

Hamiltonian Notes:

Express the Lagrangian in general coordinates called general momentum.

$$p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

$$\dot{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q}$$

$$H(p, q, t) = \sum p \dot{q} - L(q, \dot{q}, t).$$

momenta +
position.

position, velocity.

Hamilton's
equations of motion

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
$$-\dot{p} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

known as canonical equations of motion

If H does not contain time then Hamiltonian is a conserved quantity

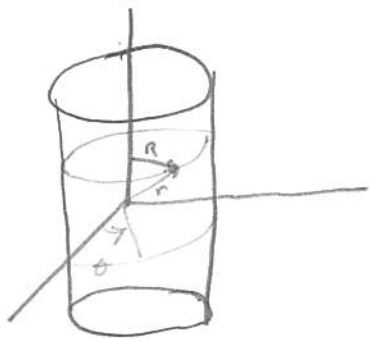
$H = T + U = E$ if Rules Apply:

1. equations contain regular and generalized coordinates must be independent of time.
2. Potential energy must be velocity independent.

In many coordinate system Hamiltonian
is not equal to total energy

Find the equations of motion of a particle
of mass m moving on the surface of a cylinder
Defined by $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$

The particle is subjected to a force directed toward the origin.
And proportional to the distance of the particle from origin $F = -kr$



Particle on surface of cylinder

What's involved? types of Potential + kinetic energy: Is it moving? Is there Potential energy

Potential: $F = -kr \rightarrow +\frac{kr^2}{2} = U = \frac{k}{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$
 $F = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial r}$

Pick your coordinate system?

given: $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$

$$U = \frac{1}{2}k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = \frac{1}{2}k(R^2 + z^2)$$

Is it moving: kinetic energy

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{R}^2 + R\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}m(R\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

What is constant

What is Lagrangian?

$$L = T - U = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{R}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2)$$

What are generalized coordinates + generalized momenta? get my p out

$$p_\theta = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = m R^2 \dot{\theta}$$

What is moving?

$$p_z = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} = m \dot{z}$$

Is the system conservative? If yes $H = T + U$

Hamiltonian is in form of position + momentum. (p, q)

Rewrite T and U with p

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{R}^2 + \dot{z}^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \dot{\theta} \dot{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} m \dot{z} \dot{z} = \frac{p_\theta^2}{2 m R^2} + \frac{p_z^2}{2 m}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} k (z^2)$$

Are there any constants? And if so p_θ can be eliminated since not moving. You can keep p_θ but p_θ don't count.

$$H = T + U = \frac{p_\theta^2}{2 m R^2} + \frac{p_z^2}{2 m} + \frac{1}{2} k z^2$$

It's called Hamiltonian Dynamics
For a reason.

Make Hamilton's equations \dot{p} But equations

$$\dot{p}_\theta = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$-\dot{p}_z = \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = -kz$$

Now do both or both things that move.

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{\theta}} = \frac{p_{\theta}}{mR^2}$$

these are duplicates from what we did earlier.

$$\dot{z} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_z} = \frac{p_z}{m}$$

$$p_{\theta} = mR^2 \dot{\theta} = mR^2 \left(\frac{p_{\theta}}{mR^2} \right) = \text{constant}$$

Get an equation of motion:

$$p_z = m \dot{z} \xrightarrow{\text{derivative}} \dot{p}_z = m \ddot{z} = -kz$$

$$\text{from above } \dot{p}_z = -kz$$

$$m \ddot{z} + kz = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

$$\ddot{z} + \omega^2 z = 0$$

The motion in the z direction is simply harmonic.

Rule

Recipe

Examples

Potential

Kinetic

Lagrangian. Form q, \dot{q}

Lagrangian equation.

Lagrangian momenta.

Hamiltonian

Convert to everything (p and q s) of moving parts.

Equations of motions \dot{p} for each moving part.

Equation of motion \dot{q} for each moving part.

WANT equation of motion take derivative of generalized momentum
Set it equal to Hamiltonian \dot{p}

Pros For Hamiltonian

Greater Freedom For choosing Variables since

Since q and p are independent.

p are not mixed with q 's

\dot{p} are mixed with q 's

Provides Base to other Fields

Cyclic. Coordinates not appearing in T and V .

Coordinate cyclic in L is also in H

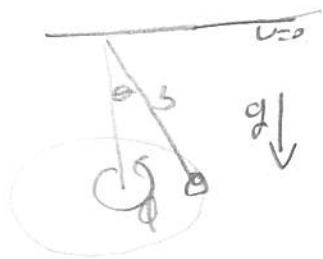
If q doesn't appear in Hamiltonian $\dot{p} = 0$

And conjugate momentum p is constant of motion

Pros For Lagrangian

Easier to get equation of motion

Equation of motion for spherical pendulum w/ Hamilton



$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{b}^2 + b^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + b^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}^2)$$

$$U = -mgb \cos \theta$$

Generalized momentum is?

what coordinates are moving θ, ϕ

$$p_{\theta} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = mb^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$p_{\phi} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = mb^2 \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}$$

$H = T + U$ in terms of (p, q)

$$H = T + U = \frac{1}{2} mb^2 \left(\frac{p_{\theta}^2}{(mb^2)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{mb^2 \sin^2 \theta p_{\phi}^2}{(mb^2 \sin^2 \theta)^2} - mg b \cos \theta \right)$$

$$H(p_{\theta}, p_{\phi}, \theta, \phi) = \frac{p_{\theta}^2}{2mb^2} + \frac{p_{\phi}^2}{2mb^2 \sin^2 \theta} - mg b \cos \theta$$

Equation of motion Hamilton

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{\theta}} = \frac{p_{\theta}}{mb^2}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{\phi}} = \frac{p_{\phi}}{mb^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\dot{p}_{\theta} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = \frac{p_{\phi}^2 \cos \theta}{mb^2 \sin^3 \theta} - mg b \sin \theta$$

$$\dot{p}_{\phi} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

Conjugate momentum distributed and equal to Hamiltonian to get Equation of motion

ϕ is cyclic so momentum about axis is constant.