

Reviewing, what we have discussed so far:

Generalized coordinates

- **Any number of variables (say, n) sufficient to specify the configuration of the system at each instant to time (need not be the minimum number).**
- **In general, let q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n – be generalized coordinates. Then, the position vectors are described by**

$$\underline{r}_i = \underline{r}_i(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

In general, we also have some

- **geometric constraints**

$$\phi_i(\underline{r}_i, \dots, \underline{r}_N, t) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d.$$

These are d equations in $3N$ (scalar) variables.

Let q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n be the generalized coordinates or variables

i.e., $\underline{r}_i = \underline{r}_i(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, t)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

so that the geometric constraints are satisfied.

- **If we eliminate all geometric constraints**

$$n = n_o = 3N - d.$$

where n – number of generalized coordinates $\Rightarrow n > n_o$.

- **Sometimes, one may not want to solve for all the geometric constraints**

Then q_1, \dots, q_n are more than the minimum needed and not all are independent.

- **Now consider the work done by **effective forces in any virtual displacement****

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i$$

Now, consider the position vector, and its virtual displacement:

$$\underline{r}_i = \underline{r}_i(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

where δq_j – **virtual displacement** in q_j .

Then, the virtual work is

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \right) \delta q_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta W \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j \delta q_j \Rightarrow \boxed{Q_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j}}$$

Aside: consider the position vector:

$$\underline{r} = \underline{r}(q_1, \dots, q_n, t)$$

Differentiating, we get

$$\dot{\underline{r}} = \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial q_1} \dot{q}_1 + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial q_2} \dot{q}_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial t}$$

$$\underline{r} dt = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i dt + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial t} dt$$

$$d\underline{r} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial q_i} dq_i + \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial t} dt$$

$$\delta \underline{r} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}}{\partial q_i} \delta q_i \quad \Leftarrow$$

Here Q_j – is generalized force corresponding to the j th generalized coordinate q_j .

• Thus,

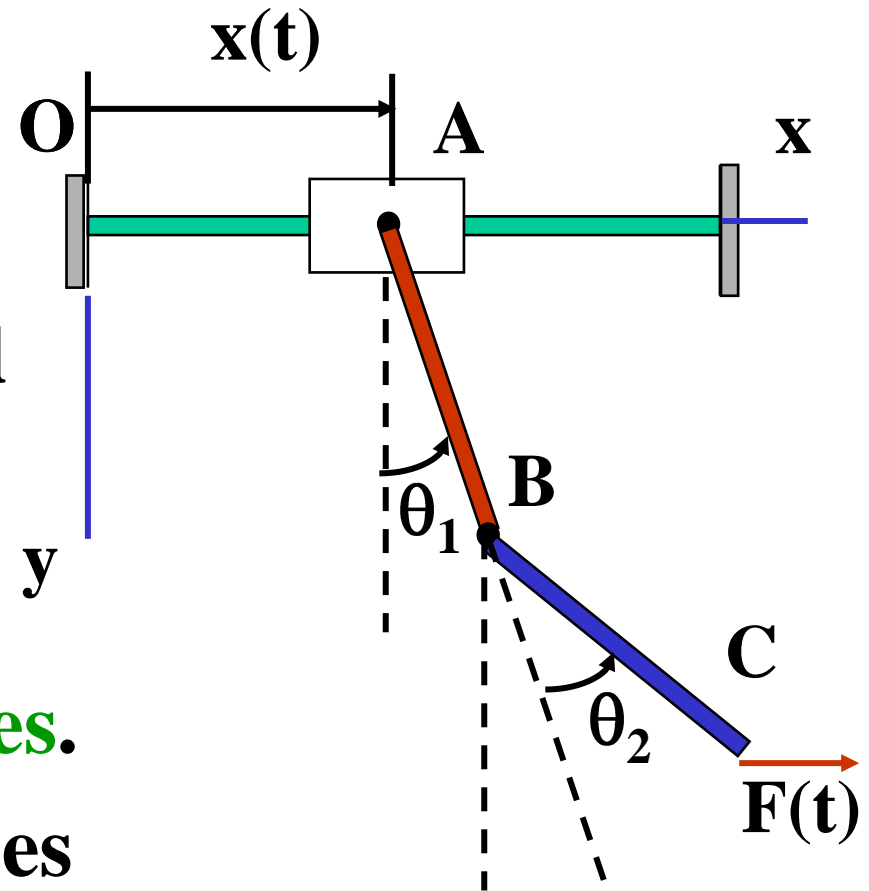
$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j \delta q_j$$

Ex 18: Consider the compound pendulum.

Let, $x(t)$ – motion of slider. It is a specified function of time

Let θ_1, θ_2 – be **generalized coordinates.**

Find: generalized forces Q_1, Q_2 (corresponding to the generalized coordinates θ_1, θ_2).



Now, to find the generalized forces, we need to first define the position of C in terms of generalized coordinates:

$$\underline{r}_C = [x + L\sin\theta_1 + L\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \underline{i} + L[\cos\theta_1 + \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \underline{j}$$

$$\delta \underline{r}_C = L[\cos\theta_1 \delta\theta_1 + \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\delta\theta_1 + \delta\theta_2)] \underline{i} + L[-\sin\theta_1 \delta\theta_1 - \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)(\delta\theta_1 + \delta\theta_2)] \underline{j}$$

or

$$\delta \underline{r}_C = L[\{\cos\theta_1 + \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} \underline{i} - \{\sin\theta_1 + \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} \underline{j}] \delta\theta_1 + L[\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \underline{i} - \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \underline{j}] \delta\theta_2$$

Aside: first find the velocity to find virtual displacement:

$$\dot{\underline{r}}_c = [\dot{x} + L\dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 + L(\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \underline{i} \\ + L[-\dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 - (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \underline{j}$$

$$\delta \underline{r}_c = [\dot{x} + L \delta \theta_1 \cos \theta_1 \\ + L(\delta \theta_1 + \delta \theta_2) \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \underline{i} \\ + L[-\delta \theta_1 \sin \theta - (\delta \theta_1 + \delta \theta_2) \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \underline{j}$$

Now, the force acting at **C** is: $\underline{F} = F \underline{i}$

Thus, **the virtual work done is:** $\delta W = \underline{F} \cdot \delta \underline{r}_C$

or $\delta W = FL[\{\cos \theta_1 + \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} \delta \theta_1$

$$+ \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} \delta \theta_2]$$

$$= Q_1 \delta \theta_1 + Q_2 \delta \theta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} Q_1 &= FL\{\cos \theta_1 + \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} \\ Q_2 &= FL \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Note: if the forces are conservative, the

generalized forces are: $Q_j^{con} = -\partial V / \partial q_j$

where the **potential function** is $V(q_1, \dots, q_n)$

- **The potential function can be found as below:**

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_1} = -FL\{\cos \theta_1 + \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} = -Q_1$$

$$\Rightarrow V = -FL\{\sin(\theta_1) + \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} + h_1(\theta_2)$$

- $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_2} = -FL\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = -Q_2$

$$\Rightarrow V = -FL\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + h_2(\theta_1)$$

or

$$V(\theta_1, \theta_2) = -FL\{\sin \theta_1 + \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)\} + h_1(\theta_2) + h_2(\theta_1)$$

6.6 Lagrange's Equations

(Important: this derivation is different from the one in the text). The starting point is the

- **D'Alembert's principle:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{F}_i - m_i \underline{\ddot{r}}_i) \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = 0$$

- Recall that there are also ***d* finite and *g* kinematic constraints** to be satisfied by any virtual displacement of the system:

$$\phi_i(\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_N, t) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

(finite constraints)

$$\sum_{j=1}^N l_{ij}(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N, t) \cdot \dot{\underline{r}}_j + D_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

(kinematic constraints)

Let q_1, \dots, q_n – generalized coordinates. (need not be all independent; i.e., need not satisfy finite constraints identically) or $n \geq n_0 = 3N - d$.

Then $\underline{r}_i = \underline{r}_i(q_1, \dots, q_n, t), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

Now, we calculate the different terms in

D'Alembert's principle:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i &= \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \right) \delta q_j = \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j \delta q_j \end{aligned} \quad \text{effective forces}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \right) \delta q_j \end{aligned} \quad \text{acceleration}$$

We now define the kinetic energy of the system of particles to be

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{\dot{r}}_i \cdot \underline{\dot{r}}_i$$

but

$$\underline{\dot{r}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \Rightarrow$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k + \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \right)$$

or

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \right) \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_k + \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \dot{q}_j + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \dot{q}_k \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t}$$

or

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \right) \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_k \\ + \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \right) \dot{q}_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t}$$

$$T \equiv T_2(\dot{q}_j, \dot{q}_k) + T_1(\dot{q}_j) + T_0$$

Review: Derivation of Lagrange's Equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{F}_i - m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i) \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = 0$$

$$\phi_i(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N, t) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d,$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N l_{ij} \cdot \dot{\underline{r}}_j + D_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

- **Now express** $\underline{r}_i(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, t)$

$$\bullet \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\left(\sum_{j=1}^N \underline{F}_j \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_j}{\partial q_i} \right)}_{Q_i} \delta q_i$$

$$\bullet \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} \right\} \delta q_i$$

where $T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\underline{r}}_i$

Algebraic manipulations

$$\delta \underline{r}_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_j}{\partial \underline{q}_k} \delta q_k, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \underline{r}_j} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_j}{\partial \underline{q}_k} \delta q_k = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \underline{r}_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_j}{\partial \underline{q}_k} \right) \delta q_k = 0$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}(q, t) \delta q_k = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

constraints in differential form

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \underline{r}_j} \cdot \delta \underline{r}_j = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N l_{ij} \cdot \delta \underline{r}_j = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

These are $d + g$ relations in $3N$ virtual displ.

$$\Rightarrow \text{D. O. F.} = 3N - (d + g) = (n_0 - g)$$

n = number of generalized coordinates

$$\geq \text{D. O. F.}$$

One can then show (with some manipulation)

that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{F}_i - m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i) \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n \left[Q_j - \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} \right\} \right] \delta q_j = 0$$

Case 1: Number of generalized coordinates –
 $n = n_0 = 3N - d =$ degrees of freedom of the
system, i.e., all **holonomic** (geometric)
constraints are **automatically satisfied** by the
choice of generalized coordinates; and there
are **no kinematic** or velocity **constraints**.

