

# Project 2

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## Model:

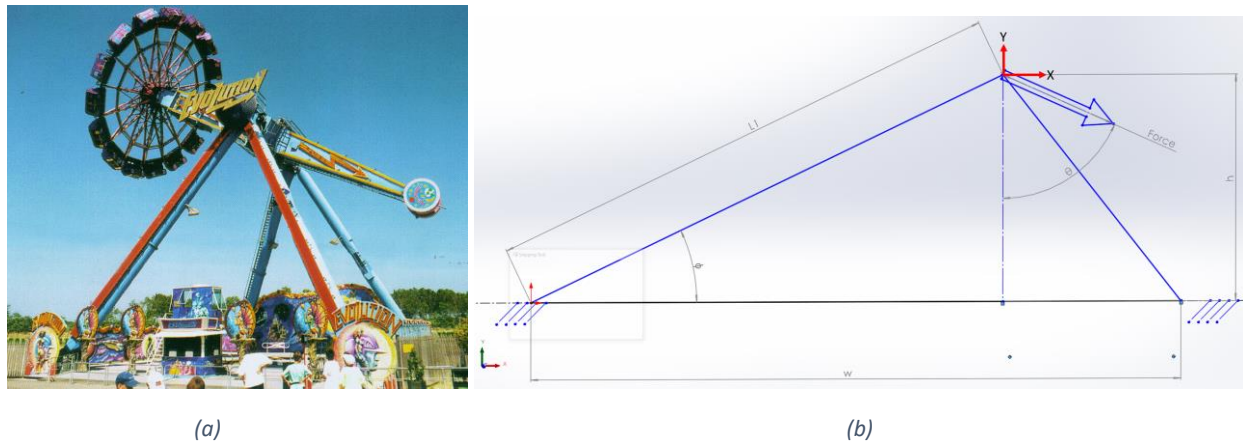


Figure 1. (a) Figure of the system shows the context of the code: an amusement park ride. (b) Figure of the system modeled using spring elements. Input dimensions are labeled on the diagram.

## Model Assumptions:

1. 2 Dimensional loading.
2. Key Parameters:

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Units
Young's Modulus	$E$	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	Pa
Cross-sectional area	$A$	0.01	$m^2$
Width	$w$	10	m
Length	$L1$	12	m
Height	$h$	10	m
Force	$F$	50000	N

3. Ride runs for 60 seconds starting at  $t=0$  seconds.
4. The angle  $\theta$  with respect to time  $t$  can be modeled as a  $\cos/\sin$  wave with 4 oscillations in 30 seconds.
5. Amplitude increases linearly.
6. Motions starts at amplitude = 0 radians.
7. Max amplitude = 3 radians.
8. At 30 seconds, angle  $\theta$  decreases at same frequency.
9. Amplitude decreases linearly.
10. Beams can be modeled as truss elements.
11. Truss elements can be modeled as springs with stiffness  $EA/l$ .

### Derivations:

This derivation shows how the potential energy is derived from the truss geometry and given assumptions listed above.

Using existing parameters, find key dimensions  $\phi$ ,  $w1$ ,  $w2$ , and  $L2$ .

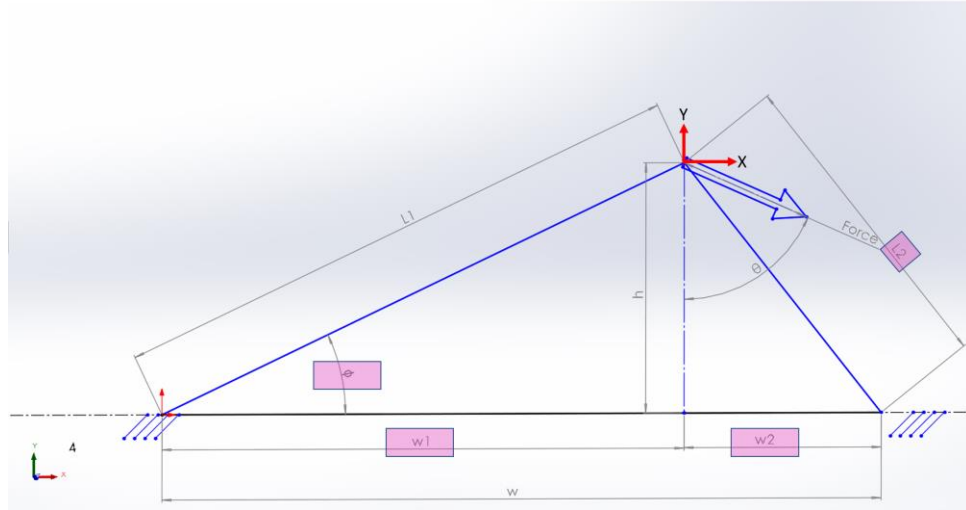


Figure 2. The first step is finding  $L2$ , the length of the other truss. The input parameters are used to find  $L2$ . The steps are listed below.

Find  $\phi$ .

Step 1: Find  $\phi$  using the sides  $L1$  and  $h$ .

