19.3 Multi-degree-of-freedom 2-D mechanisms

19.3.1 Particle on a springy leash. A particle with mass m slides on a rigid horizontal frictionless plane. It is held by a string which is in turn connected to a linear elastic spring with constant k. The string length is such that the spring is relaxed when the mass is on top of the hole in the plane. The position of the particle is $\vec{r} = x\hat{\imath} + y\hat{\jmath}$. For each of the statements below, state the circumstances in which the statement is true (assuming the particle stays on the plane). Justify your answer with convincing explanation and/or calculation.

a) The force of the plane on the particle is $mg\hat{\boldsymbol{k}}$.

b) $\ddot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$

c) $\ddot{y} + \frac{k}{m}y = 0$

d) $\ddot{r} + \frac{k}{m}r = 0$, where $r = |\vec{r}|$

e) $r =$ constant

f) $\dot{\theta}$ =constant

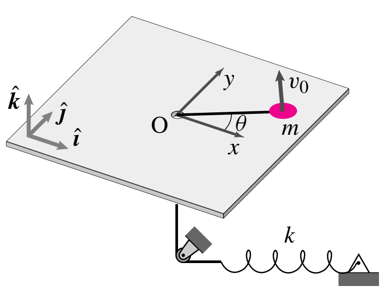
g) $r^2\dot{\theta} =$ constant.

h) $m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + kr^2 =$ constant

i) The trajectory is a straight line segment.

j) The trajectory is a circle.

k) The trajectory is not a closed curve.



Problem 19.3.1: Particle on a springy leash.

19.3.2 "Yo-yo" mechanism of satellite de-spinning. A satellite, modeled as a uniform disk, is "de-spun" by the following mechanism. Before launch two equal length long strings are attached to the satellite at diametrically opposite points and then wound around the satellite with the same sense of rotation. At the end of the strings are placed 2 equal masses. At the start of de-spinning the two masses are released from their position wrapped against the satellite. Find the motion of the satellite as a function of time for the two cases: (a) the strings are wrapped in the same direction as the initial spin, and (b) the strings are wrapped in the opposite direction as the initial spin.

19.3.3 A particle with mass m is held by two long springs each with stiffness k so that the springs are relaxed when the mass is at the origin. Assume the motion is planar. Assume that the particle displacement is much smaller than the lengths of the springs.

a) Write the equations of motion in cartesian components. *

b) Write the equations of motion in polar coordinates. *

c) Express the conservation of angular momentum in cartesian coordinates. *

d) Express the conservation of angular momentum in polar coordinates. *

e) Show that (a) implies (c) and (b) implies (d) even if you didn't note them *a-priori*. *

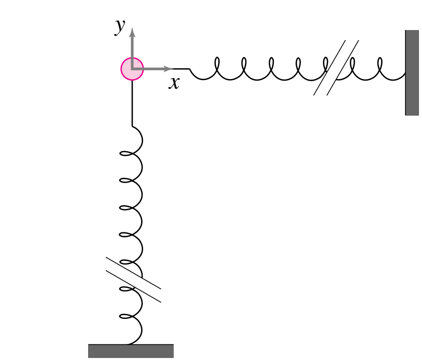
f) Express the conservation of energy in cartesian coordinates. *

g) Express the conservation of energy in polar coordinates. *

h) Show that (a) implies (f) and (b) implies (g) even if you didn't note them *a-priori*. *

i) Find the general motion by solving the equations in (a). Describe all possible paths of the mass. *

j) Can the mass move back and forth on a line which is not the x or y axis? *



Problem 19.3.3

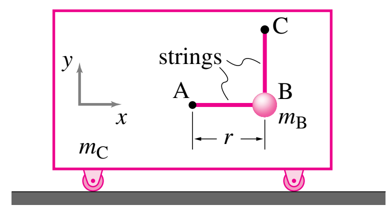
19.3.4 Cart and pendulum A mass $m_B = 6$ kg hangs by two strings from a cart with mass $m_C = 12$ kg. Before string BC is cut string AB is horizontal. The length of string AB is $r = 1$ m. At time $t = 0$ all masses are stationary and the string BC is cleanly and quietly cut. After some unknown time t_{vert} the string AB is vertical.

a) What is the net displacement of the cart x_C at $t = t_{\text{vert}}$? *

b) What is the velocity of the cart v_C at $t = t_{\text{vert}}$? *

c) What is the tension in the string at $t = t_{\text{vert}}$? *

d) (**Optional**) What is $t = t_{\text{vert}}$? [You will either have to leave your answer in the form of an integral you cannot evaluate analytically or you will have to get part of your solution from a computer.]

