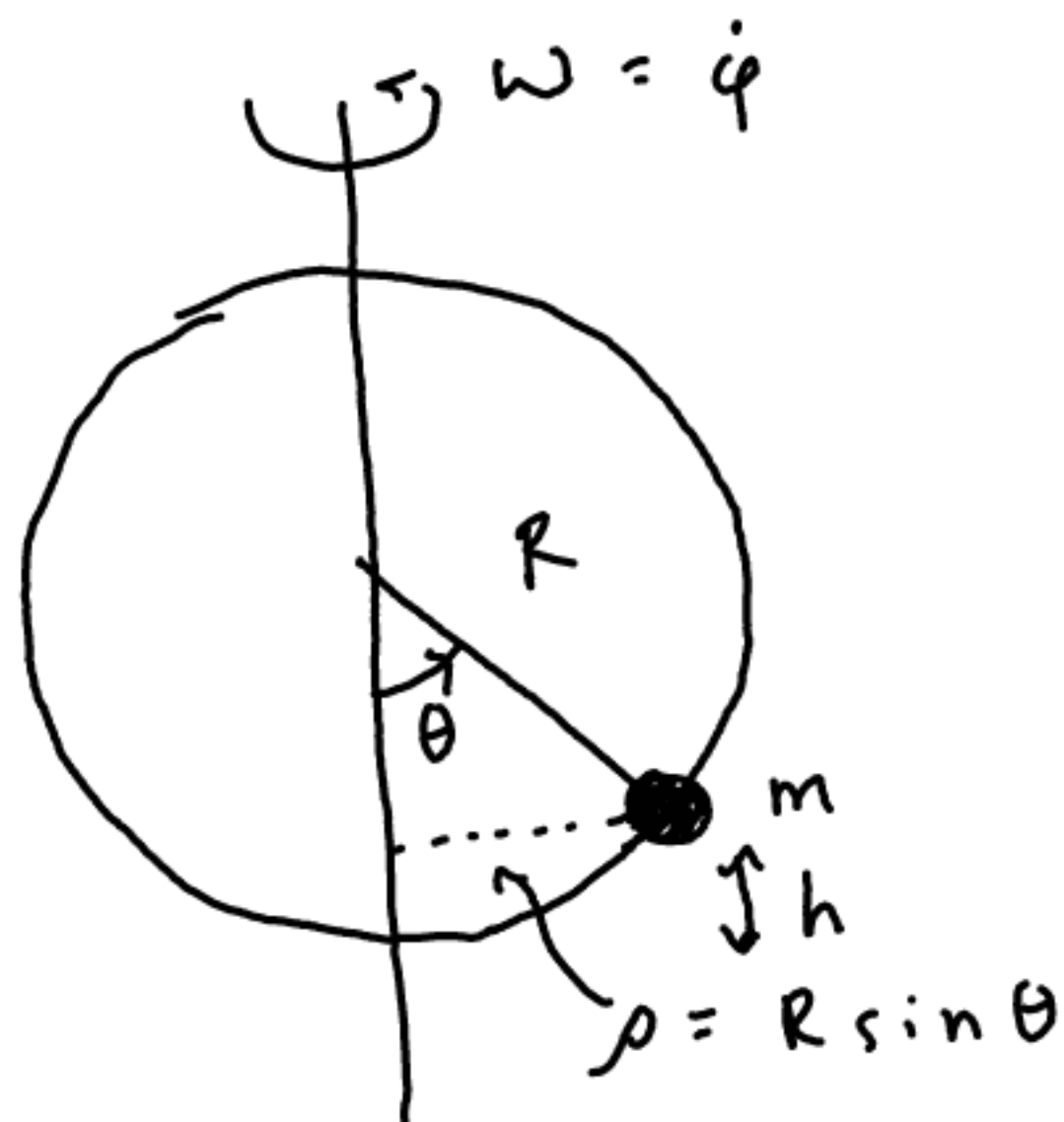




This system is
non-relativistic

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

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

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

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

$$\mathcal{L} = T - U$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta + mg R \cos \theta$$

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, $\left. \frac{d\dot{\theta}}{dt} \right|_{\dot{\theta}=0} = \ddot{\theta} \Big|_{\dot{\theta}=0} = 0$.

