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Central Configurations in the four body problem with some equal masses

A central configuration in the N-body problem is a particular position of the N-particles where the acceleration vector of each particle is proportional to the corresponding position vector, and the constant of proportionality is the same for the N-particles. In this talk we study the central configurations in the four body problem when three or two of the masses are equal. We prove that there is an unique convex central configurations when two equal masses are located at opposite vertices of a quadrilateral. If three of the masses are equal and the configuration possesses a symmetry line, we find the total number of central configurations.