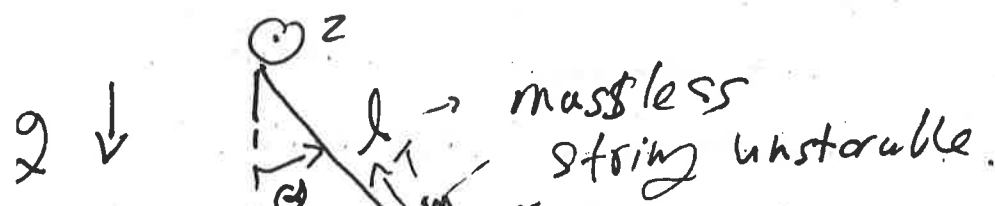


# 3) The Simple Pendulum

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show example.



my curlicue choice is  
show the

lets think about the  
force

$r, \theta, z$   $z$  axis  
out of the  
page.

$$\hat{r} \quad f_r = mg \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{\theta} \quad f_{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$$

why negative? because  $\theta$  is positive to the  
right side.

$$\hat{z} \quad f_z = 0$$

$f_r$  is balanced by tension.  $T$  on the  
string

What is the torque

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\theta} & \hat{z} \\ r & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times (mg \cos \theta, -mg \sin \theta, 0) =$$

$$= r \hat{r} \times (mg \cos \theta \hat{r} - mg \sin \theta \hat{\theta})$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\theta} & \hat{z} \\ r & 0 & 0 \\ mg \cos \theta & -mg \sin \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{r}(0) - \hat{\theta}(0) + r mg \sin \theta \hat{z}$$

no torque in the  $r$  direction.  $(\hat{r} \times \hat{\theta}) = \hat{z}$

So  $\tau = -mgl \sin \theta \hat{z}$

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Now we also know that torque can be written as the moment of inertia times the angular acceleration

$$\tau = I \alpha$$

moment of inertia  $\swarrow \searrow$  angular acceleration

$$I \alpha = I \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} \hat{z}$$

this leads

$$\tau = \frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{d(I\omega)}{dt} = I \frac{d\omega}{dt} = I \alpha$$

$L$  is along the  $z$  axis in this case.

So we get

$$I = \int r^2 dm = l^2 m$$

$$I \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -mgl \sin \theta$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{mgl}{I} \sin \theta$$

phase diagram.

its more complicated than simple harmonic pendulum. ~~more~~ So simple pendulum is different.

2) If  $\theta \ll 1$  then we get that it's more like SHM. 3/3

$$\theta \ll 1 \quad \sin \theta \approx \theta + \frac{1}{6}\theta^3 + \dots$$

$$\ddot{\theta} \approx -\frac{mgl}{I}\theta$$

$$\theta = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

A is the max angle

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgl}{I}}$$

For our case when we have a massless string.  $I = \int r^2 dm$  so

For us  $I = l^2 m$ .

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{mgl}{l^2 m}} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$

does not depend of the mass

in different planet. it ~~with~~ the frequency will be larger

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \quad T = \frac{1}{f} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$