⇒ **The generalized coordinates (hence δq_j) are independent. Then**

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} - Q_j \right\} \delta q_j = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} = Q_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n}$$

This is one form of Lagrange's equations for a holonomic n degrees of freedom mechanical system. These are a system of n equations. (2nd order differential equations)

- **Lagrange's equations are 2nd-order nonlinear ordinary differential equations for n generalized coordinates q_i**

- **We need to specify $q_i(0), \dot{q}_i(0), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
($2n$ initial conditions)**

- **Their solution gives $q_i(t), i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$**

- **One can then find the positions**

$$\underline{r}_i(t), i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

and the constraint forces

$$\underline{R}_i = -\underline{F}_i + m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Ex. 19: Consider a **plane pendulum**
with oscillating support:

With the coordinate
system shown, the position:

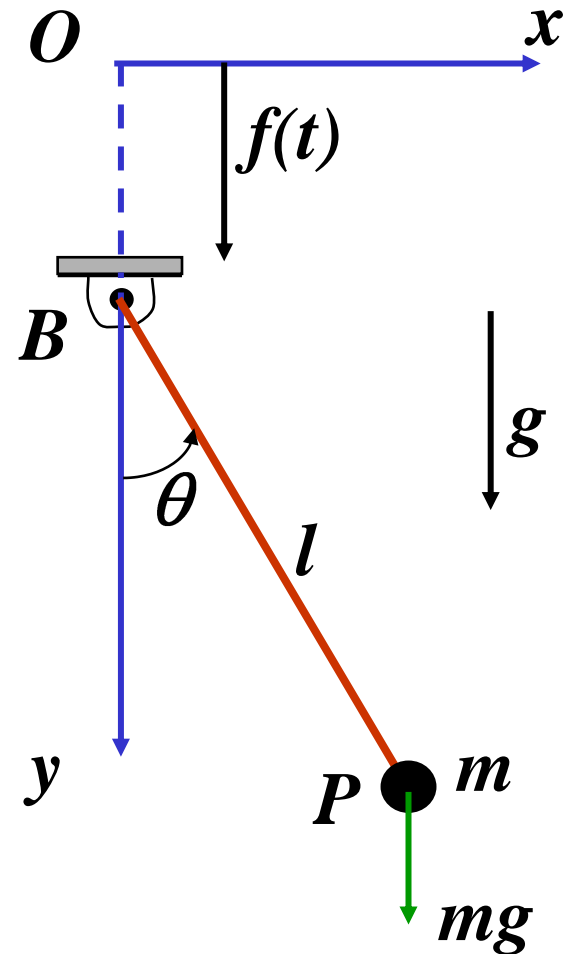
$$\begin{aligned}\underline{r}_P &= f(t)\underline{j} + l(\cos\theta\underline{j} + \sin\theta\underline{i}) \\ &= l\sin\theta\underline{i} + (l\cos\theta + f(t))\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$

The velocity is:

$$\dot{\underline{r}}_P = l\dot{\theta}\cos\theta\underline{i} + (-l\dot{\theta}\sin\theta + \dot{f}(t))\underline{j}$$

θ - generalized

coordinate – **no constraint.**



The kinetic energy is: $T = \frac{1}{2} m \underline{\dot{r}}_P \cdot \underline{\dot{r}}_P$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m [l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{f}^2(t) - 2l\dot{\theta} \dot{f}(t) \sin \theta]$$

- **Need to find generalized force Q_θ .**

$$\delta W = \underline{F} \cdot \delta \underline{r}_P = Q_\theta \delta \theta; \quad \underline{F} = mg \underline{j}$$

$$\delta \underline{r}_P = d \underline{r}_P \quad \text{with time frozen (set } \delta t = 0)$$

$$d \underline{r}_P = l \cos \theta \underline{i} d\theta + (-l \sin \theta d\theta + \frac{df}{dt} dt) \underline{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \underline{r}_P = (l \cos \theta \underline{i} - l \sin \theta \underline{j}) \delta \theta$$

$$\delta W = -mgl \sin \theta \delta \theta \Rightarrow Q_\theta = -mgl \sin \theta$$

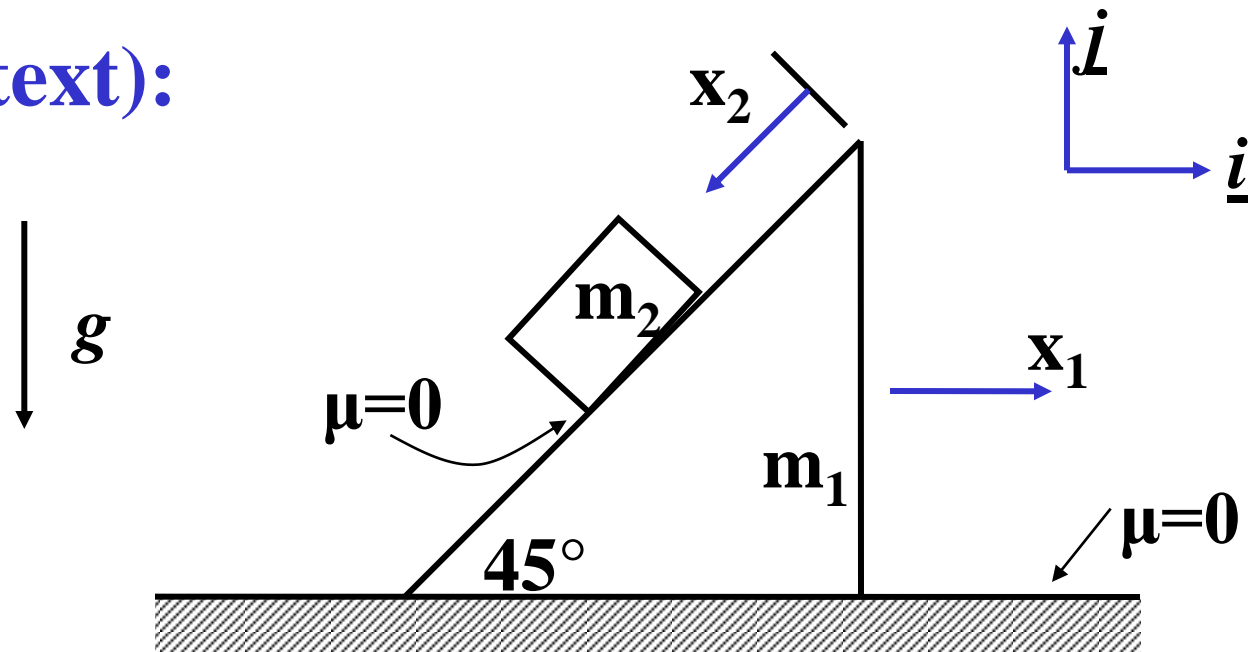
Thus, the **Lagrange's equation** is: $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = Q_\theta$

