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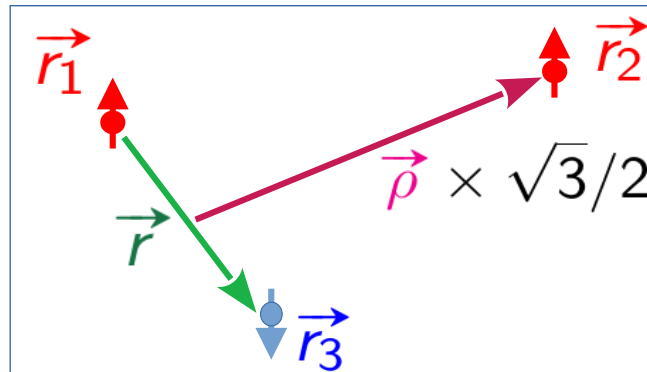
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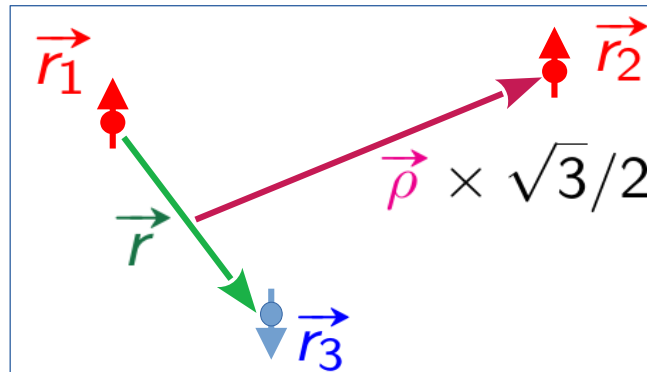
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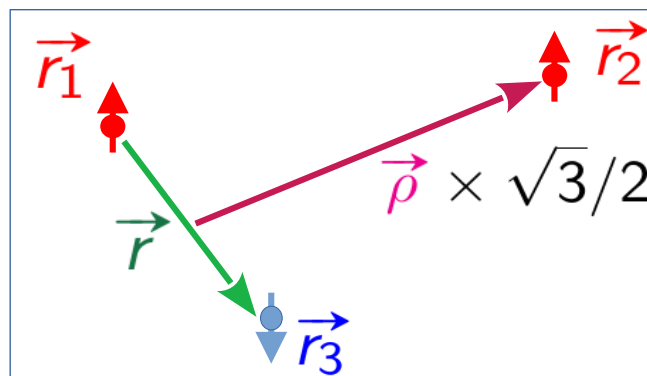
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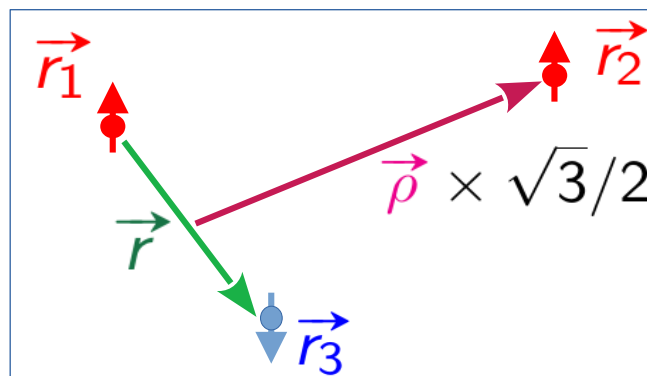
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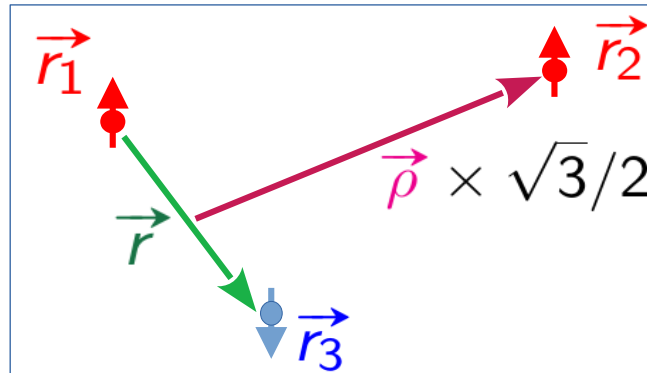
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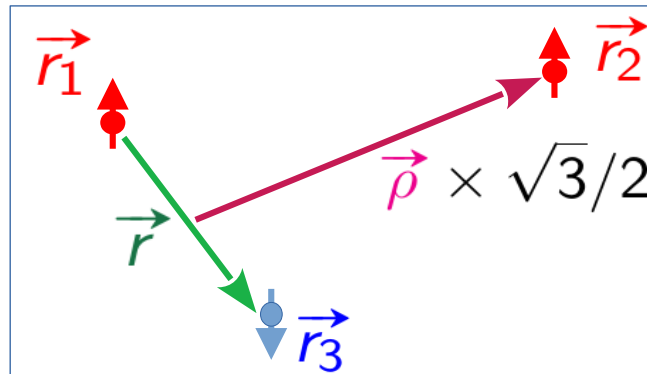
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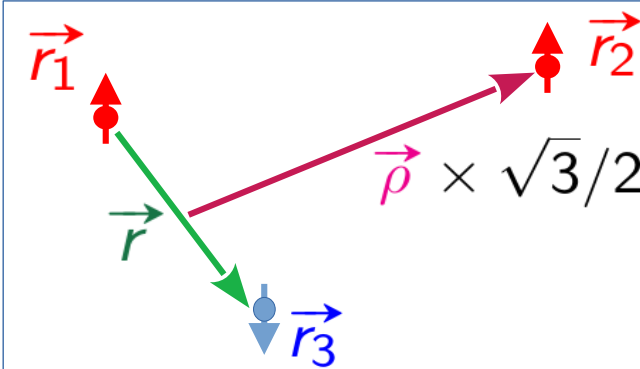
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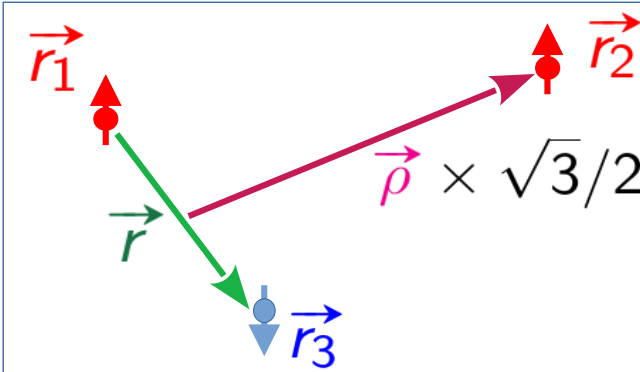
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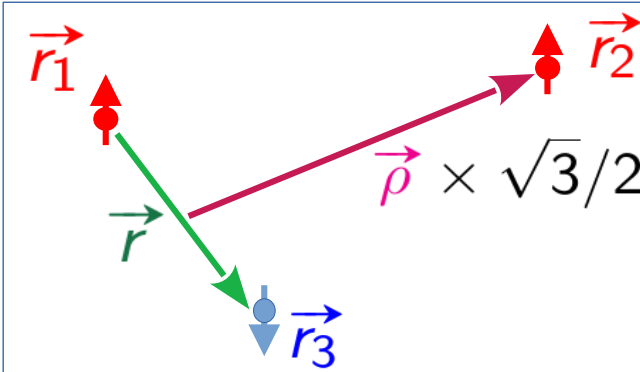
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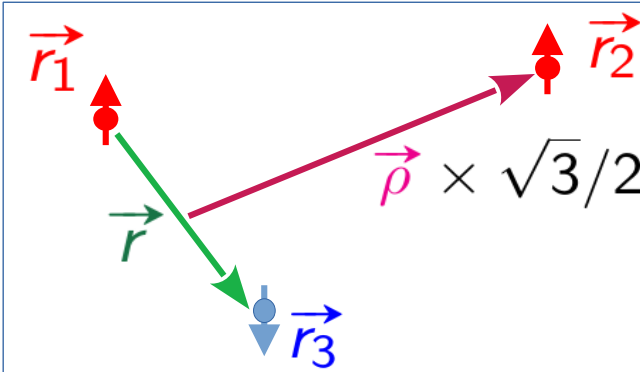
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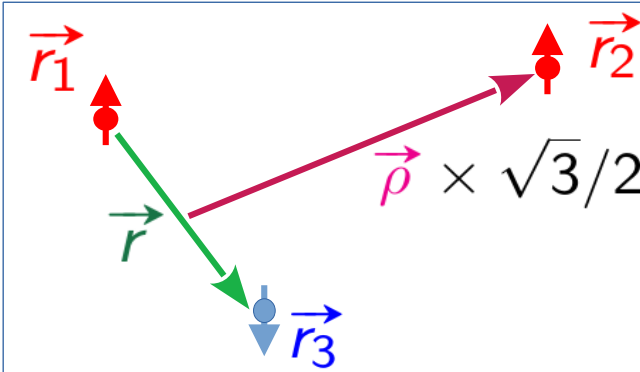
