

Robotics

Exercise 4

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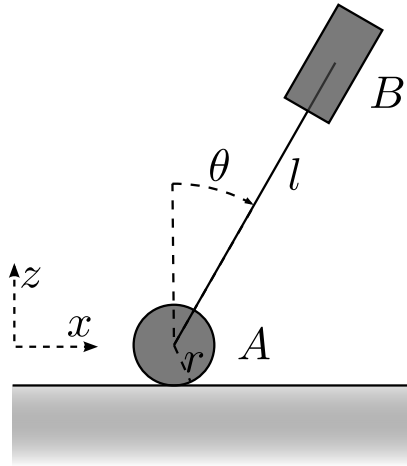
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1 Fun with Euler-Lagrange



Consider an inverted pendulum mounted on a wheel in the 2D x-z-plane; similar to a Segway. The exercise is to derive the Euler-Lagrange equation for this system. Strictly follow the scheme we discussed on slide 03:23.

- Describe the **pose** p_i of every body (depending on q) in (x, z, ϕ) coordinates: its position in the x-z-plane, and its rotation ϕ relative to the world-vertical.
- Describe the (linear and angular) velocity v_i of every body.
- Formulate the kinetic energy T
- Formulate the potential energy U
- Compute the Euler-Lagrange Equation:

$$\tau = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q}$$

Tips:

- Use the generalized coordinates

$$q = (x, \theta) \tag{1}$$

where x is the position of the wheel and θ the angle of the pendulum relative to the world-vertical.

- The system can be parameterized by
 - m_A, I_A, m_B, I_B : masses and inertias of bodies A (=wheel) and B (=pendulum)
 - r : radius of the wheel
 - l : length of the pendulum (height of its COM)

- In this 3-dim space, the mass matrix of every body is

$$M_i = \begin{pmatrix} m_i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

(this allows to compute the kinetic energy of a body i with $\frac{1}{2}v_i^\top M_i v_i$)