

Assignment I

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Question 1

Derive the equations of motion for a two-mass spring-damper system (Fig. 1) considering gravity using Newton's laws of motion.

- a. Write the equations in state-space form using x_1, y_1, x_2 , and y_2 as coordinates.
- b. Develop a MATLAB code for solving the equations using the Euler explicit integration technique with a time step of 10^{-5} .
- c. Demonstrate that the system's energy remains constant in the absence of damping.
- d. Solve the problem in the absence of gravity ($g = 0$).

Consider the following parameters:

$$m_1 = 1 \text{ Kg}, m_2 = 1 \text{ Kg}, k = 1000 \text{ N/m}, c = 5 \text{ Ns/m}, l = 0.5 \text{ m}, g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

and initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(0) &= 0, y_1(0) = 0, \dot{x}_1(0) = 0, \dot{y}_1(0) = 1, \\ x_2(0) &= 1/2, y_2(0) = 0, \dot{x}_2(0) = 0, \dot{y}_2(0) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

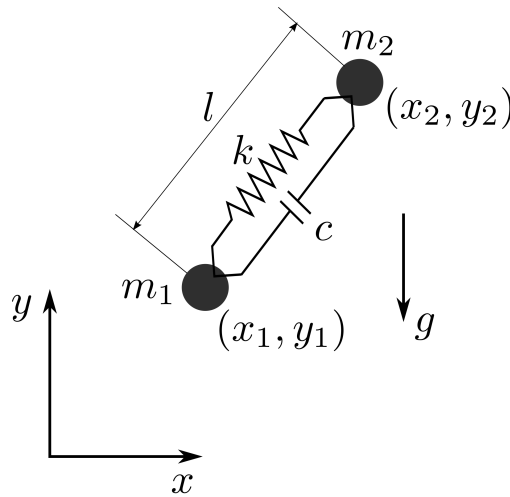


Figure 1: Schematic of a two-mass spring-damper system.