

Lecture 3 – Robotics Preliminaries, part 2

RW

• Rimless Wheel (cont'd)

$\theta, \dot{\theta} : 2 \text{ states}$, $x = \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$

hybrid
sys.

CT

– continuous dynamics:

$$\ddot{\theta} = f(\theta, \dot{\theta})$$

but 1 degree of freedom
1 DOF, $q = [\theta]$

DT

– discrete jumps in velocity:

$$\dot{\theta}^- \rightarrow \dot{\theta}^+$$

– “return map”: Given $\dot{\theta}_n^+$, what is $\dot{\theta}_{n+1}^+$

next steps

– “basin of attraction”: Given $\dot{\theta}_n^+$, what is $\dot{\theta}_\infty^+$

• Continuous-time (CT) dynamics

– Lagrangian method $\leftarrow$ RW: 1 eq. of motion (EOM), b/c we have 1 DOF (θ). (n eqns for n DOF's).

• Underactuation (vs controllability)

Cannot independently & instantaneously set all n accelerations for the n DOF's, with control u.

$\ddot{q}$

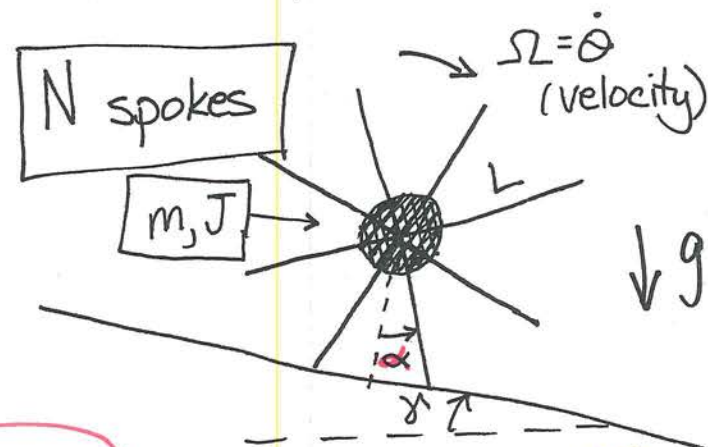
Rimless Wheel dynamics

- DT event
- Impacts:

$$\boxed{\Omega \equiv \dot{\theta}} \rightarrow \Omega_n^+ = \eta \Omega_n^-$$

$\leftarrow$ post-impact $\leftarrow$ pre-impact

$$\eta = \frac{J + mL^2 \cos(2\alpha)}{J + mL^2}$$



$$2\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{N}$$

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- CT dynamics:
- Conservation of Energy:

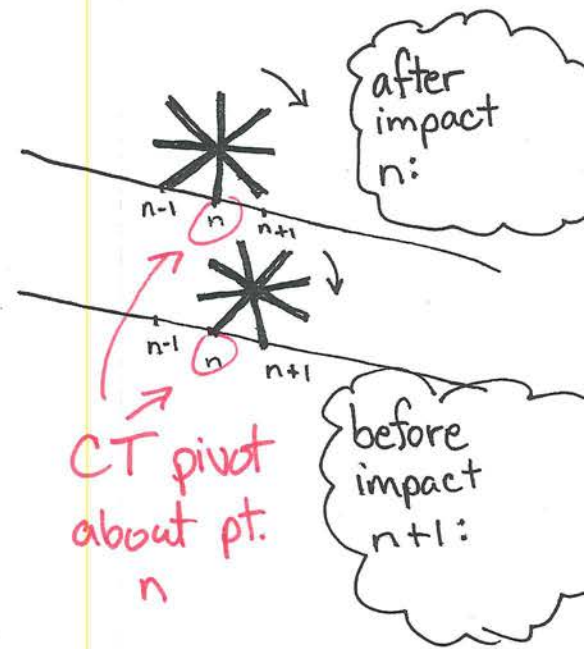
$$\boxed{E_{n+1}^- = E_n^+}$$

$$(K.E.)_{n+1}^- + (P.E.)_{n+1}^- = (K.E.)_n^+ + (P.E.)_n$$

$\uparrow$ K.E.: Kinetic energy = T
 $\uparrow$ P.E.: potential energy = V

$$K.E.: T = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (L \Omega)^2 + \frac{1}{2} J \Omega^2$$

$\swarrow$ vel. of C.O.M (center of mass) $\nwarrow$ wrt com



Height, h , of Center of Mass (COM)

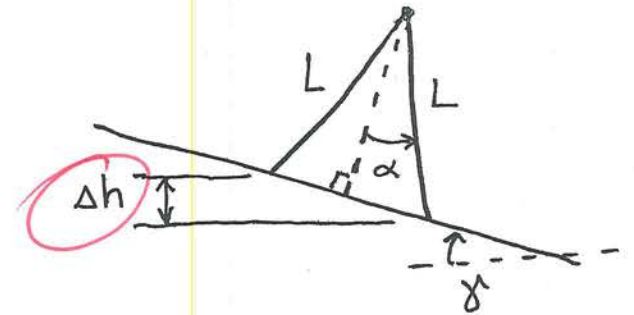
"P.E.": $V = mgh + \text{constant}$

- At impact states:

$$\Delta V = mg\Delta h$$

$$\Delta h = \pm 2L \sin\alpha \sin\gamma$$

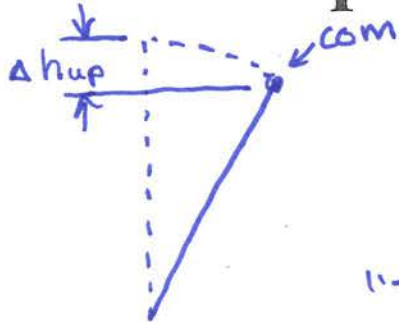
uphill
downhill



$\Omega < 0$, up

$\Omega > 0$, downhill

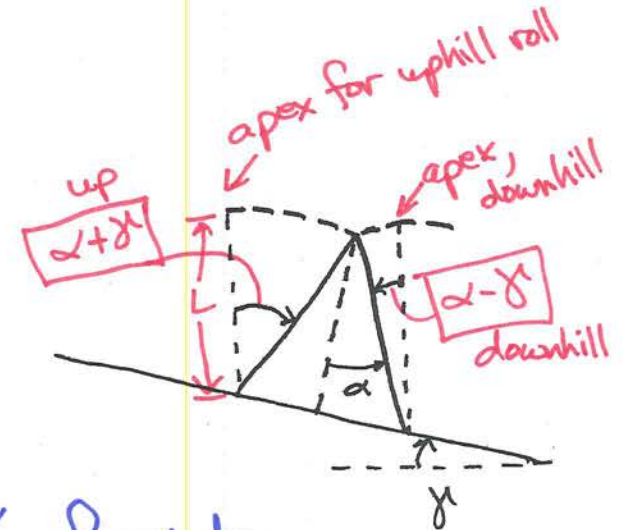
- At apex states:



$$\Delta h_{\text{crit, up}} = L(1 - \cos(\alpha + \gamma))$$

$$\Delta h_{\text{crit, dn}} = L(1 - \cos(\alpha - \gamma))$$

up
dn



"Teeters" when $\Omega_{\text{crit, up}} < \Omega < \Omega_{\text{crit, dn}}$

- Critical values? ← Plug in Δh_{crit} ...

$$\Omega_{\text{crit, up}} = -\sqrt{\frac{2mgL(1 - \cos(\alpha + \gamma))}{(J + mL^2)}}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{crit, dn}} = +\sqrt{\frac{2mgL(1 - \cos(\alpha - \gamma))}{(J + mL^2)}}$$

Solve for
 $K.E. + \Delta P.E._{\text{apex}} = 0$

Impact-to-Impact dynamics – 3 Cases

$\Omega > \Omega_{crit, dn}$ { ① CT: $\frac{1}{2}(J+mL^2)(\Omega_{n+1}^-)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(J+mL^2)(\Omega_n^+)^2 - mgh$ $\Omega_{n+1}^+ = f(\Omega_n^+)$
 ② DT: mult. by η

A: Downhill

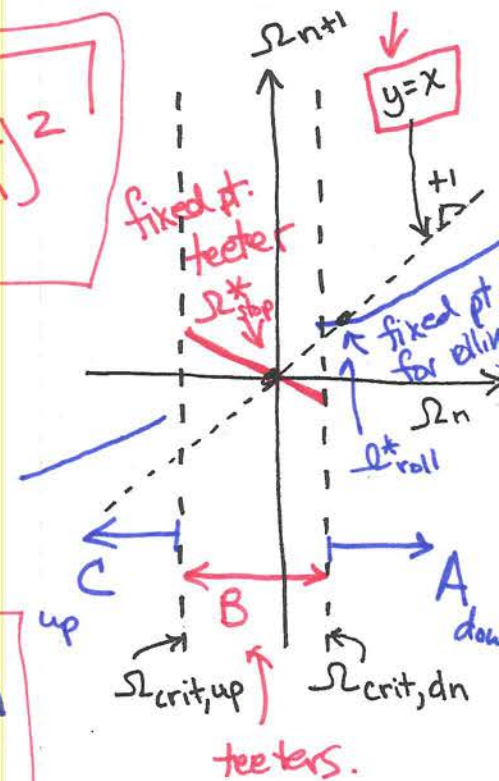
$$\Omega_{n+1}^+ = \eta \sqrt{\frac{4mgL \sin \alpha \sin \delta}{J+mL^2} + (\Omega_n^+)^2}$$

