## Assignment 5

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a) Step 1.1 is already done. Therefore, let's carry out steps 1.2 to 1.5.

$$\underline{\omega}^{ca} = \underline{\omega}^{cb} + \underline{\omega}^{ba} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{1}_{2} \dot{\theta} + \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{1}_{3} \dot{\phi} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \left( \mathbf{1}_{2} \dot{\theta} + \mathbf{C}_{cb} \mathbf{1}_{3} \dot{\phi} \right) \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta) \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}, \\
\underline{\omega}_{c}^{ca \times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} & \dot{\theta} \\ \cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} & 0 & \sin(\theta) \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix}, \\
\underline{\psi}^{pw} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l \end{bmatrix}, \\
\underline{\psi}^{pw/a} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l \end{bmatrix}, \\
\underline{\psi}^{pw/a} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \omega_{c}^{ca \times \mathbf{r}} \mathbf{r}^{pw} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \omega_{c}^{ca \times \mathbf{r}} \mathbf{r}^{pw} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} & \dot{\theta} \\ \cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} & 0 & \sin(\theta) \dot{\phi} \\ -\dot{\theta} & -\sin(\theta) \dot{\phi} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l \end{bmatrix} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{c}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} l \dot{\theta} \\ l \sin(\theta) \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since we don't have constraints, we can now compute the different energies, i.e. steps 2.1 to 2.3:

$$T_{pw/a} = \frac{1}{2} m \underbrace{v}^{pw/a} \cdot \underbrace{v}^{pw/a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \mathbf{v}_{c}^{pw/a}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{v}_{c}^{pw/a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ l\dot{\theta} \quad l \sin(\theta)\dot{\phi} \quad 0 \right] \begin{bmatrix} l\dot{\theta} \\ l \sin(\theta)\dot{\phi} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^{2} (\dot{\theta}^{2} + \sin^{2}(\theta)\dot{\phi}^{2}).$$

$$U_{pw} = -m \underbrace{g} \cdot \underbrace{r}^{pw}$$

$$= -m \left[ 0 \quad 0 \quad -g \right] \begin{bmatrix} l \cos(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ l \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ l \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= mgl \cos(\theta).$$

$$L_{pw/a} = T_{pw/a} - U_{pw}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^{2} (\dot{\theta}^{2} + \sin^{2}(\theta)\dot{\phi}^{2}) - mgl \cos(\theta).$$

Since no external force is applied, we have

$$\boldsymbol{f} \triangleq \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}_{\phi} \\ \mathbf{f}_{\theta} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]. \tag{1}$$

Applying steps 4.1 and 4.2, we get:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \end{array} \right] \right) \\
= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} ml^2 \sin^2(\theta) \dot{\phi} & ml^2 \dot{\theta} \end{array} \right] \right) \\
= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} ml^2 \left\{ 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} + \sin^2(\theta) \ddot{\phi} \right\} & ml^2 \ddot{\theta} \end{array} \right] \\
= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} ml^2 \left\{ \sin(2\theta) \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} + \sin^2(\theta) \ddot{\phi} \right\} & ml^2 \ddot{\theta} \end{array} \right] , \tag{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \theta} \end{array} \right] \\
= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & ml^2 \dot{\phi}^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) + mgl \sin(\theta) \end{array} \right] \\
= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{1}{2} ml^2 \dot{\phi}^2 \sin(2\theta) + mgl \sin(\theta) \end{array} \right] . \tag{3}$$

Finally, since our generalized coordinates are unconstrained, we can apply the Lagrange's Equation for an Unconstrained Particle, i.e.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} - \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{f}. \tag{4}$$

Substituting (1), (2) and (3) into (4), we obtain the following set of differential equations:

$$ml^{2} \left\{ \sin(2\theta)\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} + \sin^{2}(\theta)\ddot{\phi} \right\} = 0,$$
  
$$ml^{2}\ddot{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}ml^{2}\dot{\phi}^{2}\sin(2\theta) - mgl\sin(\theta) = 0,$$

which can be further simplified as follows:

$$\sin^{2}(\theta)\ddot{\phi} + \sin(2\theta)\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} = 0,$$
$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^{2}\sin(2\theta) - \frac{g}{l}\sin(\theta) = 0.$$

To verify partly this result, we can see that if we set  $\dot{\phi} = \ddot{\phi} = 0$  and if we use  $\alpha = \pi - \theta$ , we obtain the following differential equation:

$$\ddot{\alpha} + \frac{g}{l}\sin(\alpha) = 0,$$

which is the equation describing the motion of a simple gravity pendulum of length l.

