

Elaboration of the EXAM "Dynamics & Stability"  
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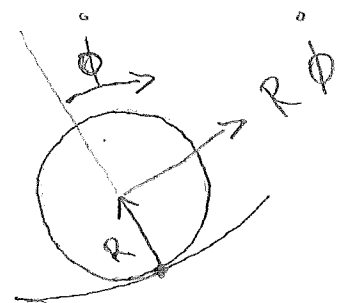
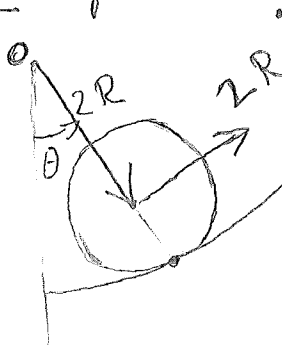
Question ①

a) The translational velocity of the cylinder,  $\dot{\vec{r}}_c$ , will be determined from the time-derivative of the position vector of the centre of mass,  $\vec{r}_c$ .

$$\vec{r}_c = (z_b + 3R - 2R \cos \theta) \bar{K} + 2R \sin \theta \bar{I}$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_c = (\dot{z}_b + 2R \sin \theta \dot{\theta}) \bar{K} + 2R \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \bar{I} \quad (1)$$

b) The non-holonomic constraint for  $\dot{\phi}(t)$  can be derived from the translational velocity of the centre of the cylinder



$$2R \dot{\theta} = R \dot{\phi} \quad (3) \quad \rightarrow \quad \dot{\phi} = 2 \dot{\theta} \quad (4)$$

Note that the contribution of  $\dot{z}_b$  is left out of (3), since it appears both in the

left-hand side and the right-hand side of (3). (4)

$$c.) \quad T = T_{\text{block}} + T_{\text{cylinder}} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{block}} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3m \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_b \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_b \\ &= \frac{3}{2} m \cdot \dot{z}_b \bar{K} \cdot \dot{z}_b \bar{K} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} m \dot{z}_b^2 \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{cylinder}} &= T_{\text{transl., cyl}} + T_{\text{rot., cyl}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot m \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_c \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_c + \frac{1}{2} \cdot J_{\text{cyl}} \dot{\phi}^2 \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (1) and (4) into (7), and using for the mass moment of inertia of the cylinder the expression

$$J_{\text{cyl}} = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \quad (8)$$

leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{cylinder}} &= \frac{1}{2} m \left( \dot{z}_b^2 + 4R \sin \theta \dot{z}_b \dot{\theta} + 4R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \right) \\ &\quad + m R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow T_{\text{cylinder}} = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \dot{z}_b^2 + 4R \sin \theta \dot{z}_b \dot{\theta} + 6R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \right) \quad (9)$$

Inserting (6) and (9) into (5) gives for the kinetic energy of the system:

$$T = m ( 2 \dot{z}_b^2 + 2 R \sin \theta \dot{z}_b \dot{\theta} + 3 R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 ) \quad (10)$$

d.)  $V = V_{\text{block}} + V_{\text{cylinder}} + V_{\text{spring}} \quad (11)$

$$V_{\text{block}} = 3m \cdot g \cdot z_b \quad (12)$$

$$V_{\text{cylinder}} = m \cdot g ( z_b + 3R - 2R \cos \theta ) \quad (13)$$

$$V_{\text{spring}} = \frac{1}{2} k ( z_b - z_0 )^2 \quad (14)$$

Inserting (12) - (14) into (11) gives:

$$V = 4mg z_b + mgR(3 - 2\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{2} k (z_b - z_0)^2 \quad (15)$$

e.)  $L = T - V$

With (10) and (15), the Lagrangian becomes:

$$L = m ( 2 \dot{z}_b^2 + 2 R \sin \theta \dot{z}_b \dot{\theta} + 3 R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 ) - 4mg z_b - mgR(3 - 2\cos\theta) - \frac{1}{2} k (z_b - z_0)^2 \quad (16)$$

