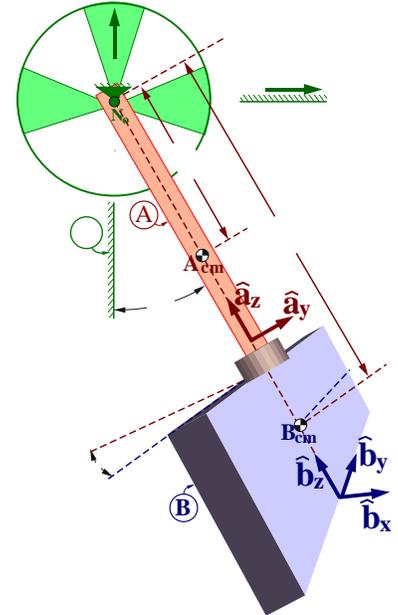


# Motivating example (MIPSI): Babyboot

## 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  (inflexible/undeformable).
- **Connections:** The revolute joints are  (massless, frictionless, with no slop or flexibility).
- **Force:**  is uniform and constant. Other contact forces (e.g., ) and distance forces (e.g., ) are negligible.
- **Newtonian reference frame:**

## 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 <sup>2</sup>   |
| Distance between $N_o$ and $A_{cm}$                           | $L_A$                | Constant             | 7.5 cm                  |
| Distance between $N_o$ and $B_{cm}$                           | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 20 cm                   |
| Mass of $A$   | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 0.01 kg                 |
| Mass of $B$   | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | 0.1 kg                  |
| $A$ 's moment of inertia about $A_{cm}$ for $\hat{a}_x$       | $I^A$                | Constant             | 0.05 kg*cm <sup>2</sup> |
| $B$ 's moment of inertia about $B_{cm}$ for $\hat{b}_x$       | $I_x^B$              | Constant             | 2.5 kg*cm <sup>2</sup>  |
| $B$ 's moment of inertia about $B_{cm}$ for $\hat{b}_y$       | <input type="text"/> | Constant             | 0.5 kg*cm <sup>2</sup>  |
| $B$ 's moment of inertia about $B_{cm}$ for $\hat{b}_z$       | <input type="text"/> | Constant             | 2.0 kg*cm <sup>2</sup>  |
| Angle from $\hat{n}_z$ to $\hat{a}_z$ with $+\hat{n}_x$ sense | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | Varies                  |
| Angle from $\hat{a}_y$ to $\hat{b}_y$ with $+\hat{a}_z$ sense | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | Varies                  |
| Time  | $t$                  | <input type="text"/> | Varies                  |

## Physics

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The ODEs (ordinary differential equations) governing the motion of this mechanical system are<sup>11</sup>

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Four 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
```

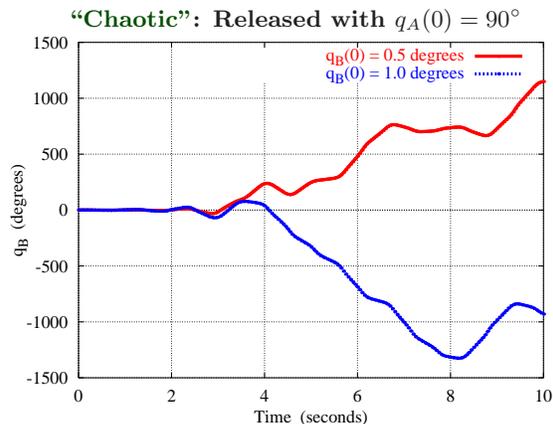
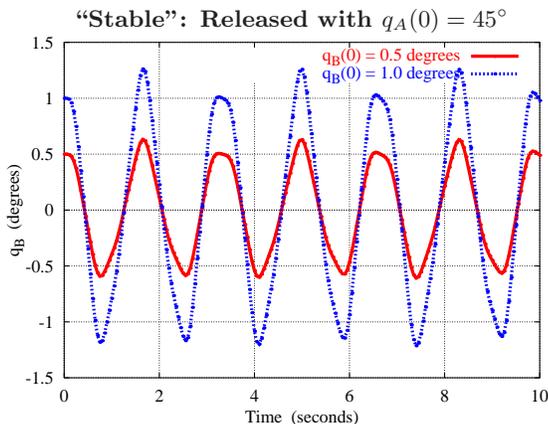


## Interpret

The solution to these differential equations reveals this simple system has strange, non-intuitive motion.<sup>12</sup> 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  $\text{absError} = 1 \times 10^{-7}$ ).

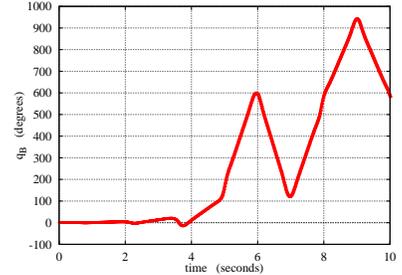
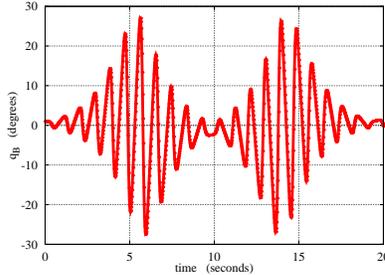
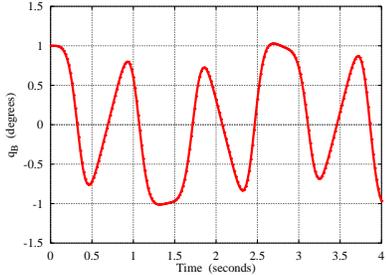
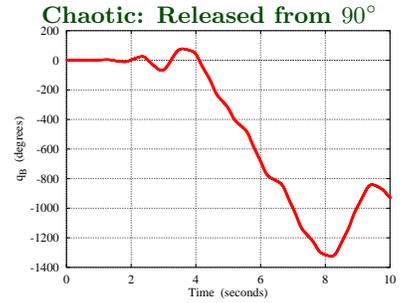
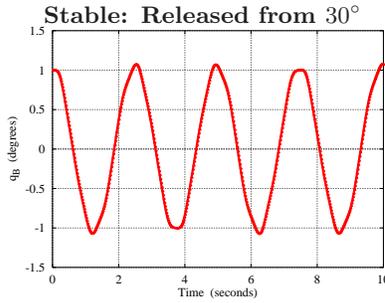
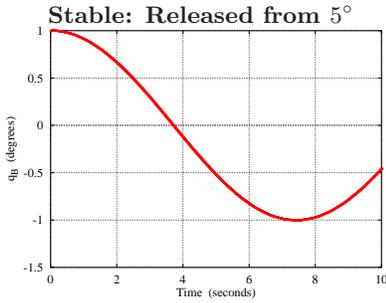
The following chart and figure to the right shows this system’s regions of stability (**black**) and instability (**green**). Notice the “**chaotic**” plot below shows  $q_B$  is *very* sensitive to initial values. A  $0.5^\circ$  change in the initial value of  $q_B(0)$  results in more than a  $2000^\circ$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

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



<sup>12</sup>More 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](http://www.MotionGenesis.com) ⇒ [Get Started](#) ⇒ [Chaotic Pendulum \(Babyboot\)](#).

## Investigation of stability: More simulation results



Stable: Released from 135°

Beat: Released from 158°

Chaotic: Released from 177°

## 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
```