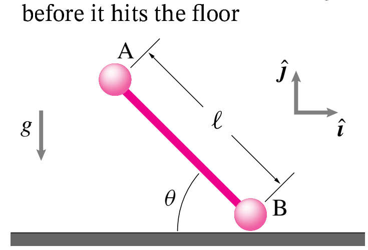


Problem 19.3.4

19.3.5 A dumbbell slides on a floor. Two point masses m at A and B are connected by a massless rigid rod with length ℓ. Mass B slides on a frictionless floor so that it only moves horizontally. Assume this dumbbell is released from rest in the configuration shown. *[Hint: What is the acceleration of A relative to B?]*

a) Find the acceleration of point B just after the dumbbell is released.

b) Find the velocity of point A just before it hits the floor



Problem 19.3.5

19.3.6 After a winning goal one second before the clock ran out a psychologically stunned hockey player (modeled as a uniform rod) stands nearly vertical, stationary and rigid. The player's perfectly slippery skates start to pop out from under her as she falls. Her height is ℓ, her mass m, her tip from the vertical θ, and the gravitational constant is g.

a) What is the path of her center of mass as she falls? (Show clearly with equations, sketches or words.)

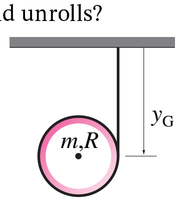
b) What is her angular velocity just before she hits the ice, a millisecond before she sticks out her hands and breaks her fall (first assume her skates remain in contact the whole time and then check the assumption)?

c) Find a differential equation that only involves θ, its time derivatives, m, g, and ℓ. (This equation could be solved to find θ as a function of time. It is a non-linear equation and you are not being asked to solve it numerically or otherwise.)

19.3.7 Falling hoop. A bicycle rim (no spokes, tube, tire, or hub) is idealized as a hoop with mass m and radius R. G is at the center of the hoop. An inextensible string is wrapped around the hoop and attached to the ceiling. The hoop is released from rest at the position shown at $t = 0$.

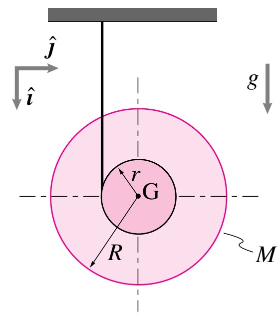
a) Find y_G at a later time t in terms of any or all of m, R, g, and t.

b) Does G move sideways as the hoop falls and unrolls?



Problem 19.3.7

19.3.8 A model for a yo-yo consists of a thin disk of mass M and radius R and a light drum of radius r, rigidly attached to the disk, around which a light inextensible cable is wound. Assuming that the cable unravels without slipping on the drum, determine the acceleration a_G of the center of mass.

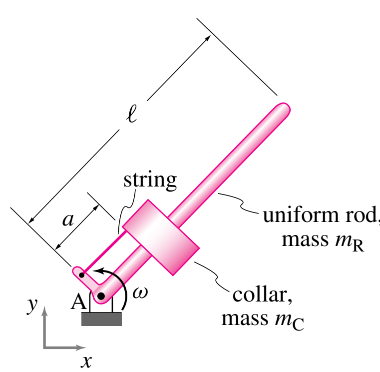


Problem 19.3.8

19.3.9 A uniform rod with mass m_R pivots without friction about point A in the xy-plane. A collar with mass m_C slides without friction on the rod after the string connecting it to point A is cut. There is no gravity. Before the string is cut, the rod has angular velocity ω_1.

a) What is the speed of the collar after it flies off the end of the rod? Use the following values for the constants and initial conditions: $m_R = 1\,\text{kg}$, $m_C = 3\,\text{kg}$, $a = 1\,\text{m}$, $\ell = 3\,\text{m}$, and $\omega_1 = 1\,\text{rad/s}$

b) Consider the special case $m_R = 0$. Sketch (approximately) the path of the motion of the collar from the time the string is cut until some time after it leaves the end of the rod.



