

# Analytical Dynamics

Generalized Coordinates, Constraints, & Virtual Work

## Admin:

- Exam 1 corrections Due next Monday 10/7
- HW 3 Due next Wednesday 10/9 ← 2D Rigid Body Review & Example Problem on Panopto

## Goals for Today:

### Fundamentals of Analytical Mechanics

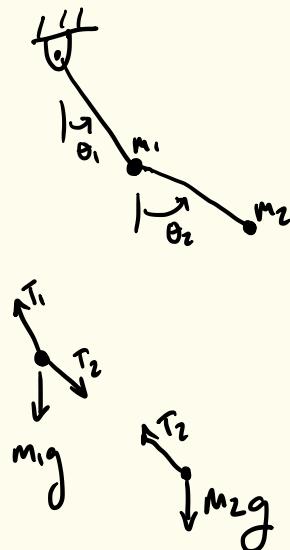
- Generalized Coordinates
- Constraints on Particles / Systems of Particles
- Virtual Displacements & Fundamental Axiom  
of Analytical Mechanics
- Virtual Work



# Contrast Between Newtonian and Analytical Approaches

## Newtonian

- Centered on vectorial quantities (Momentum, velocity, etc.)
- Requires significant creativity to obtain EOM
  - Combining Newton's equation for multiple particles / bodies
  - Sampling the result along carefully chosen directions to avoid constraint forces



## Analytical

- Centered on scalar quantities (work, energy, etc)
- Less creativity to obtain EOM, but more calculus
- Automatic way to eliminate constraint forces from analysis

## Generalized Coordinates:

- Generalized coordinates: A set of parameters that uniquely defines the configuration of a mechanism.

- Denoted by  $\mathbf{q}$
- GC often chosen so that  $\#GC = \# \text{DoFs}$
- Many possible definitions are valid for a given system.  
e.g., Double pendulum

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\text{Absolute}) \\ (\text{Angles}) \end{array} \quad \text{OR} \quad \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 - \theta_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\text{Relative}) \\ (\text{Angles}) \\ \text{Also Valid} \end{array}$$

Valid choice

- Any particle  $i$  has position given by some function  $\mathbf{r}_i(\mathbf{q}, t)$
- Generalized Velocity: Time derivative of GC  $\Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{q}}$
- State Space:  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}} \end{bmatrix}$

## **Constraints:**

Sometimes we use more GC than needed, and then we add constraints

- Constraint Eqn:  $f(q, t) = 0$  or  $g(q, \dot{q}, t) = 0$

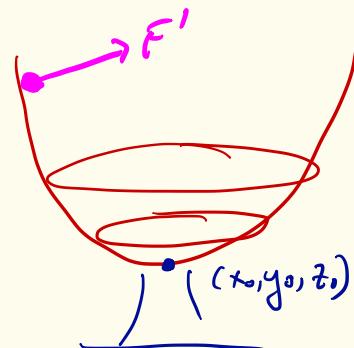
Describe geometry and/or kinematics of contact between bodies or particles

Example: Particle in a bowl!

$$\Sigma = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k} \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Constraint: } z - z_0 = (x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2$$

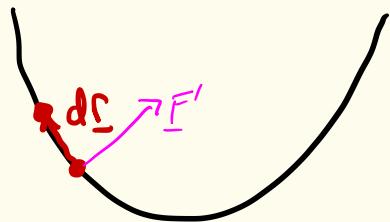
Any particle on a surface can be described by  $f(x, y, z, t) = 0$



## Constraints (cont.):

Particle on a Surface: Pfaffian form:

$$0 = df = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} dz + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} dt$$

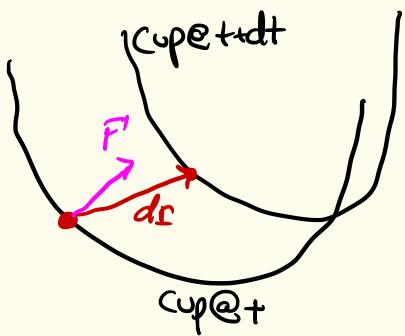


(A) Surface is stationary ( $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 0$ )

$$dW = \underline{F}' \cdot d\underline{r} = 0 \quad \text{workless Constraint}$$

(B) Surface is moving ( $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \neq 0$ )

$\Rightarrow$  constraint may do work!



