

Notes from *Foundations of Mechanics*

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## Publisher's Description

A reference on symplectic geometry, analytical mechanics and symplectic methods in mathematical physics. It offers a treatment of geometric mechanics. It is also suitable as a textbook for the foundations of differentiable and Hamiltonian dynamics.

## A Note From the Transcriber

These notes were taken as part of an independent study class at the University of Florida in Fall 2019. Assuming familiarity with modern differential geometry, these notes delve right into the basics up to infinite-dimensional versions of symplectic geometry and edges into symplectic topology. The main focus of these notes are Hamiltonian dynamics on different symplectic manifolds. Also included are topological approaches to dynamics, such as Smale's notion of a *simple mechanical system*.

These notes are suitable for a late undergrad, early grad student interested in the abstraction of mechanics. It could be worthwhile to mathematicians and physical scientists alike. Physicists with a mathematical bent will probably be interested in these as an introduction to Hamiltonian dynamics in the mathematical sense, to prepare for quantum mechanics, or the ADM formalism.

These notes were taken without proofs, mainly as a cheat sheet for myself. They are meant as a 'theorem cheat sheet', a reference guide for important theorems, rather than as a primary teaching tool. Nevertheless, excepting some aspects of modern differential geometry, this is self-contained.

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## 0.1 Hamiltonian and Lagrangian Systems

### 0.1.1 Symplectic Geometry

**Definition 0.1.1.** Let  $M$  be a manifold and  $\omega \in \Omega^2(M)$ . Then define the isomorphism  $\flat : \mathfrak{X}(M) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ ;  $X \mapsto X^\flat = i_X\omega$ , and the map  $\sharp$  be its inverse.

**Theorem 0.1.1** (Darboux). Suppose  $\omega$  is a nondegenerate two-form on a  $2n$ -manifold. Then  $d\omega = 0$  iff there is a chart  $(U, \phi)$  around each point  $m$  such that  $\phi(m) = 0$  and  $\omega|_U$  is canonical.

**Definition 0.1.2.** A **symplectic form** on a manifold  $M$  is a nondegenerate, closed two-form  $\omega$  on  $M$ . A **Symplectic Manifold** is a manifold equipped with a symplectic form. The associated volume form is  $\Omega_\omega = [(-1)^{[n/2]}/n!]\omega^n$ . The charts in which the symplectic form takes the canonical form are called **symplectic charts**, and the coordinate functions are called **canonical coordinates**.

**Definition 0.1.3.** If  $(M, \omega)$  and  $(N, \rho)$  are symplectic manifolds, a  $C^\infty$  map between them that preserves the symplectic structure is called a **canonical transformation**.

**Proposition 0.1.1.** A canonical transformation has determinant 1 and is a local diffeomorphism.

**Theorem 0.1.2.** Let  $M = T^*Q$ , with  $\tau_Q^* : M \rightarrow Q$  and  $T\tau_Q^* : TQ \rightarrow TM$ . Let  $\alpha_q \in M$  and  $\omega_{\alpha_q} \in T_{\alpha_q}M$ . Then let  $\theta_{\alpha_q} : T_{\alpha_q}M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \omega_{\alpha_q} \mapsto \langle \alpha_q, T\tau_Q^*(\omega_{\alpha_q}) \rangle$ , and  $\theta_0 : \alpha_q \mapsto \theta_{\alpha_q}$ . Then  $\omega_0 = -d\theta_0$  is symplectic and the forms  $\omega_0$  and  $\theta_0$  are called the **canonical forms**.

The canonical forms, given in the usual coordinates of a cotangent bundle, take the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_0 &= \sum p_i dq^i \\ \omega &= \sum dq^i \wedge dp_i\end{aligned}$$

The canonical one-form can be thought of as a 'formal adjoint' to the projection operator:

$$\langle \theta(\alpha_q), w_{\alpha_q} \rangle = \langle T\tau_Q^* w_{\alpha_q}, \alpha_q \rangle$$

### 0.1.2 Hamiltonian Vector Fields and Poisson Brackets

**Definition 0.1.4.** On a symplectic manifold, given a function  $H : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the **Hamiltonian Vector Field** associate to the function is the vector field  $X_H$  satisfying  $\omega(X_H, Y) = \langle dH, Y \rangle$ , or that  $i_{X_H}\omega = dH$ .

**Proposition 0.1.2.**  $H$  is constant along the flow of  $X_H$ .

**Proposition 0.1.3.** Along a Hamiltonian flow, the symplectic form is conserved.

**Definition 0.1.5.** A vector field  $X$  is **locally Hamiltonian** if for every point, there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $m$  such that  $X|_U$  is Hamiltonian

**Proposition 0.1.4.** TFAE:

1.  $X$  is locally Hamiltonian
2.  $\mathcal{L}_X\omega = 0$
3. The flow of  $X$  consists of canonical transformations

**Remark 0.1.1.** Locally Hamiltonian vector fields for a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ . Globally Hamiltonian vector fields are locally Hamiltonian, but the other way around requires  $H^1(M) = 0$ .

**Definition 0.1.6.** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{X}^*(M)$ . Then the Poisson Bracket of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is the one-form  $-[\alpha^\sharp, \beta^\sharp]^\flat$

**Definition 0.1.7.** Let  $M$  be a symplectic manifold and  $f, g : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then the Poisson bracket of  $f$  and  $g$  is  $\{f, g\} = -i_{X_f}i_{X_g}\omega$ .

**Proposition 0.1.5.**

$$\{f, g\} = -\mathcal{L}_{X_f}g = \mathcal{L}_{X_g}f$$

Which mean the Poisson bracket is a derivation over  $f$  and  $g$  individually.

**Corollary 0.1.1.**

1.  $\frac{d}{dt}(f \circ F_t^{X_H}) = \{f \circ F_t^{X_H}, H\}$
2.  $d\{f, g\} = \{df, dg\}$

**Definition 0.1.8.** The **Lagrange Bracket** of two vector fields is the function  $[[X, Y]] = \omega(X, Y)$  and the Lagrange bracket of a chart is a matrix formed from the Lagrange bracket of each coordinate vector.

**Theorem 0.1.3.** Let  $(u, \varphi)$  be a chart on a symplectic manifold. Then

1.  $\omega|_U = \sum [[u^i, u^j]] du^i \wedge du^j$
2. In a symplectic chart, the matrix  $\omega_{ij}$  takes the off-diagonal block matrix form of a almost-complex structure.
3. If  $f(q, p) = (Q, P)$ , then  $[[Q, P]] = \sum \left( \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial Q} \frac{\partial p^i}{\partial P} - \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial P} \frac{\partial p^i}{\partial Q} \right)$
4.  $[[q, p]] \circ f^{-1} = [[Q, P]]$

**Theorem 0.1.4.** If  $X$  is a locally Hamiltonian vector field, and the pushforward of the canonical coordinates by the flow is denoted  $(Q_t, P_t)$ , then  $[[Q_t, P_t]] \circ F_t^X = [[q, p]]$

### 0.1.3 Integral Invariants, Energy Surfaces, and Stability

**Definition 0.1.9.** An invariant form for a vector field is one whose Lie derivative is zero.

**Proposition 0.1.6.** Let  $X$  be a vector field and  $\alpha, \beta$  invariant forms of it. Then

1.  $i_X\alpha$  is invariant
2.  $d\alpha$  is invariant
3.  $\mathcal{L}_X\gamma$  is closed  $\iff d\gamma$  is invariant
4.  $\alpha \wedge \beta$  is invariant

**Definition 0.1.10.**  $\alpha$  is relatively invariant  $\iff \mathcal{L}_X\alpha$  is closed.

**Definition 0.1.11.**  $\mathcal{A}_X$  is the algebra of all invariant forms of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_X$  the relatively invariant forms of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  the closed forms of  $\Omega(M)$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  the exact forms.

**Theorem 0.1.5.** *The following sequences are exact:*

1.  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X \xrightarrow{i} \Omega(M) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_X} \Omega(M) \xrightarrow{\pi} \Omega(M)/\text{Im}(\mathcal{L}_X) \rightarrow 0$
2.  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{R}_X \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{A}_X \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{A}_X/(\mathcal{E} \cap \mathcal{A}_X) \rightarrow 0$

Let  $\Sigma_e$  be a connected component of  $H^{-1}(e)$ , where  $e$  is a regular value of  $H$ .

**Theorem 0.1.6.** *There is a volume element  $\mu_e$  invariant on  $\Sigma_e$  invariant under  $X|_{\Sigma_e}$*

**Definition 0.1.12.**  *$V \subset M$  is a submanifold is an invariant manifold of a vector field if the vector field is tangent to  $V$  at every point.*

**Definition 0.1.13.** *Let  $f_k : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be constants of motion for a Hamiltonian system  $X_H$ , and let  $\vec{F} = (f_1, \dots, f_n) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $c$  a regular value of  $\vec{F}$ , and let  $\Sigma_c = \vec{F}^{-1}(c)$ . Then  $\Sigma_c$  is an invariant manifold of  $X_H$  of codimension  $n$  and there is an invariance volume  $\mu_c$  defined on  $\Sigma_c$ .*

### 0.1.4 Lagrangian Systems

**Definition 0.1.14.** *Let  $f$  be any map between vector bundles  $E, F$  over the same base space. Then the **Fiber Derivative** of the function  $f$  is the function  $Ff : E \rightarrow L(E, F)$ ;  $e \mapsto Df(e)$ .*

**Proposition 0.1.7.** *Let  $L : TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $FL : TQ \rightarrow T^*Q$  is smooth and fiber-preserving.*

**Definition 0.1.15.** *Let  $\omega_0$  be the canonical symplectic form on  $T^*Q$  and let  $L : TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then the **Lagrange two-form** is  $\omega_L = (FL)^*\omega_0$*

**Definition 0.1.16.** *Let  $Q$  be a manifold and  $L$  a function on the tangent bundle. Then  $L$  is a regular Lagrangian if every point is a regular point of  $FL$*

**Definition 0.1.17.** *Given  $L : TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , define the action  $A : TQ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $A(v) = \langle FL(v), v \rangle$  and the energy  $E = A - L$ . A Lagrangian vector field for  $L$  is a vector field  $X_L$  s.t.  $i_{X_L}\omega_L = dE$ .*

**Theorem 0.1.7.** *Let  $X_L$  be a Lagrangian vector field for  $L$ , then in a chart, the integral curves  $(u(t), v(t))$  satisfy Lagrange's Equations:*

$$\frac{d}{dt}u(t) = v(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\langle D_2L(u(t), v(t)), w \rangle) = \langle D_1L(u(t), v(t)), w \rangle$$

$\forall w \in TQ$ .