Problem 19.3.9

19.3.10 Assume the rod in the figure for problem 18.1.5 has polar moment of inertia $Iozz$. Assume it is free to rotate. The bead is free to slide on the rod. Assume that at $t = 0$ the angular velocity of the rod is 1 rad/s, that the radius of the bead is one meter and that the radial velocity of the bead, dR/dt, is zero.

a) Draw separate free-body diagrams of the bead and rod.

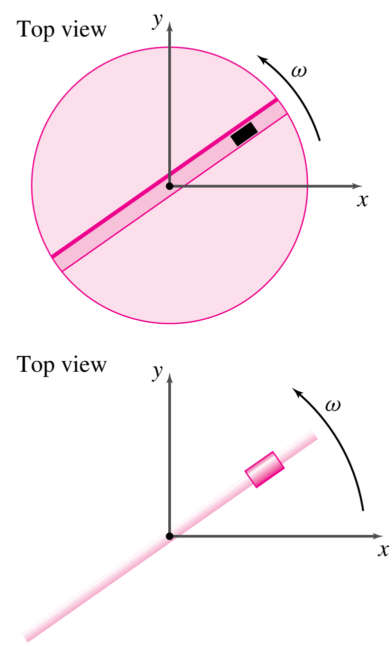
b) Write equations of motion for the system. *

c) Use the equations of motion to show that angular momentum is conserved. *

d) Find one equation of motion for the system using: (1) the equations of motion for the bead and rod and (2) conservation of angular momentum. *

e) Write an expression for conservation of energy. Let the initial total energy of the system be, say, E_0. *

f) As t goes to infinity does the bead's distance go to infinity? Its speed? The angular velocity of the turntable? The net angle of twist of the turntable? *



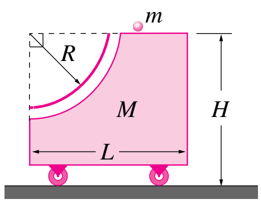
Problem 19.3.10: **Coupled motion of bead and rod and turntable.**

19.3.11 A primitive gun rides on a cart (mass M) and carries a cannon ball (of mass m) on a platform at a height H above the ground. The cannon ball is dropped through a frictionless tube shaped like a quarter circle of radius R.

a) If the system starts from rest, compute the horizontal speed (relative to the ground) that the cannon ball has as it leaves the bottom of the tube. Also find the cart's speed at the same instant.

b) Compute the velocity of the cannon ball relative to the cart.

c) If two balls are dropped simultaneously through the tube, what speed does the cart have when the balls reach the bottom? Is the same final speed also achieved if one ball is allowed to depart the system entirely before the second ball is released? Why/why not?



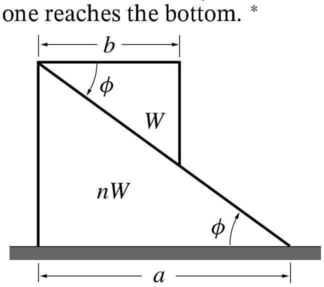
Problem 19.3.11

19.3.12 Numerically simulate the coupled system in problem 19.3.10. Use the simulation to show that the net angle of the turntable or rod is finite.

a) Write the equations of motion for the system from part (b) in problem 19.3.10 as a set of first order differential equations. *

b) Numerically integrate the equations of motion.

19.3.13 Two frictionless prisms of similar right triangular sections are placed on a frictionless horizontal plane. The top prism weighs W and the lower one nW. The prisms are held in the initial position shown and then released, so that the upper prism slides down along the lower one until it just touches the horizontal plane. The center of mass of a triangle is located at one-third of its height from the base. Compute the **velocities** of the two prisms at the moment just before the upper one reaches the bottom. *

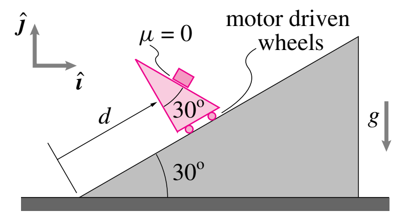


Problem 19.3.13

19.3.14 Mass slides on an accelerating cart. 2D. A cart is driven by a powerful motor to move along the 30° sloped ramp according to the formula: $d = d_0 + v_o t + a_0 t^2/2$ where d_0, v_0, and a_0 are given constants. The cart is held from tipping over. The cart itself has a 30° sloped upper surface on which rests a mass (given mass m). The surface on which the mass rests is frictionless. Initially the mass is at rest with regard to the cart.

