

# Special Topic: Higher Dimensions, Symplectic Structures and the Poincaré-Cartan Invariant

Observe:

→ Theory of canonical transformations, action-angle variables, adiabatic invariants rests on:

(1 deg freedom) invariance:  $\oint_C p dq = \int_A dp dq$   
 i.e. phase area (phase volume) conservation.

→ what of higher dimensions? Key: Hamiltonian EOM → symplectic

Punch line: ①  $\oint_{A_r} p \cdot dq = \int_{A_r} (\sum dp \wedge dq), \text{ conserved}$

$\underline{p} \equiv$  gen. mom. vector  
arb. dimensions

$\underline{q} \equiv$  gen. coord vector  
arb. dimensions

↓  
 sym. oriented areas  
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 Poincaré-relative invariant  
 (abbreviated action)

② For Hamiltonian system:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \oint_{A_r} dp \wedge dq \right) = 0$$

(i.e. sum of oriented areas is const.)

akin Liouville Thm.  
but not identical

Need develop: - wedge product  
 - higher-d Stokes thm.  
 (n.b.: will not prove everything)

→ Physical Idea:

$$\oint \underline{p} \cdot d\underline{z} \equiv \text{conserved phase space circulation}$$

→ property of phase space flow

What is a circulation invariant and what does it mean?

Consider a Fluid:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \right) - \eta \nabla^2 \underline{v} = -\nabla p$$

advection
viscous transport of momentum
pressure gradient

NSE

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} - \nu \nabla^2 \underline{v} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho}$$

kinematic viscosity
ρ

now

$$\underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} = +\nabla \left( \frac{v^2}{2} \right) + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{v}$$

$$\underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{v}$$

vorticity

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} = -\underline{\nabla} p - \underline{\nabla} \left( \frac{v^2}{2} \right) + \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega}$$

for isentropic flow:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \underline{\nabla} s = 0$$

$s \equiv$  entropy

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\infty} \quad dE &= dQ - p dV \\ &= T ds - p dV \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dH &= T ds - p dV + d(pV) \quad \left( \text{Legendre transform} \right) \\ \text{enthalpy} &= T ds + V dp \end{aligned}$$

∞ for const. entropy

$$dH = T ds + \frac{dp}{\rho}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\nabla} H = \frac{1}{\rho} \underline{\nabla} p$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} = -\underline{\nabla} H - \underline{\nabla} \left( \frac{v^2}{2} \right) + \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega} + \gamma \nabla^2 \underline{v}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} &= \underline{\nabla} \times (\underline{v} \times \underline{\omega}) + \underline{\nabla} \times \gamma \nabla^2 \underline{\omega} \\ &= \underline{\sigma} \times \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega} + \gamma \nabla^2 \underline{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

define a circulation

$$I_C = \oint_C \underline{v} \cdot d\underline{l} = \int_A d\underline{a} \cdot \underline{\omega}$$



$$\oint \underline{v} \cdot d\underline{l}$$

$$\int d\underline{a} \cdot \underline{\omega}$$

Important to think of circulation as both

- line integral of velocity
- area integral of vorticity projection

$$\frac{d}{dt} I_C = 0 \quad \text{if } \nu \rightarrow 0$$

i.e. absent viscosity, circulation conserved

key point: Invariance of circulation linked to area integration of

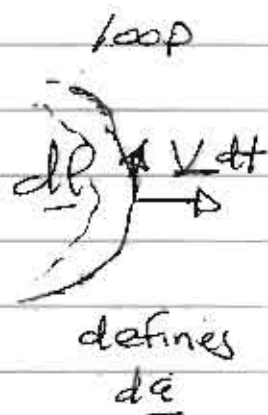
chosen vorticity      motion of loop

Proof

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_A d\underline{a} \cdot \underline{\omega} = \int_A d\underline{a} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} + \int_A \underline{\omega} \cdot \frac{d\underline{a}}{dt}$$

$$= \int_A d\underline{a} \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega}) + \int_A \underline{\omega} \cdot \frac{d\underline{a}}{dt}$$

$$= \oint_C d\underline{l} \cdot \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega} + \oint_C \underline{\omega} \cdot \frac{\underline{v} \times d\underline{l} dt}{dt}$$



$$\frac{d\underline{e}}{dt} \cdot d\underline{a} = \underline{v} dt \times d\underline{l}$$

$$\frac{dI_c}{dt} = \oint_C d\mathbf{l} \cdot \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega} - \oint_C d\mathbf{l} \cdot \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega}$$

$$= 0 \quad \checkmark$$

⇒ Kelvin's Circulation Theorem!

$$\frac{d}{dt} I_c = 0 \quad , \quad I_c = \oint \underline{v} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \oint \underline{a} \cdot \underline{\omega}$$

for  $v=0$ .

So, - have shown the 'Mother of All Circulation Theorems'

- need prove the counterpart for Poincare's Invariant

i.e.  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \oint \underline{p} \cdot d\underline{q} \right) = 0 \quad !$

Note:

i.) Another approach (less edifying):

For Euler eqn:

$$\frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} = \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = -\nabla H$$

Now

$$I_c = \oint_C \underline{v} \cdot d\underline{l}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_c}{dt} &= \oint_C \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} \cdot d\underline{l} + \oint_C \underline{v} \cdot \frac{d\underline{l}}{dt} \\ &= -\oint_C \nabla H \cdot d\underline{l} + \oint_C \underline{v} \cdot d\underline{v} \\ &= -\oint_C \cancel{\nabla H} + \oint_C \cancel{d(v^2/2)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

circulation conserved.

ii.) An Example

→ vortex tube stretching.

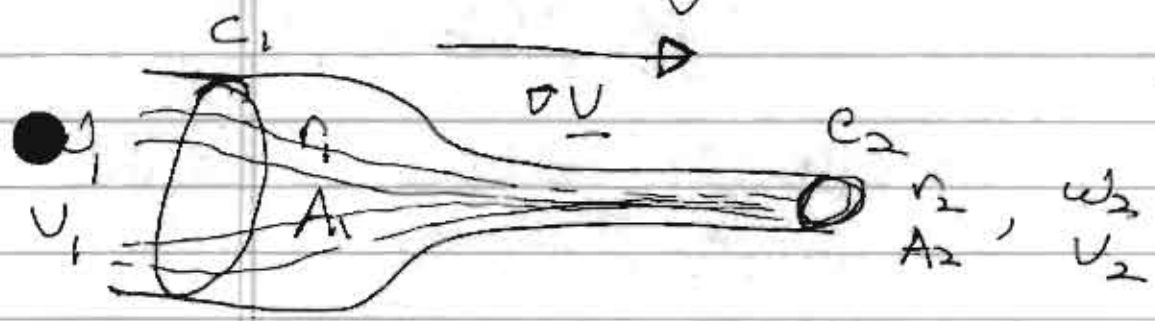
Consider incompressible flow:

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} = \underline{\sigma} \times (\underline{v} \times \underline{\omega})$$

$$= -\underline{v} \cdot \underline{\sigma} \underline{\omega} + \underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{\sigma} \underline{v}$$

$$\frac{d\underline{\omega}}{dt} = \underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{\sigma} \underline{v}$$

Consider a straining flow:



incompressible  
 $\Rightarrow$  stretching  
 conserves  
 volume.

Now K-Thm  $\Rightarrow$

$$\omega_1 A_1 = 2\pi r_1 v_1 = \omega_2 A_2 = 2\pi r_2 v_2$$

so  $\frac{v_2}{v_1} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \Rightarrow$  velocity on small scale increased by stretching event.

$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2} \Rightarrow$  argument for enstrophy production in stretching  
 $\Rightarrow$  Forward cascade in 3D turbulence.