**Theorem 0.1.8.** *Let  $L$  and  $\tilde{L}$  be regular Lagrangians, and  $X_L, X_{\tilde{L}}$  be their respective vector fields. Then TFAE:*

1.  $L = \tilde{L} + \alpha + C, d\alpha = 0$
2.  $X_L = X_{\tilde{L}} \text{ } \& \text{ } \omega_L = \omega_{\tilde{L}}$

The set of closed one-forms on  $Q$  form the 'gauge group' of Lagrangians, i.e. Lagrangians can be transformed without changing the dynamics.

### 0.1.5 The Legendre Transformation

**Definition 0.1.18.**  $L$  is a hyperregular Lagrangian if  $FL : TQ \rightarrow T^*Q$  is a diffeomorphism.

**Theorem 0.1.9.** Let  $L$  be a hyperregular Lagrangian on  $Q$  and let  $H = E \circ (FL)^{-1} : T^*Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $E$  is the energy of  $L$ . Then  $FL$  conjugates the flow  $X_L$  to  $X_H$ .

**Theorem 0.1.10.**  $FH = (FL)^{-1}$

**Corollary 0.1.2.** Hyperregular Hamiltonians and Lagrangians correspond bijectively by their fiber derivatives.

### 0.1.6 Variational Principles in Mechanics

**Definition 0.1.19.** The path space between two points is defined as  $\Omega(q_1, q_2, [a, b]) = \{c : [a, b] \rightarrow Q \mid c \text{ is a } C^2 \text{ curve, } c(a) = q_1; c(b) = q_2\}$

**Proposition 0.1.8.** The tangent space of the path space is  $T_c\Omega(q_1, q_2, [a, b]) = \{v : [a, b] \rightarrow TQ \mid \pi_Q(v) = c, v(a) = 0, v(b) = 0\}$

**Theorem 0.1.11.** A function satisfies the Euler-Lagrange equations iff the resulting curve is a critical point of the action functional.

**Theorem 0.1.12.** (Euler-Lagrange-Jacobi-Maupertuis Principle of Least Action)

Let  $c_0(t)$  be a base integral curve of  $X_L$ ,  $q_1 = c_0(a); q_2 = c_0(b)$ , and  $e$  be the energy of  $c_0(t)$  and be a regular value of  $e$ . Let  $A$  be the accumulated (integrate) action along a path. Then  $dA(c) = 0$ , and the converse holds.

## 0.2 Hamiltonian Systems With Symmetry

### 0.2.1 The Momentum Mapping

**Definition 0.2.1.** Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a connected symplectic manifold and  $\Phi : G \times P \rightarrow P$  a symplectic action of the Lie group  $G$  on  $P$ . Then a **Momentum Mapping** for the action is a map  $J : P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  provided that  $dJ(\xi) = i_{\xi_P}\omega$ , where  $\xi_P(x) = \frac{d}{dt}\Phi(\exp(\xi t)x)$ .

**Theorem 0.2.1.** Let  $\Phi$  be a symplectic action of a Lie group with momentum mapping  $J$ . Suppose a function  $H : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an invariant of the action, i.e.  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_P}H = 0 \forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $J$  is invariant for the flow of  $H$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{L}_{X_H}J = 0$ .

**Proposition 0.2.1.** Let  $(\Phi, J)$  be a symplectic action and a momentum mapping. Define for  $g \in G$  &  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ :  $\psi_{g,\xi} : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto J(\xi)(\Phi_g(x)) - J(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\xi)(x)$

Then  $\psi_{g,\xi}$  is constant on  $P$ . Let  $\sigma : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  be defined by  $\sigma(g) \cdot \xi = \psi_{g,\xi}$ , the **co-adjoint cocycle** associated to  $J$ . It satisfies the **cocycle identity**  $\sigma(gh) = \sigma(g) + \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*\sigma(h)$ .

**Proposition 0.2.2.** Let  $G$  be a Lie group and  $\mathfrak{g}$  its Lie Algebra. A **(co-adjoint) cocycle** is a map  $\sigma : G \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  that satisfies the cocycle identity:  $\sigma(gh) = \sigma(g) + \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*\sigma(h)$ .

A cocycle  $\Delta$  is a **coboundary** if there is a  $\Delta(g) = \mu - \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*\mu$ . The cocycles form a vector space and coboundaries form a subspace, so the quotient space of cocycles over coboundaries,  $[\sigma]$ , is the **cohomology** of  $G$ .

**Proposition 0.2.3.** Let  $\Phi$  be a symplectic action of  $G$  and  $P$ , and two momentum mappings  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ . Then  $[\sigma_1] = [\sigma_2]$ . So every symplectic group action there is a well-defined cohomology class.

**Definition 0.2.2.** A momentum mapping is  **$\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant** when  $J(\Phi_g(x)) = \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*J(x)$

**Proposition 0.2.4.** Let  $J$  be a momentum mapping for the symplectic action  $\Phi$  with cocycle  $\sigma$ . Then:

1. The map  $\Psi : G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ ;  $(g, \mu) \mapsto \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*\mu + \sigma(g)$
2.  $J$  is equivariant with respect to the action in 1.

**Theorem 0.2.2.** Let  $\Phi$  be symplectic action of a Lie group with momentum mapping  $J$  with cocycle  $\sigma$  and define  $\Sigma : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;  $\Sigma(\xi, \eta) = d\hat{\sigma}_\eta(e) \cdot \xi$  Where  $\hat{\sigma}_\eta : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g \mapsto \sigma(g) \cdot \eta$  then:

1.  $\Sigma$  is a skew symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g}$  and satisfies Jacobi's identity
2.  $J([\xi, \eta]) - \{J(\xi), J(\eta)\} = \Sigma(\xi, \eta)$

Since  $\Sigma(\xi, \eta)$  is constant, we have that  $X_{\{J(\xi), J(\eta)\}} = X_{J([\xi, \eta])}$

**Proposition 0.2.5.** If  $J$  is an  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant momentum mapping, then  $\{J(\xi), J(\eta)\} = J([\xi, \eta])$ .

$\Sigma$  satisfying the Jacobi identity means that  $\Sigma$  defines a **two-cocycle** on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . A two-cocycle is called **exact** if there is a  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  such that  $\Sigma(\xi, \eta) = \langle \mu, [\xi, \eta] \rangle$ . So requiring any two-cocycle to be exact is a limitation on the cohomology condition on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . If  $\Sigma$  is exact, then  $J(\xi) - \mu(\xi)$  is again a momentum mapping.

**Theorem 0.2.3.** Let  $\Phi$  be a symplectic action on  $P$ , where the symplectic form is exact, i.e.  $\omega = -d\theta$ , and the group action leaves  $\theta$  invariant. Then  $\theta$  forms an  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant momentum map by  $J(x) \cdot \xi = (i_{\xi_P}\theta)(x)$ .



Every symplectic action  $\Phi$  can be lifted to an action on the tangent bundle by adjointness to the tangent map. i.e.  $\langle T^*\Phi w, v \rangle = \langle w, T\Phi v \rangle$ . We will write  $T^*\Phi$  as  $\Phi^{T*}$  to avoid confusion.

**Corollary 0.2.1.** *The canonical momentum mapping for a canonical symplectic structure is given by  $J : T^*Q \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ ;  $J(\xi)(\alpha_q) = \langle \alpha_q, \xi_Q(q) \rangle$  for each one-form (momentum vector)  $\alpha_q$ .*

**Corollary 0.2.2.** *Let  $G$  act on  $Q$  by the map  $\Phi$  (not necessarily symplectically) and let  $\Phi^T$  denote the pushforward on the tangent bundle. Now let  $L$  be a regular Lagrangian, and let  $\theta_L = (FL)^*\theta_0$ , and  $L$  is invariant under the action of  $\Phi$ . Then*

1.  $(\Phi_g^T)^*\theta_L = \theta_L$
2. *The momentum for this action is  $J(\xi)(v_q) = \langle FL(v_q), \xi_Q(q) \rangle$  and is  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant*
3. *The momentum of 2. is a conserved quantity of the Lagrange Equations.*

## 0.2.2 Reduction of Phase Spaces with Symmetry

**Definition 0.2.3.** *The **Isotropy Group** of a group action on an element is the set of mappings which hold that element fixed.*

**Theorem 0.2.4.** *Let  $(P, \omega)$  is a (weak, i.e. degenerate) symplectic manifold on which the Lie group  $G$  acts symplectically and let  $J : P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  be an  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant momentum mapping for the action.*

*Let  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  be a regular value of  $J$ , and that  $G_\mu$ , acting coadjointly on  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ , is the isotropy group acts freely and transitively on  $J^{-1}(\mu)$ . Then  $P_\mu = J^{-1}(\mu)/G_\mu$  has a unique weakly symplectic form  $\omega_\mu$  with the property  $\pi_\mu^*\omega_\mu = i_\mu^*\omega$*

**Lemma 0.2.1.** *For  $p \in J^{-1}(\mu)$ ,*

1.  $T_p(G_\mu \cdot p) = T_p(G \cdot p) \cap T_p(J^{-1}(\mu))$
2.  $v \in T_p(J^{-1}(\mu)), w \in T_p(G \cdot p) \Rightarrow \omega(v, w) = 0$ , i.e.  $T_p(J^{-1}(\mu))$  is the  $\omega$ -orthogonal complement of  $T_p(G \cdot p)$

**Remark 0.2.1.** *If  $\mu$  is a regular value of  $J$ , the action of  $G_\mu$  is locally free, even if not globally free and proper. A sufficient condition for later work is that  $\mu$  is **weakly regular**,  $J^{-1}(\mu)$  is submanifold with  $T_p J^{-1}(\mu) = \ker T_p J$ .*

