

No go result?

Two days ago I was very happy to calculate straightforwardly that gradient of action is momentum. (see the text on 26-th July and also the Appendix to this text.) I was thinking about generalisation of this result. however I realised that this hypothesis is wrong: Finally I realised that one my hypothesis is wrong: see above TEMPTATION OF WRONG DEFINITION

In fact let $L = L(x, \dot{x}, t)$ be Lagrangian of theory, then consider the function

$$S(t_1, Q_1; t_2, Q_2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)) d\tau, \quad (1)$$

where $x^i(\tau)$ obeys Euler Lagrange equations and boundary conditions:

$$x^i(\tau): \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) \\ x^i(t_1) = Q_1 \\ x^i(t_2) = Q_2 \end{cases} \quad (1a)$$

One can consider momentum and Hamiltonian:

$$p_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i}, \quad H(p, Q, t) = p_i \dot{Q}^i - L(Q, \dot{Q}, t) \quad (2)$$

(H is Legendre transform, in particular on eq. of motions it does not depend on \dot{Q} .)

This is the text-book fact that

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial Q_2^i} = p_i, \quad (3a)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial Q_1^i} = -p_i, \quad (3b)$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t_1} = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial t_2} = -H. \quad (3c)$$

This can be calculated straightforwardly, by brute force, and I am happy that I did these calculations. (see my 'blog' on 26 July of this month or calculations in **Appendix**.)

One can consider Legendre transform of this action: We will denote the action above by $S(t_1, x, t_2, y)$ and we will consider its Legendre transform

$$\Sigma(t_1, x; t_2, q): \quad e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \Sigma_t(x, q)} \approx e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_t(x, y)}.$$

It is funny to write down differential equations for these both actions.

$$S_t(x, y): \quad \begin{cases} \text{differential equation} & \frac{\partial S_t(x, y)}{\partial t} + H\left(\frac{\partial S_t(x, y)}{\partial y}, y\right) = 0 \\ \text{boundary conditions} & e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_t(x, y)} \approx \delta(x - y) \end{cases}, \quad (0a)$$

$$\Sigma_t(x, q): \begin{cases} \text{dif.equation } \frac{\partial \Sigma_t(x, q)}{\partial t} + H\left(q, \frac{\partial \Sigma_t(x, y)}{\partial q}, y\right) = 0 \\ \text{boundary conditions } \Sigma_t(x, q)|_{t=0} = xq, \text{ i.e. } e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \Sigma_t(x, q)} \approx \text{Fourrier of } \delta \end{cases}, \quad (0b)$$

Define $\tilde{\Sigma}_t(x, q)$ as magnitude which is equal to the integral of Lagrangian $L(x, \dot{x})$ over trajectory $x(\tau)$ such that $x(\tau)$ obeys Euler-Lagrange equations, it begins at the point x , and at the moment $\tau = t$ it ends at the point y such that the momentum is equal to q :

$$y = y(q, t) \quad (1)$$

TEMPTATION $\tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma$. THIS IS WRONG!!!!

RIGHT STATEMENT $\Sigma_t(x, q) = qy(q, t) - \tilde{\Sigma}$, where a function $y = y(q, t)$ is defined by (1).

One can say that due to (3) equation (1) reveals Legendre....

Appendix

I will recall the calculations. (3).

Let $x^i(\tau)$ is an arbitrary solution of Euler-Lagrange equations which begins at Q_1 and ends at Q , (see (1)). Let $h^i(\tau)$ be its arbitrary variation.

First prove (3a), Consider solution of Euler-Lagrange equation $\tilde{x}(\tau) = x(\tau) + h(\tau)$ which is infinitesimally close to the initial solution. To calculate $\frac{\partial S}{\partial Q_2^i}$ we choose the new solution such that for infinitesimal small function $h^i(\tau)$, $h^i(t_1) = 0$, and

$$Q'_2 = Q_2 + h^i(t_2), \text{ i.e. in this case } \delta Q_2 = h^i(t_2)$$

Thus we have

$$S(Q_1, t_1, Q'_2, t_2) = S(Q_1, t_1, Q_2 + h(t_2), t_2) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L\left(x^i(\tau) + h^i(\tau), \dot{x}^i(\tau) + \dot{h}^i(\tau)\right) d\tau =$$

$$\underbrace{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L\left(x^i(\tau), \dot{x}^i(\tau)\right) d\tau}_{S(t_1, Q_1; t_2, Q_2)} + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} h^i(\tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \dot{h}^i(\tau) \right) d\tau.$$

Thus

$$S(Q_1, t_1, Q_2 + \delta Q_2, t_2) - S(Q_1, t_1, Q_2, t_2) =$$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} h^i(\tau) \right) + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right)}_{\text{Euler-Lagrange equat.}} h^i(\tau) \right) d\tau = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \delta Q_2^i(\tau). \quad (4)$$

This proves (3a). We prove (3b) analogously just choosing $h^i(t)$ such that $h^i(t_2) = 0$.

