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Initialization:

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Off[General::spell];
Off[General::spell1];

Clear["Global`*"]
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Atwood Machine: simple 1 variable:

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Clear["Global`*"]

f[1]=x[1][t]+x[2][t]-L1
-L1+x[1][t]+x[2][t]

sol= DSolve[f[1]==0,x[2],t][[1]]
{x[2] -> Function[{t}, L1 - x[1][t]]}

We use DSolve so that we also substitute for derivatives of x[2]; Solve won't work for this. (Try it!)

{x[2][t], x[2]'[t], x[2]''[t]} /. sol
{L1 - x[1][t], -x[1]'[t], -x[1]''[t]}

T= (1/2) Sum[m[i] D[x[i][t],t]^2 ,{i,1,2}] //.sol //Simplify
1/2 (m[1] + m[2]) x[1]'[t]^2

V= (- g) Sum[ m[i] x[i][t] ,{i,1,2}] //.sol
-g (m[2] (L1 - x[1][t]) + m[1] x[1][t])

L=T-V
g (m[2] (L1 - x[1][t]) + m[1] x[1][t]) + 1/2 (m[1] + m[2]) x[1]'[t]^2

Clear[Q];
Q[i_]:=0

D[L, (x[1])[t]]
g (m[1] - m[2])

D[L, (x[1])'[t]]
(m[1] + m[2]) x[1]'[t]
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D[ D[L,(x[1])'[t]] ,t]
(m[1] + m[2]) x[1]''[t]

Lagrangian[i_]:= (
  D[ D[L,(x[i])'[t]] ,t]
  - D[L,x[i][t]] == Q[i]
)

eqs= Lagrangian[1] //Simplify
g (m[1] - m[2]) == (m[1] + m[2]) x[1]''[t]

sol3= DSolve[eqs ,{x[1]},t] //First //Simplify
{x[1] → Function[{t}, C[1] + t C[2] +  $\frac{g t^2 (m[1] - m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$  ]}}

eqs //.sol3 //Simplify
True

initial = {x[1][0] == x0, x[1]'[0] == v0};
eqs2 = Join[{eqs}, initial]
{g (m[1] - m[2]) == (m[1] + m[2]) x[1]''[t], x[1][0] == x0, x[1]'[0] == v0}

sol4= DSolve[eqs2 ,{x[1]},t]//First //Simplify
{x[1] → Function[{t},
  (g t2 m[1] + 2 t v0 m[1] + 2 x0 m[1] - g t2 m[2] + 2 t v0 m[2] + 2 x0 m[2]) / (2 (m[1] + m[2])) ]}}

x[1][t] /. sol4
(g t2 m[1] + 2 t v0 m[1] + 2 x0 m[1] - g t2 m[2] + 2 t v0 m[2] + 2 x0 m[2]) / (2 (m[1] + m[2]))

x[1][t] /. sol4 // Simplify
(g t2 (m[1] - m[2]) + 2 (t v0 + x0) (m[1] + m[2])) / (2 (m[1] + m[2]))

Collect[%, g]
t v0 + x0 +  $\frac{g t^2 (m[1] - m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$ 

eqs2 //.sol4 //Simplify
{True, True, True}

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Atwood Machine: simple 2 variable

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T= (1/2) Sum[m[i] D[x[i][t],t]^2 ,{i,1,2}]
1/2 (m[1] x[1]'[t]^2 + m[2] x[2]'[t]^2)

V= (- g) Sum[ m[i] x[i][t] ,{i,1,2}]
-g (m[1] x[1][t] + m[2] x[2][t])

f[1]=x[1][t]+x[2][t]-L1
-L1 + x[1][t] + x[2][t]

L=T-V
g (m[1] x[1][t] + m[2] x[2][t]) + 1/2 (m[1] x[1]'[t]^2 + m[2] x[2]'[t]^2)

Q[i_]:=Sum[ D[f[j],x[i][t]] lambda[j] ,{j,1,1}]

Table[Q[i],{i,1,2}]
{lambda[1], lambda[1]}

Lagrangian[i_]:= (
  D[ D[L,(x[i])'[t]] ,t]
  - D[L,x[i][t]] == Q[i]
)

eq1= Table[Lagrangian[i],{i,1,2}];
eq1 //TableForm
-g m[1] + m[1] x[1]''[t] == lambda[1]
-g m[2] + m[2] x[2]''[t] == lambda[1]

eq2=D[f[1],{t,2}]==0
x[1]''[t] + x[2]''[t] == 0

sol1=Solve[eq2,(x[2])'[t],t][[1]]
{x[2]''[t] -> -x[1]''[t]}

eq2= eq1 //.sol1;
eq2 //TableForm
-g m[1] + m[1] x[1]''[t] == lambda[1]
-g m[2] - m[2] x[1]''[t] == lambda[1]

eq3 = Eliminate[eq2, lambda[1]]
(m[1] + m[2]) x[1]''[t] == g (m[1] - m[2])

initial = {x[1][0] == x0, x[1]'[0] == v0};
eq4 = Join[{eq3}, initial]
{(m[1] + m[2]) x[1]''[t] == g (m[1] - m[2]), x[1][0] == x0, x[1]'[0] == v0}

