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Problem set 8  
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1. Given that  $\ddot{\theta} = -\omega^2 \sin \theta$ . Let  $f(\theta) = -\omega^2 \sin \theta$  Now

$$f(\theta) \approx f(\theta_0) + \left. \frac{d}{d\theta} f(\theta) \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} (\theta - \theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} f(\theta) \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

Given that  $\theta_0 = \pi$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &\approx f(\pi) + \left. \frac{d}{d\theta} f(\theta) \right|_{\theta=\pi} (\theta - \pi) + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} f(\theta) \right|_{\theta=\pi} (\theta - \pi)^2 \\ &= -\omega^2 \sin \pi + (-\omega^2 \cos \pi)(\theta - \pi) + \frac{1}{2} (\omega^2 \sin \pi)(\theta - \pi)^2 \\ &= -\omega^2 \cos(\pi)(\theta - \pi) \\ &= \omega^2(\theta - \pi) \end{aligned}$$

(a) Putting  $\theta = \pi + \phi$  we get

$$\dot{\theta} = \dot{\phi} \implies \ddot{\theta} = \ddot{\phi}$$

Hence

$$f(\theta) = f(\pi + \phi) = \omega^2(\pi + \phi - \pi) = \omega^2 \phi = \frac{g}{l} \phi$$

Therefore we get

$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{g}{l} \phi$$

(b) Suppose the solution of the equation  $\ddot{\phi} = \omega^2 \phi$  will be proportional to  $e^{\lambda t}$  for some real number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\phi = e^{\lambda t}$ . Therefore

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} (e^{\lambda t} - \omega^2 e^{\lambda t}) \implies \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - \omega^2 e^{\lambda t} = 0 \implies (\omega + \lambda)(\omega - \lambda) e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

As  $e^{\lambda t} \neq 0$  the solutions of  $\lambda$  are  $\omega$  and  $-\omega$ .

Hence the linearly solutions for  $\phi$  are  $c_1 e^{\omega t}$  and  $c_2 e^{-\omega t}$  where  $c_1, c_2$  are two real numbers. Hence the general solution of  $\phi$  is

$$\phi(t) = c_1 e^{\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} t} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} t}$$

Now  $\phi(0) = c_1 + c_2$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) = \omega(c_1 - c_2)$  hence  $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi(0) + \frac{\dot{\phi}(0)}{\omega})$  and  $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi(0) - \frac{\dot{\phi}(0)}{\omega})$ .

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where  $c_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi(0) + \frac{\dot{\phi}(0)}{\omega})$  and  $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi(0) - \frac{\dot{\phi}(0)}{\omega})$ .

(c)  $\phi$  is positive when it rotates counter-clock wise and negative when it rotates clockwise. Therefore

- When  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$  we have  $\phi(0) = \dot{\phi}(0) = 0$ . Hence  $\theta(t) = \pi$  for all  $t$ . Hence it is a static solution.
- When  $c_1 = 0, c_2 > 0$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and it is decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise and approaches  $\phi = 0$  but never reaches it in finite time.
- When  $c_1 = 0, c_2 < 0$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and it is increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise and approaches  $\phi = 0$  but never reaches it in finite time.

- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 = 0$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and it is increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise.
- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0$  and  $c_1 = c_2$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) = 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and the bob will start rotating counter-clockwise
- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0$  and  $c_1 > c_2$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and it is increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise.
- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0$  and  $c_1 < c_2$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and it is decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise and eventually angle becomes negative.
- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 < 0$  and  $|c_1| = |c_2|$  we have  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is zero and it keeps increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise.
- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 < 0$  and  $|c_1| > |c_2|$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and it keeps increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise.
- When  $c_1 > 0, c_2 < 0$  and  $|c_1| < |c_2|$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and it keeps increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise and eventually angle becomes positive.
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 = 0$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and it is decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise.
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 > 0$  and  $|c_1| = |c_2|$  we have  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is zero and it is decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise.
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 > 0$  and  $|c_1| > |c_2|$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and it is decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise.
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 > 0$  and  $|c_1| < |c_2|$  we have  $\phi(0) > 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is positive and it is decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise and eventually angle becomes negative.
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 < 0$  and  $c_1 = c_2$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) = 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and the bob will start rotating clockwise
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 < 0$  and  $c_1 > c_2$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) > 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and it keeps increasing i.e. the bob is rotating counter-clockwise and eventually angle becomes positive.
- When  $c_1 < 0, c_2 < 0$  and  $c_1 < c_2$  we have  $\phi(0) < 0$  and  $\dot{\phi}(0) < 0$ . Hence initial angle is negative and it keeps decreasing i.e. the bob is rotating clockwise.

2. (a) Gravitational Forces acting between

- point masses  $m_e, m_m$  is  $\frac{G m_e m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m|^2}$
- point masses  $m_e, m_s$  is  $\frac{G m_e m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s|^2}$
- point masses  $m_m, m_s$  is  $\frac{G m_m m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s|^2}$

Hence for the particle with mass  $m_e$  Newton's 2nd law equations of motion is

$$m_e \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_e = -\frac{G m_e m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m|^3}(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m) - \frac{G m_e m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s|^3}(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_e = \frac{G m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m|^3}(\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_e) + \frac{G m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s|^3}(\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_e)$$

For the particle with mass  $m_m$  Newton's 2nd law equations of motion is

$$\begin{aligned} m_m \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_m &= -\frac{G m_m m_e}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_e|^2}(\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_e) - \frac{G m_m m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s|^2}(\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s) \\ \Rightarrow \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_m &= \frac{G m_e}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_e|^2}(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m) + \frac{G m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s|^2}(\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_m) \end{aligned}$$

For the particle with mass  $m_s$  Newton's 2nd law equations of motion is

$$\begin{aligned} m_s \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_s &= -\frac{G m_s m_e}{|\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_e|^2}(\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_e) - \frac{G m_s m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_m|^2}(\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_m) \\ \Rightarrow \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_s &= \frac{G m_e}{|\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_e|^2}(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s) + \frac{G m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_m|^2}(\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Now

$$\begin{aligned} m_e \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_e + m_m \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_m + m_s \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_s &= \left[ -\frac{G m_e m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m|^3}(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_m) - \frac{G m_e m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s|^3}(\mathbf{r}_e - \mathbf{r}_s) \right] \\ &\quad + \left[ -\frac{G m_m m_e}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_e|^2}(\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_e) - \frac{G m_m m_s}{|\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s|^2}(\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_s) \right] \\ &\quad + \left[ -\frac{G m_s m_e}{|\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_e|^2}(\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_e) - \frac{G m_s m_m}{|\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_m|^2}(\mathbf{r}_s - \mathbf{r}_m) \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(m_e \dot{\mathbf{r}}_e + m_m \dot{\mathbf{r}}_m + m_s \dot{\mathbf{r}}_s) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow m_e \dot{\mathbf{r}}_e + m_m \dot{\mathbf{r}}_m + m_s \dot{\mathbf{r}}_s &= \text{Constant} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore total linear momentum of the system is conserved.

3. (a) Magnitude of Relativistic effect on the tennis ball served at the speed  $v = 100 \text{ km/h} = \frac{100 \times 10^3}{3600} \text{ m/s}$   
 $= \frac{1000}{36} \text{ m/s}$  is

$$\left( \frac{\frac{1000}{36}}{3 \times 10^8} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{1}{108 \times 10^5} \right)^2 \approx 8.57 \times 10^{-15}$$

- (b) Magnitude of Relativistic effect of Earth's motion at a speed of  $30 \text{ km/s} = 3 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$  around the sun is

$$\left( \frac{3 \times 10^4}{3 \times 10^8} \right)^2 = (10^{-4})^2 = 10^{-8}$$