

# 1 Pendulum with Vertically Moving Pivot

A frictionless pendulum swings in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. The  $x$  direction is down in the direction of the uniform gravitational field  $g$ . The  $y$  direction is to the right. The pendulum bob has a mass of  $m$ . The pendulum has a length  $l$ . The position of the pivot point of the pendulum is moving (up and down) along the  $x$ -direction with the pivot position given by  $x_s(t)$ .

## 1.1 Lagrangian

Find the Lagrangian for this system  $L(\theta, \dot{\theta}, t)$  where  $\theta$  is the angle that the pendulum makes with the (vertical)  $x$  axis toward the  $y$  axis. Answer in terms of  $m, g, l, x_s(t), \dot{x}_s(t), \theta$ , and  $\dot{\theta}$ . You may consider  $x_s(t)$  and  $\dot{x}_s(t)$  as given functions of  $t$ , so  $L(\theta, \dot{\theta}, t) = L(\theta, \dot{\theta}, x_s(t), \dot{x}_s(t))$

## 1.2 Equations of Motion

Using this Lagrangian find the equations of motion for  $\theta$  (something like  $\ddot{\theta} = ?$ ). Answer in terms of  $m, g, l, x_s(t), \dot{x}_s(t), \ddot{x}_s(t), \theta, \dot{\theta}$ , and  $\ddot{\theta}$ .