

# Ch 13 Hamiltonian Mechanics

Remember

$$L = L(q_1, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n, t) = T - U$$

$n$  coords  $(q_1, \dots, q_n)$  defines a point in "Configuration space"

$2n$  coords  $(q_1, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n)$  defines a point in "State Space". Specifying initial conditions at  $t=t_0$

these determine unique solutions to  $n$  differential eqn's:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} [i=1, \dots, n]$$

giving unique equations of motion

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$

generalized momentum

generalized force

$$p_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$

(Canonical Momentum  
or  
momentum conjugate)

Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow$  related to total Energy

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \dot{q}_i - \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow (q_1, \dots, q_n, \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n)$$

$$\mathcal{H} \rightarrow (q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

$2n$  coords define a point in  
"Phase Space" (positions & generalized momentum)

Hamiltonians best suited to  
conservative systems, similar  
to Lagrangians.

## 13.2 Hamilton's Equations for 1D Particle with 1 Dof

$$L = L(q, \dot{q}) = T(q, \dot{q}) - U(q)$$

for conservative system  $U$  is only  
dependent on  $q$ .

Ex: Pendulum

$$L = \frac{1}{2}mL^2\dot{\phi}^2 - mgL(1 - \cos\phi)$$

Bead on wire

$$\begin{aligned} L &= L(x, \dot{x}) = T - U = \\ &= \frac{1}{2}m[1 + f'(x)^2]\dot{x}^2 - mgf(x) \end{aligned}$$

For system with natural coordinates  
(in 1D)

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}) = T - U = \frac{1}{2} [A(q)] \dot{q}^2 - U(q)$$

$$H = P\dot{q} - \mathcal{L}, \quad P = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} = A(q) \dot{q}$$

$$P\dot{q} = A(q) \dot{q}^2 = 2T$$

$$H = P\dot{q} - \mathcal{L} = 2T - (T - U) = T + U$$

So, for a "natural" system  $H$  is the total energy

Setup  $\dot{q}$  in terms of  $q$  &  $P$

$$\dot{q} = P/A(q) = \dot{q}(q, P)$$

Replace  $\dot{q}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$

$$\mathcal{H}(q, P) = P\dot{q}(q, P) - \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}(q, P))$$

Need Hamilton's Equations of motion  
find

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q} \quad \text{&} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial P}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q} = P \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial q} - \left[ \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial q}}_P \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} = P$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = \cancel{P \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial q}} - \left[ \cancel{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}} + P \cancel{\frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial q}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = -\cancel{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}} = -\frac{d}{dt} \underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}}_{P} = -\dot{P}$$

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remember

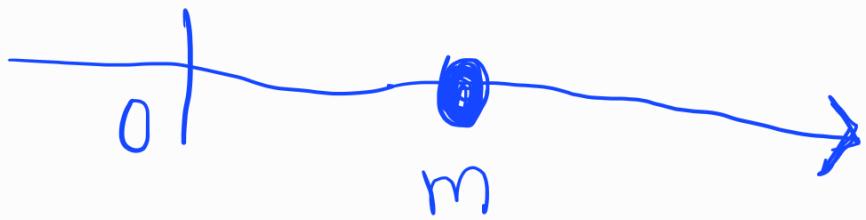
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = [i + \cancel{P \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial p}}] - \underbrace{\cancel{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}} \frac{\partial i}{\partial p}}_P = \dot{i}$$

$$i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \quad \& \quad \dot{P} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \rightarrow F$$

2 First order differential Eqs

EX 13.1 Pendulum on straight wire



Subject to a conservative force with corresponding  $U(x)$

write down Lagrangian & Lagrange eqn's. Find the Hamiltonian & Hamilton Eqns

$$L(x, \dot{x}) = T - U = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - U(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \Rightarrow -\frac{dU}{dx} = m \ddot{x}$$

$$F = ma$$

## Hamiltonian approach

$$P = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}} = m\ddot{x} \rightarrow \ddot{x} = \frac{P}{m}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = P\dot{x} - \mathcal{L} = \frac{P^2}{m} - \left[ \frac{P^2}{2m} - U(x) \right]$$

