

Modelling of carousel dynamics (2 DoF, Euler Lagrange): SIMULATION and ANIMATION

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Presentations in video:

<https://personales.upv.es/asala/YT/V/tiovELEN.html>

<https://personales.upv.es/asala/YT/V/tiovEL2EN.html>

<https://personales.upv.es/asala/YT/V/tiovELsimEN.html>

Objectives: Understand the physical modeling of a carousel like the one in the figure, and its simulation. Specifically, we will address the case of 2 degrees of freedom with Euler-Lagrange equations of dynamics.

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```
syms phi theta real %degrees of freedom to describe motion
syms R_0 L M g I_0 real
assume(M>0), assume(g>0), assume(I_0>0), assume(L>0), assume(R_0>0)
%we help symbolic toolbox
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Kinematics

```
R=R_0+L*sin(theta); %Distance from mass to central axis of rotation
x=R*cos(phi);
y=R*sin(phi);
z=L*(1-cos(theta)); %z=0 is downwards equilibrium point (when not
rotating)
r=[x;y;z]
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$$r = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi) (R_0 + L \sin(\theta)) \\ \sin(\phi) (R_0 + L \sin(\theta)) \\ -L (\cos(\theta) - 1) \end{pmatrix}$$

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q=[phi; theta];
syms omega_0 omega_1 real %angular velocities dot_phi dot_theta
syms alpha_0 alpha_1 real %angular accelerations ddot_phi ddot_theta
v_q=[omega_0;omega_1]; a_q=[alpha_0;alpha_1];
```

$$v(q, \dot{q}) = \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial q} \cdot \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial q} \cdot \dot{q}$$

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veloc = jacobian(r,q)*v_q %dr/dt
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$$veloc = \begin{pmatrix} L \omega_1 \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) - \omega_0 \sin(\phi) (R_0 + L \sin(\theta)) \\ \omega_0 \cos(\phi) (R_0 + L \sin(\theta)) + L \omega_1 \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ L \omega_1 \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

If we wished to express the suspended mass acceleration as a function of position, velocity and angular accelerations, it would come out:

$$a(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}) = \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \cdot \dot{q} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \dot{q}} \cdot \ddot{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \dot{q}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \ddot{q} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
acel = simplify( jacobian(veloc,[q; v_q])*[v_q; a_q] ) %d2r/dt^2
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$$acel = \begin{pmatrix} L \alpha_1 \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) - \omega_0 (\omega_0 \cos(\phi) \sigma_1 + L \omega_1 \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi)) - \alpha_0 \sin(\phi) \sigma_1 - \omega_1 (L \omega_0 \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) + L \omega_1 \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta)) \\ \omega_1 (L \omega_0 \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) - L \omega_1 \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta)) - \omega_0 (\omega_0 \sin(\phi) \sigma_1 - L \omega_1 \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta)) + \alpha_0 \cos(\phi) \sigma_1 + L \alpha_1 \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ L (\cos(\theta) \omega_1^2 + \alpha_1 \sin(\theta)) \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = R_0 + L \sin(\theta)$$

***Note:** this acceleration is NOT needed in the Euler-Lagrange methodology.

Energies and Euler-Lagrange equations of motion

```
T=simplify( 0.5*M*(veloc'*veloc) + 0.5*I_0*omega_0^2, 100) %kinetic energy
```

T =

$$\frac{M L^2 \omega_0^2 \sin(\theta)^2}{2} + \frac{M L^2 \omega_1^2}{2} + M L R_0 \omega_0^2 \sin(\theta) + \frac{M R_0^2 \omega_0^2}{2} + \frac{I_0 \omega_0^2}{2}$$

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V=M*g*z %potential energy
```

$$V = -L M g (\cos(\theta) - 1)$$

```
Lagrangian=T-V;
```

Let us define $p(q, \dot{q}) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$:

```
p = simplify( jacobian(Lagrangian,v_q) ) %momentum generalized
```

$$p = (\omega_0 (M L^2 \sin(\theta)^2 + 2 M L R_0 \sin(\theta) + M R_0^2 + I_0) L^2 M \omega_1)$$

Euler-Lagrange equations of motion for each coordinate q_i are:

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = \tau_i$$

where, of course, we may need chain rule:

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial q} \cdot \dot{q} + \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \dot{q}} \cdot \ddot{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \dot{q}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \ddot{q} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
dpdt = simplify(jacobian(p,[q;v_q])*[v_q;a_q]);
syms tau real %torque in carousel top
%we arrange in "column" form each equation of motion
EcsMotion = (dpdt - jacobian(Lagrangian,q)'==[tau;0]) %Euler-Lagrange
```

EcsMotion =

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 (M L^2 \sin(\theta)^2 + 2 M L R_0 \sin(\theta) + M R_0^2 + I_0) + L M \omega_0 \omega_1 (2 R_0 \cos(\theta) + 2 L \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta)) = \tau \\ -M \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) L^2 \omega_0^2 + M \alpha_1 L^2 - M R_0 \cos(\theta) L \omega_0^2 + M g \sin(\theta) L = 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can rewrite as $M(q)\ddot{q} = \tau - C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + G(q)$

$$(I_0 + M(R_0 + L \sin \theta)^2) \cdot \alpha_0 = \tau - 2M(R_0 + L \sin \theta)L \cos \theta \cdot \omega_0 \omega_1 \quad \% \text{top platform}$$

$$M L^2 \cdot \alpha_1 = -M g L \sin \theta + M \omega_0^2 (R_0 + L \sin \theta) L \cos \theta \quad \% \text{suspended mass}$$

```
MassMatrix = simplify(jacobian(lhs(EcsMotion), a_q))
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MassMatrix =
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$$\begin{pmatrix} M L^2 \sin(\theta)^2 + 2 M L R_0 \sin(\theta) + M R_0^2 + I_0 & 0 \\ 0 & L^2 M \end{pmatrix}$$

Particular cases

Zero suspended length

```
simplify(subs(EcsMotion, L, 0))
```

```
ans =
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 (M R_0^2 + I_0) = \tau \\ \text{symtrue} \end{pmatrix}$$

We have a 1 DoF model with equivalent moment of inertia $I_0 + M R_0^2$.

R0=0, I0=0, tau=0: spherical pendulum

```
simplify(subs(EcsMotion, {R_0, I_0, tau}, {0, 0, 0}))
```

```
ans =
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\theta}{\pi} \in \mathbb{Z} \vee \alpha_0 \sin(\theta) + 2 \omega_0 \omega_1 \cos(\theta) = 0 \\ L \omega_0^2 \sin(2 \theta) = 2 L \alpha_1 + 2 g \sin(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

Lateral oscillations with forced angular rotation speed of the platform

We would need to look just at the second equation of motion:

$$M L^2 \alpha_1 = -M g L \sin \theta + M \omega_0^2 (R_0 + L \sin \theta) L \cos \theta,$$

We have a torque caused by weight and by centrifugal force.

Fixing $\omega_0(t)$ to any desired trajectory, the first equation of motion, replacing $\alpha_0 = \frac{d\omega_0}{dt}$, would give the motor torque needed to keep the desired velocity profile.

Variations of the above idea are behind the so-called "computed torque" methodologies in robotics.

Normalised state-space equation

```
State=[phi; theta; omega_0; omega_1];
accels=solve(EcsMotion,a_q);
EcEstado4=simplify([omega_0;omega_1;accels.alpha_0;accels.alpha_1])
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EcEstado4 =

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega_0 \\ \omega_1 \\ -\frac{2 M \omega_0 \omega_1 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) L^2 + 2 M R_0 \omega_0 \omega_1 \cos(\theta) L - \tau}{M L^2 \sin(\theta)^2 + 2 M L R_0 \sin(\theta) + M R_0^2 + I_0} \\ \frac{R_0 \omega_0^2 \cos(\theta) - g \sin(\theta) + L \omega_0^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta)}{L} \end{pmatrix}$$