→ Eine kleine Geometry

② Contravariant and Covariant Vectors

Consider, for arbitrary dimensions:

$$\underline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

where each  $a_i = a_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$   
so  $a_i = a_i(x)$

Now, consider transformation  $x \rightarrow y$   
such that  $y = y(x)$

→  $\underline{a}$  contravariant if transforms like:

$$\underline{\bar{a}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} a_j$$

transform of  $\underline{a}$  (new variables)

example:  $d\underline{x} = (dx_1, \dots, dx_n) \equiv d\underline{x}_A$   
↓  
infinitesimal distance



$$dy = (dy_1(x) \dots dy_n(x))$$

$$dy_i = \sum_j \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} dx_j \quad \rightarrow \text{contravariant.}$$

$\rightarrow$   $\underline{b}$  covariant if transforms according to:

$$\bar{b}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} b_j$$

example: gradients of scalar field are covariant

$$\text{if } b_i = \partial S / \partial x_i$$

$$\underline{b} = \underline{\nabla} S$$

↓  
( $\varphi$ ) !

$$\bar{b}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_j}$$

$$= \frac{\partial S}{\partial y_i}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} \quad \checkmark \quad = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i}$$

obviously, since  $p = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \underline{z}} = \underline{\nabla}_z S$

$\Rightarrow$  generalized momenta vectors are covariant

### ① Differential Forms

$\rightarrow$  Differential 1-form  $\overset{\omega'}{\uparrow}$  defined as:

$$\omega' = b_1 dx_1 + b_2 dx_2 + \dots + b_n dx_n$$

where  $\underline{b}_i = \underline{b}_i(\underline{x})$  is covariant

$$\begin{aligned} \omega' &= \sum_{i=1}^n b_i dx_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \overset{\substack{\text{in terms of} \\ \partial x_i}}{\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j}} b_i dy_j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{b}_j dy_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{b}_j = \sum_i b_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j}$$

$$\omega' = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i dx_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{b}_j dy_j$$

$\omega'$  invariant under transformation of variables

(c) Now, Poincare invariant

$$I_p = \oint \underline{p} \cdot \underline{dq}$$

is related to 1-form:

$$\omega' = \underline{p} \cdot \underline{dq} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dq_i \quad (\text{arbitrary dimensions})$$

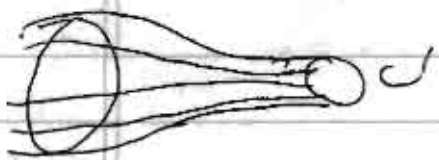
N.B.:  $\omega^{(1)}$  as 1-form is consequence of covariance of  $\underline{p}$ , which is in turn a consequence of relation between momenta and action, i.e.  $\underline{p} = \partial S / \partial \underline{q}$ .

(d) More on 1-forms:

1-forms obey a "Kelvin's Circulation Theorem"

i.e. consider a bundle or tube of trajectories = circulation is the same for all closed curves

which encircle the same set of trajectories



i.e.

$$\oint_C \omega' = \oint_C \omega$$

invariance of circulation

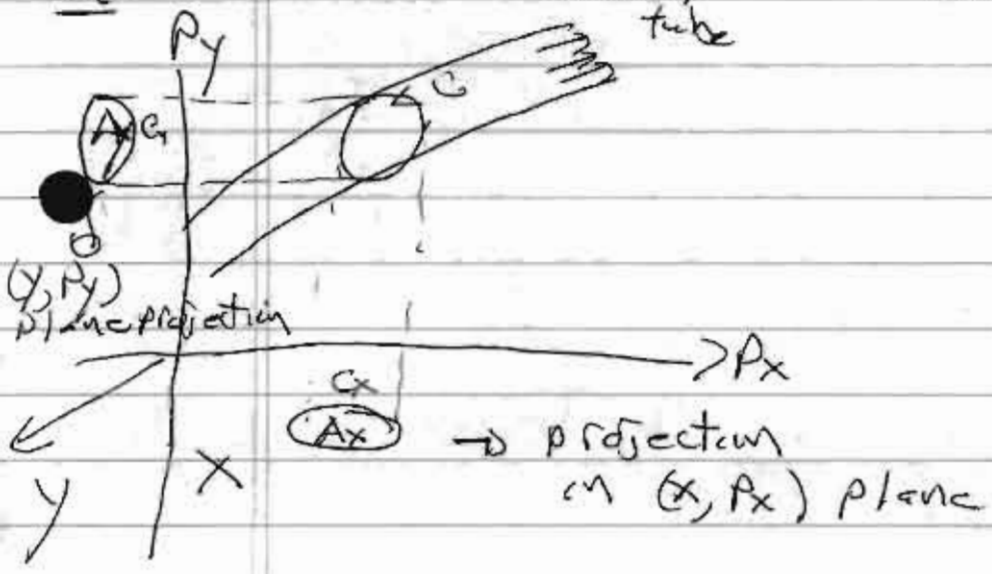
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where:

$$\oint_C \omega' = \oint_C \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dz_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{C_i} p_i dz_i$$

integral i.e.

