

# Vector Derivatives & Linearization

## Linear Algebra

Major sources: Kaare Brandt Petersen  
Michael Syskind Pedersen

Major references: The Matrix Cookbook - Petersen, Pedersen

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# Vector Derivatives

**Function:**  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \quad y = f(x)$

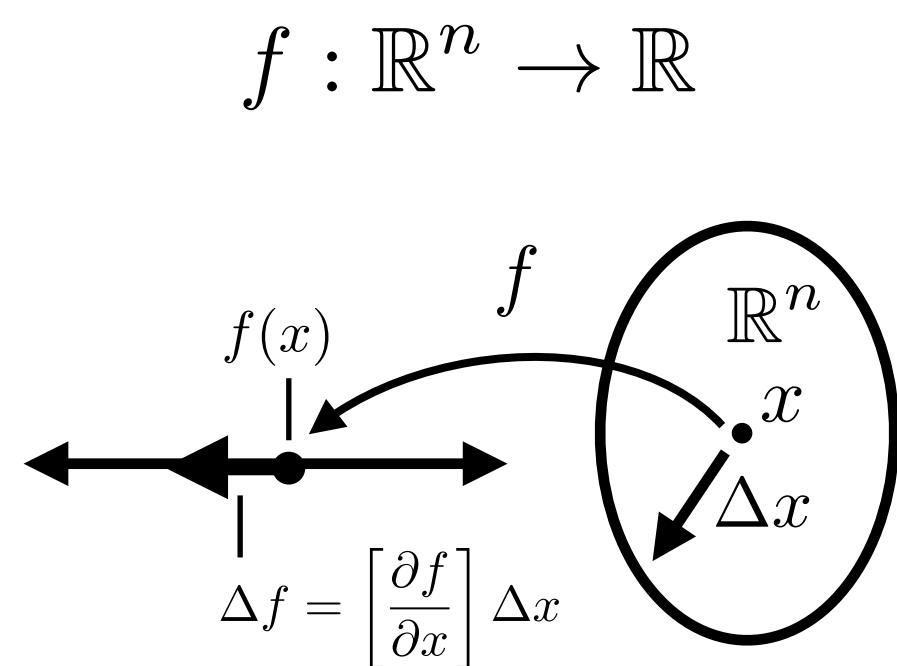
**Derivative:** linear map that estimates  $\Delta f$  given  $\Delta x$

$$\Delta f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \Delta x \quad \boxed{\Delta f} = \boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}} \cancel{\Delta x}$$

**Scalar Derivatives:**

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \Delta y = \Delta f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x$$

**Vector Derivatives: scalar functions**



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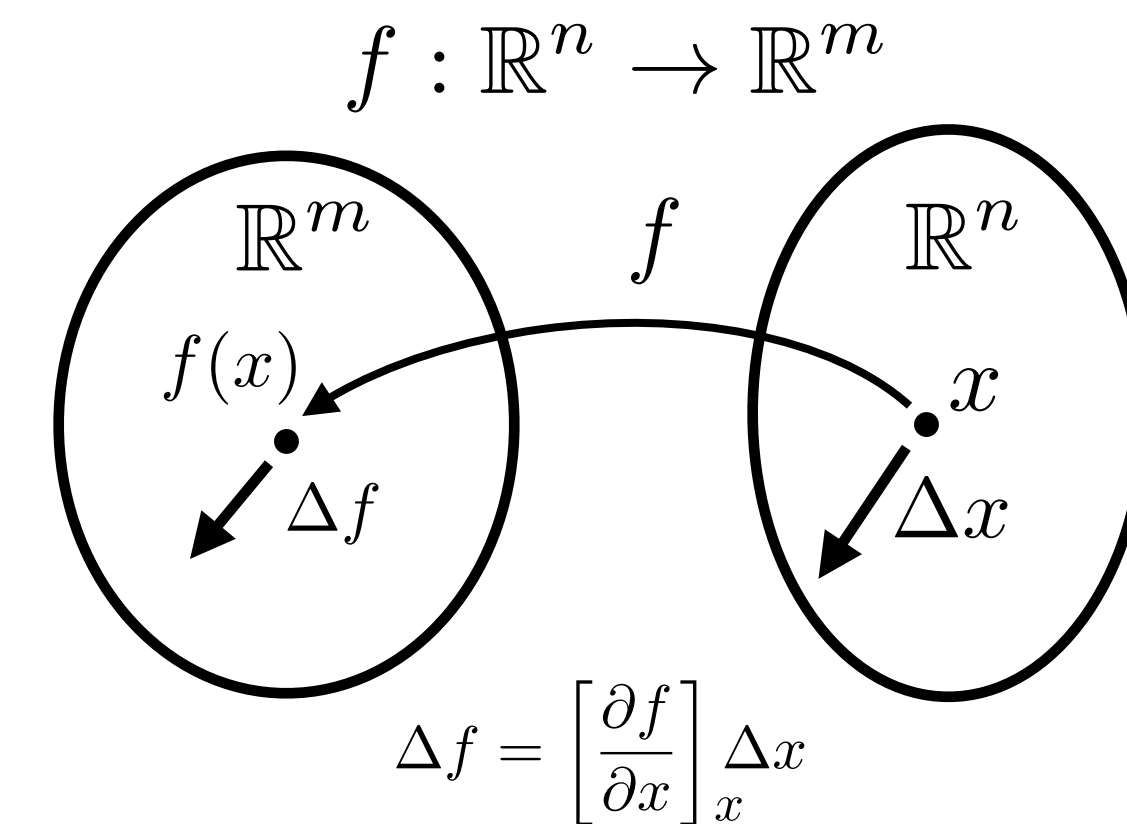
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Vector perturbation

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \Delta x_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \Delta x_n$$

