

We can define the angle that the wire makes with the horizontal by:

$$\theta = \arctan \left(4 \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^3 \right)$$

Then the forces are easy to write:

$$m\ddot{r} = \left(mr\omega^2 \cos\theta - mg \sin\theta \right) \cos\theta$$

Removing θ , we get $\cos\theta = a^3 / \sqrt{16r^6 + a^6}$. Thus:

$$m\ddot{r} = \left(mr\omega^2 a^3 - mg4r^3 \right) \frac{a^3}{16r^6 + a^6}$$

Since $r > 0$ and $a > 0$, stable points exist where:

$$mr\omega^2 a^3 = mg4r^3$$

So that $r_0 = 0$ is an equilibrium point, as well as:

$$r_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2 a^3}{4g}}$$

It is easy to see that r_0 is unstable, and that r_1 is stable, but we can prove it by finding the equation of motion for $r_i + \delta r$:

$$\ddot{\delta r} = \left(\delta r \omega^2 a^3 - 12gr_i^2 \delta r \right) \frac{a^3}{16r_i^6 + a^6}$$

So that for r_0 :

$$\ddot{\delta r} = \omega^2 \delta r$$

Which is positive so unstable, and for r_1 :

$$\ddot{\delta r} = \left(\delta r \omega^2 a^3 - 12g \frac{\omega^2 a^3}{4g} \delta r \right) \frac{a^3}{16 \left(\frac{\omega^2 a^3}{4g} \right)^3 + a^6} = \left(-2\omega^2 a^3 \delta r \right) k$$

where k is the large fraction sticking out, which is strictly positive. Since this is negative, oscillations are stable

We already found:

$$\ddot{\delta r} = \left(-2\omega^2 a^3 \delta r \right) \frac{a^3}{16 \left(\frac{\omega^2 a^3}{4g} \right)^3 + a^6}$$

So that the frequency of oscillations is:

$$\omega_1 = \omega \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega^6 a^3 / (4g^3) + 1}}$$