

91. (a) The total energy is conserved, so there is no difference between its values at aphelion and perihelion.  
 (b) Since the change is small, we use differentials:

$$dU = \left( \frac{GM_E M_S}{r^2} \right) dr \approx \left( \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (1.99 \times 10^{30}) (5.98 \times 10^{24})}{(1.5 \times 10^{11})^2} \right) (5 \times 10^9)$$

which yields  $\Delta U \approx 1.8 \times 10^{32}$  J. A more direct subtraction of the values of the potential energies leads to the same result.

- (c) and (d) From the previous two parts, we see that the variation in the kinetic energy  $\Delta K$  must also equal  $1.8 \times 10^{32}$  J. So, with  $\Delta K \approx dK = mv dv$ , where  $v \approx 2\pi R/T$ , we have

$$1.8 \times 10^{32} \approx (5.98 \times 10^{24}) \left( \frac{2\pi (1.5 \times 10^{11})}{3.156 \times 10^7} \right) \Delta v$$

which yields a difference of  $\Delta v \approx 1$  km/s in Earth's speed (relative to the Sun) between aphelion and perihelion.