...partial derivative rule

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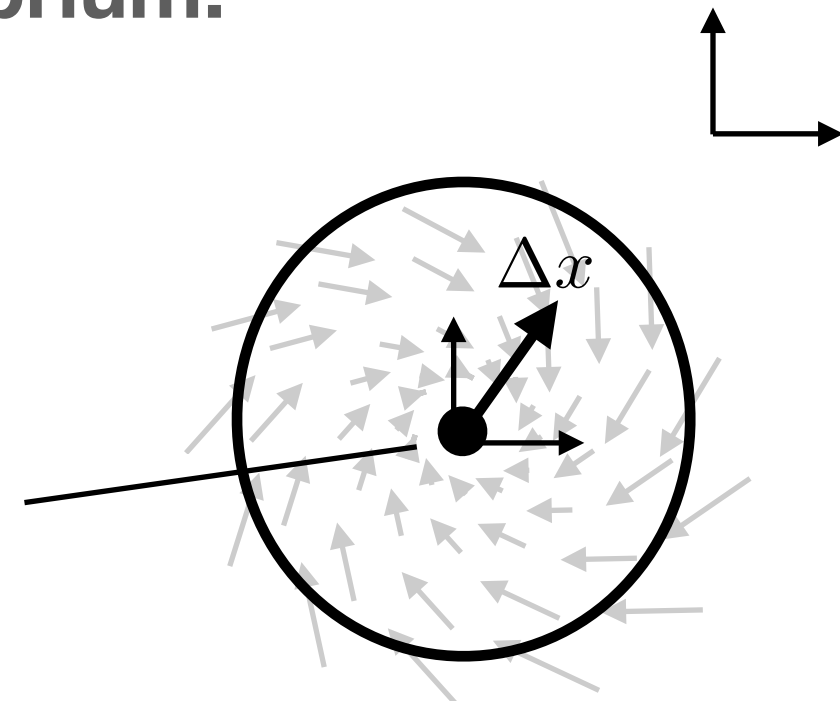
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...around Equilibrium:

