

11. Poisson brackets

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[1] Poisson brackets

• Definition: $\{f, g\}_{x, p} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{dg}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{dg}{\partial g}$, $\{f, g\}_x = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^T \mathbb{J} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)$

• canonical invariance: $x \rightarrow \Gamma$ with $M_{ij} = \partial \Gamma_i / \partial x_j$ ($\Gamma = \mathbb{M} x$)

$$\{f, g\}_x = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^T \mathbb{J} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) = \left(\mathbb{M}^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial \Gamma} \right)^T \mathbb{J} \left(\mathbb{M}^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial \Gamma} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \Gamma} \right)^T \mathbb{M} \mathbb{J} \mathbb{M}^T \frac{\partial g}{\partial \Gamma} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \Gamma} \right)^T \mathbb{J} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \Gamma} \right) = \{f, g\}_\Gamma$$

\Rightarrow Poisson bracket is invariant under canonical transformation: $\{f, g\}$

• Algebraic properties:

① Anticommutativity: $\{f, g\} = -\{g, f\}$

② Bilinearity: $\{af + bg, h\} = a\{f, h\} + b\{g, h\}$

③ Product rule: $\{fg, h\} = \{f, h\}g + f\{g, h\}$

④ Jacobi's identity: $\{f, \{g, h\}\} + \{g, \{h, f\}\} + \{h, \{f, g\}\} = 0$

[2] Poisson-bracket representation of equations of motion

• $f(x, t) \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \dot{x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \underset{\text{Hamilton's eqn: } (\dot{x} = \mathbb{J} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x})}{=} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^T \mathbb{J} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \{f, H\} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$

$\rightarrow f$ is constant of motion iff $\{f, H\} = 0$

$\rightarrow H$ is conserved iff $\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = 0$

\rightarrow If f and g are conserved and $df/dt = dg/dt = 0$, $\{f, g\}$ is also conserved.

Proof) $\{H, \{f, g\}\} + \{g, \{H, f\}\} + \{f, \{g, H\}\} = 0 \quad \therefore \frac{d}{dt} \{f, g\} = \{\{f, g\}, H\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \{f, g\} = 0$

◦ Hamilton's equations : $\dot{\underline{q}} = \{ \underline{q}, H \}$, $\dot{\underline{p}} = \{ \underline{p}, H \} \Leftrightarrow \dot{\underline{x}} = \{ \underline{x}, H \}$
 ($\underline{x}, \underline{p}$)는 시간에 명시적으로 의존하지 않음.

◦ Liouville's theorem

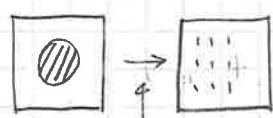
$\rho(\underline{x}, t)$: phase space distribution / $\rho(\underline{x}, t) d^{2n} \underline{x}$: probability

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = - \frac{d}{d\underline{x}} \cdot (\rho \dot{\underline{x}}) \quad (\text{conservation of probability}) \quad = \frac{1}{2} (J_{ij} + J_{ji}) \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{d\rho}{dt} = - \frac{d}{d\underline{x}} \cdot \left(\rho \underline{\dot{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{x}} \right) = - \left(\frac{d\rho}{d\underline{x}} \right)^T \underline{\dot{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{x}} - \rho J_{ij} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_j} = - \{ \rho, H \}$$

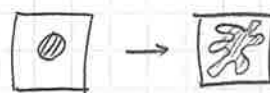
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \{ \rho, H \} = 0}$$

phase space distribution function is constant along the trajectories of Hamiltonian system.



Liouville 정리 위반...

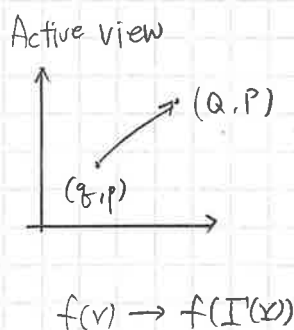
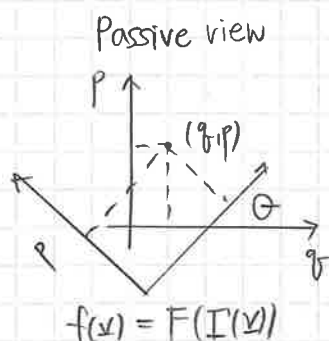
(1) Liouville 정리
 (2) 확률분포의 정규화 조건



