

# Reduction of hybrid Hamiltonian systems with non-equivariant momentum maps

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# Hybrid systems

- A hybrid dynamical system is one which combines continuous and discrete transitions.
- The dynamics of such systems are continuous “most of the time”, except at some instants at which abrupt changes occur.
- This framework may be used to model mechanical systems with impacts.

## Definition

A **hybrid system** is a 4-tuple  $\mathcal{H} = (D, X, S, \Delta)$ , formed by

- 1 a manifold  $D$ ,
- 2 a vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(D)$ ,
- 3 a submanifold  $S \subset D$  of codimension 1 or greater,
- 4 an embedding  $\Delta: S \rightarrow D$ .

The dynamics generated by  $\mathcal{H}$  are the curves  $c: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow D$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{c}(t) &= X(c(t)), & \text{if } c(t) \notin S, \\ c^+(t) &= \Delta(c^-(t)), & \text{if } c(t) \in S,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$c^\pm(t) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow t^\pm} c(\tau).$$

## Definition

A simple hybrid system  $\mathcal{H} = (D, X, S, \Delta)$  is said to be a **simple hybrid Hamiltonian system** if  $X = X_H$  is the Hamiltonian vector field associated with a Hamiltonian system  $(D, \omega, H)$ .

# Lie group actions

- Consider a finite-dimensional Lie group  $G$ .
- Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra of  $G$ , with dual  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ .
- Given a (left) Lie group action  $\phi: G \times D \rightarrow D$ , for each  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ , its associated **infinitesimal generator** on  $D$  is the vector field  $\xi_D \in \mathfrak{X}(D)$  given by

$$\xi_D(x) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \phi(\exp(t\xi), x), \forall x \in D.$$

# Lie group actions

- The **adjoint action** of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given by

$$\mathrm{Ad}_g \xi = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} g \exp(t\xi) g^{-1}, \quad \forall g \in G, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

- The **co-adjoint action**  $\mathrm{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu$  of  $g \in G$  on  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  is determined by

$$\langle \mathrm{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu, \xi \rangle = \langle \mu, \mathrm{Ad}_{g^{-1}} \xi \rangle, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

- A (left) Lie group action  $\Phi: G \times D \rightarrow D$  on a symplectic manifold  $(D, \omega)$  is called symplectic if

$$\Phi_g^* \omega = \omega, \quad \forall g \in G.$$

- If  $\Phi$  is a symplectic action on  $(D, \omega)$ , a **momentum map** is a map  $J: D \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  satisfying

$$\omega(\xi_D, \cdot) = d\langle J, \xi \rangle, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{H} = (D, X, S, \Delta)$  be a simple hybrid system. A Lie group action  $\Phi : G \times D \rightarrow D$  of  $G$  on  $D$ , is called a **hybrid action** if

- 1  $\Phi|_{G \times S}$  is a Lie group action of  $G$  on  $S$ ,
- 2 the impact map is equivariant with respect to this action, namely,

$$\Delta \circ \Phi_g|_S = \Phi_g \circ \Delta, \quad \forall g \in G.$$



## Definition

Suppose that  $\mathcal{H} = (D, X_H, S, \Delta)$  is a hybrid Hamiltonian system with associated Hamiltonian system  $(D, \omega, H)$ , and assume that the action  $\phi$  is hybrid and symplectic. A momentum map  $J$  is called a **generalized hybrid momentum map** for  $\mathcal{H}$  if, for each regular value  $\mu_-$  of  $J$ , and each connected component  $C$  of  $S$ ,

$$\Delta \left( J|_C^{-1}(\mu_-) \right) \subset J^{-1}(\mu_+),$$

for some regular value  $\mu_+$ .

The tuple  $(D, X_H, S, \Delta, \omega, \phi, J)$  will be called a **hybrid Hamiltonian G-space**. We will call  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  a **hybrid regular value** if it is a regular value of both  $J$  and  $J|_S$ .

- Let  $(D, X_H, S, \Delta, \omega, \Phi, J)$  be a hybrid Hamiltonian  $G$ -space.
- The **co-adjoint cocycle** associated with  $J$  is the map  $\sigma : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  determined by

$$\langle \sigma(g), \xi \rangle = J_\xi(\Phi_g(x)) - \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*(J_\xi(x)), \quad \forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}, \quad \forall x \in D.$$

- The **affine action** of  $G$  on  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  is given by

$$\psi : (G, \mathfrak{g}^*) \ni (g, \mu) \mapsto \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu + \sigma(g) \in \mathfrak{g}^*.$$

- By construction, the momentum map is equivalent w.r.t. this action, i.e.,

$$\psi_g \circ J = J \circ \phi_g, \quad \forall g \in G.$$

- Let  $\tilde{G}_\mu$  denote the **isotropy subgroup** of  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  under the action  $\psi$ , given by

$$\tilde{G}_\mu = \{g \in G : \psi(g, \mu) = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu + \sigma(g) = \mu\}.$$

## Proposition

*Let  $(D, X_H, S, \Delta, \omega, \Phi, J)$  be a hybrid Hamiltonian  $G$ -space. Assume that  $G$  is connected. If  $\Delta$  is equivariant with respect to  $\Phi$ , and  $\mu_-$ ,  $\mu_+$  are regular values of  $J$  such that*

$$\Delta \left( J|_S^{-1}(\mu_-) \right) \subset J^{-1}(\mu_+),$$

*then the isotropy subgroups at  $\mu_-$  and at  $\mu_+$  under the action  $\Psi$  coincide, i.e.,  $\tilde{G}_{\mu_-} = \tilde{G}_{\mu_+}$ .*