## **b)** Following the same procedure as in a):

$$\underline{r}^{pw} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} x_{a} \\ y_{a} \\ \sqrt{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}} \end{bmatrix}, 
\underline{v}^{pw/a} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{a} \\ \dot{y}_{a} \\ -\frac{x_{a}\dot{x}_{a} + y_{a}\dot{y}_{a}}{\sqrt{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}}} \end{bmatrix}, 
T_{pw/a} = \frac{1}{2}m \underbrace{v}^{pw/a} \cdot \underbrace{v}^{pw/a} \\ = \frac{1}{2}m \left( \dot{x}_{a}^{2} + \dot{y}_{a}^{2} + \frac{(x_{a}\dot{x}_{a} + y_{a}\dot{y}_{a})^{2}}{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}} \right), 
U_{pw} = -m \underbrace{g} \cdot \underline{r}^{pw} \\ = -m \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{a} \\ y_{a} \\ \sqrt{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}} \end{bmatrix} \\ = mg\sqrt{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}}, 
L_{pw/a} = T_{pw/a} - U_{pw} \\ = \frac{1}{2}m \left( \dot{x}_{a}^{2} + \dot{y}_{a}^{2} + \frac{(x_{a}\dot{x}_{a} + y_{a}\dot{y}_{a})^{2}}{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}} \right) - mg\sqrt{\ell^{2} - x_{a}^{2} - y_{a}^{2}}, 
\mathbf{f} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{x_{a}} \\ \mathbf{f}_{y_{a}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) &= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{x_a}} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{y_a}} \end{array} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} m \left\{ 2\dot{x}_a + 2x_a \frac{x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} \right\} & \frac{1}{2} m \left\{ 2\dot{y}_a + 2y_a \frac{x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} \right\} \end{array} \right] \right) \\ &= m \left[ \begin{array}{c} \ddot{x}_a + \frac{2x_a \dot{x}_a^2 + \dot{x}_a \dot{y}_a y_a + x_a^2 \ddot{x}_a + x_a \dot{y}_a^2 + x_a y_a \ddot{y}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} + 2x_a \frac{(x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a)^2}{(\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2)^2} \\ \ddot{y}_a + \frac{2y_a \dot{y}_a^2 + \dot{y}_a \dot{x}_a x_a + y_a \ddot{y}_a + y_a \dot{x}_a^2 + y_a x_a \ddot{x}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} + 2y_a \frac{(x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a)^2}{(\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2)^2} \end{array} \right]^\mathsf{T}, \\ \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial x_a} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial y_a} \\ \hline{\partial y_a} \end{array} \right] \\ = m \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{gx_a}{\sqrt{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2}} + \dot{x}_a \frac{x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} + x_a \frac{(x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a)^2}{(\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2)^2} \\ \hline{\frac{gy_a}{\sqrt{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2}}} + \dot{y}_a \frac{x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} + y_a \frac{(x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a)^2}{(\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2)^2} \end{array} \right]^\mathsf{T}. \end{split}$$

Finally, substituting everything into (4) and rearranging:

$$\ddot{x}_a + \frac{x_a \dot{x}_a^2 + x_a^2 \ddot{x}_a + x_a \dot{y}_a^2 + x_a y_a \ddot{y}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} + x_a \frac{(x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a)^2}{(\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2)^2} - \frac{g x_a}{\sqrt{\ell^2 - y_a^2 - y_a^2}} = 0,$$
 
$$\ddot{y}_a + \frac{y_a \dot{y}_a^2 + y_a^2 \ddot{y}_a + y_a \dot{x}_a^2 + y_a x_a \ddot{x}_a}{\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2} + y_a \frac{(x_a \dot{x}_a + y_a \dot{y}_a)^2}{(\ell^2 - x_a^2 - y_a^2)^2} - \frac{g y_a}{\sqrt{\ell^2 - y_a^2 - y_a^2}} = 0.$$

