

Homework E.5 - Solution

The equations of motion are

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{z} - m_1 \dot{\theta}^2 + m_1 g \sin(\theta) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{m_2 l^2}{3} + m_1 z^2 \right) \ddot{\theta} + 2m_1 z \dot{z} \dot{\theta} + m_1 g z \cos \theta + \frac{m_2 g l}{2} \cos \theta &= l F \cos \theta. \end{aligned}$$

The equilibria are when $\dot{z} = \ddot{z} = \dot{\theta} = \ddot{\theta} = 0$ or

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 g \sin(\theta_e) \\ m_1 g z_e \cos(\theta_e) + \frac{m_2 g l}{2} \cos(\theta_e) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ l F_e \cos(\theta_e) \end{bmatrix}$$

Looking at the first equation $m_1 g \sin(\theta_e) = 0$ implies that $\theta_e = 0$ since the other configurations don't make sense. Looking at the second equation, and setting $\theta_e = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} l F_e &= m_1 g z_e + \frac{m_2 g l}{2} \\ F_e &= \frac{m_1 g}{l} z_e + \frac{m_2 g}{2} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The equilibria points are all (z_e, θ_e, F_e) such that $\theta_e = 0$ and (z_e, F_e) satisfy Eq (1). Let

$$z = z_e + \tilde{z}$$

$$\theta = \theta_e + \tilde{\theta}$$

$$F = F_e + \tilde{F}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
z\dot{\theta}^2 &\approx z_e\dot{\theta}_e^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(z\dot{\theta}^2 \right) \Big|_e \tilde{z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(z\dot{\theta}^2 \right) \Big|_e \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\
&= z_e\dot{\theta}_e^2 + \dot{\theta}_e^2 \tilde{z} + 2z_e\dot{\theta}_e \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sin(\theta) &\approx \sin(\theta_e) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin(\theta)) \Big|_e \tilde{\theta} \\
&= \sin(\theta_e) + \cos(\theta_e) \tilde{\theta} \\
&= \tilde{\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
z\dot{z}\dot{\theta} &\approx z_e\dot{z}_e\dot{\theta}_e + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(z\dot{z}\dot{\theta} \right) \Big|_e \tilde{z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(z\dot{z}\dot{\theta} \right) \Big|_e \dot{\tilde{z}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(z\dot{z}\dot{\theta} \right) \Big|_e \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\
&= z_e\dot{z}_e\dot{\theta}_e + \dot{z}_e\dot{\theta}_e \tilde{z} + z_e\dot{\theta}_e \dot{\tilde{z}} + z_e\dot{z}_e \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\
&= z_e\dot{z}_e \dot{\tilde{\theta}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
z \cos(\theta) &\approx z_e \cos(\theta_e) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (z \cos(\theta)) \Big|_e \tilde{z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (z \cos(\theta)) \Big|_e \tilde{\theta} \\
&= z_e \cos(\theta_e) + \cos(\theta_e) \tilde{z} - z_e \sin(\theta_e) \tilde{\theta} \\
&= z_e + \tilde{z}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos(\theta) &\approx \cos(\theta_e) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cos(\theta)) \Big|_e \tilde{\theta} \\
&= \cos(\theta_e) - \sin(\theta_e) \tilde{\theta} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
z^2\ddot{\theta} &\approx z_e^2\ddot{\theta}_e + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(z^2\ddot{\theta} \right) \Big|_e \tilde{z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(z^2\ddot{\theta} \right) \Big|_e \ddot{\tilde{\theta}} \\
&= z_e^2\ddot{\theta}_e + 2z_e\ddot{\theta}_e \tilde{z} + z_e^2\ddot{\tilde{\theta}} \\
&= z_e^2\ddot{\tilde{\theta}}
\end{aligned}$$

The linearized equations are

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{\tilde{z}} + m_1 g \tilde{\theta} &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{m_2 l^2}{3} + m_1 z_e^2 \right) \ddot{\tilde{\theta}} + m_1 g (z_e + \tilde{z}) + \frac{m_2 g l}{2} &= l (F_e + \tilde{F}). \end{aligned}$$

This can be simplified by using the equilibrium force given by (1) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \ddot{\tilde{z}} + m_1 g \tilde{\theta} &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{m_2 l^2}{3} + m_1 z_e^2 \right) \ddot{\tilde{\theta}} + m_1 g \tilde{z} &= l \tilde{F}. \end{aligned}$$