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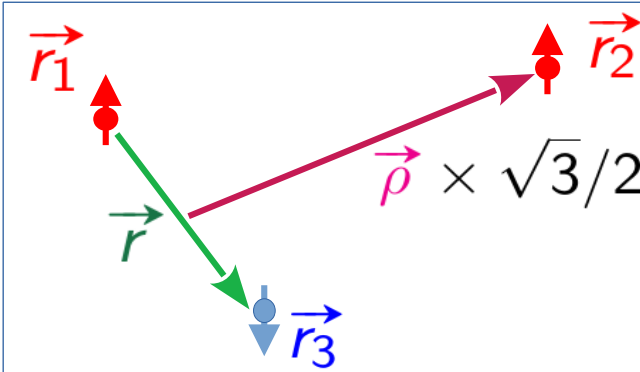
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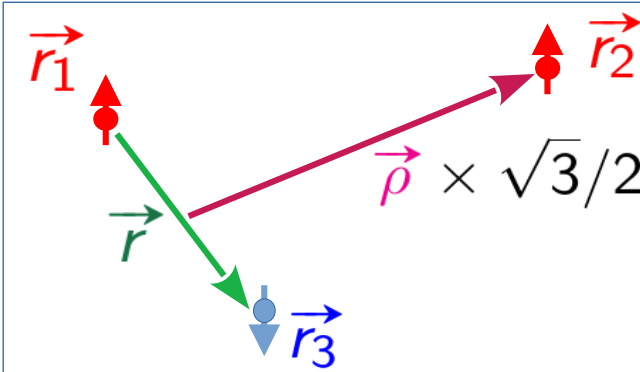
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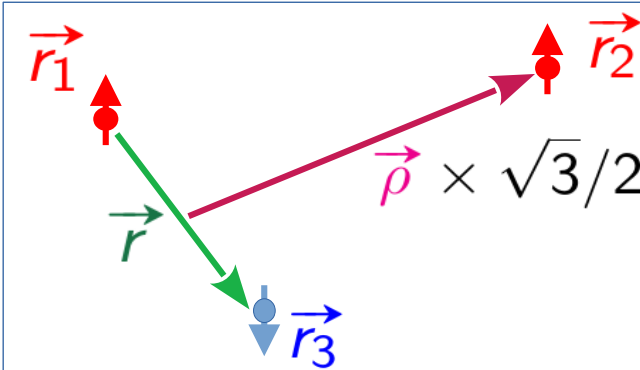
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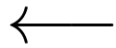
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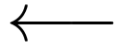
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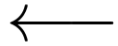
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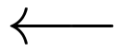
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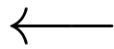
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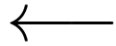
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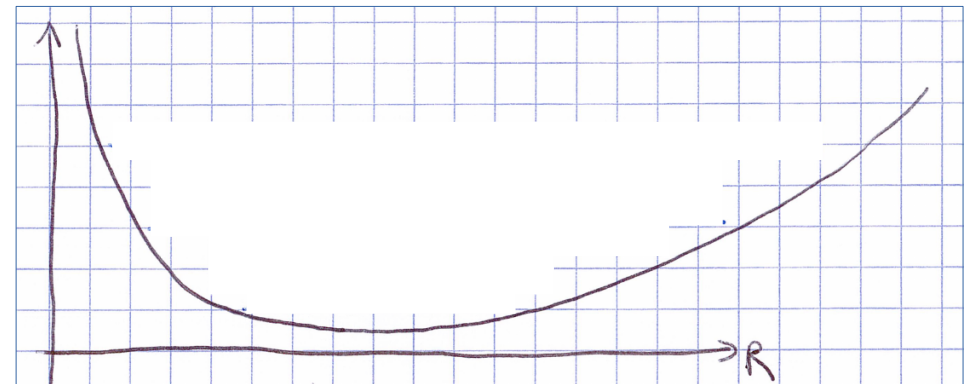
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$U_{\text{eff}}(R)$



