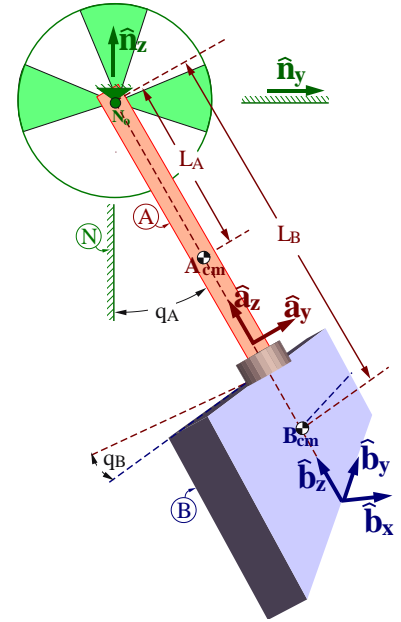


Motivating example (MIPSI): Babyboot

Model

The figure to the right is a schematic representation of a swinging babyboot attached by a shoelace to a rigid support. The mechanical model of the babyboot consists of a thin uniform rod A attached to a fixed support N by a revolute joint, and a uniform plate B connected to A with a second revolute joint so that B can rotate freely about A 's axis.

Note: The revolute joints' axes are *perpendicular*, not parallel.



- **Bodies:** The rod and plate are **rigid** (inflexible/undeformable).
- **Connections:** The revolute joints are **ideal** (massless, frictionless, with no slop or flexibility).
- **Force:** **Earth's gravity** is uniform and constant. Other contact forces (e.g., **air resistance, solar/light pressure**) and distance forces (e.g., **electromagnetic, other gravitational**) are negligible.
- **Newtonian reference frame:** **Earth**

Identifiers

Right-handed sets of unit vectors $\hat{n}_x, \hat{n}_y, \hat{n}_z$; $\hat{a}_x, \hat{a}_y, \hat{a}_z$; and $\hat{b}_x, \hat{b}_y, \hat{b}_z$ are fixed in N , A , and B , respectively, with $\hat{n}_x = \hat{a}_x$ parallel to the revolute axis joining A to N , \hat{n}_z vertically upward, $\hat{a}_z = \hat{b}_z$ parallel to the rod's long axis (and the revolute axis joining B to A), and \hat{b}_z perpendicular to plate B .

| Quantity | Symbol | Type | Value |
|---|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Earth's gravitational constant | g | Constant | 9.81 m/s ² |
| Distance between N_o and A_{cm} | L_A | Constant | 7.5 cm |
| Distance between N_o and B_{cm} | L_B | Constant | 20 cm |
| Mass of A | m^A | Constant | 0.01 kg |
| Mass of B | m^B | Constant | 0.1 kg |
| A 's moment of inertia about A_{cm} for \hat{a}_x | I^A | Constant | 0.05 kg*cm ² |
| B 's moment of inertia about B_{cm} for \hat{b}_x | I_x^B | Constant | 2.5 kg*cm ² |
| B 's moment of inertia about B_{cm} for \hat{b}_y | I_y^B | Constant | 0.5 kg*cm ² |
| B 's moment of inertia about B_{cm} for \hat{b}_z | I_z^B | Constant | 2.0 kg*cm ² |
| Angle from \hat{n}_z to \hat{a}_z with $+\hat{n}_x$ sense | q_A | Dependent variable | Varies |
| Angle from \hat{a}_y to \hat{b}_y with $+\hat{a}_z$ sense | q_B | Dependent variable | Varies |
| Time | t | Independent variable | Varies |

Physics

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The ODEs (ordinary differential equations) governing the motion of this mechanical system are¹¹

$$\ddot{q}_A = \frac{2\dot{q}_A\dot{q}_B\sin(q_B)\cos(q_B)(I_x^B - I_y^B) - (m^A L_A + m^B L_B)g\sin(q_A)}{I^A + m^A L_A^2 + m^B L_B^2 + I_x^B \cos^2(q_B) + I_y^B \sin^2(q_B)}$$

$$\ddot{q}_B = \frac{-\dot{q}_A^2 \sin(q_B)\cos(q_B)(I_x^B - I_y^B)}{I_z^B}$$

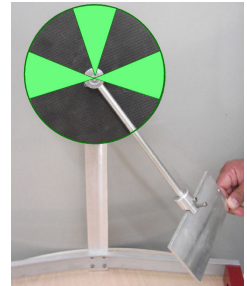
¹¹Four methods for forming equations of motion are: **Free-body diagrams** of A and B (which is inefficient as it introduces up to 10 unknown force/torque measures); D'Alembert's method (**road maps** of Section 22.6) which efficiently forms the two equations shown for \ddot{q}_A and \ddot{q}_B (but require a clever selection of systems, points, and unit vectors); **Lagrange's equations** (an energy-based method that automates D'Alembert's cleverness); **Kane's equations** (a modern efficient blend of D'Alembert and Lagrange).

