

# Theoretical Mechanics: Week Homework 7

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## 1 Link

Link to the github repository containing all the materials Colab

## 2 Task 1

## 3 Tools used for the task

Python (sympy, scipy). Simulink

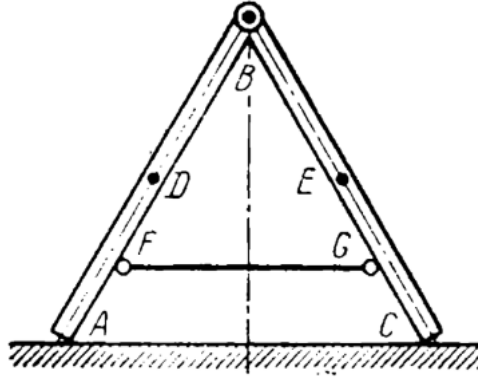
### 3.1 Task Description

A step ladder  $ABC$ , hinged at  $B$ , rests on a smooth horizontal floor, as shown on the figure.  $AB = BC = 2l$ .

The centres of gravity are at the midpoints  $D$  and  $E$  of the rods. The radius of gyration of each part of the ladder about the axis passing through the center of gravity is  $p$ .

The distance between  $B$  and the floor is  $h$ . At the certain moment the ladder collapses due to the rupture of a ling  $FG$  between the two halves of the ladder. Neglecting the effect of friction in the hinge, determine:

1. the velocity  $v_1$  of the point  $B$  at the moment, when it hits the floor;
2. the velocity  $v_2$  of point  $B$  at the moment, when it is at a distance  $\frac{1}{2}h$  from the floor.

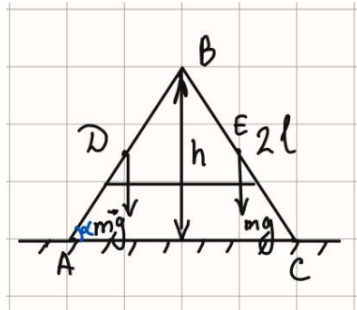


### 3.2 Task Explanation

**Research object:** A system of 2 rods: rod 1 and rod 2

**Motion:** rod 1 - rotational and plane motions, rod 2 - rotational and plane motions

**Force analysis:**  $G_1 = m_1g$ ,  $G_2 = m_2g$



**Solution:**

$$T = A, \text{ where } T = \sum T_i, A = \sum A_i$$

$$T = T_1 + T_2 = 2T_1 \text{ (due to the system's symmetry)}$$

$$T_1 = \frac{mv_d^2}{2} + \frac{J\omega^2}{2} = \frac{mv_d^2}{2} + \frac{m\rho^2\omega^2}{2}$$

(plane motion and rotational motion)

$$v_d^2 = \dot{y}_d^2 + \dot{x}_d^2$$

$$y_d = l \sin(\alpha)$$

$$\dot{y}_d = l\dot{\alpha} \cos(\alpha)$$

$$x_d = l \cos(\alpha)$$

$$\dot{x}_d = -l\dot{\alpha} \sin(\alpha)$$

$$\dot{\alpha} = \omega = \dot{\alpha} = \frac{v_b}{2l \cos \alpha}$$

$$V_d^2 = (l \cos(\alpha) \dot{\alpha})^2 + (-l \sin(\alpha) \dot{\alpha})^2 = l^2 (\dot{\alpha})^2 = l \omega^2$$

$$V_d^2 = l^2 \omega^2 = l^2 \cdot \frac{v_b^2}{4l^2 \cos^2(\alpha)}$$

$$T_{\text{rot}} = \frac{J \omega^2}{2} = \frac{m \rho^2 \omega^2}{2} = \frac{m \rho^2}{2} \frac{V_b^2}{4l^2 \cos^2(\alpha)}$$

$$T_1 = T + T_{\text{rot}} = \frac{m V_d^2}{2} + \frac{J \omega^2}{2} = \frac{m V_b^2}{2 \cdot 4 \cos^2(\alpha)} + \frac{m \rho^2 V_b^2}{2 \cdot 4l^2 \cos^2(\alpha)}$$

