

Lagrangian mechanics on manifolds

• Differentiable manifolds (manifolds)

- A manifold is the natural notion of a smooth object.

Example: $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$. n -dimensional sphere

$$S^n = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : |x|^2 = 1\}$$

- Locally "looks like" \mathbb{R}^n

Example: A cube is not a manifold "corners"

$SO(n)$ is a manifold.

• $F: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ $F(x) = (F_1(x), \dots, F_m(x)), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$dF_p: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ $\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j}(p)$ $\frac{|F(p+h) - F(p) - dF_p(h)|}{|h|} \rightarrow 0$ as $|h| \rightarrow 0$

Regular value theorem: Let $F: \mathbb{R}^{n+m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a smooth map and for all $p \in F^{-1}(c)$, where

$$F^{-1}(c) = \{p \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m} : F(p) = c\} \neq \emptyset$$

the derivative $dF_p: \mathbb{R}^{n+m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is surjective

Then $F^{-1}(c)$ is an n -dimensional manifold.

• Formal definition.

Def: An n -dimensional manifold is a topological space M

with \exists a family $\mathcal{A} = \{(U_i, \varphi_i) : i \in I\}$ where

① U_i is an open set in M and $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = M$

② $\varphi_i: U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous bijection homeomorphism

③ If $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$, $\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1}: \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$ is a smooth bijection with smooth inverse.

\mathcal{A} : atlas (U_i, φ_i) charts

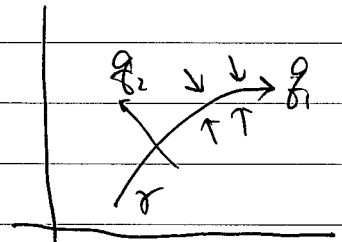
Example: \mathbb{R}^n : $U = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\varphi = \text{id}$, $\mathcal{A} = \{(U, \varphi)\}$

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- Holonomic constraints 完整约束

γ : smooth curve in the plane

$$\begin{cases} U_N = N \dot{q}_2^2 + U_0(q_1, q_2) \\ q_1(0) = q_1^0, \dot{q}_1(0) = \dot{q}_1^0, q_2(0) = 0, \dot{q}_2(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$



Let $q_i = \varphi(t, N)$

Thm: $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t, N) = \psi(t)$, $q_i = \psi(t)$ satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = \frac{\partial L^*}{\partial q_i}, \quad \text{where } L^*(q_i, \dot{q}_i) = T|_{\dot{q}_2 = \dot{q}_2 = 0} - U_0|_{q_2 = 0}$$

- Definition of a system with constraints

γ : m -dimensional surface in $3n$ -dimensional configuration space. points $\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_n$ with masses m_1, \dots, m_n

Let $\vec{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_m)$ be some coordinates on γ : $\vec{r}_i = \vec{r}_i(\vec{q})$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\vec{q}}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{q}}, \quad L = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i^2 + U(\vec{q})$$

is called a system of n points with $3n-m$ ideal

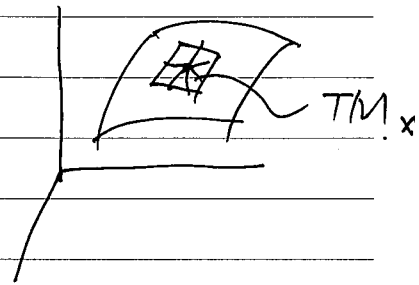
holonomic constraints. $\gamma: f_1(\vec{r}) = 0 \dots f_k(\vec{r}) = 0$, $k = 3n - m$

- Tangent space

M : k -dimensional manifold embedded in \mathbb{E}^n
 tangent space TM_x is orthogonal to $\{\text{grad} f_1, \dots, \text{grad} f_{n-k}\}$.

$$\dot{X} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{\varphi}(t) - \vec{\varphi}(0)}{t}, \text{ where}$$

$$\vec{\varphi}(0) = \vec{x}, \vec{\varphi}(t) \in M.$$



- Tangent bundle TM

The union of the tangent spaces to M : $\bigcup_{x \in M} TM_x$ has a natural differentiable manifold structure

The dimension is twice the dimension of M .

