

## 1. Review Lagrangian Method (for EOM) :

$$\mathcal{L} = T^* - V$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\xi}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi_i} = \Xi_i$$

## 2. Examples

## 3. Use of Relative vs Absolute Coordinates

## 4. Non-conservative (damping) term “tricks”

### Notices:

- Midterm was technically “Lecture 12”.
- **No labs** until:  
**FRIDAY, June 1 and MONDAY, June 4**  
**Lab 6 (Segway-style car)**

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## Lagrangian Approach: Recall

**Little “xi”** is the set of DOF. Since we assume system is holonomic, there are the same number of GCs and DOFs.

$\xi_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

**Big “Xi”** represents all non-conservative forces, for each DOF. This includes both the ACTUATION and LOSSES (due to damping, most typically).

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**Fancy “L”** is the “Lagrangian”

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**V** is potential energy

**T\*** is kinetic CO-ENERGY

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## Lagrangian Approach: Procedure

0. Assume system is **holonomic**:

$$\#GC = \xi_j = \delta\xi_k = \#DOF \longleftrightarrow \text{Holonomic}$$

1. Pick **generalized coordinates** (DOFs) that are:

- **Complete**
- **Independent**  
( $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

$$\xi_j$$

Little xi: GCs  
(gen. coord's)

- Possible GC set(s) ***might not be unique!***
- **Any** independent and complete set is OK.
- Either **absolute or relative** coords is OK.

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## Lagrangian Approach: Procedure

2. Define kinetic (co-)energy,  $T$ . (*Technically*,  $T^*$ )

**Kinetic energy** includes the sum of “one-half mass time velocity-squared” for every particle:

$$T = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$$

For a **rigid rotating body**, we can use moment of inertia,  $J$ :

$$T = \frac{1}{2} J \dot{\theta}^2$$

(Note: We are **ignoring** electrical kinetic or potential energy here, for now and focusing on **MECHANICAL energy**.)

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### Lagrangian Approach: Procedure

3. Define potential energy,  $V$ .

**Potential energy** can be stored in a **spring**:

$$V_{spring} = \frac{1}{2} k (x - x_o)^2$$

...and also includes any “ $mgh$ ” of particles in a gravitational field:

$$V_{gravity} = mgh$$

Note: “ $h$ ” is relative to any arbitrary (but fixed) inertial reference frame.

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### Lagrangian Approach: Procedure

4. Lagrangian is **kinetic minus potential** energy:

$$\mathcal{L} = T^* - V$$

5. For each GC (DOF), solve for an equation of motion:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\xi}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi_i} = \Xi_i$$

Note: A system with **N generalized coordinates** (GCs) will have **N equations of motion**.

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## Spring-Damper Pendulum Example

One DOF.  
One EOM.  
Final answer is below:

$\dot{\theta}$  : non-conservative

$$m L_m^2 \ddot{\theta} + m g L_m \sin \theta + k L_k^2 \theta = -L_b^2 b \dot{\theta}$$

or, write as:

$$m L_m^2 \ddot{\theta} + b L_b^2 \dot{\theta} + k L_k^2 \theta + m g L_m \sin \theta = 0$$

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## Spring-Damper Pendulum: Derivation

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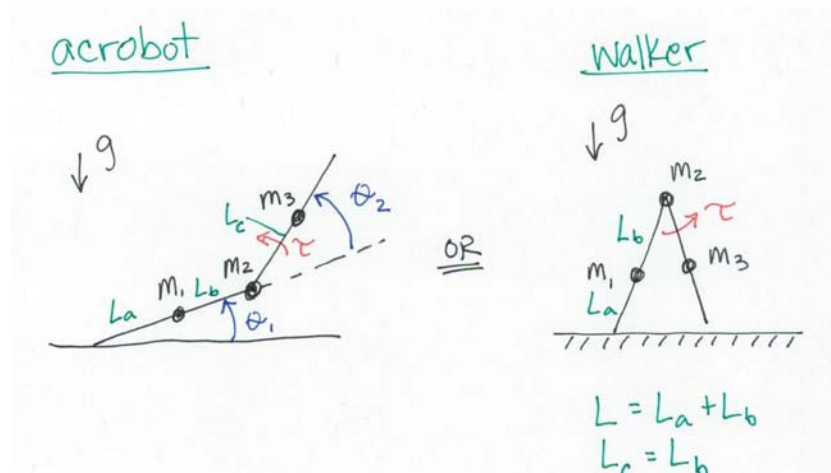
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## Spring-Damper Pendulum: Derivation

