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$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (l^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + 2l\dot{x}\dot{\phi} \cos \phi) + m_2 g l \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (x \text{ is a ignorable variable})$$

$$(m_1 + m_2) \dot{x} + m_2 l \dot{\phi} \cos \phi = \text{const} \quad (1)$$

Notice: C.M. $X = \frac{m_1 x + m_2 (x + l \sin \phi)}{m_1 + m_2}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{const} = (m_1 + m_2) \bar{V}, \quad \bar{V} \text{ velocity of C.M.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \left[\frac{(m_1 + m_2) \bar{V} - m_2 l \dot{\phi} \cos \phi}{(m_1 + m_2)} \right]^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left[l^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + 2l \frac{(m_1 + m_2) \bar{V} - m_2 l \dot{\phi} \cos \phi}{(m_1 + m_2)} \dot{\phi} \cos \phi \right] \\ & + m_2 g l \cos \phi \end{aligned}$$

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Making a small angle approx.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} \approx & \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \left[\dot{\bar{v}} - \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} l \dot{\phi} \right]^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left[l^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + 2l \left(\dot{\bar{v}} - \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} l \dot{\phi} \right) \dot{\phi} \right] \\
 & - \frac{m_2 g l \phi^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

omitting
constant
terms =

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \cancel{\bar{v} m_2 l \dot{\phi}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2^2}{m_1 + m_2} l^2 \dot{\phi}^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2 (m_1 - m_2)}{m_1 + m_2} l^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + \cancel{\frac{m_2 \bar{v} l \dot{\phi}}{2}} - \frac{m_2 g l \phi^2}{2} \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} l^2 \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{m_2 g l \phi^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu \equiv \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l} \frac{m_2}{\mu}}$$

Check: $m_1 \gg m_2 \Rightarrow \mu \approx m_2$
 and $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$

Another method

linearized EOM

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{x} + m_2 l \ddot{\phi} &= 0 \\ m_2 l^2 \ddot{\phi} + m_2 l (\ddot{x} + m_2 g) \phi &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$l \phi \equiv y$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -(m_1 + m_2) \omega^2 x - m_2 \omega^2 y &= 0 \\ -m_2 \omega^2 x - m_2 \omega^2 y + m_2 \frac{g}{l} y &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Characteristic equ.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -(m_1 + m_2) \omega^2 & -m_2 \omega^2 \\ -m_2 \omega^2 & -m_2 \omega^2 + m_2 \frac{g}{l} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(m_1 + m_2) (m_2 \omega^2 - m_2 \frac{g}{l}) \omega^2 - m_2^2 \omega^4 = 0$$

a) $\omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ c.m. motion with const speed

b) $m_1 m_2 \omega^2 - (m_1 + m_2) m_2 \frac{g}{l} = 0$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} \sqrt{\frac{m_2}{\mu}}, \text{ as before}$$