

2. **Motion in 1-D (30 Points)** A particle of mass $m = 4$ kg moving in one dimension is subject to the force

$$F(x) = \frac{a}{2}x^3 - 2bx$$

where the constants a and b have magnitude $+1$, but have units of nt/m^3 and nt/m to keep the equation's dimensions correct.

- (A) **(15 Points)** Find the potential $U(x)$ which corresponds to this force. Sketch U vs. x and show all of the types of equilibrium points for both positive and negative x . Find numerical values for x at the equilibrium points.
- (B) **(5 Points)** Find the frequency of small oscillation at all stable equilibrium points.
- (C) **(10 Points)** Sketch a phase diagram (a plot of p_x vs. x) for this system. You don't need to make the diagram "numerically" correct in terms of numerical values of p_x , but it should show the right shape for the trajectory curves around any of the equilibrium points in x . Put arrows on your phase diagram trajectory lines to show which way (in phase space) the particle is moving.