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[3] Symmetries and conservation laws

A. Two different interpresentation of canonical transformations.



B. Active view of infinitesimal canonical transformations

$\underline{x} = \underline{x} + d\underline{x}$, $d\underline{x} = \epsilon \underline{\dot{x}} \frac{dG}{d\underline{x}}$ ($G(\underline{x}, t)$ is called the generator of the infinitesimal canonical transformation)

$$\Delta f = f(\underline{x} + d\underline{x}, t) - f(\underline{x}, t) = \frac{df}{d\underline{x}} d\underline{x} = \epsilon \left(\frac{df}{d\underline{x}} \right)^T \underline{\dot{x}} \frac{dG}{d\underline{x}} = \epsilon \{ f, G \}$$

$\Rightarrow \{ f, G \}$ indicates the change of f generated by G .

C. Examples of infinitesimal transformations

• Positions and linear momenta

given function $f(\underline{q})$, $\{f(\underline{q}), p_j\} = \epsilon \frac{df}{dq_j} = f(\underline{q} + \epsilon \hat{e}_j) - f(\underline{q})$

$\Rightarrow p_j$ generates infinitesimal translation of its conjugate position q in the direction of \hat{e}_j .

\hookrightarrow Fundamental Poisson brackets $\{q_i, q_j\} = \{p_i, p_j\} = 0$, $\{q_i, p_j\} = \delta_{ij} \Leftrightarrow \{r_i, r_j\} = J_{ij}$

• Angular momenta

- system vector $\underline{F} := \underline{F}(\underline{R}(\theta)\underline{x}, \underline{R}(\theta)\underline{p}) = \underline{R}(\theta)\underline{F}(\underline{x}, \underline{p})$

$(\underline{R}(\theta))$ form a group of $\overset{\text{orthogonal}}{\underset{\text{proper}}{SO(3)}}_{3 \times 3}$: Lie groups.

- For any function $f(\underline{x}, \underline{p})$ and angular momentum $\underline{L} \equiv \underline{r} \times \underline{p}$,

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta \{f, L_i\} &= d\theta \{f, \epsilon_{ijk} x_j p_k\} = d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} (\{f, x_j\} p_k + x_j \{f, p_k\}) \\ &= d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} \left(-\frac{df}{dp_j} p_k + x_j \frac{df}{dx_k} \right) = d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} \left(p_j \frac{df}{dp_k} + x_j \frac{df}{dx_k} \right) \\ &= f((x_k + d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} x_j) \hat{e}_k, (p_k + d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} p_j) \hat{e}_k) - f(\underline{x}, \underline{p}) \\ &= f(\underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{x}, \underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{p}) - f(\underline{x}, \underline{p}) \end{aligned}$$

- If \underline{F} is a system vector,

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta \{F_i, L_j\} &= F_i(\underline{R} \hat{e}_j(d\theta) \underline{x}, \underline{R} \hat{e}_j(d\theta) \underline{p}) - F_i(\underline{x}, \underline{p}) \\ &= d\theta (\underline{J}_j)_{ik} F_k = -d\theta \epsilon_{ikj} F_k = d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} F_k \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \{F_i, L_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk} F_k$$

$$d\theta \{F, \underline{L} \cdot \hat{n}\} = d\theta \hat{e}_i \{F_i, L_j\} \hat{n}_j = d\theta \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{e}_i \hat{n}_j F_k = d\theta \hat{n} \times \underline{F}$$

$\hookrightarrow \underline{L} \cdot \hat{n}$ generates infinitesimal rotation about \hat{n} / $\{L_i, L_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk} L_k$

- If $\underline{F}, \underline{G}$ are system vectors, any function $f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{G})$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta \{f, L_i\} &= f(\underline{F}(\underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{x}, \underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{p}) \cdot \underline{G}(\underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{x}, \underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{p})) - f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{G}) \\ &= f([\underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{F}] \cdot [\underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{G}]) - f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{G}) \\ &= f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{R} \hat{e}_i(d\theta) \underline{G}) - f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{G}) = f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{G}) - f(\underline{F} \cdot \underline{G}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