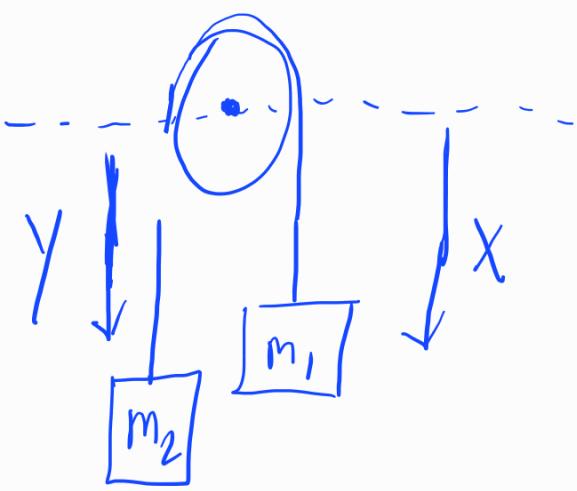
$$= \frac{P^2}{2m} + U = T + U, T = \frac{P^2}{2m}$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial P} = \frac{P}{m} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{P} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x} = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$\uparrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$
$$\dot{P} = m\ddot{x} = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$F = ma \simeq \dot{P} = -\nabla U$$

# Ex 13.2 Atwood's Machine



using  $X$  as the  
generalized coord.  
Setup the hamiltonian  
formalism

$$\mathcal{L} = T - U, T = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}^2$$

$$U = -(m_1 - m_2)gx$$

$$\mathcal{H} = p\dot{x} - \mathcal{L} = T + U$$

$$P = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{X}} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} = (m_1 + m_2)\dot{x}$$

Remember  $\mathcal{H}$  is a function of only  $x$  &  $P$  so,

Rewrite  $P = (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}$ ,  $\dot{x} = \frac{P}{(m_1 + m_2)}$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{P^2}{(m_1 + m_2)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(m_1 + m_2) P^2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} = (m_1 - m_2) g x$$

$$= \frac{P^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)} - (m_1 - m_2) g x$$

or

$$\mathcal{H} = T + U = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \dot{x}^2 - (m_1 - m_2) g x$$
$$= \frac{P^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)} - (m_1 - m_2) g x$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P} = \frac{P}{m_1 m_2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{restatement} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{generalized momentum} \end{array}$$

$$\dot{P} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial X} = (m_1 - m_2) g$$

$$\dot{P} = (m_1 + m_2) \ddot{x}$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{\dot{P}}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$$

## Steps:

1) Write down  $\mathcal{H}$

- Using  $L, T, U$

2) Write down generalized momentum

$$P = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

3) Solve for generalized Velocity  
 $\dot{q}$

4) Express  $\mathcal{H}$  as  $\mathcal{H}(q, P)$

- removing  $\dot{q}$  dependence

5) Use  $\mathcal{H}(q, P)$  in Hamilton Eqn's

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial P} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{P} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q}$$

6) Solve for Equations of motion

### 13.3 Hamilton's Equations in Several Dimensions

New notation for n generalized coordinates

$$\mathbf{q}_* = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_* = (\dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = (P_1, \dots, P_n)$$

n-dimensional vectors

use to build up  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, \mathbf{P})$

Assume Holonomic Constraints

#DOF = # Generalized Coords.

All non constraining forces  
can be derived from Potentials  
(they can be non conservative if  
they depend on t)

Not necessary for generalized  
coords to be "natural" (time independant)

$$S = S(q, \dot{q}, t) = T - U$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_i} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial S}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \quad [i=1, \dots, n]$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \dot{q}_i - \mathcal{L}$$

$$p_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}, t)}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \quad [i = 1, \dots, n]$$

Need to express  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $2n$  variables

$q$  &  $p$

$$\dot{q}_i = q_i(q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n, t) \\ [i = 1, \dots, n]$$

$$\dot{q}_i = \dot{q}_i(q, p, t)$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i p_i \dot{q}_i(q, p, t) - \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}_i(q, p, t))$$