## Virtual Displacement:

- Features

- Infinitesimal

- Occur instantaneously (time fixed)

- Notation

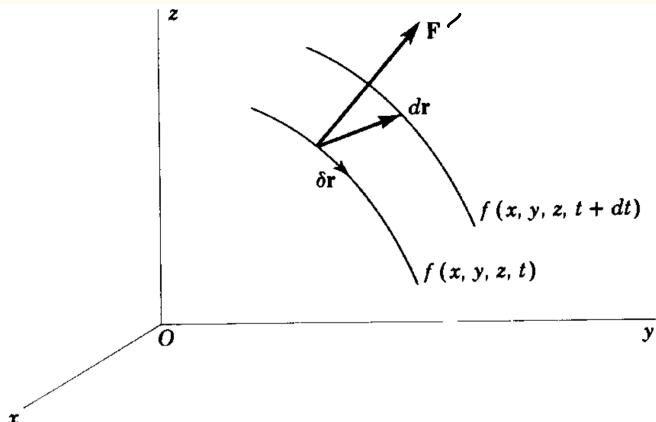
- $\delta \underline{r}$  for a particle

- $\delta q$  for a system

- Variation operator (just like  $d$  but w/ time fixed)

- $\delta \underline{r} = \delta x \hat{i} + \delta y \hat{j} + \delta z \hat{k}$  (if  $i, j, k$  inertial)

- $\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \delta z$  (if  $\delta F = 0$  we say that  $\delta r$  are consistent w/ constraints)



# Virtual Work:

$$\delta W = \underline{F}' \cdot \delta \underline{r}$$

- Particle on a surface

- $\underline{F}'$  is normal to surface
- $\delta \underline{r}$  is tangent to the surface  
if consistent w/ constraint

$\Rightarrow \underline{F}'$  do no virtual work under virtual displacements consistent w/  
the constraint!

For a system of particles  $\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_N$

Virtual work from a set of forces

$$F_1, \dots, F_N$$

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i \cdot \delta \underline{r}_i$$

Recall:  $f_i(q, t)$

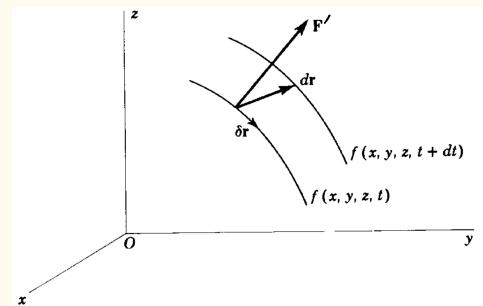
$$\underline{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_1} \cdots \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_n} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \delta q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \delta q_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= J_i \delta \underline{q}$$

Jacobian of  $f_i$   
w.r.t.  $\underline{q}$



## Lions, Tigers, and Bears of calculus Notation:

$d$ : (Pronounced "Pee") a total differential (e.g.,  $dm$  or  $d\zeta$ )

- $d\zeta$  is an infinitesimal displacement that occurs over an infinitesimal amount of time  $dt$

$\delta$ : (Pronounced "delta") a variation (e.g.,  $\delta\zeta$  or  $\delta q$ )

- Roughly, same as  $d$  but ignoring time changes (see Literature folder on Sakai for other explanations)
- $\delta\zeta$  is a virtual displacement.

It occurs instantaneously without any change in time.

$\partial$ : (Pronounced "partial" or sometimes "del") Used to indicate partial derivatives

- e.g.  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i}$
- $\partial q_i$  by itself is nonsense.

