

Your year in school (semester, degree sought):

Your name:

Cornell  
MAE 4735/5735

Final Exam

Dec 19, 2013

No calculators, books or notes allowed.

5 Problems, 150 minutes, no extra time (Cornell rules)

## How to get the highest score?

Please do these things:

- ? If, when working on a problem, you have any *questions* about what you should or should not assume or write, please read these directions again.
- ↙ • Draw **Free body diagrams** whenever force, moment, linear momentum, or angular momentum balance are used.
- $\vec{v}_{\text{vect}}$  Use correct **vector notation**.
- A+ Be (I) neat, (II) clear and (III) well organized.
- TIDILY REDUCE and **box in** your answers (Don't leave simplifiable algebraic expressions).
- >> Make appropriate `Matlab` code clear and correct.  
You can use shortcut notation like " $T_7 = 18$ " instead of, say, " $T(7) = 18$ ".  
Small syntax errors will have small penalties.
- ↗ Clearly **define** any needed dimensions ( $\ell, h, d, \dots$ ), coordinates ( $x, y, r, \theta \dots$ ), variables ( $v, m, t, \dots$ ), base vectors ( $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\theta, \hat{\lambda}, \hat{n} \dots$ ) and signs ( $\pm$ ) with sketches, equations or words.
- **Justify** your results so a grader can distinguish an informed answer from a guess.
- If a problem seems *poorly defined*, clearly state any reasonable assumptions (that do not oversimplify the problem).
- ≈ Work for **partial credit** (from 60–100%, depending on the problem)
  - Put your answer is in terms of well defined variables even if you have not substituted in the numerical values.
  - Reduce the problem to a clearly defined set of equations to solve.
  - Provide Matlab code which would generate the desired answer (and explain the nature of the output).
- **Extra sheets.** Put your name on each extra sheet, fold it in, and refer to it at the relevant problem.  
Note the last page is **blank** for your use. Ask for more extra paper if you need it.

Problem 7:        /25

Problem 8:        /25

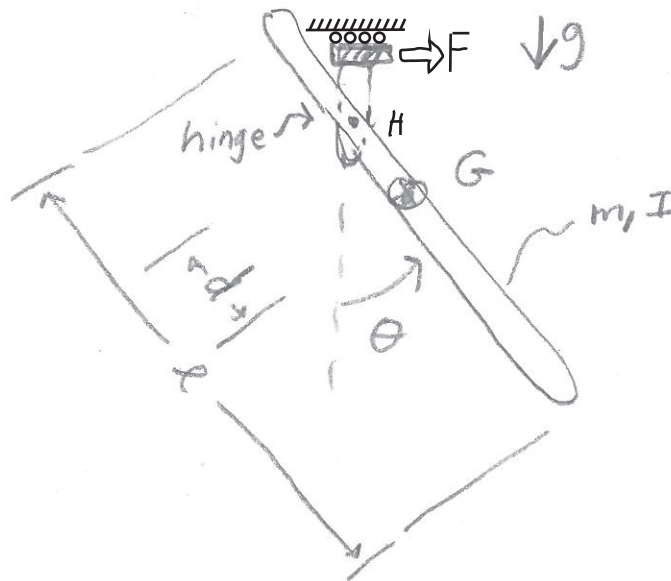
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Problem 10:        /25

Problem 11:        /25

7) 2D. A possibly non-uniform stick with length  $\ell$ , mass  $m$  and moment of inertia  $I$  about its center of mass  $G$  is suspended from a hinge on the stick a distance  $d$  from  $G$ . The hinge is on a massless trolley (with magnetic frictionless wheels) is forced by a force  $F$  and has a horizontal acceleration  $a_H$  to the right.

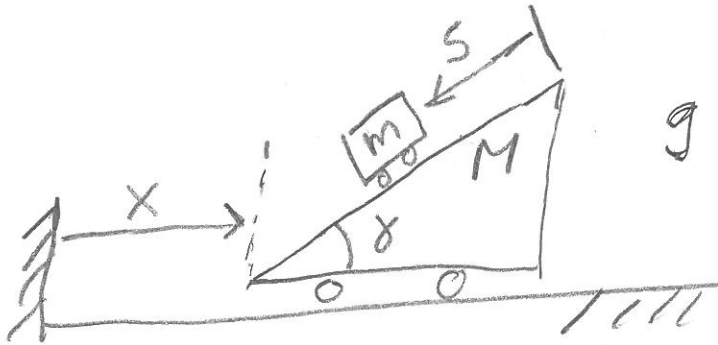
- (i) Find the equations of motion assuming  $a_H$  is known. That is, find  $\ddot{\theta}$  in terms of some or all of  $m, I, d, \ell, g, a_H, \theta$  and  $\dot{\theta}$  (and *not*  $F$ ).
- (ii) Assuming  $F = 0$ , this system has more than one degree of freedom. Assume small  $\theta$ . Find the normal modes and the angular frequencies of small oscillation in terms of some or all of  $m, I, d, \ell$  and  $g$ .