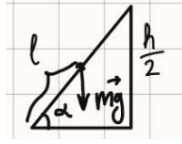
$$T_{\text{tot}} = 2T_1 = 2\left(\frac{m V_b^2}{2 \cdot 4 \cos^2(\alpha)} + \frac{m \rho^2 V_b^2}{2 \cdot 4l^2 \cos^2(\alpha)}\right) = \frac{m V_b^2}{4 \cos^2(\alpha)} + \frac{m \rho^2 V_b^2}{4l^2 \cos^2(\alpha)}$$

**Work:**

2 gravitational forces do the work ( $G_1$  of a rod 1 and  $G_2$  of a rod 2).

Due to the symmetry:

$$A_{\text{tot}} = 2A_G = 2mg\Delta h = 2mg\left(\frac{h}{2} - l \sin(\alpha)\right)$$



1. When B hits the floor,  $\alpha = 0$ , so  $A_{\text{tot}} = 2mg\frac{h}{2} = mgh$

For  $\alpha = 0$  we have:  $\cos(\alpha) = 1$ ,  $\sin(\alpha) = 0$ .

$$\frac{m V_b^2}{4 \cos^2(\alpha)} + \frac{m \rho^2 V_b^2}{4l^2 \cos^2(\alpha)} = mgh$$

$$\frac{m V_b^2}{4 \cdot 1} \left(1 + \frac{\rho^2}{l^2}\right) = mgh$$

$$\frac{V_b^2}{4} \left(\frac{l^2 + \rho^2}{l^2}\right) = gh$$

$$V_b = \sqrt{\frac{4l^2 gh}{l^2 + \rho^2}} = 2l \sqrt{\frac{gh}{l^2 + \rho^2}}$$

$$\text{So, } V_b = 2l \sqrt{\frac{gh}{l^2 + \rho^2}}$$

2. When B is at the distance  $\frac{1}{2}h$  from the floor.

$$\sin(\alpha) = \frac{\frac{h}{2}}{2l} = \frac{h}{4l}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \cos(\alpha)^2 = 1 - \sin(\alpha)^2 = \frac{16l^2 - h^2}{16l^2}$$

$$\frac{mV_b^2}{4 \cdot \frac{16l^2 - h^2}{16l^2}} \left( \frac{\rho^2 + l^2}{l^2} \right) = 2mg \left( \frac{h}{2} - l \sin(\alpha) \right)$$

$$\frac{mV_b^2}{\frac{16l^2 - h^2}{4l^2}} \left( \frac{\rho^2 + l^2}{l^2} \right) = 2mg \left( \frac{h}{2} - l \frac{h}{4l} \right)$$

$$\frac{4mV_b^2(l^2 + \rho^2)}{16l^2 - h^2} = \frac{mgh}{2}$$

$$\frac{4V_b^2(l^2 + \rho^2)}{16l^2 - h^2} = \frac{gh}{2}$$

$$V_b = \sqrt{\frac{gh(16l^2 - h^2)}{2 \cdot 4(l^2 + \rho^2)}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{gh(16l^2 - h^2)}{2(l^2 + \rho^2)}}$$

$$\text{So, } V_b = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{gh(16l^2 - h^2)}{2(l^2 + \rho^2)}}$$

**Answer:**

- 1.

$$V_b = 2l \sqrt{\frac{gh}{l^2 + \rho^2}}$$

- 2.

$$V_b = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{gh(16l^2 - h^2)}{2(l^2 + \rho^2)}}$$

## 4 Task 2

### 4.1 Task Description

You should solve this problem using:

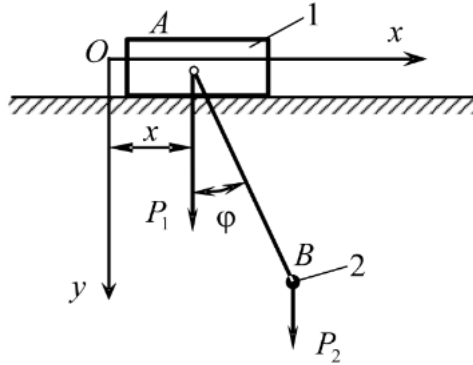
1. **Newton-Euler** method;
2. Model-oriented design applications (*SimInTech*, or MATLAB Simulink).

