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Lab 7 - MIPSI

1 Objective

To model, introduce identifiers, simplify, solve, and interpret a dynamic system of your own choosing.

2 Procedure

- 1. Pick a cool, everyday dynamic system. (The more creative the better.) Some examples: a swing, a yo-yo, your body, a kitchen device, washing machine...
- 2. Perform MIPSI on the system.
- 3. Turn-in one lab per group.

3 MIPSI

- **Model Physical System:** Capture the essential components of the physical system being analyzed and draw a simple sketch of the model.
- **Identifiers, symbols and values:** Name and label relevant parts. Analytically or empirically determine physical constants.
- **Physics:** Form equations, e.g., with F = ma and V = iR. Using physical principles formulate equations that relate the identifiers and govern the behavior of the system.
- Simplify and solve: When helpful, make small angle or linear approximations $(\sin(\theta) \approx \theta)$. Produce numerical or closed form solutions for the unknown identifiers, e.g., separation of variables, assumed solutions, numerical solutions of ordinary differential equations.
- Interpret, design, and control physical systems: Using numbers, plots, animation, etc., generate results that can be easily interpreted, preferably by a non-technical person.