

Tutorial - 9 :

The poisson bracket of two function $u(p, q, t)$ and $v(p, q, t)$ is defined

as

$$[u, v] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} \right)$$

with summation convention

(i) Show that Anti-symmetric

$$[u, v] = -[v, u]$$

This is trivial

$$[u, v] = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} \right)$$

$$= - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

$$= -[v, u]$$

(ii) Show that $\underline{\underline{[u+v, w] = [u, w] + [v, w]}}$

~~$$\frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} (u+v) \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i}$$~~

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} (u+v) \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} (u+v) \frac{\partial w}{\partial q_i}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} \right) \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} \right) \frac{\partial w}{\partial q_i}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i}$$

$$- \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial q_i}$$

$$= [u, w] + [v, w]$$

(iii) Show that $[u, vw] = [u, v]w + v[u, w]$ (3)

$$[u, vw] = \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial (vw)}{\partial p_i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial (vw)}{\partial q_i}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \left(v \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

$$- \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \left(v \frac{\partial w}{\partial q_i} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i} \right)$$

$$= v \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial p_i} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i}$$

$$- v \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial q_i} - w \frac{\partial u}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q_i}$$

$$[u, vw] = v[u, w] + w[u, v]$$

(iv) show that

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = [U, H] + \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial U}{\partial p_i} \dot{p}_i + \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$$

using Hamiltonian EOM.

$$= \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = [U, H] + \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}$$

~~(v)~~ $\dot{q}_i = [q_i, H]$

$$\dot{p}_i = [p_i, H]$$

~~therefore~~ $\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$

These are trivial.

(vi) Home work :

Show that

$$[u, [v, w]] + [v, [w, u]] +$$

$$[w, [u, v]] = 0$$