Computing the various terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} &= ml^2 \dot{\theta} - ml \dot{f}(t) \sin \theta \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) &= ml^2 \ddot{\theta} - ml \ddot{f} \sin \theta - ml \dot{f} \dot{\theta} \cos \theta \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} &= -ml \dot{\theta} \dot{f} \cos \theta \\ \Rightarrow ml^2 \ddot{\theta} - ml \ddot{f} \sin \theta - ml \dot{f} \dot{\theta} \cos \theta &+ ml \dot{f} \dot{\theta} \cos \theta = -mgl \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

or $\ddot{\theta} + [\{g - \ddot{f}(t)\} \sin \theta] / l = 0$

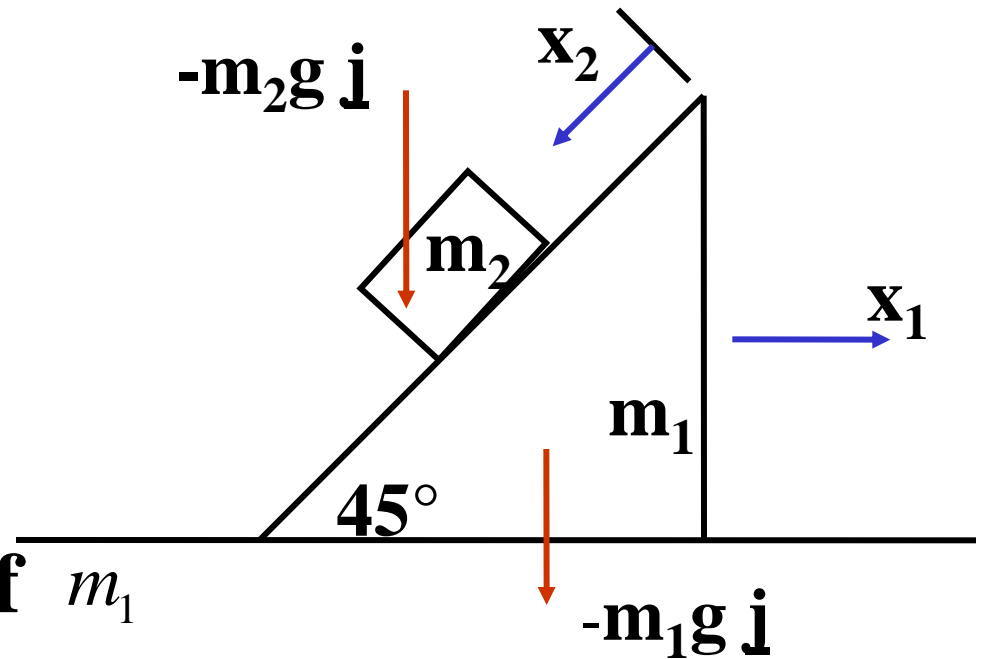
Ex 19 (text):



m_2 slides on m_1 ;

m_1 slides on the horizontal surface: $\mu = 0$.

All surfaces in contact are smooth.



x_1 – absolute position of m_1

x_2 – position of m_2 relative to m_1

Find: acceleration of m_1 using Lagrange's equations.

- There are two generalized coordinates x_1, x_2
 $n = \text{degrees of freedom} = 2$. (no constraints on x_1, x_2)

We proceed step by step and develop the various quantities, starting with **position vectors**:

$$\underline{r}_1 = x_1 \underline{i} \quad ; \quad \underline{r}_2 = x_1 \underline{i} - (x_2 \underline{i} + x_2 \underline{j}) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\underline{v}_1 = \dot{x}_1 \underline{i} \quad ; \quad \underline{v}_2 = (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 / \sqrt{2}) \underline{i} - \dot{x}_2 \underline{j} / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \{ (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 / \sqrt{2})^2 + (\dot{x}_2 / \sqrt{2})^2 \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \{ \dot{x}_2^2 - \sqrt{2} \dot{x}_1 \dot{x}_2 \} \end{aligned}$$

- We need to find **generalized forces** Q_1, Q_2 ?

$$\underline{F}_1 = -m_1 g \underline{j} ; \delta \underline{r}_1 = \delta x_1 \underline{i} ;$$

$$\underline{F}_2 = -m_2 g \underline{j} ; \delta \underline{r}_2 = \left(\delta x_1 - \frac{\delta x_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \underline{i} - \frac{\delta x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \underline{j}$$

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^2 \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = m_2 g \frac{\delta x_2}{\sqrt{2}} = Q_1 \delta x_1 + Q_2 \delta x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_1 = 0 ; Q_2 = m_2 g / \sqrt{2}$$

- Then, the **equations of motion** are:

$$\underline{x}_1 : \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} = (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}_1 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \dot{x}_2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) = (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{x}_1 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \ddot{x}_2$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} = 0 ; Q_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(m_1 + m_2) \ddot{x}_1 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \ddot{x}_2 = 0}$$

$$\underline{x}_2 : \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} = m_2 \dot{x}_2 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \dot{x}_1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) = m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \ddot{x}_1 ; \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} = 0$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{m_2 g}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \ddot{x}_1 = \frac{m_2 g}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

Solving the two equations for $\ddot{x}_1 \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\ddot{x}_1 = m_2 g / (2m_1 + m_2)}$$

Another form of Lagrange's equations:

Suppose that **some forces** acting on the system are **conservative**, i.e., the corresponding forces \underline{F}_i (as well as the generalized forces) are **derivable from a potential function** $V(q_1, \dots, q_n)$,

then

$$Q_i(t, q, \dot{q}) \equiv \underbrace{-\frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i}}_{\substack{\text{potential} \\ \text{part}}} + \underbrace{Q'_i(t, q, \dot{q})}_{\substack{\text{nonconservative} \\ \text{part}}}$$

⇒ The **equations of motion** for an n degree of freedom **holonomic system** take the form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} + Q'_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Let $L \equiv T - V$, the **Lagrangian function**.

Then

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = Q'_i(t, q, \dot{q})}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

This is the **standard form of Lagrange's equations**.

- Explicit form of the equations of motion

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} = Q'_i \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

The idea here is to **express all the quantities in terms of the generalized coordinates and their time-derivatives**

Now:
$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{\dot{r}}_i \cdot \underline{\dot{r}}_i$$

where $\underline{r}_i \equiv \underline{r}_i(t, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\underline{\dot{r}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k + \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \right) \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_k +$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \right) \dot{q}_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t}$$

or

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n m_{jk}(q,t) \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_k + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(q,t) \dot{q}_j + T_0(q,t)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \underbrace{T_2}_{\substack{\text{quadratic} \\ \text{in } \dot{q}}} + \underbrace{T_1}_{\substack{\text{linear in} \\ \dot{q}}} + \underbrace{T_0}_{\substack{\text{independent of} \\ \text{generalized velocity } \dot{q}}}$$

- **If the constraints are independent of time, (that is, the system is scleronomous),**

$$\underline{r}_i \equiv \underline{r}_i(q) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$T = T_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n m_{jk}(q, t) \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_k$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}(q, t) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(q, t) \dot{q}_i + T_0(q, t)$$

Then
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}(q, t) \dot{q}_j + a_i(q, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \dot{m}_{ij}(q, t) \dot{q}_j + \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}(q, t) \ddot{q}_j + \dot{a}_i(q, t)$$

Now
$$\dot{m}_{ij}(q, t) = \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{\partial m_{ij}}{\partial q_l} \dot{q}_l + \frac{\partial m_{ij}}{\partial t}$$

$$\dot{a}_i(q, t) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial q_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} = \frac{\partial T_2}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial T_1}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial q_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial T_2}{\partial q_i} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{\partial m_{jl}}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_l$$

$$\frac{\partial T_1}{\partial q_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_j$$

$$\frac{\partial T_0}{\partial q_i} = \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial q_i}$$

combining all these expressions \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij}(q,t) \ddot{q}_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial m_{ij}}{\partial q_l} + \frac{\partial m_{il}}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial m_{jl}}{\partial q_i} \right) \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_l \\
& + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial m_{ij}}{\partial t} \dot{q}_j + \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial q_i} \right) \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial t} \\
& - \frac{\partial T_0}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} = Q'_i(t, q, \dot{q}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n
\end{aligned}$$

