

# Clarke dual method for Hamiltonian systems with non standard grow

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## Abstract

In this paper we consider the problem of finding periodic solutions of  
certain Hamiltonian systems .....blablabla

## 1 Main problem

Let  $H : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We are looking for periodic solutions of the  
Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{q}(t) &= D_p H(t, q(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{p}(t) &= -D_q H(t, q(t), p(t)) \\ p(0) &= p(T), q(0) = q(T) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

for  $t \in [0, T]$ . I think that, like in [7], is better to present the Hamiltonian  
problem as the main problem

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Points.

An alternative writing of (1) using the combined variable  $u = (q, p)$  and the canonical symplectic matrix

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{d \times d} \\ -I_{d \times d} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the following

$$\dot{u} = J \nabla H(t, u(t)) \quad (2)$$

or equivalently

$$J \dot{u} = -\nabla H(t, u(t)) \quad (3)$$

where  $\nabla H$  is the gradient of  $H$  with respect to the combined variable.

## 2 Preliminaries

We will use some basic concepts of convex analysis that we list below.

Let  $\Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{F : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]\}$   
convex, lower semicontinuous functions with non-empty effective domain.

The Fenchel conjugate of  $F$  is given by

$$F^*(p) = \sup_{q \in \mathbb{R}^d} \langle p, q \rangle - F(q)$$

The Fenchel conjugate satisfies the following properties:

1.  $F^* \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$
2. If  $F \leq G$ , then  $G^* \leq F^*$ .
3. If  $G(q) = \alpha F(\beta q) + \sigma$  with  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma > 0$  then  $G^*(p) = \alpha F^*(\frac{p}{\beta \alpha}) - \sigma$

Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a differentiable, convex function such that  $\Phi(0) = 0$ ,  $\Phi(q) > 0$  if  $q \neq 0$ ,  $\Phi(-q) = \Phi(q)$ , and

$$\lim_{|q| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(q)}{|q|} = +\infty, \quad (4)$$

where  $|\cdot|$  denotes the euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . From now on, we say that  $\Phi$  is an  $G$ -function if  $\Phi$  satisfies the previous properties.

We write  $\Phi^*$  for the Fenchel conjugate of  $\Phi$ .

We do not assume that  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi'$  satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition.

We denote by  $\partial F(q)$  the subdifferential of  $F$  in the sense of convex analysis (see [2, 3])

The next result is a generalization of [6, Prop. 2.2, p.34]

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $F \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Suppose that there exist an anisotropic function  $\Phi$  and non negative constants  $\beta, \gamma$  such that*

$$-\beta \leq F(q) \leq \Phi(q) + \gamma, \text{ for all } q \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (5)$$

Now, if  $p \in \partial F(q)$  then

$$\Phi^*(p) \leq \Phi(2q) + 2(\beta + \gamma). \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* If  $p \in \partial F(q)$ , from [6, Thm. 2.2, p.33],

$$F^*(p) = \langle p, q \rangle - F(q) \quad (7)$$

Conjugating (5), we have

$$F^*(p) \geq \Phi^*(p) - \gamma. \quad (8)$$

From Young's inequality, we get

$$\langle p, q \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle p, 2q \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \Phi^*(p) + \frac{1}{2} \Phi(2q) \quad (9)$$

By eqs. (5) and (7) to (9), we get

$$\Phi^*(p) \leq \frac{1}{2} \Phi^*(p) + \frac{1}{2} \Phi(2q) + \beta + \gamma$$

which implies (6) □

*Remark 1.* Inequality (6) is a few better than the corresponding in [6, Prop. 2.2] because the the case of power function we obtain  $(\beta + \gamma)^{1/p}$ , meanwhile in [6] appears  $(\beta + \gamma)^{1/(p-1)}$ .

### 3 Optimal bounds for a symplectic bilinear form

We consider the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{2d}$  equipped with the standard symplectic structure given by bilinear canonical symplectic 2-form

$$\Omega(u, v) := \langle Ju, v \rangle.$$

As Jakub observed we can not consider any  $G$ -function on the symplectic manifold  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . I think that the following can be the appropriate form of the  $G$ -function defined on the symplectic manifold  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\Phi$  a  $G$ -function defined in the symplectic manifold  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . We say that  $\Phi$  is a symplectic  $G$ -function if

$$\Phi(Ju) = \Phi^*(u). \quad (10)$$

*Example 3.1.* Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a  $G$ -function. Then the  $G$ -function

$$\Phi(u) = \Phi(q, p) := \Phi(q) + \Phi^*(p).$$

is a symplectic  $G$ -function.

