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Triple Pendulum

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$$g := 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$t_e := 8 \text{ s}$$

$$t_{\text{end}} := t_e \frac{\text{FRAME} + 1}{500}$$

$$\text{FRAME} = 499$$

1-st pendulum

$$m_1 := 2 \text{ kg}$$

$$L_1 := 1 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta_{1\text{begin}} := \frac{\pi}{2}$$

2-nd pendulum

$$m_2 := 0.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$L_2 := 0.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta_{2\text{begin}} := \frac{\pi}{2}$$

2-nd pendulum

$$m_3 := 0.1 \text{ kg}$$

$$L_3 := 0.2 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta_{3\text{begin}} := \frac{\pi}{2}$$

3. Solution

Given

1-st pendulum

Initial position (x1-y1), force (F1) and velocity (x1'-y1')

$$x1(0s) = L_1 \sin(\theta_{1\text{begin}})$$

$$y1(0s) = -L_1 \cos(\theta_{1\text{begin}})$$

$$F1(0s) = 0 \text{ kgf}$$

$$x_1'(0s) = 0m/s \quad y_1'(0s) = 0m/s$$

System of equation

$$x_1(t)^2 + y_1(t)^2 = L_1^2$$

$$m_1 x_1''(t) = F_1(t) \frac{x_1(t)}{L_1} - F_2(t) \frac{x_2(t) - x_1(t)}{L_2}$$

$$m_1 y_1''(t) + g m_1 = F_1(t) \frac{y_1(t)}{L_1} - F_2(t) \frac{y_2(t) - y_1(t)}{L_2}$$

2-nd pendulum

Initial position (x2-y2), force (F2) and velocity (x2'-y2')

$$x_2(0s) = L_1 \sin(\theta_{1begin}) + L_2 \sin(\theta_{2begin})$$

$$y_2(0s) = -(L_1 \cos(\theta_{1begin}) + L_2 \cos(\theta_{2begin}))$$

$$F_2(0s) = 0kgf$$

$$x_2'(0s) = 0m/s \quad y_2'(0s) = 0m/s$$

System of equation

$$(x_2(t) - x_1(t))^2 + (y_2(t) - y_1(t))^2 = L_2^2$$

$$m_2 x_2''(t) = F_2(t) \frac{x_2(t) - x_1(t)}{L_2} - F_3(t) \frac{x_3(t) - x_2(t)}{L_3}$$

$$m_2 y_2''(t) + m_2 g = F_2(t) \frac{y_2(t) - y_1(t)}{L_2} - F_3(t) \frac{y_3(t) - y_2(t)}{L_3}$$

3-d pendulum

Initial position (x_3 - y_3), force (F_3) and velocity (x_3' - y_3')

$$x_3(0s) = L_1 \sin(\theta_{1begin}) + L_2 \sin(\theta_{2begin}) + L_3 \sin(\theta_{3begin})$$

$$y_3(0s) = -(L_1 \cos(\theta_{1begin}) + L_2 \cos(\theta_{2begin}) + L_3 \cos(\theta_{3begin}))$$

$$F_3(0s) = 0 \text{ kgf}$$

$$x_3'(0s) = 0 \text{ m/s} \quad y_3'(0s) = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

System of equation

$$(x_3(t) - x_2(t))^2 + (y_3(t) - y_2(t))^2 = L_3^2$$

$$m_3 x_3''(t) = F_3(t) \frac{x_3(t) - x_2(t)}{L_3}$$

$$m_3 y_3''(t) + m_3 g = F_3(t) \frac{y_3(t) - y_2(t)}{L_3}$$

Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ y1 \\ F1 \\ x2 \\ y2 \\ F2 \\ x3 \\ y3 \\ F3 \end{bmatrix} := \text{Odesolve} \left[\begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ y1 \\ F1 \\ x2 \\ y2 \\ F2 \\ x3 \\ y3 \\ F3 \end{bmatrix}, t, 7t_{\text{end}} \right]$$

$$tt := 0, \frac{t_{\text{end}}}{1000} .. t_{\text{end}}$$

Data for the plot below

$$v_{\text{black}}(t) := \sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{dt}x1(t)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{dt}y1(t)\right)^2} \quad v_{\text{red}}(t) := \sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{dt}x2(t)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{dt}y2(t)\right)^2} \quad v_{\text{blue}}(t) := \sqrt{\left(\frac{d}{dt}x3(t)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{dt}y3(t)\right)^2}$$

