

Rewriting, we get

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\vec{R}}_{CM}^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \vec{R}_{CM}^2 + \frac{m a^2}{48} (\dot{\epsilon}_1^2 + \dot{\epsilon}_2^2) - \frac{k a d}{4} (\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2) \\ + \frac{m a^2}{24} \dot{\epsilon}_3^2 - \frac{k a d}{2} \epsilon_3^2.$$

We see that the translational

degrees of freedom are all degenerate, and have a frequency

$$\omega_{\text{trans}} = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m}}$$

The rotational modes

$$\omega_{\text{rot}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{m} \frac{d}{a}\right) 12}$$

are also all degenerate, and