- Now solve for EOM(s):

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## Two-Link Pendulum (“Walker”) Example



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- **GC(s) ?** Let’s use *relative* theta 2 here...
- **T ?**
- **V ?**
- **L ?**

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## Two-Link Pendulum (“Walker”) Example

- **Set-up form to solve EOM:**
- **Be careful for non-conservative term(s):**  
[One torque input, at “elbow”]

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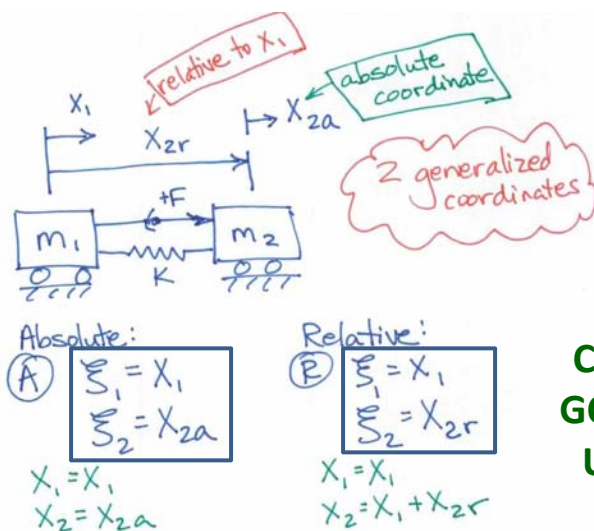
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**Choice of  
GCs is NOT  
UNIQUE**

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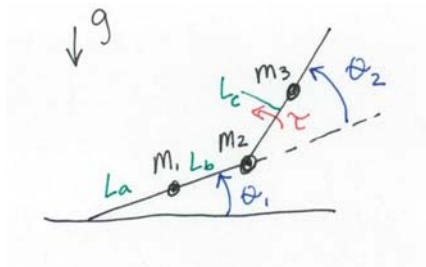
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## Example: Acrobot (Rel vs Abs)



Theta 2 can be  
**relative** (as shown)  
 OR **absolute**.

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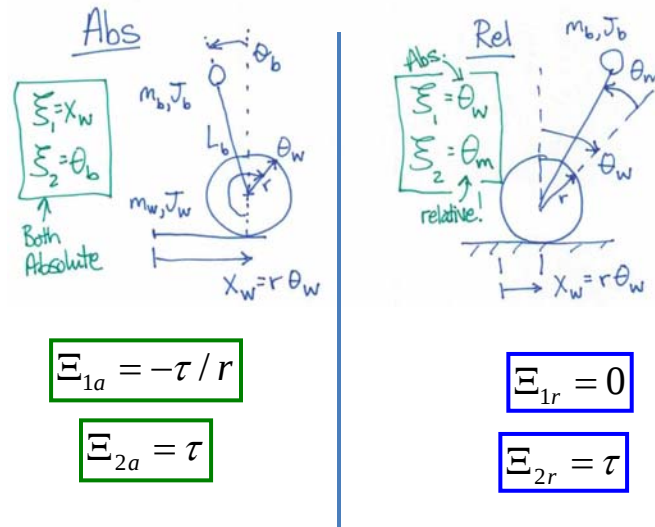
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