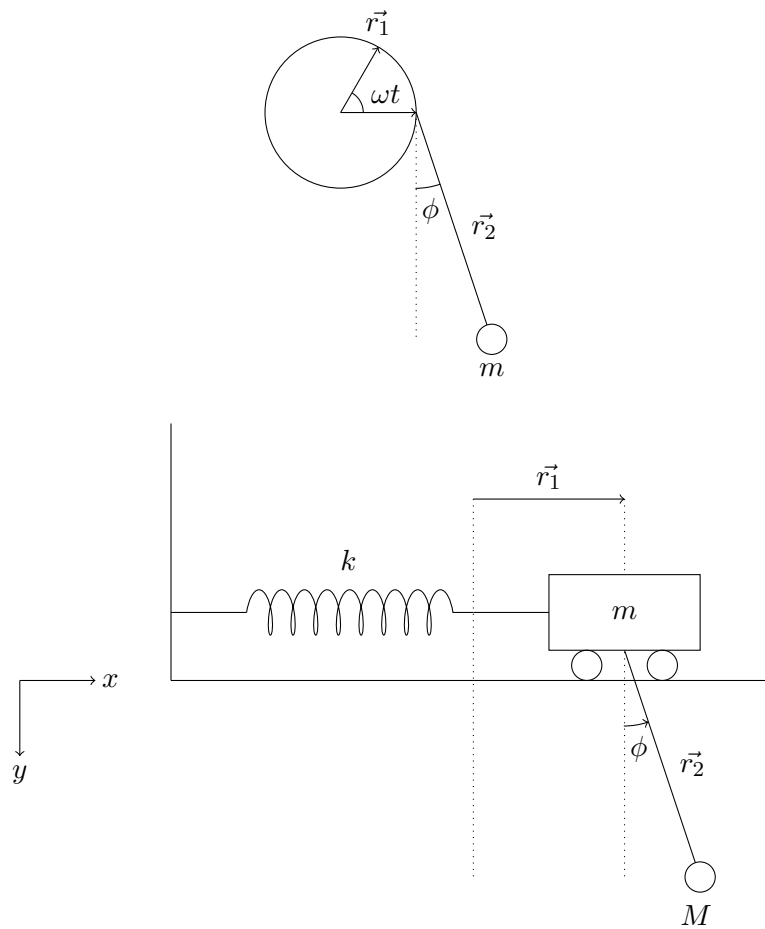


# AMATH 271 Final Project: Brachistochrone

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1. Example diagrams:



Example Python code:

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# Prints example twice
for i in [0, 1]:
    print("example")
#
#
#
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So, using Python, we solve:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \phi \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \frac{ML\dot{\phi}\sin(\phi) - kx + Mg\sin(\phi)\cos(\phi)}{(m+M) - M\cos^2(\phi)} \\ \frac{M^2L\dot{\phi}^2\cos(\phi)\sin(\phi) - Mkx\cos(\phi) + (m+M)Mg\sin(\phi)}{M^2L\cos^2(\phi) - (m+M)ML} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $m = 1, M = 1, L = 1, g = 1$ , and  $k = 2$  are the given parameters.