Constructing first the equation of motion for the generalised coordinate  $z_b$ :

(4)

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}_b} = 4m \dot{z}_b + 2mR \sin \theta \dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}_b} \right) = 4m \ddot{z}_b + 2mR \cos \theta \dot{\theta}^2 + 2mR \sin \theta \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_b} = -4mg - k(z_b - z_0)$$

Substituting these expressions into

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}_b} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_b} = 0$$

gives for the equation of motion:

$$\boxed{4m \ddot{z}_b + 2mR \sin \theta \dot{\theta}^2 + 2mR \cos \theta \ddot{\theta} + 4mg + k(z_b - z_0) = 0} \quad (17)$$

Constructing the equation of motion for the generalised coordinate  $\theta$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = 2mR \sin \theta \dot{z}_b + 6mR^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = 2mR \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \dot{z}_b + 2mR \sin \theta \ddot{z}_b + 6mR^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 2mR \cos \theta \dot{z}_b \dot{\theta} - 2mgR \sin \theta$$

(5)

Substituting the above expressions into

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

gives for the equation of motion

$$6mR^2 \ddot{\theta} + 2mR \sin \theta \ddot{z}_b + 2mgR \sin \theta = 0$$

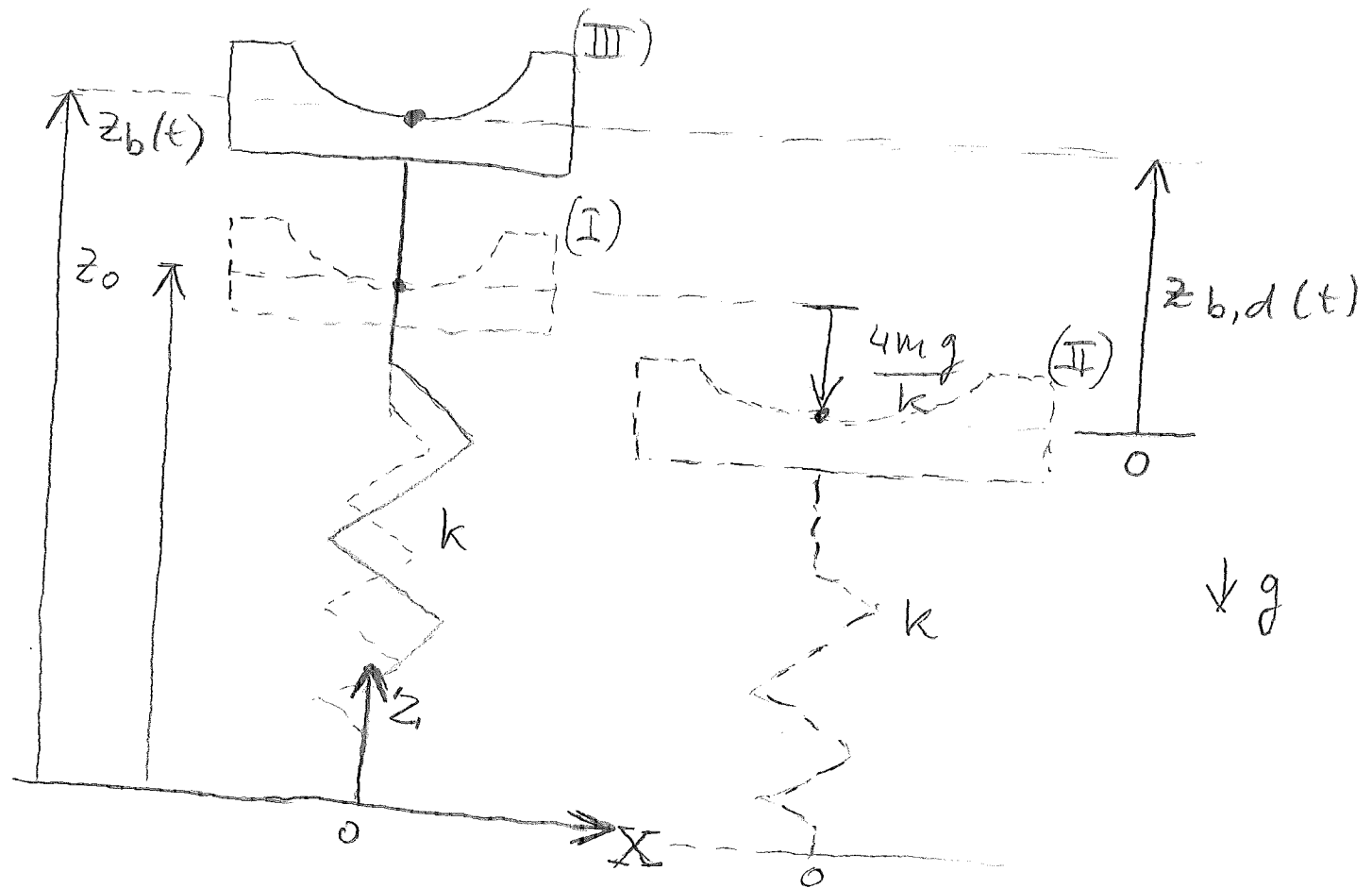
Dividing by  $2mR$ :

