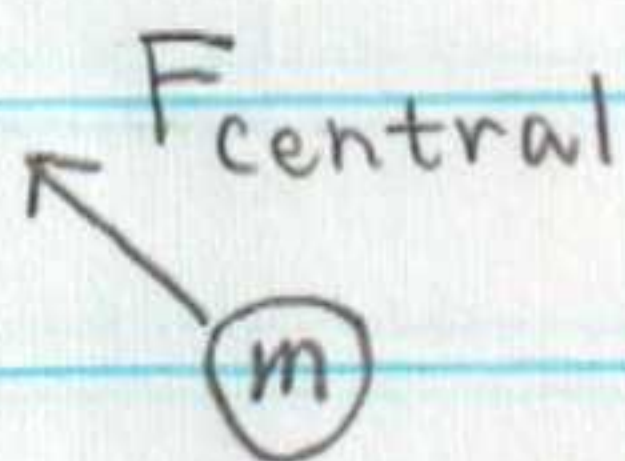
$$\omega^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3} Gm}{D^2 r}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{3} Gm}{D^2 r}}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{3} (1)(1)}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}}$$

$$\omega = 2.15 \text{ rad/s}$$

(d) FBD:



$$m \ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \frac{\sqrt{3} Gm^2}{D^2} \left(-\frac{\vec{r}_i}{|\vec{r}_i|} \right)$$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \frac{\sqrt{3} G m}{D^2} \left(-\frac{\vec{r}_i}{|\vec{r}_i|} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\vec{r}}_i &= \vec{V}_i \\ \dot{\vec{V}}_i &= \frac{\sqrt{3} G m}{D^2} \left(-\frac{\vec{r}_i}{|\vec{r}_i|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Initial conditions are determined based on geometry, see attached MATLAB code.

See attached code and plot for the results

Problem 2 (Handout #6) part (d)