## **c)** As in a) and b):

$$\begin{split} & \underline{\mathcal{T}}^{pw} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_{a} \\ y_{a} \\ z_{a} \end{array} \right], \\ & \underline{\mathcal{V}}^{pw/a} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \dot{x}_{a} \\ \dot{y}_{a} \\ \dot{z}_{a} \end{array} \right], \\ & T_{pw/a} = \frac{1}{2} m \, \underline{\mathcal{V}}^{pw/a} \cdot \underline{\mathcal{V}}^{pw/a} = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \dot{x}_{a}^{2} + \dot{y}_{a}^{2} + \dot{z}_{a}^{2} \right), \\ & U_{pw} = -m \, \underline{\mathcal{J}} \cdot \underline{\mathcal{T}}^{pw} = -m \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & -g \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_{a} \\ y_{a} \\ z_{a} \end{array} \right] = mgz_{a}, \\ & L_{pw/a} = T_{pw/a} - U_{pw} = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \dot{x}_{a}^{2} + \dot{y}_{a}^{2} + \dot{z}_{a}^{2} \right) - mgz_{a}, \\ & f \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}_{x_{a}} \\ \mathbf{f}_{y_{a}} \\ \mathbf{f}_{z_{a}} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]. \\ & \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{x}_{a}} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{y}_{a}} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial z_{a}} \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} m\ddot{x}_{a} & m\ddot{y}_{a} & m\ddot{z}_{a} \end{array} \right], \\ & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial x_{a}} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial y_{a}} & \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial z_{a}} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & -mg \end{array} \right]. \end{split}$$

However, we know have a holonomic constraint:

$$\phi(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{q} - \ell^2 = x_a^2 + y_a^2 + z_a^2 - \ell^2 = 0.$$

Defining the quantities

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{\Xi} \, &\triangleq \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial x_a} & \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial y_a} & \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial z_a} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 2x_a & 2y_a & 2z_a \end{array} \right], \\ \Xi_t \, &\triangleq \, \frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial t} = 0, \end{split}$$

we can write the rate form of the constraint as follows:

$$\Xi \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \Xi_t = 2x_a \dot{x}_a + 2y_a \dot{y}_a + 2z_a \dot{z}_a = 0. \tag{5}$$

This gives us the first differential equation of motion. To get the others, we apply the Lagrange's Equation for a Constraint System of Particles ( $\lambda$  is a scalar since we only have 1 contraint):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} - \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{f} + \lambda \mathbf{\Xi}^{\mathsf{T}}. \tag{6}$$

After substitution, we obtain three additional differential equations:

$$m\ddot{x}_a = 2\lambda x_a,\tag{7}$$

$$m\ddot{y}_a = 2\lambda y_a,\tag{8}$$

$$m\ddot{z}_a + mg = 2\lambda z_a. \tag{9}$$

Together, (7), (8), (9) and (5) describe the motion of p.

(i)

Equations (7), (8) and (9) can be rewritten in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{q}} - \lambda \mathbf{\Xi}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{non}},\tag{10}$$

where

$$\mathbf{M} = m\mathbf{1}, \qquad \mathbf{\Xi}^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_a \\ 2y_a \\ 2z_a \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{non}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix}.$$

Moreover, taking the time derivative of (5),

$$\mathbf{\Xi}\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \dot{\mathbf{\Xi}}\mathbf{q} + \dot{\mathbf{\Xi}}_t = \mathbf{0}.\tag{11}$$

We can combine (10) and (11) in matrix form to obtain

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{M} & -\mathbf{\Xi}^\mathsf{T} \\ -\mathbf{\Xi} & \mathbf{0} \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} \\ \lambda \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{non}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{\Xi}}\mathbf{q} + \dot{\mathbf{\Xi}}_t \end{array}\right].$$

I can be shown that the left-hand side matrix is nonsingular, and therefore the equation can be solved for  $\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} & \lambda \end{bmatrix}^\mathsf{T}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} & -\mathbf{\Xi}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ -\mathbf{\Xi} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{non}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{\Xi}}\mathbf{q} + \dot{\Xi}_t \end{bmatrix} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \\ \mathbf{f}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives us a direct equation for the Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$ . Plus, in order to solve for  $\mathbf{q}$  versus time, we can numerically integrate the equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}),$$

where

$$x \triangleq \left[ \begin{array}{c} q \\ \dot{q} \end{array} \right], \qquad f(x) \triangleq \left[ \begin{array}{c} \dot{q} \\ f_{\ddot{q}}(q,\dot{q}) \end{array} \right].$$

(ii)