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \quad [i=1, \dots, n]$$

So  $2n$  first-order differential  
equations for  $n$  given  
DOF

Time dependance of  $H$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \dot{p}_i \right] + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

$\uparrow$  (contains  $2n+1$  terms)  $\uparrow$

total derivative Partial

Change in  $H$  due to  
change in  $q, P$ , &  $t$

Change in  $H$   
only due to  
change of  
 $t$  holding  
 $q \& P$  const

if  $H$  not dependant on  $t$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = 0$$

Remember :  $\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$      $\dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$

So

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \sum_i^n \left[ \cancel{\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \right)} + \cancel{\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \right)} \right] + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

if  $H$  is not explicitly dependant

on  $t$  ( $t$  does not show up in expression)

then  $H$  is conserved

If the generalized coordinates  
are "natural" this is also the  
case. Natural = time independant

For these cases the Hamiltonian  
is just the total energy

$$H = T + U$$

# Ex 13.3 Hamilton's Eqns

for a particle in a central force field

Find hamilton's Eqn's for a mass  $m$

subject to a conservative central force field with potential energy

$U(r)$  using Polar coordinates  $r \& \phi$ .

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\phi}^2), H = T + U$$

need  $P_r \& P_\phi$  since  $U$  not dependent on  $\dot{q}$

$$P_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$

$$P_r = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{r}} = m\dot{r} \quad P_\phi = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = mr^2\dot{\phi}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{P_r}{m} \quad \& \quad \dot{\phi} = \frac{P_\phi}{mr^2}$$

$$H = T + U = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{P_r^2}{m r^2} + \frac{P_\phi^2}{mr^2} \right) + U(r)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left( P_r^2 + \frac{P_\phi^2}{r^2} \right) + U(r)$$

4 Hamilton Eqn's

$$\dot{r} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_r} = \frac{P_r}{m}$$

$$\dot{P}_r = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial r} = \frac{P_\phi^2}{mr^3} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}$$

$$\dot{P}_r = m\ddot{r} = \frac{P_\phi^2}{mr^3} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial r}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_\phi} = \frac{P_\phi}{mr^2}$$

$$\dot{P}_\phi = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

$$\dot{P}_\phi = mr^2\ddot{\phi} = 0, \text{ angular momentum is conserved}$$

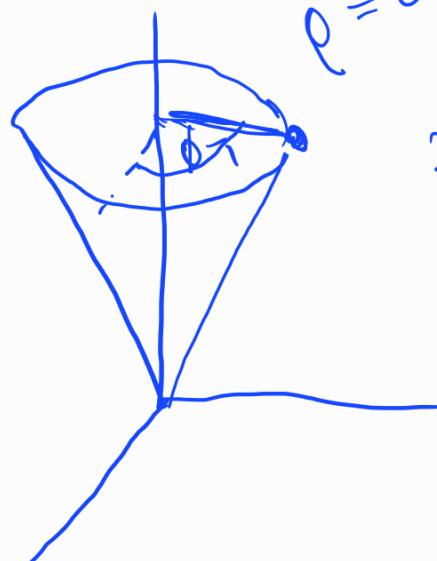
## Hamiltonian Steps

- 1) Choose suitable generalized coordinates  $q_1, \dots, q_n$
- 2) Write down  $T + U$  in terms of  $q$ 's &  $\dot{q}$ 's
- 3) Find Generalized momenta  $P_i$   
(Now assuming conservative system,  $U$  is independent of  $\dot{q}$ , so  $P_i = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$ ) General  $P_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$
- 4) Solve for  $\dot{q}$ 's in terms of  $P_i$  &  $q$ 's
- 5) Write down Hamiltonian as a function of  $P$ 's &  $q$ 's  
 $H = T + U$  or  $H = \sum P_i \dot{q}_i - L$
- 6) write down Hamilton's Eqn's  
 $\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_i}$        $\dot{P}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$

