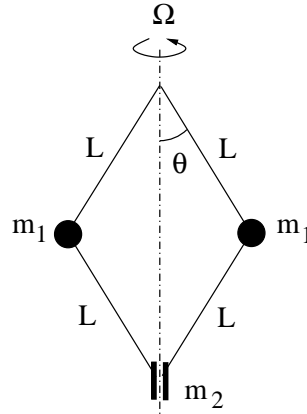


[mex23] Pendulum under forced rotation

Consider a pendulum consisting of two masses m_1 and one mass m_2 connected by four rods of negligible mass and length L . Mass m_2 is constrained to move along the vertical axis. The masses m_1 are forced to rotate with constant angular velocity Ω about the vertical axis.

- (a) Determine the Lagrangian $L(\theta, \dot{\theta})$ and derive the Lagrange equation for the variable θ .
- (b) Determine the condition for the existence of a stable rotating mode with nonzero $\theta = \theta_0 = \text{const}$ and determine the dependence of θ_0 on Ω .



Solution: