

2.2 Noether's theorem

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□ Canonical momentum

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i^2 - V(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_n)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{For each particle, } \frac{d}{dt} \frac{dL}{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i} &= \frac{d}{dt} m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i = \frac{d}{dt} \underline{p}_i \\ \frac{dL}{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i} &= -\frac{dV}{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i} = \underline{F}_i \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{F}_i = \dot{\underline{p}}_i$$

• Generalized Newton's Law

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{canonical momentum } p_j(\underline{q}, \dot{\underline{q}}, t) = \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_j} \\ \text{generalized force } Q_j(\underline{q}, \dot{\underline{q}}, t) = \frac{dL}{dq_j} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{E-L eqn restated as } \dot{p}_j = Q_j$$

Note: canonical momentum \neq mechanical momentum

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\underline{r}}^2 - q\phi(\underline{r}) + q\mathbf{A}(\underline{r}) \cdot \dot{\underline{r}}$$

$$\underline{p} = \frac{dL}{d\dot{\underline{r}}} = m\dot{\underline{r}} + \underline{q}\mathbf{A}(\underline{r}) \leftarrow \text{field contribution to momentum}$$

• Application to angular momentum and torque

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i^2 - V(\underline{r}_1, \dots, \underline{r}_n)$$

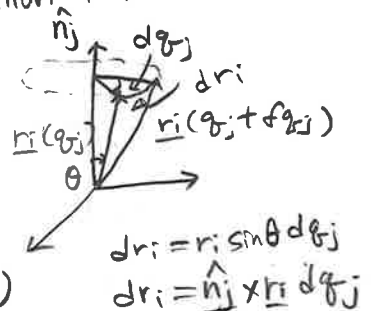
$$p_j = \frac{dL}{dq_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dL}{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i} \cdot \frac{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i}{dq_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i \cdot \frac{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i}{dq_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i (\hat{n}_j \times \underline{r}_i)$$

$$= \hat{n}_j \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i = \hat{n}_j \cdot \underline{L} \rightarrow p_j = \text{angular momentum component along axis of rotation}$$

$$Q_j = \frac{dL}{dq_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dL}{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i} \frac{d\dot{\underline{r}}_i}{dq_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{F}_i \cdot \hat{n}_j \times \underline{r}_i = \hat{n}_j \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{F}_i = \hat{n}_j \cdot \underline{\tau}$$

$$\rightarrow Q_j = \text{torque component along the axis of rotation}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{n}_j \cdot \underline{L} = \hat{n}_j \cdot \underline{\tau}}$$



2 Cyclic coordinates and conservation laws

- conservation of canonical momentum

$(p_j = \frac{dL}{dq_j})$: if q_j is cyclic/ignorable coordinate,
its conjugate momentum p_j is conserved.

: if L is symmetric/invariant under infinitesimal
transformation $q_j \rightarrow q_j + \delta q_j$,

its conjugate momentum p_j is conserved.

- Conservation of energy

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dL}{dt} = 0\right) \quad \frac{dL}{dt} &= \frac{dL}{dt} - \left(\frac{dL}{dq} \cdot \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}} \cdot \frac{d\dot{q}}{dt}\right) \\ &= \frac{dL}{dt} - \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{dL}{dq}\right) \cdot \dot{q} + \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}} \cdot \frac{d\dot{q}}{dt}\right] \\ &= \frac{dL}{dt} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dL}{dq} \cdot \dot{q}\right) = -\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}} \cdot \dot{q} - L\right) \\ &= -\frac{d}{dt} (p \cdot \dot{q} - L) = -\frac{d}{dt} h(q, \dot{q}, t) \end{aligned}$$

Energy function: $h(q, \dot{q}, t) \equiv \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}} \cdot \dot{q} - L$

If L is symmetric/invariant under an infinitesimal transformation
 $t \rightarrow dt$, h is conserved.

(Example 1, 보존장) $L = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{r}_i^2 - V(r_1, \dots, r_n)$
 $h = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dL}{d\dot{r}_i} \cdot \dot{r}_i - L = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{r}_i^2 + V$
(= mechanical energy)

(Example 2, monogenic) $L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 - [q\phi(r) - qA(r) \cdot \dot{r}]$
 $h = \frac{dL}{d\dot{r}} \cdot \dot{r} - L = m \dot{r}^2 + qA(r) \cdot \dot{r} - \left(\frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 - q\phi(r) + qA(r) \cdot \dot{r}\right)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + q\phi(r)$

(Example 3, Rayleigh dissipation)

$$\text{System: } L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}), \quad G(\dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} r_{jk} \dot{q}_j \dot{q}_k$$

- the energy function monotonically decreases in time according to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dh}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} - L \right) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \frac{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}}{dt} - \left(\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{q}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{q}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} - \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} = - \frac{dG}{d\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} = -2G(\dot{\mathbf{q}}) \end{aligned}$$

- Thus the Rayleigh dissipation function quantifies the rate at which the system dissipates energy.

(Example 4, moving observer \underline{v})

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i + \underline{v})^2 - \sum_{i,j} V(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i} - \frac{dL}{d\mathbf{r}_i} = m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i + \frac{d}{d\mathbf{r}_i} \sum_{i,j} V(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{dL}{d\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - L = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[(m_i (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i + \underline{v})) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \frac{1}{2} m_i (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i + \underline{v})^2 \right] + \sum_{i,j} V(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i^2 + \sum_{i,j} V(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}_{\text{Mechanical energy as seen by the observer}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i v^2 \end{aligned}$$

Mechanical energy as seen
by the observer.

$\therefore h$ is not always the total energy of the system.

[3] Noether's theorem for particles

If the mechanics is symmetric/invariant under an infinitesimal spatiotemporal transformation, there exists a corresponding conservation law.

(Proof) • Consider $(q(t), t) \rightarrow (q'(t'), t')$

$$\text{given by } q'(t') = q(t) + \delta q(t), \quad t' = t + \delta t(t)$$

• The mechanics (Lagrange's equations) is invariant under the transformation if the change of action satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} I'[q'(t')] &= \int_{t'(t_1)}^{t'(t_2)} ds L(q'(s), \dot{q}'(s), s) \\ &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds L(q(s), \dot{q}(s), s) + \delta \Lambda(q(t_2), t_2) \\ &\quad - \delta \Lambda(q(t_1), t_1) \\ &= I[q(t)] + \delta \Lambda(q(t_2), t_2) - \delta \Lambda(q(t_1), t_1) \end{aligned}$$

for some infinitesimal $\delta \Lambda$ and arbitrary t_1 and t_2 .

($\underline{L \rightarrow L'}$): Coordinate transformation + gauge transformation

$$L \rightarrow L' + \delta \dot{S} \quad , \quad \int L dt \rightarrow \int L' dt + S$$

$$\begin{aligned} I'[q'(t')] &= \left\{ I[q(t)] + \delta \Lambda(q_2(t_2), t_2) - \delta \Lambda(q_1(t_1), t_1) \right\} \\ &= \int_{t_1 + \delta t(t_1)}^{t_2 + \delta t(t_2)} ds L(q', \dot{q}', s) - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds L(q, \dot{q}, s) - \delta \Lambda(q_2(t_2), t_2) \\ &\quad + \delta \Lambda(q_1(t_1), t_1) \\ &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds [L(q'(s), \dot{q}'(s), s) - L(q(s), \dot{q}(s), s)] \quad \leftarrow (1) \\ &\quad + L(q(t_2), \dot{q}(t_2), t) \delta t(t_2) - \delta \Lambda(q_2(t_2), t_2) \\ &\quad - L(q(t_1), \dot{q}(t_1), t) \delta t(t_1) + \delta \Lambda(q_1(t_1), t_1) \quad \leftarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds [L(q'_s(s), \dot{q}'_s(s), s) - L(q_s(s), \dot{q}_s(s), s)]$$

$$= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \left(\frac{dL}{dq_s} \cdot \bar{\delta} q_s + \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \cdot \bar{\delta} \dot{q}_s \right) \quad (\text{where } \bar{\delta} q_s(t) \equiv q'_s(t) - q_s(t))$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \bar{\delta} q_s(t) &\equiv q'_s(t(t)) - q_s(t) = q'_s(t + \delta t(t)) - q_s(t) \\ &\approx q'_s(t) + \dot{q}'_s(t) \delta t(t) - q_s(t) = \bar{\delta} q_s(t) + \dot{q}_s(t) \cdot \delta t(t) \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\left(\text{Noting that } \bar{\delta} \dot{q}_s(t) = \dot{q}'_s(t) - \dot{q}_s(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [q'_s(t) - q_s(t)] = \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\delta} q_s(t) \right)$$

Lagrange's equation implies,

$$(1) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \left(\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \right) \cdot \bar{\delta} q_s + \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \frac{d}{ds} (\bar{\delta} q_s) \right)$$

$$= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \bar{\delta} q_s \right) \approx \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} (\delta q_s - \dot{q}_s \delta t) \right)$$

$$= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \delta q_s - \frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \dot{q}_s \delta t \right)$$

$$(2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \frac{d}{ds} (L(q_s, \dot{q}_s, s) \delta t - \delta \Lambda(q_s, s))$$

$$(1) + (2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} ds \frac{d}{ds} \left(\underbrace{\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \delta q_s}_{=p} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{dL}{d\dot{q}_s} \dot{q}_s - L \right) \delta t}_{=h} - \delta \Lambda \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} \left(p(q_s, \dot{q}_s, t) \cdot \delta q_s(t) - h(q_s, \dot{q}_s, t) \cdot \delta t(t) - \delta \Lambda(t) \right) = 0$$

Remark

① Inverse Noether's theorem exist.

② Noether's theorem applies only to monogenic systems.

with continuous and smooth symmetries.