

FYS3120 Classical Mechanics and
Electrodynamics

Problem set 4

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Problem 1

a)

- $K = \frac{1}{2}I\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{b}{2}\frac{1}{3}mb^2\dot{\theta}^2$, $V = -mb\frac{b}{2}\cos\theta$
- $L = K - V = \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{3}mb^2\dot{\theta}^2 + mb\frac{b}{2}\cos\theta$
- $\frac{dL}{dt}(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}}) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{3}mb^2\ddot{\theta} + mg\frac{b}{2}\sin\theta = \ddot{\theta} + \frac{3g}{2b}\sin\theta = 0$
- harmonic oscillator google

Problem 2

a)

- $K = \frac{1}{2}m_1\dot{\vec{r}}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2\dot{\vec{r}}_2^2$, $V = |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|c$, where c is a constant.
- $L = K - V = \frac{1}{2}m_1\dot{\vec{r}}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2\dot{\vec{r}}_2^2 - V(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$

b) $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$, $\vec{R} = \alpha_1\vec{r}_1 + \alpha_2\vec{r}_2$, $\alpha_1 = \frac{m_1}{m_1+m_2}$, $\alpha_2 = \frac{m_2}{m_1+m_2}$