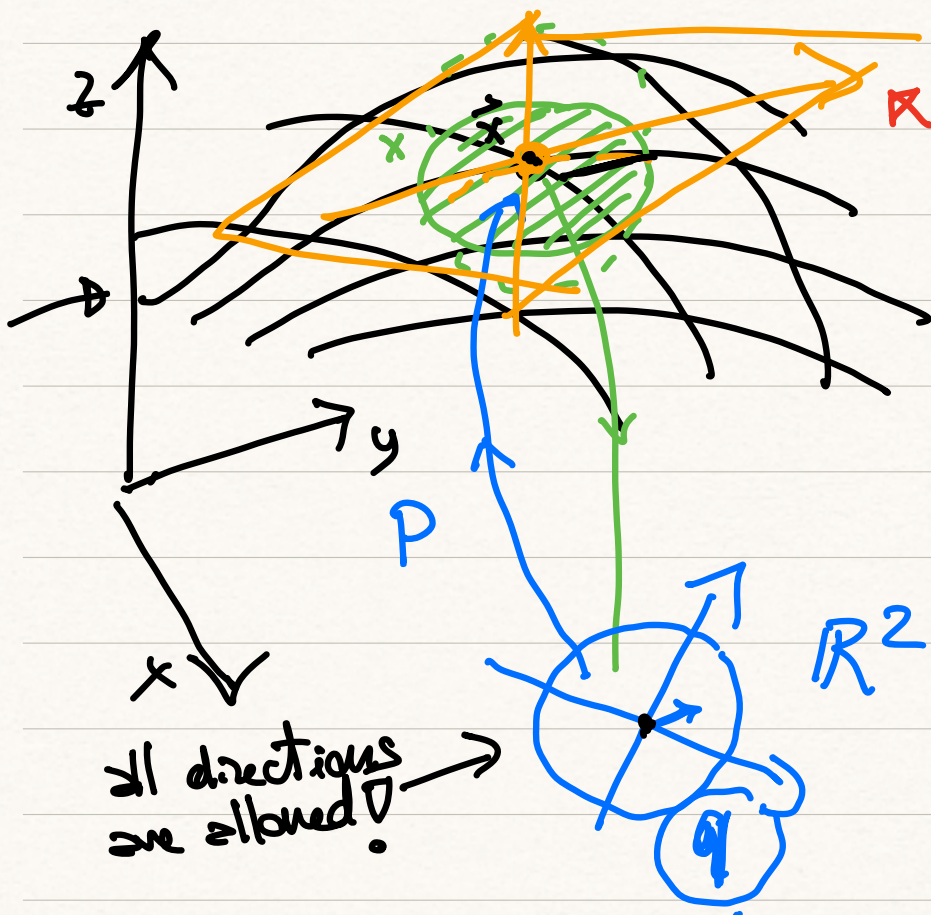


# LAGRANGIAN MODELING

↳ Newton's law  $m\vec{a} = \vec{F}$

has some drawbacks ... (last time)



$$x \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

constrained  
to a set

$$\Psi(x) = 0$$

↗ if  $\Psi$  is well-behaved  
(constant rank)  
at  $\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$

$$P(\vec{q}) = \underline{\vec{x}}$$

$$P \text{ s.t. } \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} \right] (q) \text{ is } \underline{\text{full rank}}$$

$q$ : generalized coordinates

remaining after we consider the constraints

TASK : PRESENT A SYSTEMATIC METHOD  
TO DERIVE ODE'S DESCRIBING  
THE SYSTEMS DYNAMICS (in  $q$ )

1<sup>ST</sup> STEP

WRITE THE KINETIC ENERGIES  
IN THE NEW COORDINATES.