TM : tangent bundle $(q_1, \dots, q_n, \underbrace{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n}_{d\xi})$

$p: TM \rightarrow M$ takes a tangent vector ξ to point $\vec{x} \in M$.
 $(\xi \in TM_x)$ is the natural projection.

The inverse image $p^{-1}(\vec{x})$ is the tangent space TM_x .

- Riemannian manifold: a manifold possessing a metric $\langle \xi, \xi \rangle$ on every tangent space TM_x .

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 positive definite.

Theorem: The evolution of local coordinates $\vec{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$ of a point $\gamma(t)$ satisfies the Lagrange equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q}$$

where $L(\vec{q}, \dot{\vec{q}})$ is $L: TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in the coordinates \vec{q} and $\dot{\vec{q}}$ on TM .

- For Riemannian manifold M , $T = \frac{1}{2} \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$, $\vec{v} \in T\vec{M}_x$
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 kinetic energy

potential energy $U: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

natural system: $L = T - U$

Noether's theorem

Let M be a smooth manifold, $L: TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth function on its tangent bundle TM . $h: M \rightarrow M$ smooth map

Def: (M, L) admits the mapping h if for $\forall \vec{v} \in TM$,
 $L(h_*\vec{v}) = L(\vec{v})$

Example: $M = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3) \}$, $L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{x}_3^2) - U(x_2, x_3)$
 $h: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (x_1 + s, x_2, x_3)$

Noether's theorem: If (M, L) admits the one-parameter group of diffeomorphism $h^s: M \rightarrow M$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$, then the Lagrangian system of equations corresponding to L

has a first integral $I: TM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$I\left(\frac{\dot{q}}{\dot{q}}, \frac{\dot{q}}{\dot{q}}\right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{d h^s(\vec{q})}{ds} \Big|_{s=0}$$

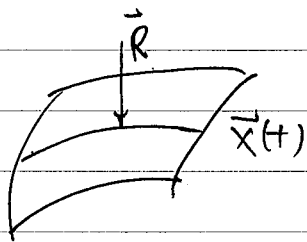
D'Alembert's principle

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holonomic system (M, L), $M \sim$ surface in \mathbb{R}^3

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\vec{x}}^2 - U(\vec{x}) \quad \vec{x} \text{ on the smooth surface } M$$

Def: $\vec{R} = m\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}$ constraint force



\Rightarrow Newton's eq.

$$m\ddot{\vec{x}} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}} + \vec{R}$$

physical meaning of \vec{R} : $U + N U_1$, $U_1(\vec{x}) = f^2(\vec{x}, \vec{M})$

$$N \rightarrow \infty \quad \vec{F} = -N \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial \vec{x}} \rightarrow \vec{R}$$

$$(\vec{R}, \vec{\xi}) = 0 \quad \text{for } \vec{\xi} \text{ tangent vector.}$$

D'Alembert's principle:

$$(m\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}, \vec{\xi}) = 0 \quad \text{for any virtual variation } \vec{\xi} \text{ tangent vectors to the manifold}$$

For a system of points \vec{x}_i with m_i , \vec{R}_i are defined by $\vec{R}_i = m_i \ddot{\vec{x}}_i + (\partial U / \partial \vec{x}_i)$

$$\text{D'Alembert's principle } \Rightarrow \sum (\vec{R}_i, \vec{\xi}_i) = 0$$

D'Alembert principle \Leftrightarrow variational principle.

M - submanifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $\vec{x}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ a curve
with $\vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}_0$, $\vec{x}(t_1) = \vec{x}_1$.

Def, \vec{x} is called a conditional extremal of the function

$$\Phi = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left(\frac{\dot{\vec{x}}^2}{2} - U(\vec{x}) \right) dt \quad \text{if } \delta\Phi \text{ is equal to zero}$$

when the variation consists of nearby curves joining \vec{x}_0 to \vec{x}_1 in M .