## Ex 13.4 Hamilton's Eqn's for a mass on a cone

Set up Hamilton's Eqn's for generalized coordinates  $z \& \phi$  for a mass  $m$  constrained to move on a vertical cone  $\rho = cz$  in a gravitational field  $g$  vertically down

Show that motion is confined between  $z_{\max}$  &  $z_{\min}$ . Use this to describe the motion on the cone. Show that for any given value  $z > 0$  the solution is a circular path at  $z$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \rho = cz & \quad T = \frac{1}{2}m[\dot{\rho}^2 + (\dot{\rho}\phi)^2 + \dot{z}^2] \\ & = \frac{1}{2}m[(c^2+1)\dot{z}^2 + (cz\dot{\phi})^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$P_z = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{z}} = m(c^2 + 1) \dot{z}, \quad \dot{z} = \frac{P_z}{m(c^2 + 1)}$$

$$P_\phi = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = mc^2 z^2 \dot{\phi}, \quad \dot{\phi} = \frac{P_\phi}{mc^2 z^2}$$

$$H = T + U = \frac{1}{2} m [(c^2 + 1) \dot{z}^2 + c^2 z^2 \dot{\phi}^2] + mgz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \left[ \cancel{(c^2 + 1)} \frac{P_z^2}{m^2 (c^2 + 1)^2} + \cancel{c^2 z^2} \frac{P_\phi^2}{m^2 c^4 z^4} \right] + mgz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \frac{P_z^2}{(c^2 + 1)} + \frac{P_\phi^2}{c^2 z^2} \right] + mgz$$

# Hamilton's Equations

$$\dot{z} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_z} = \frac{P_z}{m(c^2 + 1)}$$

$$\dot{P}_z = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = \frac{P_\phi^2}{m c^2 z^3} - mg$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_\phi} = \frac{P_\phi}{m c^2 z^2}$$

$$\dot{P}_\phi = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

last two show  $z$  component of angular momentum is constant

Remember

$$H = T + U = E$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \frac{P_z^2}{(c^2 + 1)} + \frac{P_\phi^2}{c^2 z^2} \right] + mgz$$

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$\rightarrow$

$z_{\min} > 0$

$z < \infty$   
 $z_{\max}$

The mass moves around the cone with constant angular momentum  $P_\phi$  as  $z$  decreases  $\phi$  increases and vice versa oscillating between  $z_{\min}$  &  $z_{\max}$

For the case that  $z$  is constant

$\dot{z} = 0$  &  $P_z$  must equal 0  $\rightarrow \dot{P}_z = 0$

$$\dot{P}_z = 0 \text{ if } P_\phi = \pm \sqrt{m^2 c^2 g z^3}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{m^2 c^2 g z^3}}{m c^2 z^2} = \frac{\pm \sqrt{g z}}{c z} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{g}}{c \sqrt{z}}$$

# Ignorable Coordinates

Remember

If  $\mathcal{L}$  is independent of  $q_i$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} = 0 = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = \frac{d}{dt} p_i$$

The generalized Momentum  
is conserved.

We say this coordinate is  
ignorable

If  $\mathcal{H}$  is independent of  $q_i$

$$\dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q_i} = 0 \quad p_i \text{ is constant}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q_i}$$

There fore  $\mathcal{L}$  is independent if and only if  $\mathcal{H}$  is independent or  $q_i$ . If  $q_i$  is ignorable in the Lagrangian it is ignorable in the hamiltonian

for a 2 DOF system with one ignorable coordinate

$$\mathcal{H}(q_1, p_1, p_2) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(q_1, p_1, k)$$

$k$  is a constant determined by initial conditions

1 D Hamiltomian

$$\mathcal{H}(q_1, p_1)$$

so a  $n$  DOF system has ignorable coordinate  $q_1$  the Hamiltonian looks the same as a  $(n-1)$  dimensional problem

This is not the same for the Lagrangian

$L(q_1, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2)$ , if  $q_2$  is ignorable

$$P_2 = \text{const} \neq \dot{q}_2$$

Ignorable coordinates do not reduce the dimensionality of a Lagrangian

Lagrangian Vs. Hamilton's Eqn's

Number of Eqn's

Lagrangian Formalism:

For N- DOF and n GLC

nN Second Order differential Eqn

Hamiltonian Formalism:

2n First order Differential Eqn

n 2nd order

to

2n 1st order is common

Example

$$f(\ddot{q}, \dot{q}, q) = 0$$

Define  $s = \dot{q}$

see

$$\ddot{q} = s \rightarrow f(s, s, q) = 0$$

①

2nd  $f(\ddot{q}, \dot{q}, \emptyset) = 0$

②  
1st  $s = \dot{q}$   $f(s, s, q) = 0$

This isn't an improvement

But the form is more useful

Rewrite Hamilton's Eqs to  
see

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = f(q_i, p) \quad [i=1, \dots, n]$$

$$\dot{q}_i = f(q_i, p)$$

$$\dot{p} = g(q_i, p) \quad g_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$$

Introduce a  $2n$  dimensional vector

$$Z = (q_i, p) = (q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

Phase-Space Vector or Phase-Point Z

$Z$  contains all generalized coordinates and their conjugate momenta. Each value of  $Z$  identifies a unique point in phase space and a unique set of initial conditions using

$$\dot{q}_k = f(q_k, P) \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{P} = g(q_k, P)$$

we get a single equation of motion (2n components)

$$\dot{Z} = h(Z)$$

where

$$H = (f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_n)$$

expressing hamilton's eqn

as a first order differential equation of the form

$$(\text{first derivative of } Z) = (\text{function of } Z)$$

Powerful result Mathematically  
that is automatic from the  
hamiltonian formalism

Lagrange Equations are  
flexible in respect to coordinates  
any

$$q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$$

can be replaced by

$$Q = (Q_1, \dots, Q_n)$$

$Q_i$  is a function of  $q_i$

so

$$Q_i = Q_i(q_i)$$

Lagrange Equations are invariant under coordinate changes defined in the  $n$ -dimensional configuration space

$$q = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$$

Same for Hamiltonian but can also extend to changes in  $2n$ -dimensional phase space.

$$Q_i = Q_i(q, P) \quad \& \quad P = P(q, P)$$

Coordinate changes in which  
 $q$  &  $p$  are intermingled. If  
they satisfy certain conditions  
are called

Canonical Transformations

# Phase-Space Orbits

The Phase-Space vector:

$Z = (q_i, p)$  defines a system's position in phase space.

Any point  $Z_0$  defines a possible initial condition at time  $t_0$  and Hamilton's equations define a unique phase-space orbit or trajectory, starting from  $Z_0$  at  $t_0$ .

Phase-Space has  $2n$  dimensions making the visualization of these orbits difficult unless  $n=1$

For example an unconstrained particle with 3 DOF

$2n = 6$  dimensions in Phase-Space

we will look at examples of  $n=1$

An Important Property of Phase-Space orbits is that they cannot intersect at any point.

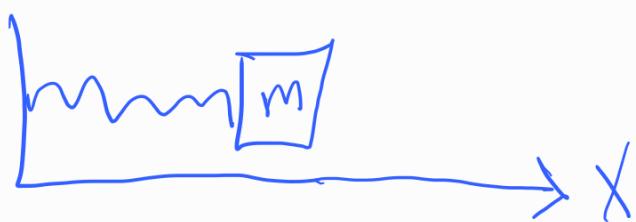
From Hamilton's equations we can see that for any point  $\mathbf{z}_0$  there can only be one orbit that passes through it

If two orbits pass through the same point  $\mathbf{r}_0$ , they must be the same orbit. This is true for all values of time.

\* Remember our hamiltonian is time independent,  $H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$

This result limits how orbits trace out and has consequences on the analysis of systems such as chaotic motion.