a) What is the force of the cart on the mass? [in terms of $g, d_0, v_0, t, a_0, m, g, \hat{\imath}$, and $\hat{\jmath}$.] *

b) For what values of d_0, v_0, t and a_0 is the acceleration of the mass exactly vertical (i.e., in the $\hat{\jmath}$ direction)? *



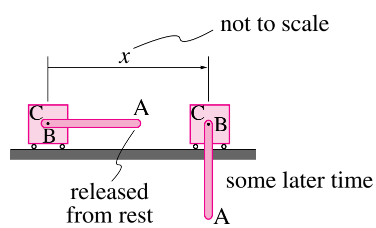
Problem 19.3.14

19.3.15 A thin rod AB of mass W_{AB} = 10 lbm and length L_{AB} = 2 ft is pinned to a cart C of mass W_C = 10 lbm, the latter of which is free to move along a frictionless horizontal surface, as shown in the figure. The system is released from rest with the rod in the horizontal position.

a) Determine the angular speed of the rod as it passes through the vertical position (at some later time). *

b) Determine the displacement x of the cart at the same instant. *

c) After the rod passes through vertical, it is momentarily horizontal but on the left side of the cart. How far has the cart moved when this configuration is reached?



Problem 19.3.15

19.3.16 As shown in the figure, a block of mass m rolls without friction on a rigid surface and is at position x (measured from a fixed point). Attached to the block is a uniform rod of length ℓ which pivots about one end which is at the center of mass of the block. The rod and block have equal mass. The rod makes an angle θ with the vertical. Use the numbers below for the values of the constants and variables at the time of interest:

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\begin{aligned}
\ell &= 1\,\mathrm{m}\\
m &= 2\,\mathrm{kg}\\
\theta &= \pi/2\\
d\theta/dt &= 1\,\mathrm{rad/s}\\
d^2\theta/dt^2 &= 2\,\mathrm{rad/s^2}\\
x &= 1\,\mathrm{m}\\
dx/dt &= 2\,\mathrm{m/s}\\
d^2x/dt^2 &= 3\,\mathrm{m/s^2}
\end{aligned}
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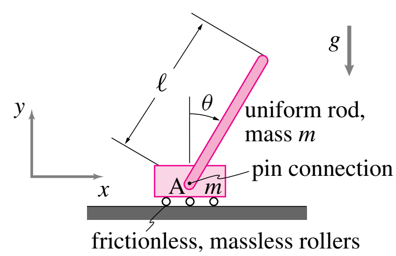
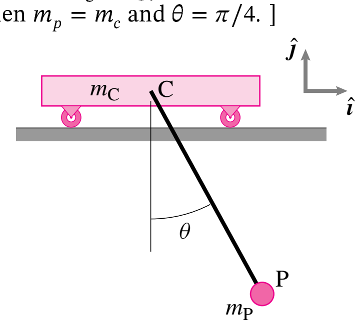
a) What is the kinetic energy of the system?

b) What is the linear momentum of the system (momentum is a vector)?



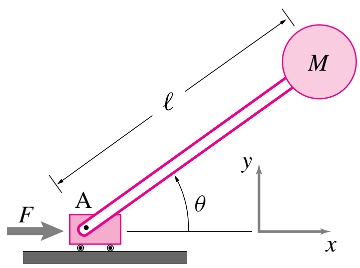
Problem 19.3.16

19.3.17 A pendulum of length ℓ hangs from a cart. The pendulum is massless except for a point mass of mass m_p at the end. The cart rolls without friction and has mass m_c. The cart is initially stationary and the pendulum is released from rest at an angle θ. What is the acceleration of the cart just after the mass is released? [Hints: $\mathbf{a}_P = \vec{\mathbf{a}}_C + \vec{\mathbf{a}}_P/C$. The answer is $\vec{\mathbf{a}}_C = (g/3)\mathbf{i}$ in the special case when $m_p = m_c$ and $\theta = \pi/4$.]



Problem 19.3.17

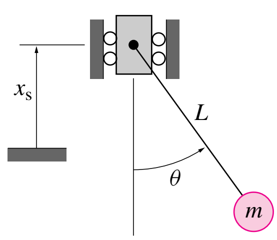
19.3.18 Due to the application of some unknown force F, the base of the pendulum A is accelerating with $\vec{a}_A = a_A \hat{\imath}$. There is a frictionless hinge at A. The angle of the pendulum θ with the x axis and its rate of change $\dot{\theta}$ are assumed to be known. The length of the massless pendulum rod is ℓ. The mass of the pendulum bob M. There is no gravity. What is $\ddot{\theta}$? (Answer in terms of a_A, ℓ, M, θ and $\dot{\theta}$.)