**Theorem 0.2.5.** *Let  $G$  act on  $Q$  and cotangently on  $T^*Q$  and let  $J(\xi)(\alpha_q) = \langle \alpha_q, \xi_Q(q) \rangle$  be the canonical momentum mapping, and let the conditions on a regular value  $\mu$  of  $J$  from theorem 0.2.4 theorem hold.*

*Additionally assume there is a  $G_\mu$ -equivariant one-form  $\alpha_\mu$  on  $Q$  with values in  $J^{-1}(\mu)$ . Now let  $\Omega_\mu = \omega_0 + (\tau_Q^*)^* d\alpha_\mu$  be a symplectic form on  $T^*Q$  and let  $T^*Q_\mu$  be given the corresponding induced symplectic form (where  $Q_\mu = Q/G_\mu$ ).*

*Then there exists a symplectic embedding  $\phi_\mu : (T^*Q)_\mu \rightarrow T^*Q_\mu$  onto a subbundle over  $Q_\mu$ . The map is a diffeomorphism onto  $T^*Q_\mu \iff \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_\mu$ .*

**Theorem 0.2.6.** *Under the assumptions of theorem 0.2.4, let  $H : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be invariant under the action of  $G$ . Then the flow  $F_t^{X_H}$  leaves  $J^{-1}(\mu)$  invariant and commutes with the action of  $G_\mu$  on  $J^{-1}(\mu)$ , so there is a flow  $H_t$  on  $P_\mu$  satisfying  $\pi_\mu \circ F_t^{X_H} = H_t \circ \pi_\mu$ . This flow is a Hamiltonian flow on  $P_\mu$  satisfying  $H_\mu \circ \pi_\mu = H \circ i_\mu$ .  $H_\mu$  is called the **Reduced Hamiltonian**.*

If we know the flow  $H_t$  on the reduced system  $P_\mu$ , then we can find the flow of  $F_t^{X_H}$  on  $J^{-1}(\mu)$  by the following: Let  $p_0 \in J^{-1}(\mu)$  and let  $c(t)$  and  $[c(t)]$  be the integral curves of  $X_H$  and  $X_{H_\mu}$  with  $c(0) = p_0$ . Pick  $d(t) \in [c(t)]$  so that  $c(t) = \Phi_{g(t)}(d(t))$ , and we try to find  $g(t)$ . It can be found by solving  $\xi_P(d(t)) = X_H(d(t)) - d'(t)$  and then solving for  $\xi(t) \in \mathfrak{g}$  in  $g'(t) = TL_{g(t)}\xi(t)$ .

**Definition 0.2.4.** *Under the conditions of theorem 0.2.4 and theorem 0.2.6, a point is called a **relative equilibrium** if  $\pi_\mu \in P_\mu$  is a fixed point for the reduced Hamiltonian system over  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ . A point is relatively periodic if it is a periodic point of the reduced action.*

**Proposition 0.2.6.** *Under the conditions of theorems 0.2.4 and 0.2.6, let  $p \in J^{-1}(\mu)$ . Let  $\Phi$  be a symplectic group action on  $P$  and let  $F_t^{X_H}$  be a Hamiltonian flow of  $X_H$ .*

1. TFAE:

- (a)  $p \in P$  is a relative equilibrium
- (b) There is a one-parameter subgroup  $g(t)$  of  $G$  such that  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F_t^{X_H}(p) = \Phi(g(t), p)$

2. TFAE:

- (a)  $p \in P$  is a relative periodic point
- (b) There exists  $g \in G$  and  $\tau > 0$  such that  $F_{t+\tau}^{X_H}(p) = \Phi(g, F_t^{X_H}(p))$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

**Proposition 0.2.7** (Souriau-Smale-Robbin). *Let the conditions of theorems 0.2.6 and 0.2.4 hold. Then  $p \in J^{-1}(\mu)$  is a relative equilibrium  $\iff$   $p$  is a relative equilibrium of  $H \times J : P \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathfrak{g}^*$ .*

**Lemma 0.2.2** (Lagrange Multiplier Theorem). *Let  $T : \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $A : \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  be linear maps,  $A$  is surjective and  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{F}$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces. Then  $T$  is surjective on  $\ker A \iff T \times A : \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbf{F}$  is surjective.*

**Definition 0.2.5.** *Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold and  $G$  a Lie group acting symplectically on  $P$  and leaving a Hamiltonian  $H$  invariant. Assume that the hypotheses of theorems 0.2.6 and 0.2.4 hold. A relative equilibrium  $p \in P$  is **relatively stable** if  $\pi_\mu$  is stable for the induced dynamical system  $X_{H_\mu}$  on  $P_\mu$  where  $\pi_\mu(p)$ .*

**Theorem 0.2.7.** *Let the conditions of theorems 0.2.4 and 0.2.6 hold. Suppose that the Hessian  $(\text{Hess} H_\mu)(\pi_\mu(p))$  is positive (or negative) definite. Then  $p$  is relatively stable.*

**Definition 0.2.6.** Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold. A map is **antisymplectic** if  $\mu^*\omega = -\omega$ . A Hamiltonian system is called **reversible** if there is an antisymplectic involution such that  $H \circ \mu = H$ .

**Proposition 0.2.8.** Let  $H$  be reversible and let  $c(t)$  be an integral curve of  $X_H$ . Then  $\mu \circ c(-t)$  is also an integral curve of  $X_H$ . So  $F_{-t}^{X_H}(x) = \mu F_t^{X_H}(\mu(x))$ .

### 0.2.3 Hamiltonian Systems on Lie Groups and the Rigid Body

Let  $G$  be a (finite-dimensional) Lie group. Then the tangent bundle is trivial. There are two isomorphisms on the tangent bundle:  $\lambda(v) = (g, TL_g^{-1}(v))$ ;  $\rho(v) = (g, TR_g^{-1}(v))$

$\lambda$  is sometimes called the **body coordinates** and  $\rho$  the **space coordinates**. The transition is given by:

$$(\rho \circ \lambda^{-1})(g, \xi) = (g, \text{Ad}_g \xi) \quad (1)$$

Now we will establish the relationship between time derivatives in space and body coordinates. Let  $x(t)$  be a curve in  $G$  and let  $v_0(t)$  be a curve such that  $v_0(t) \in T_{x(t)}G$ . Let  $\xi(t)$  be  $x(t)$  in body coordinates, i.e.  $\xi(t) = \lambda(x(t)) = TL_{x(t)^{-1}}v_0(t)$ , so that  $\tilde{\xi}(t) = \text{Ad}_{x(t)}(\xi(t))$ . Then

$$\dot{\tilde{\xi}}(t) = \text{Ad}_{x(t)}\dot{\xi}(t) + [\rho(\dot{x}), \tilde{\xi}(t)] = \tilde{\dot{\xi}}(t) + [v_s(t), \tilde{\xi}(t)] \quad (2)$$

Where  $v_s(t)$  is the velocity in space coordinates.

Now we look at the analogous situation on the cotangent bundle. Here we have two isomorphism,  $\bar{\lambda}$  and  $\bar{\rho}$ . They are defined adjointly:

$$\bar{\lambda}(\alpha) = (g, \alpha \circ TL_g) \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{\rho}(\alpha) = (g, \alpha \circ TR_g) \quad (4)$$

And the conversion between them:

$$(\bar{\rho} \circ \bar{\lambda}^{-1})(g, \mu) = (g, \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^*(\mu)) \quad (5)$$

And the time derivatives are related by:

$$\dot{\tilde{\mu}} = \tilde{\dot{\mu}} - \langle \text{ad}^*(v_b(t)), \tilde{\mu} \rangle \quad (6)$$

Now onto Hamiltonian systems on  $T^*G$  and  $TG$ , but with the canonical forms in body coordinates, i.e.  $\theta_B = \bar{\lambda}_*\theta_0$  and  $\omega_B = \bar{\lambda}_*\omega_0$ .

**Proposition 0.2.9.** Let  $(g, \mu) \in G \times \mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $(v, \rho), (w, \sigma) \in T_{(g, \mu)}(G \times \mathfrak{g}^*)$ . Then

$$1. \langle \theta_B(g, \mu), (v, \rho) \rangle = \mu(TL_{g^{-1}}v)$$

$$2. \omega_B(g, \mu)((v, \rho), (w, \sigma)) = \sigma(TL_{g^{-1}}v) - \rho(TL_{g^{-1}}w) + \mu([TL_{g^{-1}}v, TL_{g^{-1}}w])$$

Now a Riemannian metric pulls the natural canonical structure on the cotangent bundle to one on the tangent bundle. This one-form  $\Theta$  has the action  $\langle \Theta(v), w_v \rangle = \langle T\pi(w), v \rangle$ , which induces a symplectic form  $\Omega = -d\Theta$ . Now we look for  $\Theta$  and  $\Omega$  in body coordinates:  $\Theta = \lambda_*\Theta$ ;  $\Omega_B = \lambda_*\Omega$ .

**Proposition 0.2.10.** *Let  $(g, \xi) \in G \times \mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $(v, \zeta), (w, \eta) \in T_{(g, \xi)}(G \times \mathfrak{g})$ . Then*

1.  $\langle \Theta(g, \xi), (v, \zeta) \rangle = \langle TL_{g^{-1}}(v), \xi \rangle$
2.  $\Omega(g, \xi)((v, \zeta), (w, \eta)) = \langle \eta, TL_{g^{-1}}(v) \rangle - \langle \zeta, TL_{g^{-1}}(w) \rangle + \langle \xi, [TL_{g^{-1}}(v), TL_{g^{-1}}(w)] \rangle$

Let  $\Lambda : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be the action of  $G$  on itself by left translations.

