

HOMEWORK 12 - PROBLEM 35

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ASSUME THE FOLLOWING SOLUTION:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = (A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t) \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

THEN, THE COUPLED EQUATIONS OF MOTION REDUCE TO

$$-\omega^2 m_1 - \left(\frac{m}{M}\right) \omega^2 m_2 + \omega_0^2 m_1 = 0$$

$$-\omega^2 m_2 - \left(\frac{m}{M}\right) \omega^2 m_1 + \omega_0^2 m_2 = 0$$

OR

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 - \omega_0^2 & \left(\frac{m}{M}\right) \omega^2 \\ \left(\frac{m}{M}\right) \omega^2 & \omega^2 - \omega_0^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

IN ORDER FOR THIS SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS TO HAVE A NON-TRIVIAL SOLUTION WE DEMAND THAT THE DETERMINANT OF THE MATRIX BE EQUAL TO ZERO. THAT IS,

$$(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 - \mu^2 \omega^4 = 0; \text{ WITH } \mu \equiv m/M$$

OR

$$(1 - \mu^2) \omega^4 - 2\omega_0^2 \omega^2 + \omega_0^4 = 0$$

OR

$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{\omega_0^2}{1 + \mu} = \left(\frac{M}{M + m}\right) \omega_0^2$$
$$\omega_2^2 = \frac{\omega_0^2}{1 - \mu} = \left(\frac{M}{M - m}\right) \omega_0^2$$

THESE ARE THE EIGENVALUES

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NOW FOR THE EIGENVECTORS:

$$0 = (\omega_1^2 - \omega_0^2) \eta_1 + \mu \omega_1^2 \eta_2$$

$$= -\left(\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}\right) \omega_0^2 \eta_1 + \left(\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}\right) \omega_0^2 \eta_2$$

OR $\eta_1 = \eta_2$

$$0 = (\omega_2^2 - \omega_0^2) \eta_1 + \mu \omega_2^2 \eta_2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}\right) \omega_0^2 \eta_1 + \left(\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}\right) \omega_0^2 \eta_2$$

OR $\eta_1 = -\eta_2$

THUS,

$$\omega_1^2 = \left(\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}\right) \omega_0^2; \quad |\omega_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_2^2 = \left(\frac{\mu}{1-\mu}\right) \omega_0^2; \quad |\omega_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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THE LAGRANGIAN FOR THE SYSTEM IS GIVEN BY

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{x}_3^2) - \frac{1}{2} [K_1 (x_1^2 + x_3^2) + K_2 x_2^2 + K_3 (x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3)]$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} \dot{\eta}^T \hat{T} \dot{\eta} - \frac{1}{2} \eta^T \hat{V} \eta ; \quad \eta^T \equiv (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

WHERE

$$\hat{T} = m \hat{t}; \quad \hat{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{V} = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_3/2 & 0 \\ K_3/2 & K_2 & K_3/2 \\ 0 & K_3/2 & K_1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{K_3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & d_2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{K_3}{2} \hat{U}$$

WITH

$$d_1 \equiv \frac{2K_1}{K_3} = \frac{2K_1}{\sqrt{2K_1 K_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2K_1}{K_2}}$$

$$d_2 \equiv \frac{2K_2}{K_3} = \frac{2K_2}{\sqrt{2K_1 K_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2K_2}{K_1}}$$

THE EIGENVALUE EQUATION IS GIVEN BY:

$$0 = -\omega^2 \hat{T} |\eta\rangle + \hat{V} |\eta\rangle = -\omega^2 m |\eta\rangle + \frac{K_3}{2} \hat{U} |\eta\rangle$$

OR

$$\hat{U} |\eta\rangle = \left(\frac{2\omega^2 m}{K_3} \right) |\eta\rangle \equiv \lambda |\eta\rangle \quad \text{EIGENVALUE EQUATION}$$
$$\lambda \equiv 2\omega^2 m / K_3$$

WE MUST DIAGONALIZE THE MATRIX \hat{U} , THAT IS, WE MUST DEMAND THAT

$$\det(\hat{U} - \lambda \mathbb{1}) = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & d_2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & d_1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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OR

$$\det(\hat{u} - \lambda \hat{1}) = (\alpha_1 - \lambda) [(\alpha_1 - \lambda)(\alpha_2 - \lambda) - 1] - 1 [\alpha_1 - \lambda]$$

$$= (\alpha_1 - \lambda) [(\alpha_1 - \lambda)(\alpha_2 - \lambda) - 2] = 0$$

NOTE THAT,

$$(\alpha_1 - \lambda)(\alpha_2 - \lambda) - 2 = \lambda^2 - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)\lambda + \alpha_1\alpha_2 - 2$$

$$\text{BUT } \alpha_1\alpha_2 = \left(\frac{2K_1}{K_2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{2K_2}{K_1}\right)^{1/2} = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha_1\alpha_2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{SO THAT } (\alpha_1 - \lambda)(\alpha_2 - \lambda) - 2 = \lambda(\lambda - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2))$$