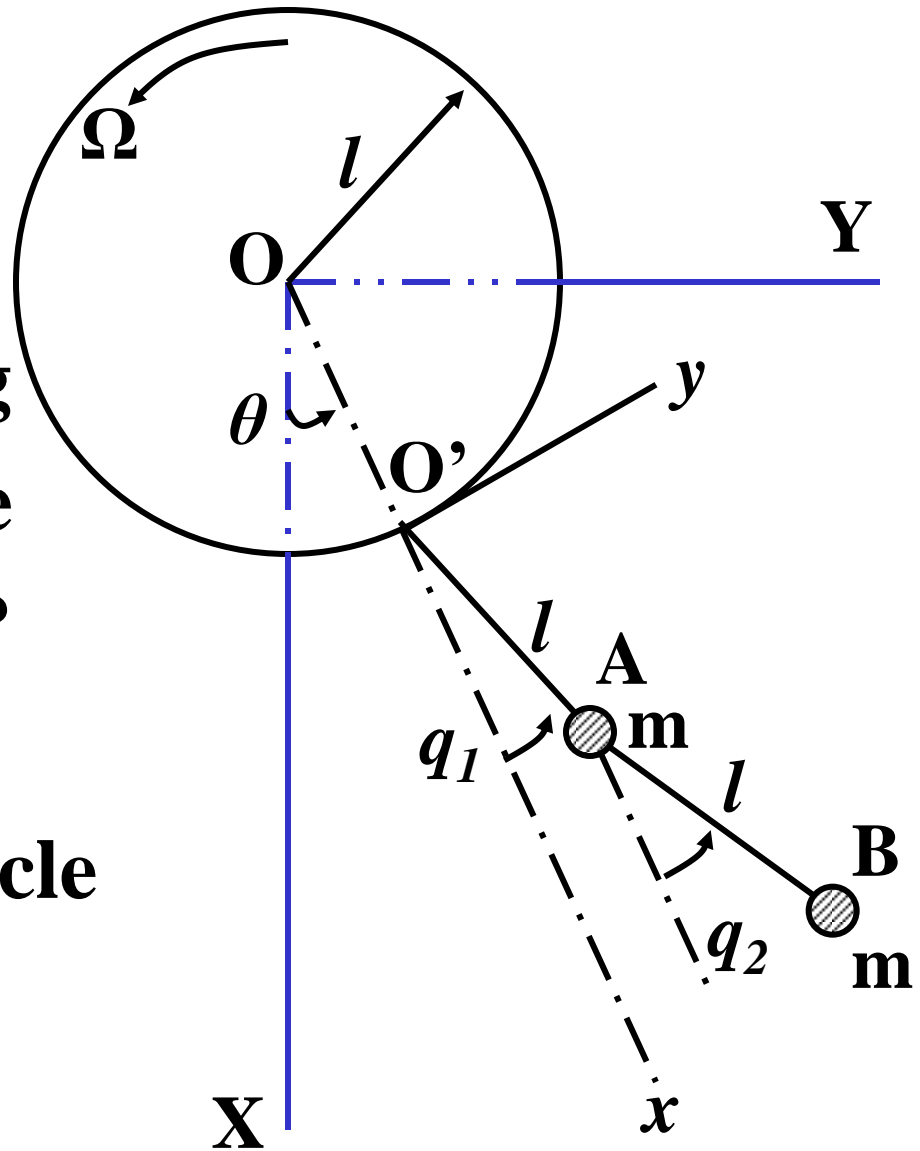
Note that

$$\gamma_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial q_i} = -\gamma_{ji}$$

- linear gyroscopic coefficients

Ex 20:

Disk of radius l rotating with const. Ω . A double pendulum attached at P (O') on the disk. Rods are massless, each particle of mass m . Motion in **horizontal plane**.



Find: T – kinetic energy; **identify terms of different type.** $q_1, q_2; T_2, T_1, T_0$

XYZ – fixed frame

xyz – moving frame – attached to the disk at

$$\mathbf{O}' = \mathbf{P}$$

$$\underline{\omega} = \Omega \underline{K} = \Omega \underline{k} \quad ; \quad \underline{\dot{\omega}} = \underline{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\underline{v}_A = \underline{v}_{O'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\rho} + (\underline{\dot{\rho}})_r$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v}_{O'} &= \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}_{OO'} = \Omega \underline{k} \times l (\cos \theta \underline{I} + \sin \theta \underline{J}) \\ &= \Omega \underline{k} \times l \underline{i} = \Omega l \underline{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\rho}_A = l(\cos q_1 \underline{i} + \sin q_1 \underline{j})$$

$$(\underline{\dot{\rho}})_r = l\dot{q}_1(-\sin q_1 \underline{i} + \cos q_1 \underline{j})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\rho}_A &= \Omega \underline{k} \times l(\cos q_1 \underline{i} + \sin q_1 \underline{j}) \\ &= \Omega l(\cos q_1 \underline{j} - \sin q_1 \underline{i}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{v}_A = -(\Omega l + \dot{q}_1 l) \sin q_1 \underline{i} + [(\Omega l + \dot{q}_1 l) \cos q_1 + \Omega l] \underline{j}$$

$$\underline{v}_B = \underline{v}_{O'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\rho}_B + (\underline{\dot{\rho}}_B)_r$$

$$\underline{\rho}_B = l(\cos q_1 + \cos q_2) \underline{i} + l(\sin q_1 + \sin q_2) \underline{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{\dot{\rho}}_B)_r &= l(-\sin q_1 \dot{q}_1 - \sin q_2 \dot{q}_2) \underline{i} \\ &\quad + l(\cos q_1 \dot{q}_1 + \cos q_2 \dot{q}_2) \underline{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{v}_B = -[\Omega l(\sin q_1 + \sin q_2) + l(\sin q_1 \dot{q}_1 + \sin q_2 \dot{q}_2)]\underline{i} + [\Omega l(1 + \cos q_1 + \cos q_2) + l(\cos q_1 \dot{q}_1 + \cos q_2 \dot{q}_2)]\underline{j}$$

Now

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m(\underline{v}_A \cdot \underline{v}_A + \underline{v}_B \cdot \underline{v}_B)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}ml^2[2\dot{q}_1^2 + 2\dot{q}_1\dot{q}_2 \cos(q_1 - q_2) + \dot{q}_2^2]$$

$$+ ml^2\Omega[2\dot{q}_1(1 + \cos q_1) + \dot{q}_2(1 + \cos q_2) + (\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2)\cos(q_1 - q_2)]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}ml^2\Omega^2[5 + 4\cos q_1 + 2\cos q_2 + 2\cos(q_1 - q_2)]$$

Lagrange's equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{q}_1 : \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_1} &= ml^2 [2\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2 \cos(q_1 - q_2)] \\ &\quad + ml^2 \Omega [2(1 + \cos q_1) + \cos(q_1 - q_2)] \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \right) &= ml^2 [2\ddot{q}_1 + \ddot{q}_2 \cos(q_1 - q_2) \\ &\quad + \dot{q}_2 (-\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\ &\quad + ml^2 \Omega [-2\dot{q}_1 \sin q_1 - (\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial T}{\partial q_1} &= ml^2 \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 (-1) \sin(q_1 - q_2) \\
&+ ml^2 \Omega [-2 \dot{q}_1 \sin q_1 - (\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} ml^2 [-2\Omega^2 \sin q_1 - 2\Omega^2 \sin q_1 - 2\Omega^2 \sin(q_1 - q_2)]
\end{aligned}$$

The equation of motion is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_1} = Q_1(q, \dot{q}, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \quad & ml^2 [2\ddot{q}_1 + \ddot{q}_2 \cos(q_1 - q_2) \\
& + \dot{q}_2 (-\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
& + ml^2 \Omega [-2\dot{q}_1 \sin q_1 - (\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
& + ml^2 \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 \sin(q_1 - q_2) + ml^2 \Omega [2\dot{q}_1 \sin q_1 \\
& + (\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
& + ml^2 [\Omega^2 \sin q_1 + \Omega^2 \sin q_1 + \Omega^2 \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
& = Q_1(q, \dot{q}, t)
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} & ml^2 [2\ddot{q}_1 + \ddot{q}_2 \cos(q_1 - q_2) + \dot{q}_2^2 \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\ & + 2ml^2 \Omega \dot{q}_2 \sin(q_1 - q_2) \\ & + ml^2 [2\Omega^2 \sin q_1 + \Omega^2 \sin(q_1 - q_2)] = Q_1 \end{aligned}$$

There is a similar equation for q_2 :

$$\underline{\underline{q_2}} : \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_2} = ml^2 [\dot{q}_1 \cos(q_1 - q_2) + \dot{q}_2] \\ + ml^2 \Omega [(1 + \cos q_2) + \cos(q_1 - q_2)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_2} \right) = ml^2 [\ddot{q}_1 \cos(q_1 - q_2) - \dot{q}_1 (\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) + \\ \sin(q_1 - q_2) + \ddot{q}_2] + ml^2 \Omega [-\dot{q}_2 \sin q_2 \\ - (\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_2} &= ml^2 \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 \sin(q_1 - q_2) \\ &+ ml^2 \Omega [-\dot{q}_2 \sin q_2 + (\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} ml^2 [-2\Omega^2 \sin q_2 + 2\Omega^2 \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \end{aligned}$$

The final equation is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_2} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_2} = Q_2(q, \dot{q}, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \quad & ml^2 [\ddot{q}_1 \cos(q_1 - q_2) - \dot{q}_1 (\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2) + \ddot{q}_2] \\
& + ml^2 \Omega [-\dot{q}_2 \sin q_2 - (\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
& - ml^2 \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 \sin(q_1 - q_2) + ml^2 \Omega [\dot{q}_2 \sin q_2 \\
& - (\dot{q}_1 + \dot{q}_2) \sin(q_1 - q_2)] \\
& + ml^2 \Omega^2 [\sin q_2 - \sin(q_1 - q_2)] = Q_2
\end{aligned}$$

Simplifying \Rightarrow

$$ml^2 [\ddot{q}_1 \cos(q_1 - q_2) - \dot{q}_1^2 \sin(q_1 - q_2) + \ddot{q}_2] \\ - 2ml^2 \Omega \dot{q}_1 \sin(q_1 - q_2) + ml^2 \Omega^2 [\sin q_2 \\ - \sin(q_1 - q_2)] = Q_2(q, \dot{q}, t)$$

In vector form

$$ml^2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \cos(q_1 - q_2) \\ \cos(q_1 - q_2) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{q}_1 \\ \ddot{q}_2 \end{Bmatrix} +$$

$$ml^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sin(q_1 - q_2) \\ -\sin(q_1 - q_2) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1^2 \\ \dot{q}_2^2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+2m\Omega l^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sin(q_1 - q_2) \\ -\sin(q_1 - q_2) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$+ml^2\Omega^2 \begin{Bmatrix} 2\sin q_1 + \sin(q_1 - q_2) \\ \sin q_1 - \sin(q_1 - q_2) \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

or, in compact notation

$$M \ddot{q} + G_1 \dot{q}^2 + G_2 \dot{q} + F(q) = Q(q)$$

Note: $G_1 = -G_1^T$
 $G_2 = -G_2^T$ } skew-symmetric matrices

Reading Assignment: Examples 6.3 – 6.7

Imp: Note the discussion in Ex. 6.6 on page 277 (begins at the bottom of p. 276) and page 278. Specially, note the redefined T' and V' (the fictitious kinetic and potential energies). We will see this when we study linearization and stability in the last week of the course.