**PROBLEM 0:** It is the previous the general form of any symplectic  $G$ -function? It is possible to find other example of these functions?

We note that if  $\Phi$  is symplectic then

$$\nabla\Phi(Ju) = J\Phi^*(u). \quad (11)$$

Here we are agreeing that  $\nabla\Phi$  is a column vector.

As a consequence of (10), the matrix  $J$  induce a isometry between the spaces  $L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$  and  $L^{\Phi^*}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$ . Therefore we can define a bilinear form  $\bar{\Omega}$  on  $L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$  of the following way

$$\bar{\Omega}(u, v) := \int_0^T \Omega(u, v) dt, \quad u, v \in L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$$

We consider the following functional

$$\Theta(u) := \bar{\Omega}(u, \dot{u}).$$

We are interested in to find bounds of the quadratic functional  $\Theta$  of the following type

$$\theta(u) \geq -C \int_0^T \Phi(\dot{u}) dt, \quad (12)$$

for  $u \in W^1 L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$ . It is important to get the best constant  $C$  in previous inequality because this constant imposes restrictions to the Hamiltonian  $H$ .

If  $\Phi(q) = |q|^2/2$  was proved in [6, Prop. 3.2] (12) holds with  $C = T/\pi$ . Below we prove that this is the optimal constant satisfying (12). Meanwhile in [9, Lem. 3.3] was proved that  $C_\Phi = 2T$  satisfies (12) when  $\Phi(q) = |q|^\alpha/\alpha$ ,  $1 < \alpha < \infty$ . Since this constant is not equal to  $T/\pi$  when  $\alpha = 2$ , it is not optimal.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $\Phi$  be any symplectic  $G$ -function. Then (12) holds for and  $C = 2T^{-1}$  for every  $u \in W^1 L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $u \in W^1 L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$ . As is usual we write  $u = \tilde{u} + \bar{u}$  where

$$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(t) dt.$$

From [8, Lem. 2.4] we have that

$$\int_0^T \Phi(\tilde{u}) dt \leq \int_0^T \Phi(T\tilde{u}) dt.$$

Then by Young's inequality and using (10)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \Omega(\dot{u}, u) dt &= T \int_0^T \langle J\dot{u}, T^{-1}\tilde{u} \rangle dt \\ &\geq -T \left\{ \int_0^T \Phi^*(J\dot{u}) dt + \int_0^T \Phi(T^{-1}\tilde{u}) dt \right\} \\ &\geq -2T \left\{ \int_0^T \Phi(\dot{u}) dt \right\} \end{aligned}$$

□

Clearly the constant  $2/T$  is far to be optimal. A possible way of improve  $C$  is consider other average  $\bar{u}$ . The mean value that it was used is the standard condered in the literature. But this value is appropriate for el Hilbert setting  $\Phi(q) = |q|^2/2$ . In this case, the value of  $\bar{u}$  is the nearest (in the  $L^2$ -norm) constant vector to  $u$ . For a arbitrary  $G$  function, it seem more reasonable consider the nearest constant vector to  $u$  respect to the  $\Phi$ -integral, i.e.

$$\int_0^T \Phi(u - \bar{u})dt \leq \int_0^T \Phi(u - u_0)dt, \quad \text{for every } u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$$

Equivalently  $\bar{u}$  is characterize by

$$\int_0^T \nabla \Phi(u - \bar{u})dt = 0.$$

There is not a explicit formula as in the Hilbert setting.