Simplify and solve

Computers has revolutionized the solution of differential equations. There are a many numerical algorithms for solving nonlinear, coupled, variable coefficient, ODEs (ordinary differential equations) including Euler’s method, predictor-corrector, Runge-Kutta, etc. In addition, there are many programs (MATLAB®, MotionGenesis, WolframAlpha, etc.) that make it easy to solve ODEs.

Computer (numerical) solution of ODEs with MotionGenesis (with plotting)

```
Variable qA'', qB'' % Angles and first/second time-derivatives.
%-----
qA'' = 2*( 508.89*sin(qA) - sin(qB)*cos(qB)*qA'*qB' ) / (-21.556 + sin(qB)^2)
qB'' = -sin(qB)*cos(qB)*qA'^2
%-----
Input tFinal = 10 sec, tStep = 0.02 sec, absError = 1.0E-07
Input qA = 90 deg, qB = 1.0 deg, qA' = 0.0 rad/sec, qB' = 0.0 rad/sec
OutputPlot t sec, qA degrees, qB degrees
%-----
ODE() solveBabybootODE
Quit
```



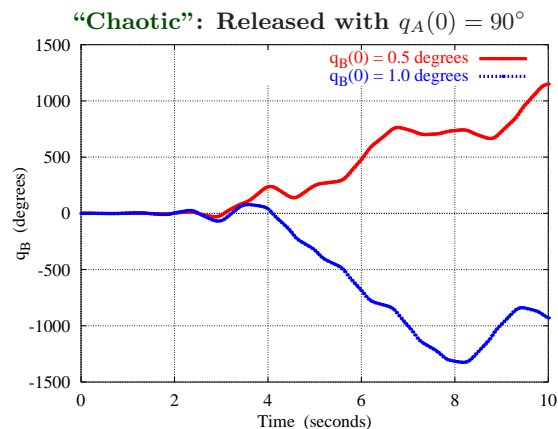
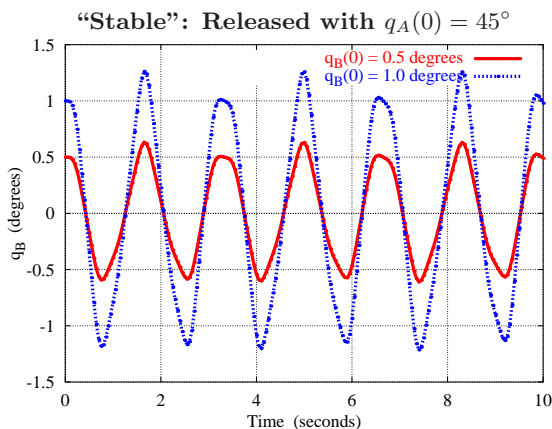
Interpret

The solution to these differential equations reveals this simple system has strange, non-intuitive motion.¹² For certain initial values of q_A , the motion of plate B is well-behaved and “stable”. Alternately, for other initial values of q_A , B ’s motion is “**chaotic**” – meaning that a small variation in the initial value of q_B or numerical integration inaccuracies lead to dramatically different results (these ODEs are used to test the accuracy of numerical integrators – the plots below required a numerical integrator error of $\text{absError} = 1 \times 10^{-7}$).

The following chart and figure to the right shows this system’s regions of stability (**black**) and instability (**green**). Notice the “**chaotic**” plot below shows q_B is *very* sensitive to initial values. A 0.5° change in the initial value of $q_B(0)$ results in more than a 2000° difference in the value of $q_B(t = 10)$!

