

Probably the first "formal" physics you studied involved learning about position, velocity, acceleration. Motion. You can add a few more ingredients, like mass and charge, but at its most fundamental level, physics is about motion.

High energy \sim GeV

Heavy ions/
nuclear \sim MeV

AMO \sim keV

Chemistry \sim eV

CM hard/soft \sim meV

CMB \sim μ eV

more particles
can agglomerate at
lower energies resulting
in complicated and
even complex behavior.

* Newton came up with the first "correct" description of motion, but he realized it had some issues, we had some understanding that chaos was around. God fixed it.

* Lagrange and Euler came up with a different formulation, but still equivalent to Newton. Laplace "didn't need that theory."

Reductionism starts to fail.

* There are other formulations, like the Hamiltonian and the Koopman-von Neumann formulations, what makes them distinct is the space ~~in which~~ they use to describe motion.

Newtonian	-	Physical
Lagrangian	-	Configuration
Hamiltonian	-	Phase
Koopman-von Neumann	-	Hilbert

* Just like vectors exist independently of the system you use to describe them, mechanics exist independently of the formulation you use

★ Just like you can use transformations to describe the same vector with different systems, you can move from one formulation to another.

Newtonian - Newton's second law

Lagrangian - Euler-Lagrange Equation

Hamiltonian - ~~Hamilton's Equations of Motion~~ Equations

Koopman-

Von Neumann

Schrödinger-like Equation

Legendre transform

Scalar product defined as an integration of the points in phase space.

★ It is not surprising that humans first discovered Newtonian mechanics since it is the one that is most consistent with what we perceive as reality. But since all the formulations are equivalent, what is the true nature of reality?

Configurational
VS

Phase space

Why yet another mechanics formulation? Convenience.

$$\text{Lagrangian} - \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}, t) \Rightarrow p_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}, t)}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} = 0, \quad \dot{p}_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}, t)}{\partial q_i}$$

Hamiltonian - ~~H~~ $\mathcal{H}(q, p, t)$

We go from one to the other by switching one variable

~~Legendre~~ Legendre transform

Consider the first law of thermodynamics for gas in a reversible process

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$$dU = dQ - dW$$

internal energy heat work

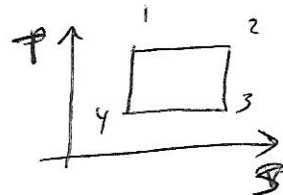
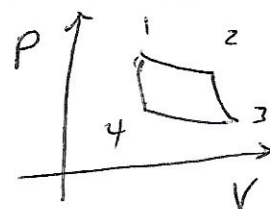
$$dU = T dS - P dV$$

$$\text{so } U(S, V)$$

$$d(TS) = T dS + S dT,$$

so

$$dU = d(TS) - S dT - P dV$$



$$\text{Let } dF = d(U - TS) = dU - d(TS) = -S dT - P dV$$

We see that $F(T, V)$

~~more~~ If we have a function of the form $df = u dx + v dy$

$$\text{where } u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ and } v = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \text{ so } df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

we can change the description from x, y to u, y by

considering $g = f - ux$

Eg. 8.5

$$dg = df - d(ux) = df - u dx - x du$$

$$dg = \cancel{u dx} + v dy - \cancel{u dx} - x du$$

$$dg = v dy - x du$$

Eg. 8.6

$$x = - \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \text{ and } v = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \quad \text{c.f. } u = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ and } v = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

We derived the Hamiltonian before, we called it
energy function

Eq. 2.53

$$h(q_1, \dots, q_n; \dot{q}_1, \dots, \dot{q}_n; t) = \sum_j \dot{q}_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \mathcal{L}$$

Einstein notation

Since $p_j = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_j}$, rewrite as $\dot{q}_i p_i - \mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}, t)$

so 1 equation per
degree of freedom

We used h to express the Hamiltonian in configuration space,
but in phase space we use $\mathcal{H}(q, p, t)$

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

~~$$d\mathcal{H} = \dot{q}_i dp_i$$~~

total derivative

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathcal{H} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q} dq + \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p} dp + \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t} dt = d(\dot{q}p) - d\mathcal{L} \\ &= d\dot{q}p + \cancel{p d\dot{q}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} dq - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}} \cancel{d\dot{q}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial t} dt \end{aligned}$$

$p dq$

so

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q} dq + \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p} dp + \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial t} dt$$

$$= - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} dq + \dot{q} dp - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial t} dt$$

so $\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$

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

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

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

$-\dot{p}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$

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

Eg 8.18

~~2N+1~~

Eg. 8.19

2N + 1

Canonical equations of
Hamilton

2N first order equations replace

N second order Lagrange equations