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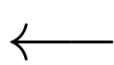
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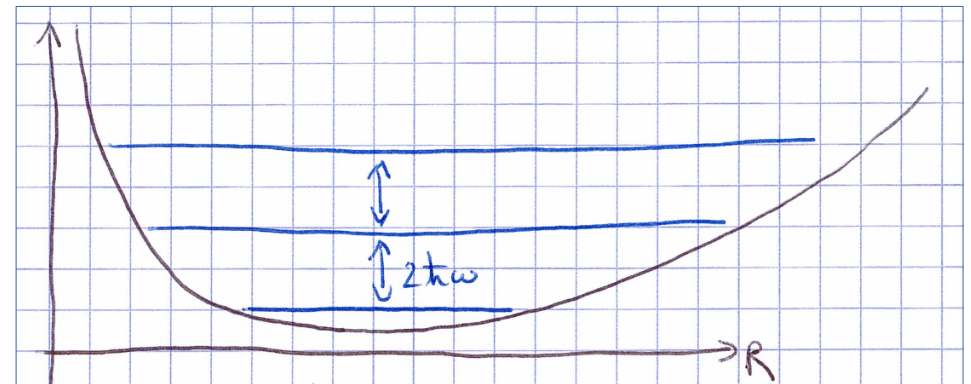
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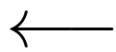
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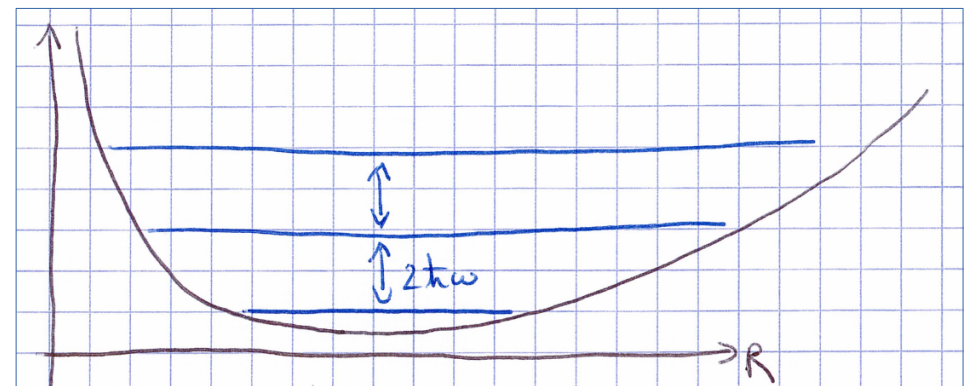
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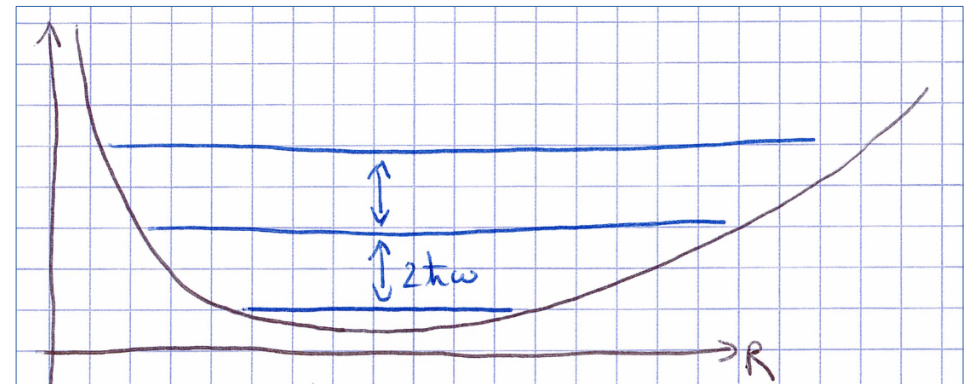
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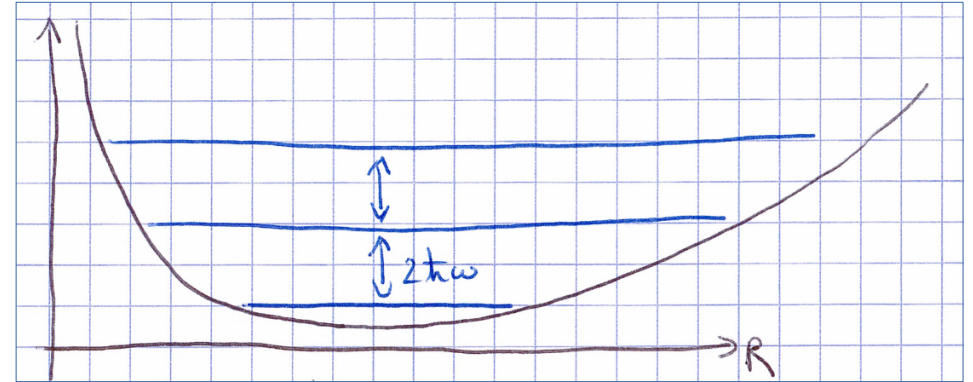
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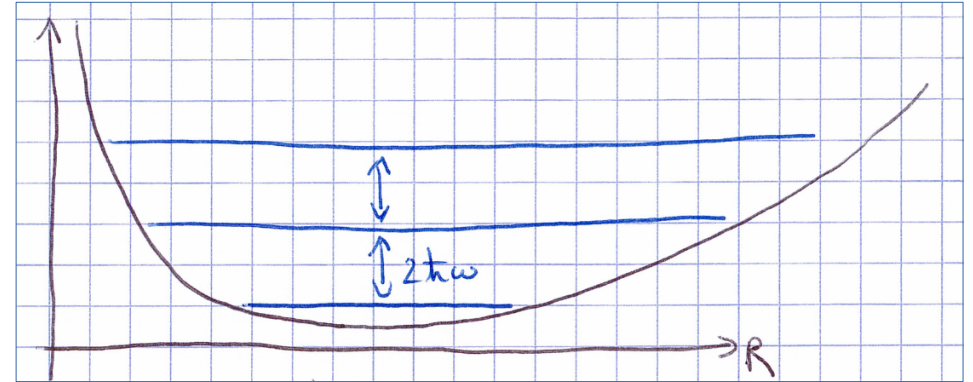
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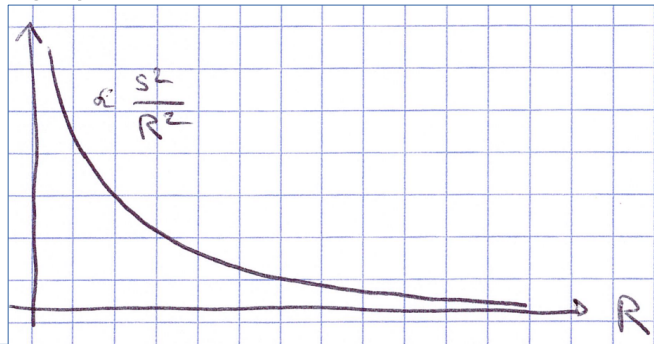
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Free space:  $\omega = 0$

