

Problem:

A double pendulum consists of two particles suspended by a massless rod as shown in the figure.

Soln: Assume that all motion takes place in a vertical plane. Find the differential equation of motion.

Solution:

Let 'O' be a fixed point of suspension. Let the rod connecting the upper particle make an angle θ with vertical and the rod connecting lower particle make an angle ϕ with vertical.

To find K.E.:

Absolute velocity of an upper particle

$$v_1 = l \dot{\theta}$$

Absolute velocity of an lower particle is the vector sum of,

- (i) The absolute velocity of upper particle
- (ii) The velocity of the lower particle relative to the upper particle.

Since the two velocity vectors differ by an angle $\phi - \theta$.

Using the cosine law to obtain the magnitude of the vector sum.

\therefore The velocity of the lower particle v_2

$$(i.e) v_2 = l \left[\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 + 2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} \cos(\theta - \phi) \right]^{1/2}$$

Since the K.E of the upper particle = $\frac{1}{2} m v_1^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

The K.E of the lower particle = $\frac{1}{2} m v_2^2$

$$|v_1 + v_2| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + 2v_1 v_2 \cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^2 [\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 + 2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} \cos(\theta - \phi)]$$

∴ The total k.E = $\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (v_1^2 + v_2^2)$

the total k.E = $\frac{1}{2} m [l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + l^2 (\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 + 2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} \cos(\theta - \phi))]$
 $= \frac{1}{2} m l^2 [2\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 + 2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} \cos(\theta - \phi)]$

To find potential Energy :-

keeping 'o' as fixed point as well as a reference point. Therefore the p.E , $V_1 = -mg l \cos \theta$

$$V_2 = -mg (l \cos \theta + l \cos \phi)$$

$$V = -mg l [2 \cos \theta + \cos \phi]$$

The Lagrangean function $L = T - V$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m l^2 [2\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 + 2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} \cos(\phi - \theta)] + [mg l (2 \cos \theta + \cos \phi)] - 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = m l^2 [2\dot{\theta} + \dot{\phi} \cos(\phi - \theta)] + \dot{\phi} [-\sin(\phi - \theta) (\dot{\phi} - \dot{\theta})]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = m l^2 [2\ddot{\theta} + \ddot{\phi} \cos(\phi - \theta)]$$

$$= m l^2 [2\ddot{\theta} + \ddot{\phi} \cos(\phi - \theta) - \dot{\phi}^2 \sin(\phi - \theta) + \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \sin(\phi - \theta)] \rightarrow (2)$$

Now, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = m l^2 [\dot{\phi} + \dot{\theta} \cos(\phi - \theta)]$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \right) = m l^2 [\ddot{\phi} + \ddot{\theta} \cos(\phi - \theta) - \dot{\theta} (\dot{\phi} - \dot{\theta}) \sin(\phi - \theta)] \rightarrow (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = -m l^2 \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \sin(\phi - \theta) (-1) - mg l \sin \theta \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} = \frac{1}{2} m l^2 [2\dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} (-\sin(\phi - \theta))] - mg l \sin \phi \rightarrow (5)$$

Consider the D.E of Lagrange's eqn of motion,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m l^2 [2\ddot{\theta} + \ddot{\phi} \cos(\phi - \theta) - \dot{\phi} \sin(\phi - \theta)]$$

$$- m l^2 \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \sin(\phi - \theta) + mg l \sin \theta = 0 \rightarrow (6)$$

∴ by (2) and

(3)

From (4) and (5) we have

$$m l^2 [\ddot{\phi} + \dot{\theta} \cos(\phi - \theta) - \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \sin(\phi - \theta) + \dot{\phi}^2 \sin(\phi - \theta) + \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \sin(\phi - \theta) + mg \sin \phi] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m l^2 [\ddot{\phi} + \dot{\theta} \cos(\phi - \theta) + \dot{\theta}^2 \sin(\phi - \theta)] = 0$$

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Example :-

A particle of mass m can slide without friction the inside of a small tube which is bent into the shape of a circle of radius r . The tube rotates about a vertical diameter with a constant angular velocity ω as shown in figure. Find the differential equation of motion.

Soln:

Absolute velocity of the particle is the vector sum of

- (i) The absolute velocity of the particle along radial direction $r\dot{\theta} = v_1$
- (ii) The absolute velocity of the particle due to the rotation of the tube with the angular velocity $\omega = r\omega \sin \theta = v_2$.

