

**Problem 1a.** Find the frequency of small oscillations of the following system

$$L = \frac{\dot{x}^2}{x} - \frac{x}{\ln x}.$$

**Problem 1b.** Derive the expression for displacement for forced oscillations with the external force

$$F = ae^{-\gamma t} \cos(\beta t),$$

where  $a, \gamma$  and  $\beta$  are constants.

**Problem 2a.** Show that the eigenvectors of the symmetric matrix have the property that eigenvectors with different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

**Problem 2b.** Write the equations of motion for the symmetric top, i.e. for a rigid body with inertia  $I_3$  around a symmetry axis, and  $I_1$  around the two perpendicular principle axes of rotation.

**Problem 3a.** Derive the Rutherford's formula.

**Problem 3b.** Find under what conditions the following system is stable

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2(t)x = 0,$$

where  $\omega(t)$  is a periodic function.

**Problem 4.** Find the normal modes for the system given by the following Lagrangian

$$L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dot{\phi}_1, \dot{\phi}_2) = \frac{1}{2}ml^2(\dot{\phi}_1^2 + \dot{\phi}_2^2) - \frac{1}{2}mgl(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2) - \frac{k}{2} \left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2 (\phi_2 - \phi_1)^2$$

**Problem 5.** Consider the following system with two degrees of freedom

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_x^2 x = 0$$

$$\ddot{y} + \omega_y^2 y = 0$$

Show that if  $\omega_x = \omega_y$  and the phase difference is a multiple of  $\pi$  ( $\varphi_x - \varphi_y = \pi n$ ) then the Lissajous curve is the diagonal of the rectangle  $\{(x, y) : -A_x \leq x \leq A_x, -A_y \leq y \leq A_y\}$ .