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Super Central Configurations and the Number of Central Configurations Under Geometric Equivalence

Let the configuration $q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$ be a central configuration of n -body for masses $m = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$. The central configuration q for m is called a super central configuration if q is also a central configuration for masses \tilde{m} which is a permutation of m and $m \neq \tilde{m}$. Let p and q be two central configurations for m . Then we call p and q geometrically equivalent if they differ by a rotation followed by a scalar multiplication as well as by a permutation of bodies. In this talk, we discuss how the existence of super central configurations decreases the number of central configurations under geometric equivalence.