6.7 Lagrange Multipliers:

(nonholonomic systems or systems with $n > n_o$)

Recall the **equations for dynamics** of an N particle system

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{F}_i - m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i) \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = 0$$

Subject to **finite constraints**:

$$f_i(\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2, \dots, \underline{r}_N, t) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

kinematic constraints:

$$\sum_{j=1}^N l_{ij}(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N, t) \cdot \dot{\underline{r}}_j + D_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, g$$

Note that there are only d geometric constraints
 \Rightarrow let $\bar{n} > n_0 = (3N - d)$ be the number of
generalized coordinates.

Note: degrees of freedom of the system are
 $n = 3N - (d + g).$

**In terms of generalized coordinates and
virtual displacements in the generalized
coordinates, the constraints can be written**

as $\sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} a_{ij}(t, q) \delta q_j = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, (d + g)$

Note that if $\bar{n} = n_0$, then the d geometric constraints are automatically satisfied and only g constraint expressions remain.

- We now assume that the constraints are workless in any virtual displacements permitted by the constraints.**

Let C_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n}$ be the constraint forces corresponding to the generalized coordinates q_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

- Then, the **virtual work done by constraint forces** in any virtual displacement is

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{R}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} C_j \delta q_j = 0$$

(this implies that $C_j \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{R}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial q_j}$)

- Now, *if the virtual displacements $\delta \underline{q}_j$ are all independent*, $C_j = 0$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

(Note: this does not mean that \underline{R}_i are zero).

In the present case, we have constraint relations involving δq_i 's and, hence,

$$C_j \neq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n}$$

even though

$$\delta W = \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} C_j \delta q_j = 0.$$

Summarizing: the D'Alembert's principle written in terms of the generalized coordinates is

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} - Q_j \right\} \delta q_j = 0 \quad (1)$$

subjected to the associated constraint relations:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} a_{ij}(t, q) \delta q_j = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, (d + g) \quad (2)$$

We need some way of making δq 's independent.

Let λ_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, (d + g)$ be new parameters (equal in number to the constraint relations) that will be utilized to accomplish this task (making δq 's independent)

λ_i – **Lagrange multipliers**

The idea is to manipulate the constraints and the workless constraint forces in some way.

The constraint equations are

$$\lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} a_{ij}(t, q) \delta q_j = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, (d + g)$$

Adding these \Rightarrow

$$\sum_{i=1}^{d+g} \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} a_{ij}(t, q) \delta q_j = 0 \quad (3)$$

Additionally, the virtual work relation as

$$\delta W = \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} C_j \delta q_j = 0$$

Adding these two \Rightarrow

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} C_j - \sum_{i=1}^{d+g} \lambda_i a_{ij} \delta q_j = 0 \quad (4)$$

Note: at this point we have $(d + g)$ unknown multipliers λ_i ; \bar{n} unknowns C_j , the generalized constraint forces; and the virtual displacements δq 's are not independent – they satisfy $(d + g)$ constraints.

- **The trick now is to choose λ 's such that δq 's become independent \Rightarrow assume that λ 's have values such that**

$$C_j = \sum_{i=1}^{d+g} \lambda_i a_{ij}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n} \quad (5)$$

- **Add the constraint relations (3) to (1)**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\bar{n}} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} - Q_i - \sum_{j=1}^{d+g} \lambda_j a_{ji} \right\} \delta q_i = 0 \quad (6)$$

- **Since δq 's are independent with the λ_j 's related to C_j 's by (5),**

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} - Q_i = \sum_{j=1}^{d+g} \lambda_j a_{ji}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n} \Rightarrow (6)}$$

We thus have \bar{n} equations in $\bar{n} + (d + g)$ variables q_i, λ_i .

The additional $(d + g)$ equations are the constraint relations

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}} a_{ij}(t, q) \dot{q}_j + d_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, (d + g)$$

