

This equation is of the form

3/3

$$\ddot{\theta} + \Omega^2 \theta = 0 \quad \text{with}$$

39 cont.

$$\Omega^2 = \frac{1}{ma^3} [mga - ma^2\omega^2] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega^2 = [g/a - \omega^2] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega = [g/a - \omega^2]^{1/2}$$

As Figure 9.10 shows,  $\theta = 0$  is no longer a minimum for ' $V(\theta)$ ' if  $\omega^2 > g/a$ . Then ' $V(\theta)$ ' has the shape ' $V$ '

