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The continuous dynamical system here considered is a two-component Hamiltonian system, which governs the dynamics of two pendulums coupled by a Hooke string, which consists of two bobs of equal mass m > 0 and strings of equal length l > 0; the bobs are attached to a Hooke's string with coefficient k > 0.

Let be θ_j for j = 1, 2 the angular displacement of each bob. The kinetic and potential energy are given by

$$T(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \frac{1}{2}ml^2(\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2), \quad U(\theta_1, \theta_2) = mgl(2 - \cos\theta_1 - \cos\theta_2) + \frac{1}{2}kl^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2)^2,$$

where $\varphi_j = \dot{\theta}_j$ for j=1,2 and $g \approx \pi^2$ is the gravity acceleration constant. In consequence, the Hamiltonian is given by

$$H(\theta_1, \theta_2, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = T(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) + U(\theta_1, \theta_2),$$

and the Hamiltonian equations, also known as equations of motion, are

$$(P1) \begin{cases} \dot{\theta}_{1} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi_{1}} = ml^{2}\varphi_{1}, \\ \dot{\theta}_{2} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \varphi_{2}} = ml^{2}\varphi_{2}, \\ \dot{\varphi}_{1} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta_{1}} = -mgl\sin\theta_{1} - kl^{2}\left(\theta_{1} - \theta_{2}\right), \\ \dot{\varphi}_{2} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta_{2}} = -mgl\sin\theta_{2} + kl^{2}\left(\theta_{1} - \theta_{2}\right). \end{cases}$$

Upon considering the mapping $t \mapsto ml^2t$, we get

$$(P2) \begin{cases} \dot{\theta}_1 = \varphi_1, \\ \dot{\theta}_2 = \varphi_2, \\ \dot{\varphi}_1 = -\frac{g}{l}\sin\theta_1 - \frac{k}{m}(\theta_1 - \theta_2), \\ \dot{\varphi}_2 = -\frac{g}{l}\sin\theta_2 + \frac{k}{m}(\theta_1 - \theta_2). \end{cases}$$

Notice that, this system gives place to the nonlinear second order nonlinear ODE system

(P3)
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{\theta}_1 + \frac{g}{l}\sin\theta_1 + \frac{k}{m}(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = 0, \\ \ddot{\theta}_2 + \frac{g}{l}\sin\theta_2 - \frac{k}{m}(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = 0. \end{cases}$$

We will now numerically solve this system as follows:

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[7]: # Call necessary modules for solving and plotting
using DifferentialEquations
using Plots
using LaTeXStrings
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[8]: # Define ODE system
function CoupPend(du,u,p,t)
    du[1] = u[3]
    du[2] = u[4]
    du[3] = -p[1]/p[2]*sin(u[1]) - p[3]/p[4]*(u[1] - u[2])
    du[4] = -p[1]/p[2]*sin(u[2]) + p[3]/p[4]*(u[1] - u[2])
end
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[8]: CoupPend (generic function with 1 method)

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[9]: # Set initial conditions
u0 = [pi,0,0.0,0.0]
# Set time interval
tspan = (0.0,50.0)
# Set parameter vector
p = [pi^2,2,2,1]
# Set ODE solver
prob = ODEProblem(CoupPend,u0,tspan,p)
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[10]: # Run solver
sol = solve(prob)
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[10]: retcode: Success
 Interpolation: specialized 4th order "free" interpolation, specialized 2nd order
 "free" stiffness-aware interpolation
 t: 166-element Vector{Float64}:
 0.0