MATLAB code:

```
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function ThreeParticles()
close all
clear
clc

% Put parameters in struct p
p.G = 1;
p.m = 1;
p.D = sqrt(3)/2;

n = 100000; % number of steps in integration
tarray = linspace(0,0.975,n+1); % time span

% Initial conditions
r10 = [sqrt(3)/4, -1/4];
r20 = [0, 1/2];
r30 = [-sqrt(3)/4, -1/4];
omega = 2.149;
r = 1/2;
v = r*omega;
v10 = [v*cosd(60), v*sind(60)];
v20 = [-v, 0];
v30 = [v*cosd(300), v*sind(300)];
z0 = [r10, r20, r30, v10, v20, v30];

% Command to solve the ODEs
zarray = euler(@ODEs, tarray, z0, p);

x1 = zarray(:,1);
y1 = zarray(:,2);
x2 = zarray(:,3);
y2 = zarray(:,4);
x3 = zarray(:,5);
y3 = zarray(:,6);

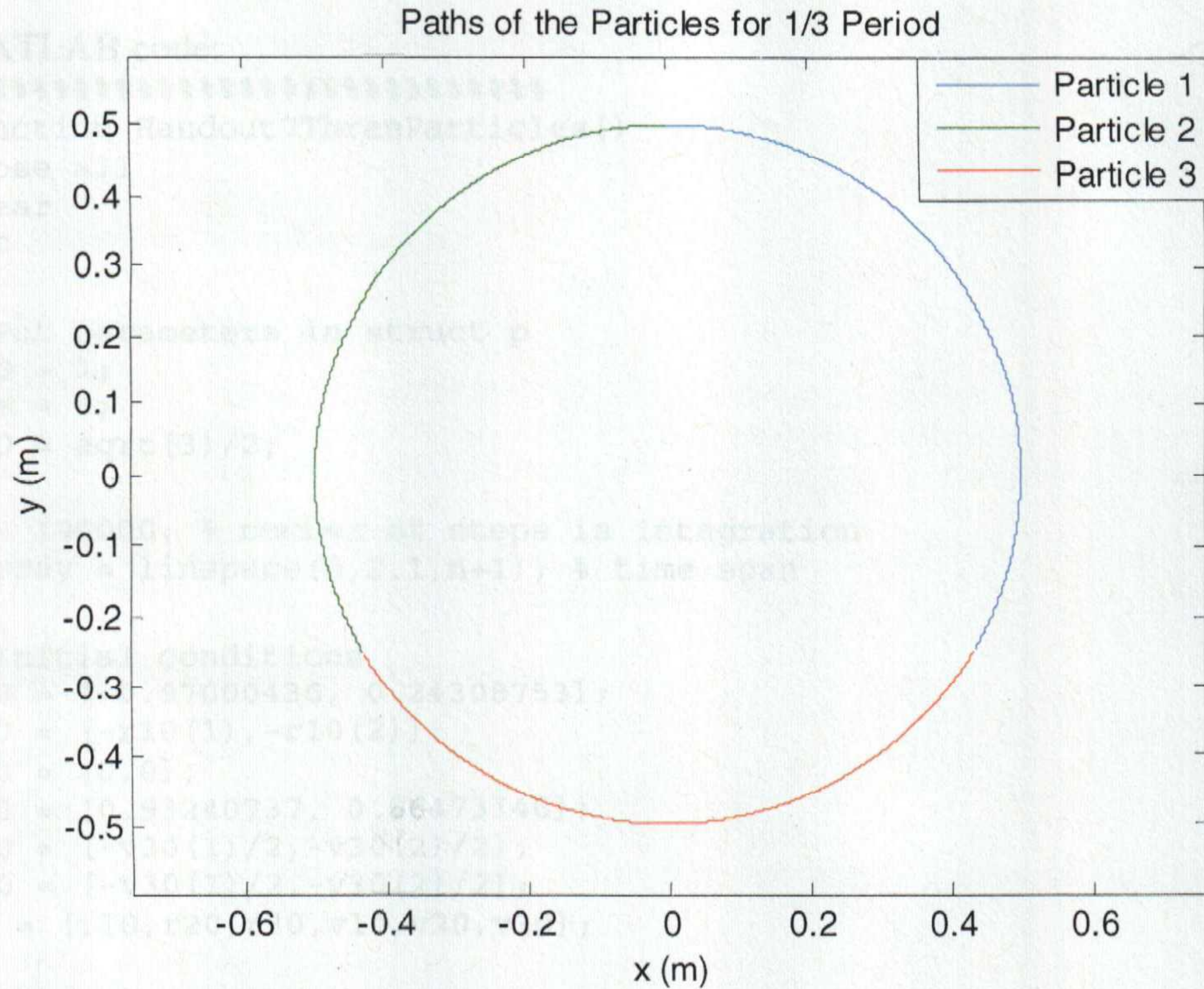
% Plot trajectory
plot(x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3)
axis([-0.6, 0.6, -0.6, 0.6])
axis('equal')
title('Paths of the Particles for 1/3 Period')
xlabel('x (m)')
ylabel('y (m)')
legend('Particle 1', 'Particle 2', 'Particle 3')

end
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
function zdot = ODEs(t, z, p)
% The ODEs for quadratic drag

% Unpack the list of numbers into position and vel
r1 = z(1:2);
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Paths of the particles traveling for 1/3 period:



The paths of the particles are a perfect circle. This indicates that the angular speed calculated in part (c) is correct.

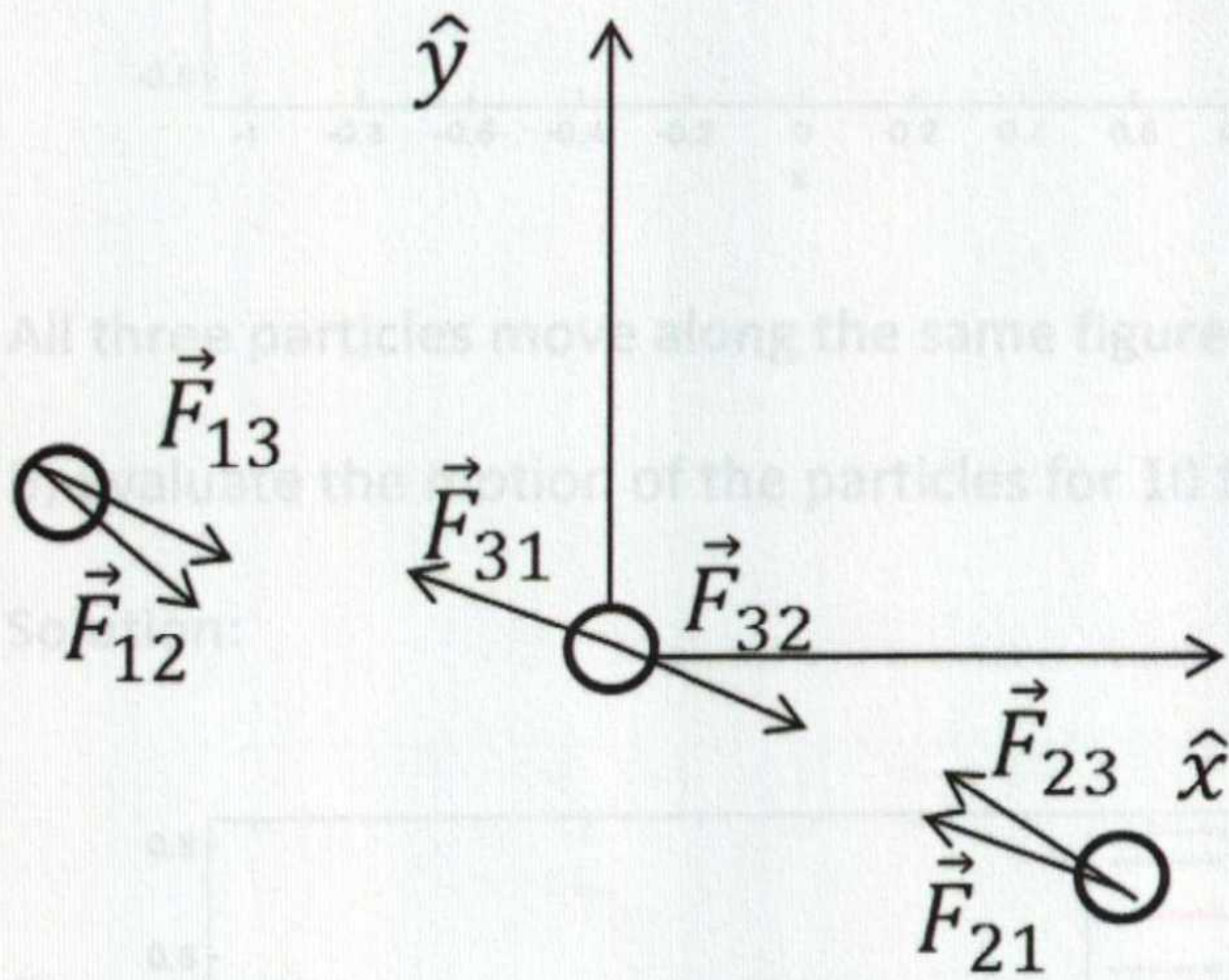
Problem 3 (#7 from Fall 2012PDF)

Evaluate the particle trajectories for the three particles experiencing gravitational force from the other two particles

A) Evaluate the motion of the particles for 2.1 time units

Solution:

FBD



$$m_1 = 1, m_2 = 2, m_3 = 2, G=1,$$

$$r_{01} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.97000436 \\ 0.24308753 \end{bmatrix}, r_{02} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_{01x} \\ -r_{01y} \end{bmatrix}, r_{03} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_{01} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} -v_{03x} \\ -v_{03y} \end{bmatrix}}{2}, v_{02} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} -v_{03x} \\ -v_{03y} \end{bmatrix}}{2}, v_{03} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.93240737 \\ 0.86473146 \end{bmatrix}$$

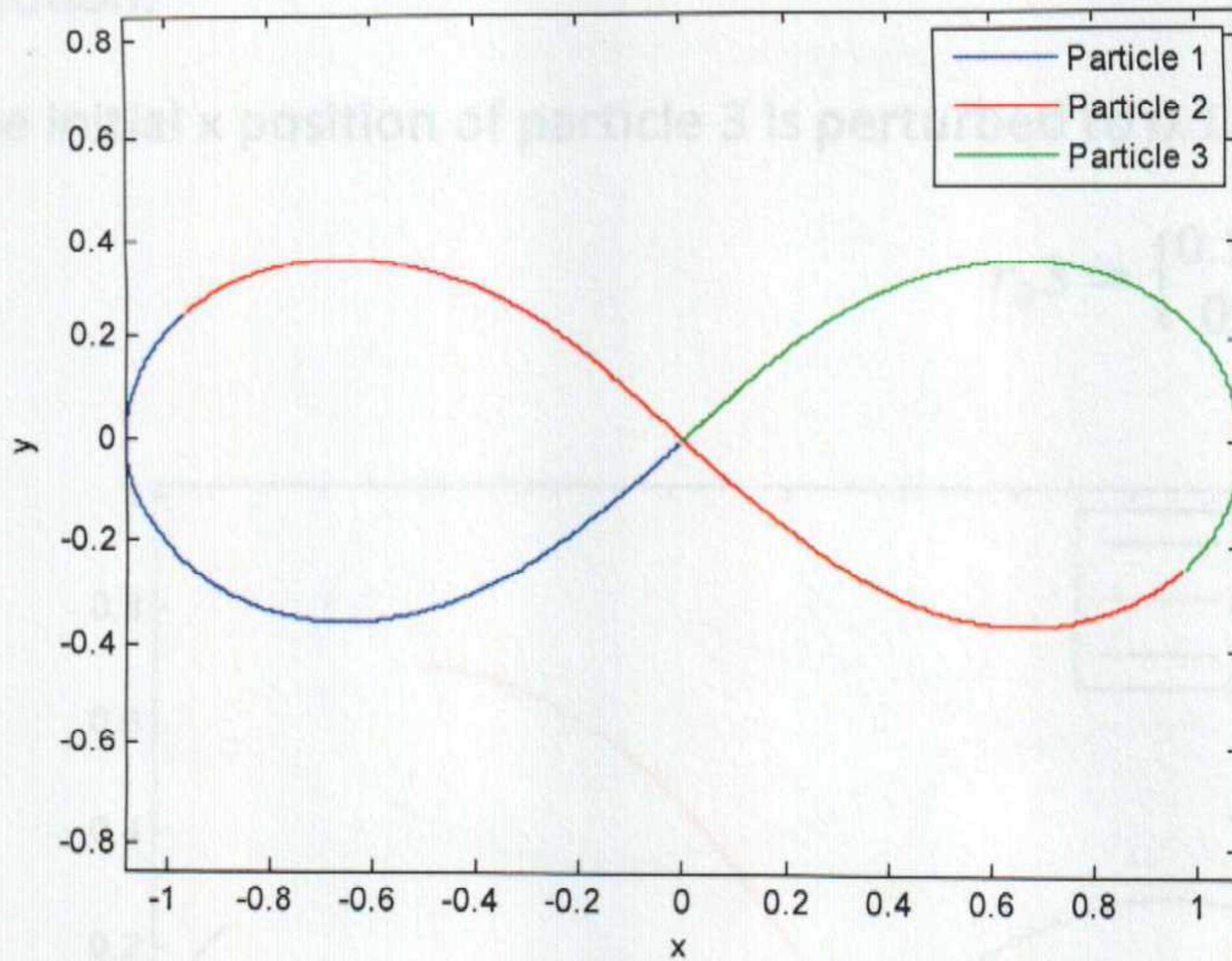
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$$\vec{F}_1 = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|^3} \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1 + \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_3|^3} \vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_1 = \ddot{\vec{r}}_1$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1|^3} \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2 + \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_3|^3} \vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_2 = \ddot{\vec{r}}_2$$

$$\vec{F}_3 = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_2|^3} \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_3 + \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_3|^3} \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_3 = \ddot{\vec{r}}_3$$

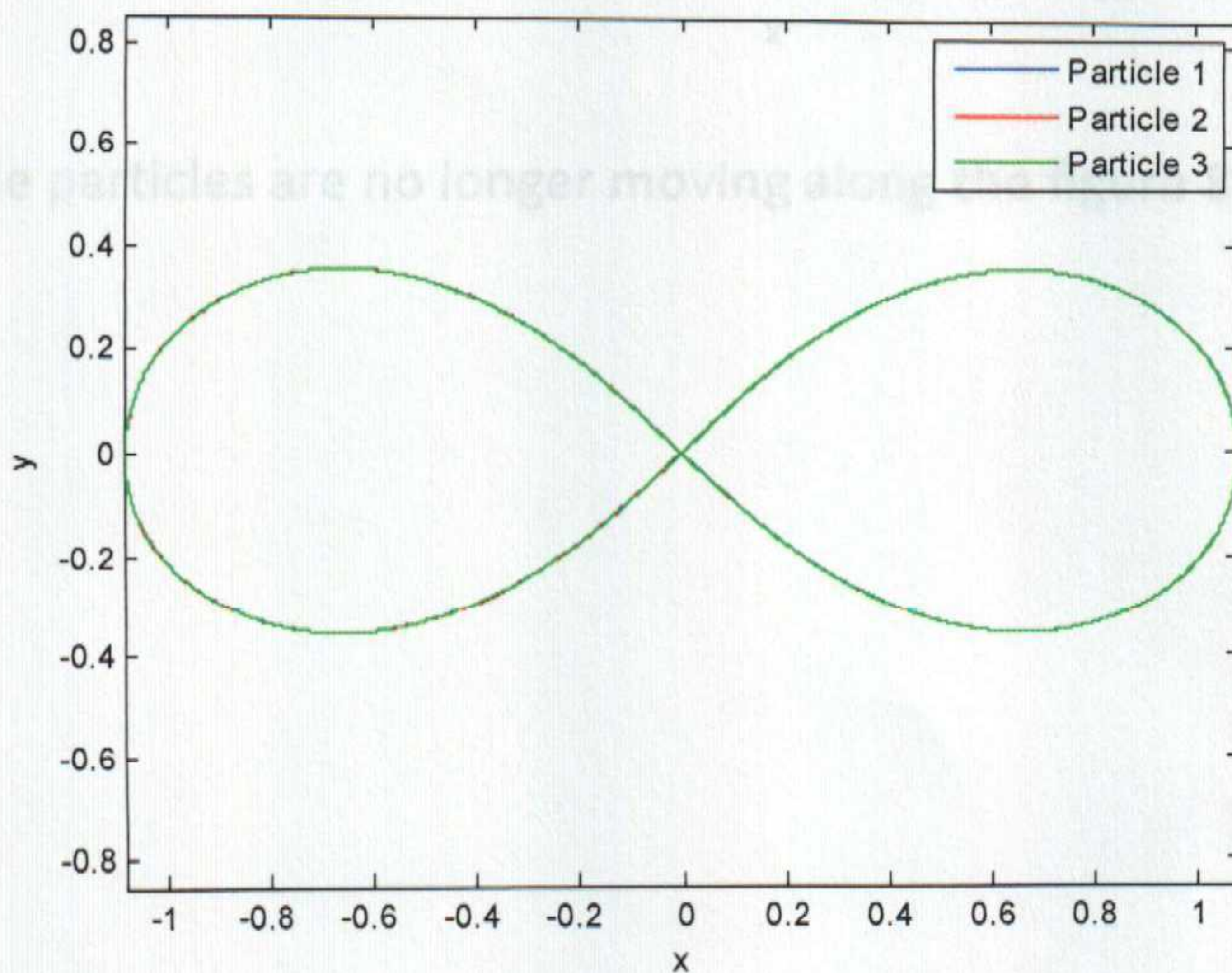
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All three particles move along the same figure 8 orbit

B) Evaluate the motion of the particles for 10 time units

Solution:



The three trajectories have overlapped.

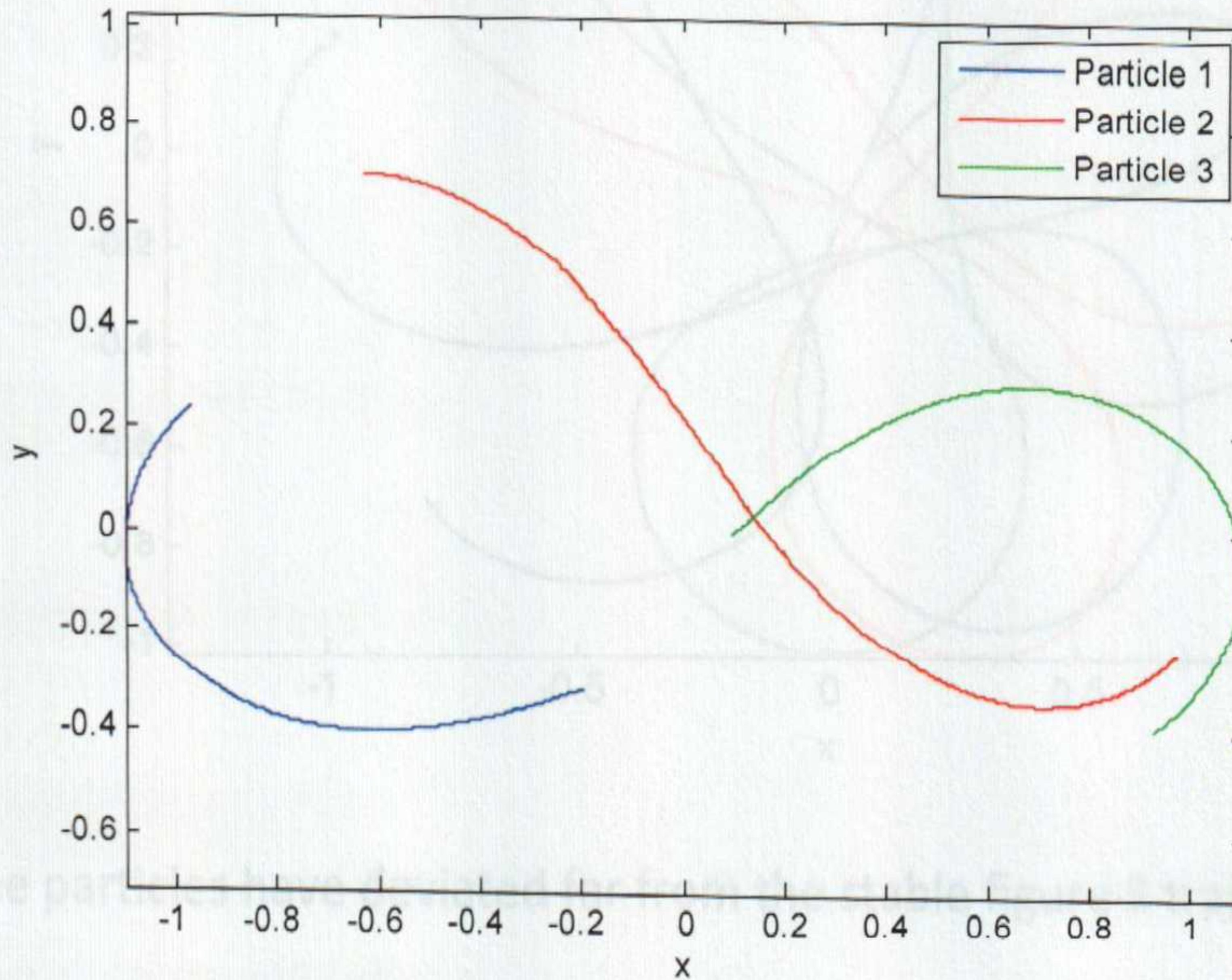
D) Make small changes to the initial conditions and evaluate the motion of the particles and evaluate for 10 time units.

C) Make small changes to the initial conditions and evaluate the motion of the particles and evaluate for 2.1 time units.

Solution:

The initial x position of particle 3 is perturbed to 0.1

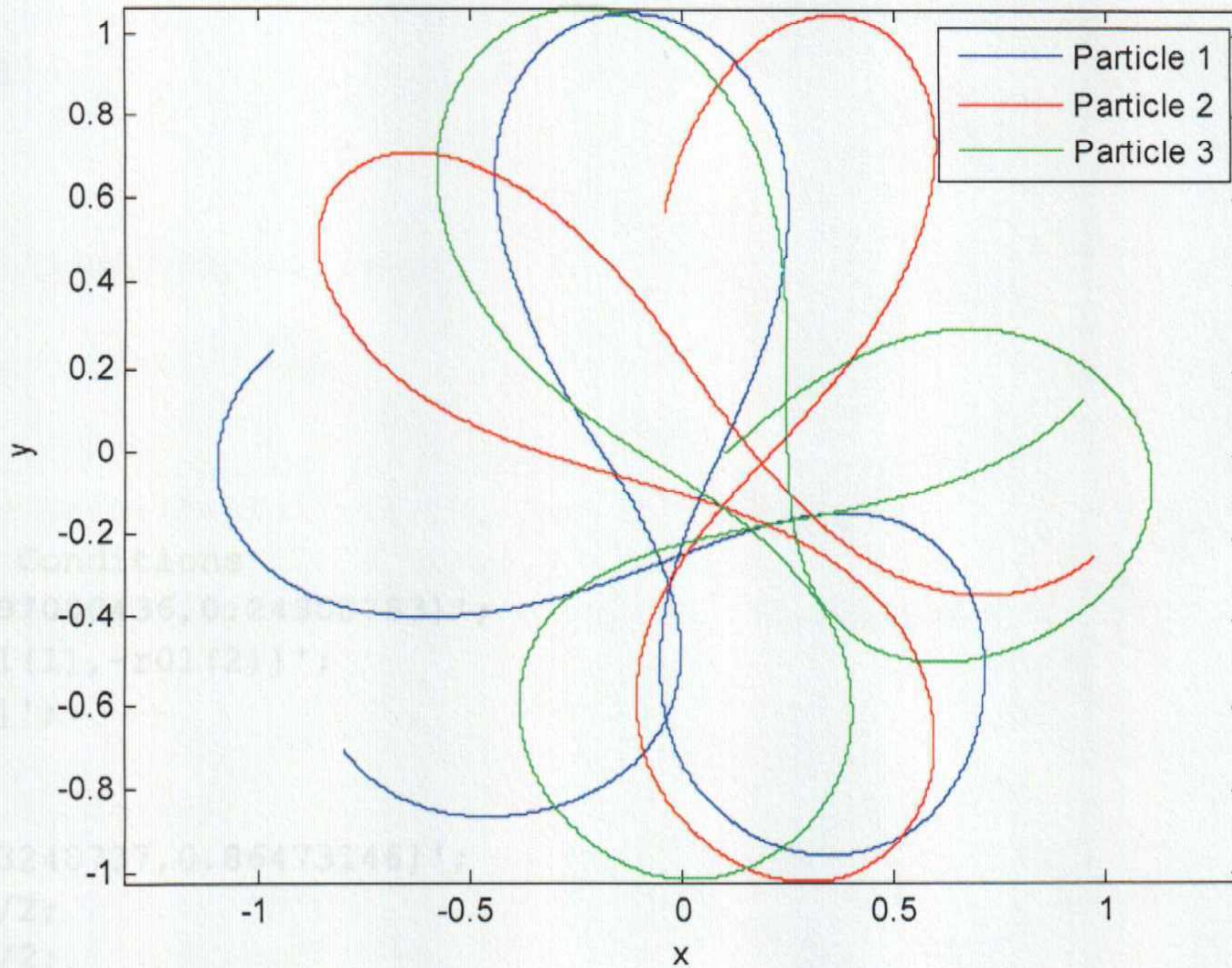
$$r_{03} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