Problem 19.3.18

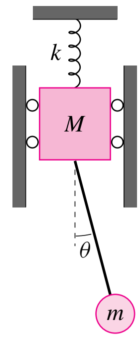
19.3.19 Pumping a Swing Can a swing be pumped by moving the support point up and down?

For simplicity, neglect gravity and consider the problem of swinging a rock in circles on a string. Let the rock be mass m attached to a string of fixed length ℓ. Can you speed it up by moving your hand up and down? How? Can you make a quantitative prediction? Let x_S be a function of time that you can specify to try to make the mass swing progressively faster.



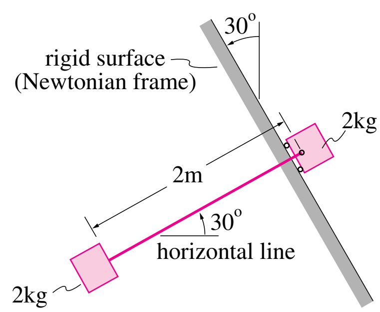
Problem 19.3.19

19.3.20 Using free-body diagrams and appropriate momentum balance equations, find differential equations that govern the angle θ and the vertical deflection y of the system shown. Be clear about your datum for y. Your equations should be in terms of θ, y and their time-derivatives, as well as M, m, ℓ, and g.



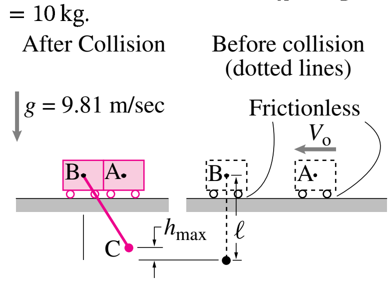
Problem 19.3.20

19.3.21 The two blocks shown are released from rest at $t = 0$. There is no friction and the cable is initially taut. (a) What is the tension in the cable immediately after release? (Use any reasonable value for the gravitational constant). (b) What is the tension after 5 s?



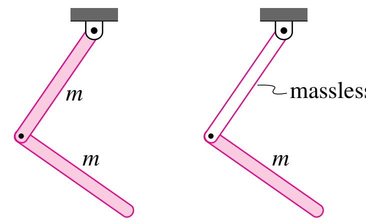
Problem 19.3.21

19.3.22 Carts A and B are free to move along a frictionless horizontal surface, and bob C is connected to cart B by a massless, inextensible cord of length ℓ, as shown in the figure. Cart A moves to the left at a constant speed $v_0 = 1\,\text{m/s}$ and makes a perfectly plastic collision ($e = 0$) with cart B which, together with bob C, is stationary prior to impact. Find the maximum vertical position of bob C, h_{max}, after impact. The masses of the carts and pendulum bob are $m_A = m_B = m_C = 10\,\text{kg}$.



Problem 19.3.22

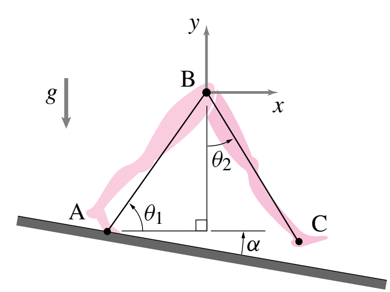
19.3.23 A double pendulum is made of two uniform rigid rods, each of length ℓ. The first rod is massless. Find equations of motion for the second rod. Define any variables you use in your solution.



Problem 19.3.23

19.3.24 A model of walking involves two straight legs. During the part of the motion when one foot is on the ground, the system looks like the picture in the figure, confined to motion in the $x - y$ plane. Write two equations from which one could find $\ddot{\theta}_1$, and $\ddot{\theta}_2$ given $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dot{\theta}_1, \dot{\theta}_2$ and all mass and length quantities.

$$\left[\begin{array}{lll} \text{Hint:} & & \\ \sum \boldsymbol{M}_{/A} & = \dot{\boldsymbol{H}}_{/A} & \text{whole system} \\ \sum \boldsymbol{M}_{/B} & = \dot{\boldsymbol{H}}_{/B} & \text{for bar BC} \end{array}\right]$$



