

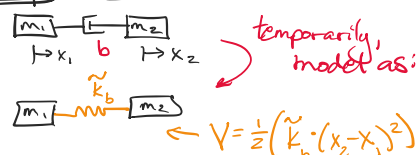
# "Cheating" to find $\tilde{z}_i$

- Using the Lagrangian approach, conservative terms are generated automatically, e.g., from gravity or from spring forces.
- Non-conservative terms, in each  $\tilde{z}_i$ , are more challenging to find.

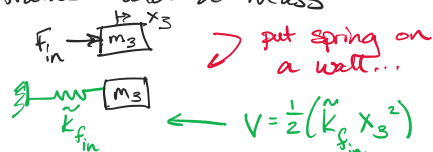
- A "cheating" approach is to insert a "fake spring", to see its effect in the E.O.M.'s.

→ Two cases are typical

1) Damper: BETWEEN 2 DOF's



2) External force: between reference frame and a mass:



Case 1)  $\tilde{z}_1 = x_1$ ,  $\tilde{z}_2 = x_2$  (absolute coordinates)

$$T^* = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2$$

$$\boxed{V = 0}, \text{ then, pretend } \tilde{V} = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{k}_b \cdot (x_2 - x_1)^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = T^* - V, \text{ but pretend: } \tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 - \tilde{V}$$

$$\text{pretending: } \tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{k}_b (x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2)$$

Also, pretend  $\tilde{z}_1 = \tilde{z}_2 = 0$ ,  $\therefore$  only do "lefthand sides"

$$\text{For } \tilde{z}_1: \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial \dot{\tilde{z}}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial \tilde{z}_1} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (m_1 \dot{x}_1) + \tilde{k}_b (x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

Cheat! Really, this was a DAMPER, so...

a) replace  $\tilde{k}_b$  with  $b$

b) replace positions  $(x_1, x_2)$  with velocities  $(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2)$

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + b (x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

is Really:

$$\boxed{m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + b (\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) = 0}$$

(Truly,  $V=0$ ,  $\tilde{z}_1 = -b(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2)$  here...)

Again, this is cheating.

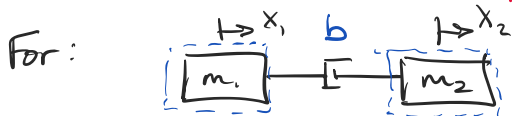
The better approach is to use earlier notes to write:

$$\dot{W} = \sum_j F_j \cdot v_j$$

force (or torque)      velocity at this force (or torque)

then

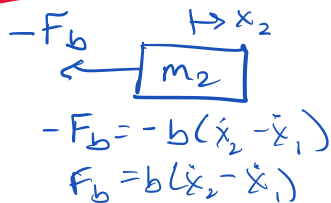
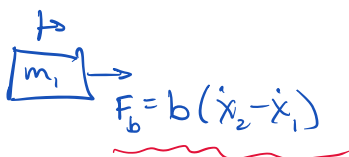
$$\tilde{Q}_i = \sum_j F_j \cdot \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$



w/  $\tilde{q}_1 = x_1$  and  $\tilde{q}_2 = x_2$ ,

$$\dot{W} = F_b \dot{x}_1 - F_b \dot{x}_2$$

Do NOT differentiate the " $F_j$ ", above!!



$$\therefore \tilde{Q}_1 = F_b = b(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)$$

and:  $\mathcal{L} = T^* - V = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 - 0$

$\therefore$  E.O.M. #1 is:  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_1} = \tilde{Q}_1 = b(\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1)$

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 = b \dot{x}_2 - b \dot{x}_1$$

which is, as predicted on last page:

$$m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + b(\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_2) = 0$$

no spring in ~~REAL~~ system...