ON THE HOMOGRAPHIC SOLUTIONS OF THE THREE-BODY PROPLEM

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The object of this paper is to prove the following theorem: The only homographic solutions of the three-body problem of celestial mechanics with a law of attraction inversely proportional to any power r^{α} of the distance r are: (i) The pure dilatations. (ii) The collinear solutions. (iii) The equilateral solutions. (iv) The isosceles solutions of BANACHIEWITZ ($\alpha = 3$) and (v) the scalene solutions given in this note, also for $\alpha = 3$, the first three kinds being the only planar solutions for any value of α . To be published in Publicaciones del Observatorio Astronómico de La Plata. Serie Astronómica.