**Tasks**

1. To derive a differential equation of the motion, using **Newton-Euler** approach.
2. To create plots  $x(t)$ ,  $\phi(t)$ ,  $\dot{x}(t)$ ,  $\dot{\phi}(t)$ .
3. To make a simulation of this system. Show velocities and accelerations for 1, 2 bodies (coding approach).

#### Artifacts

1. Report in *.pdf* or in *.md*.
2. For **Newton-Euler** method — code, GIFs, plots.
3. For **SimInTech** — *.prt*, for **Simulink** — *.slx* file which contains a description of the system, GIFs, plots.



## 4.2 Task Explanation

**Research object:** A system of 2 bodies: cart and pole

**Motion:** A cart - plane motion, pole - rotational motion

**Force analysis:**  $G_1 = m_1g$ ,  $G_2 = m_2g$ ,  $T$ ,  $N$ ,  $m_2\ddot{x}$  - inertial force

**Solution:**

(1) Cart:

$$\begin{cases} \text{X: } -T_x - m_1\ddot{x} = 0 \\ \text{Y: } N = G_1 + T_y \end{cases}$$

(2) Pole:

$$\begin{cases} \text{X: } T_x = m_2a_{2x} + m_2\ddot{x} \\ \text{Y: } T_y - G_2 = m_2a_{2y} \end{cases}$$

$$J\epsilon = J\ddot{\phi} = -G_2l \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi\right) - m_2\ddot{x}l \cos(\phi)$$

Acceleration of the pole  $\vec{a}_2$  is the sum of tangential and centripetal acceleration:

$$\vec{a}_2 = \ddot{\phi}^2 \cdot l + \ddot{\phi} \cdot l$$

Projections of  $veca_2$  are the following:

$$a_{2x} = -\dot{\phi}^2 l \sin(\phi) + \ddot{\phi} l \cos(\phi)$$

$$a_{2y} = \dot{\phi}^2 l \cos(\phi) + \ddot{\phi} l \sin(\phi)$$

So,

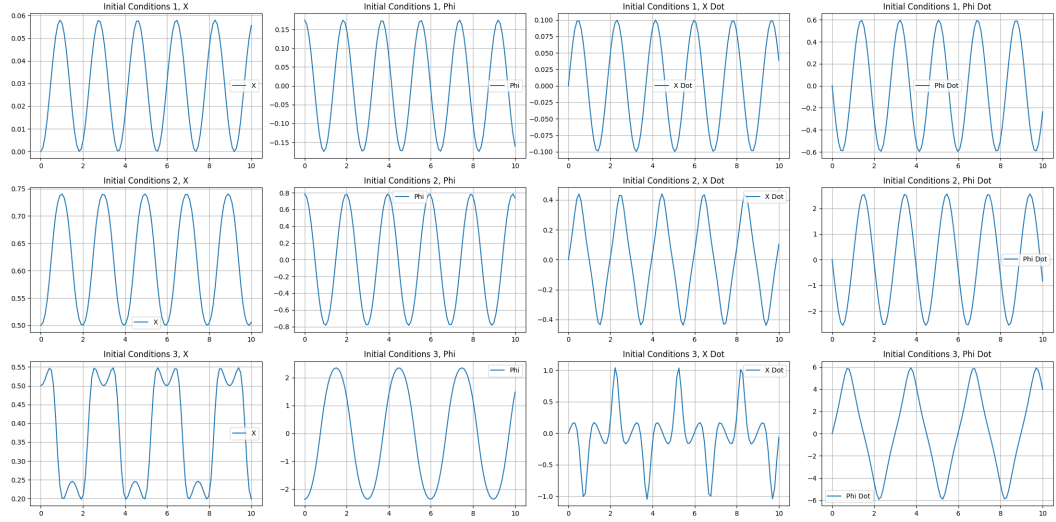
$$\begin{cases} -T_x - m_1 \ddot{x} = 0 \\ N = G_1 + T_y \\ T_x = m_2(-\dot{\phi}^2 l \sin(\phi) + \ddot{\phi} l \cos(\phi)) + m_2 \ddot{x} \\ T_y - G_2 = m_2(\dot{\phi}^2 l \cos(\phi) + \ddot{\phi} l \sin(\phi)) \\ J\ddot{\phi} = -G_2 l \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi) - m_2 \ddot{x} l \cos(\phi) \end{cases}$$