Therefore, the total K.E. $T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

$$\therefore T = \frac{1}{2} m [(r\dot{\theta})^2 + (r\omega \sin \theta)^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m r^2 [\dot{\theta}^2 + \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta]$$

Potential energy :-

potential energy

$$P.E = v = mg (ON)$$

$$= mg (r \cos \theta)$$

$$v = mg (r \cos \theta)$$

\therefore The Lagrangian function $L = T - v$

$$\therefore L = \frac{1}{2} m r^2 [\dot{\theta}^2 + \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta] - m g r \cos \theta$$

This is rheonomic because any set of equations giving the inertial cartesian co-ordinates of the particles in terms of its single generalized co-ordinates θ must involve time explicitly.

The tube is a moving constraint which does work on the particle in an actual displacement.

Nevertheless no work is done by the constraint forces in a virtual displacement and the constraint is classified as a workless constraint.

Since the only generalized forces acting on the system is derivates from a potential function,

The standard form of Lagrangian equation,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

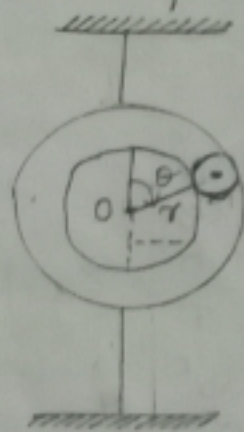
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = m r^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = m r^2 \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - m g r \sin \theta$$

$$m r^2 \ddot{\theta} - (m r^2 \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - m g r \sin \theta) = 0$$

$$m r [\ddot{\theta} - r \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - g \sin \theta] = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} - (r \omega^2 \cos \theta + g) \sin \theta = 0 //$$



Example:

A particle of mass m is connected by a massless spring of stiffness k and unstressed length r_0 to a point P which is moving along a circular path of radius 'a' at a uniform angular rate ω assuming that the particle moves without friction on a horizontal plane. Find the differential

Soln.

This is a mechanical system with 2 degrees of freedom corresponding to the independent generalized co-ordinates (r, t)

We know that the expression for the k.E. into the motion with respect to an arbitrary point p is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\theta}^2 (R^2) + \dot{r}_p \cdot m \dot{\theta}$$

where \dot{r}_p is the absolute velocity of the point p
 $\dot{\theta}$ is velocity of the particle relative to p

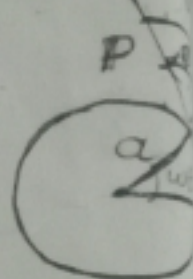
We see that,

$$\dot{r}_p = a \omega^2, \quad \dot{\theta} = a \omega t$$

$$\dot{\theta} = a \omega$$

$$\dot{p} = \dot{r} + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

Hence, $T_0 =$ the k.E. due to a particle having mass m moving with the reference point p = $\frac{1}{2} m \dot{p}^2$



$$T_0 = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{p}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2$$

$T_1 =$ The scalar product of the velocity of the reference point and linear momentum of the particle relative to the reference point = $\dot{r}_p \cdot m \dot{\theta}$

$$= m a \omega [a \sin(\theta - \omega t)]$$

$T_2 =$ The k.E. of the system due to its motion relative to p

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r} + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2)$$

Also the p.E., $V = \frac{1}{2} k (r - r_0)^2$

Therefore, the Lagrangian function $L = T - V$

tangent and normal = $v = r \dot{\theta} = a \dot{\theta}$
Radial and transverse = $v = \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_s$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m a^2 \omega^2 + m a \omega \left[\dot{r} \sin(\theta - \omega t) + r \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta - \omega t) \right] + \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) - \frac{1}{2} k (r - r_0)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[a^2 \omega^2 + a \omega \left[\dot{r} \sin(\theta - \omega t) + r \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta - \omega t) \right] + \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2} k (r - r_0)^2$$

