

30. (a) Prove that the Poisson bracket of two constants of the motion is itself a constant of the motion even when the constants depend upon time explicitly.
- (b) Show that if the Hamiltonian and a quantity F are constants of the motion, then the n th partial derivative of F with respect to t must also be a constant of the motion.
- (c) As an illustration of this result, consider the uniform motion of a free particle of mass m . The Hamiltonian is certainly conserved, and there exists a constant of the motion

$$F = x - \frac{pt}{m}.$$

Show by direct computation that the partial derivative of F with t , which is a constant of the motion, agrees with $[H, F]$.