OR

$$\det(\hat{u} - \lambda \hat{1}) = \lambda(\alpha_1 - \lambda) [\lambda - (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)] = 0$$

OR

$$\lambda_1 = 0; \lambda_2 = \alpha_1, \text{ AND } \lambda_3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

$$\text{WITH } \omega^2 = \lambda K_3 / 2m$$

EVEN THE EIGENVECTORS ARE NOT THAT BAD:

$$|\lambda_1 = 0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\alpha_1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; |\lambda_2 = \alpha_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}; |\lambda_3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1/2 \\ 1 \\ \alpha_1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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a) THE POSITION OF THE PENDULUM IS GIVEN BY:

$$y_p = x + l \sin \theta \approx x + l\theta \equiv x + z$$

$$y_p = l \cos \theta \approx l(1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}) = l - \frac{z^2}{2l}$$

SO THE LAGRANGIAN OF THE SYSTEM IS GIVEN BY:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}_p^2 + \dot{y}_p^2) + mg y_p$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x} + \dot{z})^2 - mg z^2 / 2l + mgl + \text{HIGHER-ORDER}$$

THUS, IGNORING THE IRRELEVANT CONSTANT mgl WE OBTAIN THE LAGRANGIAN OF SMALL OSCILLATIONS:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{z}^2 + 2\dot{x}\dot{z}) - \frac{mg}{2l} z^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\dot{x}, \dot{z}) \begin{pmatrix} \mu+m & m \\ m & m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{z} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} (x, z) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & mg/l \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

OR

$$L \equiv \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{q}}^T \hat{\mathbf{T}} \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}^T \hat{\mathbf{V}} \mathbf{q}$$

WITH

$$\hat{\mathbf{T}} = m \begin{pmatrix} 1+\mu & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \hat{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{mg}{l} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mu \equiv M/m$; LAGRANGIAN OF SMALL OSCILLATIONS.

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WE NEED TO SOLVE THE EIGENVALUE EQUATION:

$$0 = (-\omega^2 \hat{T} + \hat{V}) |\eta\rangle$$

$$= (-\omega^2 m \hat{t} + \frac{mg}{\ell} \hat{v}) |\eta\rangle$$

OR

$$\hat{v} |\eta\rangle = \lambda \hat{t} |\eta\rangle ; \quad \lambda = \omega^2 / \omega_0^2 ; \quad \omega_0^2 = g/\ell$$

$$\hat{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ AND } \hat{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+\mu & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \mu = \frac{M}{m}$$

THUS, WE DEMAND THAT:

$$\det(\hat{v} - \lambda \hat{t}) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda(1+\mu) & -\lambda \\ -\lambda & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda-1)(1+\mu) - \lambda^2 = 0$$

OR

$$\lambda [(\lambda-1)(1+\mu) - \lambda] = \lambda [\mu\lambda - (1+\mu)] = 0$$

WHICH IMPLIES $\lambda_1 = 0$ AND $\lambda_2 = \frac{(1+\mu)}{\mu}$

FOR THE FIRST EIGENVECTOR WE HAVE $-\lambda_1 \eta_1 + (1-\lambda) \eta_2 = \eta_2 = 0$

WHILE FOR THE SECOND ONE $-\lambda_2 \eta_1 + (1-\lambda_2) \eta_2 = 0$

OR

$$\eta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1-\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \eta_1 = -\frac{(1+\mu)/\mu}{1/\mu} \eta_1 = -(1+\mu) \eta_1$$

THUS,

$$\omega_1^2 = 0 ; \quad |\omega_1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_2^2 = \frac{(1+\mu)}{\mu} \omega_0^2 ; \quad |\omega_2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -(1+\mu) \end{pmatrix}$$

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THE MOST GENERAL SOLUTION IS GIVEN BY

$$\begin{pmatrix} X(t) \\ Z(t) \end{pmatrix} = (A_1 + B_1 t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (A_2 \cos \omega_2 t + B_2 \sin \omega_2 t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 - \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

NOW USING THE INITIAL CONDITIONS WE OBTAIN:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X(0) \\ Z(0) \end{pmatrix} = A_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + A_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 - \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Z_0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow A_1 = -A_2 = \frac{Z_0}{1 + \mu}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{X}(0) \\ \dot{Z}(0) \end{pmatrix} = B_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \omega_2 B_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 - \mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow B_1 = B_2 = 0$$

SO THAT,

$$X(t) = \frac{Z_0}{1 + \mu} [1 - \cos \omega_2 t]; \quad Z(t) = Z_0 \cos \omega_2 t$$