$$3R \ddot{\theta} + \sin \theta \ddot{z}_b + g \sin \theta = 0 \quad (18)$$

Note: An alternative form for the equation of motion (17) can be obtained as follows:

As mentioned, the position of the centre of mass of the block equals  $z_0$  when the spring is unstretched, i.e., before the system is subjected to a gravitational acceleration  $g$ , see Figure on the next page. When gravitation is applied, the system undergoes a static deflection of  $\frac{4mg}{k}$ .

(6)



(I) = position of block before gravity acceleration  $g$  is applied (where spring  $k$  is unstretched)

(II) = position of block after gravity acceleration  $g$  is applied.

(III) = position of block during dynamic motion.

In correspondence with the above figure we may write:

$$z_b(t) = z_0 - \frac{4mg}{k} + z_{b,d}(t) \quad (19)$$

where  $z_{b,d}(t)$  is the position of the centre of mass of the block as measured w.r.t. the position of static equilibrium.

Inserting (19) into (17), the equation of motion can be alternatively expressed in terms of  $z_{b,d}(t)$  as:

$$4m \ddot{z}_{b,d} + 2mR \sin \theta \ddot{\theta} + 2mR \cos \theta \dot{\theta}^2 + kz_{b,d} = 0$$

(20)

The expression (20) is somewhat simpler than the expression (17), in a sense that in (20) the constant (time-independent) terms  $4mg$  and  $kz_0$  are absent.

### Question (2)

a)  $\bar{\omega} = \omega \bar{K}$  is the rotational velocity. (1)

The inertial frame of reference  $X-Y-Z$ , can be connected to the non-inertial frame of reference  $x-y-z$  via

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & 0 & -\cos \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

(8)

From (2), the base vector  $\bar{K}$  can be expressed as :

$$\bar{K} = \cos\theta \bar{i} + \sin\theta \bar{k} \quad (3)$$

Combining (1) and (3) gives

$$\bar{\omega} = \omega (\cos\theta \bar{i} + \sin\theta \bar{k}) \quad (4)$$

With (4), the angular momentum expressed w.r.t. the non-inertial frame of reference x-y-z becomes :

$$\bar{L}_0 = I\omega \cos\theta \bar{i} + J\omega \sin\theta \bar{k} \quad (5)$$

b.) For deriving the equations of motion, the time derivative  $\dot{\bar{L}}_0$  is required.

Since  $\theta$  is constant, with (5)  $\dot{\bar{L}}_0$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\bar{L}}_0 &= I\alpha \cos\theta \bar{i} + J\alpha \sin\theta \bar{k} \\ &+ I\omega \dot{\cos\theta} \bar{i} + J\omega \dot{\sin\theta} \bar{k} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $\alpha = \dot{\omega}$  is the angular acceleration (about the  $\bar{z}$ -axis).



(9)

The last two terms in equation (6) may be further developed as:

$$I\omega \cos \theta \dot{\bar{i}} + J\omega \sin \theta \dot{\bar{k}}$$
$$= I\omega \cos \theta (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{i}) + J\omega \sin \theta (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{k})$$

$$= \bar{\omega} \times (I\omega \cos \theta \bar{i} + J\omega \sin \theta \bar{k})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{j} & \bar{k} \\ \omega \cos \theta & 0 & \omega \sin \theta \\ I\omega \cos \theta & 0 & J\omega \sin \theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{j} (I\omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - J\omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

(7)

Combining (6) and (7) gives:

$$\dot{\bar{L}}_0 = I\alpha \cos \theta \bar{i} + (I-J)\omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \bar{j} + J\alpha \sin \theta \bar{k} \quad (8)$$

The equations of motion in the "rotational sense" may be formally expressed as:

$$\dot{\vec{L}}_0 = \sum \vec{M}_0 \quad (9)$$

Here

$$\sum \vec{M}_0 = M_x \vec{i} + M_y \vec{j} + M \vec{k} \quad (10)$$

which, with (2), can be expressed w.r.t. the non-inertial (x-y-z) frame of reference as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \vec{M}_0 = & M_x (\sin \theta \vec{i} - \cos \theta \vec{k}) + M_y \vec{j} \\ & + M (\cos \theta \vec{i} + \sin \theta \vec{k}) \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

Inserting (10) and (11) into (9) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & I \alpha \cos \theta \vec{i} + (I - J) \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \vec{j} + J \alpha \sin \theta \vec{k} \\ & = (M_x \sin \theta + M \cos \theta) \vec{i} + M_y \vec{j} \\ & \quad - (M_x \cos \theta - M \sin \theta) \vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

In terms of components, Eq. (12) is expressed as:

(12)

$$I \alpha \cos \theta = M_x \sin \theta + M \cos \theta \quad (13)$$

$$(I - J) \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = M_y \quad (14)$$

$$J \alpha \sin \theta = -M_x \cos \theta + M \sin \theta \quad (15)$$

c.) Expressing both (13) and (15) explicitly in terms of  $M_x$ , and equating the two expressions gives:

$$\frac{I \alpha \cos \theta - M \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{J \alpha \sin \theta - M \sin \theta}{-\cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow M(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = J \alpha \sin^2 \theta + I \alpha \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{M}{J \sin^2 \theta + I \cos^2 \theta} \quad (16)$$

Next, inserting (16) into (13) leads to:

$$\frac{I M \cos \theta}{J \sin^2 \theta + I \cos^2 \theta} = M_x \sin \theta + M \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow M \cos \theta \left[ \frac{I}{J \sin^2 \theta + I \cos^2 \theta} - \frac{J \sin^2 \theta + I \cos^2 \theta}{J \sin^2 \theta + I \cos^2 \theta} \right] = M_x \sin \theta$$

(12)

$$M_x = \frac{(I - J) \sin \theta \cos \theta M}{J \sin^2 \theta + I \cos^2 \theta}$$

(17)

### Question (3)

a.)  $T = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot y_t^2 dx$  (1) is the kinetic energy,

where  $y_t = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t}$

The Lagrangian is formulated as

$$L = T - V$$
 (2)

which, with the kinetic energy given by (1) and the energy potential  $V$  as

$$V = \int_0^L \left( \frac{1}{2} T y_x^2 - q y \right) dx$$
 (3)

becomes

$$L = \int_0^L \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho y_t^2 - \frac{1}{2} T y_x^2 + q y \right) dx$$
 (4)

Substituting the Lagrangian (4) into Hamilton's principle,

$$\delta \int_{t_0}^{t_1} L dt = 0 \quad (5)$$

leads to :

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_0^L (p y_t \delta y_t - T y_x \delta y_x + q \delta y) dx dt = 0 \quad (6)$$

