

Find v_a :

The hard way: Conserve Energy:

$$E_p = E_a$$

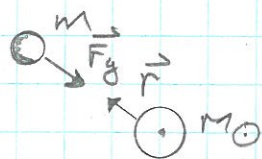
$$\frac{1}{2} m v_p^2 - \frac{G M M_{\odot}}{r_p} = \frac{1}{2} m v_a^2 - \frac{G M M_{\odot}}{r_a}$$

$$v_a = \left\{ v_p^2 - 2 G M_{\odot} \left(\frac{1}{r_p} - \frac{1}{r_a} \right) \right\}^{1/2}$$

— Convert every thing to m and m/s .

$$v_a = \underline{3.73 \text{ km/s}}$$

Easy Way: Gravity is a centrally directed force



$$\text{Torque on } m, \vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = 0$$

So, Angular momentum is conserved.

So, for Pluto:

$$m r_p v_p = m r_a v_a \Rightarrow v_a = \frac{r_p v_p}{r_a} = \underline{3.72 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}}$$