The particles are no longer moving along the figure 8 trajectories.

D) Make small changes to the initial conditions and evaluate the motion of the particles and evaluate for 10 time units.

Solution:



The particles have deviated far from the stable figure 8 trajectories in parts A and B.

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%%  
%  
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%HW 4 - p3 (#7 From PDF)
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```
clear  
clc  
close all  
  
p.m1=1;  
p.m2=1;  
p.m3=1;  
p.G=1;  
  
%Initial and Final Times  
t0=0;  
tf=2.1;  
  
%% A  
options=odeset('RelTol',1e-10,'AbsTol',1e-10);  
%Initial Conditions  
r01=[-0.97000436,0.24308753]';  
r02=[-r01(1),-r01(2)]';  
r03=[0,0]';  
  
v03=[0.93240737,0.86473146]';  
v01=-v03/2;  
v02=-v03/2;  
  
z0=[r01;r02;r03;v01;v02;v03];  
  
%Initial and Final Times  
t0=0;  
tf=2.1;  
options=odeset('RelTol',1e-10,'AbsTol',1e-10);  
%Solve The Three Particle Gravity Equations  
[t z] = ode45(@threeParticleGravity,[t0 tf],z0,options,p);  
  
%Plot Trajectory  
figure(1)  
plot(z(:,1),z(:,2))  
hold on  
plot(z(:,3),z(:,4),'r')  
plot(z(:,5),z(:,6),'g')  
xlabel('x')  
ylabel('y')  
axis equal  
legend('Particle 1','Particle 2','Particle 3')  
  
%% B  
options=odeset('RelTol',1e-10,'AbsTol',1e-10);