Or:

$$\begin{cases} -T_x - m_1 \ddot{x} = 0 \\ N = m_1 g + T_y \\ T_x = m_2(-\dot{\phi}^2 l \sin(\phi) + \ddot{\phi} l \cos(\phi)) + m_2 \ddot{x} \\ T_y - m_2 g = m_2(\dot{\phi}^2 l \cos(\phi) + \ddot{\phi} l \sin(\phi)) \\ J\ddot{\phi} = -m_2 g l \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \phi) - m_2 \ddot{x} l \cos(\phi) \end{cases}$$

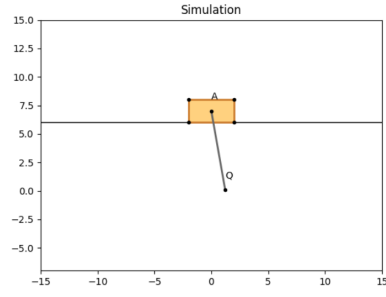
Solving the system computationally will provide us with the results below.

### 4.3 Plots

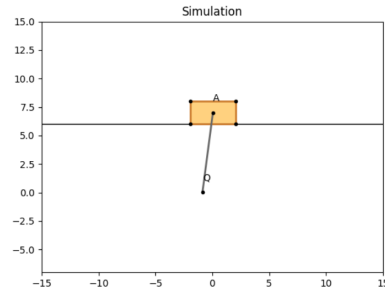


## 4.4 Simulation

**Initial condition 1:**  $\phi = 10^\circ$ ,  $x = 0$

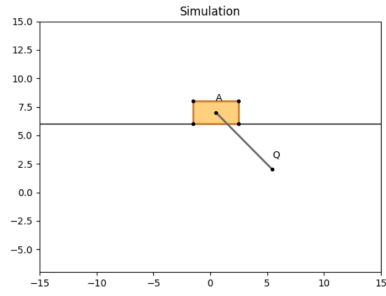


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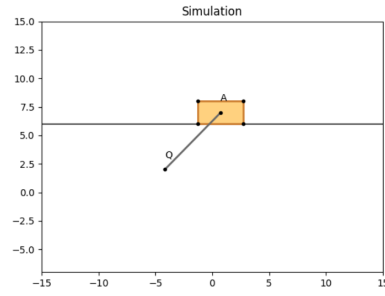


(b)

