

Example problems. *Not to be turned in — solutions given in the companion volume of solved problems:*

- §9.1: 1
- §9.2: 5
- §9.3: 3, 13
- §9.5: 11
- §9.8: 4, 23, 25

Assigned problems. *All are to be turned in; five problems from Boas will be graded, and will be worth 20 points each. Problem A is extra credit.*

- §9.1: 2 (for discussion of Snell's law, read §9.1; see solution to problem 1)
- §9.2: 6, 7
- §9.3: 2, 11
- §9.5: 11

A. (Extra credit) Consider a hoop of radius R and mass M attached to a wall at point P and allowed to swing about that point (in the plane of the hoop). The angle made between the point P and the center of the hoop C relative to the vertical is $\alpha(t)$. Free to slide on the hoop is a bead of mass μ ; its position on the hoop is described by the angle $\beta(t)$ relative to the vertical from the center C of the hoop. See next page for figure.

- a Compute the gravitational potential energies V_{hoop} and V_{bead} for the system as a functions of α and β . Remember that the hoop behaves as if all of its mass was concentrated at the point C .
- b Compute the kinetic energy T_{hoop} as a function of $\dot{\alpha}$. You can think of this as the sum of two contributions: the rotational energy of a mass M at the point C rotating about P , plus the rotational energy of the hoop about the point C (called the “parallel axis theorem” in mechanics).

- c Compute the kinetic energy T_{bead} as a function of α , β , $\dot{\alpha}$ and $\dot{\beta}$. Hint: write $T_{\text{bead}} = 1/2\mu(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)$, where x and y are the coordinates of the bead, then express x and y in terms of α and β .
- d Now construct the Lagrangian, and write down the Euler Lagrange equations for α and β . No need to solve them, unless you want to.