• Since  $\vec{x} = P(\vec{q})$

$\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{q}} \right](\vec{q}) \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \vec{q}}_{\dot{\vec{q}}}$

KINETIC ENERGY :

$$T(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_e m_e v_e^2$$

Define

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & m_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}^T M \vec{v}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \dot{\vec{q}}^T \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{q}} \right]^T M \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{q}} \right] \dot{\vec{q}}$$

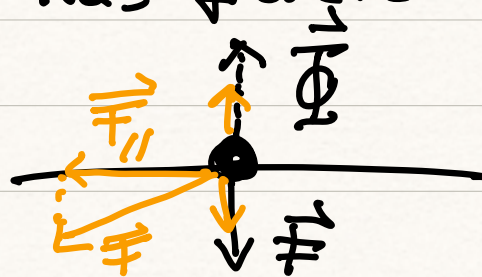
$$= T(\dot{\vec{q}})$$

2<sup>ND</sup> STEP

REWRITE FORCES

in this framework

IN NEWTON'S APPROACH





Let's project forces onto "allowed directions": Tangent space

elements of the tangent space:  $\delta P$

$$\vec{x} = P(\vec{q})$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \vec{P} = \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} \right] \delta \vec{q}$$

$\frac{\partial P}{\partial q}$ : best lin approx of P

$\Rightarrow$  PROJECT FORCES along allowed directions

$$\langle F, \delta P \rangle = \langle F, \left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} \right] \delta q \rangle$$

$$\delta q = \sum_k c_k \delta q_k$$

orth. basis for the new coord.

$$= \sum_k c_k \langle F, \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} \rangle \delta q_k$$

$\uparrow$  h-th column of  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial q}$

$$= \sum_k Q_k c_k \delta q_k$$

$$Q_k := \langle F, \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} \rangle$$

FOR CONSERVATIVE FORCES

$$F = -\nabla V(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_k = - \frac{\partial V(P(q))}{\partial q_k} \Big|_{x=P(q)} = - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}(q)}{\partial q_k} : \tilde{V}(q) = V(P(q))$$

3<sup>rd</sup> STEP) DERIVE Eq. of Motions  
starting from  $m\vec{a} = \vec{F}$

$$m\vec{a} - \vec{F} = \vec{\Phi}$$

$\uparrow$  all forces but the reactive

$\leftarrow$  only forces relevant for constraints.

$\Rightarrow$  PROJECT onto  $\vec{\delta P}$ :

$$\delta P \langle m\vec{a} - \vec{F}, \vec{\delta P} \rangle = \langle \vec{\Phi}, \vec{\delta P} \rangle = 0$$

Given the decomposition of  $\delta P = \sum_k \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k$

$$\forall k \langle m\vec{a} - \vec{F}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \langle m\vec{a}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} \rangle = Q_k$$

$\Rightarrow$  It can be proved that [calculation]

$$\textcircled{2} \langle m\vec{a}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_k} \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_k}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_h} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_h} = Q_h = \tilde{Q}_h - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}(q)}{\partial q_h}$$

Non conserv. forces      conserv. forces

Define the LAGRANGIAN

$$L(q, \dot{q}) := T(\dot{q}) - \tilde{V}(q)$$

the previous equation is equivalent to:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_h} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_h} = \tilde{Q}_h \quad \forall h$$

EULER-LAGRANGE EQUATIONS.  
(equiv. to Newton's law)

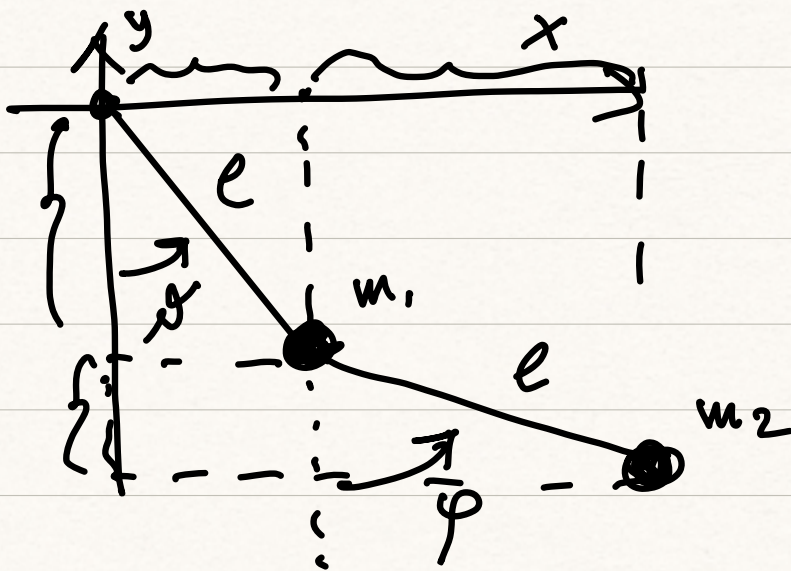
Algorithm:

- 1) choose  $q$  (free parameters),  $P(q) = x$
- 2) rewrite  $T(v) \rightarrow T(\dot{q})$
- 3) "  $V(x) \rightarrow V(q)$
- 4) Define  $L = T - V$

5) compute  $\tilde{Q}_h = \left\langle \underset{\text{non. cons.}}{F}, \frac{\partial P}{\partial q_h} \right\rangle$

6) compute  $\underset{\forall h}{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_h}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = \tilde{Q}_h$

EX (Double Pendulum)



$$m_1 = m_2 = m$$

1) choose  $q_1 = \theta$ ,  $q_2 = \varphi$

$$2) T_1 = \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{q}_1^2$$

$(v_1 = l \dot{q}_1)$   $\nearrow$

$T_2?$

$$\begin{cases} x_2 = l \sin \theta + l \sin \varphi \\ y_2 = -l \cos \theta - l \cos \varphi \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_2 = l \cos \theta \dot{\theta} + l \cos \varphi \dot{\varphi} = v_{2x} \\ \dot{y}_2 = l \sin \theta \dot{\theta} + l \sin \varphi \dot{\varphi} = v_{2y} \end{cases}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^2 (\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\varphi}^2 + 2 \cos(\theta - \varphi) \dot{\theta} \dot{\varphi})$$

3) Potential

$$V = -mgl(2 \cos \theta - \cos \varphi)$$

4) Lagrangian :  $L(\theta, \varphi, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\varphi}) = T(\dot{\theta}, \dot{\varphi}) - V(\theta, \varphi)$

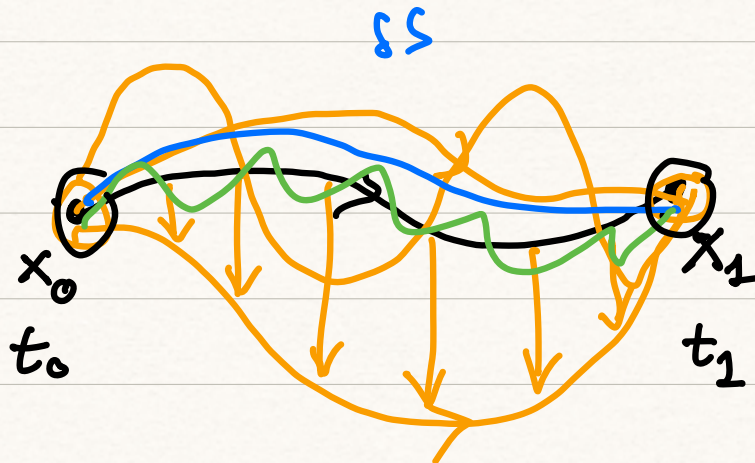
5) E-L equations

start computing  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 2\ddot{\theta} + \cos(\theta - \varphi)\ddot{\varphi} + \sin(\theta - \varphi)\dot{\varphi}^2 + 2g \sin \theta \\ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi} = \dot{\varphi} + \cos(\theta - \varphi)\ddot{\theta} - \sin(\theta - \varphi)\dot{\theta}^2 + g \cos \varphi \end{cases}$$

$$= 0$$

## ANOTHER LOOK at E-L Equation



$$\forall t \in [t_0, t_1]$$

All possible ways of going from  $x_0$  @  $t_0$  to  $x_1$  @  $t_1$

sol. of E-L

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \underline{x(t)} + \underline{y(t)}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} y(t_0) = 0 \\ y(t_1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Recall :  $L = T - V$

Define ACTION :  $S(x, \dot{x}) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} L(x, \dot{x}) dt$

Define

$$\delta S(x; y) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{S(x + \epsilon y) - S(x)}{\epsilon}$$



$x$  satisfies E-L equations iff  $\delta S(x; y) = 0$

$L(x, \dot{x})$

$\forall y$

$$0 = \delta S(\bar{x}; y) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}(\bar{y}) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}}(\bar{y}) \right] dt$$

$\forall y$

$$= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} y dt + \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}}(\bar{y}) \right]_{t_0}^{t_1} - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} y dt$$

$$= - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \right] y dt$$

$$Q = \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \right] \sim \text{E.L.}$$