Writing

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_a \\ y_a \\ z_a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l\cos(\phi)\sin(\theta) \\ l\sin(\phi)\sin(\theta) \\ l\cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

and taking the time derivative on both sides, we obtain the following:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_a \\ \dot{y}_a \\ \dot{z}_a \end{bmatrix} \\
= \begin{bmatrix} l\{\cos(\phi)\cos(\theta)\dot{\theta} - \sin(\phi)\sin(\theta)\dot{\phi}\} \\ l\{\sin(\phi)\cos(\theta)\dot{\theta} + \cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\dot{\phi}\} \\ -l\sin(\theta)\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} \\
= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -l\sin(\phi)\sin(\theta) & l\cos(\phi)\cos(\theta) \\ l\cos(\phi)\sin(\theta) & l\sin(\phi)\cos(\theta) \\ 0 & -l\sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{\hat{q}}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{\hat{q}}}.$$
(12)

Using this definition, we have

$$\dot{\mathbf{\Upsilon}} = \begin{bmatrix} -l\{\cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\dot{\phi} + \cos(\theta)\sin(\phi)\dot{\theta}\} & -l\{\cos(\theta)\sin(\phi)\dot{\phi} + \cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\dot{\theta}\} \\ l\{-\sin(\phi)\sin(\theta)\dot{\phi} + \cos(\phi)\cos(\theta)\dot{\theta}\} & l\{\cos(\phi)\cos(\theta)\dot{\phi} - \sin(\phi)\sin(\theta)\dot{\theta}\} \\ 0 & -l\cos(\theta)\dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Substituting (12) into (10) and premultiplying by  $\Upsilon^{\mathsf{T}}$ , it yields

$$\Upsilon^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{M} \Upsilon \ddot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} + \Upsilon^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{M} \dot{\Upsilon} \dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}} = \Upsilon^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{non}}, \tag{13}$$

where we used the fact that  $\Upsilon^{\mathsf{T}}\Xi^{\mathsf{T}}=\mathbf{0}$ . Developing (13) and simplifying, we get

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc} ml^2 \sin^2(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & ml^2 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \ddot{\phi} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{cc} ml^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \dot{\theta} & ml^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} \\ -ml^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \dot{\phi} & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ mgl \sin(\theta) \end{array} \right].$$

Using the trigonometric identity  $\sin(x)\cos(x) = \frac{1}{2}\sin(2x)$  and dividing on both side by  $ml^2$ , we obtain the same two differential equations as in a):

$$\sin^{2}(\theta)\ddot{\phi} + \sin(2\theta)\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} = 0,$$
  
$$\ddot{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^{2}\sin(2\theta) - \frac{g}{l}\sin(\theta) = 0.$$

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a) First, the DCM and the angular velocity between  $\mathcal{F}_a$  and  $\mathcal{F}_b$  are given by:

$$\mathbf{C}_{ba} = \mathbf{C}_{bq} \mathbf{C}_{qa} = \mathbf{C}_{2}(\theta) \mathbf{C}_{3}(\gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & \sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ -\sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) \cos(\gamma) & \cos(\theta) \sin(\gamma) & -\sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) \cos(\gamma) & \sin(\theta) \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\underline{\omega}^{ba} = \underline{\omega}^{bq} + \underline{\omega}^{qa} = \underline{\mathcal{F}}_b \mathbf{1}_2 \dot{\theta} + \underline{\mathcal{F}}_a \mathbf{1}_3 \dot{\gamma} 
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_b \left( \mathbf{1}_2 \dot{\theta} + \mathbf{C}_{ba} \mathbf{1}_3 \dot{\gamma} \right) 
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_b \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{\gamma} \sin(\theta) \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\gamma} \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next,

$$\underline{r}^{pw} = \underline{r}^{pc} + \underline{r}^{cw} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b} \mathbf{1}_{3} r + \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{a} \mathbf{r}^{cw}_{a}, \\
\underline{v}^{pw/a} = \underline{r}^{pw^{\bullet a}} = \underline{r}^{pc^{\bullet a}} + \underline{\underline{r}^{cw^{\bullet a}}}_{0} = \underline{\underline{r}^{pc^{\bullet b}}}_{0} + \underline{\omega}^{ba} \times \underline{r}^{pc} \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b} \left( \omega_{b}^{ba^{\times}} \mathbf{r}^{pc}_{b} \right) \\
= \underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} r \\ r \dot{\gamma} \sin(\theta) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The kinetic and potential energy become

