Advanced Dynamics - Assignment Report

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1 Wheel rolling without slipping on a 2D track

A thin wheel of radius R rolls without slipping on a track on the x_1-x_2 plane, defined by $x_2=f(x_1)$. The wheel plane stays vertical and tangent to such track at the contact point P. Denote with α the angle the disk plane forms with the x_2 axis, and with φ the rotation of the disk about its axis \mathbf{e}_{φ} . The position of the center of the disk C is indicated by x_1^C , x_2^C and x_3^C . Assume a set of generalized coordinate $\mathbf{q}=[x_1^C\ x_2^C\ x_3^C\ \alpha\ \varphi]$.

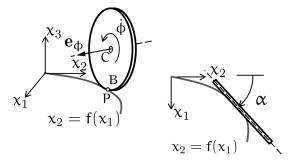


Figure 1.1: Wheel rolling without slipping on a track.

- 1. State all the constraints acting on the disk.
- 2. Determine whether the constraints are holonomic or non-holonomic.

Figure 1: Task 1.1

1.1

The list of constraints looks as follows:

- 1. The wheel always stays vertical (plane parallel to x_3)
 This is a holonomic constraint: $f=\theta=0$ where θ denotes the angle between the disk and x_3
- 2. x_2 follows a fixed trajectory, given x_1 (and vice versa): $f_2: x_2 = f(x_1) \Rightarrow x_2 f(x_1) = 0 \Rightarrow$ holonomic.
- 3. α is the angle between the trajectory and the x_2 axis: $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\partial f(x_1)}{\partial x_1}$ or written differently: $f(\alpha, x_1) = \alpha \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\partial f(x_1)}{\partial x_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{holonomic}$
- 4. Rolling without slipping: $v_B = 0 \Rightarrow v_C + \omega \times R_{CB} = 0$ with $\omega = \dot{\alpha} e_3 + \dot{\phi} e_{\phi}$ Seems to be non-holonomic at first glance
- 5. The disk does not leave the ground: $x_3^C R = 0$ aka the x_3 component of the center of mass is R. This is holonomic as well

So far we have a 3D system (6 DoF) and 4 holonomic constraints and 1 non-holonomic constraint.

4. Check for integrability: TO DO

$$v_B = 0 \Rightarrow v_C + \omega \times R_{CB} = 0 \tag{1}$$

Plugging in $\dot{x}_1^C, \dot{x}_2^C, \omega = \dot{\alpha} e_3 + \dot{\phi} e_{\phi}$ and $R_{CB} = [0, 0, -R]^T$:

$$\dot{x}_1^C \mathbf{e_1} + \dot{x}_2^C \mathbf{e_2} - R\dot{\phi}\cos\alpha\mathbf{e_2} - R\dot{\phi}\sin\alpha\mathbf{e_1} = 0$$
 (2)

Considering the part in e_1 direction:

$$\dot{x}_1^C - R\dot{\phi}\sin\alpha = 0 \tag{3}$$

Now if we reformulate this in the linear velocity form:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i(\boldsymbol{q}, t) \dot{q}_i + b(\boldsymbol{q}, t) \text{ with } \mathbf{q} = [x_1^C, x_2^C, x_3^C, \alpha, \phi]$$

$$(4)$$

We get

$$a_{1} = 1, \quad a_{5} = -R\sin(\alpha), b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(Cb)}{\partial q_{1}} = \frac{\partial(Ca_{1})}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow C \neq C(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(Ca_{1})}{\partial q_{5}} = \frac{\partial(Ca_{5})}{\partial q_{1}} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial(C)}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial(-CR\sin(\alpha))}{\partial x_{1}^{C}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(C)}{\partial \phi} = -R\sin(\alpha)\frac{\partial(C)}{\partial x_{1}^{C}}$$
(5)

Perhaps we can show directly that the constraint can be written in the solution form:

$$\dot{x}_{1}^{C} \boldsymbol{e}_{1} - R\dot{\phi}\sin\alpha\boldsymbol{e}_{1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{q}, t)}{x_{1}^{C}} \dot{x}_{1}^{C} + \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{q}, t)}{\phi} \dot{\phi}$$
 (6)

1.2

See section 1.1

1.3

3. Determine the degrees of freedom of the system.

Figure 2: Task 1.1.3

As we have a 3D body with 6 generalized coordinates (here 5 are given, already considering constraint 1) and 5 holonomic constraints. We get a total of 6-5=1 degree of freedom. That could for instance be the rotation of the wheel around e_{ϕ} while all the other generalized coordinates follow accordingly.

