

Question 1

Planar Oscillations of a System of Two Particles (25 Points)

Consider a particle of mass m_2 which is suspended by a rod of length ℓ from a point A by a pin joint (see Figure 1). The pin joint is rigidly mounted to a box of mass m_1 . The box, which is free to move on a horizontal track, is attached to a fixed point O by a linear spring of stiffness K and unstretched length ℓ_0 and is under the influence of an applied force

$$\mathbf{P} = P(t)\mathbf{E}_x \text{ where } P(t) = P_0 \cos(\omega t). \quad (1)$$

Both the box and the particle are under the influence of the respective gravitational forces $-m_1g\mathbf{E}_y$ and $-m_2g\mathbf{E}_y$. The box is modeled as a particle of mass m_1 that is constrained to undergo purely translational motions in the \mathbf{E}_x direction.

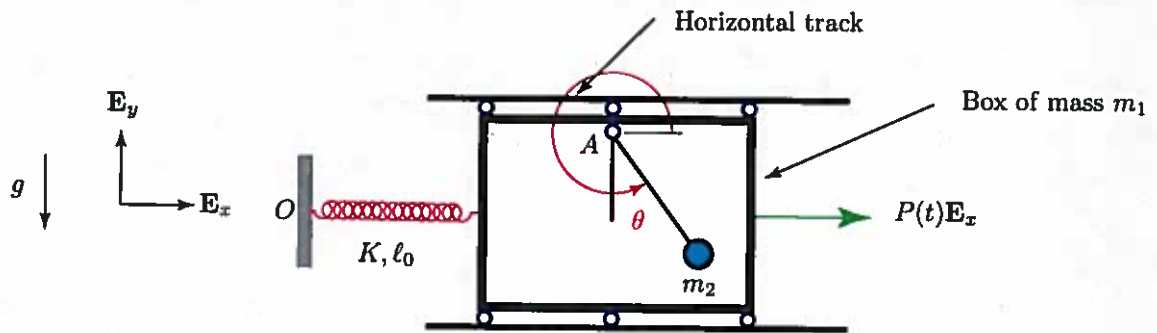


Figure 1: A pendulum of length ℓ and mass m_2 that is suspended from a box of mass m_1 . The system is being driven into motion by an applied force $\mathbf{P}(t)$.

Using a cylindrical polar coordinate system, the positions of the particles can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{r}_A = (x + c_1)\mathbf{E}_x, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{r}_A + \ell\mathbf{e}_r. \quad (2)$$

The constant c_1 in the expression for \mathbf{r}_1 is chosen so that the extension ϵ of the spring is given simply by

$$\epsilon = x. \quad (3)$$

(a) (4 + 6 Points) Show that the linear momentum and kinetic energy of the system have the representations

$$\mathbf{G} = (m_1 + m_2)\dot{x}\mathbf{E}_x + m_2\ell\dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_\theta, \quad T = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2}\dot{x}^2 + \frac{m_2}{2}\dot{\theta}^2 - m_2\ell\dot{x}\dot{\theta}. \quad (4)$$

For full credit supply the missing terms.

(b) (4 + 4 Points) Draw a pair of freebody diagrams: one for the system of particles and one for the particle of mass m_2 . For full credit provide a clear expression for the spring force.

(c) (7 Points) Using the work-energy theorem $\dot{T} = \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$ show that the total energy E of the system is not conserved. For full credit, provide an expression for E .

Question 2
Dynamics of a Dumbbell (30 Points)

As shown in Figure 2, a particle of mass m_1 and a second particle of mass m_2 are connected together by a massless rod of length ℓ . A constant force $P_0\mathbf{E}_y$ acts on one of the particles as shown in the figure. To describe the kinematics of this system, the position vector of the center of mass C is described using a set of Cartesian coordinates and the position vectors of m_1 and m_2 relative to C are described using a set of cylindrical polar coordinates:

$$\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{E}_x + y\mathbf{E}_y, \quad \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r} = \frac{m_2\ell}{m_1 + m_2}\mathbf{e}_r, \quad \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r} = -\frac{m_1\ell}{m_1 + m_2}\mathbf{e}_r. \quad (5)$$