Now prove (3c). We do it little bit more carefully.

Consider again arbitrary new solution $\tilde{x}^i(\tau) = x^i(\tau) + h^i(t)$ which is infinitesimally close to the initial solution $x^i(t)$. Later we will impose the condition that under this variation δQ_1 and δQ_2 vanish:

$$\delta Q_1 = \delta Q_2 = 0. \quad (i5a)$$

however just repeat the calculations of (4) for an it arbitrary infinitesimal transformation, and temporarily we will forget about condition (5a) On the otehr hand during calculations we will use that δt_1 , δt_2 and $h(t)$ are nilpotents.

So let us begin:

$$\begin{aligned} S(t_1 + \delta t_1, Q'_1; t_2 + \delta t_2, Q'_2) &= S(t_1 + \delta t_1, Q_1 + h(t_1); t_2 + \delta t_2, Q_2 + h(t_2)) = \\ &= \int_{t_1 + \delta t_1}^{t_2 + \delta t_2} L(x^i(\tau) + h^i(\tau), \dot{x}^i(\tau) + \dot{h}^i(\tau)) d\tau = \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(x^i(\tau), \dot{x}^i(\tau)) d\tau}_{S(t_1, Q_1; t_2, Q_2)} + \int_{t_1 + \delta t_1}^{t_2} L(x, \dot{x}) d\tau + \int_{t_2}^{t_2 + \delta t_2} L(x, \dot{x}) d\tau \\ &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} h^i(\tau) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \dot{h}^i(\tau) \right) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S(t_1 + \delta t_1, Q_1 + \delta Q_1; t_2 + \delta t_2, Q_2 + \delta Q_2) - S(t_1, Q_1; t_2, Q_2) &= \\ &= \int_{t_1 + \delta t_1}^{t_2} L(x, \dot{x}) d\tau + \int_{t_2}^{t_2 + \delta t_2} L(x, \dot{x}) d\tau + \\ &+ \int_{t_1 + \delta t_1}^{t_2 + \delta t_2} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} h^i(\tau) \right) + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right)}_{\text{Euler-Lagrange equat.}} h^i(\tau) \right) d\tau = \quad (5) \\ &= L(x(t_2), \dot{x}(t_2)) \delta t_2 - L(x(t_1), \dot{x}(t_1)) \delta t_1 + \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} h^i(\tau) \right) \Big|_{t_1 + \delta t_1}^{t_2 + \delta t_2} = \\ &= L(x_2, \dot{x}_2) \delta t_2 - L(x_1, \dot{x}_1) \delta t_1 + p_i(t_2) h^i(t_2) - p_i(t_1) h^i(t_1). \quad (5c) \end{aligned}$$

s is general formula, now fix the formulae for δQ_2 and δQ_1

$$\delta Q_2 = x^i(t + \delta t_2) + h^i(t_2 + \delta t_2) - x^i(t) = \dot{x}^i(t) \delta t_2 + h^i(t_2),$$

and analogously $\delta Q_1 = \dot{x}^i(t)\delta t_1 + h^i(t_1)$. Hence the condition (5a) may be rewritten as

$$\delta Q_1 = h^i(t_1) + \dot{x}^i(t_1)\delta t_1 = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \delta Q_2 = h^i(t_2) + \dot{x}^i(t_2)\delta t_2 = 0,$$

, i.e.

$$h^i(t_1) = -\dot{x}^i(t_1)\delta t_1, \quad h^i(t_2) = -\dot{x}^i(t_2)\delta t_2.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S(t_1 + \delta t_1, Q_1; t_2 + \delta t_2, Q_2) - S(t_1, Q_1; t_2, Q_2) = \\ L(x_2, \dot{x}_2)\delta t_2 - L(x_1, \dot{x}_1)\delta t_1 - p_i(t_2)\dot{x}^i(t_2)\delta t_2 + p_i(t_1)\dot{x}^i(t_1)\delta t_2 = H_1\delta t_1 - H_2\delta t_2. \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of euations (3) ■