

Lecture # 5

The following choice will work:

$$L = \underbrace{T(\dot{q})}_{\text{Kinetic Energy}} - \underbrace{V(q)}_{\text{Potential Energy}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \|\dot{q}\|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m \langle \dot{q}, \dot{q} \rangle$$

Cartesian co-ordinate:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

Cylindrical:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

Spherical

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta (\dot{\phi})^2)$$

CoV Problem: $t = t_f$

$$\min_u I(u) = \int_{t=t_0}^{t=t_f} L(t, \underline{q}, \underline{\dot{q}}) dt$$

substitute $L = T(\dot{q}) - V(q)$

EL eqⁿ:

$$L_{\underline{q}} = \frac{d}{dt} L_{\underline{\dot{q}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{q}} = \frac{d}{dt} (m \underline{\dot{q}}) \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{q}} = m \underline{\ddot{q}}$$

Newton's Law

The identification that $L = T - V$, is called Hamilton's principle of least action.

• $L = T - V$, and $T = \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle$

• when $V = 0$, $L = T(\underline{\dot{q}})$
 $= \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle$

Then CoV Problem: $t = t_f$

$\min_{\mathcal{Q}(t)}$ $I(\underline{q}) = \int_{t=t_0}^{t=t_f} \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle dt$
curves in \mathbb{R}^n

*minimizers
are
straight line*

$ds^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 + (dz)^2 \Rightarrow ds = \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2}$ *(in 2D)*

$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

$= \sqrt{(\dot{x})^2 + (\dot{y})^2} dt$

• If $V \neq 0$, then $\min_{\underline{q}(t)} I(\underline{q}) = \int_{t=t_0}^{t=t_f} \{T(\dot{\underline{q}}) - V(\underline{q})\} dt$

minimizing curves/paths/
trajectories
are "generalized straight lines"
called "geodesics"

w.r.t. metric that depends on potential energy

• Newton's Law \iff EL equation $V(\underline{q})$.
(Pointwise statement) minimizing path
(Global statement)

- If the force field is conservative ($F(\underline{a}) = -\underline{\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{a}}}$)
- then neither T nor V , depends explicitly on t (time)

$$L(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{a}}) = T(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{a}}) - V(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{a}})$$

\therefore we can apply Beltrami identity:

$$L - \left\langle \underline{\dot{a}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{\dot{a}}} \right\rangle = \text{constant}$$

\Leftrightarrow (its negative)

$$\left\langle \underline{\dot{a}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{\dot{a}}} \right\rangle - L = \text{constant}$$

we call this "Hamiltonian" (H) .

Hamilton's canonical equations:

$$\text{Let } \underline{p} := L_{\dot{q}}(t, \underline{q}, \dot{\underline{q}})$$

We can think of the vector \underline{p} as a \underline{f}^n of t , associated with a given path/trajectory $\underline{q}(t)$.

We defined:
$$H(t, \underline{q}, \underline{p}) = \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{p} \rangle - L(t, \underline{q}, \dot{\underline{q}})$$

written as a \underline{f}^n of 4 variables but becomes a \underline{f}^n of "t" alone when evaluated along a particular trajectory $\underline{q}(t)$.

We call " \underline{q} " & " \underline{p} " as "canonical variables"

• Suppose $\underline{q}(t)$ satisfies EL equation.

• We can write ODEs for $\underline{q}(t)$ & $\underline{p}(t)$ along the solⁿ of EL eqⁿ, in terms of H as:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{q} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{p}} H(t, \underline{q}(t), \underline{\dot{q}}(t)), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \underline{p} = \frac{d}{dt} L_{\dot{q}} = L_{\dot{q}} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{q}}$$

ELEqⁿ →

\therefore we have the canonical ODEs:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}$$

This is simply a reformulation of EL eqⁿ in terms of Hamiltonian H (proposed by Hamilton, 1835)

• Mathematically ("What is Hamiltonian"?)