**Theorem 0.2.8** (Euler Conservation Laws). 1. *The  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant momentum mapping  $\bar{J}$  of the action  $\Lambda^{T^*}$  on  $T^*G$  is given by  $\bar{J} : T^*G \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ ;  $\bar{J}(\alpha_g)(\xi) = \alpha_g(TR_g(\xi))$ . This is a momentum mapping for left-invariant  $H$ .*

2. *If  $G$  has a left-invariant metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , then the  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant momentum mapping  $J$  of the action  $\Lambda^T$  on  $TG$  is given by  $J : TG \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ ;  $J(v_g)(\xi) = \langle v_g, TR_g(\xi) \rangle$ . This is a momentum mapping for left-invariant Lagrangians, in particular, the kinetic energy  $K = \frac{1}{2}\langle v, v \rangle$ .*

3. *The action  $\Lambda^{T^*}$  in body coordinates is given by  $\Lambda_B^{T^*} : G \times G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow G \times \mathfrak{g}^*$ ;  $(g, (h, \mu)) \mapsto (gh, \mu)$ . The momentum mapping of this action  $\bar{J}_B : G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  is given by  $\bar{J}_B(\xi) = \bar{J}(\xi) \circ \bar{\lambda}^{-1}$ . If a Hamiltonian is left invariant, then this is a momentum mapping for it.*

4. *The action  $\Lambda^T$  on a group  $G$  with left-invariant metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Then a left-invariant Lagrangian has an invariant momentum mapping  $J_B(\xi) = J(\xi) \circ \lambda^{-1}$ .*

5. *Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be a left-invariant metric. The action  $\Lambda^T$  in space coordinates is given by*

$$\Lambda_S^T : G \times G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G \times \mathfrak{g}; (g, (h, \xi)) \mapsto (gh, \text{Ad}_g(\xi)) \quad (7)$$

*The  $\text{Ad}^*$ -equivariant momentum mapping of this action is  $J_S(\xi) = J(\xi) \circ \rho^{-1}$ . Every left-invariant Lagrangian has this as a momentum mapping.*

If  $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle A(y), x \rangle$  for some  $A : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ , then  $J_S(\xi) = (\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \circ A \circ \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}})(\xi)$ . The Euler's conservation laws then becomes a conservation of a vector quantity

$$L_{\xi, g} = (\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \circ A \circ \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}})\xi \quad (8)$$

The plane  $\mathcal{I}_{\xi, g} = \{\eta \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \mathcal{L}_\xi(\eta) = 0\}$  is called the **invariable plane** for the initial condition  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ .

**Theorem 0.2.9.** In reference to theorem 0.2.8 part 5, let  $E = L = K = \frac{1}{2}\langle TR_g\xi, TR_g\xi \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\xi, \text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}\xi \rangle$ . Let  $w(t)$  be an integral curve of  $X_L$  in space coordinates. Let  $E_0 = \frac{1}{2}\langle w(0), w(0) \rangle$ , and let  $S(t)$  be the image of the inertial ellipsoid  $\langle \xi, \xi \rangle = eE_0$  after  $t$  seconds, and in space coordinates, that is

$$S(t) = \{\xi \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \langle \text{Ad}_{x(t)^{-1}}\xi, \text{Ad}_{x(t)^{-1}}\xi \rangle = 2E_0\} \quad (9)$$

Then letting  $\mathcal{I}_{w(t),x(t)}$  denote the invariable plane,

1.  $\mathcal{I}_{w(t),x(t)}$  is tangent to  $S(t)$  at  $w(t)$
2.  $\mathcal{I}_{w(t),x(t)}$  is independent of  $t$

On  $T^*G$ , consider a left-invariant Hamiltonian and let  $H_B = H \circ \bar{\lambda}^{-1}$  be its expression in body coordinates. Clearly  $\bar{\lambda}_*X_H = X_{H_B}$  so that

$$X_{H_B} : G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow TG \times (\mathfrak{g}^* \times \mathfrak{g}^*); \quad (10)$$

$$X_{H_B}(g, \mu) = (\bar{X}(g, \mu), \mu, \bar{Y}(g, \mu)) \quad (11)$$

So that

$$\bar{X} : G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow TG; \quad \bar{Y} : G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^* \quad (12)$$

So that for any  $\mu$ ,  $\bar{X}(\cdot, \mu)$  is a left-invariant vector field on  $G$ , and  $\bar{Y}$  is independent of  $g$ .  $\bar{Y}$  is called the **Euler Vector field** or the **Euler equations in cotangent formulation**. This, and the flow of  $\bar{Y}$  is summarized in the following proposition.

**Proposition 0.2.11.** 1. Let  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(T^*G)$  be left invariant and let  $X_B = \bar{\lambda}_*X$  be its expression in body coordinates; then  $X_B(g, \mu) = (\bar{X}(g, \mu), \mu, \bar{Y}(\mu))$  where  $\bar{Y} : \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  and  $\bar{X}^\mu : g \mapsto \bar{X}(g, \mu)$  are a family of left-invariant vector fields on  $G$  depending smoothly on  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ . The flow of  $\bar{Y}$ , denoted by  $\bar{H}_t$ , is given by

$$\bar{H}_t(\nu) = F_t^X(\nu) \circ TL_{x(t)} \quad (13)$$

Where  $x(t) = \pi(F_t(\nu))$ .  $\bar{Y}$  is called the **Cotangent Euler Vector Field**. In particular, this holds for  $X_H$  and  $X_{H_B}$ .

2. Assume  $G$  has a left-invariant metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Let  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(TG)$  be left invariant, and let  $X_B = \lambda_*X$  be its expression in body coordinates. Then  $X_B(g, \xi) = (X^\xi(g), \xi, Y(\xi))$ , where  $Y : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  and  $X^\xi$  are a family of left-invariant vector fields on  $G$ . The flow of  $Y$ , denoted by  $H_t$ , is given by  $H_t(\xi) = TL_{x(t)^{-1}}(F_t^X(\xi))$ . We call  $Y$  the **Tangent Euler Vector Field**. This applies specifically when  $X = X_L$  is left-invariant and  $X_B = X_{L_B} = \lambda_*X_L$ .

**Theorem 0.2.10.** 1. Let  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(T^*G)$  be a left-invariant vector field with flow  $F_t^X$ . Let  $\bar{Y} : \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$  be the corresponding cotangent Euler vector field with flow  $\bar{H}_t$ . Then

$$\langle \bar{Y}(\mu), \eta \rangle = (\langle d\bar{J}(\eta), \mu \rangle)(X(\mu)) + \langle \mu, [\dot{x}(0), \eta] \rangle \quad (14)$$

Where  $x(t) = \pi(F_v(\mu))$ . In particular, if  $X = X_H$  is left-invariant, then the first term drops out.

2. Let  $G$  be a Lie group with left-invariant metric  $\langle, \rangle$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(TG)$  a left-invariant vector field with flow  $F_t^X$ . Let  $Y : G \rightarrow G$  be the corresponding tangent Euler vector field with flow  $H_t$ . Then

$$\langle Y(\xi), \eta \rangle = \langle [\xi, \eta], \eta \rangle + (\langle dJ(\eta), \xi \rangle)(X(\xi)). \quad (15)$$

In particular, if  $X = X_L$ , then the second term drops out.

**Theorem 0.2.11.** 1. Let  $H : T^*G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a left-invariant Hamiltonian, and let  $G \cdot \mu = \{\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu \mid g \in G\}$  be the image of a covector under the adjoint representation of the group. Then  $(G \cdot \mu, \omega_\mu)$  is a symplectic manifold with

$$\omega_\mu(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu)(\xi(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu), \eta(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu)) = -(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu)([\xi, \eta]) \quad (16)$$

$\bar{Y} \upharpoonright G \cdot \mu$  is a Hamiltonian vector field with Hamiltonian  $H_\mu : G \cdot \mu \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$H_\mu(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu) = H(TR_{g^{-1}}(\mu)) = H(\text{Ad}_{g^{-1}}^* \mu) \quad (17)$$

2. Let  $G$  have a bi-invariant metric  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Let  $G \cdot \xi = \{\text{Ad}_g \xi \mid g \in G\}$ . Then  $(G \cdot \xi, \omega_\xi)$  is a symplectic manifold with

$$\omega_\xi(\text{Ad}_g \xi)(\eta(\text{Ad}_g \xi), \zeta(\text{Ad}_g \xi)) = -([\eta, \zeta], \text{Ad}_g \xi) \quad (18)$$

And  $Y \upharpoonright G \cdot \xi$  is a Hamiltonian vector field with  $H_\xi : G \cdot \xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$H_\xi(\text{Ad}_g \xi) = E(\text{Ad}_g \xi) \quad (19)$$

**Theorem 0.2.12** (Arnold). Let  $Y$  be the tangent Euler field and  $Y(\xi) = 0$ . Let  $Q$  be a bilinear form defined by

$$Q(\eta, \zeta) = \langle A^{-1}(\text{ad}\eta)^* A\xi, A^{-1}(\text{ad}\zeta)^* A\xi \rangle + \langle \xi, A^{-1}(\text{ad}\zeta)^*(\text{ad}\eta)^* A\xi \rangle \quad (20)$$

If  $Q$  is positive or negative definite, then  $\xi$  is a stable equilibrium point of  $Y \upharpoonright G \cdot \xi$

Now we consider Hamiltonians and Lagrangians that are not left-invariant. Consider the energy function  $E = K + V \circ \pi$ , for  $V$  not left-invariant. Let  $F_t(\eta)$  be the flow of  $H$ . Define

$$H_t(\eta) = TL_{x(t)^{-1}} F_t(\eta) \quad (21)$$

This won't give a flow on  $\mathfrak{g}$  because  $F_t$  is not left-invariant. We will, however, have a time-dependent vector field by setting

$$Y_t(H_t(\xi)) = \frac{d}{dt} H_t(\xi) \quad (22)$$

**Proposition 0.2.12.**

$$Y_t(H_t(\xi)) = Y(H_t(\xi)) - TL_{x(t)^{-1}} \text{grad} V(x(t)) \quad (23)$$

Where  $Y$  is the Euler Vector field for  $G$ .

**Proposition 0.2.13.** *Let  $\langle, \rangle$  be a left-invariant metric and  $K(v) = \frac{1}{2}\langle v, v \rangle$ . Let  $V$  be smooth and bounded below. Then the flow of  $E = K + V \circ \pi$  is complete.*

The Euler Equations become simpler if the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  carries a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form  $(,)$  that is invariant under the adjoint maps:

$$(\text{Ad}(g)\xi, \text{Ad}(g)\eta) = (\xi, \eta) \quad (24)$$

Then this is a pseudo-Riemannian metric that is both right- and left-invariant.

Suppose that  $(,)$  is a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = (I\xi, \eta)$ , where  $I : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  is linear and symmetric with respect to  $(,)$ . The Euler equations then read:

$$(IY(\xi), \eta) = (I\xi, [\xi, \eta]) = (I\xi, \text{ad}(\xi)\eta) \quad (25)$$

**Lemma 0.2.3.** *Suppose that  $(,)$  is invariant under  $\text{Ad}(g)$  for all  $g$ . Then for each  $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\text{ad}(\xi)$  is skew-symmetric with respect to  $(,)$ .*

So that if  $(,)$  is invariant, we have that  $Y(\xi) = I^{-1}[I\xi, \xi]$ .

**Proposition 0.2.14.** *Suppose that  $\langle, \rangle$  is invariant under all the actions  $\text{Ad}(\exp(t\eta)) \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the function  $\mu_\eta$  defined by:*

$$\mu_\eta(\xi) = \langle \eta, \xi \rangle \quad (26)$$

*is a constant for the motion for  $H_t$ . In fact,  $\mu_\eta(Y(\xi)) = 0 \forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ .*

**Corollary 0.2.3.** *Suppose that  $\langle, \rangle$  is invariant under adjoint actions of  $G$ . Then the corresponding Euler vector field vanishes identically, and the geodesic flow is given by the exponential map:*

$$\lambda \circ F_t \circ \lambda^{-1}(g, \xi) = ((\exp(t\xi)g, \xi)) \quad (27)$$

## 0.2.4 The Topology of Simple Mechanical Systems

Stephen Smale set out a topological program for studying Hamiltonian systems with symmetry, which goes as follows. Let  $H$  be a Hamiltonian on a symplectic manifold  $(P, \omega)$  and let  $G$  be a Lie group acting on  $P$ , leaving  $H$  invariant and having a momentum mapping  $J : P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ . Then we can form the **Energy Momentum Mapping**:

$$H \times J : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathfrak{g}^*, \quad (H \times J)(p) = (H(p), J(p)) \quad (28)$$

So that the sets

$$I_c = (H \times J)^{-1}(c) \quad (29)$$

Are invariant under the flow of  $X_H$ . To understand the topological features of  $X_H$  we should figure out:

1. the topology of  $I_c$  for all  $c$

2. the bifurcation set  $\Sigma_{H \times J}$  of  $H \times J$
3. the flow of  $X_H$  on each  $I_c$
4. How the set  $I_c$  'fit together' as  $\mu$  is varied to understand the level set  $H^{-1}(e)$

Now we will define the **Bifurcation Set**. A smooth map  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is locally trivial at a point  $y_0$  in its range if there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $y_0$  such that  $\forall y \in U$   $f^{-1}(y)$  is a smooth submanifold of  $M$  and there is a smooth map  $h : f^{-1}(U) \rightarrow f^{-1}(y_0)$  such that  $f \circ h$  is a diffeomorphism from  $f^{-1}(U)$  to  $U \times f^{-1}(y_0)$ . The bifurcation set of  $f$  is

$$\Sigma_f = \{y_0 \in N \mid f \text{ fails to be locally trivial at } y_0\} \quad (30)$$

Now let  $\sigma(f)$  be the set of critical points of  $f$ , and  $\Sigma'_f$  be the set of critical values of  $f$ . Then we have the following result:

**Proposition 0.2.15.**

$$\Sigma'_f \subset \Sigma_f \quad (31)$$

If  $f$  is proper (takes compact sets to compact sets), then  $\Sigma'_f = \Sigma_f$ . Most of the time,  $f$  does not have compact level sets. However, these are the 'interesting' ones, because other systems arise by breaking the symmetry of symmetric systems. Now we'll get into the real meat of Smale's program.

**Definition 0.2.7.** A *Simple Mechanical System with Symmetry* is  $(M, K, V, G)$ , where:

1.  $M$  is a Riemannian manifold with metric  $\gamma = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ;  $M$  is called the **configuration space** and  $T^*M$  with its canonical symplectic structure is called the **phase space** of the system
2.  $K : T^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the kinetic energy of the system defined by  $K(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle$ , with the usual lift of the metric to the cotangent bundle
3.  $V : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the **potential energy** of the system;
4.  $G$  is a connected Lie Group acting on  $M$  which preserves the metric and the function  $V$ .  $G$  is called the **symmetry group** of the system.
5.  $H : T^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $H = K + V \circ \pi$  is the **Hamiltonian** of the system.

For most values  $(h, \mu)$ , the sets  $I_{h,\mu} = (H \times J)^{-1}(h, \mu)$  are, for non-bifurcation values, manifolds; we will call them **invariant manifolds**, even if they are not truly manifolds. The isotropy group  $G_\mu$  acts on  $J^{-1}(\mu)$ , but since  $H$  is invariant as well,  $G_\mu$  acts on  $H^{-1}(h)$  invariantly. So  $G_\mu$  acts on  $I_{h,\mu} = H^{-1}(h) \cap J^{-1}(\mu)$ . Then we can symplectically reduce  $I_{h,\mu}$  by the group action to  $\widehat{I}_{h,\mu}$ , which is a submanifold of  $J^{-1}(\mu)/G_\mu$ . Here the Hamiltonian vector field reduces



$(\pi_\mu)_*(X_H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)} = X_{H_\mu}$  and can be projected down by  $\pi_{h,\mu} : I_{h,\mu} \rightarrow \widehat{I}_{h,\mu}$ . So then it is clear that  $\widehat{I}_{h,\mu}$  is the energy surface of the reduced Hamiltonian  $H_\mu^{-1}(h)$ . We will put in some legwork with bifurcation points first before examining the topology of the sets  $\widehat{I}_{h,\mu}$ .

**Proposition 0.2.16.**

$$\sigma(H \times J) = \sigma(J) \cup \left( \bigcup_{\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^* \setminus J(\sigma(J))} \sigma(H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)}) \right) \quad (32)$$

In words,  $\alpha \in T^*M$  is a critical point of  $H \times J$  iff  $T_\alpha J$  is not surjective or if  $\alpha$  is a critical point of  $H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)}$  for some  $\mu$ .

**Lemma 0.2.4.** 1. Let  $\Lambda = \{x \in M \mid J_x = J \upharpoonright_{T_x M} \text{ is not surjective}\}$ . Then  $\Lambda = \{x \in M : \Xi_x : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow T_x M, \xi \mapsto \xi_M(x) \text{ is not injective}\} = \{x \in M \mid \dim G_x \geq 1\}$  where  $G_x = \{g \in G \mid \Phi(g, x) = x\}$

2.  $\Lambda$  is closed and  $G$ -invariant.

This proposition tells us that  $\Lambda \supset \pi_M(\sigma(J))$ , so that  $J$  has only regular values if  $\Lambda$  is excluded. This means we can deal with  $M \setminus \Lambda$  and  $\Lambda$  separately since  $\Lambda$  can be figured out nicely.

From before, we can reduce a phase space if we can find a one-form  $\alpha_\mu \in T^*M$  with values in  $J^{-1}(\mu)$ . We can do this explicitly, then examine the Hamiltonian induced on  $T_\mu^M$ .

For  $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  let  $\alpha_\mu \in \Omega^1(M\Lambda)$  satisfy the following conditions:

1.  $\alpha_\mu(x) \in J_x^{-1}(\mu) = J^{-1}(\mu) \cap T_x^*M$
2.  $K(\alpha_\mu(x)) \inf_{\alpha \in J_x^{-1}(\mu)}$  where  $K$  is the kinetic energy.

The existence and uniqueness follows from existence and uniqueness of elements of minimal norm in certain sets of Hilbert spaces.

**Proposition 0.2.17.** 1.  $\alpha_\mu \in \Omega^1(M \setminus \Lambda)$ , that is, a smooth one-form that is the unique critical point of  $K$ .

2.  $\alpha_\mu \perp \ker J_x = J_x(0)$  with respect to the kinetic energy.

3.  $\alpha_\mu$  is  $G_\mu$ -equivariant.

We have a symplectic embedding  $\phi_\mu : P_\mu \rightarrow T^*M_\mu$  given by 0.2.5. We know that  $H$  induces  $H_\mu$  on  $P_\mu$  where  $H = H_\mu \circ \pi_\mu$  and  $X_H$  induces  $X_{H_\mu}$  on  $P_\mu$ . In  $T^*M_\mu$  we have  $\widehat{H}_\mu = H_\mu \circ \phi_\mu^{-1}$  induced on  $\phi_\mu(P_\mu)$ . Points in  $T^*M_\mu$  are  $G_\mu$  orbits of covectors  $\alpha_x$  vanishing on  $T_x(G_\mu \cdot x)$  (cf. lemma 0.2.1), so we can suggestively write them as  $G_\mu \cdot \alpha_x$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{H}_\mu(G_\mu \cdot \alpha_x) &= H(\alpha_x + \alpha_\mu(x)) = K(\alpha_x + \alpha_\mu(x)) + V(x) \\ &= K(\alpha_x) + 2\langle \alpha_x, \alpha_\mu(x) \rangle + K(\alpha_\mu(x)) + V(x) \\ &= K(\alpha_x) + K(\alpha_\mu(x)) + V(x) \end{aligned}$$

So if we set  $V_\mu(x) = K(\alpha_\mu(x)) + V(x)$  then the projection of  $\hat{H}_\mu$  is the projection of  $K + V_\mu$ . Then we can form a simple mechanical system on  $\phi_\mu(P_\mu)$  by restricting  $K + V_\mu \circ \pi_\mu$ .

**Theorem 0.2.13.** *The reduction of a simple mechanical system on  $T^*M$  with  $\Lambda = \emptyset$  is a simple mechanical system on  $T^*M_\mu$ , where  $M_\mu = M/G_\mu$ . The kinetic energy of the reduced system is  $\hat{K}$  induced from the  $G_\mu$ -invariant kinetic energy  $K$  on  $T^*M$  and the potential  $\hat{V}_\mu$  induced from the function defined by*

$$V_\mu(x) = V(x) + K(\alpha_\mu(x)) = H(\alpha_\mu(x)) \quad (33)$$

*Called the **effective** or **amended potential**. Note that the symplectic structure on  $T^*M$  may not be the canonical structure.*

Since  $\Lambda = \emptyset$  we are assuming  $\mu$  is a regular value of  $J$  and the actions of  $G_\mu$  are free and proper, or else we work with local statements. If  $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$ , then we work with  $M \setminus \Lambda$  and determine the behavior of  $\Lambda$  separately.

In  $T^*M_\mu$  the subbundle  $\phi(M_\mu)$  over  $M_\mu$ , equilibrium points are points in the zero section that are critical points of  $\hat{V}_\mu$ . These critical points are one-to-one with critical orbits of  $V_\mu$ . It's also worth knowing that a critical point of  $\hat{V}_\mu$  is nondegenerate, then the indices of  $\hat{V}_\mu$  and  $V_\mu$  along the corresponding nondegenerate critical manifold are equal.

Critical points of  $V_\mu$  are one-to-one with relative equilibria, which are critical points of  $H \times J$  on  $J^{-1}(\mu)$ , or equivalently to critical points of  $H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)}$ . In summary:

**Corollary 0.2.4.** 1.  $V_\mu \circ \Phi_g = V_\mu$  and  $\sigma(V_\mu)$  is  $G_\mu$  invariant.

2.  $\sigma(H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)}) = \alpha_\mu(\sigma(V_\mu))$  and is  $G_\mu$  and  $X_H$  invariant.

**Theorem 0.2.14.** *Let  $\mu$  be a regular value of  $J$ . Then*

$$\Sigma'_{H \times J \upharpoonright_{T^*(M \setminus \Lambda)}} = \{(h, \mu) | h \in V_\mu(\sigma(V_\mu))\} \quad (34)$$

To continue we will introduce some definitions related to vector bundles.

**Definition 0.2.8.** *The **Unit Disk Bundle** of a vector bundle  $E$  with an inner product  $\langle, \rangle_E$  is the set*

$$D_1(E) = \{v \in E | \|v\| \leq 1\} \quad (35)$$

*and the **Unit Sphere Bundle** is the set*

$$S_1(E) = \{v \in E | \|v\| = 1\} \quad (36)$$

*And if the base space has no boundary, then  $\partial D_1(E) = S_1(E)$ . If not, then for each  $x$  in the boundary, identify  $\pi^{-1}(x) \cap D_1(E)$  with the point  $x$ , forming the space  $\alpha(E)$ , the **Reduced Disk Bundle** of  $E$ . Doing the same with  $S_1(E)$  we get the **Reduced Sphere Bundle**  $\beta(E)$  of  $E$ . These can be given smooth manifold structures and  $\partial\alpha(E) = \beta(E)$ .*

For trivial bundles of  $M$  the sphere and disk bundles have explicit forms.

1. If the base space is boundaryless, then  $\alpha_k(M) \approx M \times D^k$ ;  $\beta_k(M) \approx M \times S^{k-1}$ , where  $\alpha_k$  and  $\beta_k$  are the disk and sphere bundles of the trivial real bundles of rank  $k$ .
2. If the base space is boundaryless, then  $\beta_1(M)$  is the 'double' of  $M$ . The double of  $M$  is the gluing of a second copy of  $M$  with reverse orientation to its boundary, so the result is oriented and boundaryless.
3.  $\beta_k(D^m) \approx S^{k+m-1}$
4. For boundaryless manifolds,  $\alpha_k(M_1 \times M_2) \approx M_1 \times \alpha_k(M_2)$ ,  $\beta_k(M_1 \times M_2) \approx M_1 \times \beta_k(M_2)$ .

For a simple mechanical system with symmetry  $(M, K, V, G)$  with  $\Lambda = \emptyset$ , let

$$M_{h,\mu} = V_\mu^{-1}((-\infty, h]) \quad (37)$$

If  $h$  is a regular value for  $V_\mu$ , then  $M_{h,\mu}$  is a smooth manifold with boundary and  $\partial M_{h,\mu} = V_\mu^{-1}(h)$ . Let

$$E_{h,\mu} = \{\alpha \in T^*M \mid J(\alpha) = \mu, H(\alpha) \leq h\} = (H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)})^{-1}((-\infty, h]) \quad (38)$$

If  $h$  is a regular value of  $V_\mu = H \circ \alpha_\mu$ , then it is also a regular value of  $H \upharpoonright_{J^{-1}(\mu)}$  by the second part of corollary 0.2.4. So then  $E_{h,\mu}$  is a submanifold (with boundary) of  $T^*M$ . We have that

$$\partial E_{h,\mu} = I_{h,\mu} \quad (39)$$

**Theorem 0.2.15.** *Given a mechanical system with symmetry  $(M, K, V, G)$  with  $\Lambda = \emptyset$  and  $h$  a regular value of  $V_\mu$ , the following are true:*

1. (a)  $E_{h,\mu} = \{\alpha_x \in J^{-1}(\mu) \mid K(\alpha_x) - K(\alpha_\mu(x)) \leq h - V_\mu(x)\}$   
 (b)  $\partial E_{h,\mu} = I_{h,\mu}$   
 (c)  $\pi_M(E_{h,\mu}) \subset M_{h,\mu}$
2. If  $F = J^{-1}(0)$ , then  $\pi_M \upharpoonright_F: F \rightarrow M$  is a vector subbundle of  $T^*M$ . Let  $F \upharpoonright_{M_{h,\mu}}$  its restriction to  $M_{h,\mu} \subset M$ . Then if  $(h, \mu) \notin \Sigma'_{H \times J}$ ,  $E_{h,\mu}$  is diffeomorphic to  $\alpha(F \upharpoonright_{M_{h,\mu}})$ .  
 More precisely, there is a  $G_\mu$ -invariant diffeomorphism of manifolds with boundary  $\phi_{h,\mu}: \alpha(F \upharpoonright_{M_{h,\mu}}) \rightarrow E_{h,\mu}$ .
3. The induced diffeomorphism on the boundaries

$$\partial \phi_{h,\mu}: \beta(F \upharpoonright_{M_{h,\mu}}) \rightarrow I_{h,\mu} \quad (40)$$

is  $G_\mu$  equivariant.

4. If  $C$  is a nondegenerate critical submanifold of  $V_\mu \downarrow_{M_{h,\mu}}$  of index  $\lambda$ , then  $\alpha_\mu(C)$  is a nondegenerate critical submanifold of  $H \downarrow_{E_{h,\mu}}$  of the same index.

All the objects defined so far have been  $G_\mu$ -equivariant, so that symplectic reduction is possible. Since we can reduce dimension, it would be beneficial to have a "topological" theorem similar to the above for the reduced manifolds  $\widehat{M}_{h,\mu} = M_{h,\mu}/G_\mu$ , and so on.

We will denote the passing of object to quotients by a hat:  $\widehat{H} : \widehat{E}_{h,\mu} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\widehat{\alpha}_\mu : \widehat{M} \rightarrow \widehat{T^*M}$ , and  $\widehat{V}_\mu = \widehat{H} \circ \widehat{\alpha}_\mu$ . The relation  $\partial \widehat{E}_{h,\mu} = \widehat{I}_{h,\mu}$  still holds.

**Theorem 0.2.16** (Reduced Invariant Manifold Theorem of Smale). *Assume  $G_\mu$  acts freely and properly on  $M_{h,\mu}$  and  $E_{h,\mu}$ . Then  $\widehat{M}_{h,\mu}$  and  $\widehat{E}_{h,\mu}$  are manifolds. Further assume that  $\widehat{V}_\mu : \widehat{M}_{h,\mu} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has nondegenerate critical points.*

1. If  $\widehat{x} \in \widehat{M}_{h,\mu}$  in a nondegenerate critical point of  $\widehat{V}_\mu$ , then  $\widehat{\alpha}_\mu(\widehat{x})$  will be a nondegenerate critical point of  $\widehat{H} \downarrow_{\widehat{E}_{h,\mu}}$  of the same index. This index is the same index of  $V_\mu$  on the nondegenerate critical manifold  $\pi_\mu^{-1}(\widehat{x}) \subset M_{h,\mu}$  where  $\pi_\mu : M_{h,\mu} \rightarrow \widehat{M}_{h,\mu}$  is the projection.
2. If the vector bundle  $J^{-1}(0) \downarrow_{M_{h,\mu}}$  is trivial, then

$$I_{h,\mu} = \beta_S(M_{h,\mu}); \quad \widehat{I}_{h,\mu} = \beta_S(\widehat{M}_{h,\mu}) \quad (41)$$

**Theorem 0.2.17.** *Let  $(M, K, V, G)$  be a simple mechanical system with symmetry and assume that  $\alpha_{x_0} \in J^{-1}(\mu)$  for a regular value of  $J$ . Denote by the  $H = K + V \circ \pi_M$  the Hamiltonian, by  $E = K + V \circ \pi_M$  the energy function, and by  $L = K - V \circ \pi_M$  the Legendre transformation of  $H$ , with  $\gamma^b$  the Legendre transform. Then TFAE:*

1.  $\alpha_{x_0}$  is a relative equilibrium
2.  $\exists \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$  satisfying  $(J \circ \gamma^b \circ \xi_M)(x_0) = \mu$  satisfying  $X_L(\xi_M(x_0)) = \xi_T M(\xi_M(x_0))$
3.  $\exists \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$  satisfying  $(J \circ \gamma^b \circ \xi_M)(x_0) = \mu$  such that  $x_0$  is critical point of  $L \circ \xi_M$
4.  $\exists \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $(J \circ \gamma^b \circ \xi_M)$  such that  $x_0$  is a critical point of  $V - K \circ \gamma^b \circ \xi_M$
5.  $x_0$  is a critical point of the amended potential  $V_\mu$  and  $\alpha_{x_0} = \alpha_\mu(x_0)$

Here are some remarks about the  $\alpha, \beta$  constructions.