$\delta_M \Phi = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ Lagrange equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\vec{q}}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{q}}, \quad L = \frac{\dot{\vec{x}}^2}{2} - U(\vec{x}), \quad \vec{x} = \vec{x}(\vec{q})$$

Theorem: \vec{x} is a conditional extremal iff

it satisfies the D'Alembert's equation

$$\left(\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}, \vec{\xi} \right) = 0, \quad \forall \vec{\xi} \in TM_{\vec{x}}$$

Lemma: $\vec{\xi}(t) \in TM_{\vec{x}(t)}$ with $\vec{\xi}(t) = 0$ for $t = t_0, t_1$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \vec{f}(t) \cdot \vec{\xi}(t) dt = 0$$

Then the field $\vec{f}(t)$ is perpendicular to M at $\vec{x}(t)$

proof: Idea: compare Φ on $\vec{x}(t)$ and $\vec{x}(t) + \vec{\xi}(t)$
with $\vec{\xi}(t_0) = \vec{\xi}(t_1) = 0$

$$\delta\Phi = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left(\dot{\vec{x}} \cdot \dot{\vec{\xi}} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}} \cdot \vec{\xi} \right) dt = - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left(\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}} \right) \cdot \vec{\xi} dt.$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_n \Phi = 0 \Leftrightarrow \int_0^t (\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}) \cdot \vec{\xi} dt = 0$$

for all $\vec{\xi}(t) \in TM_{\vec{x}(t)} \Leftrightarrow (\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}, \vec{\xi}) = 0$, by the Lemma.

Thm: $\vec{f} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}$ The point \vec{x}_0 in M is an equilibrium position if and only if the force is orthogonal to the surface at \vec{x}_0 : $(\vec{f}(\vec{x}_0), \vec{\xi}) = 0$ for all $\vec{\xi} \in TM_{\vec{x}_0}$

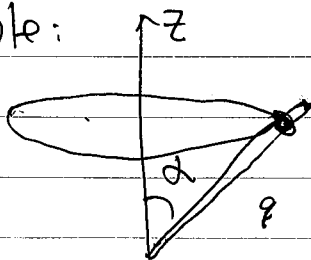
proof: $(\ddot{\vec{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{x}}, \vec{\xi}) = 0$ set $\ddot{\vec{x}} = 0$.

Def: $-m\ddot{\vec{x}}$ force of inertia.

Thm: Add force of inertia to the acting force. \vec{x} becomes an equilibrium position

proof: $(-m\ddot{\vec{x}} + \vec{f}, \vec{\xi}) = 0$

Example:



$$L = T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\varphi}^2 r^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r^2$$

$$r = l \sin \alpha$$

Lagrange's eq.: $m\ddot{\varphi} = m\omega^2 l \sin^2 \alpha$

$$(m\ddot{\varphi}, \vec{\xi}) = 0, \vec{\xi} \perp \vec{f}$$

Oscillations fixito (Small Oscillations)

- Equilibrium positions

Def: \bar{x}_0 is the equilibrium position of the system

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \bar{f}(\bar{x}), \quad \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

if $\bar{x}(t) = \bar{x}_0$ is a solution of this system. $\bar{f}(\bar{x}_0) = 0$

Thm: Consider a natural dynamical system with $L(\bar{q}, \dot{\bar{q}}) = T - U$, where $T = \frac{1}{2} \sum a_{ij}(\bar{q}) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j \geq 0$ and $U = U(\bar{q})$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q}, \quad \bar{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$$

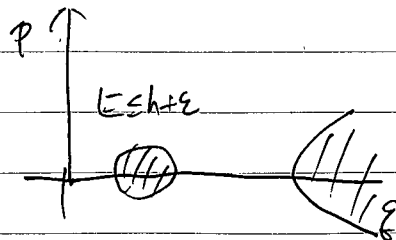
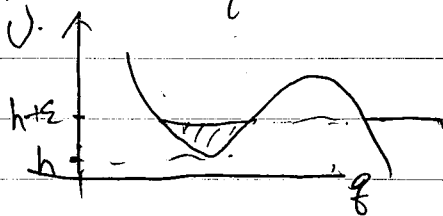
The point $\bar{q} = \bar{q}_0, \dot{\bar{q}} = \dot{\bar{q}}_0$ will be an equilibrium position iff

$\dot{\bar{q}}_0 = 0$, and \bar{q}_0 is a critical point of the potential energy

$$\left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial q} \right|_{\bar{q}_0} = 0$$

proof:
$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial q}$$

Thm: If \bar{q}_0 is a strict local minimum of the potential U , then the equilibrium $\bar{q} = \bar{q}_0$ is stable.