$$m_{\text{black}} := m_1 \quad m_{\text{red}} := m_2 \quad m_{\text{blue}} := m_3 \quad L_{\text{black}} := L_1 \quad L_{\text{red}} := L_2 \quad L_{\text{blue}} := L_3$$

$$F_{\text{black}}(t) := \frac{F1(t)}{g} \quad F_{\text{red}}(t) := \frac{F2(t)}{g} \quad F_{\text{blue}}(t) := \frac{F3(t)}{g} \quad t := t_{\text{end}} - 0.0000001$$

$$\theta_{\text{black}} := -\text{atan}\left(\frac{x1(t)}{y1(t)}\right) \quad \theta_{\text{red}} := -\text{atan}\left(\frac{x2(t) - x1(t)}{y2(t) - y1(t)}\right) \quad \theta_{\text{blue}} := -\text{atan}\left(\frac{x3(t) - x2(t)}{y3(t) - y2(t)}\right)$$

$$pe(t) := g[m_1(y1(t) - y1(0)) + m_2(y2(t) - y2(0)) + m_3(y3(t) - y3(0))]$$

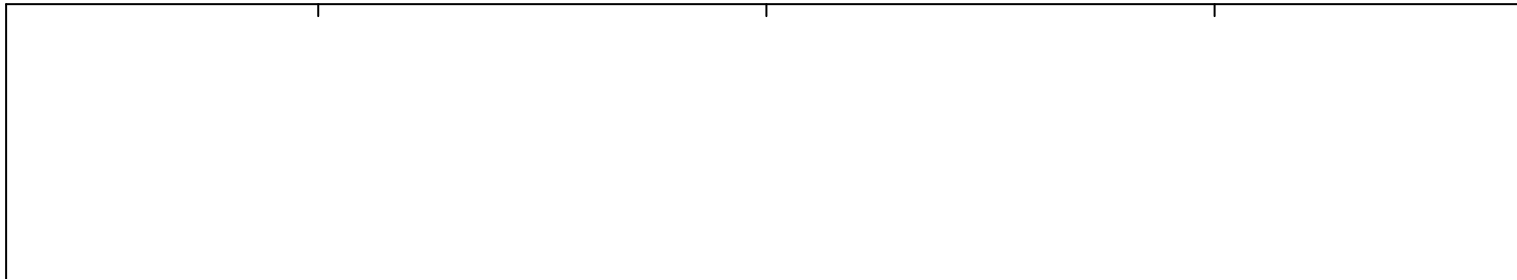
$$ke(t) := \frac{m_1 v_{\text{black}}(t)^2 + m_2 v_{\text{red}}(t)^2 + m_3 v_{\text{blue}}(t)^2}{2}$$

