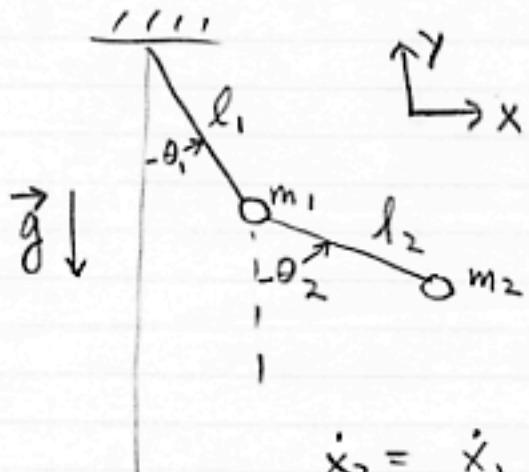


Goldstein 1.22 The double pendulum. Pick θ_1, θ_2 as coords.



$$x_1 = l \sin \theta_1, \quad y_1 = -l \cos \theta_1$$

$$x_2 = x_1 + l_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$y_2 = y_1 - l_1 \cos \theta_2$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = l \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1, \quad \dot{y}_1 = l \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \dot{x}_1 + l_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = \dot{y}_1 + l_2 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2$$

Hence

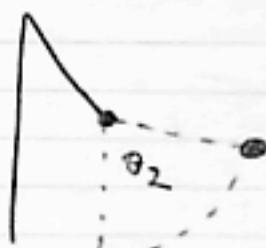
$$T = \sum \frac{1}{2} m_i \vec{v}_i^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m_1 l_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (l_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + 2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + l_2^2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 [\cos^2 + \sin^2] + 2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2).$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m_1 l_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (l_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + l_2^2 \dot{\theta}_2^2)$$

$$+ m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$V = \underbrace{(m_1 + m_2) g l_1 (1 - \cos \theta_1)}_{\text{potential energy of the first configuration}} + \underbrace{m_2 g l_2 (1 - \cos \theta_2)}_{\text{potential energy of the second configuration}}$$



Add potential energy of this \uparrow configuration to that of this \nearrow one.
this trick involves path independence of the def. of V .

$$V(\vec{r}) = - \int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}} \nabla F \cdot d\vec{l}$$