$U_{\text{eff}}(R)$



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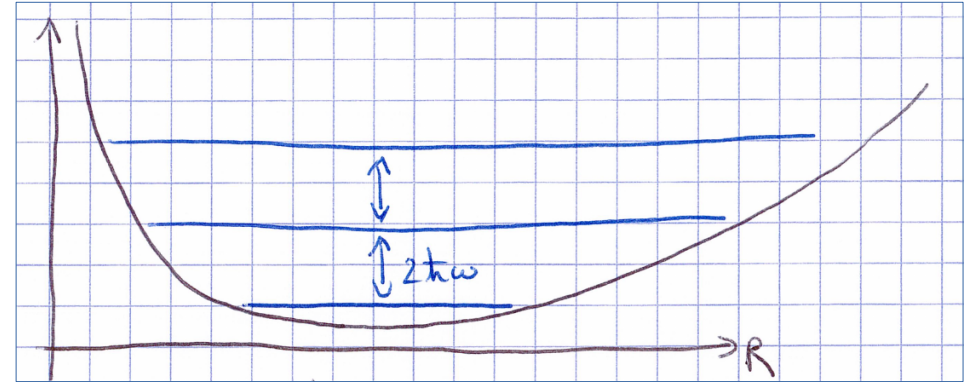
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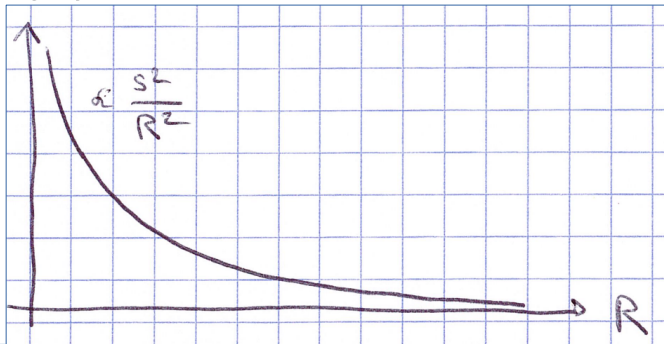
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All this remains true for arbitrary  $N$   
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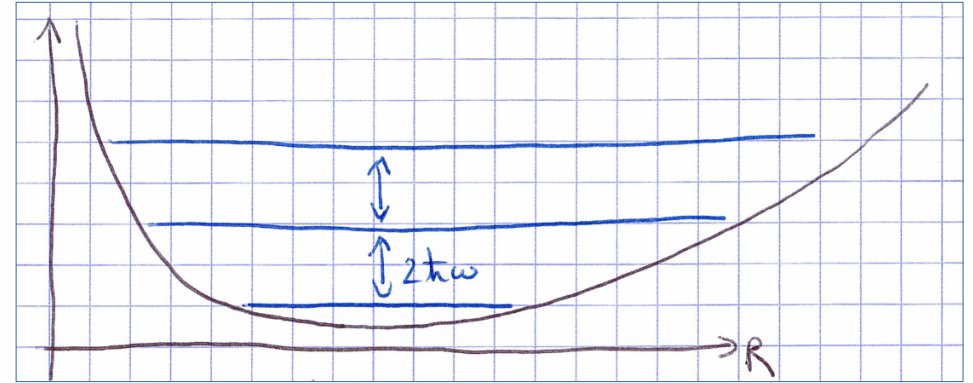
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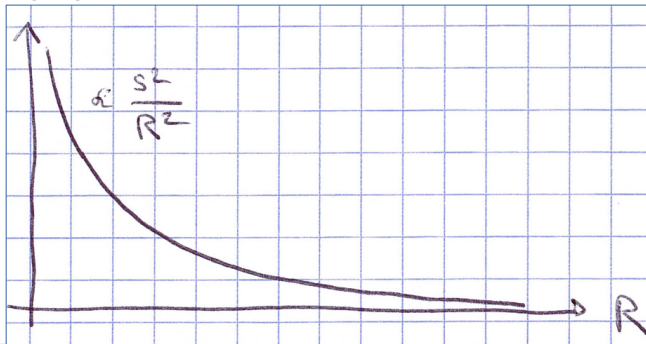
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~~ground state:  $\ell = 1$ ,  $E = 2.7727 \hbar \omega$~~



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## Chapter 3

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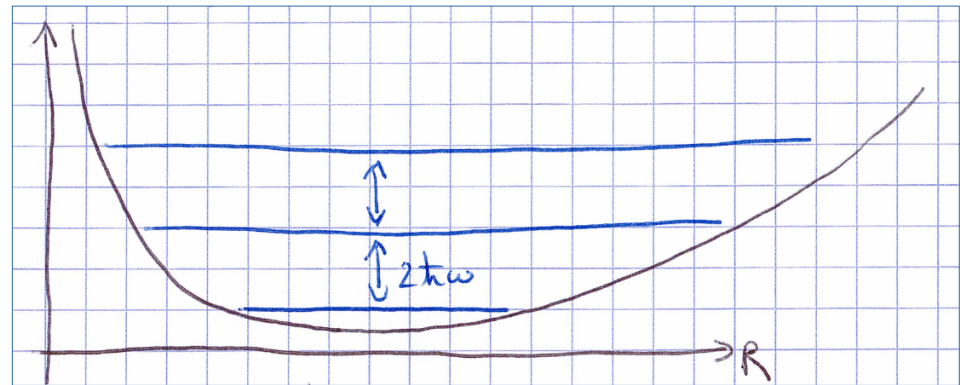
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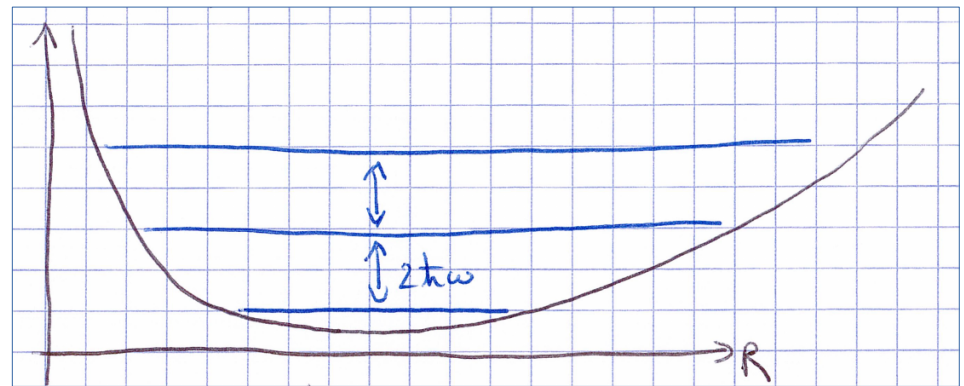
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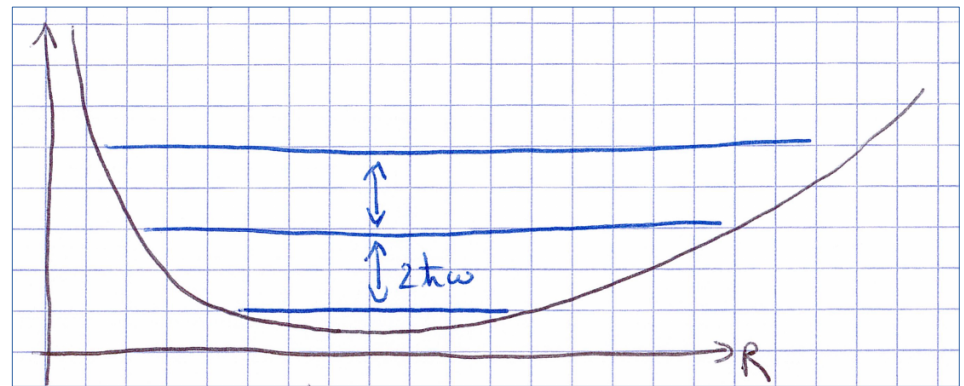
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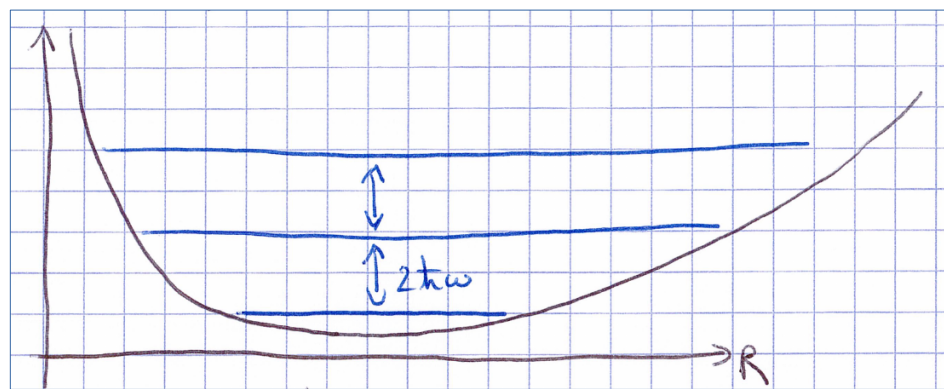
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$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left[ F''(R) + \frac{1}{R} F'(R) \right] + \left( \frac{\hbar^2 s^2}{m R^2} + \frac{m \omega^2}{4} R^2 \right) F(R) = E F(R)$$

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[ SO(2,1) dynamical symmetry ]