sum of projected line integrations  $\rightarrow$  C plane



(can skip later)

of course, it is evident that:

$$\oint_C \omega' = \sum_{i=1}^n \oint_{C_i} p_i dz_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{A_i} dp_i dz_i$$

[skip above bundle]

prove later,

but evident from above.

i.e.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \oint_C \omega = \frac{d}{dt} \oint_C p \cdot dz = 0$$

② 2-forms:

Can construct differentials/ 2-forms from products - "wedge products" - of one forms.

For (exterior wedge) products:

$$dx_i \wedge dx_j = -dx_j \wedge dx_i$$

(anti-symmetry)  
(like cross product)

$$dx_i \wedge dx_i = 0$$

and

$k \rightarrow$  scalar

$$b_i \wedge dx_j = dx_j \wedge b_i = b_i dx_j$$

$$dx_i \times (k dx_j) = b_i dx_i \wedge dx_j$$

n.b.  $\rightarrow$  can build from basis vectors and rules for basis wedge products

$$\underline{e}_1 \wedge \underline{e}_2 = \underline{e}_3, \quad \underline{e}_1 \wedge \underline{e}_3 = -\underline{e}_2, \dots$$

$\rightarrow$  obvious similarity to cross products...

Now consider 1 forms:

$$\omega_1 = b_1 dx_1 + b_2 dx_2$$

$$\omega_2 = c_1 dx_1 + c_2 dx_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Theta_1 \wedge \Theta_2 &= (b_1 dx_1 + b_2 dx_2) \wedge (c_1 dx_1 + c_2 dx_2) \\
 &= (b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1) dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \\
 &= -\Theta_2 \wedge \Theta_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Theta_1 \wedge \Theta_2$  is a 2-form  
 $\rightarrow$  2-form denoted by  $\omega^{(2)}$

Why are 2 forms interesting?  $\rightarrow$  Phase  
 (area) conservation  
 (Volume)

i.e. Consider 2D, and change of  
 variables:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_1 &= X_1(Y_1, Y_2) & X &\rightarrow Y \\
 X_2 &= X_2(Y_1, Y_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$dX_1 = \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial Y_1} dY_1 + \frac{\partial X_1}{\partial Y_2} dY_2$$

$$dX_2 = \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial Y_1} dY_1 + \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial Y_2} dY_2$$

so, for transformation of 2-form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} \end{pmatrix} dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \\
 &= J(x_1, x_2; y_1, y_2) dy_1 \wedge dy_2 \\
 &= \frac{\partial (x_1, x_2)}{\partial (y_1, y_2)} dy_1 \wedge dy_2
 \end{aligned}$$

thus, if  $\underline{x_1} \rightarrow \underline{p}$        $\underline{y_1} \rightarrow \underline{q}$   
 $\underline{x_2} \rightarrow \underline{z}$        $\underline{y_2} \rightarrow \underline{q}$

and variables (properly) canonical

$$\Rightarrow \underline{dp} \wedge \underline{dz} = \underline{dp} \wedge \underline{dq}$$

and in general:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dz_i = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dq_i$$

and can generalize to

$$\omega^{2n} = \prod_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dz_i \equiv \text{phase volume.}$$

yet more:

→ can obtain 2-forms from 1-forms by  
exterior differentiation

c.i.e.  $\omega^1 = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i dx_i$   
 $\downarrow$   
 1 form

⇒

$$d\omega^1 = d\left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i dx_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n db_i \wedge dx_i$$

$\downarrow$   
2 form.

example:

$$\omega^1 = b_1(x_1, x_2) dx_1 + b_2(x_1, x_2) dx_2$$

then

$$d\omega^1 = db_1 \wedge dx_1 + db_2 \wedge dx_2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x_2} dx_2 \right) \wedge dx_1$$

$$+ \left( \frac{\partial b_2}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial b_2}{\partial x_2} dx_2 \right) \wedge dx_2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial b_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial x_2} \right) dx_1 \wedge dx_2$$



then this implies:

$$\omega' = f dx + g dy$$

$$\omega^2 = d\omega' = df \wedge dx + dg \wedge dy$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\oint_C \omega' = \iint_A \omega^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  Stokes Thm.