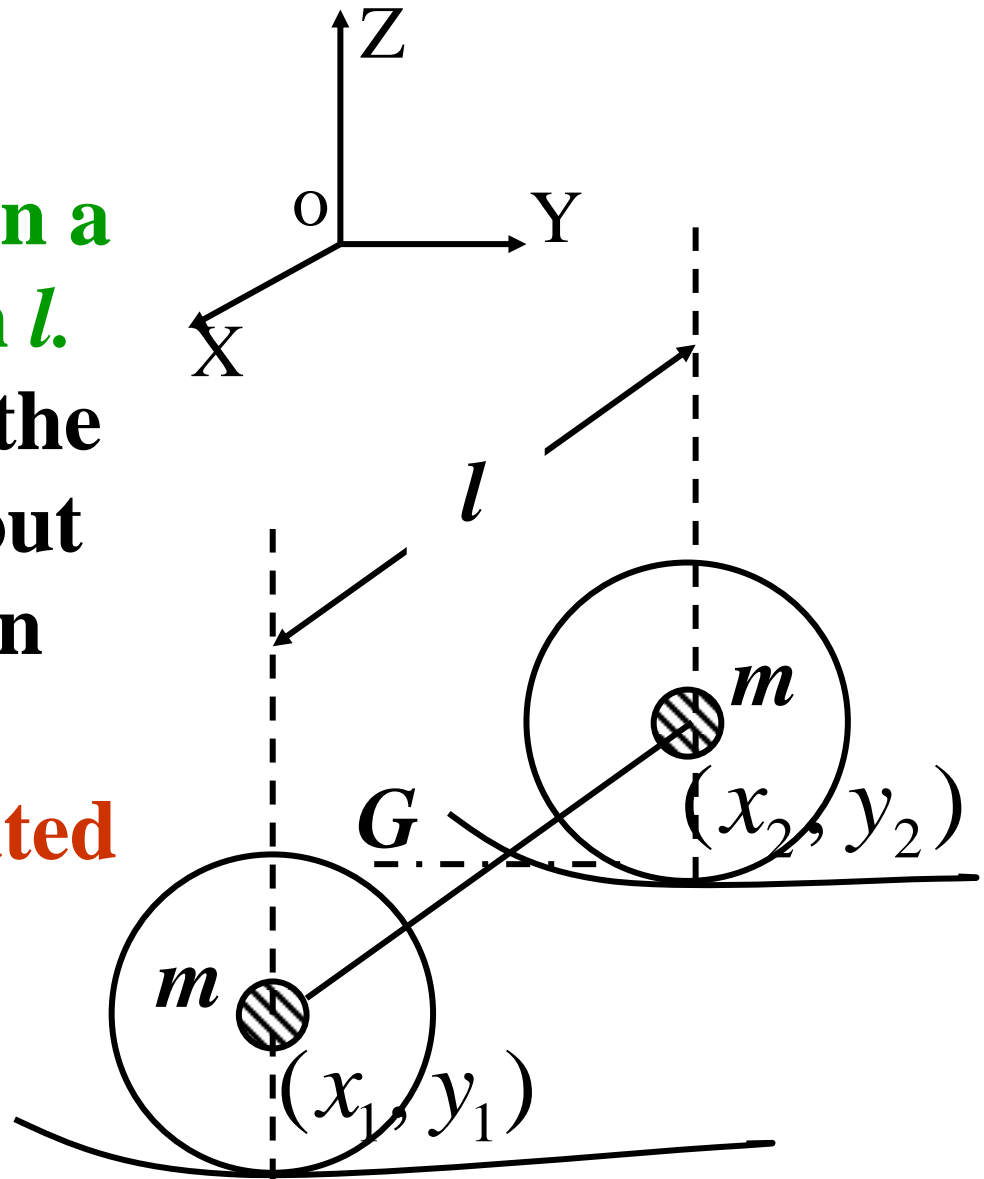
Reading Assignment: Ex: 6-8, 6-9

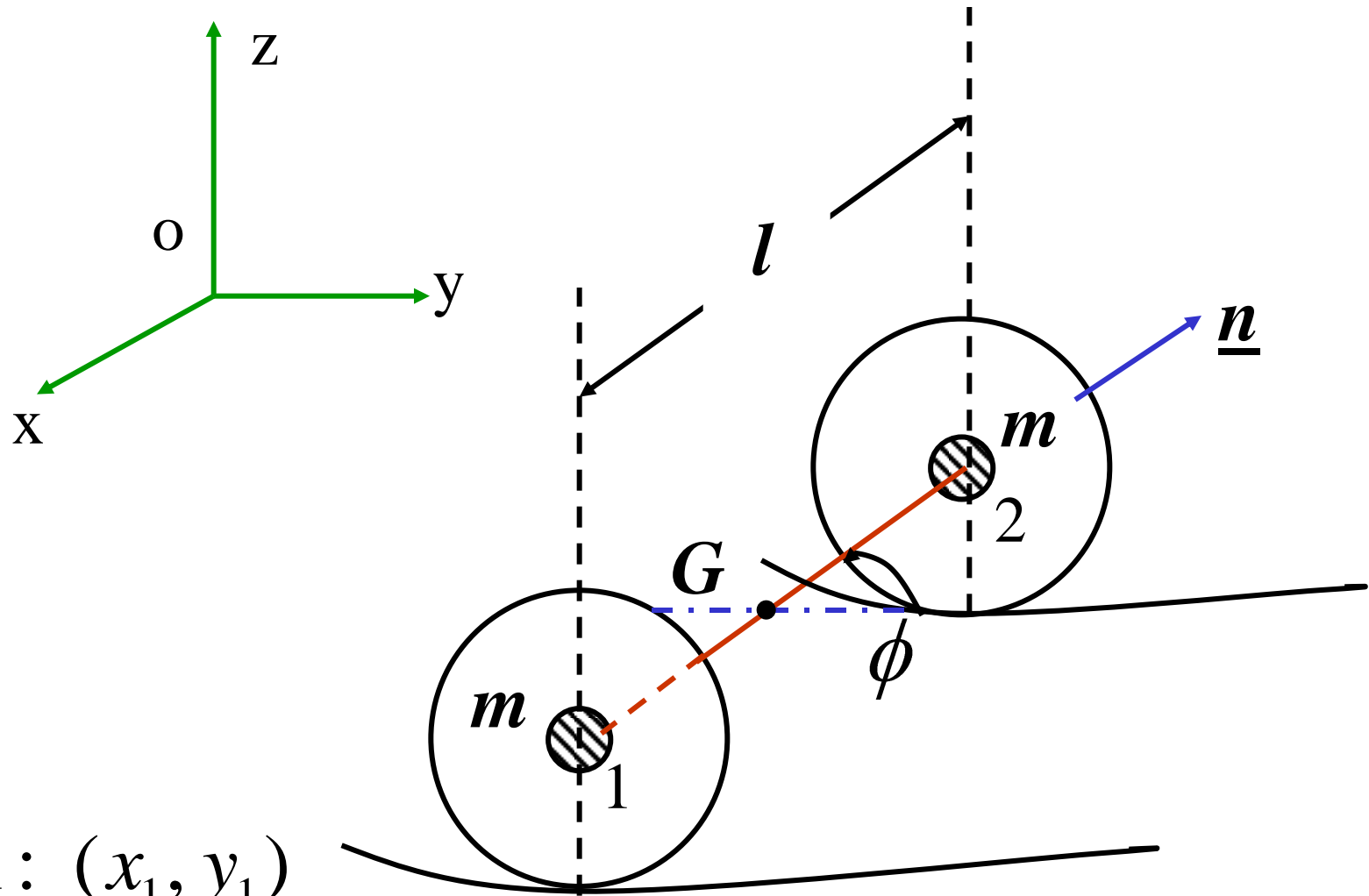
Ex. 6-9

Consider two wheels on a common axle of length l . Wheels are rolling on the horizontal plane without slipping, wheels remain normal to the ground.

Wheel mass concentrated at the hubs.

System defined by the positions (x_i, y_i)





1: (x_1, y_1)

2: (x_2, y_2)

$$\underline{v}_G \cdot \underline{n} = 0$$

$$\underline{v}_G = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2) \underline{i} + (\dot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_2) \underline{j}$$

$$\underline{n} = (\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1) / |\underline{r}_2 - \underline{r}_1| = \frac{(x_2 - x_1)\underline{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\underline{j}}{\{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2\}}$$

$$\underline{v}_G \cdot \underline{n} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2)(x_2 - x_1) + (\dot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_2)(y_2 - y_1) = 0$$

Wheels roll without slipping \Rightarrow **G moves** \perp^r
to the axle.

Constraints:

- **finite** $(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 - l^2 = 0$ (1)

- **kinematic** $\frac{\dot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_2}{\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2} = -\frac{(x_2 - x_1)}{(y_2 - y_1)}$

or $(\dot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_2)(y_2 - y_1) + (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2)(x_2 - x_1) = 0$ (2)

4 general coordinates, 2 constraints

n = degrees of freedom = 4 - 2 = 2.

$$n_0 = 2N - (d) = 4 - 1 = 3, \quad \bar{n} = 4$$

- **We now use the generalized coordinates**

(\mathbf{x}, y, ϕ) : $x_1 = x - (\ell \sin \phi) / 2,$

$$y_1 = y - (\ell \cos \phi) / 2, \quad x_2 = x + (\ell \sin \phi) / 2,$$

$y_2 = y + (\ell \cos \phi) / 2 \Rightarrow$ **this definition allows the finite constraint to be satisfied automatically**

\Rightarrow **there are 3 generalized coordinates, $\bar{n} = 3,$**

There is only 1 constraint, $d = 0, g = 1.$

$$\boxed{\dot{x} \sin \phi - \dot{y} \cos \phi = 0} \quad (3)$$

(another form of $\underline{v}_G \cdot \underline{n} = 0$)

Let $q_1 = x$, $q_2 = y$, $q_3 = \phi$. Then, the constraint can be written in standard form as

$$(3) \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{\bar{n}=3} a_{1j} \dot{q}_j + d_1 = 0 \quad - \quad \text{constraint}$$

$$a_{11} = \sin \phi, a_{12} = -\cos \phi, a_{13} = 0, d_1 = 0.$$

- **The equations of motion for the constrained system are:**

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} - Q_i = \sum_{j=1}^{d+g} \lambda_j a_{ji}$$

$i = 1, 2, 3.$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2)^2 + (\dot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_2)^2$$

$$x_1 = x - (\ell \sin \phi) / 2 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = \dot{x} - \ell \dot{\phi} \cos \phi / 2$$

$$y_1 = y - (\ell \cos \phi) / 2 \Rightarrow \dot{y}_1 = \dot{y} + \ell \dot{\phi} \sin \phi / 2$$

$$x_2 = x + (\ell \sin \phi) / 2 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_2 = \dot{x} + \ell \dot{\phi} \cos \phi / 2$$

$$y_2 = y + (\ell \cos \phi) / 2 \Rightarrow \dot{y}_2 = \dot{y} - \ell \dot{\phi} \sin \phi / 2$$

etc.

The kinetic energy (K.E.) is

$$T = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(2m)(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)}_{\text{K.E. of the C.M.}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}m\ell^2\dot{\phi}^2}_{\text{K.E. of rotation about the C.M.}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{q_1 = x}} : \quad \partial T / \partial \dot{x} = 2m\dot{x} ; \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\partial T / \partial \dot{x}) = 2m\ddot{x}$$

$$\partial T / \partial x = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} - Q_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{d+g} \lambda_j a_{ji} ; \quad d + g = 1$$

Note that there is **only one constraint** \Rightarrow
there is only **one Lagrange multiplier**.

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda \quad , \quad a_{11} = \sin \phi \quad , \quad Q_1 = 0$$

(there is **no external effective force**)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2m\ddot{x} = \lambda \sin \phi} \quad (4)$$

$$\underline{q_2 = y} : \quad \partial T / \partial \dot{y} = 2m\dot{y} ; \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\partial T / \partial \dot{y}) = 2m\ddot{y}$$

$$\partial T / \partial y = 0, \quad a_{12} = -\cos \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2m\ddot{y} = -\lambda \cos \phi} \quad (5)$$

$$\underline{\underline{q_3 = \phi}} : \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \phi} - Q_3 = \lambda a_{13}$$

$$\partial T / \partial \dot{\phi} = ml^2 \dot{\phi} / 12; \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\partial T / \partial \dot{\phi}) = ml^2 \ddot{\phi} / 12$$

$$\partial T / \partial \phi = 0, \quad a_{13} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{12} ml^2 \ddot{\phi} = 0} \quad (6)$$

There are 3 equations of motion + 1 constraint equation for the four variables x , y , ϕ and λ .

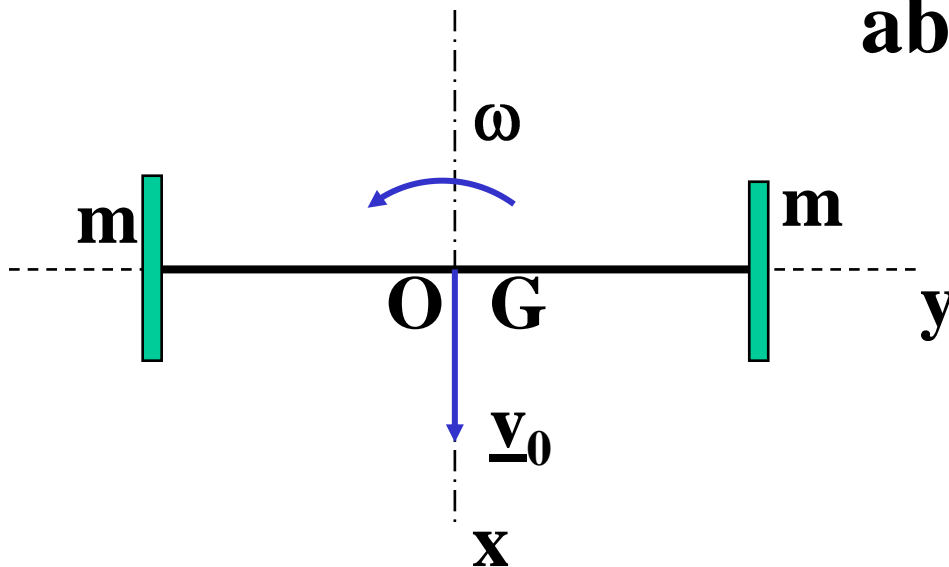
Need initial conditions to determine the motion.

