

# Lecture 1

## Hamiltonian Systems

Let  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$  be a domain in the euclidean space of dimension  $2N$ . One can introduce coordinates in  $\Omega$  — generalized momenta  $p_1, \dots, p_N$  (therefore simple momenta) and generalized coordinates  $q_1, \dots, q_N$  (thereafter simple coordinates). Let  $t$  is a real function ~~time~~ defined on  $\Omega$ . One can make  $p_i, q_i$  functions on time and introduce the following dynamical system

$$\dot{q}_n = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} \quad \dot{p}_n = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \quad \text{in } n=1, \dots, N \tag{3.1}$$

Here  $\frac{d}{dt} f$  — time derivative

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Let us calculate the time derivative of H

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} \dot{p}_n + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \dot{q}_n \right) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \quad (1.2)$$

In virtue of (1.1), the expression in brackets is canceled and

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \quad (1.3)$$

The system (1.1) is called Hamiltonian system, function H is the Hamiltonian. If  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = 0$ , the Hamiltonian is the motion constants.

Suppose  $I = I(p_i, q_i)$  is some function on  $\Omega$ . In virtue of (1.1)  $I = I(t)$ ,  $I$  is a function on time. ~~What are constants~~ If  $\frac{dI}{dt} = 0$

$I$  is the constant of motion. What are conditions for this?

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial q_n} \dot{q}_n + \frac{\partial I}{\partial p_n} \dot{p}_n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial I}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_n} \right) = 0 \tag{1.4}$$

Let  $A = A(p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n)$ ,  $B = B(p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n)$  is the Poisson brackets of  $A, B$  are two functions on  $\Omega$ . The third function  $C$  is the Poisson brackets of  $A, B$

$C = \{A, B\}$  as follows

$$\{A, B\} = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial q_n} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q_n} \right) \tag{1.5}$$

Basic properties of Poisson brackets

① Poisson bracket is skew-symmetric operator

$$\{A, B\} = -\{B, A\} \tag{1.6}$$

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Poisson brackets obey the Jacobi identity

$$\{A\{B, C\} + \{C, \{A, B\}\} + \{A\{B, C\}\} = 0 \quad (1.7)$$

Proof - straightforward

According to (1.5)

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \{I, H\} \quad (1.8)$$

Hence  $I$  is an integral of motion, if and only if

$$\{I, H\} = 0 \quad (1.9)$$

Theorem

Let  $I_1, I_2$  are

$$I_3 = \{I_1, I_2\}$$

integrals of motion. Then  $I_3$  is the integral of motion either

In virtue of the Jacobi identity (2.7)

$$\{I_3, H\} = \{ \{ I_1, I_2 \}, H \} = - \{ H, \{ I_1, I_2 \} \}$$

$$\{ H, \{ I_1, I_2 \} \} + \{ I_1, \{ H, I_2 \} \} + \{ I_2, \{ I_1, H \} \} = 0$$

Equation (2.8) means that the motion integrals of any Hamiltonian system compose a Lie Algebra.

### Example

Consider ~~motion~~ motion of a particle in a radially symmetric 3-D force field

The motion conserves three components of the angular momentum

$$M_1 = p_2 x_3 - p_3 x_2 \quad M_2 = p_3 x_1 - p_1 x_3 \quad M_3 = p_1 x_2 - p_2 x_1$$

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The Poisson brackets are

$$\{M_1, M_2\} = M_3 \quad \{M_3, M_1\} = M_2$$

$$\{M_2, M_3\} = M_1$$

This is the algebra of vector fields in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to operation of taking vector product.

$$\text{If } \{I_1, I_2\} = 0$$

Then integrals  $I_1, I_2$  are in involution or

commute. In a general case the Lie algebra of the Hamiltonian system  $L$  contains some

commutative subalgebra  $\Gamma \in L$

commuting integrals ~~are~~ all (including the Hamiltonian) belong to  $\Gamma$

Propn 1 is a linear space of dimension  $m$ . If  $m = N$ , the system is called integrable, and the following statement holds

Theorem of integrability (Liouville - Arnold)

An integrable system can be interpreted explicitly (we explain the exact meaning of this term later on).

Examples of integrable systems

1. Suppose  $H_1 = \sum_{n=1}^N H_n$

$$H_n = H_n(p_n, q_n)$$

Then all particular Hamiltonians are

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motion constants which, obviously, commute

In particular if

$$H_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_n^2}{m_n} + k_n x_n^2 \right) \quad - \text{this is the system}$$

of linear oscillators with frequencies

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k_n}{m_n}$$

Another example is mentioned above  
motion of a particle in ~~the~~ the radial  
symmetric field. In this case ~~the~~ is  
composed ~~of~~  $\omega_j$  three elements

$$H, M_1^2, M_2^2, M_3^2 \quad M^2 = M_1^2 + M_2^2 + M_3^2$$

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