The differential equation of motion are,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$m \ddot{r} + m a \omega \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega^2 \cos(\theta - \omega t) - [m r \dot{\theta}^2 + m a \omega \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - k(r - r_0)] = 0$$

$$m \ddot{r} + m a \omega \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega^2 \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m r \dot{\theta}^2 - m a \omega \dot{\theta} \cos(\theta - \omega t) + k(r - r_0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = \frac{1}{2} [m r^2 (2 \dot{\theta}) + m a \omega r \cos(\theta - \omega t)]$$

$$= m r^2 \dot{\theta} + m a \omega r \cos(\theta - \omega t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = 2 m r \dot{r} \dot{\theta} + m r^2 \ddot{\theta} + m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) + m a \omega r [-\sin(\theta - \omega t)] [\dot{\theta} - \omega]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = 2 m r \dot{r} \dot{\theta} + m r^2 \ddot{\theta} + m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega r \sin(\theta - \omega t) \dot{\theta} + m a \omega^2 r \sin(\theta - \omega t)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = m a \omega [\dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - r \dot{\theta} \sin(\theta - \omega t)]$$

$$= [m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega r \dot{\theta} \sin(\theta - \omega t)]$$

∴ The Lagrangian equation of motion relative to θ is,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$2 m r \dot{r} \dot{\theta} + m r^2 \ddot{\theta} + m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega r \sin(\theta - \omega t) \dot{\theta} + m a \omega^2 r \sin(\theta - \omega t) - [m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega r \dot{\theta} \sin(\theta - \omega t)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 m r \dot{r} \dot{\theta} + m r^2 \ddot{\theta} + m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega r \sin(\theta - \omega t) \dot{\theta} + m a \omega^2 r \sin(\theta - \omega t) - m a \omega \dot{r} \cos(\theta - \omega t) + m a \omega r \dot{\theta} \sin(\theta - \omega t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2mr\dot{\theta}^2 + mr^2\ddot{\theta} + maw^2r \sin(\theta - \omega t) = 0 //$$

(*) Problem:

2 particles are connected by a rigid rod of length 'l' which rotates about a horizontal knife edge with constant angular velocity ω . The knife edge at the 2 particles prevent either particle having a velocity component along the rod. The particles can slide without friction in a direction perpendicular to the rod. Find the differential equation of motion. solve for x, y and the force as function of time. If the centre mass initially at the origin and has velocity in the positive y direction.

Proof:

This is a non-holonomic rheonomic system. The cartesian co-ordinates of given 2 particles are (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)

Since the equation of holonomic constraint

$$(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 = l^2 \longrightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \longrightarrow \textcircled{2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{2} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{from} \\ \text{last} \end{array}$$

The non-holonomic constrained equation is,

$$\dot{x}_1 \cos \omega t + \dot{y}_1 \sin \omega t + \dot{x}_2 \cos \omega t + \dot{y}_2 \sin \omega t = 0.$$

$$\text{i.e. } (\dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2) \cos \omega t + (\dot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_2) \sin \omega t = 0$$

Here 4 cartesian co-ordinates and three independent equations of constraint. Therefore, the system has 1 degree of freedom.

Choose the generalized co-ordinates such that the system has only one non-holonomic constraint which is non-holonomic constraint.

The Cartesian co-ordinates (x, y) is the centre of mass as the generalized co-ordinate.

Since the transformation equation

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x - \frac{l}{2} \cos \omega t & x_2 &= x + \frac{l}{2} \cos \omega t \\ y_1 &= y - \frac{l}{2} \sin \omega t & y_2 &= y + \frac{l}{2} \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 &= \dot{x} + \frac{l}{2} \omega \sin \omega t \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \dot{x} - \frac{l}{2} \omega \sin \omega t \\ \dot{y}_2 &= \dot{y} + \frac{l}{2} \omega \cos \omega t \\ \dot{y}_1 &= \dot{y} - \frac{l}{2} \omega \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow (4)$$

Now from the equation (3) and eqn (4)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2\dot{x} \cos \omega t + 2\dot{y} \sin \omega t &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x} \cos \omega t + \dot{y} \sin \omega t &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the total kinetic energy.

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m [\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{y}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{y}_2^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} m \left[\left(\dot{x}^2 + \frac{l^2}{4} \omega^2 \sin^2 \omega t + 2\dot{x} \frac{l}{2} \omega \sin \omega t \right) \right. \\ &\quad + \left(\dot{y}^2 + \frac{l^2}{4} \omega^2 \cos^2 \omega t - 2\dot{y} \frac{l}{2} \omega \cos \omega t \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\dot{x}^2 + \frac{l^2}{4} \omega^2 \sin^2 \omega t - 2\dot{x} \frac{l}{2} \omega \sin \omega t \right) \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\dot{y}^2 + \frac{l^2}{4} \omega^2 \cos^2 \omega t + 2\dot{y} \frac{l}{2} \omega \cos \omega t \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m \left[2\dot{x}^2 + 2\dot{y}^2 + 2 \left(\frac{l^2}{4} \omega^2 \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

