

We consider a pendulum shown in Fig. 1, where the length is l , the mass is m . The gravitational acceleration is denoted by g . The coordinates of the sphere is $[p_x \ p_y]^\top = [-l \sin \theta \ l \cos \theta]$.

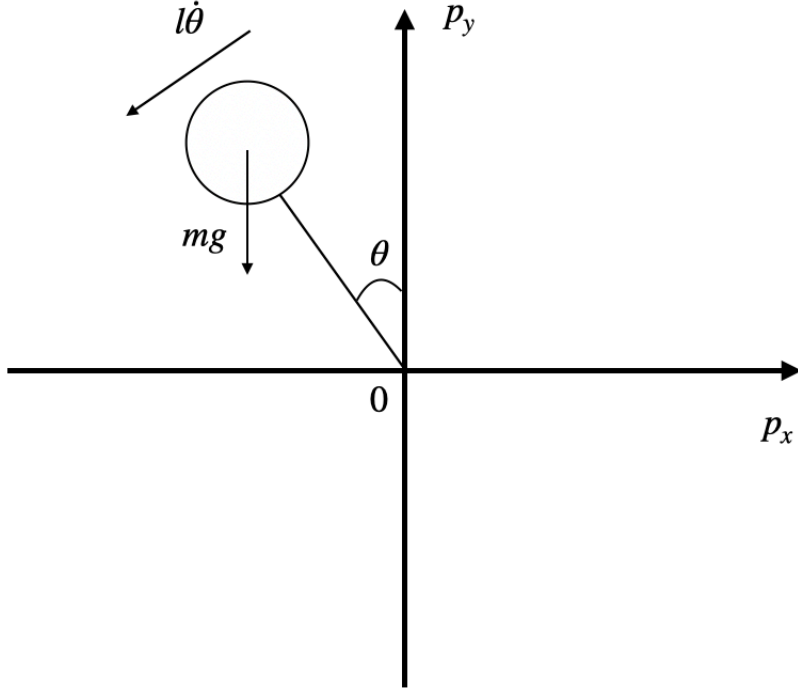


Fig. 1 Illustration of a pendulum.

Then,

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -l\dot{\theta} \cos \theta \\ -l\dot{\theta} \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

The kinetic energy T is

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}ml^2\dot{\theta}^2, \quad (2)$$

and the potential energy U is

$$U = mgl \cos \theta. \quad (3)$$

The Lagrangian $L = T - U$ is

$$L = \frac{1}{2}ml^2\dot{\theta}^2 - mgl \cos \theta. \quad (4)$$

By the Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad (5)$$

the equation of the pendulum is

$$ml^2\ddot{\theta} = mgl \sin \theta. \quad (6)$$

Taking the friction into consideration, the equation is

$$ml^2\ddot{\theta} = mgl \sin \theta - \kappa l \dot{\theta}, \quad (7)$$

where $\kappa > 0$ is frictional coefficient. Additionally, in the case with a torque control u ,

$$ml^2\ddot{\theta} = mgl \sin \theta - \kappa l \dot{\theta} + u. \quad (8)$$

Thus, the dynamics of the controlled pendulum is modeled by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta - \frac{\kappa}{ml} \dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{ml^2} u \end{bmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

In this study, we use the discrete-time model based on (9) using the Euler method as follows;

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_{k+1} \\ \omega_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_k + d\omega_k \\ \omega_k + d(g \sin \theta_k - \xi_1 \omega_k + \xi_2 u_k) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

where $l = 1$ and $d > 0$ is a step size.