

PROBLEM 2.

" Find the ratio of the times
in the same path for particles
having "

Let's make use of the same scaling idea as
in problem 1: $T \sim \frac{m l^2}{t^2}$. Supposing they
follow the same trajectory, then $l' = \lambda l$ gives

$$T' - U' = \lambda (T - U) \quad \text{where} \quad U' = \alpha U \quad \text{since}$$

the Lagrangians must differ by an overall constant
factor. So $T' - \alpha U = \lambda T - \lambda U$ means that

$T' = \alpha T$. Using this fact and $T' \sim \frac{1}{t'^2}$ we get

$$\frac{1}{t'^2} = \alpha \frac{1}{t^2} \Rightarrow \frac{t'^2}{t^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{t'}{t} = \sqrt{\frac{U}{U'}}$$