example of a motion:

Initial conditions: $(x_0, y_0) = 0$ – mass center at the origin;

$(\dot{x}_0, \dot{y}_0) = (v_0, 0)$ - mass center given a velocity in x-direction;

$(\phi_0 = 0, \dot{\phi}_0 = \omega)$ - given angular velocity about the z-axis



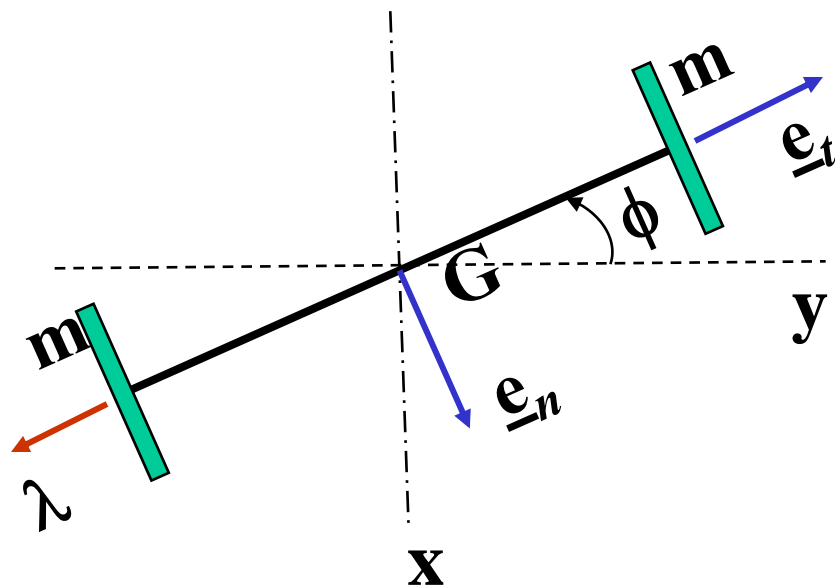
initial conditions

$$(6) \Rightarrow ml^2 \ddot{\phi} / 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\phi} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\phi} = \omega, \phi = \omega t} \quad (7)$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow 2m\ddot{x} = \lambda \sin \phi, \quad (5) \Rightarrow 2m\ddot{y} = -\lambda \cos \phi$$

Now, note that



$a_t =$ **tangent accelera**

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{2m} \cos^2 \phi - \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sin^2 \phi$$

$$= -\lambda / 2m$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda$ is the *force along \underline{e}_t*

Now $\ddot{x} = (\lambda \sin \omega t) / 2m$, $\ddot{y} = -(\lambda \cos \omega t) / 2m$

Thus, the acceleration in \underline{e}_n direction is

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \ddot{x} \cos \phi + \ddot{y} \sin \phi \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda \sin \phi \cos \phi}{2m} - \frac{\lambda \cos \phi \sin \phi}{2m} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Integrating $v_n = \text{constant} = v_n(t=0) = v_0$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= v_0 \cos \phi = v_0 \cos \omega t \\ \dot{y} &= v_0 \sin \phi = v_0 \sin \omega t \end{aligned} \right\} \text{velocity components}$$

Integrating again, we get

$$\boxed{x(t) = \frac{v_0}{\omega} \sin \omega t} \quad (8)$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{v_0}{\omega} \cos \omega t + \underbrace{\text{constant}}_{v_0/\omega} \quad (\phi = \omega t)$$

or

$$\boxed{y(t) = \frac{v_0}{\omega} (1 - \cos \omega t)} \quad (9)$$

Then (4) $\Rightarrow \lambda \sin \omega t = 2m\ddot{x} = 2m(-v_0\omega \sin \omega t)$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\lambda = -2mv_0\omega} \quad (10)$$

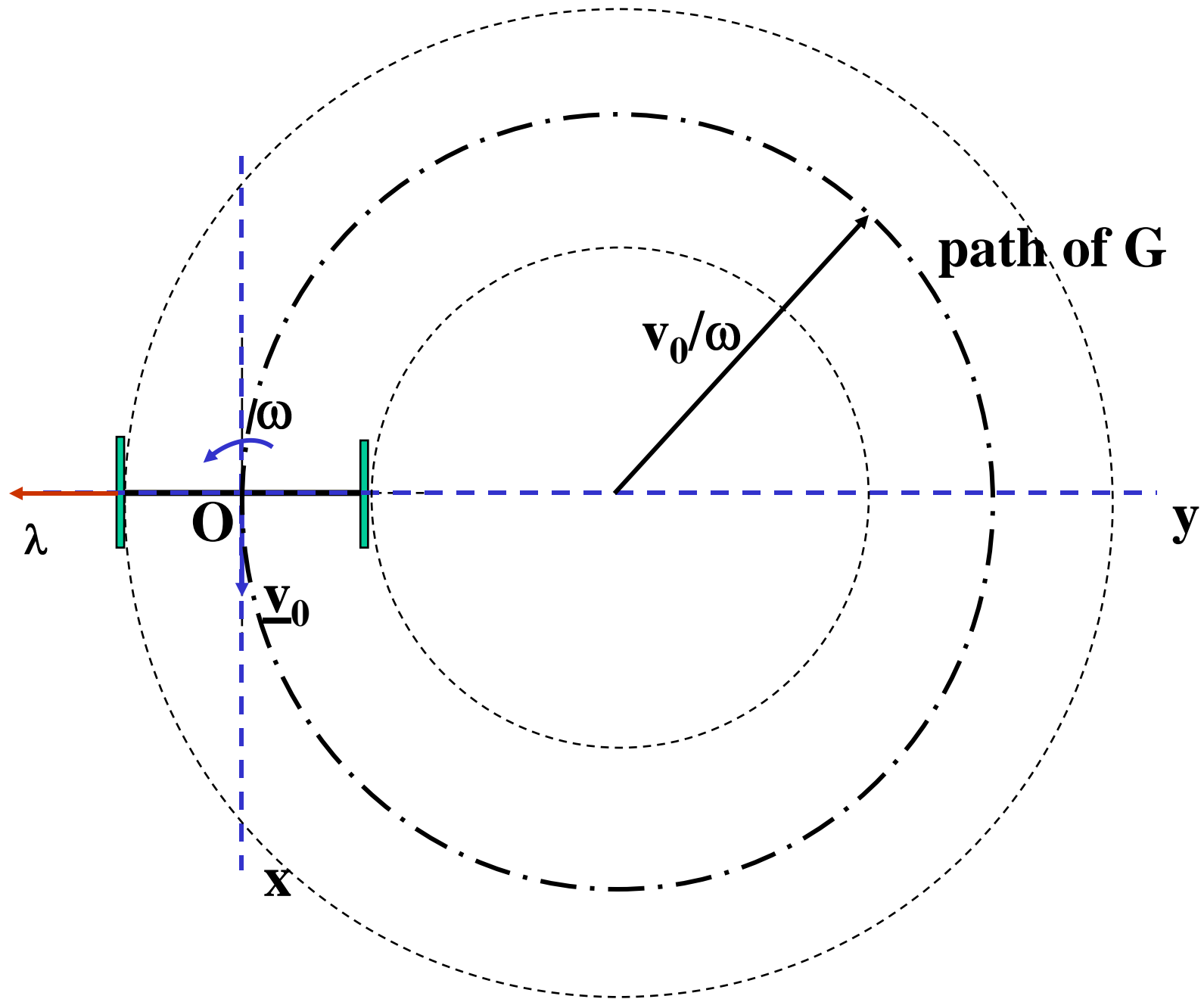
Note: λ turned out to be constant here.