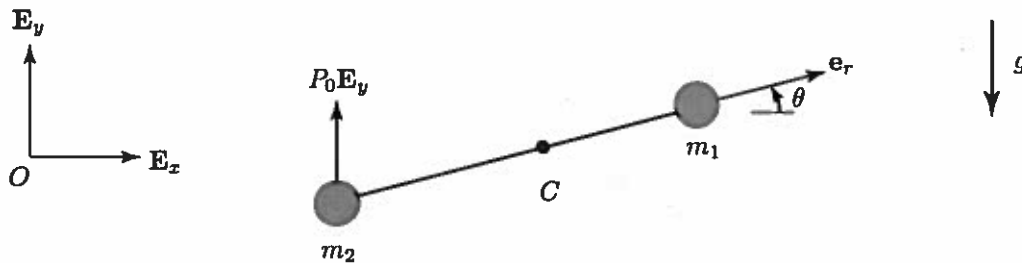


Figure 2: A system of two particles connected by a massless rod of length ℓ . The particles are free to move on a smooth vertical plane.

(a) (2 + 5 + 3 + 5 Points) Starting from the representations (5) and using the definitions of the linear momentum \mathbf{G} , angular momentum \mathbf{H} relative to the center of mass, angular momentum \mathbf{H}_O relative to the fixed point O , and kinetic energy T , show that

$$\mathbf{G} = (m_1 + m_2)(\dot{x}\mathbf{E}_x + \dot{y}\mathbf{E}_y), \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \text{???} \mathbf{E}_z, \quad \mathbf{H}_O = \text{???} \mathbf{E}_z, \\ T = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} (\text{????}). \quad (6)$$

For full credit, supply the missing terms.

(b) (5 Points) Draw two freebody diagrams: one for each of the two particles. For full credit, provide clear expressions for the tension force on the particles.

(c) (6 + 4 Points)

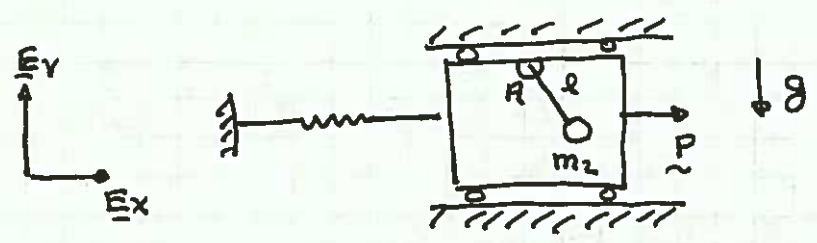
(i) Using an angular momentum theorem, show that

$$\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} (\text{????}\ddot{\theta}) = -\frac{P_0 m_1 \ell}{m_1 + m_2} \text{????}. \quad (7)$$

For full credit, supply the pair of missing terms.

(ii) Using the work-energy theorem $\dot{T} = \mathbf{F}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{F}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$, prove that the total energy of the system is conserved. For full credit, supply an expression for E .

Problem 7



$$\underline{r}_1 = \underline{r}_R = (x + c_1) \underline{E}_x \quad \underline{r}_2 = \underline{r}_1 + l \underline{e}_r$$

(a)
$$\underline{G} = m_1 \underline{v}_1 + m_2 \underline{v}_2 = m_1 \dot{x} \underline{E}_x + m_2 (\dot{x} \underline{E}_x + l \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta)$$

