

Lecture 16, Oct 31, 2023

Midterm Review

- Example: pendulum with spring and dashpot on the arm
 - Kinetic energy: $T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + (l+x)^2\dot{\theta}^2)$
 - Potential energy: $V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 - mg(l+x)\cos\theta$
 - Nonconservative forces: consider $\widehat{\delta W}_\Delta = Q_{x,\Delta}\delta x + Q_{\theta,\Delta}\delta\theta$
 - * For a small virtual displacement δx we would have done work $f_d\delta x = -c\dot{x}\delta x$
 - * A small displacement $\delta\theta$ does no non-conservative work
 - * Therefore $Q_{x,\Delta} = -c\dot{x}$, $Q_{\theta,\Delta} = 0$
 - * We could also do this using $Q_{k,\Delta} = \sum_i \underline{f}_{i,\Delta} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{r}_i}{\partial \underline{q}_k}$
 - $L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + (l+x)^2\dot{\theta}^2) - \frac{1}{2}kx^2 - mg(l+x)\cos\theta$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = m\dot{x} \implies \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = m\ddot{x}$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = m(l+x)\dot{\theta}^2 - kx - mg\cos\theta$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m(l+x)^2\dot{\theta} \implies \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = 2m(l+x)\dot{x}\dot{\theta} + m(l+x)^2\ddot{\theta}$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = -mg(l+x)\sin\theta$
 - $m\ddot{x} - m(l+x)\dot{\theta}^2 + kx - mg\cos\theta = -c\dot{x}$
 - $m(l+x)^2\ddot{\theta} + 2m(l+x)\dot{x}\dot{\theta} + mg(l+x)\sin\theta = 0$