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sol2= DSolve[eq4,{x[1]},t][[1]]
{x[1] → Function[{t},
  (g t^2 m[1] + 2 t v0 m[1] + 2 x0 m[1] - g t^2 m[2] + 2 t v0 m[2] + 2 x0 m[2]) / (2 (m[1] + m[2]))]}

eq5 = eq2 /. sol2
{-g m[1] +  $\frac{m[1] (2 g m[1] - 2 g m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$  == lambda[1],
 -g m[2] -  $\frac{m[2] (2 g m[1] - 2 g m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$  == lambda[1]}

Solve[eq5[[1]], lambda[1]][[1]]
{lambda[1] → -  $\frac{2 g m[1] m[2]}{m[1] + m[2]}$ }

x[1][t] /. sol2 // Simplify // Collect[#, g] &
t v0 + x0 +  $\frac{g t^2 (m[1] - m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$ 

x2Sol = DSolve[f[1] == 0, {x[2]}, t]
{{x[2] → Function[{t}, L1 - x[1][t]]}}

tmp = x[2][t] /. x2Sol /. sol2 // FullSimplify // Collect[#, t] &
{L1 - t v0 - x0 + t^2 ( $\frac{g}{2} - \frac{g m[1]}{m[1] + m[2]}$ )}

MapAt[Together, tmp, {1, 4}]
{L1 - t v0 - x0 -  $\frac{g t^2 (m[1] - m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$ }

x[1][t] /. sol2 // Simplify // Collect[#, g] &
t v0 + x0 +  $\frac{g t^2 (m[1] - m[2])}{2 (m[1] + m[2])}$ 

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Atwood Machine: 4 masses

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2. An Atwood machine is built as follows: A string of length L_1 passes over a fixed light pulley supporting a mass m_1 on one end and a pulley of mass m_2 (negligible moment of inertia) on the other. Over this second pulley passes a string of length L_2 supporting a mass m_3 on one end and m_4 on the other where $m_3 \neq m_4$. Set up Lagrange's equations for this system using the method of Lagrange multipliers. Use as coordinates the (not independent) distances of the four masses from the fixed pulley. Solve for the two forces of constraint and show that the mass m_1 remains in equilibrium if:

$$m_1 = m_2 + m_3 + m_4 - (m_4 - m_3)^2 / (m_4 + m_3)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \text{Sum}[m[i] D[x[i][t], t]^2, \{i, 1, 4\}]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (m[1] x[1]'[t]^2 + m[2] x[2]'[t]^2 + m[3] x[3]'[t]^2 + m[4] x[4]'[t]^2)$$

$$V = (-g) \text{Sum}[m[i] x[i][t], \{i, 1, 4\}]$$

$$-g (m[1] x[1][t] + m[2] x[2][t] + m[3] x[3][t] + m[4] x[4][t])$$

$$f[1] = x[1][t] + x[2][t] - L1$$

$$-L1 + x[1][t] + x[2][t]$$

$$f[2] = x[3][t] + x[4][t] - 2 x[2][t] - L2$$

$$-L2 - 2 x[2][t] + x[3][t] + x[4][t]$$

$$L = T - V$$

$$g (m[1] x[1][t] + m[2] x[2][t] + m[3] x[3][t] + m[4] x[4][t]) + \frac{1}{2} (m[1] x[1]'[t]^2 + m[2] x[2]'[t]^2 + m[3] x[3]'[t]^2 + m[4] x[4]'[t]^2)$$

$$Q[i_] := \text{Sum}[D[f[j], x[i][t]] \text{lambda}[j], \{j, 1, 2\}]$$

$$\text{Array}[Q, 4]$$

$$\{\text{lambda}[1], \text{lambda}[1] - 2 \text{lambda}[2], \text{lambda}[2], \text{lambda}[2]\}$$

$$\text{Lagrangian}[i_] := (\\ \quad D[D[L, (x[i])'[t]], t] \\ \quad - D[L, x[i][t]] == Q[i] \\)$$

$$\text{eqs} = \text{Table}[\text{Lagrangian}[i], \{i, 1, 4\}]$$

$$\{-g m[1] + m[1] x[1]''[t] == \text{lambda}[1], -g m[2] + m[2] x[2]''[t] == \text{lambda}[1] - 2 \text{lambda}[2], \\ -g m[3] + m[3] x[3]''[t] == \text{lambda}[2], -g m[4] + m[4] x[4]''[t] == \text{lambda}[2]\}$$

