

A puck of mass  $m$  is moving without friction on the  $x - y$  plane and is attached to the origin ( $x = y = 0$ ) with a spring of spring constant  $k$  and a “relaxed” length  $L$ .

1. Using polar coordinates  $r, \phi$ , write down the Lagrangian for this situation
2. Write down the generalized momenta and determine which ones are conserved.
3. Write down the Euler-Lagrange equations for the coordinates.
4. Find the necessary condition for equilibrium motion at fixed distance  $r_0$  around the center with constant angular velocity  $\dot{\phi} = \omega$ , i.e, express  $r_0$  in terms of  $\omega$ .
5. Parametrize small deviations from the equilibrium by introducing new coordinates  $\delta r$  and  $\delta\phi$  with  $r(t) = r_0 + \delta r(t)$  and  $\phi(t) = \omega t + \delta\phi(t)$ . In the following, assume that  $\delta\phi(t=0) = \delta\dot{\phi}(t=0) = \delta\dot{r}(t=0) = 0$  while  $\delta r(t=0)$  is not necessarily zero. Plug this ansatz into your Euler-Lagrange equations and evaluate by discarding all terms that contain more than one small factor ( $\delta r$  or  $\delta\phi$  and their derivatives), as well as using the equilibrium condition to replace  $r_0$ .
6. Show that the resulting equations have as their solutions small oscillations of  $\delta r$  around the equilibrium value and calculate the frequency of these oscillations in terms of  $\omega$  and  $L$ . (Don't worry about the corresponding solution for  $\delta\phi$ .)