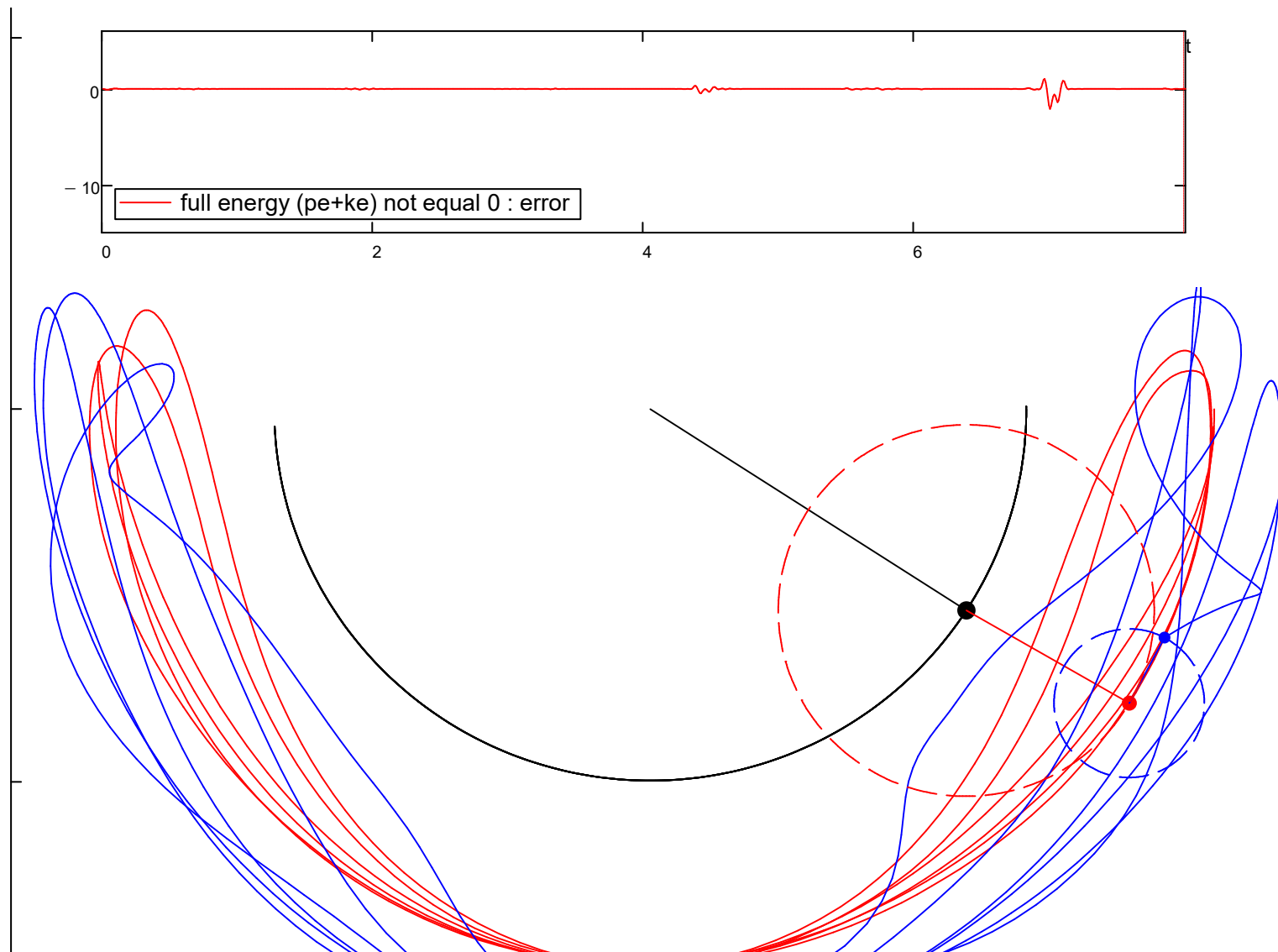
$$\alpha := 0, \frac{2\pi}{360} .. 2\pi$$

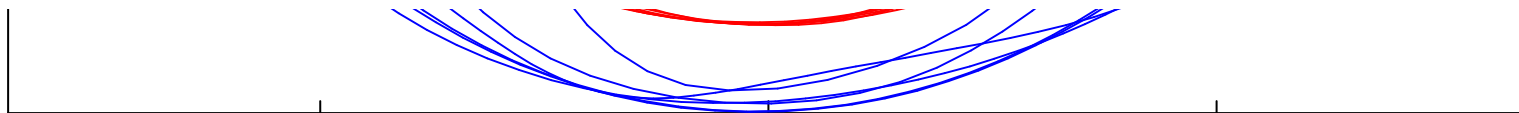
3. Solution

FRAME ≡ 499

You can change this value (1-700: manuel or by help Tools/Animation/Record) an see the plot below.







$$v_{\text{black}}(t) = 3.042 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t = 8.00 \text{ s}$$

$$v_{\text{red}}(t) = 4.307 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{\text{blue}}(t) = 4.997 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F_{\text{black}}(t) = -3.877 \text{ kgf}$$

$$F_{\text{red}}(t) = -0.906 \text{ kgf}$$

$$F_{\text{blue}}(t) = -0.192 \text{ kgf}$$

$$m_{\text{black}} = 2 \text{ kg}$$

$$L_{\text{black}} = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$m_{\text{blue}} = 0.1 \text{ kg}$$

$$L_{\text{blue}} = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

$$m_{\text{red}} = 0.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$L_{\text{red}} = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{FRAME} = 499$$

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$$\theta_{\text{black}} = 57.18^\circ$$

$$\theta_{\text{red}} = 60.06^\circ$$

$$\theta_{\text{blue}} = -27.93^\circ$$