A Design Study Approach to Classical Control

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Homework C.2

Using the configuration variables θ and ϕ , write an expression for the kinetic energy of the system.

Solution

Since the satellite consists of two rotational masses, the kinetic energy is the sum of the rotational kinetic energy of each mass. Therefore the kinetic energy is given by

$$K = \frac{1}{2} J_s \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} J_p \dot{\phi}^2. \tag{1}$$