Analytical Mechanics Final Exam.

1. Let us investigate the transversal vibration of a beam. The beam is of length L and its one end is fixed on a wall, as illustrated in Figure 1. Force f(t) is applied to the other end at time t. Let μ be the line density of the beam, E be its Young's module, and I be its geometrical moment of inertia. Let x be the distance from the wall and u(x,t) be the traversal displacement at distance x and time t, as illustrated in the figure. Kinetic energy and bend potential energy of the beam are then described as follows, respectively:

$$T = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)^2 dx,$$
$$U = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EI \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)^2 dx.$$

Work done by the external force is described as

$$Work = f(t)u(L, t).$$

Compute the variation of action integral

$$\delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (T - U + Work) \, \mathrm{d}t$$

and derive a differential equation that u(x,t) must satisfy.

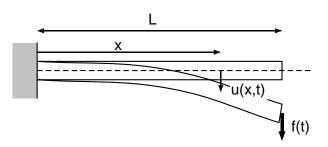


Figure 1: Transversal vibration of beam

transversal vibration line density Young's module geometrical moment of inertia action integral

2. A bead of mass m moves along a inclined rigid bar. Friction between the bead and the bar is negligible. The bar rotates along a vertical plane and inclination of the bar is increasing at a constant rate ω . Assuming that $\theta = 0$ at time t = 0, find the motion of the bead using Lagrangean formulation.

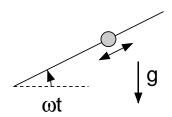


Figure 2: Bead moving along rotating bar