

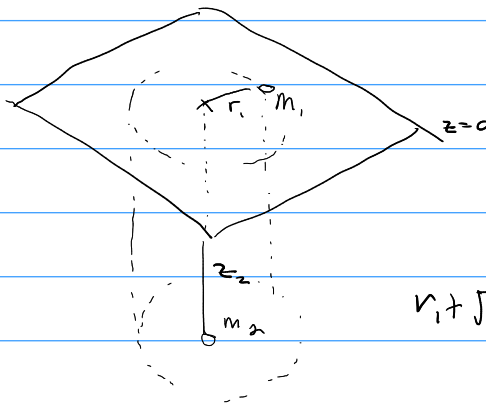
## Homework 2

### Problem 1

We want a cylindrical basis  $\rightarrow (r, \theta, z)$

a)  $\lambda: r_1 + r_2 = L \rightarrow r_1 + r_2 - L = 0 \rightarrow \phi(r_1, r_2, L, t) = 0$

$$L = T - V + \sum_j \lambda_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial q_j}$$



$$r_1 + \sqrt{z_2^2 + r_2^2} - L = 0$$

$$r_1, \theta_1, z_1 = 0$$

$$r_2, \theta_2, z_2$$

$$\phi_1 = r_1 + \sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2} - L = 0$$

$$\phi_2 = z_1 = 0$$

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{r}_1^2 + \dot{\theta}_1^2 r_1^2 + \dot{z}_1^2) = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{r}_1^2 + \dot{\theta}_1^2 r_1^2) \quad (z_1 = 0)$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{r}_2^2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2 r_2^2 + \dot{z}_2^2)$$

$$V_2 = m_2 g z_2$$

$$V_1 = m_1 g z_1 = 0$$

$$L' = T_1 + T_2 - V_2 + \sum_j \lambda_j \phi_j = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{r}_1^2 + \dot{\theta}_1^2 r_1^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{r}_2^2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2 r_2^2 + \dot{z}_2^2) - m_2 g z_2 + \lambda_1 (r_1 + \sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2} - L) + \lambda_2 (z_1)$$

Problem 1

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) + \sum_j \lambda_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

$$r_1 + \sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2} - L = 0 \rightarrow \dot{r}_1 + \frac{\frac{d}{dt}(r_2^2 + z_2^2)}{2\sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2}} = \dot{r}_1 + \frac{\dot{r}_2 r_2 + \dot{z}_2 z_2}{\sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2}} = 0$$

$$\dot{r}_1 = - \frac{\dot{r}_2 r_2 + \dot{z}_2 z_2}{\sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2}} \quad r_1^2 + \sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2} - L = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial r_1} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \frac{d}{dt} (r_2 \dot{\theta}_2) + \lambda_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} (r_1 + \sqrt{r_2^2 + z_2^2} - L)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 \frac{r_1 - L}{\sqrt{L^2 - 2Lr_1 + r_1^2 - z_2^2}} + \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{(L - r_1 + z_2)(L - r_1 - z_2)} \quad z_2 = \sqrt{(L - r_1 + r_2)(L - r_1 - r_2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial r_2}{\partial r_1} = \frac{r_1 - L}{\sqrt{L^2 - 2Lr_1 + r_1^2 - z_2^2}} \rightarrow \frac{\partial r_2}{\partial r_1} = \frac{\sqrt{L^2 - 2Lr_1 + r_1^2 - z_2^2}}{r}$$

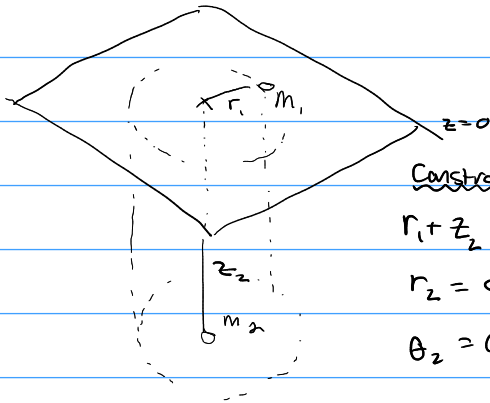
$$\theta_1: \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial \theta_1} = 0$$

$$z_1: \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial z_1} = 0$$

$$r_2: \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial r_2} =$$

## Problem 1

(a)



### Constraints:

$$r_1 + z_2 - L = 0 \quad , (r_1, r_2; L) = 0$$

$$r_2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad d_2(r_2) = r_2 = 0$$

$$\theta_2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad d_3(\theta_2) = \theta_2 = 0$$

$$z_1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \phi_4(z_1) = z_1 = 0$$

$$L' = T - V + \sum_i \lambda_i \phi_i(\dots) = \frac{1}{2} m_1 [(\dot{r}_1)^2 + \dot{\theta}_1^2] + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{z}_2^2 - m_2 g(L - z_2) \\ + \lambda_1 (r_1 + z_2 - L) + \lambda_2 (r_2) + \lambda_3 (\theta_2) + \lambda_4 (z_1)$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial L'}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) + \sum_i \lambda_i \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

$$\dot{r}_1 + \dot{z}_2 = 0 \rightarrow \dot{r}_1 = -\dot{z}_2 \quad V(z) = m_L g (L - z)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial r_1} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \left[ \dot{\theta}_1^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} (r_1^2) + \cancel{r_1^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} (\dot{\theta}_1^2)} + \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} (r_1^2)} \right] + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} (r_1^2)} - m_2 g \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} (L - (L - r_1)) + \lambda_1$$

$$\frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{r}_1} = m_1 \dot{r}_1 + m_2 \dot{r}_1$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial r_1} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial \dot{r}_1} \right) = m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 + \lambda = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta_1} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} \right] = 0 \quad \lambda_1 = (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 + m_2 g - m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 [2r_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1] \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (m_1 r_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1) = 0 \quad \text{Conservation of angular momentum.}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}'}{\partial z_2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} m_1 \left( (L - z_2) \dot{\theta}_1 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{z}_2^2 - M_2 g (L - z_2) + \lambda (r_1 + z_2 - L) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{z}_1} \left( (\cancel{L} - 2Lz_1 + z_1^2) \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \cancel{\dot{z}_1^2} \right) + m_1 g + \lambda =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m_1 (-\dot{z}_L + \dot{z}_{z_L})^2 + m_2 g + \lambda = -m_1 L \ddot{\theta}_1^2 + m_1 z_{z_L} \ddot{\theta}_2^2 + m_2 g + \lambda, \quad \lambda = 0$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_1: m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ z_2: -m_1 L \dot{\theta}_1^2 + m_1 z_2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{z}_2 + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ -m_1 L \dot{\theta}_1^2 + m_1 (L - r_1) \dot{\theta}_1^2 + m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{z}_2 + \lambda_1 = 0 \\ -m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + m_2 g + (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 + \lambda_1 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\rightarrow +2m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - 2m_2 g - 2(m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 = 0$$

$$m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 = 0 \rightarrow \ddot{r}_1 = \frac{m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - m_2 g}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(r_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1) = 2r_1 \dot{r}_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + r_1^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 = 0 \rightarrow 2\dot{r}_1 \dot{\theta}_1 = -r_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 \rightarrow r_1 = -\frac{2\dot{r}_1 \dot{\theta}_1}{\ddot{\theta}_1}$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{2m_1 \dot{r}_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2}{\ddot{\theta}_1} - m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 = 0}$$

(d) since  $r_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1$  is constant, angular acceleration  $\ddot{\theta}_1 = 0$  if the  $m_1$  moves in a circle.  
 $\ddot{r}_1 = 0$

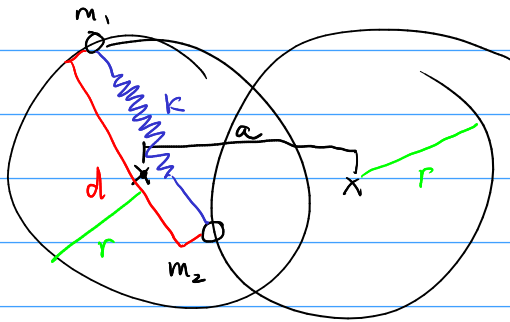
$$m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - m_2 g - (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 + \lambda_1 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_1 = (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{r}_1 + m_2 g - m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2$$

$$m_1 r_1 \dot{\theta}_1^2 - m_2 g = 0$$

$$r_1 = \frac{m_2 g}{m_1 \omega^2}$$

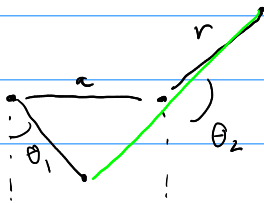
Tension  $m_2 g$

## Problem 2



- 2) coordinate  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  correspond to the angular positions of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (r \dot{\theta}_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (r \dot{\theta}_2)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k d^2$$



$$\vec{d} = \vec{a} + \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$$

$$\vec{a} = a \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = r(\sin\theta_2 \hat{x} - \cos\theta_2 \hat{y})$$

$$\vec{r}_1 = r(\sin\theta_1 \hat{x} - \cos\theta_1 \hat{y})$$

$$\vec{d}(\theta_1=0, \theta_2=0) = a \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{d} = (a + r(\sin\theta_2 - \sin\theta_1)) \hat{x} - r(\cos\theta_2 - \cos\theta_1) \hat{y}$$

$$d^2 = (a + r(\sin\theta_2 - \sin\theta_1))^2 + r^2(\cos\theta_2 - \cos\theta_1)^2$$

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (r \dot{\theta}_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (r \dot{\theta}_2)^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} k [(a + r(\sin\theta_2 - \sin\theta_1))^2 + r^2(\cos\theta_2 - \cos\theta_1)^2]$$

$$\phi_1 = r_1 = 0$$

$$\phi_2 = r_2 = 0$$

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(b) variables present,  $\theta_1, \dot{\theta}_1, \theta_2, \dot{\theta}_2$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} = Kr [r(\cos \theta_2 \sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_1) - a \cos \theta_1]$$

$$= Kr [r \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - a \cos \theta_1]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2} = Kr (a \cos \theta_2 - r \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2))$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} = m_1 r^2 \dot{\theta}_1$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} = m_2 r^2 \dot{\theta}_2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} - \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} Kr (r \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - a \cos \theta_1) - m_1 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 = 0 \\ Kr (a \cos \theta_2 - r \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)) - m_2 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

(c)  $\hookrightarrow$  let  $a=0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} Kr (r \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - \cancel{a \cos \theta_1}) - m_1 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 = 0 \\ Kr (\cancel{a \cos \theta_2} - r \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)) - m_2 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} Kr^2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - m_1 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 = 0 \\ -Kr^2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - m_2 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{add together} \rightarrow m_1 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 + m_2 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 = 0$$

lack of  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  implies a rotational symmetry  $\rightarrow$  <sup>total</sup> angular momentum conserved

(d)  $m_1 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 = -m_2 r^2 \ddot{\theta}_2 \rightarrow \ddot{\theta}_1 = -\frac{m_2}{m_1} \ddot{\theta}_2$

### Problem 3

$$\tilde{x} = x + \varepsilon h$$

$$\ddot{\tilde{x}} = \ddot{x} + \varepsilon \ddot{h}$$

$$(a) \quad L'_1 = \frac{1}{2} m (\ddot{\tilde{x}} + \varepsilon \ddot{h})^2 + q \vec{E} \cdot (\tilde{x} + \varepsilon \vec{h}) = \frac{1}{2} m (\ddot{x}^2 + 2\varepsilon \ddot{x} \cdot \ddot{h} + \varepsilon^2 \ddot{h}^2) + q(\vec{E} \cdot \tilde{x} + \varepsilon \vec{E} \cdot \vec{h})$$

$$L'_1 = \frac{1}{2} m \ddot{x}^2 + q \vec{E} \cdot \tilde{x} + \varepsilon m \ddot{x} \cdot \ddot{h} + \varepsilon^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} m \ddot{h}^2 \right) + \varepsilon \vec{E} \cdot \vec{h}$$

$$L'_1 = L_1 + \varepsilon (m \ddot{x} \cdot \ddot{h} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{h}) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial L'_1}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} = m \ddot{x} \cdot \ddot{h} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{h} + O(\varepsilon) = m \ddot{x} \delta \ddot{x} + \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x} = \frac{d\Lambda}{dt} \therefore \Lambda(x, \dot{x}, t)$$

$\uparrow$   $\ddot{x}(t)$        $\uparrow$   $\delta \vec{x} = \left. \frac{\partial \tilde{x}(t, \varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} = \delta \ddot{x}(t)$

$$(b) \quad Q_1 = \sum_i \frac{\partial L_1}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \delta q_i - \Lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial L_1}{\partial \ddot{x}} = \frac{1}{2} m \frac{\partial}{\partial \ddot{x}} (\ddot{x} \cdot \ddot{x}) = \frac{1}{2} m (\ddot{x} + \ddot{x}) = m \ddot{x}$$

$$Q_1 = m \ddot{x} \delta \ddot{x} - \int (m (\ddot{x} \cdot \delta \ddot{x}) + q \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) dt$$

$$= m \cancel{\ddot{x}} \cdot \delta \ddot{x} - \left[ m \cancel{\ddot{x}} \cdot \delta \ddot{x} - \int m (\ddot{x} \cdot \delta \ddot{x}) dt \right] - \int (q \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) dt$$

$$= \int [m (\ddot{x} \cdot \delta \ddot{x}) - q \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}] dt$$

$$\frac{dQ_1}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow m (\ddot{x} \cdot \delta \ddot{x}) - q \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x} = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{q \vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x} = m \ddot{x} \cdot \delta \ddot{x}}$$

The infinitesimal symmetry is the acceleration due to  $\vec{E}$ .