Clearly

$$x^2 + \left(y - \frac{v_0}{\omega}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{v_0}{\omega}\right)^2 \quad (11)$$

with $\phi = \omega t$

**\Rightarrow Path of G is a circle with center at (x, y)
= $(0, v_0 / \omega)$ and radius v_0 / ω**



6.8 Conservation Laws:

The Lagrange's equations for a holonomic system with n degrees of freedom and n generalized coordinates are:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} = Q'_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

These equations can be put in first-order form by defining *generalized momenta*:

$$p_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Then, the equations can be written as:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(p_i) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} = Q'_i,$$

$$p_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Suppose that there is a system for which a generalized coordinate, say q_s , is absent from the Lagrangian L although its time derivative does appear, i.e., $L = T(q_1, \dots, q_{s-1}, q_{s+1}, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2, \dots, \dot{q}_n)$

$$- V(q_1, \dots, q_{s-1}, q_{s+1}, \dots, q_n)$$

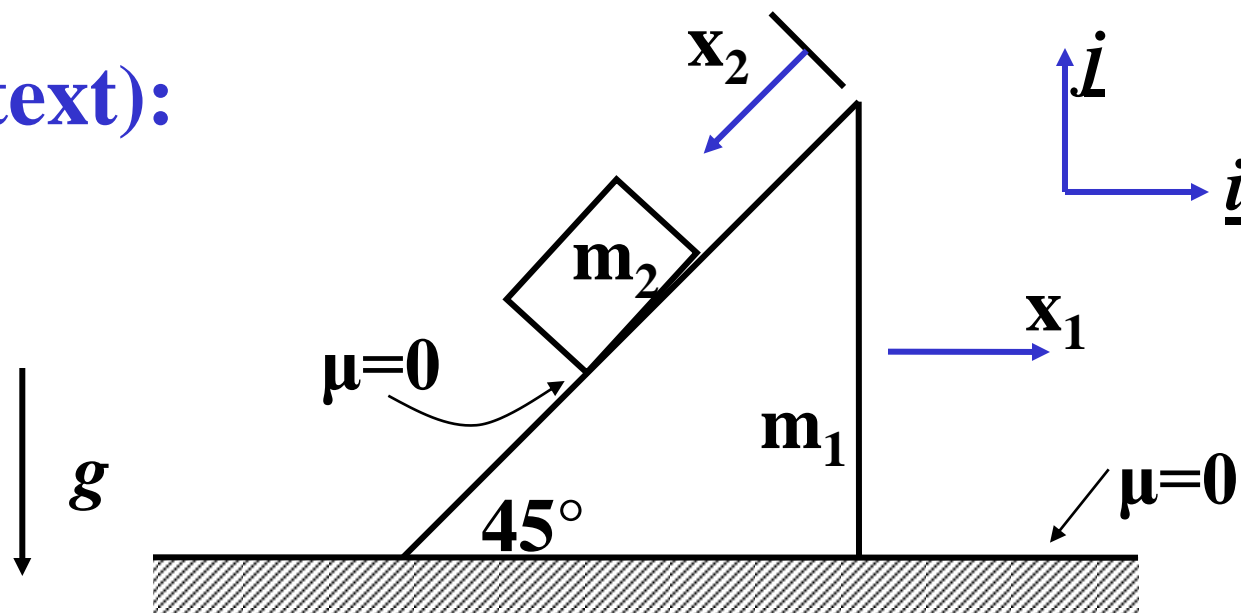
Further, suppose that the generalized force $Q'_s = 0$.

Then Lagrange's equations give for the generalized coordinate q_s : $\frac{d}{dt}(p_s) = 0$ or $p_s = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_s} = \text{constant}$

This says that the *generalized momentum associated with the coordinate q_s is conserved – remains constant throughout motion. q_s is called an ignorable coordinate.*

The term 'ignorable' refers to the fact that the degree of freedom corresponding to the coordinate q_s can be ignored from the formulation of the problem.

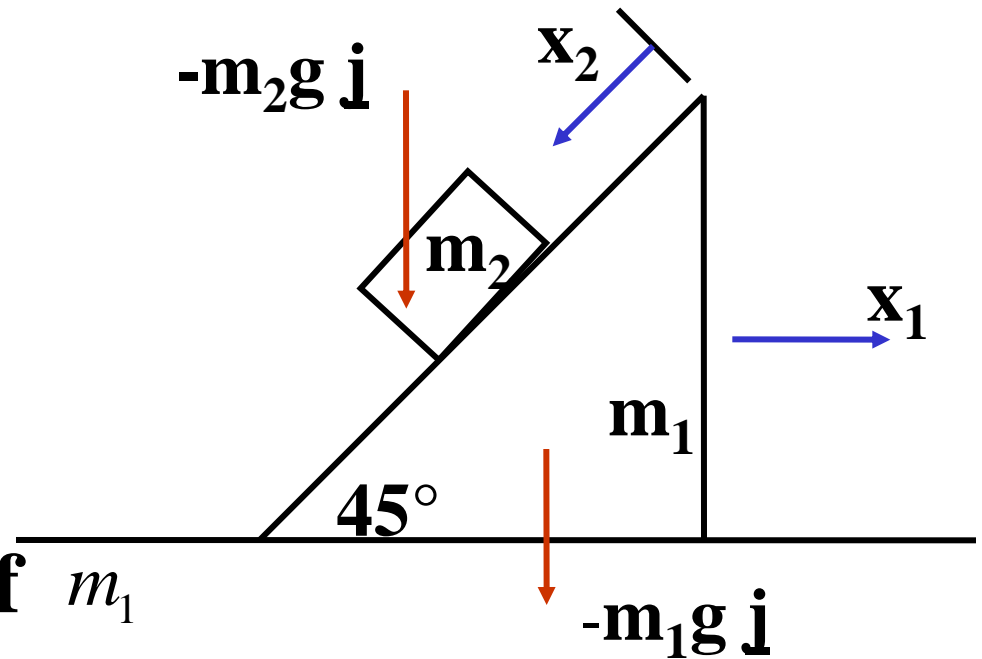
Ex 19 (text):



m_2 slides on m_1 ;

m_1 slides on the horizontal surface:

All surfaces in contact are smooth. $\mu = 0$.



x_1 – absolute position of m_1

x_2 – position of m_2 relative to m_1

Find: Equations of motion of the system, ignorable coordinates, and the conserved quantities.

- There are two generalized coordinates x_1, x_2
- $n = \text{degrees of freedom} = 2$. (no constraints on x_1, x_2)

We proceed as before and develop the various quantities, starting with **position vectors**:

$$\underline{r}_1 = x_1 \underline{i} \ ; \ \underline{r}_2 = x_1 \underline{i} - (x_2 \underline{i} + x_2 \underline{j}) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\underline{v}_1 = \dot{x}_1 \underline{i} \ ; \ \underline{v}_2 = (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 / \sqrt{2}) \underline{i} - \dot{x}_2 \underline{j} / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \{ (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2 / \sqrt{2})^2 + (\dot{x}_2 / \sqrt{2})^2 \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \{ \dot{x}_2^2 - \sqrt{2} \dot{x}_1 \dot{x}_2 \} \end{aligned}$$

- We need to find **generalized forces** Q_1, Q_2 ?

$$\underline{F}_1 = -m_1 g \underline{j} ; \delta \underline{r}_1 = \delta x_1 \underline{i} ;$$

$$\underline{F}_2 = -m_2 g \underline{j} ; \delta \underline{r}_2 = \left(\delta x_1 - \frac{\delta x_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \underline{i} - \frac{\delta x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \underline{j}$$

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^2 \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i = m_2 g \frac{\delta x_2}{\sqrt{2}} = Q_1 \delta x_1 + Q_2 \delta x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_1 = 0 ; Q_2 = m_2 g / \sqrt{2}$$

- Then, the **equations of motion** are:

$$\underline{x}_1 : \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} = (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}_1 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \dot{x}_2$$

Note that T does not depend on x_1 . In addition, $Q_1 = 0$.

So, x_1 is an 'ignorable' coordinate, and the corresponding generalized momentum p_{x_1} is conserved.

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) = \boxed{(m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}_1 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \dot{x}_2 = \text{constant} = p_{x_1}}$$

$$\underline{x}_2 : \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} = m_2 \dot{x}_2 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \dot{x}_1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}_2} \right) = m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \ddot{x}_1 ; \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} = 0$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{m_2 g}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \boxed{m_2 \ddot{x}_2 - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{2}} \ddot{x}_1 = \frac{m_2 g}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

Lagrangian independent of time:

Suppose that L does not depend explicitly on time. Then,
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0$$

Now, the Lagrangian is $L=T-V$, and it depends both on generalized coordinates and generalized velocities. The total derivative of Lagrangian is:

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \ddot{q}_k$$

Now, Lagrange's equations give

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad (\text{for the case of } Q_k \text{'s} = 0)$$

So, we can write

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) \dot{q}_k + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \ddot{q}_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k \right)$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k \right) - \frac{dL}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k - L \right) = 0}$$

This shows that the quantity $\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k - L \right)$

remains constant during motion, i.e.,

$$\boxed{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k - L \right) = h} \text{ - Jacobi's Integral}$$

We can further manipulate this as follows.

Consider the expression for a Lagrangian:

$$L = T_2 + T_1 + T_0 - V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n \alpha_{rs} \dot{q}_r \dot{q}_s + \sum_{s=1}^n \beta_s \dot{q}_s + \gamma - V$$

Since the Lagrangian is independent of time, the coefficients α_{rs} , β_s , and γ depend on generalized coordinates only, and thus

$$h = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k - L \right) = 2T_2 + T_1 - (T_2 + T_1 + T_0 - V) = T_2 - T_0 + V$$

When the kinetic energy is a homogeneous quadratic function of the generalized velocities,

we have $T = T_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n \alpha_{rs} \dot{q}_r \dot{q}_s$

and thus $h = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_k - L \right) = 2T - (T - V) = T + V$
 $= E$ (*total energy*)

In other words, *in a natural system for which the Lagrangian does not depend explicitly on time, the total energy of the system E is conserved.*

Example: Spherical pendulum

Consider the spherical pendulum.

The kinetic and potential

energies are:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m [(L\dot{\theta})^2 + (\dot{\phi} L \sin \theta)^2]$$

$$V = mgL(1 - \cos \theta)$$

The Lagrangian is

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m [(L\dot{\theta})^2 + (\dot{\phi} L \sin \theta)^2] - mgL(1 - \cos \theta)$$