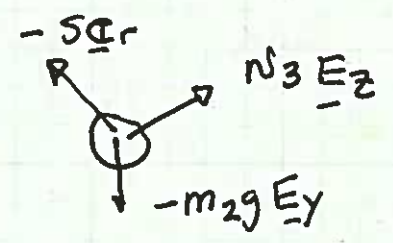
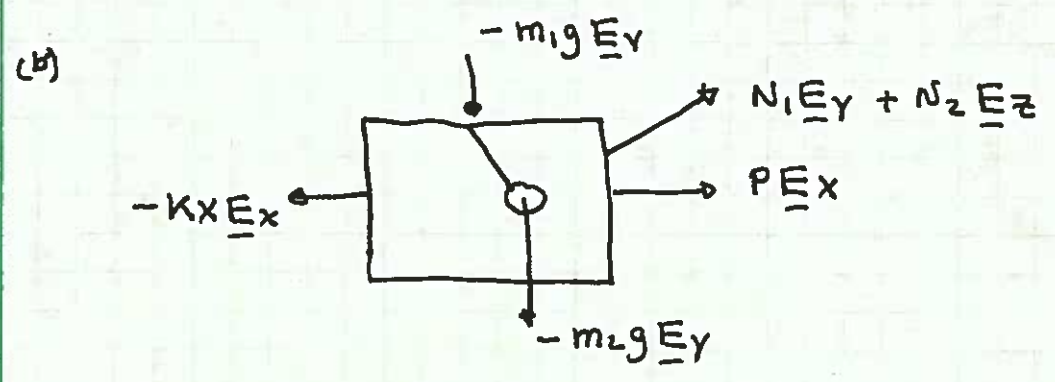
$$= (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x} \underline{E}_x + m_2 l \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \underline{v}_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \underline{v}_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2$$

$$= \frac{(m_1 + m_2)}{2} \dot{x}^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$- m_2 \dot{x} l \dot{\theta} \sin \theta$$

$\underline{v}_1 = \dot{x} \underline{E}_x$
 $\underline{v}_2 = \dot{x} \underline{E}_x + l \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta$
 $\underline{e}_\theta \cdot \underline{E}_x = -\sin \theta$



(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{T} &= -Kx\underline{E}_x \cdot \underline{v}_1 - m_1 g \underline{E}_y \cdot \underline{v}_1 + (N_1 \underline{E}_y + N_2 \underline{E}_z) \cdot \underline{v}_1 \\ &\quad + S \underline{e}_r \cdot \underline{v}_1 + P \underline{E}_x \cdot \underline{v}_1 - S \underline{e}_r \cdot \underline{v}_2 \\ &\quad - m_2 g \underline{E}_y \cdot \underline{v}_2 + N_3 \underline{E}_z \cdot \underline{v}_2 \\ &= -Kx\dot{x} - 0 + 0 + S \underline{e}_r \cdot (\underline{v}_1 - \underline{v}_2 = -l\dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta) \\ &\quad + P\dot{x} - m_2 g l \dot{\theta} \cos\theta + 0 \\ &= -\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{K}{2} x^2 + m_2 g l \sin\theta \right) + P\dot{x}\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{d}{dt} (T + U = E) = P\dot{x} \neq 0$$

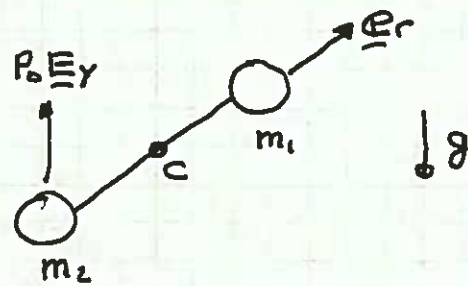
$\Rightarrow E = T + \frac{1}{2} Kx^2 + m_2 g l \sin\theta$ is not conserved.

Problem 2

$$\underline{r} = x \underline{e}_x + y \underline{e}_y$$

$$\underline{r}_1 = \underline{r} + \frac{m_2}{m_1+m_2} l \underline{e}_r$$

$$\underline{r}_2 = \underline{r} - \frac{m_1}{m_1+m_2} l \underline{e}_r$$



$$(a) \quad \underline{G} = m_1 \dot{\underline{r}}_1 + m_2 \dot{\underline{r}}_2 = (m_1+m_2) \dot{\underline{r}} = (m_1+m_2)(\dot{x} \underline{e}_x + \dot{y} \underline{e}_y)$$

$$\underline{H}_C = (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}) \times m_1 (\underline{v}_1 - \underline{v}) + (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}) \times m_2 (\underline{v}_2 - \underline{v})$$

$$= \frac{m_2 l}{m_1+m_2} l \underline{e}_r \times \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1+m_2} l \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta$$

$$+ \frac{m_1 l}{m_1+m_2} l \underline{e}_r \times \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1+m_2} (-l \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta)$$

$$= \frac{m_1 m_2^2 + m_2 m_1^2}{(m_1+m_2)^2} l^2 \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_z$$

$$= \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1+m_2} l^2 \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_z$$

