

Form for non-stretched cord.

$$L = T - V$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \frac{(L-y)}{2L} \dot{y}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M \dot{y}^2 + Mgy + m \frac{(L-y)}{2L} g \left( y + \frac{L-y}{4} \right) + m \frac{L+y}{2L} g \frac{L+y}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \frac{-m\dot{y}^2 - 2mgy + 2gL(m+2M)}{4L}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) = \dot{y} \left( M + m \frac{L-y}{2L} \right) - \frac{m\dot{y}^2}{2L}$$

plug into Euler-Lagrange equation:  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) = 0$

$$\frac{-m\dot{y}^2 - 2mgy + 2gL(m+2M)}{4L} - \dot{y} \left( M + m \frac{L-y}{2L} \right) + \frac{m\dot{y}^2}{2L} = 0$$

$$\dot{y} \left( M + m \frac{L-y}{2L} \right) = \frac{m\dot{y}^2}{2L} + \frac{-m\dot{y}^2 - 2mgy + 2gL(m+2M)}{4L}$$

$$\dot{y} \left( \frac{2LM + m(L-y)}{2L} \right) = \frac{m\dot{y}^2 - 2mgy + 2gLm + 4gLm}{4L}$$

$$\ddot{y} = \left( \frac{m\dot{y}^2 - 2mgy + 2gLm + 4gLm}{4L} \right) \left( \frac{2L}{2LM + m(L-y)} \right)$$

$$\ddot{y} = \left( \frac{m\dot{y}^2 - 2mgy + 2gLm + 4gLm}{4LM + 2m(L-y)} \right)$$

$$\ddot{y} = g \left( \frac{2ML + mL - my}{2ML + mL - my} \right) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} m \dot{y}^2}{2ML + mL - my}$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{y} = g + \frac{\frac{1}{2} m \dot{y}^2}{m(L-y) + 2ML}}$$