EX 13.5 1-D Harmonic Oscillator  
 Setup Hamilton's Eqn's for a  
 1D SHO with mass  $m$  and  
 force constant  $K$ , describe the possible  
 orbits in phase-space  $(x, p)$



$$T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2, U = \frac{1}{2}Kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x^2$$

$$p = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{x}} = m\dot{x}, \quad \dot{x} = \frac{p}{m} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{m}}$$

$$H = T + U = \frac{1}{2}m\frac{p^2}{m^2} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x^2$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x^2$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \frac{p}{m} \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -mw^2 x$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{\dot{p}}{m} = -w^2 x$$

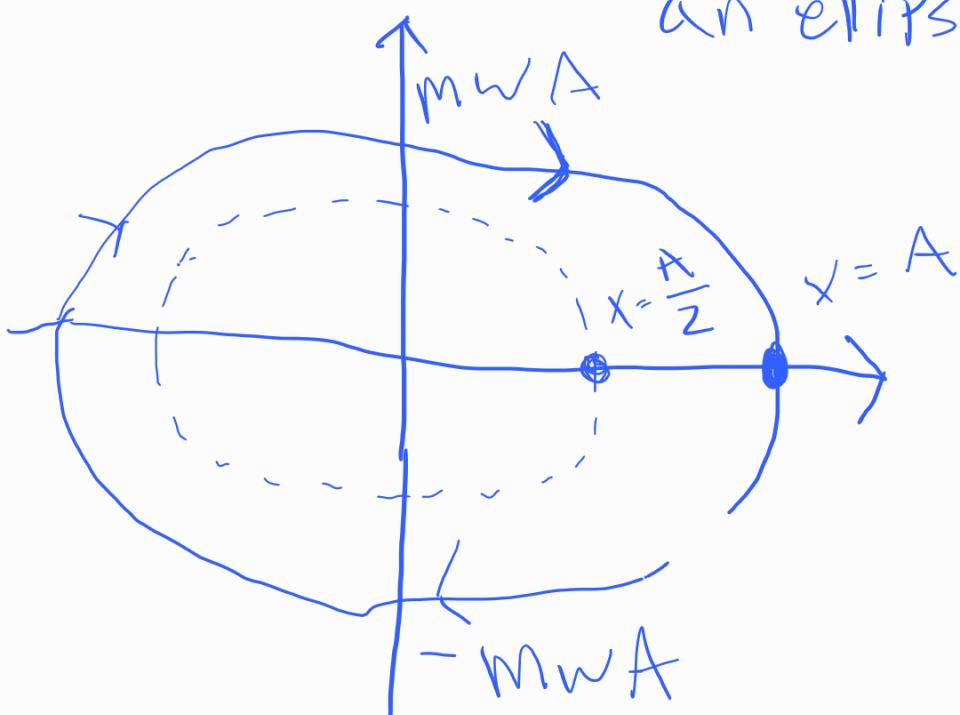
$$x = A \cos(wt - \delta)$$

$$p = m\dot{x} = -mw \sin(wt - \delta)$$

$Z = (x, p) \quad 1D \rightarrow 2D$  in Phase-Space

$$Z = (A \cos(wt - \delta), -mw \sin(wt - \delta))$$

Parametric Form of  
an ellipse



$$Z_0 = (X=A, P=0)$$

$$H_0(X=A, P=0) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2$$

$$H = H_0 = \underbrace{\frac{P^2}{2m}} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 X^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2$$

$$\frac{X^2}{A^2} + \frac{P^2}{(m\omega A)^2} = 1 \quad (\text{Eqn of ellipse})$$

If we launch a system with 2 different initial conditions and track their Phase-Space orbits, A non chaotic system will have the orbits remain close together and a chaotic system will move apart rapidly and unpredictably

## EX 13.6 A Falling body

Set up the Hamiltonian formalism for a mass constrained to move in a vertical line, subject to only the force of gravity. Use coordinate  $x$  measured downward and its conjugate momentum. Describe the phase-space orbits from time 0 to time  $t$  for four different initial conditions.

