

Ex. Bug on a turn-table (Hand+Finch)

$$\vec{r}_{BP} = x \hat{b}_1 + y \hat{b}_2$$

$$B \vec{v}_{BP} = \dot{x} \hat{b}_1 + \dot{y} \hat{b}_2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_{BP}) = B \vec{v}_{BP}$$

$$I \vec{v}_{BP} = \dot{x} \hat{b}_1 + \dot{y} \hat{b}_2 + \omega \hat{b}_3 \times (x \hat{b}_1 + y \hat{b}_2)$$

$$= (\ddot{x} - \omega y) \hat{b}_1 + (\ddot{y} + \omega x) \hat{b}_2$$

$$L = T_0 - U_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m [(\dot{x} - \omega y)^2 + (\dot{y} + \omega x)^2]$$

Proceed to Hamiltonian formulation:

$$P_x = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = m(\dot{x} - \omega y) \quad P_y = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} = m(\dot{y} + \omega x)$$

Hamiltonian via Legendre:

$$H = P_x \dot{x} + P_y \dot{y} - L$$

$$= P_x \left( \frac{P_x}{m} + \omega y \right) + P_y \left( \frac{P_y}{m} - \omega x \right) - \frac{1}{2m} (P_x^2 + P_y^2)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2m} (P_x^2 + P_y^2)}_{\text{Looks like Non-rotating frame's Hamiltonian}} + \underbrace{\omega (y P_x - x P_y)}_{\text{Term due to frame rotation}}$$

Looks like Non-rotating frame's Hamiltonian

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_x} = \frac{1}{m} P_x + \omega y \quad \dot{y} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_y} = \frac{P_y}{m} - \omega x$$

$$\dot{P}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \omega P_y \quad \dot{P}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\omega P_x$$

## Cyclic coordinates in the Hamiltonian Story

- Recall if  $q_j$  is cyclic, it does not appear in the Lagrangian

- We have

$$\dot{P}_j = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_j} = 0$$

$$\stackrel{P_j}{\rightarrow} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_j} = 0$$

By Hamilton's equations  
 $\Rightarrow$  The cyclic coordinate  $q_j$  will be absent from the Hamiltonian as well. And the corresponding conjugate momentum is conserved.

- The relationship between conservation laws and symmetry of the Lag./Ham. is preserved (Noether's theorem)

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## Routh's Procedure

- Often Hamiltonian formulations don't give much advantage in practical calculations, and end up defaulting to the same number of 2nd-order differential equations as the Lagrangian approach if you have to eliminate the conjugate momenta  $P_j$  during the solution process.

↳ However, the Hamiltonian approach is useful when cyclic coordinates are present.

Routh said we should "blend" the two approaches.

→ Modify the Lagrangian so it is no longer a function of the generalized velocity of the cyclic variables, but it still involves the conjugate momenta, which are conserved. The  $p_j$ 's can be considered constants of integration, and the remaining integrations involve only non-cyclic variables.

Consider  $q_m$  as cyclic,

$$P_m = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_m} = \text{constant}$$

$$L = L(q_1, \dots, q_{m-1}, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_{m-1}, t) \quad \text{Note: } q_m \text{ is missing}$$

$$H = H(q_1, \dots, q_{m-1}, p_1, \dots, p_{m-1}, \alpha, t) \quad \text{Note: } q_m \text{ is missing}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $P_m$

$$P_m \text{ is missing}$$

This reduction of 1 DOF gives

$2M-2$  Eqn's from Ham. dynamics  
along with  $\dot{q}_m = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \alpha}$

Routh transforms from  $(q, \dot{q})$  to  $(q, p)$  only for the cyclic coordinates and uses Hamilton's Eqn's for those. For the remaining coordinates, he uses the Euler-Lagrange equations.

Let  $q_{s+1}, \dots, q_m$  be cyclic

where  $s$  is the  
# of non-cyclic  
coordinates

$$R = R(q_1, \dots, q_s, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_m, p_{s+1}, \dots, p_m, t)$$

$$R = \sum_{i=s+1}^m p_i \dot{q}_i - L$$

This leads to,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial R}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, s$

$s$  2nd-order ODE's

$\nwarrow$  Number of 2nd-order ODE's

And,

$p_i = \text{constant}$  with

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial R}{\partial p_i}$$

$\nwarrow$  for  $i = s+1, \dots, m$

$(m-s)$  1st-order ODE's.

Routh's procedure automatically reduces the problem for cyclic coordinates. This makes the analysis and integration easier for engineering problems with many DOF's.

Ex. Kepler's Problem (Particle in a plane under the influence of a central force)

$$L = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2) + \frac{k}{r^n}$$

↪ potential function  $V(r)$

Here  $\theta$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow P_\theta$  is conserved

$$P_\theta = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = mr^2\dot{\theta}$$

$$R = P_\theta \dot{\theta} - L$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (mr^2\dot{\theta})\dot{\theta} - \frac{m}{2}(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2) - \frac{k}{r^n} \\ &= \frac{mr^2\ddot{\theta}^2}{2} - \frac{m}{2}\dot{r}^2 - \frac{k}{r^n} \end{aligned}$$

Put in terms of  $P_\theta$ ,  $\rightarrow$  conserved, so treat as constant

$$R(r, \dot{r}, P_\theta) = \frac{P_\theta^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{m}{2}\dot{r}^2 - \frac{k}{r^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{r} - \frac{P_\theta}{mr^3} + \frac{nK}{r^{n+1}} = 0$$

From Hamilton's equations on  $\theta$ ,

$$\dot{P}_\theta = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\theta} = \frac{P_\theta}{mr^2}$$

where  $P_\theta$  is constant

# Canonical Transformations and the Poisson Bracket

(Goldstein Ch 9, Hand & Finch Ch 6)

Motivation: Imagine you have all cyclic variables in your Hamiltonian and the Hamiltonian is conserved. Then,

Action-Angle  
variables  
"angles"

$$Q_i \rightarrow \theta_i$$

$$P_i \rightarrow I_i$$

"actions"

$$P_i = d_i \text{ constants}$$

$$H = H(d_1, \dots, d_m)$$

This leads to

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial d_i} \stackrel{!}{=} \omega_i \text{ constant}$$

Integration:

$$\theta_i(t) = \omega_i t + \beta_i \quad \text{Simple!}$$

constant of integration  
due to I.C.

- Note: The number of cyclic coordinates in a set of generalized coordinates varies depending on the choice of generalized coordinates.

Ex. Kepler problem

↳ Particle in a plane, central force.

Cartesian:  $x, y \Rightarrow$  no cyclic coordinates

Polar:  $(r, \theta) \Rightarrow \theta$  is cyclic

Goal: Find a transformation of coordinates to a description of the motion in which the Hamiltonian is conserved and all coordinates are cyclic

Dfn: A transformation is said to be canonical if after a transformation, Hamilton's equations are still the correct dynamical description of the motion.

$$(q, p) \xrightarrow[\text{transformation}]{\text{canonical}} (Q, P)$$

$$Q_i = Q_i(q, p, t)$$

$$P_i = P_i(q, p, t)$$

So, we want a new Hamiltonian,

$$K = K(Q, P, t)$$

and

$$\dot{Q}_i = \frac{\partial K}{\partial P_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{P}_i = -\frac{\partial K}{\partial Q_i}$$

Let's determine the constraints we need to satisfy for a transformation to be "canonical"

Recall that the Lagrangian

$$L = L(q, \dot{q}, t)$$

$$F = F(q, t) \quad \text{Note } F \text{ doesn't depend on } \dot{q}$$

$$L' = L \pm \frac{dF}{dt} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Still satisfies the E.L.} \\ \text{equations, giving the} \\ \text{same EOM's.} \end{array} \right\}$$

Consider,

$$L' = L(q, \dot{q}, t) - \frac{dF(q, Q, t)}{dt}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  This form is a choice

The Function  $F(q, Q, t)$  can be used to generate a new equivalent description of the system; It is called a generating function.

In the original description of the dynamics

$$H = P_i \dot{q}_i - L$$

We want,

$$K = P_i \dot{Q}_i - L'$$

$$K = P_i \dot{Q}_i - L + \frac{dF(q, Q, t)}{dt}$$

Expand  $\frac{dF(q, Q, t)}{dt}$

$$\frac{dF(q, Q, t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_i} \dot{Q}_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

Manipulate and equate the two forms above for  $L$ ,

$$P_i \dot{q}_i - H = P_i \dot{Q}_i - K + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_i} \dot{Q}_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

Collecting terms,

$$(P_i - \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i}) \dot{q}_i - H = (P_i + \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_i}) \dot{Q}_i - K + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

$q_i$  and  $Q_i$  variables are independent, so the coefficients must vanish independently,

$$P_i = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i} \quad \text{and} \quad P_i = \frac{-\partial F}{\partial Q_i}$$

### Notation comment

on this page and a few others, we are using index notation. So,

$$P_i \dot{q}_i = \sum_i P_i \dot{q}_i$$

The generating function determines the transformation equations needed to preserve the Hamiltonian struc.

constraints that our generating function must satisfy

These equations of the transformation  
are 2 Eqn, 2 unknowns for  $Q_i(q, p)$   
 $P_i(q, p)$

Now find the new Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K &= P_i \dot{Q}_i - L' \\
 &= -\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_i} \dot{Q}_i - L + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \\
 &= -\cancel{\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_i}} \dot{Q}_i - L + \underbrace{\frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i}_{P_i} + \cancel{\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_i}} \dot{Q}_i + \cancel{\frac{\partial F}{\partial t}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$K = P_i \dot{q}_i - L + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

$$K = H + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

$$K(Q, P, t) = H(q, p, t) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \quad \text{where } F = F(q, Q, t)$$