**Equilibrium:**

$x : f(x) = 0$



**Perturbed state**

$x + \Delta x(t)$

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...around Trajectory

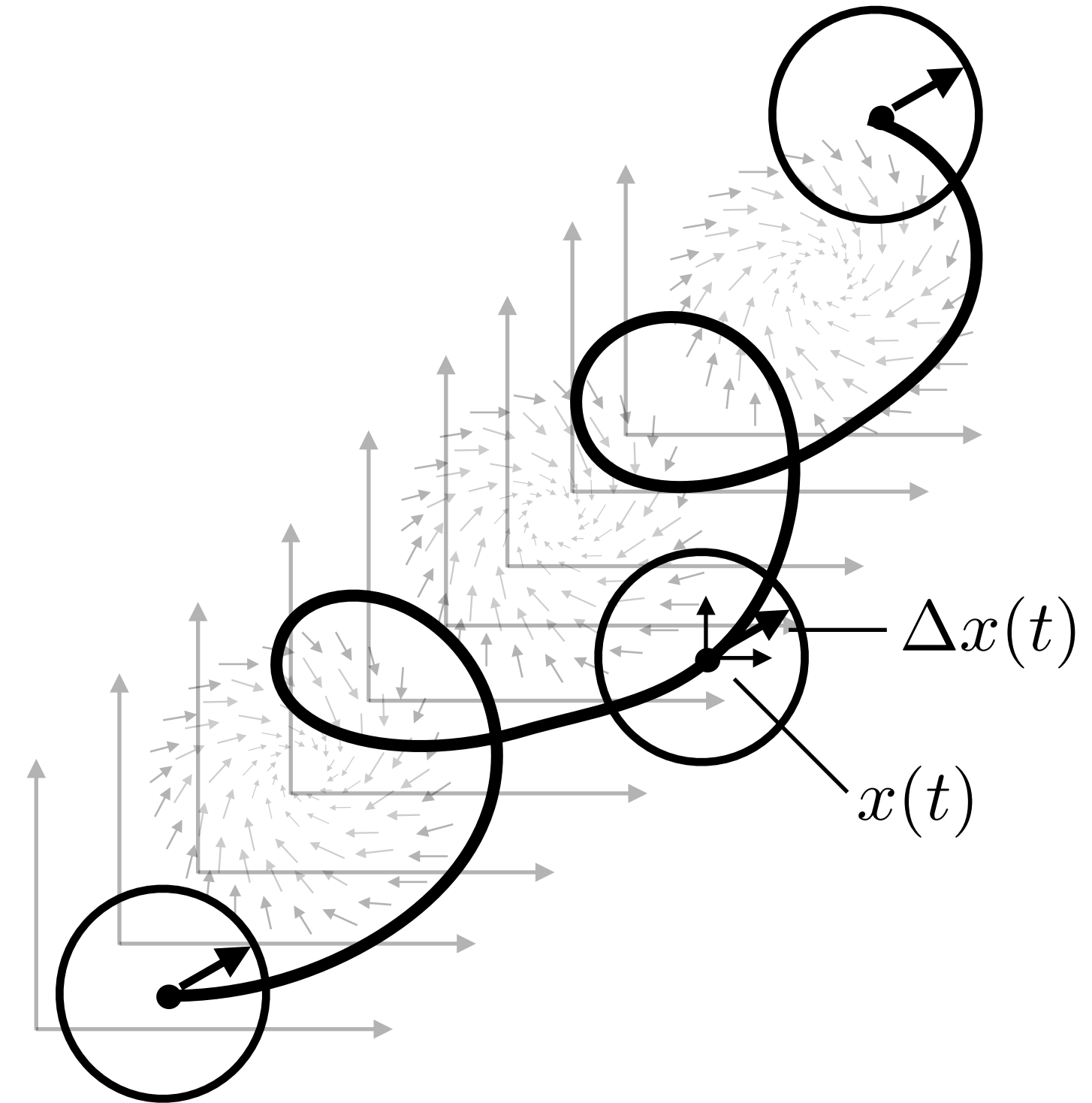
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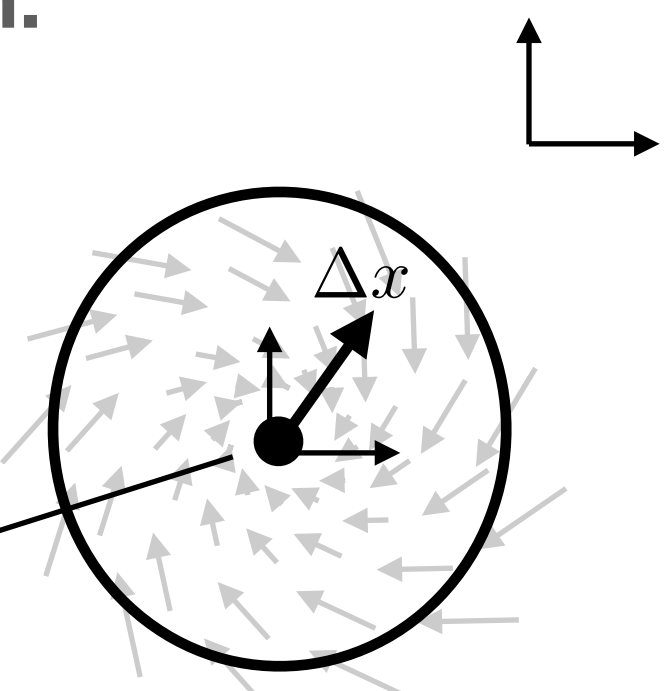
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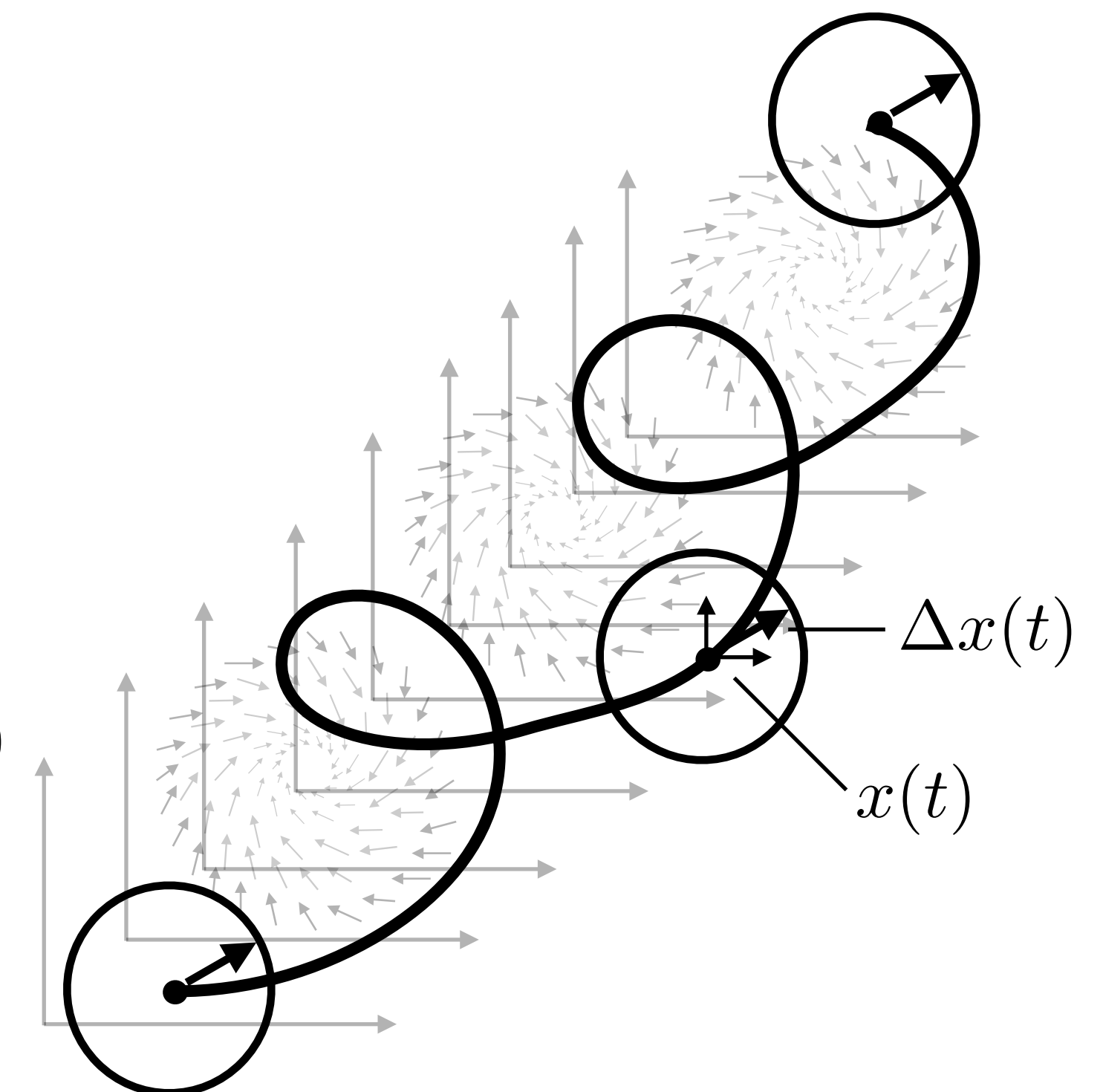
