

# Lagrangian Mechanics Problem Set

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

1. Compute the following partial derivatives

(a)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \ln(x^2) - xw^2 + e^w$

(b)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} y \ln(x^2) - xw^2 + e^w$

(c)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cos(xy) + y^2$

(d)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \ln(x^2) - xw^2 + e^w$

(e)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y^x + x^y$

(f)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cos(\sqrt{x^\pi}) - \ln(x!)$

(g)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sqrt{x+y}$

2. In Figure 1 we show a box of mass  $m$  sliding down a ramp of mass  $M$ . The ramp moves without friction on the horizontal plane and is located by coordinate  $x_1$ . The box also slides without friction on the ramp and is located by coordinate  $x_2$  with respect to the ramp. Find  $\ddot{x}_1$

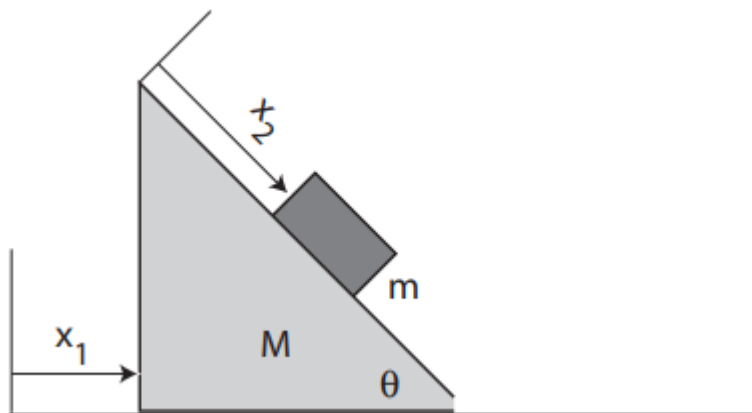


Figure 1

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