REDUCTION OF HOMOTHETY, TOTAL COLLISIONS AND PARABOLIC MOTIONS

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Reduction of the symmetry of homothety in the $n-$body problem allows a more conceptual understanding of the classical results on total collision (Sundman, Mc Gehee) and completely parabolic motion (Pollard, Saari).