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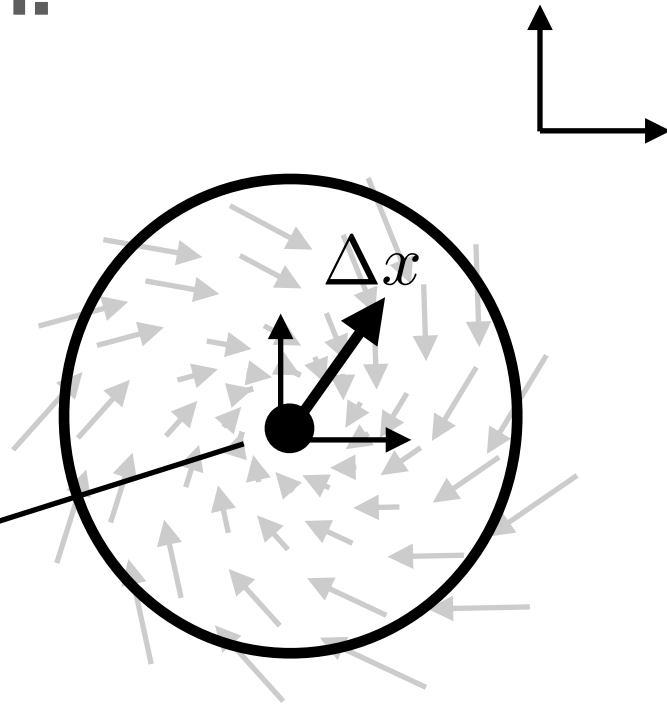
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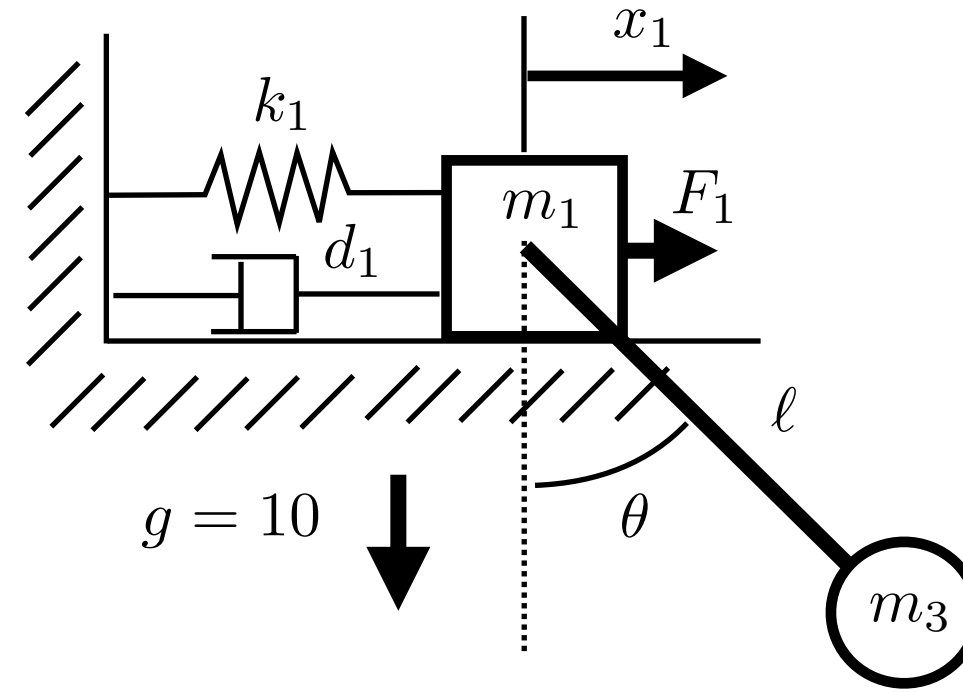
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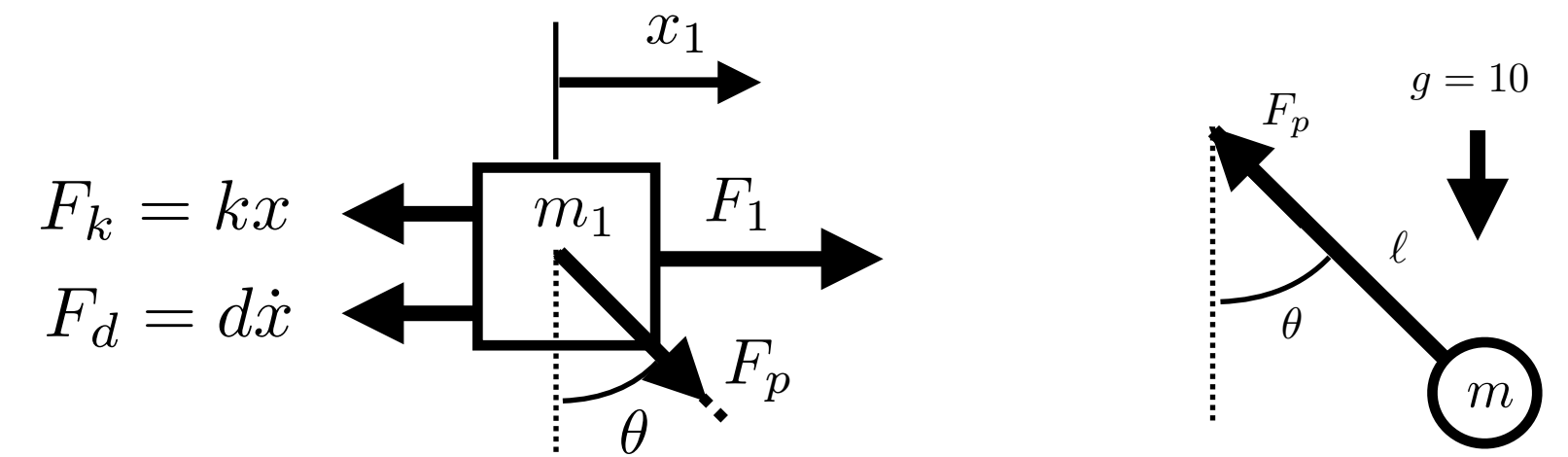
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solving for  $F_p$