```

```

%Initial Conditions
r01=[-0.97000436,0.24308753]';
r02=[-r01(1),-r01(2)]';
r03=[0,0]';

v03=[0.93240737,0.86473146]';
v01=-v03/2;
v02=-v03/2;

xlabel('x')
ylabel('y')
axis equal
z0=[r01;r02;r03;v01;v02;v03]';

%Initial and Final Times
t0=0;
tf=10;
options=odeset('RelTol',1e-10,'AbsTol',1e-10);
%Solve The Three Particle Gravity Equations
[t z] = ode45(@threeParticleGravity,[t0 tf],z0,options,p);

%Plot Trajectory
figure(2)
plot(z(:,1),z(:,2))
hold on
plot(z(:,3),z(:,4),'r')
plot(z(:,5),z(:,6),'g')
xlabel('x')
ylabel('y')
axis equal
legend('Particle 1','Particle 2','Particle 3')

[t z] = ode45(@threeParticleGravity,[t0 tf],z0,options,p);
%% C
%Initial Conditions
r01=[-0.97000436,0.24308753]';
r02=[-r01(1),-r01(2)]';
r03=[.1,0]';

v03=[0.93240737,0.86473146]';
v01=-v03/2;
v02=-v03/2;

legend('Particle 1','Particle 2','Particle 3')

z0=[r01;r02;r03;v01;v02;v03]';

%Initial and Final Times
t0=0;
tf=2.1;
options=odeset('RelTol',1e-10,'AbsTol',1e-10);

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```
%Solve The Three Particle Gravity Equations
```

```
[t z] = ode45(@threeParticleGravity,[t0 tf],z0,options,p);
```

```
%Plot Trajectory
```

```
figure(3)
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```
plot(z(:,1),z(:,2))
```

```
hold on
```

