

**ME 562 Advanced Dynamics**  
**Summer 2010**  
**HOMEWORK # 7**

**Due: August 2, 2010**

**Q1. (see Problem 6-24 in the text).** A disk of radius  $R$  rotates about its fixed vertical axis of symmetry at a constant rate  $\omega$ . A simple pendulum of length  $l$  and particle mass  $m$  is attached at a point on the edge of the disk. As generalized coordinates, let  $\theta$  be the angle of the pendulum from the downward vertical, and let  $\phi$  be the angle between the vertical plane of the pendulum and the vertical plane of the radial line from the center of the disk to the attachment point, where positive  $\dot{\phi}$  is in the same sense as  $\omega$ .

1. Find  $T_2$ ,  $T_1$ , and  $T_0$ .
2. Obtain the differential equations of motion.
3. Assuming that  $R=l$ ,  $\omega^2 = g/2l$ , and the initial conditions are  $\theta(0) = 0$ ,  $\dot{\theta}(0)=0$ , show that  $\theta$  cannot exceed  $72.93^\circ$ .

**Q2. (see Problem 6-11 in the text for a figure).** Consider the system shown. It consists of particles  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  that are connected by a massless rod of length  $l$ . These particles move on a frictionless horizontal plane, the motion of  $m_1$  being confined to a fixed frictionless circular track of radius  $R$ . Denote the generalized coordinates for describing the dynamics of the system by the angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . Then, derive the following:

1. The expression for kinetic energy of the system.
2. The equations of motion of the system for the coordinates  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .
3. Identify the ignorable coordinate in the system, and define the generalized momentum  $p$  associated with it.
4. Define the Routhian function for the system and use it to derive the equation of motion for the reduced one degree-of-freedom system.

**Q3. (see Problem 7-2 the text).** Four particles, each of mass  $m/4$ , are located at  $(x_0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(-x_0/3, y_0, -z_0/2)$ ,  $(-x_0/3, -y_0, -z_0/2)$ ,  $(-x_0/3, 0, z_0)$ , relative to the  $xyz$  axes. The particles are connected by rigid massless rods. Solve for the values of  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ , and  $z_0$  such that the system has principal moments of inertia  $I_{xx}$ ,  $I_{yy}$ , and  $I_{zz}$ .

**Q4. (see Problem 7-6 in the text).** A certain rigid body has the following inertia matrix with respect to some reference point:

$$[I] = \begin{bmatrix} 450 & -60 & 100 \\ -60 & 500 & 7 \\ 100 & 7 & 550 \end{bmatrix} \text{ kg-m}^2$$

- a. Solve for the principal moments of inertia at the same reference point.
- b. Find the rotation matrix such that one can transform (rotate) from the  $xyz$  system to the principal coordinate system.

**Q5.** (see **Problem 8-3 in the text**). A solid homogeneous sphere of mass  $m_0$  and radius  $r$  rolls without slipping on a triangular block of mass  $m$  which can slide on a frictionless floor. Assume that the system is initially motionless.

- a. Derive the equations of motion for the system.
- b. Find the velocity of the block as a function of time.