Phys 503 Classical Mechanics I

Homework Assignment #5 (30 points) Due Tuesday, November 5 (at lecture)

5.1 (10 points) Goldstein 6.4

5.2 (10 points) Consider the coupled pendulum shown below. Two masses, m_1 and m_2 , hang from strings of length l. The masses are coupled by a spring that has spring constant k and whose unstretched length b is equal to the distance between the strings' supports.



(a) Find the kinetic energy T and potential energy V in the limit of small oscillations, and extract from them the kinetic-energy matrix T and the potential-energy matrix V.

(b) What are the frequencies of the normal modes?

5.3 (10 points) Challenge problem

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