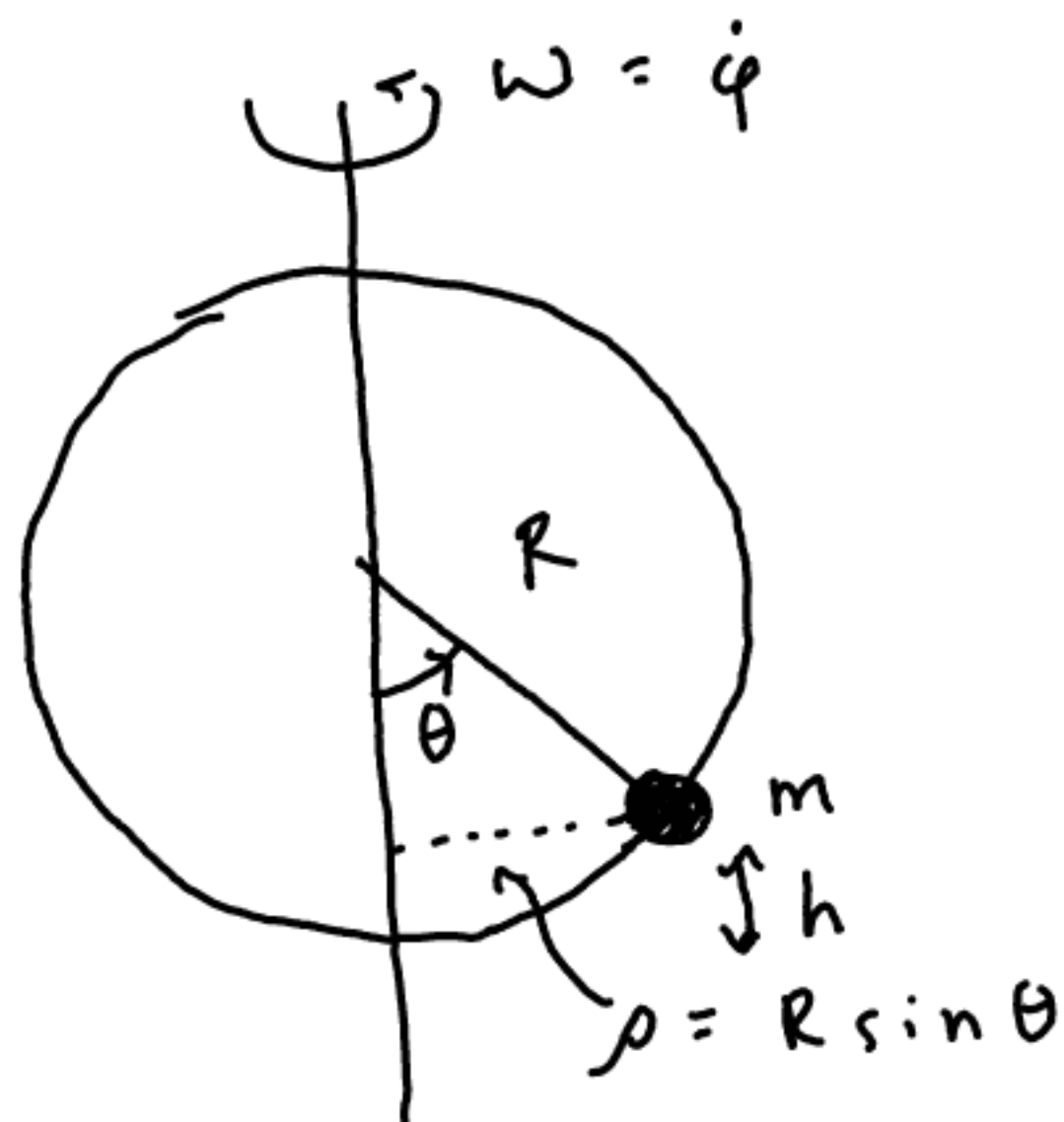




This system is
non-relativistic

because the hoop is
spinning,
which gives the bead
centripetal acceleration.

First, write the Lagrangian in inertial coordinates.