Problem 19.3.24

Advanced problems in 2D motion

19.3.25 A pendulum is hanging from a moving support in the xy-plane. The support moves in a known way given by $\vec{r}(t) = r(t)\hat{\imath}$. For the following cases, find a differential equation whose solution would determine $\theta(t)$, measured clockwise from vertical; then find an expression for $d^2\theta/dt^2$ in terms of θ and $r(t)$:

a) with no gravity and assuming the pendulum rod is massless with a point mass of mass m at the end,

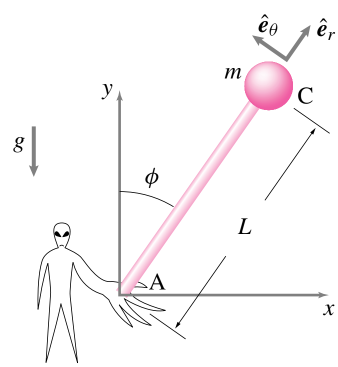
b) as above but with gravity,

c) assuming the pendulum is a uniform rod of mass m and length ℓ.

19.3.26 Robotics problem: balancing a broom stick by sideways motion. Try to balance a broom stick by moving your hand horizontally. Model your hand contact with the broom as a hinge. You can model the broom as a uniform stick or as a point mass at the end of a stick — your choice.

a) **Equation of motion.** Given the acceleration of your hand (horizontal only), the current tip, and the rate of tip of the broom, find the angular acceleration of the broom. *

b) **Control?** Can you find a hand acceleration in terms of the tip and the tip rate that will make the broom balance upright? *



Problem 19.3.26

19.3.27 Balancing the broom again: vertical shaking works too. You can balance a broom by holding it at the bottom and applying appropriate torques, as in problem 16.4.44 or by moving your hand back and forth in an appropriate manner, as in problem 19.3.26. In this problem, you will try to balance the broom differently. The lesson to be learned here is more subtle, and you should probably just wonder at it rather than try to understand it in detail.

In the previous balancing schemes, you used knowledge of the state of the broom (θ and $\dot{\theta}$) to determine what corrective action to apply. Now balance the broom by moving it in a way that ignores what the broom is doing. In the language of robotics, what you have been doing before is 'closed-loop feedback' control. The new strategy, which is simultaneously more simple minded and more subtle, is an 'open loop' control. Imagine that your hand connection to the broom is a hinge.

a) **Picture and model.** Assume your hand oscillates sinusoidally up and down with some frequency and some amplitude. The broom is instantaneously at some angle from vertical. Draw a picture which defines all the variables you will use. Use any mass distribution that you like.

b) **FBD.** Draw a FBD of the broom.

c) **Momentum balance.** Write the equation of angular momentum balance about the point instantaneously coinciding with the hinge.

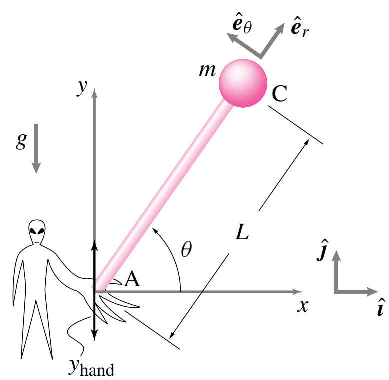
d) **Kinematics.** Use any geometry and kinematics that you need to evaluate the terms in the angular momentum balance equation in terms of the tip angle and its time derivatives and other known quantities (take the vertical motion of your hand as 'given'). [Hint: There are many approaches to this problem.]

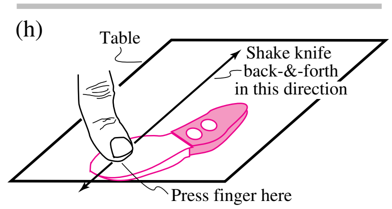
e) **Equation of motion.** Using the angular momentum balance equation, write a governing differential equation for the tip angle. *

f) **Simulation.** Taking the hand motion as given, simulate on the computer the system you have found.

g) **Stability?** Can you find an amplitude and frequency of shaking so that the broom stays upright if started from a near upright position? You probably *cannot* find linear equations to solve that will give you a control strategy. So, this problem might best be solved by guessing on the computer. Successful strategies require the hand acceleration to be quite a bit bigger than g, the gravitational constant. The stability obtained is like the stability of an undamped uninverted pendulum — oscillations persist. You improve the stability a little by including a little friction in the hinge.