Using integration by parts for the first and second terms gives :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^L p y_t \delta y \Big|_{t_0}^{t_1} dx - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_0^L p u_{tt} \delta y dx dt \\ & - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} T y_x \delta y \Big|_0^L dt + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_0^L T y_{xx} \delta y dx dt \\ & + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_0^L q \delta y dx dt = 0 \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Reordering this expression leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_0^L (T y_{xx} - p y_{tt} + q) \delta y dx dt \quad (1) \\ & + \int_0^L p y_t \delta y \Big|_{t_0}^{t_1} dx \quad (2) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} T y_x \delta y \Big|_0^L dt = 0 \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

From (P), the equation of motion follows as

$$\textcircled{1} = 0 : \quad T y_{xx} - \rho y_{tt} + q = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < L$$

(9)

b.) From (P), the boundary conditions follow as:

$$\textcircled{3} = 0 : \quad T y_x \delta y \Big|_0^L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta y(L, t) = 0 \quad \forall t \quad \text{since } y(L, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

(10)

$$\Rightarrow \delta y(0, t) = 0 \quad \forall t \quad \text{since } y(0, t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

(11)

Both (10) and (11) are essential boundary conditions.

Question (4)

a.) The potential energy of the system has the form:

$$V = V_{\text{pendulums}} + V_{\text{block}} + V_{\text{spring}} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Here,

$$V_{\text{pendulums}} = 2 * \left( mg \cdot \frac{1}{2} l \cos \theta \right) \quad (2)$$

$$V_{\text{block}} = 4m \cdot g \cdot \left( l \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} h \right) \quad (3)$$

$$V_{\text{spring}} = \frac{1}{2} k (l \sin \theta)^2 \quad (4)$$

Substituting (2) - (4) into (1) gives for the potential energy of the system

$$V = 5mg l \cos \theta + 2mgh + \frac{1}{2} k (l \sin \theta)^2 \quad (5)$$

Subsequently an effective potential  $V_{\text{eff}}$  is established as:

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V + V_{\text{force}} \quad (6)$$

The contribution  $V_{\text{force}}$  is calculated from the relation

$$\delta V_{\text{force}} = -\delta W \quad (7)$$

with the virtual work as

$$\delta W = -F \cdot \delta z \quad (8)$$

Since the vertical position of the load equals

$$z = l \cos \theta + h \quad (9)$$

(16)

we obtain that

$$\delta z = -l \sin \theta \delta \theta \quad (10)$$

Combining (8) and (10) with (7) gives

$$\delta V_{\text{force}} = -Fl \sin \theta \delta \theta \quad (11)$$

from which we obtain

$$V_{\text{force}} = Fl \cos \theta \quad (12)$$

Inserting (5) and (12) into (6) leads to

$$V_{\text{eff}} = 5mg l \cos \theta + 2mgh + \frac{1}{2}kl^2 \sin^2 \theta + Fl \cos \theta \quad (13)$$

Furthermore, the kinetic energy is formulated as:

$$T = T_{\text{pendulums}} + T_{\text{block}} \quad (14)$$

When formulating the kinetic energy w.r.t. the point of rotation of the pendulums, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{pendulums}} &= 2 \cdot T_{\text{rot, pendulum}} \\ &= 2 * \left( \frac{1}{2} J_0 \cdot \dot{\theta}^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$



(17)

For computing the kinetic energy of the block, we first formulate the centre of mass  $\vec{r}_b$  as

$$\vec{r}_b = -l \sin \theta \vec{i} + (l \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2}h) \vec{j} \quad (16)$$

The velocity of the centre of mass then becomes

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_b = -l \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \vec{i} - l \sin \theta \dot{\theta} \vec{j} \quad (17)$$

Since the block does not rotate, with (17) the kinetic energy of the block becomes

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{block}} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4m \dot{\vec{r}}_b \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_b \\ &= 2m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