* Proof of $\underline{L} = \underline{x} \times \underline{p}$: system vector

Let $\underline{C} = \underline{A} \times \underline{B}$, $\det \underline{R} = 1$

$$[\underline{R}^T(\underline{R}\underline{A} \times \underline{R}\underline{B})]_i = R_{ji} \sum_{j,k,l} R_{km} A_m R_{ln} B_n = \sum_{j,k,l} R_{ji} R_{km} R_{ln} A_m B_n \quad \left(\det \underline{R} = \sum_{j,k,l} R_{ji} R_{kl} R_{lk} \right)$$

$$= (\det \underline{R}) \sum_{imn} A_m B_n = (\underline{A} \times \underline{B})_i$$

Hence, $\underline{R}^T(\underline{R}\underline{A} \times \underline{R}\underline{B}) = \underline{A} \times \underline{B} \Rightarrow (\underline{R}\underline{A} \times \underline{R}\underline{B}) = \underline{R}(\underline{A} \times \underline{B})$

Thus, $\underline{L}(\underline{x}, \underline{p}) \equiv \underline{x} \times \underline{p} \Rightarrow \underline{L}(\underline{R}\underline{x}, \underline{R}\underline{p}) = \underline{R}\underline{L}(\underline{x}, \underline{p})$: system vector

a Hamilton

Eqn. of motion

For any function $f(\underline{x})$, $\frac{d}{dt}\{f, H\} = \frac{d}{dt} \dot{f} = \dot{f}$

(note that $\frac{df}{dt} = 0$)

\Rightarrow Hamiltonian generates infinitesimal time translation.

D. Noether's theorem in the phase space

a Change of the Hamiltonian $\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{I} = \underline{x} + \delta \underline{x}$ (generated by $G(\underline{x}, t)$)

$$\delta H = H(\underline{I} + \delta \underline{I}, t) - H(\underline{x}, t) = \underline{H}(\underline{x} + \delta \underline{x}) - \underline{K}(\underline{x} + \delta \underline{x}) + \underline{K}(\underline{x} + \delta \underline{x}) - H(\underline{x}, t)$$

$$\equiv \bar{\delta} H \quad \equiv \epsilon \partial G / \partial t$$

$$\bar{\delta} H = \delta H - \epsilon \frac{dG}{dt} = \epsilon \{H, G\} - \epsilon \frac{dG}{dt} = -\epsilon \frac{dG}{dt}$$

a Noether's theorem in the phase space

$$\bar{\delta} H = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad \frac{dG}{dt} = 0 \quad (\bar{\delta} H : \text{canonical 변환으로 같은 지점에서 측정된 Hamiltonian 값의 변화})$$

E. Symmetry group in the Kepler problem

• Hamiltonian : $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{k}{r} \quad (r = \sqrt{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}}, p = \sqrt{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p}})$

• Constants of motion

- $\frac{dH}{dt} = 0$, H is conserved.

- $\{H, L_i\} = \frac{1}{2m} \{p \cdot p, L_i\} - k \{(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r})^{-1/2}, L_i\} = 0$, \mathbf{L} is conserved.

(각운동량: 회전을 만드는 것 \rightarrow Δ 칼라는 회전에 불변 : $\{H, L_i\} = 0$)

- $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L} - mk\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ (Laplace-Runge-Lenz (LRL))

$$\{H, A_i\} = \frac{1}{2m} \underbrace{\{p^2, \epsilon_{ijk} p_j L_k\}}_{(i)} - \frac{k}{2} \underbrace{\{p^2, \frac{r_i}{r}\}}_{(ii)} - k \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{r}, (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L})_i \right\}}_{(iii)} - k \left\{ \frac{1}{r}, \frac{r_i}{r} \right\} = 0$$

(i) $\{p^2, p_i L_j\} = \{p^2, p_i\} L_j + p_i \{p^2, L_j\} = 0$ ($\{ \text{scalar}, L_j \} = 0$)

(ii) $\{p^2, \frac{r_i}{r}\} = 2p_i \times \left(-\frac{r_j}{r^3} r_i + \frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{2r_i r_j}{r^3} p_j - \frac{p_i}{r}$

(iii) $\left\{ \frac{1}{r}, (\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L})_i \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{r}, \epsilon_{ijk} p_j L_k \right\} = \epsilon_{ijk} L_k \left\{ \frac{1}{r}, p_j \right\} = -\epsilon_{ijk} L_k \frac{r_j}{r^3}$
 $= -\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmk} \frac{r_l r_m p_j}{r^3} = -\frac{r_l r_l p_j}{r^3} + \frac{p_i}{r}$

Thus \mathbf{A} is conserved.