- $X_0 = P_0 = 0$  (released at  $x=0$  from rest)
- $X_0 = X$ ,  $P_0 = 0$  (released at  $x=X$  from rest)
- $X_0 = X$ ,  $P_0 = P$
- $X_0 = 0$ ,  $P_0 = P$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 \quad U = -mgx, \quad (x \text{ is measured downward})$$

$$H = T + U = \frac{P^2}{2m} - mgx$$

$$H = \text{const.}$$

$$mgx = \frac{P^2}{2m} + \text{const.}, \quad K = \frac{1}{2g}$$

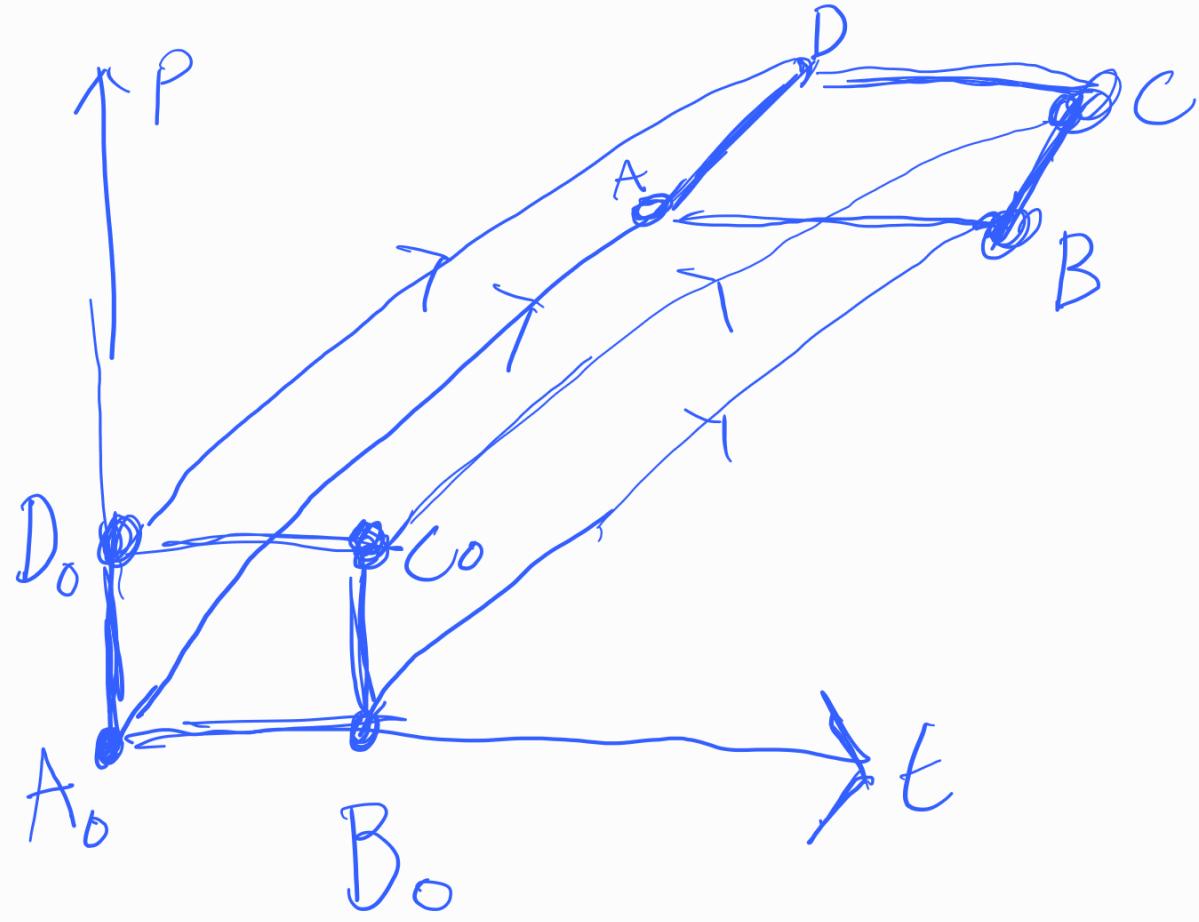
$$x = K P^2 + \text{const} \quad (\text{Parabola})$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P} = \frac{P}{m} \quad \dot{P} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = mg$$

Integrate      Integrate

$$P = P_0 + mgt$$

$$x = x_0 + \frac{P_0}{m}t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$



Both have same  
area (Liouville's Theorem)