B: "Teeters"

$$\Omega_{n+1}^+ = \eta \Omega_n^+$$

C: Uphill

$$\Omega_{n+1}^+ = -\eta \sqrt{\frac{-4mgL \sin \alpha \sin \delta}{J+mL^2} + (\Omega_n^+)^2}$$



Poincaré
section



Return map: “What will the state be when we RETURN to a given constraint?”

The mapping from Ω_n^+ to Ω_{n+1}^+

- **Fixed point:** A value that maps to itself on the return map.

When $\Omega_{n+1}^+ = \Omega_n^+ = \Omega^*$, e.g. $\Omega^* = 0$ (standing still)

- **Cobweb plot:** Graphical way to predict step-to-step transitions on a 1D return map.

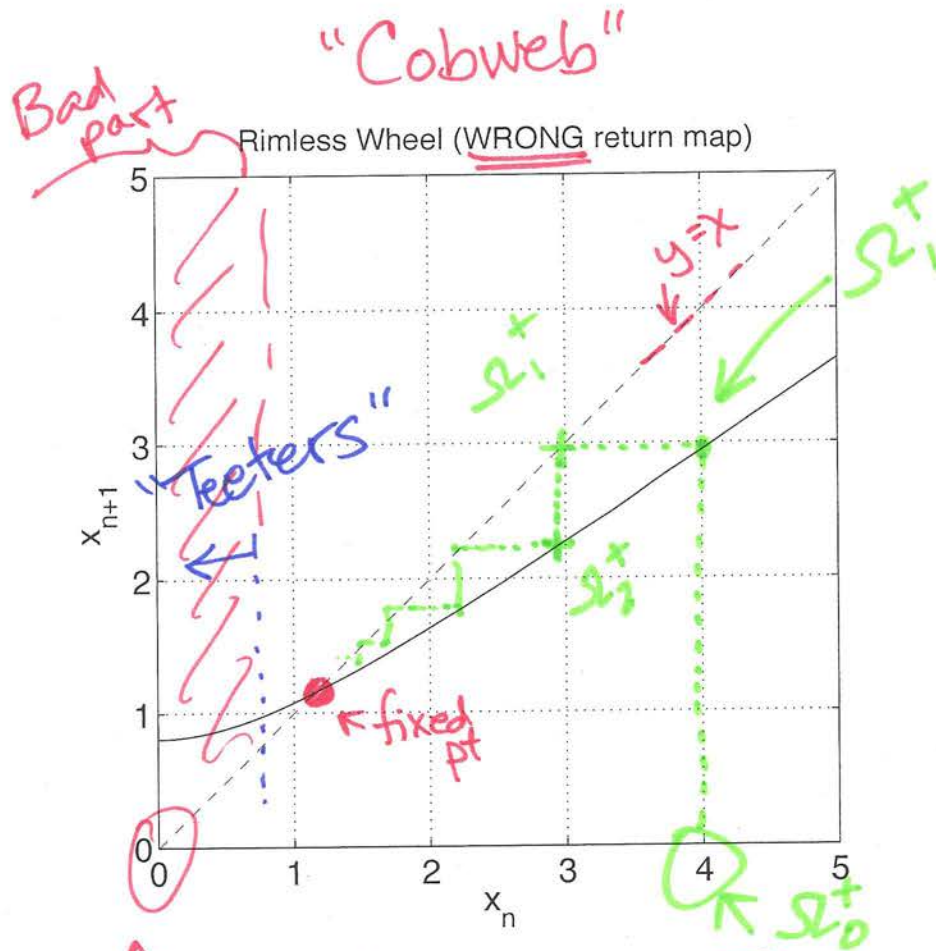
See Matlab & HW1.

- **Basin of attraction:** A region in state space that will evolve toward a particular “attractor”, such as a fixed point.

