

1 Simple Pendulum

A simple plane pendulum has a length l , bob mass m , and is in a uniform gravitational field, g . Use θ , the angle the pendulum swings from equilibrium, as the generalized coordinate. Find **(a)** the Lagrangian $L(\theta, \dot{\theta})$, **(b)** p_θ , the momentum conjugate to θ , as a function of m , g , l , θ and $\dot{\theta}$, **(c)** the Hamiltonian $H(\theta, p_\theta)$, **(d)** Hamilton's equation of motion for p_θ ($\dot{p}_\theta = ?$), and **(e)** Hamilton's equation of motion for θ ($\dot{\theta} = ?$).