- 0.0001125037284706335
- 0.0012375410131769684
- 0.012487913860240316
- 0.05463563645013597
- 0.1315887931967195
- 0.23466430561039348
- 0.3641652333552804
- 0.5209507111699843
- 0.7038848940093535
- 0.915651382044256
- 1.153192730846068
- 1.3673984685610565
- 46.481248951307634
- 46.807155819828395
- 47.11710874178678
- 47.5053756808112
- 47.80253275352481
- 48.15206381947762
- 48.44422087262935
- 48.79596052800267
- 49.11934889790947
- 49.394047886852704
- 49.739385928129096
- 50.0
- u: 166-element Vector{Vector{Float64}}:
 - [3.141592653589793, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]
- [3.1415926138263757, 3.976341719152545e-8, -0.0007068817751235625,
- 0.0007068817604062292]
- [3.1415878422156935, 4.8113680390621815e-6, -0.007775701366384346,
- 0.00777568177762041]
- [3.1411027225694714, 0.0004898681828410099, -0.078465783629147,
- 0.07844565637670863]
- [3.1322126482736077, 0.009356991051969146, -0.3434460009757443,
- 0.341761410032254]
- [3.0871197878279193, 0.05370001383110153, -0.8290673205061871,
- 0.8056037714959876]
- [2.967825658695844, 0.1659967606521177, -1.4877098110609728,
- 1.3558772613485603]
- [2.720389505816537, 0.37680535435664103, -2.339062038838114,
- 1.8583448463244974]
 - [2.269993514416996, 0.6920671218135565, -3.4126532779211667, 2.088079896009421]
 - [1.5322176433254913, 1.0550523973326387, -4.622801642041898,
- 1.7781134059136103]
- [0.45283466554922636, 1.3311181639335297, -5.376022575220918,
- 0.7156753000932288]
 - [-0.7544791750931188, 1.2906231003284119, -4.4696189596868745,

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-1.1480370301059768]
       [-1.5142000996155298, 0.8390582430312106, -2.548337962797854,
      -3.0532828080475154]
       [0.16515366935329825, 2.9469587822241037, 1.956732850107705, -0.60137007016338]
       [0.9567974496553865, 2.413448706317708, 2.575451696718892, -2.656770334721994]
       [1.621598116480003, 1.3057762211309782, 1.4859532346002815,
     -4.3920150687683925]
       [1.6770803716922138, -0.46882786143849775, -1.438841162895385,
     -4.014535815588663]
       [0.8353489688430895, -1.3064854386521199, -4.171898918844925,
     -1.5024136440925247
       [-0.9093570296053286, -1.3297096749880113, -5.134339150255884,
      1.1658202197278897]
       [-2.195985820294438, -0.8121943612410163, -3.4989353349740577,
     2.1415451427933188]
       [-3.013205272647785, -0.14093235576557883, -1.1756423848981843,
      1.323434809283536]
       [-3.0610555175922687, -0.018399190978926658, 0.8855665963078745,
     -0.6176542284282038]
       [-2.5670299402565115, -0.38123831191970947, 2.7381831104265313,
     -1.86392564558267367
       [-1.2042394226237798, -1.0466124207850664, 5.048567724094413,
     -1.610366101318061]
       [0.19168254785858307, -1.2849559712960033, 5.269087897436718,
     -0.055993344625694831
[11]: # Plot all evolution states
      plot(sol,vars=(0,1),xlabel=L"t",ylabel=L"\theta",label=L"\theta_1",lw=2,layout=(2,1),size_
      \Rightarrow= (800, 600))
      plot!(sol,vars=(0,2),label=L"\theta 2",lw=2)
      plot!
      →(sol,vars=(0,3),xlabel=L"t",ylabel=L"\varphi",label=L"\varphi 1",lw=2,subplot=2)
      plot!(sol, vars=(0,4), label=L"\varphi_2", lw=2, subplot=2)
      # Save figure
      png("argdis.png")
[12]: # Plot orbits on a phase space projection
      plot(sol, vars=(1,2), xlabel=L"\theta 1", ...
      \rightarrowylabel=L"\theta_2",lw=2,label="",layout=(2,2),size = (800, 600))
      plot!(sol[1:1,1:1],sol[2:2,1:1],m=:star,ms=7,label="",subplot=1,c=[3])
      plot!(sol[1:1,end:end],sol[2:2,end:end],m=:
      ⇒circle,ms=10,label="",subplot=1,c=[2])
      plot!(sol,vars=(3,4),lw=2,xlabel=L"\varphi_1",_
      plot!(sol[3:3,1:1],sol[4:4,1:1],m=:star,ms=7,label="",subplot=2,c=[3])
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