

Townsend held exercise after (2.24).

$$\frac{dQ}{d\lambda} = \dot{Q} = (\dot{k}^\mu)_{,\mu} = \dot{k}^\mu p_\mu + k^\mu \dot{p}_\mu$$

The Lagrangian doesn't contain x^μ terms, so

$$0 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x^\mu} = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \approx \frac{d}{d\lambda} p_\mu = \dot{p}_\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dQ}{d\lambda} = \dot{k}^\mu p_\mu$$

$$\text{But } \dot{k}^\mu = \dot{x}^\lambda (D_\lambda k^\mu)$$

$$\text{By defn, } (\mathcal{L}_k g)_{\mu\nu} = 2 D_\mu k_\nu = 0 \quad (\text{because } k \text{ is Killing})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{x}^\lambda (D_\lambda k^\mu) &= 0 \Rightarrow \dot{k}^\mu p_\mu = 0 \text{ as well.} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{Q} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

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