3.1

Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{L^{2}M\ddot{\phi}}{3} + \frac{L^{2}m\ddot{\phi}}{3} - \frac{L^{2}m\ddot{\phi}\cos\left(\beta\right)^{2}}{3} + \frac{LMg\cos\left(\beta\right)\sin\left(\phi\right)}{2} + \frac{L^{2}M\Omega^{2}\sin\left(\beta\right)\sin\left(\phi\right)}{2} + \frac{L^{2}M\Omega^{2}\cos\left(\beta\right)\sin\left(\phi\right)}{4} - \frac{L^{2}M\Omega^{2}\cos\left(\beta\right)^{2}\cos\left(\phi\right)\sin\left(\phi\right)}{6} = 0$$
(7)

3.2

This can be reformulated for the differential equation of $\ddot{\phi}$:

$$\ddot{\phi} \left(\frac{L^2(M+m)}{3} - \frac{L^2m\cos(\beta)^2}{3} \right) + \sin(\phi) \left(\frac{LMg\cos(\beta)}{2} + \frac{L^2M\Omega^2\sin(\beta)}{2} + \frac{L^2M\Omega^2\cos(\beta)\sin(\beta)}{4} \right) - \frac{L^2M\Omega^2\cos(\beta)^2\cos(\phi)\sin(\phi)}{6} = 0$$

$$(8)$$

3.3

Equation of motion for the case that the rotation around the vertical bar is not constant:

$$\frac{L^{2}\ddot{\theta}\left(16M+16m+12M\cos\left(\beta\right)+12m\cos\left(\beta\right)+2M\cos\left(\beta\right)^{2}+4m\cos\left(\beta\right)^{2}-2M\cos\left(\beta\right)^{2}\cos\left(\phi\right)^{2}\right)}{12}+\frac{L^{2}\ddot{\theta}\left(12M\cos\left(\phi\right)\sin\left(\beta\right)+6M\cos\left(\beta\right)\cos\left(\phi\right)\sin\left(\beta\right)\right)}{12}$$

$$(9)$$

3.4

$$-c\left(L\dot{\theta} + \dot{\theta}x_2\cos(\beta) - \dot{\phi}x_1\cos(\phi) + L\dot{\theta}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\theta}x_1\cos(\phi)\sin(\beta)\right)^2 - cx_1^2\sin(\phi)^2\left(\dot{\theta} + \dot{\phi}\sin(\beta)\right)^2 - c\dot{\phi}^2x_1^2\cos(\beta)^2\sin(\phi)^2$$
(10)

To find the whole work done by this force distribution we have to integrate it:

 x_1 goes from -L to 0 and x_2 goes from -L/2 to L/2.

$$-c \int_{-L}^{0} \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} \underbrace{\left[\left(L\dot{\theta} + \dot{\theta}x_{2}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\phi}x_{1}\cos(\phi) + L\dot{\theta}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\theta}x_{1}\cos(\phi)\sin(\beta) \right)^{2} \right]}_{A} dx_{2} dx_{1}$$

$$-c \int_{-L}^{0} \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} \underbrace{\left[x_{1}^{2} \left(\sin(\phi)^{2} \left(\dot{\theta} + \dot{\phi}\sin(\beta) \right)^{2} + \dot{\phi}^{2}\cos(\beta)^{2}\sin(\phi)^{2} \right) \right]}_{B} dx_{2} dx_{1}$$
(11)

Starting with the inner integral of A:

$$-c\int_{-L}^{0} \left[\frac{1}{3\dot{\theta}\cos(\beta)} \left(L\dot{\theta} + \dot{\theta}x_{2}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\phi}x_{1}\cos(\phi) + L\dot{\theta}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\theta}x_{1}\cos(\phi)\sin(\beta) \right)^{3} \right]_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} dx_{1} =$$

$$-c\int_{-L}^{0} \left[\frac{1}{3\dot{\theta}\cos(\beta)} \left(L\dot{\theta} + \dot{\theta}x_{2}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\phi}x_{1}\cos(\phi) + L\dot{\theta}\cos(\beta) - \dot{\theta}x_{1}\cos(\phi)\sin(\beta) \right)^{3} \right] dx_{1}$$

$$(12)$$