• Symmetry group for bound orbits ($H < 0$)

$\{A_i, A_j\} = -2mH \epsilon_{ijk} L_k$, define $D_i \equiv L_i / \sqrt{2m|H|}$, then

$\{L_i, L_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk} L_k$, $\{D_i, L_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk} D_k$, $\{D_i, D_j\} = \epsilon_{ijk} L_k \Rightarrow$ Lie-Algebra of what?

$\underline{L}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\underline{L}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\underline{L}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ \Leftarrow Infinitesimal rotation generator

$\underline{D}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\underline{D}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\underline{D}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$[\underline{L}_i, \underline{L}_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} \underline{L}_k$, $[\underline{D}_i, \underline{L}_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} \underline{D}_k$, $[\underline{D}_i, \underline{D}_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} \underline{L}_k \Rightarrow SO(4)$ group.

(Kepler problem is Symmetric under rotations in the $SO(4)$ group.)
 \Rightarrow The symmetry group of bound Kepler problem is $SO(4)$

• Symmetry group for unbound orbits ($H \geq 0$) (Hyperbolic)

$$\{A_i, A_j\} = -2mH \Sigma_{ijk} L_k, \quad D_i \equiv L_i / \sqrt{2mH}$$

$$(H > 0) \quad \{L_i, L_j\} = \Sigma_{ijk} L_k, \quad \{D_i, L_j\} = \Sigma_{ijk} D_k, \quad \{D_i, D_j\} = -\Sigma_{ijk} L_k \Rightarrow SO(3,1) \text{ group}$$

$$(H = 0) \quad \{L_i, L_j\} = \Sigma_{ijk} L_k, \quad \{A_i, L_j\} = \Sigma_{ijk} A_k, \quad \{A_i, A_j\} = 0 \Rightarrow SE(3) \text{ group}$$

rotation + translation in 3-d

4 Mapping to quantum mechanics

A. Classical vs. quantum mechanics

• classical mechanics

- state: phase space coordinates

- observable: real valued function

- $du = \in \{u, v\}$

• Quantum mechanics

$\longrightarrow |\psi\rangle$ in Hilbert space

\longrightarrow Linear operator with real eigenvalues

$\longrightarrow ?$

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B. Common theoretical template of classical and quantum mechanics

• $\{u, v\}_{QM}$ must satisfy the product rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \{u, u_2, v, v_2\}_{QM} &= \{u_1, v_1, v_2\} u_2 + u_1 \{u_2, v_1, v_2\} \\ &= \{u_1, v_1\} v_2 u_2 + v_1 \{u_1, v_2\} u_2 + u_1 v_1 \{u_2, v_2\} + u_1 \{u_2, v_1\} v_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{u, u_2, v, v_2\}_{QM} &= \{u_1, u_2, v_1\} v_2 + v_1 \{u_1, u_2, v_2\} \\ &= u_1 \{u_2, v_1\} v_2 + \{u_1, v_1\} u_2 v_2 + v_1 u_1 \{u_2, v_2\} + v_1 \{u_1, v_2\} v_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \{u_1, v_1\} (u_2 v_2 - v_2 u_2) = (u_1 v_1 - v_1 u_1) \{u_2, v_2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{u, v\}_{QM} = c(uv - vu) = c[u, v]$$

To specify c , (1) u, v : Hermitian $\rightarrow \{u, v\}_{QM}$: Hermitian

$$\{u, v\}^\dagger = -c^* [u, v] = \{u, v\} = c [u, v] \quad c^* = -c \text{ (pure imaginary)}$$

$$(2) \text{ dimension of } \{u, v\} = [u][v]/(q)(p) \Rightarrow [c] = 1/(q)(p)$$

$$(1)+(2) \Rightarrow c = i\hbar$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\{u, v\}_{QM} = i\hbar [u, v]}$$

• Quantum analogs of classical poisson brackets

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [q_i, q_j] = 0, [p_i, p_j] = 0, [q_i, p_j] = i\hbar \delta_{ij} \quad \leftarrow \text{동시에 측정불가.} \\ [v_i, L_j] = i\hbar \sum_{jk} \epsilon_{ijk} v_k \\ i\hbar \dot{u} = [u, H] \quad \leftarrow \text{Heisenberg equation of motion} \end{array} \right.$$