Inserting (15) and (18) into (14) leads to

$$T = \frac{7}{3} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (19)$$

The Lagrangian of the system is written as

$$L = T - V_{\text{eff}} \quad (20)$$

which, with (19) and (13) becomes :

(18)

$$L = \frac{7}{3} ml^2 \dot{\theta}^2 - 5mg l \cos \theta - 2mgh - \frac{1}{2} kl^2 \sin^2 \theta - Fl \cos \theta$$

(21)

Note: The constant term  $2mgh$  may be left out of the Lagrangian, since the Lagrangian (or potential energy) is unique up to a constant (which reflects the choice of the datum used for formulating the potential energy).

b.) The equation of motion is expressed as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad (22)$$

Using (21), we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = \frac{14}{3} ml^2 \dot{\theta} \quad ; \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = \frac{14}{3} ml^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 5mg l \sin \theta - kl^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + Fl \sin \theta$$

Substituting these derivatives into (22) gives for the equation of motion:

$$\frac{14}{3} m l^2 \ddot{\theta} + (k l \cos \theta - 5 m g - F) l \sin \theta = 0$$

c.) Introducing  $\dot{\theta} = \omega$ , the above equation of motion may be written in terms of two 1<sup>st</sup>-order differential equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega \\ \frac{-3 (k l \cos \theta - 5 m g - F) \sin \theta}{14 m l} \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearizing this set of differential equations about the vertical position  $\theta = 0$  leads to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-3 k l \cos 2\theta + 3 \cos \theta (5 m g + F)}{14 m l} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}_{\theta=0}$$

(20)

which thus may be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\ell} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-3kl + 15mg + 3F}{14ml} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \ell \end{bmatrix}$$

(24)

This system of equations may be formally written as :

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = \bar{A} \bar{x} \quad (25)$$

where we seek for solutions  $\bar{x}(t) = \bar{c} e^{\lambda t}$ , with  $\bar{c}$  the amplitude vector of which the components are determined by the initial conditions. Substituting this solution into (25) leads to :

$$\lambda \bar{x} = \bar{A} \bar{x} \Rightarrow (\bar{A} - \lambda \bar{I}) \bar{x} = 0, \quad (26)$$

where  $\bar{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the unity matrix.

The non-trivial solution of (26) follows as

$$|\bar{A} - \lambda \bar{I}| = 0,$$

which results in :

(21)

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ \frac{-3kl + 15mg + 3F}{14ml} & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (26^A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \frac{3k}{14m} - \frac{15g}{14l} - \frac{3F}{14ml} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3F}{14ml} + \frac{15g}{14l} - \frac{3k}{14m}} \quad (27)$$

The solution  $\bar{x}(t) = \bar{c} e^{\lambda t}$  is stable if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , which means that

$$\frac{3F}{14ml} + \frac{15g}{14l} - \frac{3k}{14m} < 0$$

Hence, the stability requirement for  $F$  becomes:

$$F < kl - 5mg \quad (28)$$

(22)

An alternative procedure for examining the stability of the system is to use the effective potential  $V_{\text{eff}}$  given by (13).

From this expression, it can be computed that

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\theta} = -5mgl \sin\theta + kl^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta - Fl \sin\theta. \quad (29)$$

Indeed, from (29) it follows that the position  $\theta=0$  provides a state of equilibrium,

$$\left. \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=0} = 0.$$

Subsequently, from (29) we obtain

$$\frac{d^2V_{\text{eff}}}{d\theta^2} = -5mgl \cos\theta + kl^2 (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) - Fl \cos\theta,$$

from which we obtain that

$$\left. \frac{d^2V_{\text{eff}}}{d\theta^2} \right|_{\theta=0} = -5mgl + kl^2 - Fl \quad (30)$$

The requirement for stability is that

$$\frac{d^2 V_{eff}}{d\theta^2} \Big|_{\theta=0} > 0 \quad (30^A)$$

With (30), this leads to

$$-5mgl + kl^2 - Fl > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F < kl - 5mg} \quad (31)$$

which is indeed the same requirement as (28).