Ans. H is the dual/convex conjugate/
Legendre-Fenchel conjugate
of $L(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{q}})$ w.r.t. vector $\underline{\dot{q}}$

Aside:

convex conjugate/Legendre-Fenchel conjugate of
a function $f(\underline{x})$ is (where $f: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$)

$$g(\underline{y}) = \sup_{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle \underline{y}, \underline{x} \rangle - f(\underline{x}) \}, \text{ shorthand: } f^* = g$$

$$H = \left(L(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{q}}) \right)^* = \sup_{\underline{\dot{q}} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle \underline{e}_3, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle - L(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{q}}) \}$$

So, the maximizing $\underline{\dot{q}}$ solves: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\dot{q}}} \{ \langle \underline{e}_3, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle - L(\underline{a}, \underline{\dot{q}}) \} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \underline{e}_3 - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{\dot{q}}} = 0$

∴ After the maximization:

$$H = \left(L(\underline{q}, \underline{\dot{q}}) \right)^* = \underbrace{\left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{\dot{q}}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \right\rangle - L(\underline{q}, \underline{\dot{q}})}_{\text{constant}} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Recall:} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{\dot{q}}} = \underline{\underline{p}} \end{array} \right.$$

(from Beltrami)
(if applicable)

i.e., H may not be constant if we cannot apply Beltrami (e.g. if L has explicit dependence on time " t ")

Physically: (If conservative force field)

$$H = \left\langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{\dot{q}}} \right\rangle - L$$

$$\hat{=} \left\langle \underline{\dot{q}}, m \underline{\dot{q}} \right\rangle - \left\{ \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle - V(\underline{q}) \right\}$$

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle - V(\underline{q})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow H &= \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle - (-V(\underline{q})) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{q}}, \underline{\dot{q}} \rangle}_{\equiv T(\underline{\dot{q}})} + \underbrace{V(\underline{q})}_{\text{Potential Energy}} \\ &= \text{Kinetic Energy} + \text{Potential Energy} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{Total Energy (E)}$$

If conservative force field, then

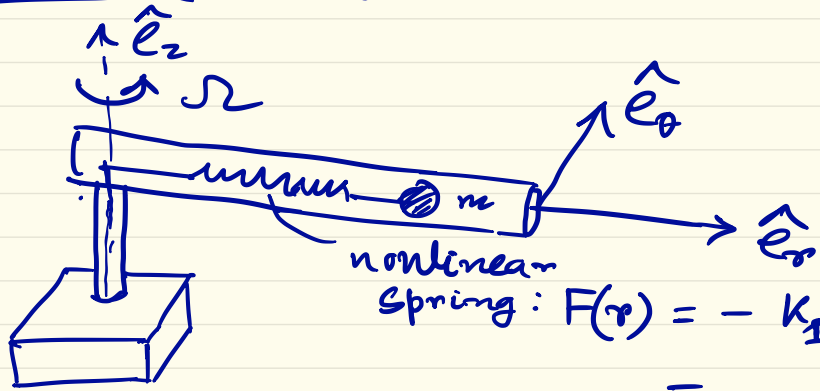
$$H = T + V = E = \text{constant}$$

$$L = T - V \text{ (even if non-conservative)}$$

If (not), then $H = E$ may not hold

also, one or none of H & E may be constant of motion.

Example (EL equation for ball in rotating tube)



nonlinear
Spring: $F(r) = -k_1 r - k_2 r^3$

$$= -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$$

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 r^2 + \frac{1}{4} k_2 r^4$$

position vector: $\underline{r}(t) = r \hat{e}_r$

velocity vector: $\underline{\dot{r}}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \underline{r}(t) \stackrel{\text{Transport theorem}}{=} \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + \underbrace{\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}}_{\{(\Omega \hat{e}_z) \times (r \hat{e}_r)\}}$

$$= \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \Omega (\hat{e}_z \times \hat{e}_r)$$