**PROBLEM 1.** We can get a better constant taking this  $\bar{u}$ ???

We call to the best constant in (12)  $C_\Phi$ , i.e.

$$C_\Phi = -\inf \left\{ \frac{\int_0^T \langle J\dot{u}, u \rangle dt}{\int_0^T \Phi(\dot{u})dt} \middle| u \in W^1 L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d}) \right\} \quad (13)$$

**Proposition 3.3.** *The relation  $C_\Phi = C_{\Phi^\star}$  holds for every symplectic  $\Phi$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\Phi$  is symplectic if  $u = Jv$

$$\frac{\int_0^T \langle J\dot{u}, u \rangle dt}{\int_0^T \Phi(\dot{u})dt} = \frac{\int_0^T \langle -\dot{v}, Jv \rangle dt}{\int_0^T \Phi(J\dot{v})dt} = \frac{\int_0^T \langle J\dot{v}, v \rangle dt}{\int_0^T \Phi^\star(\dot{v})dt}.$$

Using that  $u \mapsto Ju$  is invertible from  $W^1 L^{\Phi^\star}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$  into  $W^1 L^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$  the statement follows taking infimum in previous equality.

□

For the following result we need the theory of indices of  $G$ -functions, see [4, 5] for a complete treatment in the case of  $N$ -functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ . The results are easily extended to the anisotropic setting. We denote by  $\alpha_\Phi$  and  $\beta_\Phi$  the so called *Matuszewska-Orlicz indices* of the function  $\Phi$ , which are defined next

$$\alpha_\Phi := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log \left( \sup_{u>0} \frac{\Phi(tu)}{\Phi(u)} \right)}{\log(t)}, \quad \beta_\Phi := \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log \left( \sup_{u>0} \frac{\Phi(tu)}{\Phi(u)} \right)}{\log(t)}. \quad (14)$$

We have that  $1 \leq \alpha_\Phi \leq \beta_\Phi \leq +\infty$ . The relation  $\beta_\Phi < \infty$  holds true if and only if  $\Phi$  is a  $\Delta_2$ -function. The indices satisfy the following relation

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_\Phi} + \frac{1}{\beta_{\Phi^\star}} = 1. \quad (15)$$

Therefore if  $\Phi^*$  is a  $\Delta_2$ -function (**I mean  $\Delta_2$  as globally  $\Delta_2$** ) then  $\alpha_\Phi > 1$ .

We observe that if  $\Phi$  is symplectic then  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$  implies  $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$ . It is well known that if  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi^*$  are  $\Delta_2$ -function, then  $\Phi$  is controlled by above and below by power functions. More concretely, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a constant  $K = K(\Phi, \epsilon)$  and  $p_0, p_1$  with  $1 < \alpha_\Phi - \epsilon < p_1 \leq p_2 < \beta_\Phi + \epsilon < \infty$  such that, for every  $t, u \geq 0$ ,

$$K^{-1} \min \{t^{p_2}, t^{p_1}\} \Phi(u) \leq \Phi(tu) \leq K \max \{t^{p_2}, t^{p_1}\} \Phi(u). \quad (16)$$

We recall the following result of [1].

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\Phi$  be a  $G$ -functions. If  $\Phi^* \in \Delta_2$  globally, then for any  $0 < \mu < \alpha_\Phi$ ,*

$$\lim_{\|u\|_{L^\Phi} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T \Phi\left(\frac{u}{\Lambda}\right) dt}{\|u\|_{L^\Phi}^\mu} = +\infty. \quad (17)$$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Suppose that  $u \in W^1 L_T^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$  attains the minimum in (13), then  $\lambda = 2/C_\Phi$  is the first eigenvalue and  $u$  the corresponding eigenfunction of the following problem.*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \nabla \Phi^*(\dot{u}) + \lambda \nabla \Phi^*(\lambda u) = 0 \\ u(0) = u(T), \int_0^T \nabla \Phi^*(\lambda u) dt = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{Eig})$$

*Proof.* □

## 4 Differentiability of Hamiltonian dual action

**Theorem 4.1.** *Suppose that  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^{2d} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is a differentiable  $G$ -function, not necessarily symplectic. Additionally*

1.  *$H : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^{2d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable in  $t$ , continuously differentiable with respect to  $u$ .*
2. *there exist  $\beta, \gamma \in L^1([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Lambda > \lambda > 0$  such that*

$$\Phi^*\left(\frac{u}{\Lambda}\right) - \beta(t) \leq H(t, u) \leq \Phi^*\left(\frac{u}{\lambda}\right) + \gamma(t) \quad (18)$$

