

:- COMPOUND PENDULUM:-

Let the Compound pendulum be suspended from S with C as center of mass. It is oscillating in the vertical plane which is the plane of the paper.

Moment of inertia of the pendulum about the axis of rotation through S is

$$I = I_C + MI^2 = M(K^2 + l^2)$$

Where M is the mass of the pendulum, $I_C = MK^2$ (K = radius of gyration) about a parallel axis through C and l the distance between centre of suspension and centre of mass.

If θ is the instantaneous angle which 'SC' makes with the vertical axis through O' then the kinetic energy of the oscillating system is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{1}{2} M(K^2 + l^2) \dot{\theta}^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Potential energy with respect to horizontal plane through S is

$$V = -Mgl \cos \theta \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Lagrangian $L = T - V$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} M(K^2 + l^2) \dot{\theta}^2 + Mgl \cos \theta$$

or,
$$L = \frac{1}{2} M(K^2 + l^2) \dot{\theta}^2 + Mgl \cos \theta$$

Now,
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = -Mgl \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = M(K^2 + l^2) \dot{\theta}$$

from Lagrange's equation for conservative system,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0.$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} [M(k^2 + l^2)\dot{\theta}] + Mgl \sin \theta = 0.$$

$$\text{or, } M(k^2 + l^2)\ddot{\theta} + Mgl \sin \theta = 0.$$

$$\text{or, } (k^2 + l^2)\ddot{\theta} + gl \sin \theta = 0.$$

$$\text{or, } \boxed{\ddot{\theta} + \frac{gl \sin \theta}{(k^2 + l^2)} = 0} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

This is the equation of motion of the Compound pendulum.

If θ is small, then $\sin \theta \approx \theta$, then,

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{gl}{(k^2 + l^2)} \theta = 0.$$

∴ its Time period is $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{k^2 + l^2}{lg}}$

$$\boxed{T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(k^2 + l^2)}{lg}}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$