

Action in equation

Let L be a Lagrangian.

Denote by $x^i(\tau)$ the solution of Euler-Lagrange equation such that

$$\begin{cases} x^i(0) = 0 \\ x^i(t) = q_{\text{fin}}^i \end{cases}$$

Let $\tilde{x}^i(\tau) = x^i(\tau) + \varepsilon h^i(\tau)$ be another solution of Euler Lagrange equation such that $h^i(0) = 0$. At the moment $\tau = t + \delta t$

$$\tilde{x}^i(t + \delta t) = x^i(t + \delta t) + \varepsilon h^i(t + \delta t) = x^i(t) + \dot{x}^i(t)\delta t + \varepsilon h^i(t) \Rightarrow \delta q^i = \dot{x}^i(t)\delta t + \varepsilon h^i(t).$$

Calculate the changing of the action:

$$\begin{aligned} S(0; t + \delta t, q + \delta q) &= \int_0^{t+\delta t} L(x^i + \varepsilon h^i, \dot{x} + \varepsilon \dot{h}^i) d\tau = \\ &= \int_0^t L(x^i, \dot{x}) d\tau + \int_t^{t+\delta t} L(x^i, \dot{x}) d\tau + \varepsilon \int_0^t \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} h^i(\tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \dot{h}^i(\tau) \right) d\tau = \\ &= S(0, 0; t, q) + L(x, \dot{x})\delta t + \varepsilon \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) h^i(t) + \underbrace{\varepsilon \int \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) \right)}_{\text{vanishes}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(0; t + \delta t, q^i + \delta q^i) &= S(0; t + \delta t, q^i + \dot{x}^i \delta t + \varepsilon h^i) = \\ &= S(0; t, q) + L(x, \dot{x})\delta t + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) (\delta q^i - \dot{x}^i \delta t) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\frac{\partial S(0; q, t)}{\partial t} = L(x, \dot{x}) - \dot{x}^i \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) = -H,$$

and

$$\frac{\partial S(0; q, t)}{\partial q^i} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) = p_i,$$

this was waited hundred years