$T(\underline{\dot{r}}) = \frac{1}{2} m \langle \underline{\dot{r}}, \underline{\dot{r}} \rangle$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + \Omega^2 r^2)$$

$$= \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \Omega \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= T - V \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + \Omega^2 r^2) - \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_1 r^2 + \frac{1}{4} k_2 r^4 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \left(\frac{m\Omega^2}{2} - \frac{k_1}{2} \right) r^2 - \frac{1}{4} k_2 r^4
 \end{aligned}$$

Now apply EL eqⁿ:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{q}} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\underline{q}}} \right)$$

Here, $\underline{q} = r$

$$\Rightarrow (m\Omega^2 - k_1)r - k_2 r^3 = m \ddot{r}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m \ddot{r} + (k_1 - m\Omega^2)r + k_2 r^3 = 0$$

Now, total energy

$$E = T + V = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{k_1}{2} r^2 + \frac{k_2}{4} r^4$$

$$\text{But } H = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} \dot{r} - L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \left(\frac{k_1}{2} - \frac{m\Omega^2}{2} \right) r^2 + \frac{k_2}{4} r^4$$

Clearly, $H \neq E$.

In fact, by direct differentiation,

$$\frac{d}{dt} H = \dot{r} \left\{ m \ddot{r} + (k_1 - m \Omega^2) r + k_2 r^3 \right\} \\ = 0 \quad (\text{from } E = L \text{ eqn})$$

$\therefore H$ is a constant of motion

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \dot{r} \left\{ m \ddot{r} + k_1 r + k_2 r^3 \right\} \\ = \dot{r} m \Omega^2 r = m \Omega^2 r \dot{r} \neq 0$$

\therefore Total Energy is not conserved in this system.

We mentioned about pointwise equality constraint.

If $M(x, u) = 0$ (i.e.) no dependence on ∂u)

then this pointwise equality constraint is called
"holonomic constraint" (\Leftrightarrow system is overparameterized)

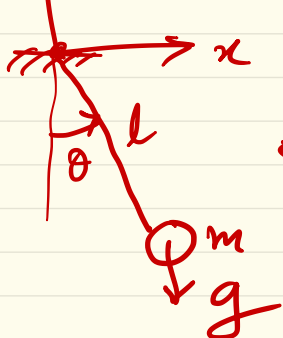
can be thought of as constraint surface

$(\underline{x}, u(\underline{x}))$

\Rightarrow Instead of going the Lagrange multiplier route, we can actually make it an unconstrained COV problem, by eliminating variables.

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Example: (Simple pendulum)


$$M(x, y) = \underbrace{x^2 + y^2} - l^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M(r, \theta) = r^2 - l^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = l = \text{constant}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{r} = 0$$

Can avoid
Lagrange
multipliers

Now, kinetic energy:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$-mgl \sin(\theta)$$

$$= ml^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{-g}{l} \right) \sin \theta = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$V = mgl (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + mgl (\cos \theta - 1)$$

EL eqs: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \frac{d}{dt} L_{\dot{\theta}} \Leftrightarrow -mgl \sin(\theta) = \frac{d}{dt} (ml^2 \dot{\theta})$

unconstrained
CoV

From CoV to OCP (Optimal control Problem):

Template:

$$\min_{\underline{u}(\cdot) \in \mathcal{U}([t_0, t_f])} \mathcal{J}(\underline{u}) := \underbrace{\phi(\underline{x}(t_f), t_f)}_{\text{terminal cost}} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(\underline{x}, \underline{u}, t)}_{\text{Lagrangian}} dt$$

"cost-to-go"

s.t. ① $\dot{\underline{x}}_{n \times 1} = \underbrace{f(\underline{x}, \underline{u}, t)}_{\text{controlled dynamics}}, \quad \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$
(given initial condition)

② $\underline{\psi}(\underline{x}(t_f), t_f) = 0$ } Terminal constraint

we call: $\underline{x}(t)$ as state vector } $\underline{x}: [t_0, t_f] \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\underline{u}(t)$ as control " } $\underline{u}: [t_0, t_f] \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$

Final time t_f may be "free" OR "fixed"