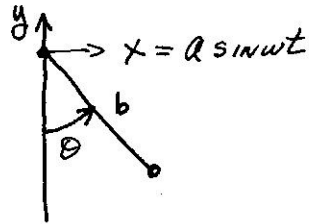


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For the mass m :

$$x = a \sin \omega t + b \sin \theta$$

$$y = -b \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{x} = a\omega \cos \omega t + b\dot{\theta} \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{y} = b\dot{\theta} \sin \theta$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2); \quad U = mgy$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (a^2 \omega^2 \cos^2 \omega t + 2ab\omega\dot{\theta} \cos \omega t \cos \theta + b^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + mgb \cos \theta$$

Lagrangian eqn for θ :

$$\frac{d}{dt} (mab\omega \cos \omega t \cos \theta + mb^2 \dot{\theta}) = -mab\omega \dot{\theta} \cos \omega t \sin \theta - mgb \sin \theta$$

which reduces to

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{b} \sin \theta - \frac{a}{b} \omega^2 \sin \omega t \cos \theta = 0$$

Note that if there is no driving force, i.e. $a=0$, then the differential equation reduces to that for a simple pendulum.