**Initial condition 2:**  $\phi = 45^\circ$ ,  $x = 0.5$

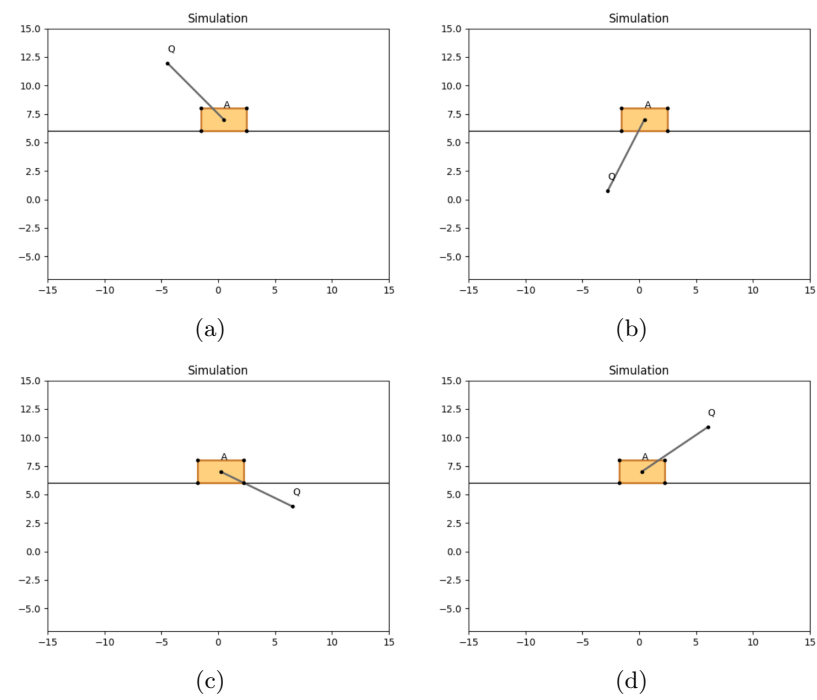


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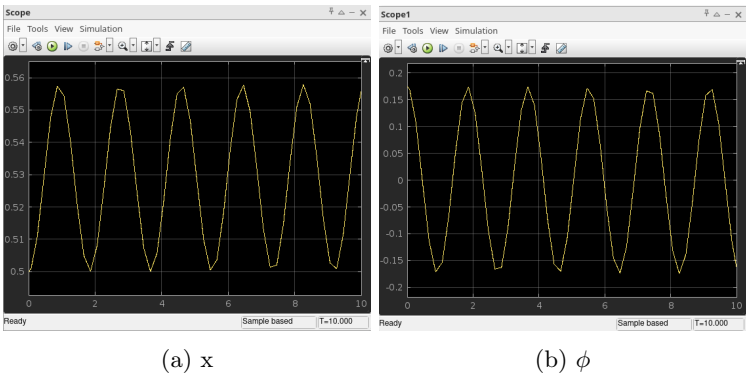
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**Initial condition 3:**  $\phi = -135^\circ$ ,  $x = 0.5$



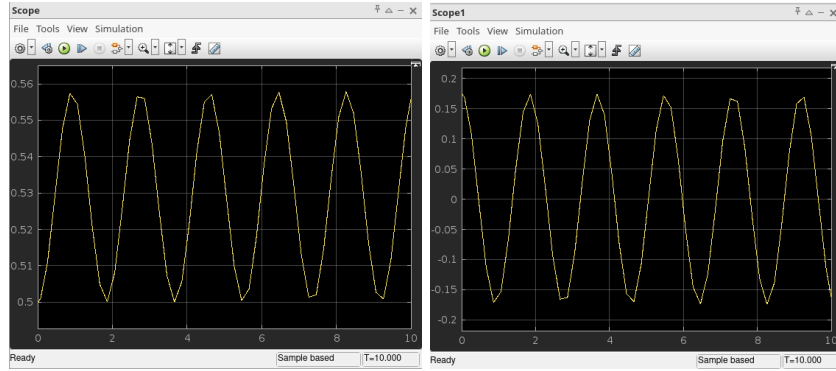
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**Initial condition 1:**  $\phi = 10^\circ$ ,  $x = 0$





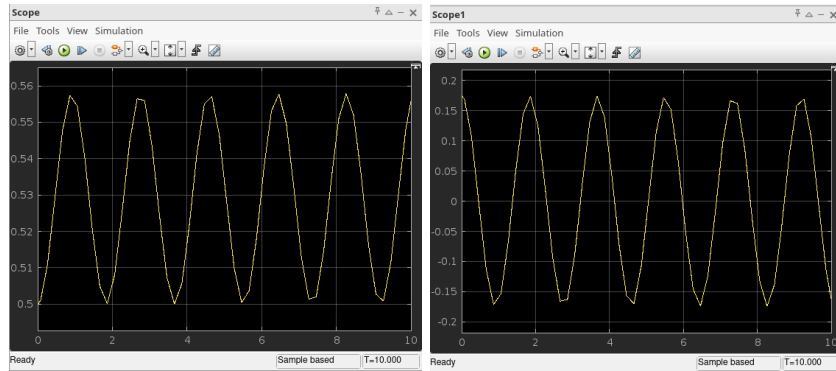
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(a)  $x$

(b)  $\phi$

**Initial condition 3:**  $\phi = -135^\circ$ ,  $x = 0.5$



(a)  $x$

(b)  $\phi$

The plots approximately coincide with those obtained using the coding method.