*Then there exists  $\Lambda_0$  such that the dual action*

$$\chi(v) = \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} \langle J\dot{v}, v \rangle + H^*(t, \dot{v}) dt \quad (19)$$

*is continuously differentiable in  $W^1 L_T^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d}) \cap \{u | d(\dot{u}, L^\infty) < \Lambda_0\}$ .*

*If  $v$  is a critical point of  $\chi$  with  $d(\dot{v}, L^\infty) < \Lambda_0$ , the function defined by  $u(t) = \nabla H^*(t, \dot{v})$  solves*

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} &= J \nabla H(t, u) \\ u(t) &= u(T) \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Conjugating 2 we obtain

$$\Phi(\lambda u) - \gamma(t) \leq H^*(t, v) \leq \Phi(\Lambda v) + \beta(t) \quad (20)$$

Since  $H^*$  is smooth, we have  $\partial_v H^*(t, v) = \{\nabla_v H^*(t, v)\}$ . Applying Proposition 2.1 with  $F = H^*$ ,  $\Phi(\Lambda v)$  instead of  $\Phi(u)$  and  $u = \nabla H^*(t, v) \in \partial_v H(t, v)$ , inequality (18) becomes

$$\Phi^* \left( \frac{\nabla H^*(t, v)}{\Lambda} \right) \leq \Phi(2\Lambda v) + 2(\beta + \gamma). \quad (21)$$

which will be the main inequality in the proof.

We are planning to obtain the structure condition (??) of [8] which guarantees differentiability.

We consider the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(t, v, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle J\xi, v \rangle + H^*(t, \xi) \quad (22)$$

and we have to prove that there exist  $\Lambda_0 > \lambda_0 > 0$  such that

$$|\mathcal{L}| + |\nabla_v \mathcal{L}| + \Phi^* \left( \frac{\nabla_\xi \mathcal{L}}{\lambda_0} \right) \leq a(v) \left( b(t) + \Phi \left( \frac{\xi}{\Lambda_0} \right) \right) \quad (23)$$

We start with  $|\mathcal{L}|$ . From (20),

$$|\mathcal{L}| \leq \frac{1}{2} |\langle J\xi, v \rangle| + H^*(t, \xi) \leq \frac{1}{2} |\xi| |v| + \Phi(\Lambda\xi) + \beta(t).$$

Since  $\frac{\Phi(x)}{|x|} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $|x| \leq \Phi(x) + C$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Then,

$$|\mathcal{L}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{|v|}{\Lambda} (\Phi(\Lambda\xi) + C) + \Phi(\Lambda\xi) + \beta(t) \leq \max \left\{ \Lambda, \frac{|v|}{2\Lambda} \right\} [\Phi(\Lambda\xi) + C + \beta(t)]$$

which is an estimate like the second member of (23).

Now, we treat  $|\nabla_v \mathcal{L}|$  and we get

$$|\nabla_v \mathcal{L}| = \frac{1}{2} |J\xi| \leq |\xi| \leq \frac{1}{2\Lambda} (\Phi(\Lambda\xi) + C). \quad (24)$$

which is also an estimate of the desired type.

Finally, we deal with  $\Phi(\nabla_\xi \mathcal{L} \lambda_0)$ . As  $\Phi^*$  is a convex, even function, we have

$$\Phi^* \left( \frac{\nabla_\xi \mathcal{L}}{\lambda_0} \right) = \Phi^* \left( \frac{-\frac{1}{2} Jv}{\lambda_0} + \frac{\nabla H^*(t, \xi)}{\lambda_0} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \Phi^* \left( \frac{Jv}{\lambda_0} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Phi^* \left( \frac{2\nabla H^*(t, \xi)}{\lambda_0} \right).$$

We choose  $\frac{2}{\lambda_0} = \frac{1}{\Lambda}$  with  $\Lambda$  as in (21) and we finally have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^* \left( \frac{\nabla_\xi \mathcal{L}}{\lambda_0} \right) &\leq \Phi^* \left( \frac{Jv}{2\Lambda} \right) + \Phi(2\Lambda\xi) + 2(\beta + \gamma) = \\ &\max \left\{ \Phi^* \left( \frac{Jv}{2\Lambda} \right), 1 \right\} [\Phi(2\Lambda\xi) + 2(\beta + \gamma)] \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

which is a bound like the second member of (23).