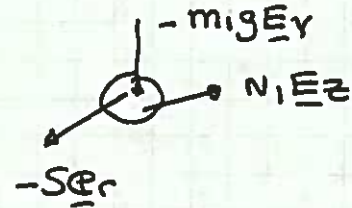
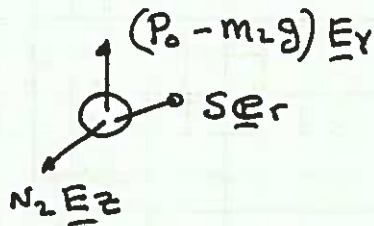
$$\underline{H}_O = \underline{H}_C + \underline{r} \times m \underline{v} = \underline{H}_C + (m_1+m_2)(x \dot{y} - y \dot{x}) \underline{e}_z$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}(m_1+m_2) \underline{v} \cdot \underline{v} + \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\underline{v}_1 - \underline{v}) \cdot (\underline{v}_1 - \underline{v}) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\underline{v}_2 - \underline{v}) \cdot (\underline{v}_2 - \underline{v})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(m_1+m_2)(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_1 \left(\frac{m_2^2 l^2 \dot{\theta}^2}{(m_1+m_2)^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left(\frac{m_1^2 l^2 \dot{\theta}^2}{(m_1+m_2)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(m_1+m_2)(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1+m_2} l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

(b)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c) (i) } \underline{M} &= \dot{\underline{H}} & \underline{M} &= (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}) \times \underline{F}_1 + (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}) \times \underline{F}_2 \\
 & & &= \frac{m_2 l}{m_1 + m_2} \underline{e}_r \times (-m_1 g \underline{e}_y - S \underline{e}_r + N_1 \underline{e}_z) \\
 & & &\quad - \frac{m_1 l}{m_1 + m_2} \underline{e}_r \times \left((P_0 - m_2 g) \underline{e}_y + S \underline{e}_r + N_2 \underline{e}_z \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\underline{M} = -\frac{m_1 l}{m_1 + m_2} \underline{e}_r \times P_0 \underline{e}_y + \frac{l \underline{e}_r}{m_1 + m_2} \times (m_2 N_1 \underline{e}_z - m_1 N_2 \underline{e}_z)$$

$$\underline{M} \cdot \underline{e}_z = -\frac{m_1 l}{m_1 + m_2} P_0 \cos \theta \quad \underline{e}_r = \cos \theta \underline{e}_x + \sin \theta \underline{e}_y$$

$$\text{From } \underline{M} \cdot \underline{e}_z = \dot{\underline{H}} \cdot \underline{e}_z$$

$$\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} l^2 \ddot{\theta} = -\frac{m_1 l}{m_1 + m_2} P_0 \cos \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } \dot{T} &= \underline{F}_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 + \underline{F}_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2 \\
 &= N_1 \underline{e}_z \cdot \underline{v}_1 + N_2 \underline{e}_z \cdot \underline{v}_2 + S \underline{e}_r \cdot (\underline{v}_2 - \underline{v}_1) \\
 &\quad - m_1 g \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{v}_1 - m_2 g \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{v}_2 + P_0 \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{v}_2 \\
 &= 0 + 0 + 0 \\
 &\quad - \frac{d}{dt} \left((m_1 + m_2) g \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{r} - P_0 \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{r}_2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow E = T + u$ is conserved where

$$E = T + (m_1 + m_2) g \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{r} - P_0 \underline{e}_y \cdot \underline{r}_2$$