$\downarrow$

$q = q(Q, P) \rightarrow P = p(Q, P)$

Then, we get

$$\dot{Q}_i = \frac{\partial K}{\partial P_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{P}_i = -\frac{\partial K}{\partial Q_i}$$

as required for a canonical transformation

The above derivation depended on the choice of the form of the generating function  $F$ . That was the derivation for a "Type 1" generating function

$$F_1 = F_1(q, Q, t)$$

Ex.

$$F_1(q, Q, t) = qQ$$

You make this up

constraints on  $F_1$ :

$$P = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial q} = Q$$

$$P = -\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial Q} = -q$$

Since  $F$  is time-invariant here,  $K = H(-P, Q)$

⇒ This transformation swaps the generalized coordinates and their corresponding momenta (with a sign change)

i.e.  $(q, P)$  becomes  $(-P, Q)$

In general, there are 4 types of generating functions: invertibility condition

- ①  $F_1 = F_1(q, Q, t) \Rightarrow P = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial q}$  and  $Q = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial P}$        $\frac{\partial^2 F_1}{\partial q \partial Q} \neq 0$
- ②  $F_2 = F_2(q, P, t) \Rightarrow q = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial Q}$  and  $P = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P}$        $\frac{\partial^2 F_2}{\partial q \partial P} \neq 0$
- ③  $F_3 = F_3(P, Q, t) \Rightarrow q = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial P}$  and  $Q = \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial Q}$        $\frac{\partial^2 F_3}{\partial P \partial Q} \neq 0$
- ④  $F_4 = F_4(P, Q, t) \Rightarrow q = \frac{\partial F_4}{\partial Q}$  and  $Q = \frac{\partial F_4}{\partial P}$        $\frac{\partial^2 F_4}{\partial P \partial Q} \neq 0$

Trivial example,

$$F_2 = qP$$

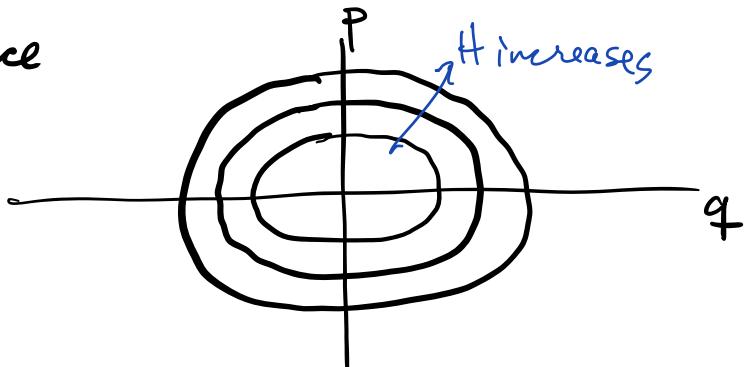
$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P} = q \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{identity} \\ \text{transformation} \\ (q, p) \rightarrow (Q, P) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$P = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q} = P$$

Useful Example Harmonic oscillator

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}(P^2 + K_m q^2) \text{ where}$$

Phase-Space



$$\text{Choose, } F_1 = F_1(q, Q, t) = \frac{1}{2} \omega q^2 \cot(2\pi Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial q} = \omega q \cot(2\pi Q)$$

$$P = -\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial Q} = \frac{\pi \omega q^2}{\sin^2(2\pi Q)}$$

Invert these for  
 $q(Q, P)$  and  $p(Q, P)$   
then substitute into

$$K = H(q, p) + \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t}$$

This yields

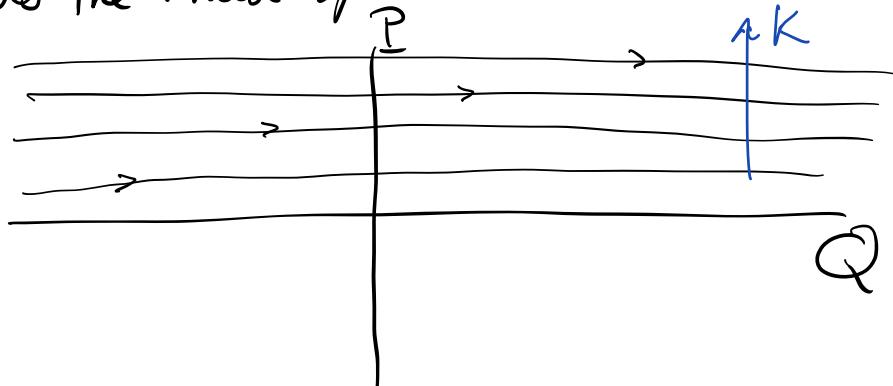
$$K(Q, P) = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} P \quad , \quad Q \text{ is cyclic}$$

$\Rightarrow P$  is conserved

Equation of motion:

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial P} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \Rightarrow Q(t) = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} t$$

What does the Phase space look like?



We can transform back to  $(q, p)$  now that we know  
 $P$  is conserved.

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{P}{2\pi\omega}} \sin wt \quad p = \sqrt{\frac{\omega P}{\pi}} \cos wt$$

$(q, p)$  in terms of  $P$  constant, after integrating  
in the  $(Q, P)$  coordinates.