See next pages!

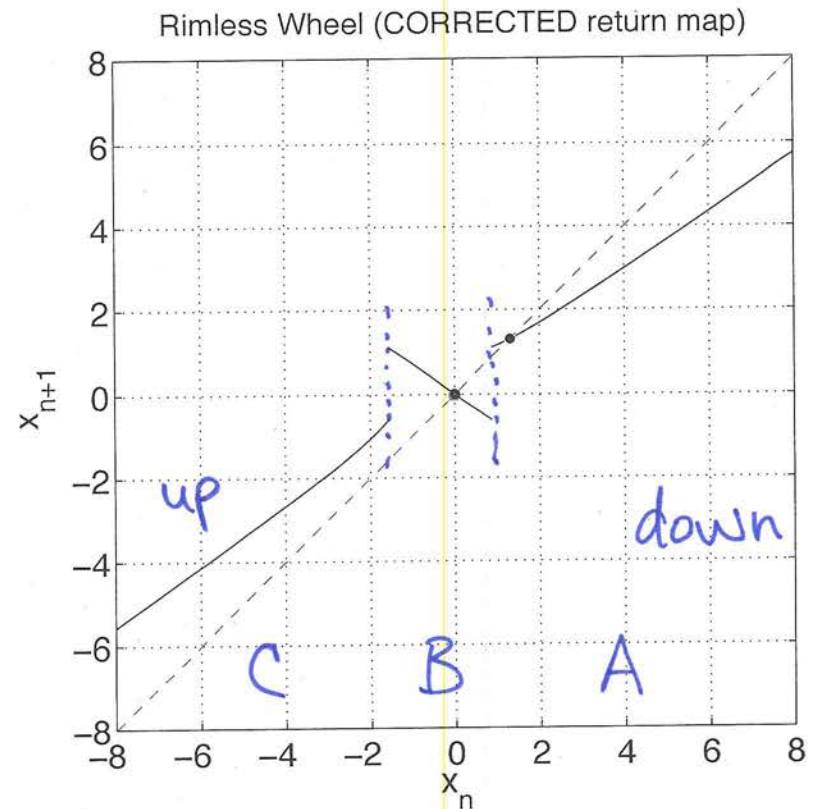
See MATLAB example code (website)

MATLAB:
rw_demo_corrected.m



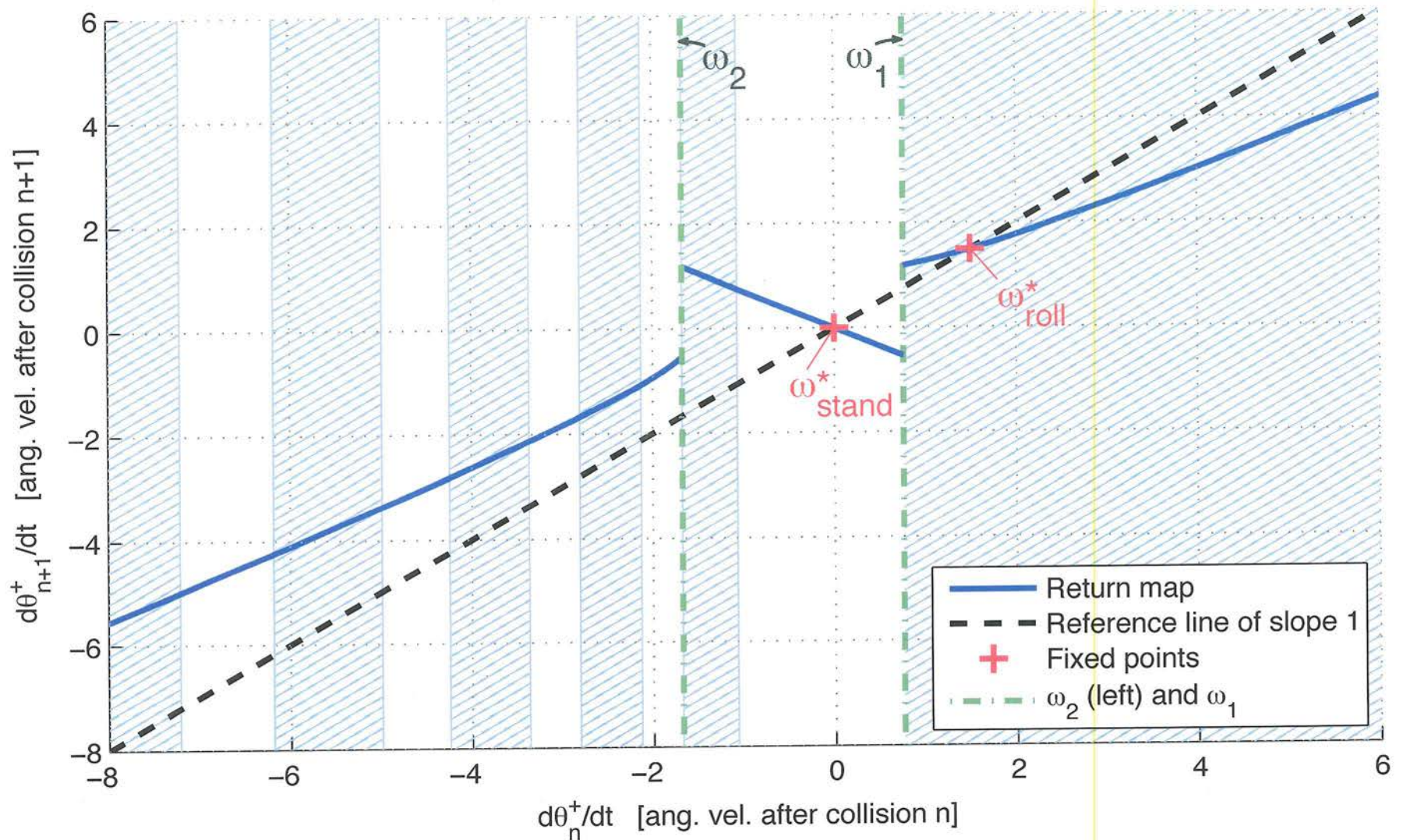
Wrong intuitively
(When $\sigma_n^+ > 0$, $\sigma_{n+1}^+ = 0, \dots$)