## Theorem

Let  $(D, X_H, S, \Delta, \omega, \Phi, J)$  be a hybrid Hamiltonian  $G$ -space. Assume that  $G$  is connected, and consider a discrete sequence  $\Lambda = \{\mu_i\}$  of regular values of  $J$  such that  $\Delta \left( J|_S^{-1}(\mu_i) \right) \subset J^{-1}(\mu_{i+1})$ . Let  $\tilde{G}_{\mu_i} = \tilde{G}_{\mu_0}$  be the isotropy subgroup in  $\mu_i$  (for any  $\mu_i$  in the sequence) under the affine action. Assume that  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi|_{\tilde{G}_\mu \times J^{-1}(\mu)}$  are free and proper actions. Then, for any  $\mu_i \in \Lambda$ , we have the reduced hybrid system

$$(D_{\mu_i}, X_{H_{\mu_i}}, S_{\mu_i}, \Delta_{\mu_i}), \quad D_{\mu_i} := J^{-1}(\mu_i)/\tilde{G}_{\mu_i}.$$

The reduction scheme is summarized in the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & J^{-1}(\mu_i) & \longleftrightarrow & J|_S^{-1}(\mu_i) & \xrightarrow{\Delta|_{J^{-1}(\mu_i)}} & J^{-1}(\mu_{i+1}) & \longleftrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \frac{J^{-1}(\mu_i)}{\tilde{G}_{\mu_0}} & \longleftrightarrow & S_{\mu_i} & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\mu_i}} & \frac{J^{-1}(\mu_{i+1})}{\tilde{G}_{\mu_0}} & \longleftrightarrow & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

# A toy example

- Let  $Q = \mathbb{R}^2$ , and consider  $T^*Q \simeq \mathbb{R}^4$  endowed with the canonical symplectic form  $\omega_Q = dq^i \wedge dp_i$ , where  $(q^i, p_i)$  are bundle coordinates induced by the canonical coordinates  $(q^i)$  of  $Q$ .
- Consider the Lie group action  $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \times T^*Q \rightarrow T^*Q$  of  $G = \mathbb{R}^2$  on  $T^*Q$  given by

$$\Phi_{(a,b)}(q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2) = (q^1 + a, q^2 + a, p_1 + b, p_2 + b) .$$

- The associated infinitesimal generators are

$$\xi_1^{T^*Q} = \partial_{q^1} + \partial_{q^2}, \quad \xi_2^{T^*Q} = \partial_{p_1} + \partial_{p_2} .$$

- Note that  $\Phi$  is a symplectic action.

# A toy example

- A momentum map  $J: T^*Q \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  for the action  $\Phi$  is given by

$$J(q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2) = (p_1 + p_2, -q^1 - q^2) .$$

- Its co-adjoint cocycle is given by  $\sigma(a, b) = (2b, -2a)$ .
- The Hamiltonian function

$$H(q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2) = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)^2}{2} + V(q^1 - q^2),$$

where  $V$  is a potential function depending only on  $q^1 - q^2$ , is  $\Phi$ -invariant.



# A toy example

- Consider the hybrid Hamiltonian system  $\mathcal{H} = (D, X_H, S, \Delta)$ , with  $X_H$  the Hamiltonian vector field of  $H$ , and

$$S = \left\{ \left( q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2 \right) \mid q^1 - q^2 = c, \quad p_1 - p_2 < 0 \right\},$$

$$\Delta \left( q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2 \right) = \left( q^1, q^2, p_1 - \frac{1+e}{2}(p_1 - p_2), p_2 + \frac{1+e}{2}(p_1 - p_2) \right),$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $e \in [0, 1]$ .

- The action  $\phi$  is a hybrid action for  $\mathcal{H}$ , and  $J$  is a hybrid momentum map, i.e.,  $J \circ \Delta = J|_S$ .
- The isotropy subgroup with respect to the affine action is trivial:  $\tilde{G}_\mu = \{0\}$ .

# A toy example

- Let  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2) \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  be a regular value of  $J$ , and consider the quotient manifold  $D_\mu = J^{-1}(\mu)/\tilde{G}_\mu = J^{-1}(\mu)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} J^{-1}(\mu) &= \{(q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2) : J(q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2) = \mu\}, \\ &= \{(q^1, q^2, p_1, p_2) : (p_1 + p_2, -(q^1 + q^2)) = (\mu_1, \mu_2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

- We can use  $(q^2|_{D_\mu}, p_2|_{D_\mu})$  as coordinates in  $D_\mu$ . With a slight abuse of notation, we will denote them simply by  $(q^2, p_2)$ .

# A toy example

- The reduced hybrid system is  $\mathcal{H}_\mu = (D_\mu = J^{-1}(\mu), X_{H_\mu}, S_\mu, \Delta_\mu)$ , where  $X_{H_\mu}$  is the Hamiltonian vector field of

$$H_\mu(q^2, p_2) = \frac{(\mu_1 - 2p_2)^2}{2} + V(-\mu_2 - 2q^2),$$

and

$$S_\mu = \left\{ (q^2, p_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) \mid -\mu_2 - 2q^2 = c, \quad \mu_1 - 2p_2 < 0 \right\},$$
$$\Delta_\mu(q^2, p_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = \left( -\mu_2 - q^2, q^2, (\mu_1 - p_2) - \frac{1+e}{2}(\mu_1 - 2p_2), \right. \\ \left. p_2 + \frac{1+e}{2}(\mu_1 - 2p_2) \right).$$

# Conclusions and outlook

- We have obtained a reduction *à la* Marsden–Weinstein–Meyer for hybrid Hamiltonian systems.
- Our method does not require the momentum map to be equivariant, nor to be preserved by the impact map.
- We have illustrated the applicability of our theory with an academic example.
- Our result could be useful for developing a reduction by stages for hybrid Hamiltonian systems.

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