

Conservation Laws

$$q_i, \dot{q}_i, \mathcal{L}(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t)$$

IF \mathcal{L} doesn't depend on q_i \rightarrow cyclic ignorable $\rightarrow p_i = \text{const}$

Def.: $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = p_i$ generalized momentum $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} p_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} (\dot{p} = F)$

Ex. 1: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - V(x, y, z)$
 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} = 0 \Rightarrow p_z$ conserved

$$p_x = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}} = m\dot{x}$$

$$p_y = m\dot{y}$$

$$p_z = m\dot{z}$$

Ex. 2: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{\varphi}^2 + r^2 \dot{\varphi}^2) - V(r)$
 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi} = 0 \Rightarrow p_\varphi$ conserved

$$p_\varphi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} = m r^2 \dot{\varphi} = L_z = \text{const}$$

$$p_r = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{r}} = m \dot{r} \quad \text{not conserved}$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{p_\varphi}{m r^2}$$

$$m \ddot{r} = m r \dot{\varphi}^2 - \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{p_\varphi^2}{m r^3} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$$

Emmy Noether Theorem:

transformation that leaves laws of nature invariant \leftrightarrow conserved quantity

h-function: $h(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) = \sum_i p_i \dot{q}_i - \mathcal{L}(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t)$

$h = E? \Leftrightarrow 2T = h = T + V$

Ex. 1: $h = m\dot{x}^2 + m\dot{y}^2 + m\dot{z}^2 - \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + V(x, y, z)$

Counter Ex.:

HW Set 1, Problem 2

$$T = \frac{m}{2} \left[(\dot{q}_1 - \omega q_2)^2 + (\dot{q}_2 + \omega q_1)^2 \right]$$

$$p_1 = m(\dot{q}_1 - \omega q_2)$$

$$p_2 = m(\dot{q}_2 + \omega q_1)$$

$h = p_1 \dot{q}_1 + p_2 \dot{q}_2 = m \left[\dot{q}_1^2 - \omega q_2 \dot{q}_1 + m \dot{q}_2^2 + \omega q_1 \dot{q}_2 \right]$

Conserved?

$$\frac{d}{dt} h = \sum_i \left[\dot{p}_i \dot{q}_i + p_i \ddot{q}_i - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \ddot{q}_i - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i \right] - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial t} \neq 0$$

IF yes $h = \text{const.} = "E"$

m_1, m_2 cartesian coordinates: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{M}{2}(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{M}{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - V(x, y, z)$

$P_x = M\dot{x}, P_y = M\dot{y}, P_z = M\dot{z}$

\vec{p} = conserved

$\rightarrow x(t) = x_0 + \frac{P_x}{M}t, y(t), z(t) \dots$ $h = T + V$ Energy conserved ✓



$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2) - \frac{k}{2}(r-L)^2$

"E" = const. + T(φ̇) + V(r)

φ ignorable → $P_\varphi = mr^2\dot{\varphi} = \text{const.}$

"E" = h = $P_r\dot{r} + P_\varphi\dot{\varphi} - \mathcal{L} = \frac{m}{2}\dot{r}^2 + \frac{m}{2}r^2\dot{\varphi}^2 + \frac{k}{2}(r-L)^2$ Conserved ✓

$P_r = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{r}} = mr\dot{r}$

$E = \frac{m}{2}\dot{r}^2 + \frac{P_\varphi^2}{2mr^2} + \frac{k}{2}(r-L)^2 \Rightarrow m\ddot{r} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = \frac{P_\varphi^2}{mr^3} - k(r-L)$

Stationary: $\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{P_\varphi^2}{mr^3} = k(r-L)$

"V" (r) = $V(r_0) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}(r-r_0) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2}(r-r_0)^2$
Small excursion around r_0