- Linearization of a differential equation

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}), \quad \vec{f}(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} + R_2(\vec{x}), \quad A = \left. \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial \vec{x}} \right|_0, \quad R_2 = O(x^2)$$

Linearization: $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}$ \vec{y} : linearized term.

$$\vec{y}(t) = e^{At} \vec{y}(0), \quad \text{where } e^{At} = \mathbb{I} + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots$$

Thm: For any $T > 0$, $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. if $|\vec{x}(0)| < \delta$, then $|\vec{x}(t) - \vec{y}(t)| < \epsilon$ for all $t \in (0, T)$.

▷ solution to the linearized system is a good approximation.

- Linearization of a Lagrangian system.

Thm: equilibrium position $\vec{q} = 0$ it is sufficient to replace the kinetic energy $T = \frac{1}{2} a_{ij}(\vec{q}) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j$ by its value at $\vec{q} = 0$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum a_{ij} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j, \quad a_{ij} = a_{ij}(0)$$

and replace the potential energy $U(\vec{q})$ by its quadratic part

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum b_{ij} q_i q_j, \quad b_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \right|_{\vec{q}=0}$$

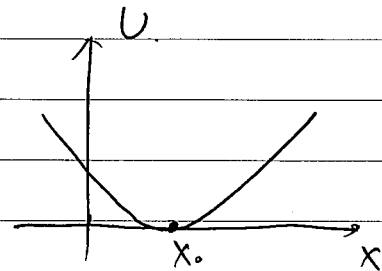
• The period τ of oscillations: $\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$,

$$\omega^2 = b/a, \quad b = \left. \left(\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q^2} \right) \right|_{q=q_0}, \quad a = a(q_0)$$

Proof: $T_2 = \frac{1}{2} a \dot{q}^2$, $U_2 = \frac{1}{2} b q^2 \Rightarrow \ddot{q} = -\omega^2 q$.

• Small oscillations

Consider a system with:



$$T = \frac{1}{2} (A \dot{\vec{q}}, \dot{\vec{q}}), \quad U = \frac{1}{2} (B \vec{q}, \vec{q})$$

positive definite

$$Q = C \vec{q} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{Q}_i^2, \quad U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i Q_i^2$$

λ_i satisfies the characteristic equation:

$$\det |B - \lambda A| = 0$$

• Characteristic oscillations

in the coordinates Q . $\ddot{Q}_i = -\lambda_i Q_i$

Case 1: $\lambda = \omega^2 > 0$. $Q = C_1 \cos \omega t + C_2 \sin \omega t \sim$ oscillation

Case 2: $\lambda = 0$. $Q = C_1 + C_2 t$ neutral equilibrium

Case 3: $\lambda = -k^2 < 0$. $Q = C_1 \cosh kt + C_2 \sinh kt \sim$ instability

- Small oscillations \Rightarrow direct product of n -dimensional small oscillations

- Suppose one of the eigenvalues of A is positive: $\lambda = \omega^2 > 0$

Then (1) can perform a small oscillation of the form

$$\vec{q}(t) = (C_1 \cos \omega t + C_2 \sin \omega t) \vec{\xi}$$

where $\vec{\xi}$ is an eigenvector $B \vec{\xi} = \lambda A \vec{\xi}$

$$Q_i = C_1 \cos \omega t + C_2 \sin \omega t, \quad Q_j = 0 \quad (j \neq i)$$

characteristic oscillation

- Every small oscillation is a sum of characteristic oscillations.

$$\vec{q} = e^{i\omega t} \vec{\xi}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} A \vec{q} = -B \vec{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow (B - \omega^2 A) \vec{\xi} = 0$$

$$\vec{q}(t) = \text{Re} \sum_{k=1}^n C_k e^{i\omega_k t} \vec{\xi}_k$$