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

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

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

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

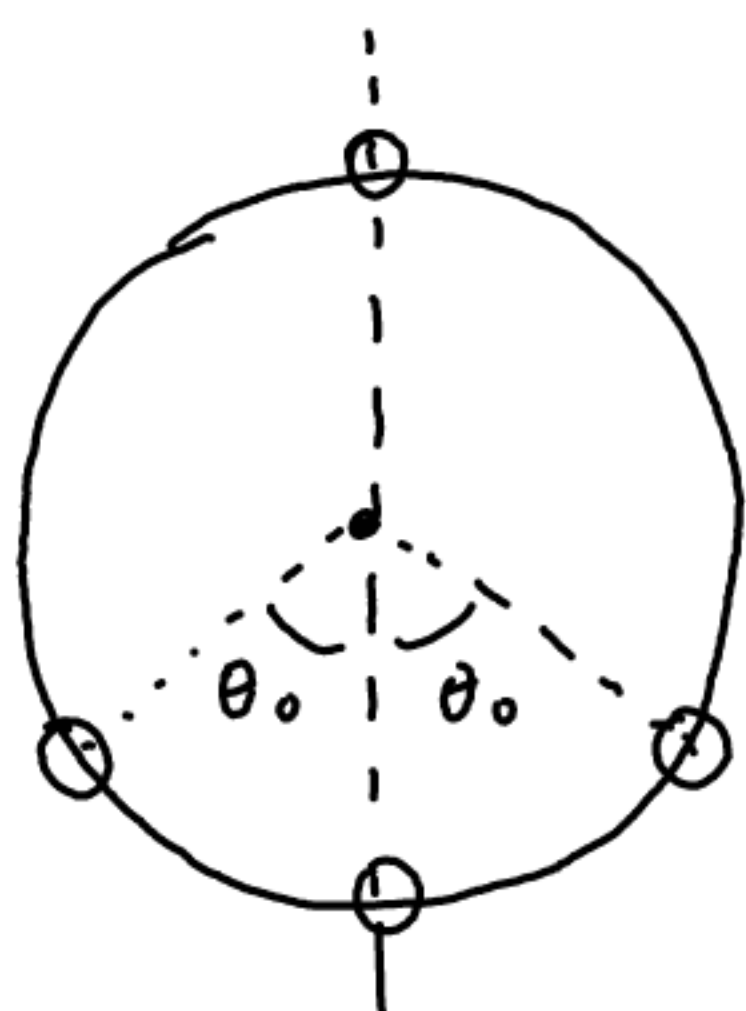
$$\theta_0 = \pm \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{g}{w^2 R} \right)$$

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

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

$$w^2 > g/R$$

condition for second
set of eq. points.



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

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

Stability

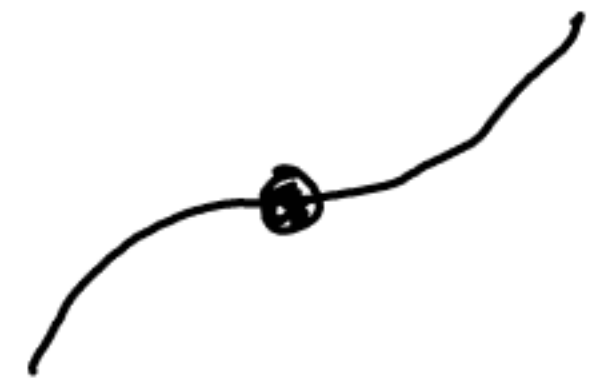
once we have found equilibrium points, we need to know their behavior.



stable



unstable



semistable

Our general strategy is to take a small expansion around the equilibrium point

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \varepsilon$$

where ε is a function of time and very small.

$$\theta_0 = 0 \quad \text{eq point :}$$

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

$$\ddot{\varepsilon} = \left(\omega^2 \cos(\theta_0 + \varepsilon) - \frac{g}{R} \right) \sin(\theta_0 + \varepsilon)$$

for small ε ,

$$\cos \varepsilon \sim 1 \quad \sin \varepsilon \sim \varepsilon$$

$$\ddot{\varepsilon} = \left(\omega^2 - g/R \right) \varepsilon$$

$\ddot{\epsilon} = (\omega^2 - g/\rho) \epsilon$ is a familiar form

If $\omega^2 - g/\rho > 0$ then the solution is exponential.

$$\epsilon(t) = A e^{ct} + B e^{-ct} \quad \text{where } c = \sqrt{\omega^2 - g/\rho}$$

you can fill in initial conditions to find the exact form, but the result will always be unstable.

If $\omega^2 - g/\rho < 0$ then we have a SHO

$$\epsilon(t) = A e^{i\omega t} + B e^{-i\omega t}$$

this is stable, oscillating behavior.

Repeating for $\theta_0 = \pi$:

$$\ddot{\theta} = (\omega^2 \cos \theta - g/r) \sin \theta$$

$$\ddot{\varepsilon} = (\omega^2 \cos(\pi + \varepsilon) - g/r) \sin(\pi + \varepsilon)$$

$\cos(\pi + \varepsilon)$ will always be close to -1

I'll expand $\sin(\pi + \varepsilon)$

$$\text{as } \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\sin(\pi + \varepsilon) = \sin \pi \overset{0}{\cancel{\cos \varepsilon}} + \cos \pi \sin \varepsilon$$

$$\sim -\sin \varepsilon$$

for small ε , $\sin \varepsilon \sim \varepsilon$

$$\ddot{\varepsilon} = (+\omega^2 + g/r) \varepsilon \quad \omega^2 + g/r > 0$$

so this point
is unstable

ω -dependent eq. points

$$0 < \theta_0 < \pi/2$$

positive for $\uparrow \theta$
negative for $\downarrow \theta$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \underbrace{(\omega^2 \cos \theta - g/r)}_{\text{zero at } \theta_0} \underbrace{\sin \theta}_{\text{positive at } \theta_0}$$

negative if we $\uparrow \theta$
positive if we $\downarrow \theta$

no change in sign
w/ changing θ

If we $\uparrow \theta$ from θ_0

OR

$\downarrow \theta$ from θ_0

both have SHO form

$$\ddot{\epsilon} = -c^2 \epsilon$$

when they exist ($\omega^2 > g/r$)

they are stable equilibrium points