and getting expressions for  $\ddot{x}, \ddot{\theta}$

① + ②  $M\ddot{x} + m\ddot{x} + m\ddot{\theta} l \cos \theta - m\dot{\theta}^2 l \sin \theta = F_1 - kx - d\dot{x}$

$\sin \theta$  ③  $m\ddot{\theta} l \sin^2 \theta + m\dot{\theta}^2 l \cos \theta \sin \theta = F_p \cos \theta \sin \theta - mg \sin \theta$   
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$m l \ddot{\theta} + m \ddot{x} \cos \theta = -mg \sin \theta$

$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} M + m & ml \cos \theta \\ ml \cos \theta & ml^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{M}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{a}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} m\dot{\theta}^2 l \sin \theta + F_1 - kx - d\dot{x} \\ -mg \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{F}}$   
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...explicitly

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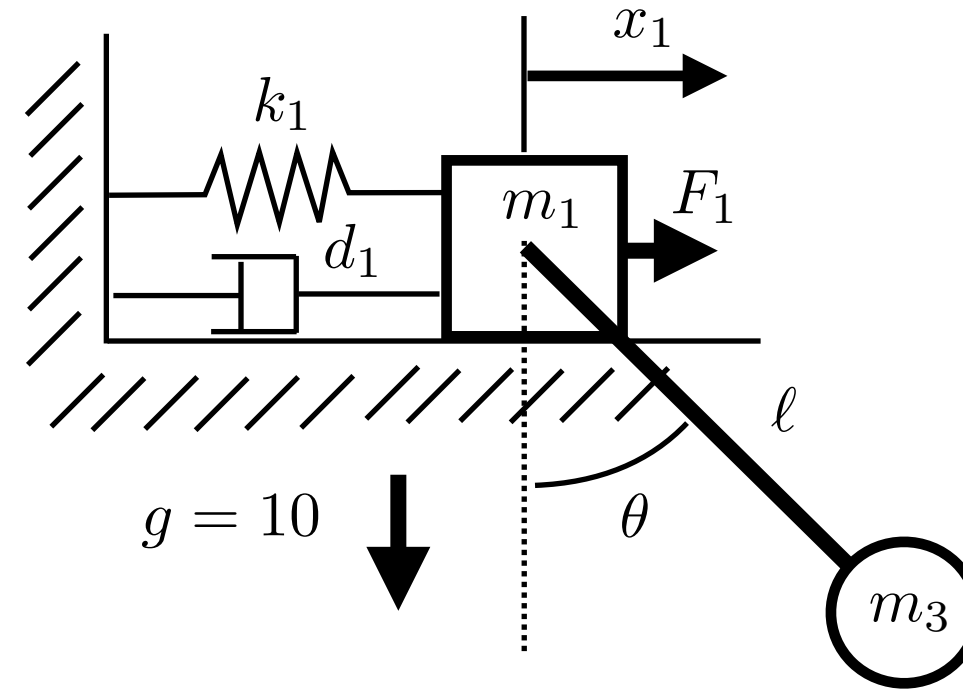
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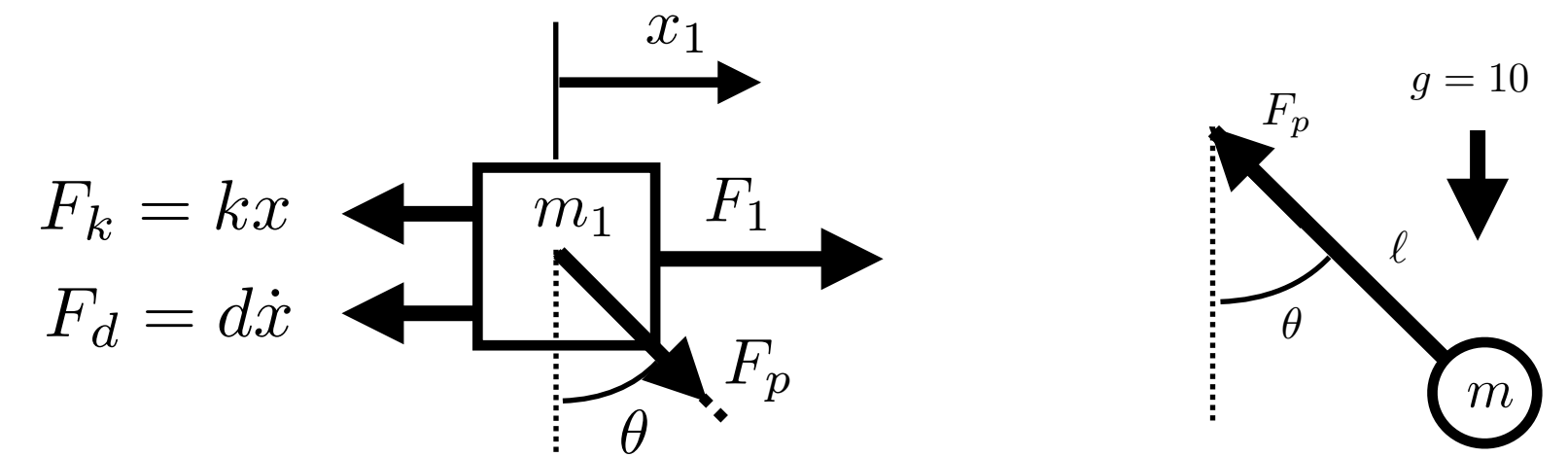
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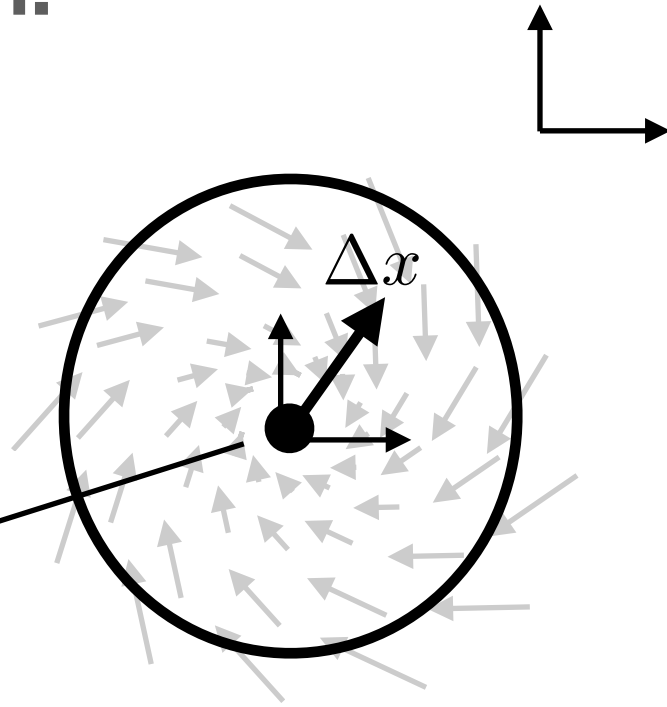
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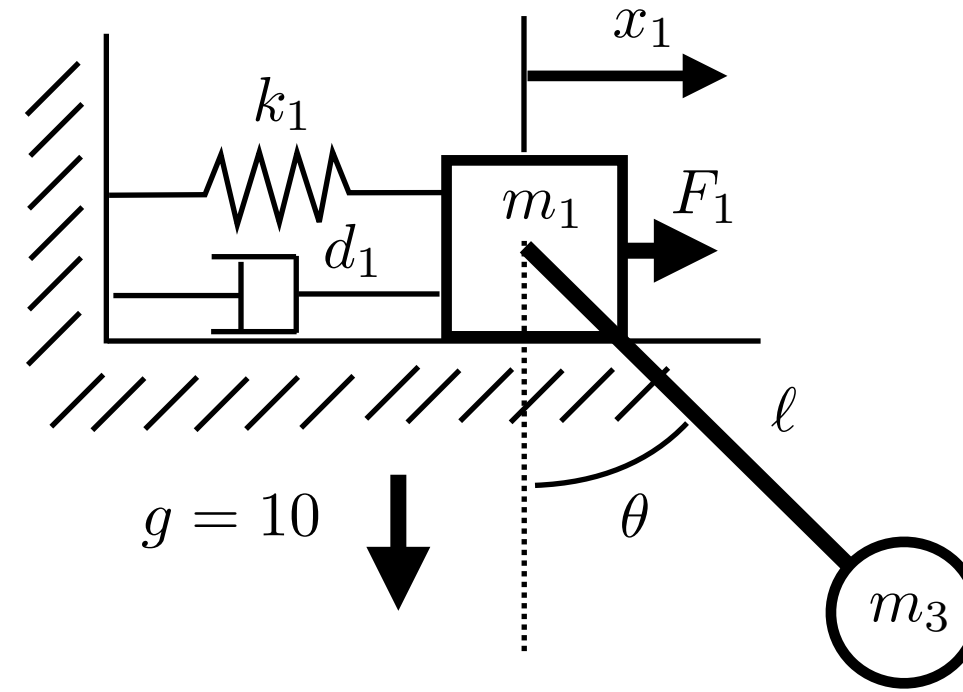