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plot(z(:,3),z(:,4),'r')
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```
plot(z(:,5),z(:,6),'g')
```

```
xlabel('x')
```

```
ylabel('y')
```

```
axis equal
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legend('Particle 1','Particle 2','Particle 3')
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%Initial Conditions
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```
r01=[-0.97000436,0.24308753]';
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r02=[-r01(1),-r01(2)]';
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```
r03=[.1,0]';
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```
v03=[0.93240737,0.86473146]';
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v01=-v03/2;
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v02=-v03/2;
```

```
z0=[r01;r02;r03;v01;v02;v03];
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```
%Initial and Final Times
```

```
t0=0;
```

```
tf=10;
```

```
options=odeset('RelTol',1e-10,'AbsTol',1e-10);
```

```
%Solve The Three Particle Gravity Equations
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[t z] = ode45(@threeParticleGravity,[t0 tf],z0,options,p);
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```
%Plot Trajectory
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```
figure(4)
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plot(z(:,1),z(:,2))
```

```
hold on
```

```
plot(z(:,3),z(:,4),'r')
```

```
plot(z(:,5),z(:,6),'g')
```

```
xlabel('x')
```

```
ylabel('y')
```

```
axis equal
```

```
legend('Particle 1','Particle 2','Particle 3')
```



```
function zdot = threeParticleGravity(t,z,p)
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```
    r1=z(1:2);  
    r2=z(3:4);  
    r3=z(5:6);  
    v1=z(7:8);  
    v2=z(9:10);  
    v3=z(11:12);
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    rdot1 = v1;  
    rdot2 = v2;  
    rdot3 = v3;
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    F1 = +p.G*p.m1*p.m2/norm(r2-r1)^3*(r2-r1)+p.G*p.m1*p.m3/norm(r3-r1)^3*(r3-r1);  
    a1 = F1/p.m1;  
    vdot1 = a1;
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    F2 = +p.G*p.m1*p.m2/norm(r1-r2)^3*(r1-r2)+p.G*p.m3*p.m2/norm(r2-r3)^3*(r3-r2);  
    a2 = F2/p.m2;  
    vdot2 = a2;
```

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    F3 = +p.G*p.m1*p.m3/norm(r1-r3)^3*(r1-r3)+p.G*p.m3*p.m2/norm(r2-r3)^3*(r2-r3);  
    a3 = F3/p.m3;  
    vdot3 = a3;
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    zdot = [rdot1;rdot2;rdot3;vdot1;vdot2;vdot3];
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end
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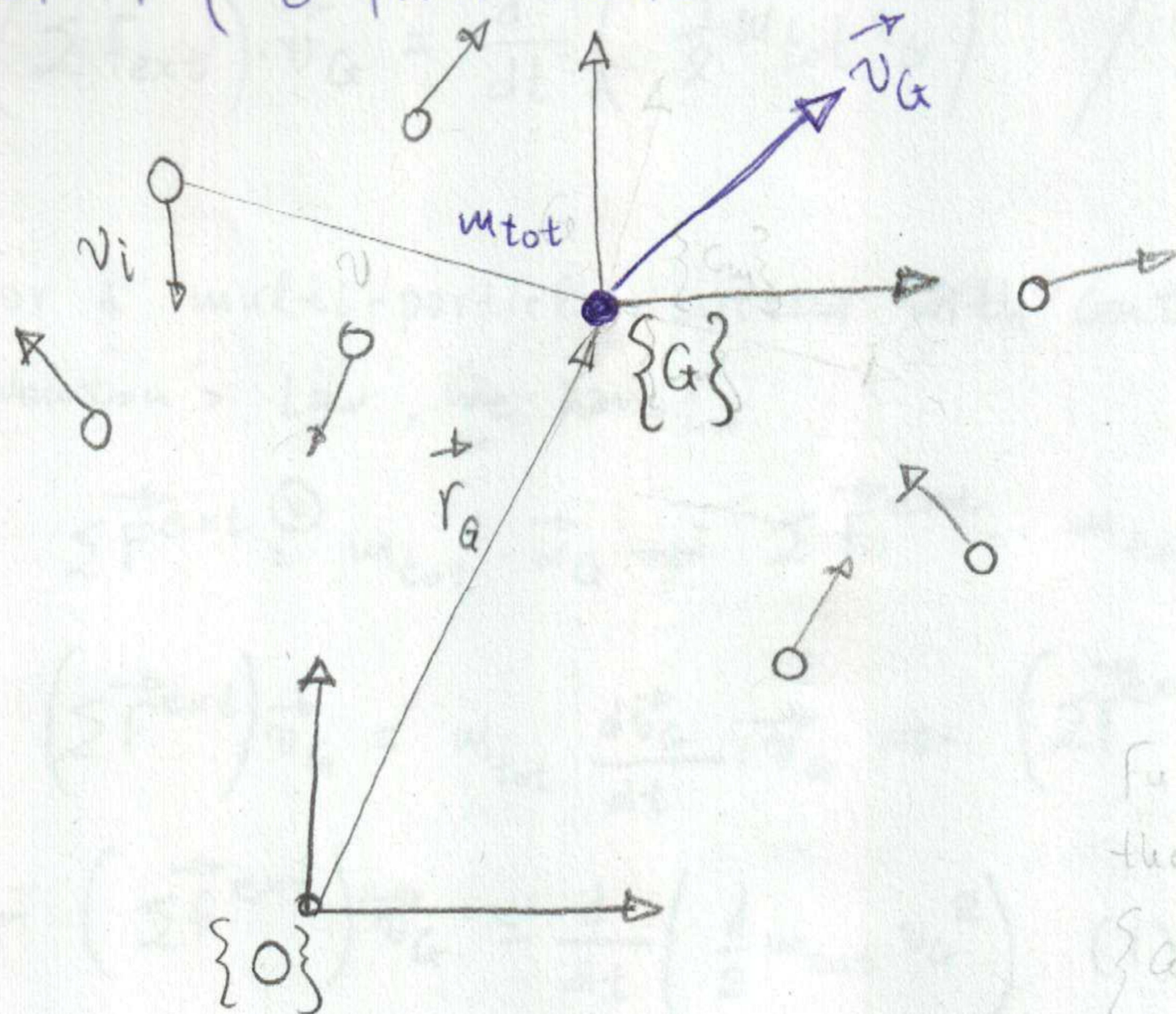
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HW 4

Problem 4 (8 from Handout of 03/18/2013)

(a)

v_i : velocity of particle i wrt $\{O\}$



We define ^{Newtonian} frame $\{G\}$ to have its origin at the center of mass of the system.

Then it should be:

$m_{tot} \vec{v}_G = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i$, where the symbol $(')$ denotes relation to frame $\{G\}$.

Therefore, it should be:

$$0 = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i' \quad (1)$$

We can also write that:

$$\vec{v}_i' = \vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_G \quad (2)$$

An expression for the kinetic energy of the system is:

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i^2 \quad (\text{velocities wrt } \{O\}) \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_k &= \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i^2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i (\vec{v}_i + \vec{v}_G)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i (\vec{v}_i' + \vec{v}_G) (\vec{v}_i' + \vec{v}_G) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i (v_i'^2 + \vec{v}_i' \vec{v}_G + \vec{v}_G \vec{v}_i' + v_G^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i'^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i \vec{v}_i' \vec{v}_G + \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_G^2 = \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i'^2 + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\sum m_i}_{m_{tot}} v_G^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_{tot} v_G^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i (\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_G)^2 = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m_{tot} v_G^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i |\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_G|^2 \quad \square \checkmark$$