energy balance only...



Refer to for HW 1.

Rimless Wheel: Basins of Attraction



CT Dynamics – can be written in the form:

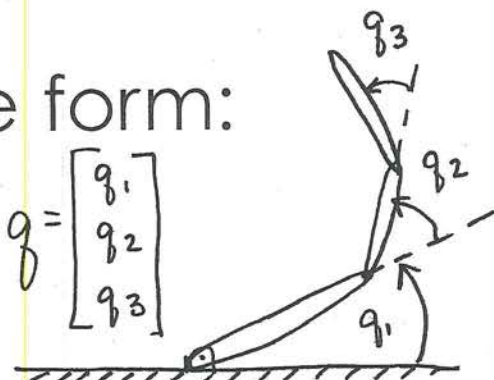
vs
state
vector,
w/ pos +
vel:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{q} = f_1(q, \dot{q}, t) + \underbrace{f_2(q, \dot{q}, t)}_{u: \text{control inputs.}} u$$

u: control inputs.

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



manipulator example.

q holds only DOF's
(positions, NOT
velocities).

- First, how do we get f_1 and f_2 ?

Lagrangian method.

q : "generalized
coordinates"

- Second, when is the system underactuated?

When

$$\text{rank}(f_2) < n$$

← n DOF in q .

← Why? B/c for any

- Third, when is it controllable?

If we can get from one
location to another in state space,
via some path. $x_a \rightarrow x_b$

$$u = \underbrace{f_2^{-1}}_{\text{inverse}} (\ddot{q}_{des} - f_1)$$

inverse

Lagrangian method

1. Construct the "Lagrangian": $\mathcal{L} = T^* - V$

kinetic "co-energy" $\downarrow$

"K.E." $\uparrow$

$\sum \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

"P.E." $\uparrow$

mgh

ε

$\frac{1}{2} k \Delta x^2$

2. Left-Hand Side (LHS) is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_n} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_n} \} \leftarrow \text{conservative terms}$$