1.  $\phi = \arcsin\left(\frac{h}{L1}\right)$

Step 2: Find  $w1$

2.  $w1 = L1 * \cos(\phi)$

Step 3: Find  $w2$

3.  $w2 = w - w1$

Step 4: Find  $L2$  using the Pythagorean theorem

4.  $L2 = \sqrt{h^2 + w2^2}$

Using  $\phi$ ,  $w1$ ,  $w2$ ,  $L2$ , and input parameters  $x$  and  $y$ , the loaded lengths of  $w1$ ,  $w2$ , and  $h$  can be found.:  $w1_{loaded}$ ,  $w2_{loaded}$ , and  $h_{loaded}$ .

Step 1: Find  $w1_{loaded}$  by combining  $w1$  and the displacement  $x$ .

1.  $w1_{loaded} = w1 + x$

Step 2: Find  $w2\_loaded$  by finding the difference between  $w$  and  $w1\_loaded$

2.  $w2\_loaded = w - w1\_loaded$

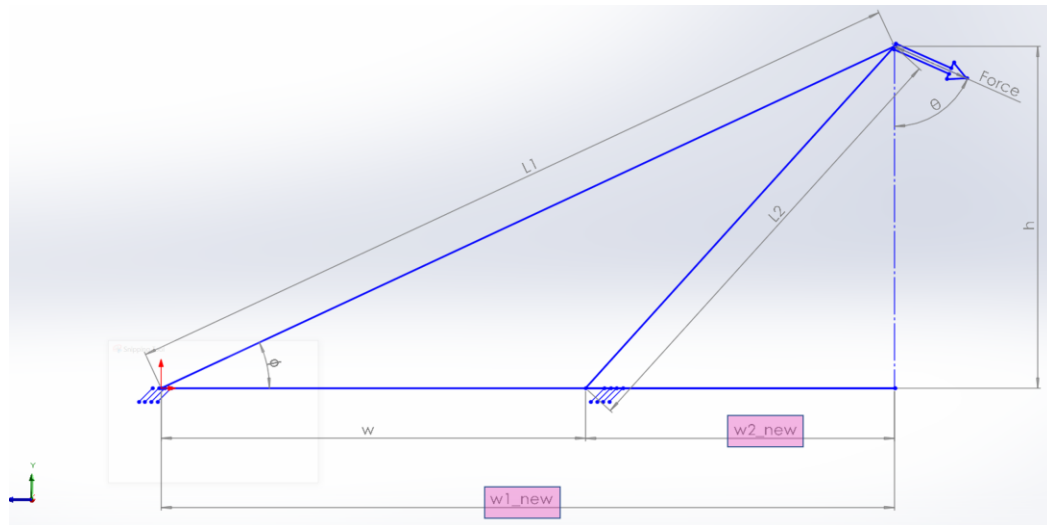


Figure 3. The model has now factored in the  $x$  and  $y$  displacement into its geometry. This model is a graphical justification for Step 2.

Step 3: Find  $h\_loaded$

3.  $h\_loaded = h + y$

Using  $w1\_loaded$ ,  $w2\_loaded$ , and  $y\_loaded$ , the loaded lengths  $L1\_loaded$  and  $L2\_loaded$  can be found using the Pythagorean Theorem:

$$L1\_loaded = \sqrt{w1\_loaded^2 + y\_loaded^2}$$

$$L2\_loaded = \sqrt{w2\_loaded^2 + y\_loaded^2}$$

After finding the final lengths of the truss members, the spring potential energy equation and work equations show how much potential energy the truss members have.

Generic potential energy equation:  $PE = (\frac{1}{2}Kx^2) + (f * x)$

L1\_loaded Spring PE:

$$PE_{Spring1} = \frac{1}{2} K * (L1_{loaded}^2) + (L1_{loaded} - L1)^2$$

Step 2: Find L2\_loaded Spring PE:

$$PE_{Spring2} = \frac{1}{2} K * (L2_{loaded}^2) + (L2_{loaded} - L2)^2$$

Step 3: Work for x displacement and y displacement:

$$Work = F \sin(\theta) - F \cos(\theta)$$

Step 4: Work is subtracted from the Spring Potential Energy to find the Net Potential Energy.

$$PE = PE_{Spring1} + PE_{Spring2} - Work$$

Step 5: Model equation:

$$\begin{aligned} PE = & \frac{1}{2} K \left( \left( \sqrt{(L1 * \cos(\arcsin(\frac{h}{L1})) + x)^2 + (y + h)^2} \right)^2 \right) + \\ & \left( \sqrt{(L1 * \cos(\arcsin(\frac{h}{L1})) + x)^2 + (y + h)^2} - L1 \right)^2 + \\ & \frac{1}{2} K \left( \sqrt{(w - (L1 * \cos(\arcsin(\frac{h}{L1})) + x))^2 + (y + h)^2} \right)^2 + \\ & \left( (w - (L1 * \cos(\arcsin(\frac{h}{L1})) + x))^2 - \sqrt{h^2 + (w - (L1 * \cos(\arcsin(\frac{h}{L1})))^2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The equation for theta is derived using assumptions 3-9. The fraction  $\frac{3t}{30}$  ensures that when  $t=30$ , the amplitude will be 3 radians. The variable  $t$  also causes  $\theta$  to increase at a linear rate. The frequency  $\frac{\pi}{3.75}$  is derived from the requirement of 4 oscillations before reaching 30 seconds.