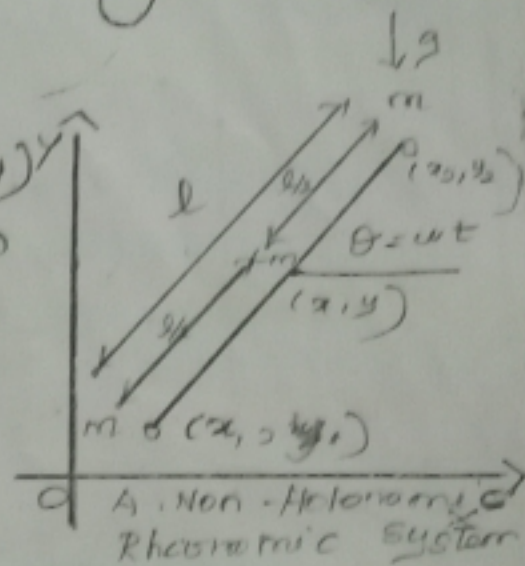
$$T = m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + m \frac{l^2}{4} \omega^2 \quad \rightarrow (6)$$

\therefore The total k.E $T = T_{\text{trans}} + T_{\text{rot}}$

Since the moment of inertia of the rigid rod about its centre of mass = mass of the rigid rod $\times \left(\frac{\text{length}}{2} \right)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2m \left(\frac{l}{2} \right)^2 = 2m \left(\frac{l^2}{4} \right) \\ &= m \cdot \frac{l^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The p.E $\Rightarrow V=0$



∴ The Lagrangian function $L = T - V$

$$(1.0) \quad L = T - 0 \\ L = T$$

Now the Lagrangian equation of motion

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \sin \omega t$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 2m\dot{x} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = 2m\ddot{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}} = 2m\dot{y} \quad , \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) = 2m\ddot{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m\ddot{x} = \lambda_1 \cos \omega t \quad \text{and} \quad 2m\ddot{y} = \lambda_1 \sin \omega t$$

$$\text{Eqn (1)} \Rightarrow \frac{\ddot{y}}{\ddot{x}} = \tan \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{y} = \ddot{x} \tan \omega t \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

From eqn (5)

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} \cos \omega t + \ddot{y} \sin \omega t = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} \sin \omega t = -\ddot{x} \cos \omega t$$

$$\frac{-\ddot{y} \sin \omega t}{\cos \omega t} = \ddot{x} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \ddot{y} \tan \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \omega t = -\frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{y}} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

The eqn (8) and (9)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ddot{y}}{\ddot{x}} = -\frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{y}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{y} \ddot{y} + \ddot{x} \ddot{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\ddot{y})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (\ddot{x})^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = c$$

where 'c' is the integrating constant

$$\text{let } c = v_0^2$$

$$(i.e) \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = v_0^2$$

(i.e) The centre of mass with constant velocity v_0 . since the direction of motion is always $\perp r$ to the rod. Therefore, $\dot{x} = -v_0 \sin \omega t dt$ and $\dot{y} = v_0 \cos \omega t$

$$\Rightarrow dx = -v_0 \sin \omega t dt \text{ and } dy = v_0 \cos \omega t dt \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Again integrate on both sides

$$x = -v_0 \int_0^t \sin \omega t dt$$

$$= v_0 \left(\frac{\cos \omega t}{\omega} \right)_0^t = \frac{v_0}{\omega} (\cos \omega t - 1) \quad (\cos 0 = 1)$$

$$x = \frac{v_0}{\omega} (\cos \omega t - 1)$$

$$y = \frac{v_0}{\omega} (\sin \omega t)$$

$$\therefore \text{The eqn (10)} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{x} &= -v_0 \cos \omega t \cdot \omega \\ \ddot{y} &= -v_0 \sin \omega t \cdot \omega \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (11)}$$

$$\therefore \text{eqn (7) and (11)} \Rightarrow 2m(-v_0 \omega \cos \omega t) = \lambda_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2m v_0 \omega$$

\therefore The Lagrangian multiplier is $\lambda_1 = -2m v_0 \omega$

The equation of motion.

$$\text{eqn (7)} \Rightarrow 2m \ddot{x} = \lambda_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m \ddot{x} = -2m v_0 \omega \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -v_0 \omega \cos \omega t$$

$$\text{iii) } \ddot{y} = -v_0 \omega \sin \omega t$$