

Energy of normal modes

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Solution: *We have,*

$$\begin{aligned} E_{tot} &= E_{kin,1} + E_{pot,1} + E_{kin,2} + E_{pot,2} + E_{cpl} \\ &= \frac{m}{2}v_1^2 + \frac{mg}{2L}x_1^2 + \frac{m}{2}v_2^2 + \frac{mg}{2L}x_2^2 + \frac{k}{2}(x_1 - x_2)^2 \\ &= \frac{m}{2}(L\dot{\theta}_1)^2 + \frac{mg}{2L}(L\theta_1)^2 + \frac{m}{2}(L\dot{\theta}_2)^2 + \frac{mg}{2L}(L\theta_2)^2 + \frac{k}{2}L^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2)^2 \\ &= \frac{m}{2}(L\dot{\Psi})^2 + \frac{m}{2}gL\Psi^2 + \frac{m}{2}(L\dot{\aleph})^2 + \frac{m}{2}gL\aleph^2 + kL^2\aleph^2 \\ &= \frac{m}{2}(L\dot{\Psi})^2 + \frac{m}{2}\omega_{\Psi}^2(L\Psi)^2 + \frac{m}{2}(L\dot{\aleph})^2 + \frac{m}{2}\omega_{\aleph}^2(L\aleph)^2 = E_{\Psi} + E_{\aleph} . \end{aligned}$$