

Example: Pendulum

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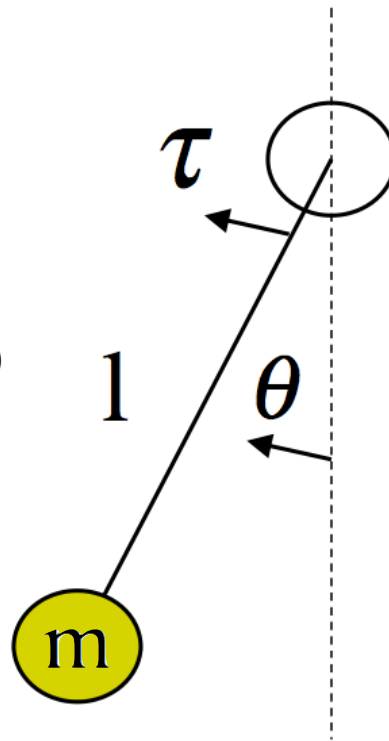
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$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin(\theta) + \frac{\tau}{ml^2}$$

Numerical integration over time

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range of motion

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Hint

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Second-order state

Reminder:

- State in Newtonian physics has both position (θ) and velocity ($\dot{\theta}$)



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