

# OTSAssignment 6: Stability of the total energy a SHO in RK2.

$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ , angular velocity.  $m=1$  kg;  $l=1$  m.

The total energy of the SHO in can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{i+1} &= K_{i+1} + U_{i+1} = \frac{1}{2}m(l\omega_{i+1})^2 + mgl(1 - \cos \theta_{i+1}) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2}ml^2\omega_{i+1}^2 + mgl \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\theta_{i+1}^2}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}ml^2\omega_{i+1}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mgl\theta_{i+1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

User your RK2 code to track the total energy for  $t$  running from  $t=0$  till  $t=25T$ ;  $T=2\pi\sqrt{l/g}$ . Boundary conditions:  $\omega(0) = \sqrt{g/l}$ ;  $\theta(0) = 0$   
 $E_i$  should remain constant throughout all  $t_i$ .