$$H_1(x) = \frac{3t}{30} \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{3.75}\right) \{30 \leq x \leq 60\}$$

$$H_2(x) = -\left(\frac{3(t-60)}{30}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{3.75}\right) \{30 \leq x \leq 60\}$$

### Analysis:

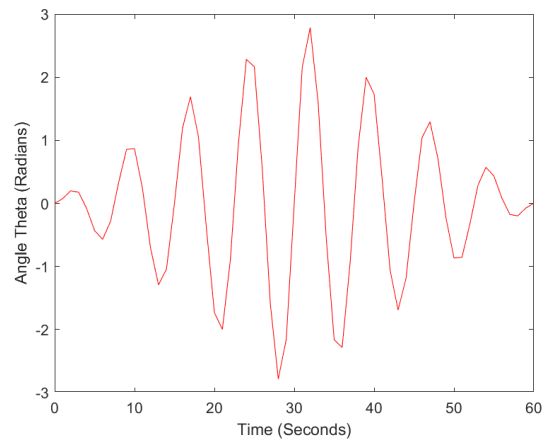


Figure 1. The periodic swings of the Evolution are modeled as a function of time.

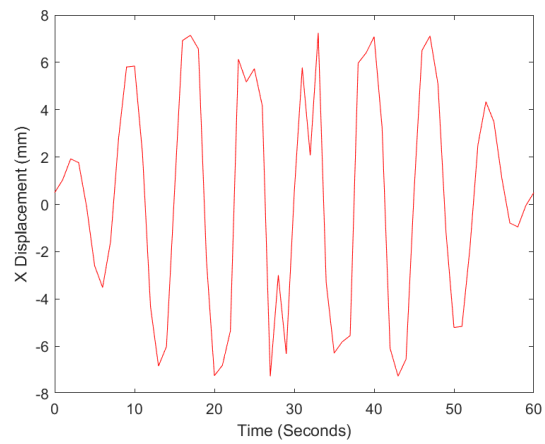


Figure 2. Eight peaks are counted which corresponds to the eight peaks of  $\theta$ .

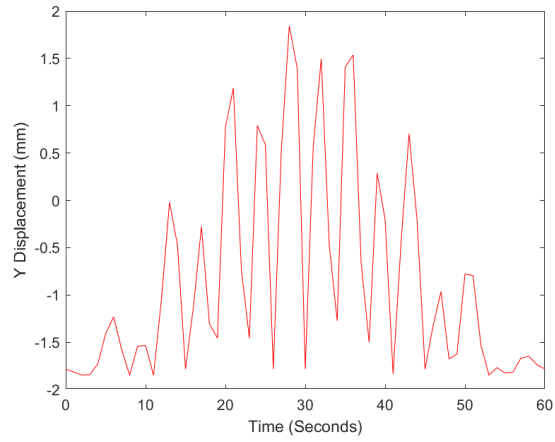


Figure 3. The Y Displacement peaks very frequently.

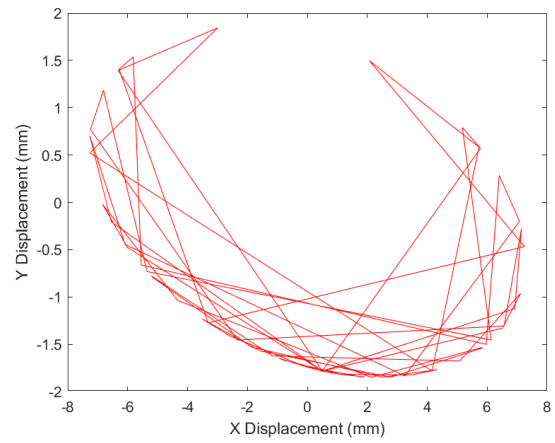


Figure 4. The cyclic displacement of the swing only goes up three radians. This is reflected in the oval shape because overall, the X Displacement is larger. If the Evolution's  $\theta$  made it a full  $3\pi$ , the overall shape should appear more circular.

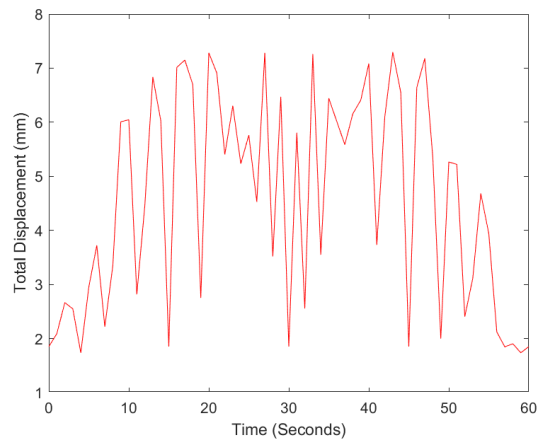


Figure 5. The Total Displacement peaks very frequently as a consequence of the Y displacement varying frequently.