$$\begin{split} T_{pw/a} &= \frac{1}{2} m \underbrace{\overset{pw/a}{\bigvee}}^{pw/a} \cdot \underbrace{\overset{pw/a}{\bigvee}}^{pw/a} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m \mathbf{v}_b^{pw/a^\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{v}_b^{pw/a} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \dot{\theta} r & r \dot{\gamma} \sin(\theta) & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \dot{\theta} r \\ r \dot{\gamma} \sin(\theta) \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m \left( \dot{\theta}^2 r^2 + r^2 \dot{\gamma}^2 \sin^2(\theta) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{cc} \dot{\theta} & \dot{\gamma} \end{array} \right]}_{\dot{\mathbf{q}}^\mathsf{T}} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{cc} mr^2 & 0 \\ 0 & mr^2 \sin^2(\theta) \end{array} \right]}_{\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})} \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{cc} \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\gamma} \end{array} \right]}_{\dot{\mathbf{q}}}. \end{split}$$

$$U_{pw} = -m \underbrace{g} \cdot \underbrace{r}_{pw}^{pw}$$

$$= mg \left(\mathbf{C}_{ba}\mathbf{1}_{3}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{r}_{b}^{pc} + \mathbf{C}_{ba}\mathbf{r}_{a}^{cw}\right)$$

$$= mg \left(\mathbf{1}_{3}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C}_{ba}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{r}_{b}^{pc} + \mathbf{1}_{3}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C}_{ba}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C}_{ba}\mathbf{r}_{a}^{cw}\right)$$

$$= mg \left(r\mathbf{1}_{3}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C}_{ba}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{1}_{3} + \mathbf{1}_{3}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{r}_{a}^{cw}\right)$$

$$= mgr \cos(\theta) + mg\mathbf{1}_{3}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{r}_{a}^{cw}.$$

And finally,

$$L_{pw/a} = T_{pw/a} - U_{pw} = \frac{1}{2}m\left(\dot{\theta}^2 r^2 + r^2 \dot{\gamma}^2 \sin^2(\theta)\right) - mgr\cos(\theta) - mg\mathbf{1}_3^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{r}_a^{cw}.$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial T_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) 
= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \dot{\mathbf{q}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}) \right) 
= \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \left[ mr^{2}\dot{\theta} & mr^{2}\dot{\gamma}\sin^{2}(\theta) \right] \right) 
= \left[ mr^{2}\ddot{\theta} & mr^{2}(\ddot{\gamma}\sin^{2}(\theta) + 2\dot{\gamma}\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)\dot{\theta}) \right], \tag{14}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} = \begin{bmatrix} mr^2 \dot{\gamma}^2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) + mgr \sin(\theta) & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{15}$$

Since the generalized coordinates are not constrained and no external forces is applied on the particle, the Lagrange's Equation can be written as follows:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right)^{\mathsf{T}} - \frac{\partial L_{pw/a}}{\partial \mathbf{q}}^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{0}. \tag{16}$$

Substituting (14) and (15) into (16), we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} mr^2\ddot{\theta} - mr^2\dot{\gamma}^2\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta) - mgr\sin(\theta) \\ mr^2(\ddot{\gamma}\sin^2(\theta) + 2\dot{\gamma}\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)\dot{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which can be rewritten as follows

$$\underbrace{ \begin{bmatrix} mr^2 & 0 \\ 0 & mr^2\sin^2(\theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})} \underbrace{ \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}}_{\ddot{\mathbf{q}}} = \underbrace{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}mr^2\dot{\gamma}^2\sin(2\theta) + mgr\sin(\theta) \\ -mr^2\dot{\gamma}\dot{\theta}\sin(2\theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{f}_{non}(\mathbf{q},\dot{\mathbf{q}})}$$

c) Let's define  $\mathbf{x}$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{x} = \left[ egin{array}{c} \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}} \end{array} 
ight], \qquad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \left[ egin{array}{c} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{q}} \end{array} 
ight]$$

so that we can describe the particle's motion with the following first order DE:

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \qquad f(q,\dot{q}) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \dot{q} \\ M^{-1}(q) f_{\mathit{non}}(q,\dot{q}) \end{array} \right]$$

See the following MATLAB code for the numerical integration and the verification. The mechanical energy of the system should remain constant (neglecting the numerical errors).