3. Right-Hand Side (RHS) is:

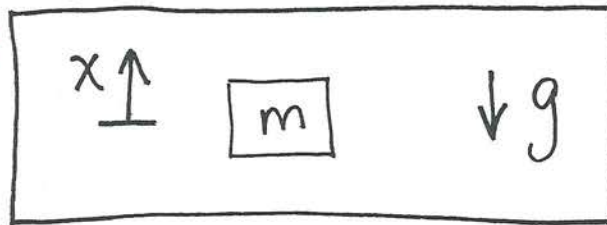
$\mathcal{L}_n$ } generalized non-conserv. terms:

e.g. $\mathcal{L}_n$: inputs $\leftarrow$

" $-b\dot{x}$ " $\leftarrow$ damping

Example 1 – Dropping a free mass

1 DOF, $\{$
"x"



$$T^* = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2$$

$$V = mgx$$

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

1 EOM

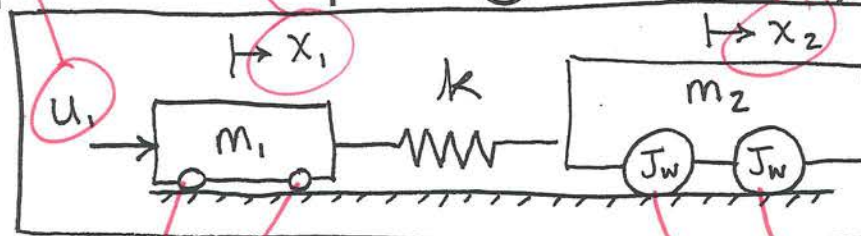
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \underbrace{m\ddot{x} + mg}_{\text{LHS}} = \underbrace{0}_{\text{RHS}}$$

constant
negative
accel.

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\ddot{x} = -g}$$

Example 2 – Spring-mass system

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$J=0$ for m_1 wheels

$J \neq 0$
2 wheels

$$\begin{aligned} T^* &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \dot{x}_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} (2 J_w) \dot{\theta}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 \dot{x}_1^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} m_2 + \frac{J_w}{R^2} \right) \dot{x}_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

no slip, so

$$x_2 = R\theta$$

$$\therefore \dot{\theta} = \frac{\dot{x}_2}{R}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k (x_1 - x_2)^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}_1} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_1} = u_1 = m_1 \ddot{x}_1 + k(x_1 - x_2)$$

for $x_2 \Rightarrow$

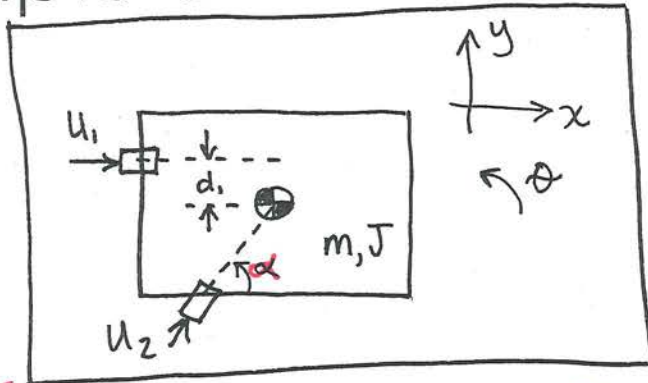
$$0 = \left(m_2 + 2 \frac{J_w}{R^2} \right) \ddot{x}_2 - k(x_1 - x_2)$$

" $\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{f}_1 + \mathbf{f}_2 u$ " yields: $\mathbf{f}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-k(x_1 - x_2)}{m_1} \\ \frac{+k(x_1 - x_2)}{(m_2 + 2 \frac{J_w}{R^2})} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{f}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m_1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

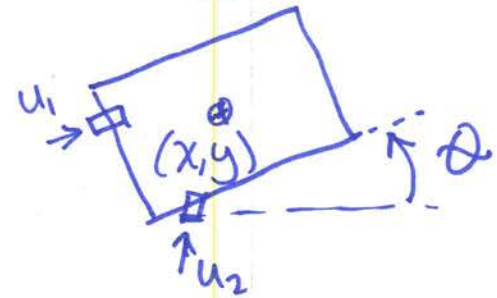
rank($\mathbf{f}_2$) = 1
(under-actuated)

Example 3 – "Hovercraft" – floating on a constant-height, frictionless table.

$u_1, \dot{u}_2$ are fixed on the body...



...so, if body rotates,



$$q = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow 3 \text{ DOF's}$$

$$T^* = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{y}^2 + \frac{1}{2} J \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$V = 0$$

3 eqns:

$$f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m \ddot{x} &= u_1 \cos \theta + u_2 \cos(\theta + \alpha) \\ m \ddot{y} &= u_1 \sin \theta + u_2 \sin(\theta + \alpha) \\ J \ddot{\theta} &= -u_1 d_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta, \cos(\theta + \alpha) \\ \sin \theta, \sin(\theta + \alpha) \\ -d_1, 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow \text{rank}(f_2) = 2 \text{ (2 actuators)}$