

The variables form the synchronised similar triangles

$$\xi_i = \frac{q_i}{\sqrt{I}}, \quad \eta_i = \frac{d\xi_i}{dt} = \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{I}} - \frac{1}{2I} \frac{dI}{dt} \frac{q_i}{\sqrt{I}}.$$

Then, we get

$$\frac{q_i \wedge q_j}{I} + \frac{v_i \wedge v_j}{K} = \frac{1}{2IK} \frac{dI}{dt} \frac{d}{dt} (q_i \wedge q_j),$$

$$I \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{I} \frac{d\Delta}{dt} \right) = - \left(\frac{2K}{I} + \sum_{i < j} (m_i + m_j) r_{ij}^{\alpha-2} \right) \Delta.$$

We gave a short proof that $\Delta(t)$ has infinitely many zeros if $\alpha \leq 2$.