### Problem 3

(c)  $L_2 = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{x}}) - q (\vec{E} \cdot \dot{\vec{x}}) t$

$$\frac{\partial L_2}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} = 0 \rightarrow \text{invariant w/ translation}$$

from (b),  $L_1$  is also invariant w/ translation

(d)  $Q_2 = \frac{\partial L_2}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} \cdot \delta \vec{x} - \Delta_2 \quad \Delta_2 = \int \frac{\partial L_2}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} dt$

$$\frac{\partial L_2}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} = m \dot{\vec{x}} - q t \left( \cancel{\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}}} \vec{E} + \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} \dot{\vec{x}} \right) = m \dot{\vec{x}} - q \vec{E} t$$

$$\frac{\partial L_2}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} \cdot \delta \vec{x} = m \dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \delta \vec{x} - q (\vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) t$$

$$\begin{aligned} L'_2 &= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{\vec{x}} + \varepsilon \dot{\vec{h}}) \cdot (\dot{\vec{x}} + \varepsilon \dot{\vec{h}}) - q (\vec{E} \cdot (\dot{\vec{x}} + \varepsilon \dot{\vec{h}})) t \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{x}} + 2\varepsilon (\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) + \varepsilon^2 \dot{\vec{h}} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) - q [\vec{E} \cdot \dot{\vec{x}} + \varepsilon (\vec{E} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}})] t \end{aligned}$$

$$L'_2 = L_2 + \varepsilon [m (\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) + q (\vec{E} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) t] + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial L'_2}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} = m (\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) + q (\vec{E} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) t \quad \int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_2 &= \int [m (\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) + q (\vec{E} \cdot \dot{\vec{h}}) t] dt = m \left[ \cancel{\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \delta \vec{x}} - \int \cancel{\ddot{\vec{x}} \cdot \delta \vec{x}} dt \right] \\ &\quad + q (\vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) t - \int q (\vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\rightarrow Q_2 = m \dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \delta \vec{x} - q (\vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) t \rightarrow \frac{dQ_2}{dt} = m \ddot{\vec{x}} \cdot \delta \vec{x} - q (\vec{E} \cdot \delta \vec{x}) = 0$$



# Problem 4

(a)



$$\rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \quad \ddot{x} = a$$

$$y = y_0 - \tan(\alpha) x$$

$$\tan(\alpha) x' + y' - y_0 = 0 \quad \phi$$

$$x = x' + x_0(t) = x' + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$y = y'$$

$$\tan(\alpha) \ddot{x} + \ddot{y} = 0$$

$$\dot{x} = \dot{x}' + at$$

$$L(x, \dot{x}, t) \rightarrow L'(x', \dot{x}', t) \quad x'(x, t) = x - \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$\dot{x}'(\dot{x}, t) = \dot{x} - at$$

$$\ddot{x}' = \ddot{x} - a$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) - mgy \sin \alpha$$

$$L' = \frac{1}{2} m [(\dot{x}' + at)^2 + \dot{y}'^2] - mgy' \sin \alpha - \tan(\alpha) (x' + \frac{1}{2} at^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m [(\dot{x}'^2 + 2\dot{x}'at + a^2t^2) + \dot{y}'^2] - mgy' \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial L'}{\partial x'} = 0 \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{x}'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{x}'} = m\dot{x}' + ma \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (m\dot{x}' + ma) = m\ddot{x}' = 0$$

$$= m(\ddot{x} - a) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{x} = ma$$

$$\frac{\partial L'}{\partial y'} = -mg \sin \alpha \quad \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{y}'} = m\dot{y}'$$

$$\frac{\partial L'}{\partial x'} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{x}'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial x'} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}'} \right) + \lambda_1 \tan(\alpha)$$

$$m\ddot{x}' + \lambda_1 \tan(\alpha) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y'} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}'} \right) + \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$-mg \sin \alpha - m\ddot{y}' + \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$mg \sin \alpha \tan(\alpha) + m\ddot{y}' \tan(\alpha) + m\ddot{x}' = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} = -\tan(\alpha) \ddot{x}$$

$$mg \sin \alpha \tan(\alpha) + (-m \tan(\alpha) + m) \ddot{x}' = 0$$

$$mg \sin \alpha \tan \alpha - m(\tan \alpha - 1)(\ddot{x} - a) = 0$$

$$-\cancel{m}(\tan \alpha - 1)(\ddot{x} - a) = -\cancel{m}g \sin \alpha \tan \alpha$$

$$(\tan \alpha - 1)(\ddot{x} - a) = g \sin \alpha \tan \alpha$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{g \sin \alpha \tan \alpha}{\tan \alpha - 1} + a$$