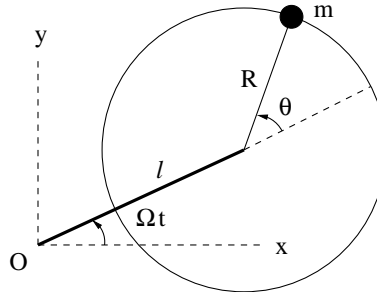


[mex25] Pendulum without gravity

A bead of mass m is free to slide along a circular wire of radius R in a horizontal plane. The wire is forced to rotate with constant angular velocity Ω about a vertical axis at O , separated a distance ℓ from the axis of the circle. Determine the Lagrangian $L(\theta, \dot{\theta})$ of this dynamical system. Show that the Lagrange equation for θ describes the motion of a plane pendulum with angular frequency that depends on ℓ, R, Ω .



Solution: