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Important Equations: Generalized Equipartition Theorem: $\langle q \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \rangle = T$ Virial Theorem: $\langle q_i \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \rangle = \langle p_i \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \rangle$

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1. Using the virial theorem and the non-generalized equipartion theorem, show that for a nonrelativistic particle moving in a three-dimensional potential,

$$V(r) = Kr^N \tag{1}$$

The average potential energy is

$$\langle V(x)\rangle = \frac{3T}{N} \tag{2}$$