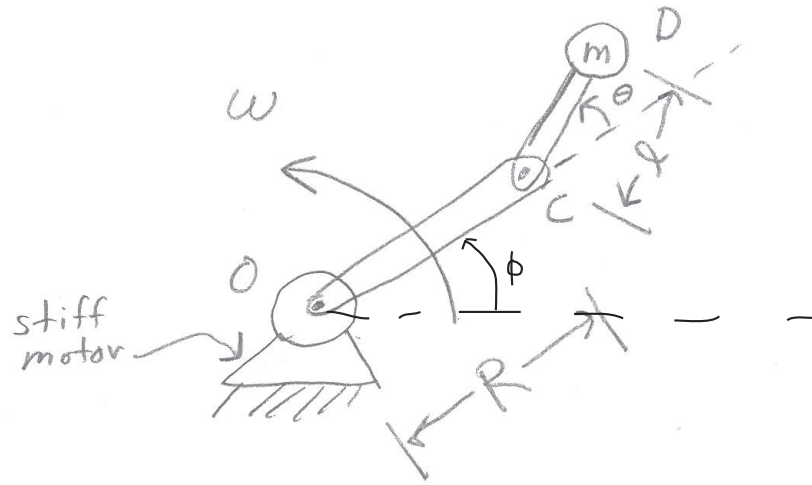
8) A block with mass  $M$  slides without friction on a flat level surface. The top surface has slope  $\gamma$ . A smaller block with mass  $m$  slides without friction on the sloped top of the lower block. Assume Matlab code has already been written that assigns numerical values to  $x, \dot{x}, s, \dot{s}, \gamma, m, M$  and  $g$ .

- (i) Write Matlab code to find  $\ddot{s}$ . [If you use symbolic commands to generate the equations of motion, you can assume that you have those available as Matlab expressions (That is, I don't expect you to write the commands to convert symbolic expressions into useable matlab). Just, then, clearly explain clearly enough how you would use those expressions. That is, make it clear that you could manage this if a computer was in front of you and you could type 'help' a few times.]



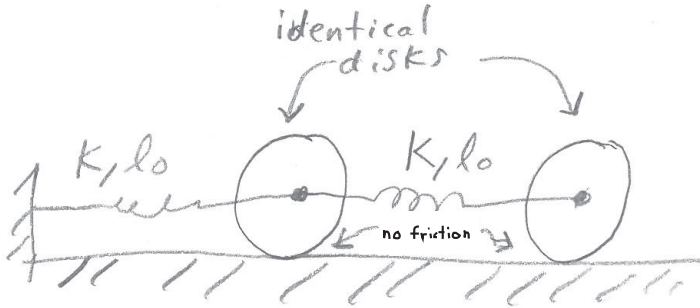


9) Neglect gravity. One link of a pendulum has radius  $R$  and is powered by a strong motor to rotate with given  $\phi(t)$  (relative to a fixed horizontal line). Thus  $\omega = \dot{\phi}$  and  $\alpha = \ddot{\phi}$  are known. The second link has length  $\ell$ , is massless, and has a point mass  $m$  at the end. Find  $\ddot{\theta}$  in terms of some or all of  $\theta, \omega, \alpha, R, \ell, m$  and  $\omega$ .





10) Two round disks with mass  $m$  and moment of inertia  $I$  (about their centers) slide with no friction on a flat plane. They are connected to each other and to the left wall with two springs, both with stiffness  $k$  and rest length  $\ell_0$ . Find one normal mode and its corresponding frequency.







- 11)** Consider the classical 1 DOF spring-mass system with  $m$ ,  $k$  and  $c$ .
- (a) Make a clear picture of the system.
  - (b) Using any mechanics method you like, find the equations of motion:  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$ .
  - (c) Reduce this to standard form:  $\ddot{x} + 2\omega\eta\dot{x} + \omega^2x = 0$
  - (d) Define both  $\omega$  and  $\eta$  with equations. Explain the meaning of both terms with words.
  - (e) Find the damped natural frequency  $\omega_d$  in terms of one or both of  $\omega$  and  $\eta$ .



**12)** Neglect gravity. A mass  $m$  is supported by two springs ( $k, \ell_0$ ) as shown, each making an angle  $\theta$  from a fixed horizontal line when in the rest position. Assume small (in the usual sense) motions.

(1) Find the normal modes and their angular frequencies in terms of some or all of  $m, k, \ell_0$  and  $\theta$ .