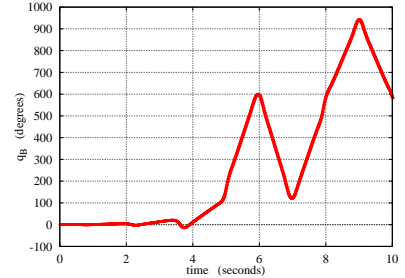
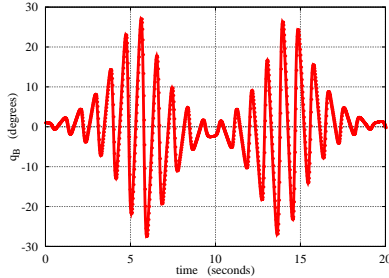
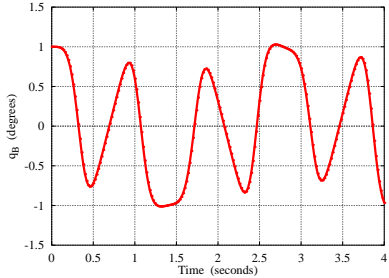
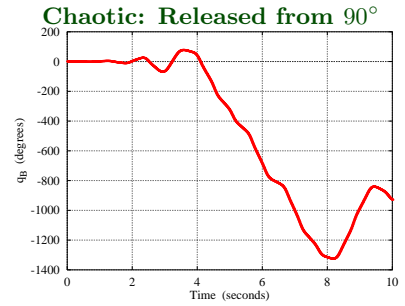
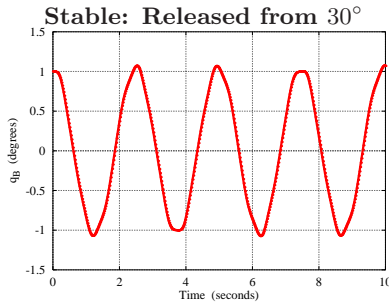
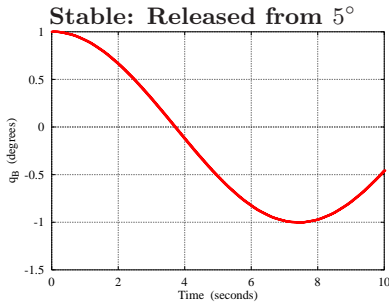


| Initial value of q_A | | Stability | |
|---|--|-----------------|--------------|
| $0^\circ \leq q_A(0) \leq 71.3^\circ$ | | Stable | black |
| $71.4^\circ \leq q_A(0) \leq 111.77^\circ$ | | Unstable | green |
| $111.78^\circ \leq q_A(0) \leq 159.9^\circ$ | | Stable | black |
| $160.0^\circ \leq q_A(0) \leq 180.0^\circ$ | | Unstable | green |



¹²More information about this problem is in “Mechanical Demonstration of Mathematical Stability and Instability”, *International Journal of Engineering Education (Journal of Mechanical Engineering Education)*, Vol. 2, No. 4, 1974, pp. 45-47, by Thomas R. Kane. Or visit www.MotionGenesis.com ⇒ [Get Started](#) ⇒ [Chaotic Pendulum \(Babyboot\)](#).

Investigation of stability: More simulation results



Physics

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```
% File: BabybootWithDAlembertMethod.txt
% Problem: Analysis of 3D chaotic double pendulum
% Copyright (c) 2009 Motion Genesis LLC. All rights reserved.
%-----
SetDigits( 5 ) % Number of digits displayed for numbers
%-----
NewtonianFrame N
RigidBody A % Upper rod
RigidBody B % Lower plate
%-----
Variable qA'' % Pendulum angle and its time-derivatives
Variable qB'' % Plate angle and its time-derivative
Constant LA = 7.5 cm % Distance from pivot to A's mass center
Constant LB = 20 cm % Distance from pivot to B's mass center
A.SetMassInertia( mA = 10 grams, IAx = 50 g*cm^2, IAY, IAZ )
B.SetMassInertia( mB = 100 grams, IBx = 2500 g*cm^2, IBY = 500 g*cm^2, IBz = 2000 g*cm^2 )
%-----
% Rotational and translational kinematics
A.RotateX( N, qA )
B.RotateZ( A, qB )
Acm.Translate( No, -LA*Az )
Bcm.Translate( No, -LB*Az )
%-----
% Add relevant forces
g> = -9.81*Nz>
System.AddForceGravity( g> )
%-----
% Rotational equations of motion for B and A+B.
Dynamics[1] = Dot( B.GetDynamics(Bcm), Bz )
Dynamics[2] = Dot( System(A,B).GetDynamics(No), Ax )
Solve( Dynamics, qA'', qB'' )
%-----
% Kinetic and potential energy
KE = System.GetKineticEnergy()
PE = System.GetForceGravityPotentialEnergy( g>, No )
Energy = KE + PE
%-----
% Integration parameters and initial values.
Input tFinal=10, tStep=0.02, absError=1.0E-07, relError=1.0E-07
Input qA = 90 deg, qA' = 0.0 rad/sec, qB = 1.0 deg, qB' = 0.0 rad/sec
%-----
% List output quantities and solve ODEs.
OutputPlot t sec, qA deg, qB deg, Energy N*m
ODE() BabybootDAlembert
%-----
Save BabybootWithDAlembertMethod.all
Quit
```