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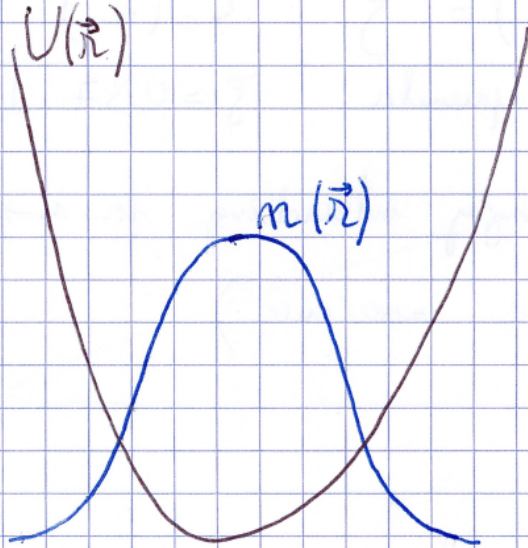
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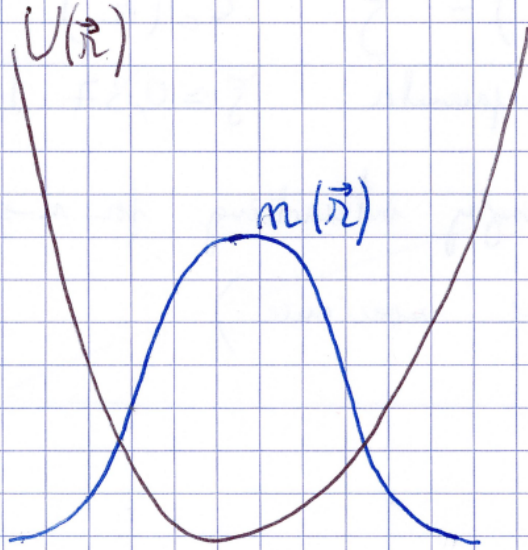
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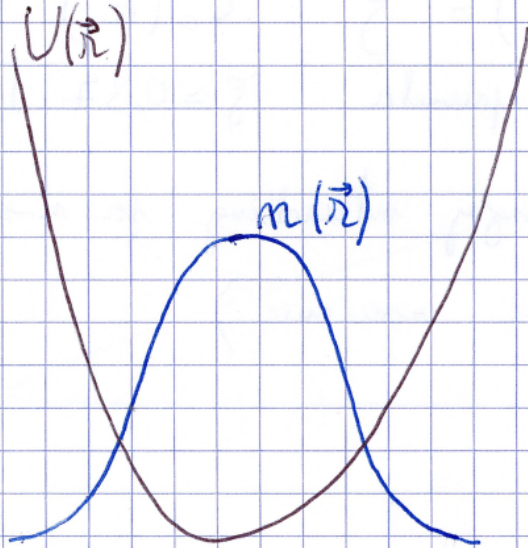
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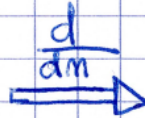
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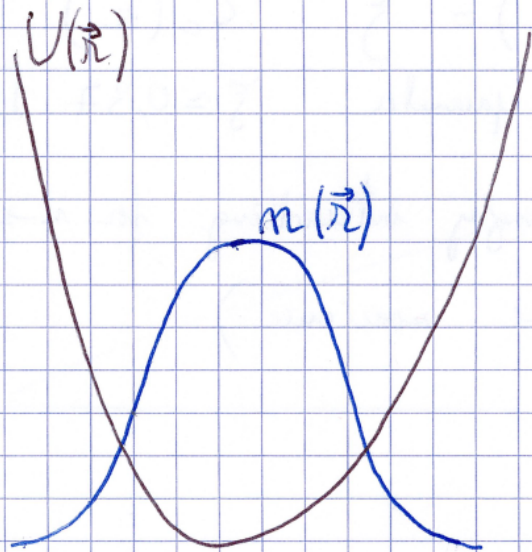
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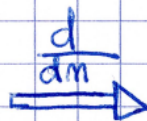
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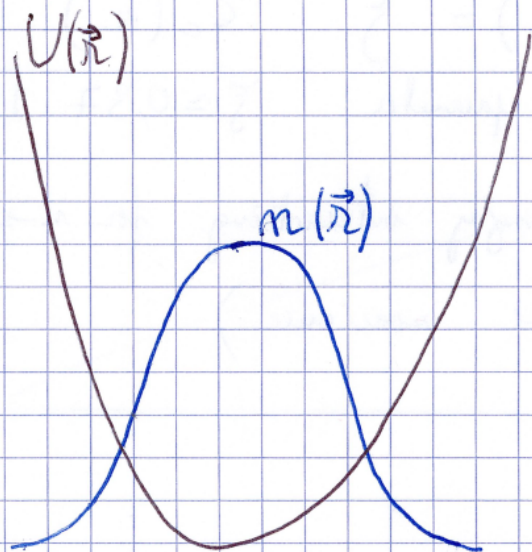


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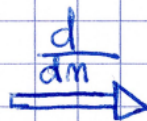
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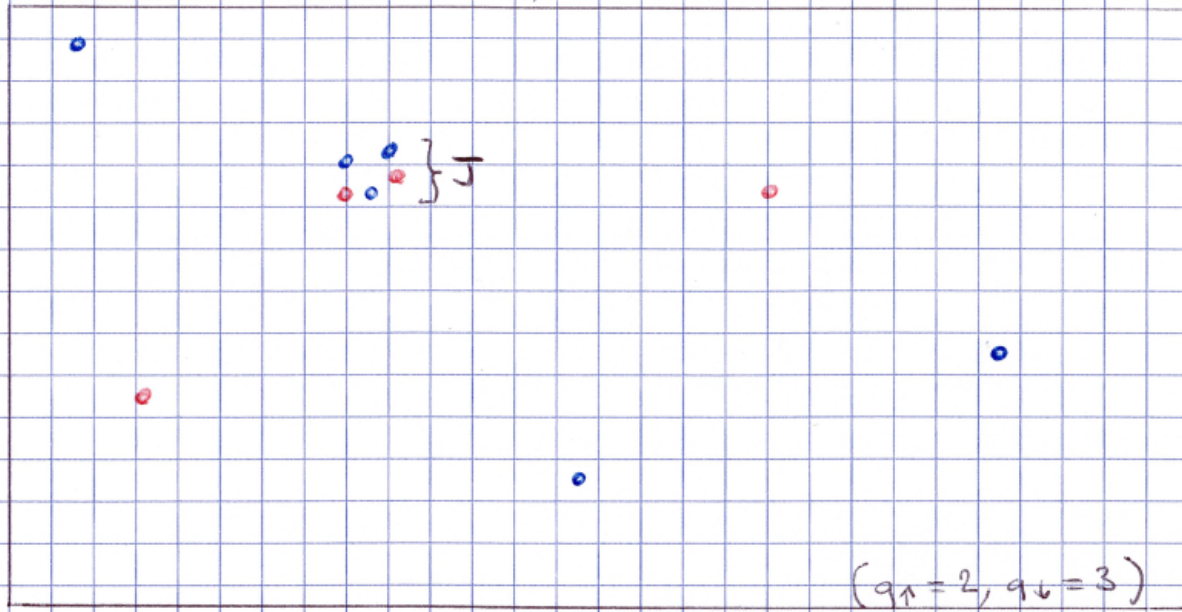
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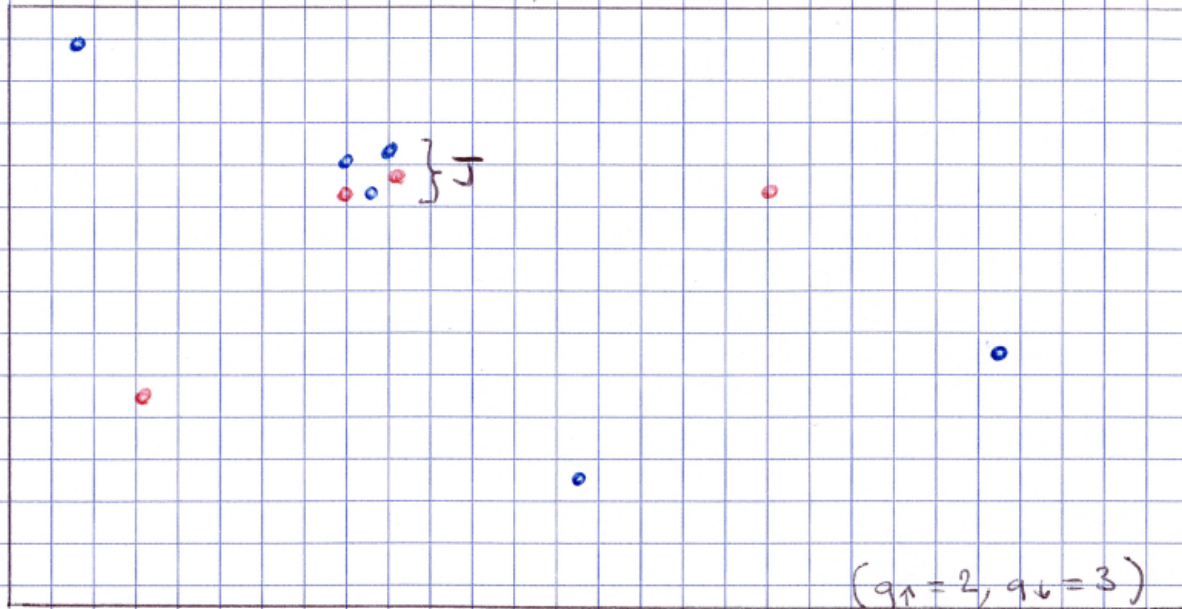
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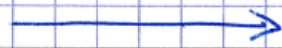


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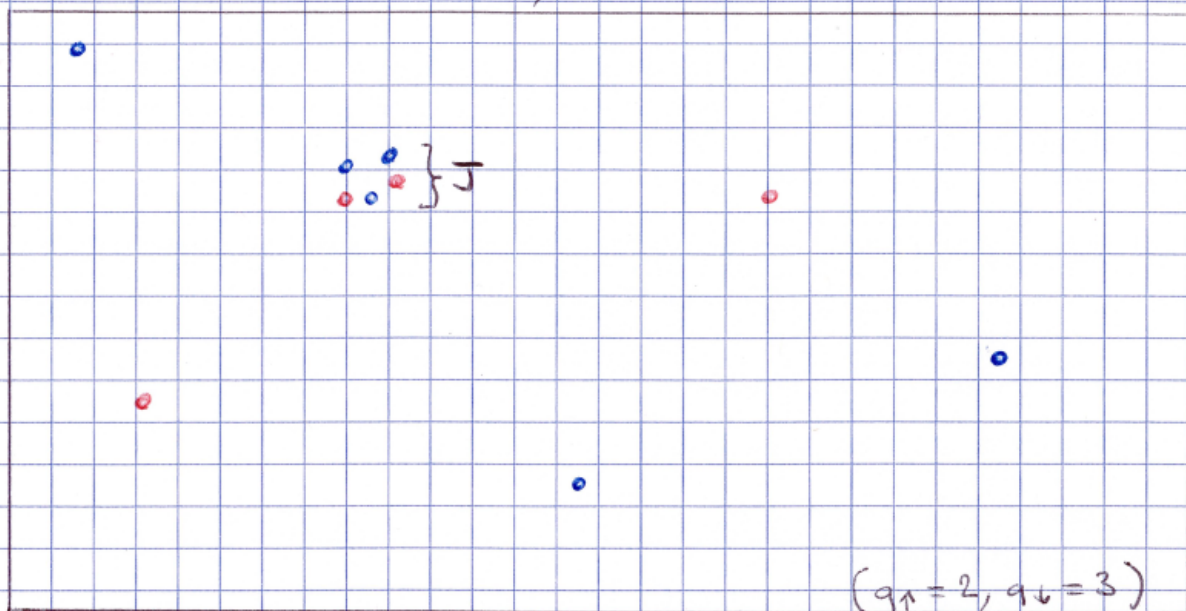


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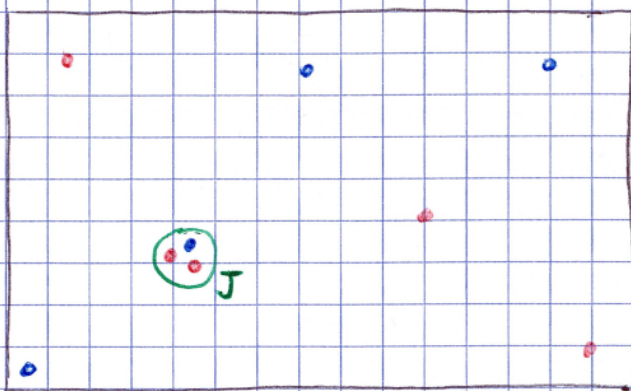
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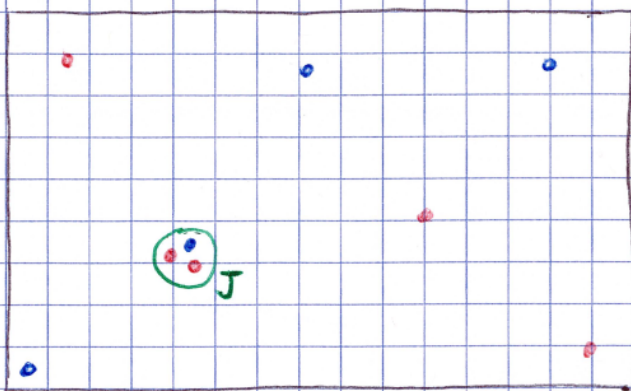
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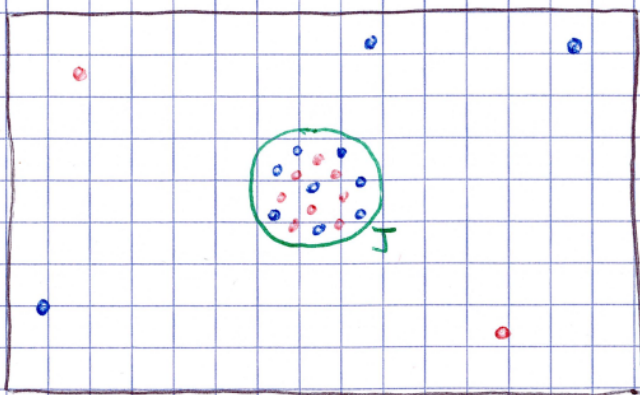
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$$\approx \sqrt{q} \left(\frac{3q}{4}\right)^{\frac{q}{2}}$$