We can fully specify the motion with θ .

motion is purely rotational on two axes: θ, ϕ

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \rho^2 \dot{\phi}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m R^2 (\dot{\theta}^2 + \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta) \quad \text{using } \dot{\phi} = \omega$$

$$U = mgh = mg(R - R \cos \theta) \quad \text{ignore constant term.}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = T - U = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + mgR \cos \theta$$

Solve Euler-Lagrange in θ

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

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m R^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\cancel{m R^2} \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \cancel{m g R} \sin \theta = \cancel{m R^2} \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \omega^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \frac{g}{R} \sin \theta$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \left(\omega^2 \cos \theta - \frac{g}{R} \right) \sin \theta$$

which we cannot solve analytically

BUT we can look at behavior in some useful limiting cases.

Equilibrium Positions

Any point where if our object starts there at rest, then it will remain at rest.

In mathematical terms, $\frac{d\dot{\theta}}{dt} = \ddot{\theta} = 0$.

$$\text{Then } (w^2 \cos \theta - \frac{g}{R}) \sin \theta = 0$$

Two eq. points: $\sin \theta = 0 \rightarrow \theta = 0 \text{ or } \pi/2$
bottom or top
of hoop.

$$w^2 \cos \theta_0 = g/R$$

$$\cos \theta_0 = \frac{g}{w^2 R}$$

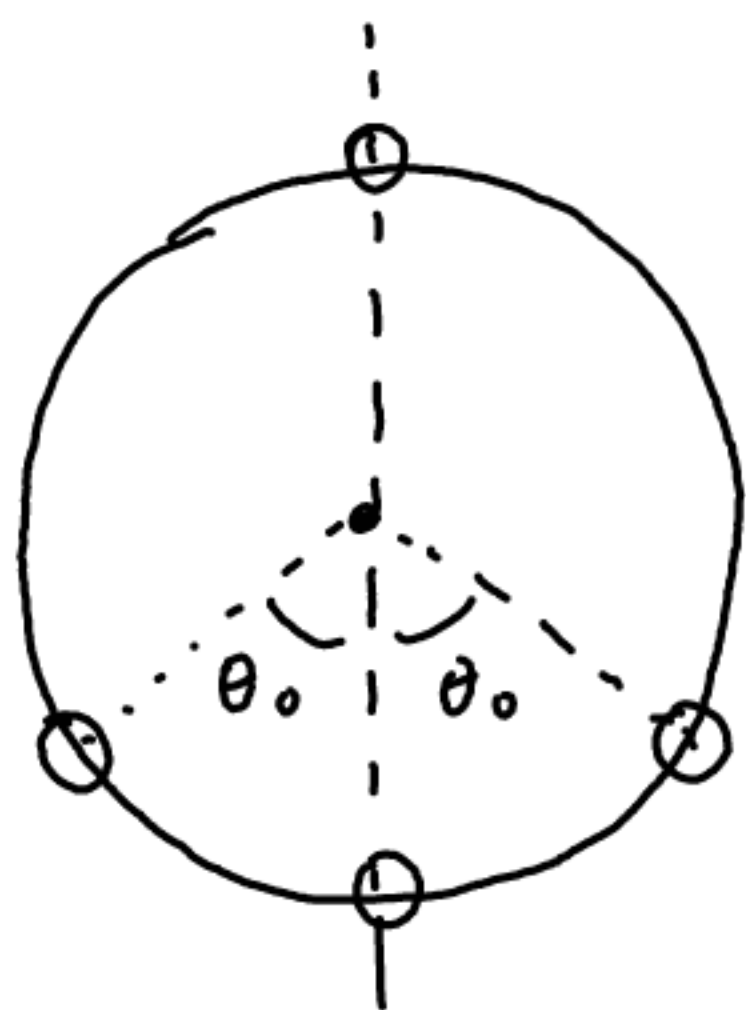
$$\theta_0 = \pm \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{g}{w^2 R} \right)$$

$$\leftarrow |\cos \theta| \leq 1$$

$$\text{so } \frac{g}{w^2 R} \leq 1$$

$$w^2 > g/R$$

condition for second
set of eq. points.



Four possible eq. points
for high speed $w^2 > g/R$

Only two for low speed $w^2 < g/R$