(b)

$$\left(\sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}}\right) \cdot \vec{v}_G = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m_{\text{tot}} v_G^2 \right) \quad / \quad \underline{\text{Always true?}}$$

For a multi-particle system with center of mass G , from the 2nd Newton's Law, we have:

$$\sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}} \stackrel{(*)}{=} m_{\text{tot}} \cdot \vec{a}_G \Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}} = m_{\text{tot}} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}_G}{dt} \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{v}_G \left(\sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}} \right) \cdot \vec{v}_G = m_{\text{tot}} \frac{d\vec{v}_G}{dt} \cdot \vec{v}_G \Rightarrow \left(\sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}} \right) \cdot \vec{v}_G = \frac{d}{dt} \left(m_{\text{tot}} v_G \frac{1}{2} v_G^2 \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}} \right) \cdot \vec{v}_G = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m_{\text{tot}} v_G^2 \right) \quad (1)$$

We can also see that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m_{\text{tot}} v_G^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{tot}} \cdot 2 v_G \cdot \vec{v}_G = \left(m_{\text{tot}} \vec{v}_G \right) \cdot \vec{v}_G = \left(\sum \vec{F}^{\text{ext}} \right) \cdot \vec{v}_G \quad (2)$$

Therefore the expression is always true. ✓

④ Handout #8

c) Is it always true that $p^{int} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_{i/G}^2 \right]$

From part a)

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_{tot} v_G^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i (v_{i/G})^2$$

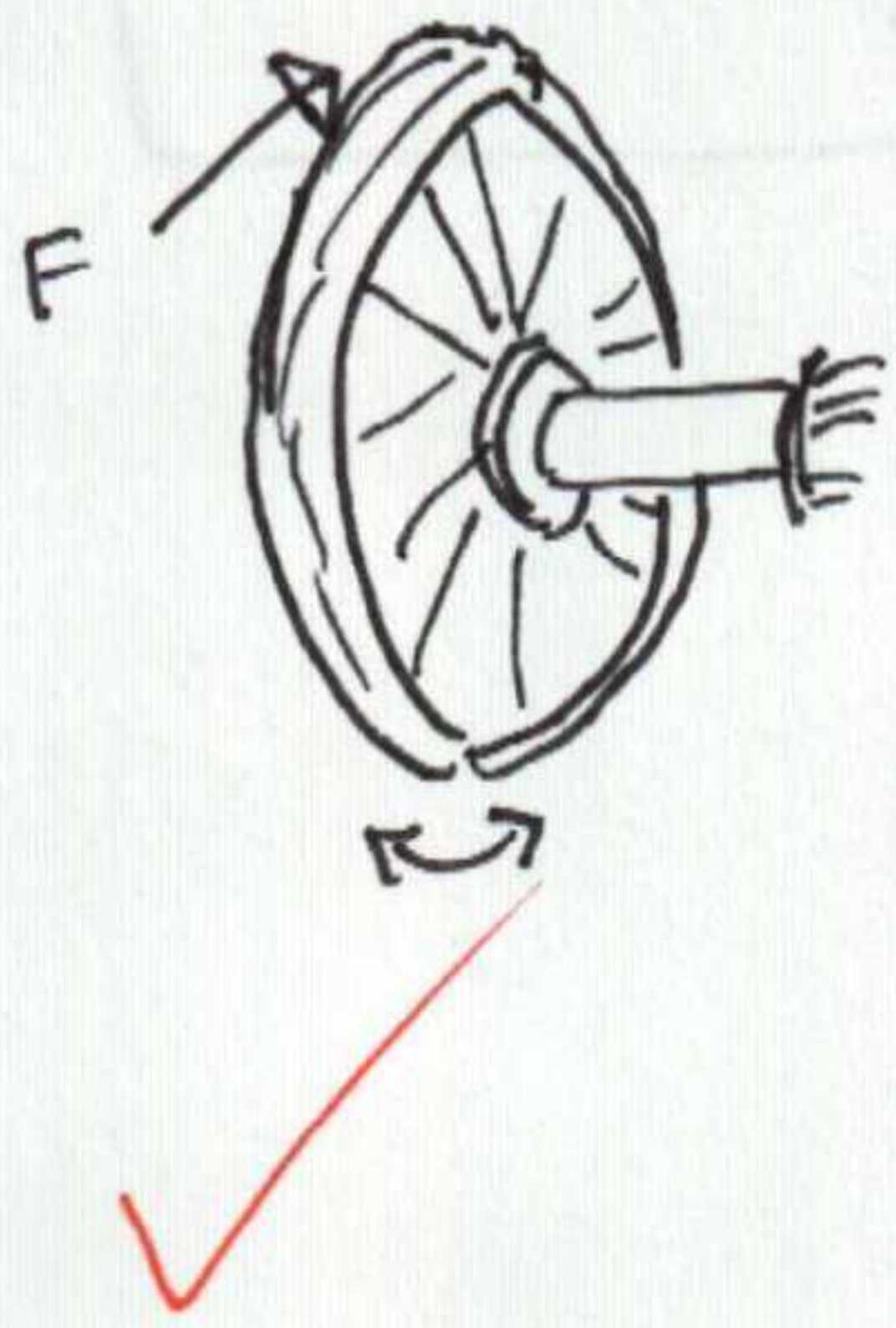
$$\dot{E}_K = \underbrace{m_{tot} \vec{a}_G \cdot \vec{v}_G}_{\text{from part b)}} + \sum m_i \vec{a}_{i/G} \cdot \vec{v}_{i/G}$$

$$\dot{E}_K = \sum \vec{F}^{ext} \cdot \vec{v}_G + \sum m_i \vec{a}_{i/G} \cdot \vec{v}_{i/G}$$

$$\dot{E}_K = \sum \vec{F}^{ext} \cdot \vec{v}_G + \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_{i/G}^2 \right] = p^{tot} = p^{int} + p^{ext}$$

If $p^{int} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_{i/G}^2 \right]$, then $p^{ext} = \sum \vec{F}^{ext} \cdot \vec{v}_G$
 Let's examine this claim

Imagine a initially motionless bicycle wheel that has boundary forces fixing it in position at its axle.



The wheel is free to rotate but has no initial rotation ($\omega = 0$)

A force (external) is then applied tangentially to the tire, causing it to spin. Clearly the kinetic energy increases according to $E_{K,rot} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$

Looking at $p^{ext} = \sum \vec{F}^{ext} \cdot \vec{v}_G$. p^{ext} is non-zero due to the added energy.

However, because the axle is constrained $\vec{v}_G = 0$

Therefore, for this case $p^{ext} \neq \sum \vec{F}^{ext} \cdot \vec{v}_G$

This means that $p^{int} \neq \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_{i/G}^2 \right]$ for all cases.

NOTE: For this proof, I discussed my thoughts with Adam Trofa and Nozomi Hitomi before coming up with a good counter example.

Problem 3.20

Consider a system comprising two extended bodies, which have masses M_1 and M_2 and centers of mass at \underline{R}_1 and \underline{R}_2 . Prove that the center of mass of the whole system is

$$\underline{R} = \frac{M_1 \underline{R}_1 + M_2 \underline{R}_2}{M_{\text{tot}}}$$

SOLUTION

From the definition of CM

✓ $\underline{R}_1 = \frac{1}{M_1} \sum_i m_i \underline{r}_i$, where m_i is a particle of extended body 1 and \underline{r}_i is its corresponding position vector

$\underline{R}_2 = \frac{1}{M_2} \sum_j m_j \underline{r}_j$, " ... body 2 ... "

For a system comprised of these two extended bodies then

$M_{\text{tot}} = M_1 + M_2$ and by def'n

$\underline{R} = \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}}} \sum_k m_k \underline{r}_k$, where m_k is a particle of the system and \underline{r}_k is its corresponding position vector.

✓ $= \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}}} \left(\sum_i m_i \underline{r}_i + \sum_j m_j \underline{r}_j \right)$, where by the prop. of summation it has been broken into 2 sums with the particles assoc. with body 1 are grouped & those with body 2 are grouped.

$= \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}}} (M_1 \underline{R}_1 + M_2 \underline{R}_2)$

$\underline{R} = \frac{M_1 \underline{R}_1 + M_2 \underline{R}_2}{M_1 + M_2}$ ✓