### Part 3: The Castin mode

Back to  $a = \infty$ . Isotropic harmonic trap,  $\omega(t)$ .

$$\vec{X} := (\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N)$$

ZRM,  $t$ -dependent:  $\Psi(\vec{X}, t)$

- $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\vec{X}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta_{\vec{X}} \Psi(\vec{X}, t) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega(t)^2 X^2 \Psi(\vec{X}, t)$
- $\Psi(\vec{X}, t)$  satisfies (CC) for  $a = \infty$

$$\hookrightarrow \Psi(\vec{X}, t) \underset{r \rightarrow 0}{=} \frac{1}{r} A(\vec{e}; \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_4, \dots, \vec{r}_N; t) + O(r)$$

Consider:  $\omega(t) = \begin{cases} \omega_0, & t < 0 \\ \text{arbitrary}, & t > 0. \end{cases}$

Scaling solution [Y. Castin, 2004]

if  $\Psi(\vec{X}, t=0)$  stationary state of ZRM ( $\omega_0$ )

then: 
$$\Psi(\vec{X}, t) = \Psi\left(\frac{\vec{X}}{\lambda(t)}, 0\right) e^{i \frac{\dot{\lambda}(t)}{\lambda(t)} X^2 \frac{m}{2\hbar}} \frac{e^{i\omega(t)t}}{\lambda(t)^{3N/2}}$$

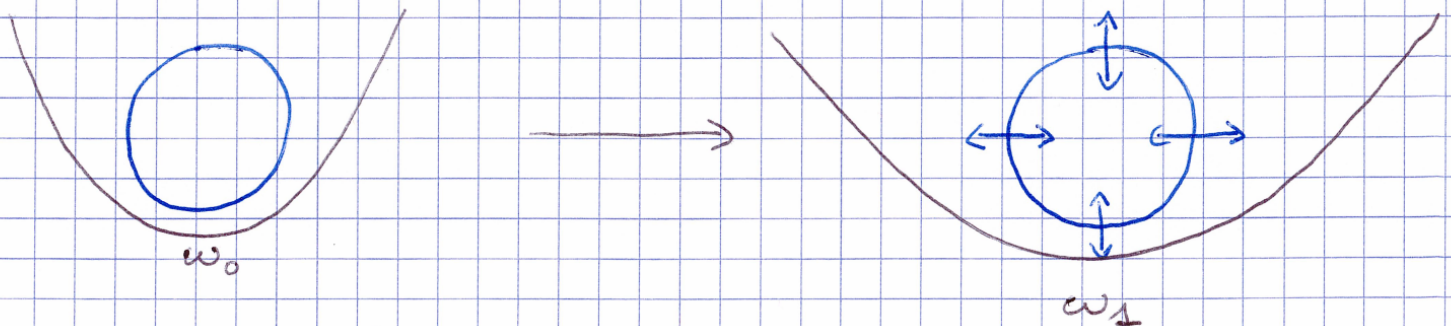
with  $\lambda(t)$  s.t. 
$$\ddot{\lambda} = -\frac{d}{d\lambda} \left[ \frac{\omega_0^2}{2\lambda^2} + \frac{\omega(t)^2}{2} \lambda^2 \right] \quad (*)$$

$$[\lambda(0) = 1, \dot{\lambda}(0) = 0]$$

Proof: 

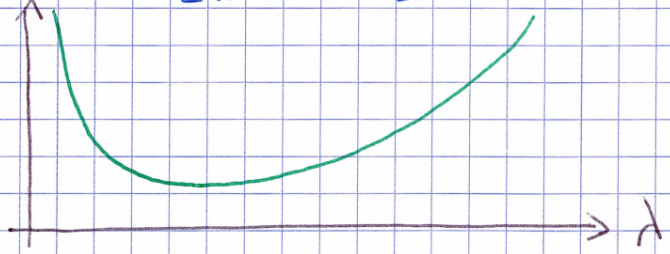
- (CC): satisfied by  $\Psi(\vec{X}, 0) \Rightarrow$  also by  $\Psi(\frac{\vec{X}}{\lambda}, 0)$
- Schrödinger eq: explicit computation (same than non-interacting case)

Breaking mode:  $\omega(t) = \omega_{\perp}, t > 0.$

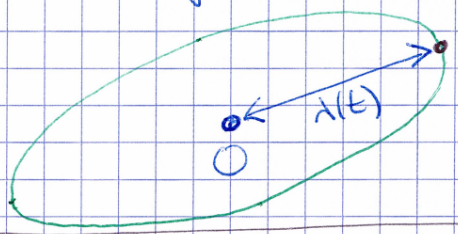


$\lambda(t)$  periodic, frequency  $2\omega_1$

indeed: (\*)  $\Leftrightarrow$  a classical particle  
in  $V_{\text{eff}}(\lambda) = \frac{\omega_0^2}{2\lambda^2} + \frac{\omega_1^2}{2}\lambda^2$



$\frac{\omega_0^2}{\lambda^2} \Leftrightarrow$  centrifugal potential  
 $\Rightarrow$  just harmonic oscillator ( $\omega_1$ )



$$m(\vec{r}, t) = m\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{\lambda(t)}, 0\right) \times \frac{1}{\lambda(t)^3}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Breathing motion, frequency =  $2\omega_1$ , undamped!

**Experimental observation:** Wuhan, Kaijun Jiang et al.  
frequency:  $\omega_B \approx 2.010 \cdot \omega_1$   
damping:  $\frac{\Gamma_B}{\omega_B} = 2 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  
mainly due to residual anisotropy  
+ technical noise, also damping CM mode  
[Min+Peng, PRA 2026]  
PRL 132, 243403 (2024)  
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Consequence: in hydrodynamics,  
2 viscosities:  $\int \cdot$  shear (no effect here)  
 $\int \cdot$  bulk  $\xi$  ( $T > T_c$ )

entropy:  $\dot{S} = \int d^3r \frac{\xi}{T} \|\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}\|^2 \geq 0$

Undamped breathing:  $S(t)$  periodic

$\Rightarrow S(t) = \text{constant} \Rightarrow \boxed{S = 0}$