

ADVANCED DYNAMICS — PHY 4241/5227
HOME AND CLASS WORK – SET 7

Solution for assignment 10c: Double pendulum solution and plot.

Let us take minors with respect to the first row of the determinant. For the ω_+ frequency the ratio of the two minors is

$$\frac{\Delta_{1+}}{\Delta_{2+}} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{2}}{2 + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(-1 - \sqrt{2})}{(2 + \sqrt{2})} \frac{(1 - \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})} = \frac{1}{-\sqrt{2}}$$

and for ω_- it is

$$\frac{\Delta_{1+}}{\Delta_{2+}} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{2}}{2 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(-1 + \sqrt{2})}{(2 - \sqrt{2})} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Therefore, the solutions (real part) can be written

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_+(t) &= A_+ \cos(\omega_+ t) + B_+ \sin(\omega_+ t), \\ \phi_-(t) &= A_- \cos(\omega_- t) + B_- \sin(\omega_- t), \\ \phi(t) &= \phi_+(t) + \phi_-(t), \\ \psi(t) &= -\sqrt{2} \phi_+(t) + \sqrt{2} \phi_-(t).\end{aligned}$$

The four constants are determined by the four initial value, e.g., $\phi_0, \dot{\phi}_0, \psi_0, \dot{\psi}_0$ at time $t = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_0 &= A_+ + A_-, & \psi_0 &= \sqrt{2} (-A_+ + A_-), \\ \dot{\phi}_0 &= \omega_+ B_+ + \omega_- B_-, & \dot{\psi}_0 &= \sqrt{2} (-\omega_+ B_+ + \omega_- B_-),\end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned}A_+ &= \frac{\phi_0}{2} - \frac{\psi_0}{2\sqrt{2}}, & A_- &= \frac{\phi_0}{2} + \frac{\psi_0}{2\sqrt{2}}, \\ B_+ &= \frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{2\omega_+} - \frac{\dot{\psi}_0}{2\sqrt{2}\omega_+}, & B_- &= \frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{2\omega_-} + \frac{\dot{\psi}_0}{2\sqrt{2}\omega_-}.\end{aligned}$$

For the initial conditions

$$\phi_0 = 0, \quad \dot{\phi}_0 = 1, \quad \psi_0 = 0, \quad \dot{\psi}_0 = -1$$

at time $t = 0$ the figure gives a plot up to $t = 50 \sqrt{l/g}$ (next page).