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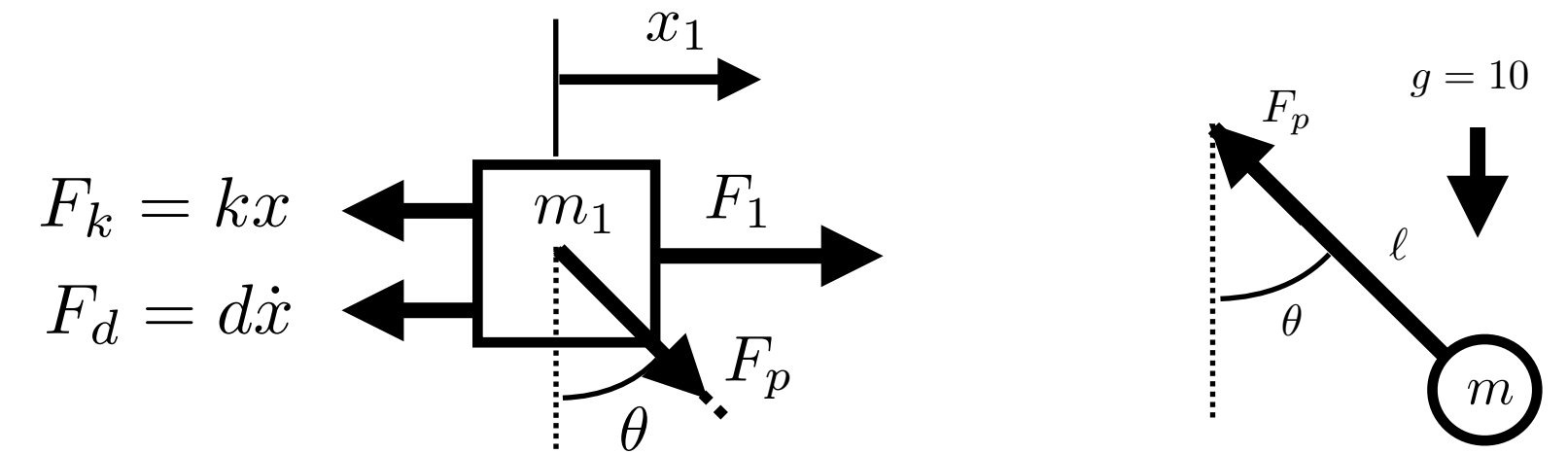
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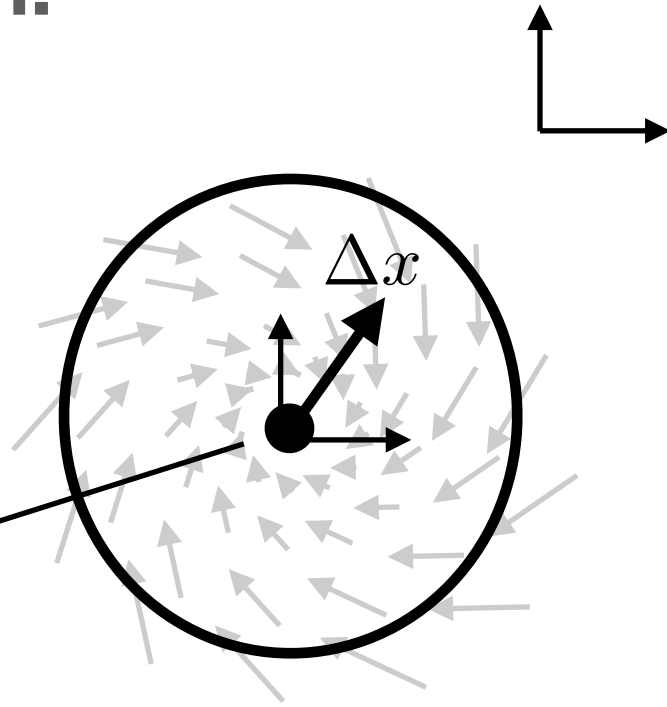
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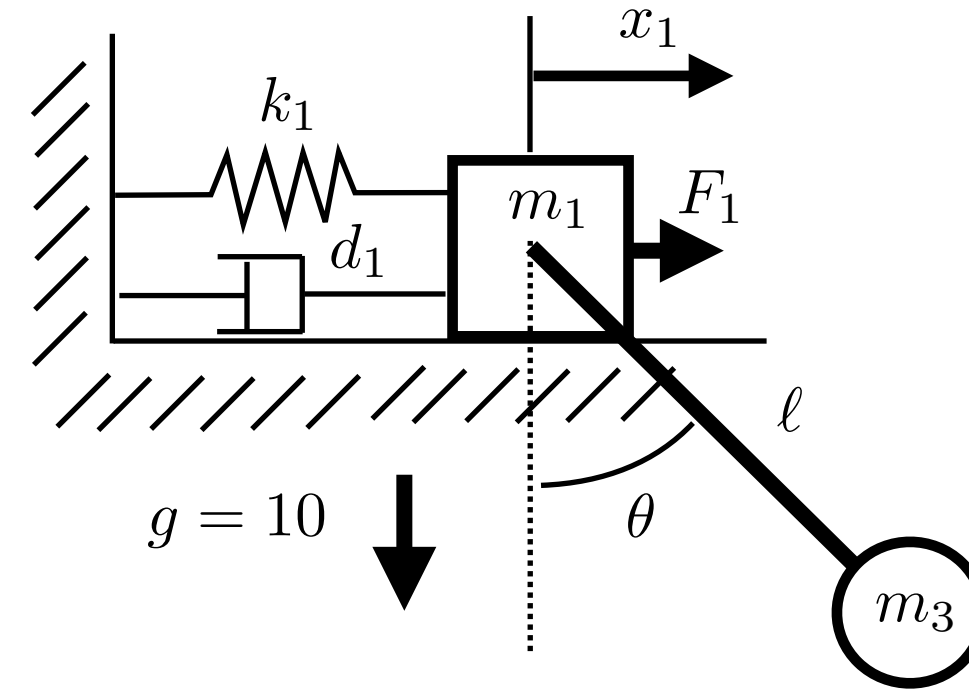
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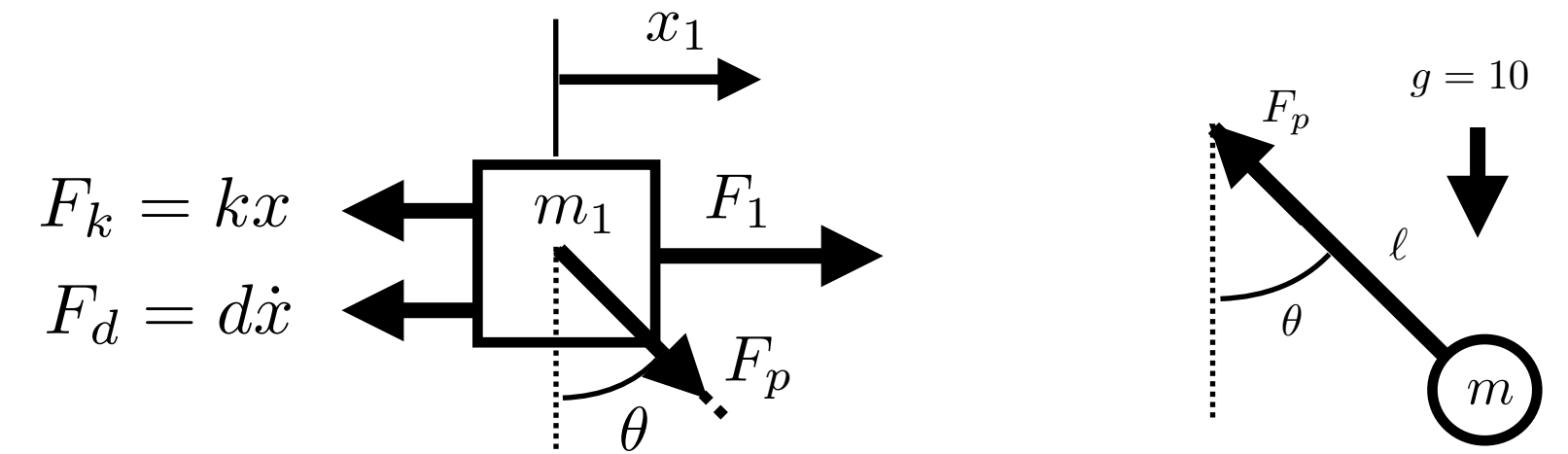
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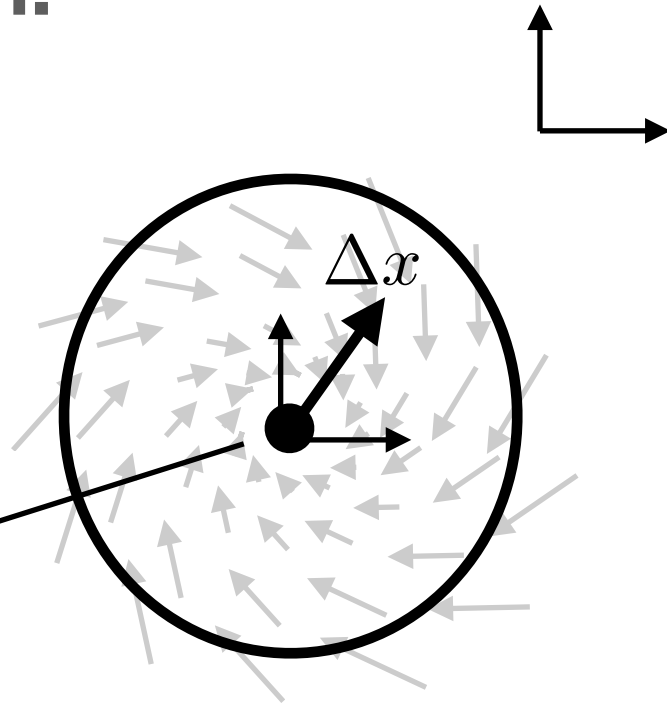
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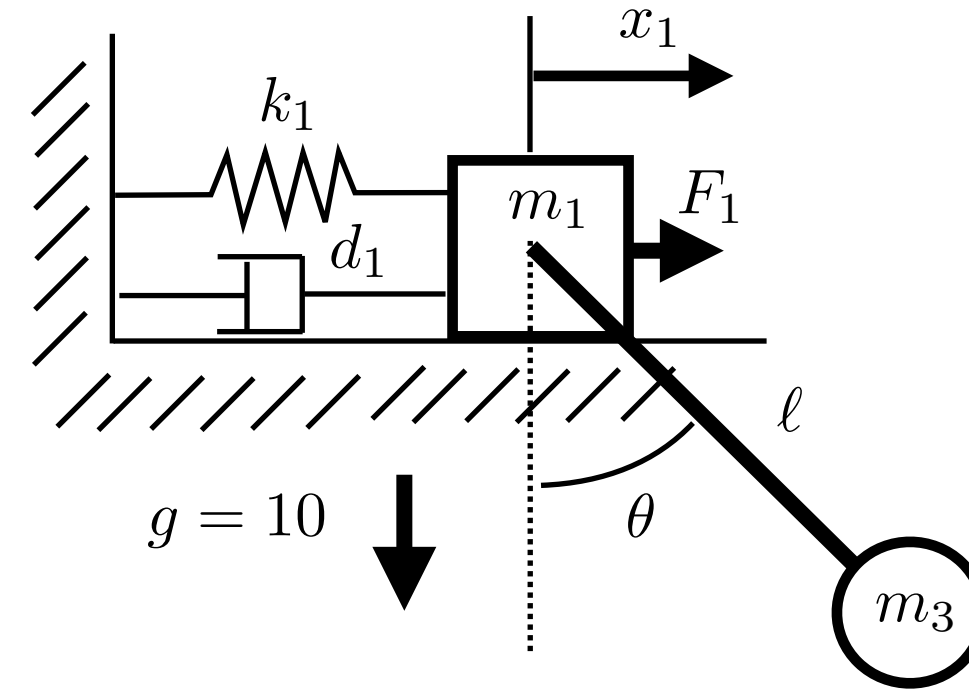
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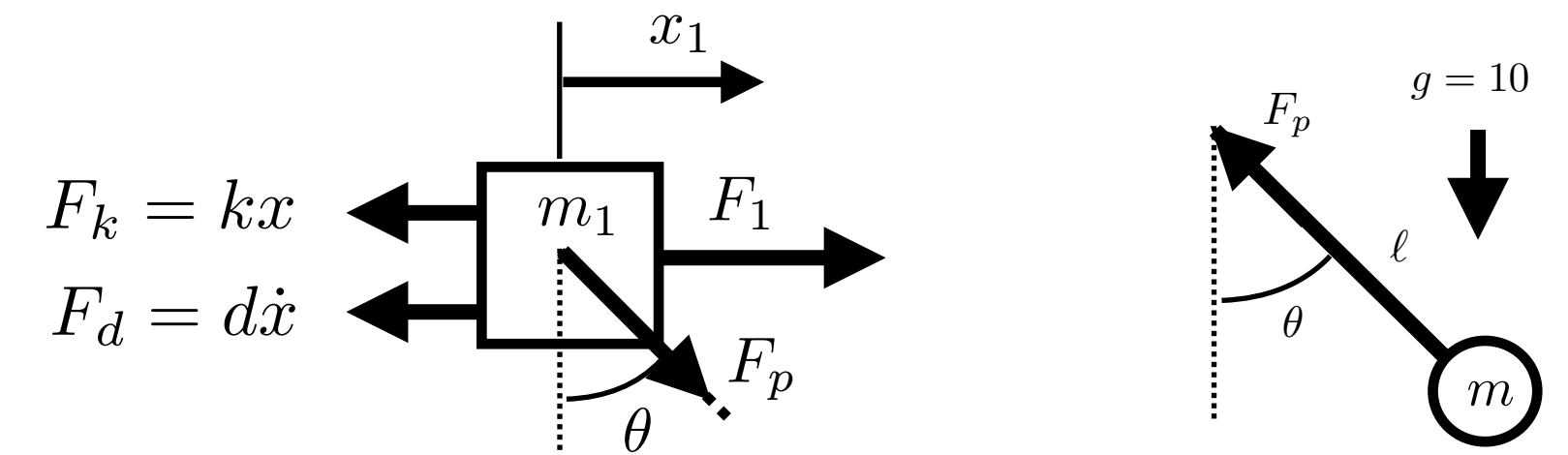
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$F(z, u) = \begin{bmatrix} m\dot{\theta}^2 l \sin \theta + F_1 - kx - d\dot{x} \\ -mg \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial \theta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -ml \sin \theta \\ -ml \sin \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial \dot{x}} = \frac{\partial M}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = \mathbf{0}$

$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = \begin{bmatrix} -k & m\dot{\theta}^2 l \cos \theta & -d & 2m\dot{\theta} l \sin \theta \\ 0 & -mg \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$