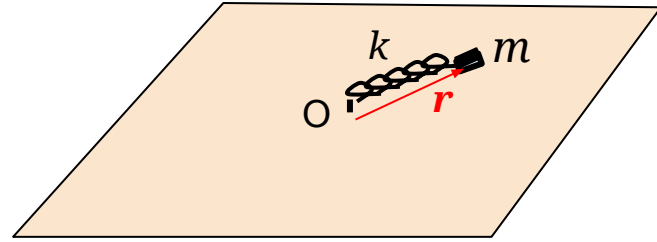


Quiz 10/28

Name _____grading key_____

In the figure, the mass m slides without friction on the horizontal plane, and the spring (Hooke's constant = k , equilibrium length = ℓ_0) is free to revolve around the point O .



(A) What is the potential energy $U(r)$?

(Taylor states that the potential energy is not $\frac{1}{2} k r^2$.)

(B) Now assume the mass moves on a circle of radius R . Calculate the period of revolution.

(A) $U(r) = \frac{1}{2} k (r - \ell_0)^2$;

the force is $F_r = -k (r - \ell_0)$.

(B) For circular motion, $a_r = -v^2/r = -r \omega^2$.

Newton's second law, $a_r = F_r/m = -(k/m) (r - \ell_0)$.

So $\omega^2 = (k/m) (r - \ell_0)/r$

The period is

$$T = 2\pi / \omega = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \sqrt{\frac{r}{r - \ell_0}}$$

Homework Assignment #8

Name grading

due in class Friday, October 28

Cover sheet : Staple this page in front of your solutions.

Write the *answers* (without calculations) on this page;
write the detailed *solutions* on your own paper.

[37] Problem 4.26.*

Answer: What is dE/dt ?

$dE/dt = m y dg/dt$

1 point

[38] Problem 4.28 and 4.29.***[computer]

For #4.29, hand in the computer program and any plots. Check plot.

Answer: What is the period for #4.29 part (d)?

3.708 time units

3 points

[39] Problem 4.33.**[computer]

Hand in the computer program and any plots.

Answer: Did you hand in the computer results?

Check the plots of $U(\theta)$ for $b = 0.9 r$ and $b = 1.1 r$.

2 points

[40] Problem 4.34.**

Answer: What is the period if the length is 1 m?

2.007 seconds

2 points

[40x] Problem 4.37.***[computer]

Hand in the computer program and any plots.

Answer: Did you hand in the computer results? Check the plots of U vs φ .

Answer: What is the critical ratio m/M ? 0.7426

3 points

[40xx] Problem 4.38.***[computer]

Hand in the computer program and any plots.

Answer: Did you hand in the computer results? Check the plot of τ vs Φ .

*Answer: **Explain** what becomes of τ as the amplitude of oscillation approaches π .*

The period approaches infinity because $\Phi = \pi$ is a point of (unstable) equilibrium.

3 points