# Fundamental Axiom of Analytical Mechanics

I call it an axiom because I am not aware of a proof of it from any other first principles.

Consider a system of N particles with a set of M Pfaffian constraints:

$$(*) \quad q_{j1} \delta q_1 + \dots + q_{jn} \delta q_n = 0 \quad j=1, \dots, M$$

And net constraint forces of each particle  $F'_i$

The total virtual work of the constraint forces is zero under any virtual displacements that are consistent with the constraints.

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^N F'_i \cdot \delta r_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^n F'_i \cdot \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k$$

For any  $\delta q_j$  that satisfies (\*)

## Virtual Work and Equilibrium:

$$R_i = F_i + \bar{F}_i$$

Resultant       $\leftarrow$  Constraint Forces  
Applied forces

Virtual work  $\delta W = \sum R_i \cdot \delta r_i$

At Equilibrium:  $R_i = 0 \Rightarrow \delta W = 0 = \sum (F_i + \bar{F}_i) \cdot \delta r_i$

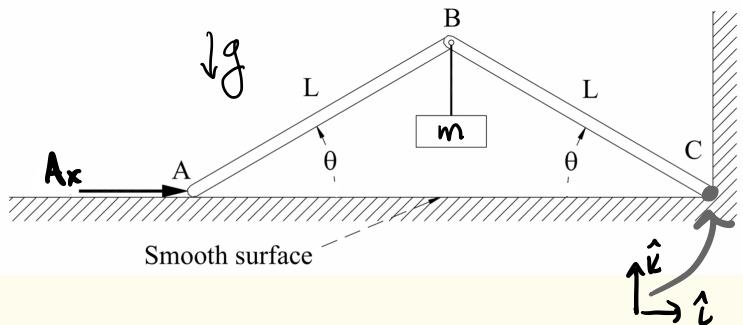
$$= \sum F_i \cdot \delta r_i \quad \text{if } \delta r_i \text{ consistent w/ constraints}$$

$$0 = \sum_k \underbrace{\sum_i F_i \cdot \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_k}}_{:= Q_k} \delta q_k = \sum_k Q_k \delta q_k$$

$\therefore Q_k$  generalized force associated w/  $q_k$

If no constraints on  $q$  then all  $Q_k = 0$  at equilibrium!

**Example: Give the force  $A_x$  necessary to hold the system at equilibrium  
(Bars massless)**



$$\begin{aligned} q &= z_B \\ q &= \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta W = Q_\theta \delta \theta$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial F_B}{\partial \theta} \cdot F_B + \frac{\partial F_A}{\partial \theta} \cdot F_A \right] \delta \theta$$

Key Points

$$F_B = -L c_\theta \hat{i} + L s_\theta \hat{k}$$

$$F_A = -2L c_\theta \hat{c}$$

Virtual work

$$\delta W = \left[ [L s_\theta \hat{i} + L c_\theta \hat{k}] \cdot [-mg \hat{k}] + [2L s_\theta \hat{c}] \cdot [A_x \hat{c}] \right] \delta \theta$$

$$= [-mg L c_\theta + 2L c_\theta A_x] \delta \theta$$

$$A_x = \frac{mg c_\theta}{2 s_\theta} = \frac{mg}{2} \cot(\theta)$$

# Summary

- Constraint forces do no virtual work under virtual displacements that are consistent with the constraints.
- Virtual work of Applied Forces

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N F_i \cdot \delta r_i - \sum_{k=1}^n Q_k \delta q_k$$

- Generalized Forces

$$Q_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial q_k} \cdot F_i$$

conservative & non-conservative parts:

$$Q_k = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_k} + Q_{k,nc}$$

We'll see this next week...

- At equilibrium:

$$\sum Q_k \delta q_k = 0 \text{ for all } \delta q \text{ that satisfy constraints.}$$