$$\text{eqs2} = \{(x[1])'[t] == - (x[2])'[t], \\ (x[3])'[t] + (x[4])'[t] == 2 (x[2])'[t] \\ \};$$

$$\text{sol} = \text{Solve}[\text{eqs2}, \{(x[1])'[t], (x[2])'[t]\}][[1]]$$

$$\{x[1]''[t] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (-x[3]''[t] - x[4]''[t]), x[2]''[t] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (x[3]''[t] + x[4]''[t])\}$$

$$\text{eqs3} = \text{eqs} // \text{sol}$$

$$\{-g m[1] + \frac{1}{2} m[1] (-x[3]''[t] - x[4]''[t]) == \text{lambda}[1], \\ -g m[2] + \frac{1}{2} m[2] (x[3]''[t] + x[4]''[t]) == \text{lambda}[1] - 2 \text{lambda}[2], \\ -g m[3] + m[3] x[3]''[t] == \text{lambda}[2], -g m[4] + m[4] x[4]''[t] == \text{lambda}[2]\}$$

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sol2= DSolve[eqs3[{{3,4}}] ,{x[3],x[4]},t][[1]]
{x[3] → Function[{t}, C[1] + t C[2] +  $\frac{1}{2} t^2 \left( g + \frac{\text{lambda}[2]}{m[3]} \right)$ ],
 x[4] → Function[{t}, C[3] + t C[4] +  $\frac{1}{2} t^2 \left( g + \frac{\text{lambda}[2]}{m[4]} \right)$ ]}

sol3= Solve[(eqs3[{{1,2}}] //.sol2 //Simplify)
 ,{lambda[1],lambda[2]}][[1]] //Simplify
{lambda[1] → -((2 g m[1] (4 m[3] m[4] + m[2] (m[3] + m[4]))) /
 (4 m[3] m[4] + m[1] (m[3] + m[4]) + m[2] (m[3] + m[4]))),
 lambda[2] → -((4 g m[1] m[3] m[4]) / (4 m[3] m[4] + m[1] (m[3] + m[4]) + m[2] (m[3] + m[4])))}

tmp = x[1]''[t] /. sol /. sol2 /. sol3 // FullSimplify
(g (-4 m[3] m[4] + m[1] (m[3] + m[4]) - m[2] (m[3] + m[4]))) /
 ((m[1] + m[2]) m[3] + (m[1] + m[2] + 4 m[3]) m[4])

tmp /. sol7
0

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Do again, but with $(x[1])''[t]==0$ s.t. $m[1]$ is in equilibrium.

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eqs4={ (x[1])''[t] == 0,
 (x[1])''[t] == - (x[2])''[t],
 (x[3])''[t]+(x[4])''[t]== 2 (x[2])''[t]
 };

sol4=Solve[eqs4,{(x[1])''[t],(x[2])''[t],(x[3])''[t]}][[1]]
{x[1]''[t] → 0, x[2]''[t] → 0, x[3]''[t] → -x[4]''[t]}

eqs5= eqs //.sol4
{-g m[1] == lambda[1], -g m[2] == lambda[1] - 2 lambda[2],
 -g m[3] - m[3] x[4]''[t] == lambda[2], -g m[4] + m[4] x[4]''[t] == lambda[2]}

sol5= DSolve[eqs5[{{4}}] ,{x[4]},t][[1]]
{x[4] → Function[{t}, C[1] + t C[2] +  $\frac{1}{2} t^2 \left( g + \frac{\text{lambda}[2]}{m[4]} \right)$ ]}

(eqs5[{{1,2,3}}] //.sol5 //Simplify)
{lambda[1] + g m[1] == 0, lambda[1] + g m[2] == 2 lambda[2],
 lambda[2] + 2 g m[3] +  $\frac{\text{lambda}[2] m[3]}{m[4]}$  == 0}

sol6= Solve[(eqs5[{{1,2}}] //.sol4 //Simplify)
 ,{lambda[1],lambda[2]}][[1]] //Simplify
{lambda[1] → -g m[1], lambda[2] →  $\frac{1}{2} g (-m[1] + m[2])$ }

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eqs6=eqs5 //sol5 //sol6 //ExpandAll
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$$\left\{ \text{True, True, } -2 g m[3] + \frac{g m[1] m[3]}{2 m[4]} - \frac{g m[2] m[3]}{2 m[4]} = -\frac{1}{2} g m[1] + \frac{1}{2} g m[2], \text{ True} \right\}$$

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sol7=Solve[ eqs6[[3]],m[1] ][[1]] //Simplify
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$$\left\{ m[1] \rightarrow \frac{4 m[3] m[4] + m[2] (m[3] + m[4])}{m[3] + m[4]} \right\}$$