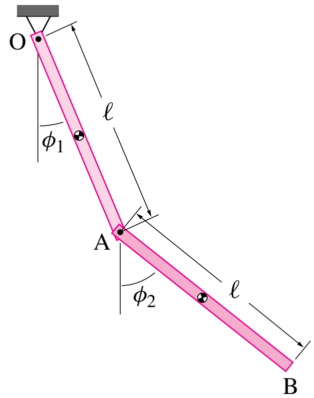
h) **Dinner table experiment for nerdy eaters.** If you put a table knife on a table and put your finger down on the tip of the blade, you can see that this experiment might work. Rapidly shake your hand back and forth, keeping the knife from sliding out from your finger but with the knife sliding rapidly on the table. Note that the knife aligns with the direction of shaking (use scratch-resistant surface). The knife is different from the broom in some important ways: there is no gravity trying to 'unalign' it and there is friction between the knife and table that is much more significant than the broom interaction with the air. Nonetheless, the experiment should convince you of the plausibility of the balancing mechanism. Because of the large accelerations required, you *cannot* do this experiment with a broom.





Problem 19.3.27: The sketch of the knife on the table goes with part (h).

19.3.28 Double pendulum. The double pendulum shown is made up of two uniform bars, each of length ℓ and mass m. The pendulum is released from rest at $\phi_1 = 0$ and $\phi_2 = \pi/2$. Just after release what are the values of $\ddot{\phi}_1$ and $\ddot{\phi}_2$? Answer in terms of other quantities. *

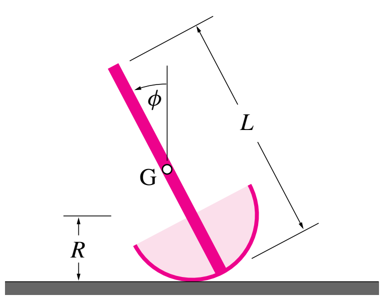


Problem 19.3.28

19.3.29 A rocker. A standing dummy is modeled as having massless rigid circular feet of radius R rigidly attached to their uniform rigid body of length L and mass m. The feet do not slip on the floor.

a) Given the tip angle ϕ, the tip rate $\dot{\phi}$ and the values of the various parameters (m, R, L, g) find $\ddot{\phi}$. [You may assume ϕ and $\dot{\phi}$ are small.] *

b) Using the result of (a) or any other clear reasoning find the conditions on the parameters (m, R, L, g) that make vertical passive dynamic standing stable. [Stable means that if the person is slightly perturbed from vertically up that their resulting motion will be such that they remain nearly vertically up for all future time.] *



Problem 19.3.29

19.3.30 Consider a rigid spoked wheel with no rim. Assume that when it rolls a spoke hits the ground and doesn't bounce. The body just swings around the contact point until the next spoke hits the ground. The uniform spokes have length R. Assume that the mass of the wheel is m, and that the polar moment of inertia about its center is I (use $I = mR^2/2$ if you want to get a better sense of the solution). Assume that just before collision number n, the angular velocity of the wheel is ω_{n-}, the kinetic energy is T_{n-}, the potential energy (you must clearly define your datum) is U_n-. Just after collision n the angular velocity of the wheel is ω_{n+}. The Kinetic Energy is T_{N+}, the potential energy (you must clearly define your datum) is U_{n+}. The wheel has k spokes (pick $k = 4$ if you have trouble with abstraction). This problem is not easy. It can be answered at a variety of levels. The deeper you get into it the more you will learn.

a) What is the relation between ω_{n-} and T_{n-}?

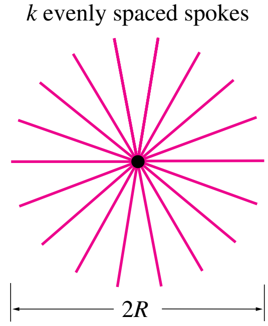
b) What is the relation between ω_{n-} and ω_{n+}?

c) Assume 'rolling' on level ground. What is the relation between ω_n^+ and ω_{n+1}^+ (the angular velocities just after two successive collisions?

d) Assume rolling down hill at slope θ. What is the relation between ω_{n+} and ω_{n+1}?

e) Can it be true that $\omega_{n+} = \omega_{(n+1)+}$? About how fast is the wheel going in this situation?

f) As the number of spokes m goes to infinity, in what senses does this wheel become like an ordinary wheel?



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