**Proposition 0.2.18.** *Let  $M$  be a manifold without boundary and  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  a vector bundle with metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_E$ . Let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $c$  a regular value for  $f$ . Define  $g : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(v) = \langle v, v \rangle_E + (f \circ \pi)(v)$ . Then:*

1.  $c$  is a regular value for  $g \iff c$  is a regular value for  $f$ ;  $g^{-1}((-\infty, c])$  is a smooth manifold with boundary  $g^{-1}(c)$

2.  $g^{-1}((-\infty, c])$  is homeomorphic to  $\alpha(E \upharpoonright_{f^{-1}((-\infty, c])})$ , which is in fact a diffeomorphism
3. If  $\pi_1 : E_1 \rightarrow M$  is another Riemannian vector bundle over  $M$  and  $f_1 : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is another smooth map such that  $c$  is a regular value for both  $f$  and  $f_1$ ,  $f_1^{-1}((-\infty, c]) = f^{-1}((-\infty, c])$ , and  $E_1 \upharpoonright_{f_1^{-1}((-\infty, c])}$  is vector bundle isomorphic to  $E \upharpoonright_{f^{-1}((-\infty, c])}$ , then  $\alpha(E_1 \upharpoonright_{f_1^{-1}((-\infty, c])})$  is diffeomorphic to  $\alpha(E \upharpoonright_{f^{-1}((-\infty, c])})$ .

**Proposition 0.2.19.** *Let  $M, \pi : E \rightarrow M, f, c$  be as in Proposition 0.2.1. Assume there is a map  $h : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying:*

1. *For each  $x \in M$ ,  $h \upharpoonright_{E_x} : E_x \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and has a unique nondegenerate minimum at the origin of the fiber*
2.  $f(x) = h(0_x)$

*Then  $c$  is a regular value for  $h$  and  $\alpha(E \upharpoonright_{f^{-1}((-\infty, c])})$  is diffeomorphic to  $h^{-1}((-\infty, c])$ .*

## 0.3 Hamilton-Jacobi Theory and Mathematical Physics

### 0.3.1 Time-Dependent Systems

**Definition 0.3.1.** *Let  $\omega$  be an exterior two-form on  $M$ . Then*

$$R_\omega = \{v \in TM : \omega(v, \cdot) = 0\}$$

*is called the **characteristic bundle** of  $\omega$ . A **Characteristic Vector Field** is a vector field  $X$  such that  $i_X \omega = 0$ .*

**Proposition 0.3.1.** *Let  $\omega$  be a two-form on  $M$  of constant rank. Then  $R_\omega$  is a subbundle of  $TM$ . If  $\omega$  is closed, then  $R_\omega$  is integrable as well.*

**Theorem 0.3.1** (Darboux). *Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + k)$ -manifold and  $\omega$  a closed two-form of constant rank  $2n$ . For each point, there is a neighborhood of that point such that  $\omega$  takes the local form*

$$\omega \upharpoonright_U = \sum dx^i \wedge dy^i$$

**Definition 0.3.2.** *A **contact manifold** is a pair  $(M, \omega)$  consisting of an odd-dimensional manifold  $M$  and a closed two-form  $\omega$  of maximal rank on  $M$ . An **exact contact manifold**  $(M, \theta)$  consists of a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  and a one-form  $\theta$  on  $M$  such that  $\theta \wedge (d\theta)^n$  is a volume on  $M$ .*

Note that the characteristic bundle  $R_\omega$  of a contact form  $\omega$  has one-dimensional fibers, so it is sometimes called the *characteristic line bundle*.

**Theorem 0.3.2.** *Let  $(M, \omega)$  be a contact manifold. Then for each point there is a neighborhood of that point in which*

$$\omega \upharpoonright_U = dq^i \wedge dp_i$$

*Similarly, if  $(M, \theta)$  is an exact contact manifold, there a chart of a neighborhood of every point such that*

$$\theta \upharpoonright_U = dt + p_i dq^i$$

**Proposition 0.3.2.** *Let  $\theta$  be a nowhere zero oneform on a  $(2n+1)$ -manifold  $M$  and let  $R_\theta = \{v \in TM : \theta(v) = 0\}$  be the characteristic line bundle. Then  $(M, \theta)$  is an exact contact manifold iff  $d\theta$  is nondegenerate on the fibers of  $R_\theta$ .*

**Proposition 0.3.3.** *Let  $(P, \omega, H)$  be a Hamiltonian system and  $\Sigma_e$  a regular energy surface. Then  $(\Sigma_e, i^*\omega)$  is a contact manifold, where  $i : \Sigma \rightarrow P$  is the inclusion. Moreover,  $X_H \upharpoonright_{\Sigma_e}$  is a characteristic vector field of  $i^*\omega$  generating the characteristic line bundle of  $i^*\omega$ .*

**Proposition 0.3.4.** *Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold,  $\mathbb{R} \times P$  the product manifold. Let  $\pi_2 : \mathbb{R} \times P \rightarrow P$  the projection onto  $P$ , and let  $\tilde{\omega} = \pi_2^*\omega$ . Then  $(\mathbb{R} \times P, \tilde{\omega})$  is a contact manifold.*

*The characteristic line bundle of  $\tilde{\omega}$  is generated by the vector field  $\underline{t}$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times P$  is given by*

$$\underline{t}(s, p) = ((s, 1), 0)$$

*If  $\omega = d\theta$  and  $\tilde{\theta} = dt + \pi_2^*\theta$  where  $t : \mathbb{R} \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the projection on the first factor, then  $\tilde{\omega} = d\tilde{\theta}$  and  $(\mathbb{R} \times P, \tilde{\theta})$  is an exact contact manifold.*

For a time dependent vector field  $X : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow TM$ , we can define  $\tilde{X} : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow T(\mathbb{R} \times M) \approx T\mathbb{R} \times TM$  by  $\tilde{X}(t, m) = ((t, 1), (X(t, m)))$  so that  $\tilde{X} \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R} \times M)$  and that  $\tilde{X} = \underline{t} + X$ . We call  $\tilde{X}$  the *suspension* of  $X$ , and its flow takes the form  $F_{t,s} : \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times M$ .

**Definition 0.3.3.** *Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold and  $H : \mathbb{R} \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be smooth and for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  define  $H_t : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; p \mapsto H(t, p)$ . Then let  $X_H(t, p) = X_{H_t}(p)$  and define the suspension  $\tilde{X}_H$  as above.*

**Proposition 0.3.5.**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{X}_H} H = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

**Theorem 0.3.3.** *Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold and  $H : \mathbb{R} \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be smooth. Let  $\tilde{\omega}$  be as above, and let*

$$\omega_H = \tilde{\omega} + dH \wedge dt$$

*Then*

1.  $(\mathbb{R} \times P)$  is a contact manifold

2.  $\tilde{X}_H$  generates the line bundle of  $\omega_H$ ; in fact,  $\tilde{X}_H$  is the unique vector field satisfying

$$i_{\tilde{X}_H} \omega_H = 0 \text{ and } i_{\tilde{X}_H} dt = 1$$

Moreover, if  $F$  is the flow of  $X_H$ , then  $F^* \omega = \tilde{\omega} - dH \wedge dt$ .

3. if  $\omega = -d\theta$  and  $\theta_H = \pi_2^* \theta - H dt$ , then  $\omega_H = -d\theta_H$ ; if  $H + (\theta \circ \pi_2)(X_H)$  is nowhere zero, then  $(\mathbb{R} \times P, \theta_H)$  is an exact contact manifold.

**Theorem 0.3.4.** Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold,  $H$  a Hamiltonian function and  $\omega_H$  be its associated contact form. Then:

1.  $\omega_H, \omega_H^2, \dots, \omega_H^n$  are invariant forms of  $\tilde{X}_H$ .
2.  $dt \wedge \omega_H^n = dt \wedge \tilde{\omega}^n$  is an invariant volume element for  $\tilde{X}_H$ .

### 0.3.2 Canonical Transformations and Hamilton-Jacobi Theory

**Proposition 0.3.6.** Let  $(P_1, \omega_1)$  and  $(P_2, \omega_2)$  be symplectic manifolds,  $P_1 \times P_2$  the product with projection maps  $\pi_i$ , and

$$\Omega = \pi_1^* \omega_1 - \pi_2^* \omega_2$$

Then:

1.  $\Omega$  is a symplectic form on  $P_1 \times P_2$
2. a map  $f : P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  is symplectic iff  $i_f^* \Omega = 0$ , where  $i_f : \Gamma_f \rightarrow P_1 \times P_2$  is the inclusion and  $\Gamma_f$  is the graph of  $f$ .

**Definition 0.3.4.** Suppose we define a local form  $\Theta$  such that  $\Omega = -d\Theta$  ( $\Theta = \pi_1^* \theta_1 - \pi_2^* \theta_2$  works, but is not the only choice). Thus  $i_f^* d\Theta = di_f^* \Theta = 0$ , that is,  $i_f^* \Theta$  is closed is equivalent to  $f$  being symplectic. Locally,  $i_f^* \Theta = -dS$  for a function  $S : \Gamma_f \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 0.3.5.** Let  $P = T^*Q$  with the canonical symplectic structure. Let  $X_H$  be a given Hamiltonian vector field on  $P$ , and let  $S : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then TFAE:

1. A curve  $c(t)$  satisfying

$$c'(t) = T\pi_Q^* X_H (dS(c(t)))$$

has the property that the curve  $t \mapsto dS(c(t))$  is an integral curve of  $X_H$

2.  $S$  satisfies the Hamilton-Jacobi Equation:

$$H \left( q^i, \frac{\partial S}{\partial q^i} \right) = E$$

**Definition 0.3.5.** Let  $(P_i, \omega_i), i = 1, 2$  be symplectic manifolds and  $(\mathbb{R} \times P_i, \tilde{\omega}_i)$  the corresponding contact manifolds. A smooth mapping  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  is called a canonical transformation if the following hold:

C1  $F$  is a diffeomorphism

C2  $F$  preserves time, that is  $F^*t = t$

C3 There is function  $K_F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1$  such that  $F^*\tilde{\omega}_2 = \omega_{K_F}$ , where  $\omega_{K_F} = \tilde{\omega}_1 + dK_F \wedge dt$

**Proposition 0.3.7.** The set of all canonical transformations on  $(\mathbb{R} \times P, \tilde{\omega})$  forms a group under composition.

