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iii). According to the conservation of energy, i.e.,

Total energy = potential energy + kinetic energy

$$\text{We get } U(r(t)) + \frac{m}{2} \dot{r}(t)^2 = \text{const.} \quad (1)$$

At the initial point,  $t=0$ ,  $r(t)=x_1$ .

the initial displacement is  $x_1$  and

Also, the <sup>initial</sup> velocity of the object is 0. So  $\dot{r}(0)=0$

Substitute them into the energy equation

Then we get:

$$\text{const} = U(r(0)) = U(x_1)$$

Since velocity =  $\dot{r}(t)$ , we deduce from (1) that

$$\dot{r}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} (U(x_1) - U(x))}$$

For a small interval of time,  $dt = \frac{ds}{v}$

$$\text{Integrate it, we get } T(x_1) = \int_0^T dt = \int_0^{x_1} \frac{1}{v} ds$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_0^{x_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{U(x_1) - U(x)}} dx \quad (2)$$

Then substitute (2) as follows:  $y^2 = \frac{U(x)}{U(x_1)} \quad (3)$

~~From~~ Before substitution, we deduce from ~~there~~ (3):

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{U(x)}{U(x_1)}} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{U'(x)}{2\sqrt{U(x)U(x_1)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So (2) can be written as } \int_0^{x_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{U(x_1) - U(x)}} dx &= \int_0^{x_1} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{U(x_1) \left(1 - \frac{U(x)}{U(x_1)}\right)}} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{U(x)U(x_1)} dy}{\sqrt{U(x_1)} \sqrt{1 - y^2}} = \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{U(x)} dy}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} \end{aligned}$$



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(where  $x = U^{-1}[U(x_1)y^2]$ , derived from ③)

So define  $T(x) = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{U(x)}}{U'(x)\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy$ .

For fixed  $y$ , when  $x_1$  increase,  $x$  will increase because  $x = U^{-1}[U(x_1)y^2]$ , where  $U$  and  $U^{-1}$  are strictly increasing functions.

If  $T$  doesn't change when  $x_1$  changes, it will obviously not change when  $x$  changes. So  $T'(x) = 0$ .

Denote  $H(x, y) := \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{U(x)}}{U'(x)\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy$ .

Differentiate  $T(x)$ , we get:

$$DT(x) = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_0^1 DH(\cdot, y) dy$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{U(x)}}{U'(x)} \right]' \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy.$$

~~Since  $DT(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ ,~~

(Since  $x$  can be kept independent of  $y$  by changing  $x_1$ , we can continue to write the following equations)

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\sqrt{U(x)}}{U'(x)} \right]' \int_0^1 \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy$$

$$(\text{Calculate the integral}) = \pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{U(x)}}{U'(x)} \right]' = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\left[ \frac{\sqrt{U(x)}}{U'(x)} \right]' = 0$ , i.e.  $U(x) = C[U'(x)]^2$ .

Since  $U(x) > 0$  and  $U'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we can say  $U'(x) = C\sqrt{U(x)}$  ( $C > 0$ )

iv). Now we get  $V'(s) = c\sqrt{V(s)}$ , which can be written as  $\frac{dV}{ds} = c\sqrt{V}$ .

To solve the equation:

$$\frac{dV}{\sqrt{V}} = c \cdot ds,$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dV}{\sqrt{V}} = \int c \cdot ds$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{V} + C_0 = c \cdot s \quad (C_0 \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (4)$$

Since  $V(0) = 0$ , we can get  $C_0 = 0$ . (5)

Therefore,  ~~$\frac{c^2 s^2}{4}$~~  we can get  $V = \frac{c^2 s^2}{4}$  from (4)

According to Newton's Second Law of Motion,

$$F = m \cdot a = m \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} \quad (6) \text{ where } m \text{ is the mass.}$$

From the property of potential energy, ~~the object in the potential field is exerted~~ a force of  $F(s) = -V'(s)$  is exerted on an object in the potential field.

From (5), we deduce that  $F(s) = -V'(s) = -\frac{c^2 s}{2}$

$$\text{So } \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = a = \frac{F(s)}{m} = -\frac{c^2 s}{2m} \quad k = \frac{c^2}{2m}.$$

In the model of simple pendulum:

The force tangential to the trajectory:

$$F = -mg \sin \theta, \text{ so } \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = a = \frac{F}{m} = -g \sin \theta.$$

$$s = \theta \cdot l$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = g \sin \theta$$

$$k = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta$$

$$k(\theta) = \frac{g \sin \theta}{\theta l} \quad (7)$$

$$k'(\theta) = \frac{\theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{\theta^2} = \frac{\theta - \tan \theta}{\frac{\theta^2}{\cos \theta}} \quad (8)$$

In (8), we know that  $\tan \theta > \theta$  on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Since  $(\tan \theta)' = \sec^2 \theta > 1$ ,  $(\theta)' = 1$  and  $\tan \theta = \theta$

when  $\theta = 0$ .

So  $k'(\theta) < 0$ .  $k$  is not a constant.

In conclusion, simple pendulum doesn't satisfy the relation of  $\frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = -ks$ .