Therefore, from (23), (24), (25) and choosing the worst functions  $a$  and  $b$ , we obtain condition (??).

Next, [8, Thm. 4.5] implies differentiability of  $\chi$  in a set like  $W^1 L_T^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d) \cap \{u | d(\dot{u}, L^\infty) < \lambda_0\}$ .

If  $v \in W^1 L_T^\Phi([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$  is a critical point of  $\chi$  with  $d(\dot{v}, L^\infty) < \lambda_0$  then, from equations (21) of [8] we obtain

$$0 = \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} \langle J\dot{v}, h \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \dot{h}, Jv \rangle + \langle \nabla H^*(t, \dot{v}), \dot{h} \rangle.$$

The rest of the proof follows as in [6]. □

## 5 Existence periodic solutions Hamiltonian system

The following theorem extend to a quite general function  $\Phi$  the result in [6, Th. 3.1] formulated for  $\Phi_2(u) = |u|^2/2$ . Even more, our result improves a little bit [6, Th. 3.1] in the sense that we obtain existence for  $\Phi_2$  when the functions, introduced below,  $l$  and  $\gamma$  are in  $L^2$  and  $L^1$  respectively instead that  $L^4$  and  $L^2$  which is assumed in [6, Th. 3.1]. This little improvement is due to the observation in Remark 1.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Suppose that  $\Phi$  is a symplectic  $G$ -function and*

*H1) Exists  $\xi \in L^{\Phi^*}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$  such that*

$$H(t, u) \geq \langle \xi(t), u \rangle.$$

*H2) There exists  $\alpha \in (0, C_\Phi)$  ( $C_\Phi$  is defined in (13)) such that for every  $(t, u) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^{2d}$*

$$H(t, u) \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u) + \gamma(t).$$

*H3)*

$$\int_0^T H(t, u) dt \rightarrow +\infty, \quad \text{when } |u| \rightarrow +\infty.$$

*Then xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*

*Proof.* Let  $\delta$  be a positive number such that  $\alpha + \delta < C_\Phi^{-1}$ . Note that from (16) we have that

$$\frac{K}{\alpha + \delta} \Phi((\alpha + \delta)u) - \frac{1}{\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u) \geq \frac{K_1}{\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u),$$

where  $K_1 = [(\alpha + \delta)/\alpha]^{p_1-1} - 1 > 0$  and  $K, p_2$  are the constants in (16). The constat  $K_1$  depends only on  $\alpha, \delta$  and  $\Phi$ .



We define

$$H_\delta(t, u) = \frac{K_1}{\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u) + H(t, u)$$

Let  $\lambda = \min\{1, K_1/2\}$ . Then by H1), Young inequality and since  $0 < \lambda \leq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_\delta(t, u) &\geq \frac{K_1}{\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u) - \left| \frac{1}{\alpha} \left\langle \frac{\xi(t)}{\lambda}, \lambda \alpha u(t) \right\rangle \right| \\ &\geq \frac{K_1}{\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u) - \frac{1}{\alpha} \Phi^* \left( \frac{\xi(t)}{\lambda} \right) - \frac{1}{\alpha} \Phi(\lambda \alpha u(t)) \\ &\geq \frac{K_1}{2\alpha} \Phi(\alpha u) - \frac{1}{\alpha} \Phi^* \left( \frac{\xi(t)}{\lambda} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

On the other hand

$$H_\delta(t, u) \leq \frac{K}{\alpha + \delta} \Phi((\alpha + \delta)u) + \gamma(t) \quad (27)$$

The perturbed Hamiltonian  $H_\delta$  verifies the assumptions of Theorem 4.1. Moreover, since  $\Phi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$  we have that the dual action

$$\chi_\delta(v) = \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} \langle J\dot{v}, v \rangle + H_\delta^*(t, \dot{v}) dt \quad (28)$$

is continuously differentiable in  $W^1 L_T^{\Phi^*}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^{2d})$ .

On the other hand

$$\chi_\delta(v) \geq \left( \frac{1}{\alpha + \delta} - C_\Phi \right) \int_0^T \Phi(v) dt - \gamma_0$$

□

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