**Definition 0.3.6.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  be a smooth mapping satisfying (C1). Then  $F$  is said to have property (S) iff  $F_t : P \rightarrow P$  is symplectic for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Proposition 0.3.8.** A mapping  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  has property (S) iff there is a one form  $\alpha$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times P$  such that  $F^*\tilde{\omega}_2 = \tilde{\omega}_1 + \alpha \wedge dt$ .

**Proposition 0.3.9.** (C3)  $\Rightarrow$  (S). Take  $\alpha = dK_F$ . In the case where the symplectic forms  $\omega_i$  are exact,  $\omega_i = -d\theta_i$ , (C3) is clearly equivalent to :

(C4) There is a  $K_F$  such that  $F^*\tilde{\theta}_2 - \theta_{K_F}$  is closed, where, as usual,

$$\tilde{\theta}_i dt + \pi_2^* \theta_i$$

and

$$\theta_{K_F} = \tilde{\theta}_1 - K_F dt$$

**Proposition 0.3.10.** Suppose  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  satisfies (C2). Then (C3) is equivalent to the following:

C5 For all  $H \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_2)$  there is a  $K \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_1)$  such that

$$F^*\omega_H = \omega_K$$

**Proposition 0.3.11.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  satisfy (C1) and (C2). Then (C3) is equivalent to each of the following.

C6 (S) holds and, for all  $H \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_2)$ , there is a  $K \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_1)$  such that  $F^*\tilde{X}_H = \tilde{X}_K$ .

C7 (S) holds, and there is a function  $K_F \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_1)$  such that  $F^*t = X_{K_F}$ .

**Theorem 0.3.6 (Jacobi).** If  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  satisfies (C1) and (C2), then (C3) is equivalent to the following:



C8 There is a function  $K_F \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_1)$  such that for all  $H \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_2)$ ,  
 $F^* \tilde{X}_H = \tilde{X}_K$ , where  $K = H \circ F + K_F$ .

**Definition 0.3.7.** Let  $F$  be canonical and locally write  $\omega_1 = -d\theta_1$ ,  $\omega_2 = -d\theta_2$ , and so on as in (C4). Then if we locally write

$$F^* \tilde{\theta}_2 - \theta_{K_F} = dW$$

for  $W : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we call  $W$  a generating function for  $F$ .

**Proposition 0.3.12.** If  $F$  is canonical and has generating function  $W$ , then

$$K_F = \partial W / \partial t = \dot{F}$$

and thus for a Hamiltonian function  $H$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times P_2$ ,

$$F^* \tilde{X}_H = \tilde{X}_K$$

where

$$K = H \circ F + (\partial W / \partial t) - \dot{F}$$

**Definition 0.3.8.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times P_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times P_2$  be a canonical transformation and  $H \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathbb{R} \times P_2)$ . We say that  $F$  **transforms**  $H$  to **equilibrium** if  $K = H \circ F + K_F = \text{constant}$ .

**Definition 0.3.9.** Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold  $H \in \mathfrak{P}$  a Hamiltonian, and  $f_1 (= H), f_2, \dots, f_k$  constants of the motion (i.e.  $\{f_i, H\} = 0$  for each  $i$ ). The set is said to be in involution if  $\{f_i, f_j\} = 0$ . The set of  $f_i$  are said to be independent if the set of critical points of  $F = f_1 \times \dots \times f_k$  has measure zero in  $P$ . A set of constants of the motion is called **integrable** if  $k$  is half the dimension of  $P$ .

**Theorem 0.3.7.** Let  $(P, \omega)$  be a symplectic manifold,  $H \in \mathfrak{F}(P)$  a Hamiltonian, and  $f_i$  an independent, integrable system of constants of motion. Denote by  $F = f_1 \times \dots \times f_k : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set such that  $F^{-1}(U) \cap \sigma(F) = \emptyset$ .

1. If  $F \upharpoonright F^{-1}(U) : F^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  is a proper map, then each of  $X_{f_i} \upharpoonright F^{-1}(U)$  is complete,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Sigma(F)$  and the fibers of the locally trivial fibration  $F \upharpoonright F^{-1}(U)$  are a disjoint union of manifolds diffeomorphic with the torus  $\mathbb{T}^n$ .
2. If  $F \upharpoonright F^{-1}(U) : F^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  is not proper, but we assume  $X_{f_i} \upharpoonright F^{-1}(U)$  is complete and  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Sigma(F)$ , then each fiber of  $F \upharpoonright F^{-1}(U)$  is a disjoint union of manifolds diffeomorphic to the cylinders  $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{T}^{n-k}$ .

**Definition 0.3.10.** Let  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a fixed vector and consider the flow  $F_t : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $F_t(\vec{w}) = \vec{w} + t\vec{v}$ . Denote the canonical projection  $\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{T}^{n-k}$  and let  $\phi_t : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{T}^{n-k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{T}^{n-k}$  be the unique flow satisfying  $\pi \circ F_t = \phi_t \circ \pi$ .  $\phi_t$  is called a **translation-type flow**.

When  $k = 0$ , the flow is called *quasi-periodic*. Then the numbers  $v_i = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{e}_i$  are called the *frequencies of the flow* and they determine completely its character, as will be seen in the next proposition.

**Proposition 0.3.13.** *Each orbit of  $\phi_t$  is dense in  $\mathbb{T}^n$  if and only if  $\{v_i\}$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Theorem 0.3.8.** *If  $I_c^0$  denotes a connected component of  $I_c = F^{-1}(c)$  and  $\phi_t = \phi_t^1$  denotes the flow of  $X_H = X_{f_1}$ , then  $\phi_t \upharpoonright I_c^0$  is smoothly conjugate to a translation type flow on  $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{T}^{n-k}$ .*

**Definition 0.3.11.** *A Hamiltonian  $H \in \mathfrak{F}(P)$  on a symplectic manifold  $(P, \omega)$  admits **action angle coordinates**  $(I, \phi)$  in some open set  $U \subset P$  if:*

1. *there exists a symplectic diffeomorphism  $\psi : U \rightarrow B^n \times \mathbb{T}^n$*
2.  *$H \circ \psi^{-1} \in \mathfrak{F}(B^n \times \mathbb{T}^n)$  admits "action-angle coordinates" in  $B^n \times \mathbb{T}^n$ , that is, the Hamiltonian vector field  $\psi_* X_H$  has the form*

$$\psi_* X_H = - \sum \frac{\partial(H \circ \psi^{-1})}{\partial I} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

We will now show a quick way to construct action-angle coordinates based on argument from Arnold. Suppose the following: Suppose we work in an open subset of a symplectic manifold  $(P, \omega)$  with a given Hamiltonian function  $H$  and  $n$  independent integrals of motion in involution  $f_1, \dots, f_n$ . Let  $\Sigma_F$  be the bifurcation set of  $F = f_1 \times \dots \times f_n$ , and  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Sigma_F$ , and that  $F^{-1}(U)$  is diffeomorphic to  $U \times \mathbb{T}^n$ .

We shall construct the symplectic diffeomorphism  $\psi : F^{-1}(U) \rightarrow B^n \times \mathbb{T}^n$ . Locally, the symplectic form is exact ( $\omega = -d\theta$ ;  $\theta = \sum p_i dq^i$ ), and the preimage of a state specified by its integrals of motion,  $I_c = F^{-1}(c) \approx \mathbb{T}^n$ . Denote by  $\gamma_i(c)$  the single loops in each  $S^1$  factor of  $\mathbb{T}^n$ , then define  $\lambda : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$\lambda_i(c) = \oint_{\gamma_i(c)} i_c^*(\theta)$$

Where  $i_c : I_c \rightarrow P$  is the inclusion. Assume  $\lambda$  is a diffeomorphism onto its image. We can shrink  $U$  until  $\lambda(U) \subset B^n$ . This gives us the  $B^n$  half of  $\psi : F^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$ .

Now we look for a map  $\Gamma$  such that  $(\lambda \circ F) \times \Gamma : F^{-1}(U) \rightarrow B^n \times \mathbb{T}^n$  is a diffeomorphism; i.e. look for the 'angle coordinates.' The first step is to show  $i_c^*(\theta)$  is closed. We first note that because the  $f_i$  are in independent integrals in involution, the vector fields  $X_{f_i}$  form a basis for the tangent space at every point of  $U$ . So all we need to show is that

$$di_c^*(\theta)(X_{f_i}, X_{f_j}) = 0$$

But this is clear since

$$di_c^*(\theta)(X_{f_i}, X_{f_j}) = -i_c^*(\omega)(X_{f_i}, X_{f_j}) = \{f_i, f_j\} \circ i_c$$

Since the matrix  $df_i/dp_j$  has nonzero determinant, we can solve the equation  $F(\vec{q}, \vec{p}) - \lambda^{-1}(\vec{I}) = 0$  can be solved for  $\vec{p}$ . We now define

$$S(\vec{q}, \vec{I}) = \int_{(\vec{q}_0, \vec{p}_0)}^{(\vec{q}, \vec{p})} i_{\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I})}^*(\theta)$$

Where the integral is taken over any path lying in the torus  $I_{\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I})}$ . Define the map  $\Gamma : F^{-1}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n$  by

$$\Gamma_i(\vec{q}, \vec{p}) = \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial I_i} \right|_{\vec{I}=(\lambda \circ F)(\vec{q}, \vec{p})}$$

The  $\Gamma_i$  are multi-valued functions, as we want for angular variables. The variation of  $\Gamma_i$  on each fundamental cycle of the torus is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma_k(\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I}))} d(\Gamma_i \circ i_{\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I})}) &= \oint_{\gamma_k(\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I}))} d\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial I_i} \circ i_{\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I})}\right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial I^i} \int_{\gamma_k(\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I}))} dS = \frac{\partial}{\partial I^i} \int_{\gamma_k(\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I}))} i_{\lambda^{-1}(\vec{I})}^*(\theta) = \frac{\partial I^k}{\partial I_j} \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $S$  is a generating function of the map  $\psi : (\vec{q}, \vec{p}) \rightarrow (\vec{I}, \varphi)$ .

### 0.3.3 Lagrangian Submanifolds