Now,  $\omega' = p dq$

then  $\oint p dq = \iint_A dp \wedge dq$

and can immediately generalize to

$$d \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dz_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dz_i$$

and

$$\oint_C \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dz_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_p} dp_i \wedge dz_i$$

projected area.

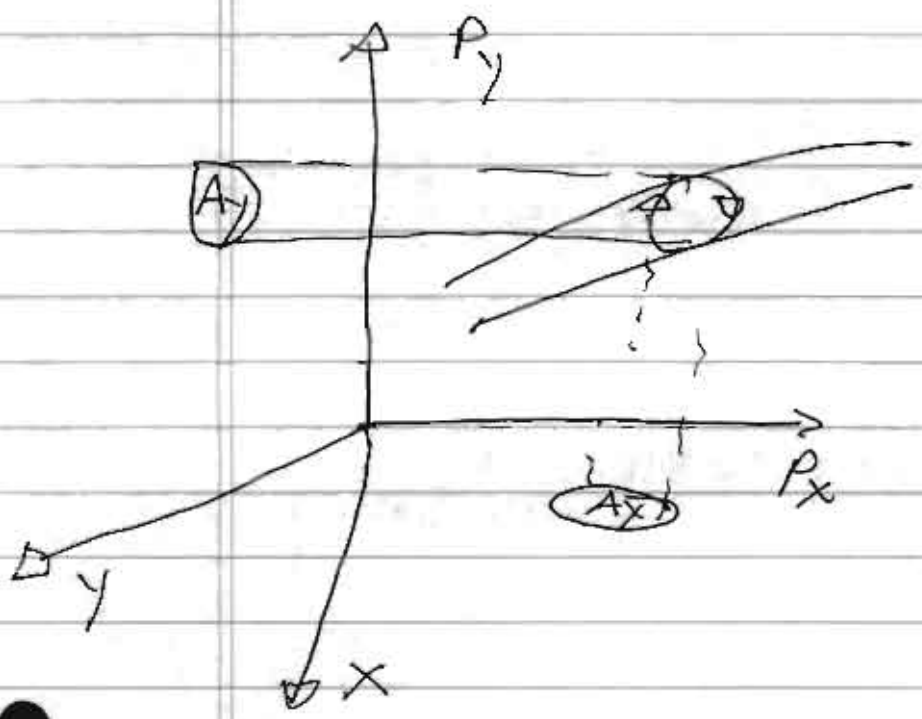
ie. have a key result:

$$\oint \sum_{i=1}^n P_i d\xi_i = \oint \underline{P} d\underline{\xi}$$

$\downarrow$   
 Poincaré conversion

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_{proj.}} dP_i \wedge d\xi_i$$

$\hookrightarrow$  areas from projecting  $C$  onto  
 $(P_i, \xi_i)$  planes.



① Punchline

Now: Poincaré's Theorem  $\rightarrow$  show  $d\underline{z} \wedge d\underline{p}$  conserved, directly,

Define:  $\omega = d\underline{z} \wedge d\underline{p}$

$\downarrow$   
oriented  
phase area  
 $\Rightarrow$  2-form

and, of course:

$$(\dot{\underline{z}}, \dot{\underline{p}}) = \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{p}}, -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{z}} \right)$$

Then:

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (d\underline{z} \wedge d\underline{p})$$

$$= (d\dot{\underline{z}} \wedge d\underline{p}) + (d\underline{z} \wedge d\dot{\underline{p}})$$

$$= (d(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{p}}) \wedge d\underline{p}) + (d\underline{z} \wedge d(-\frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{z}}))$$

$$= \left( \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \underline{z} \partial \underline{p}} \right) d\underline{z} + \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \underline{p}^2} \right) d\underline{p} \right) \wedge d\underline{p}$$

$$+ d\underline{z} \wedge \left( -\left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \underline{z}^2} \right) d\underline{z} - \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \underline{p} \partial \underline{z}} d\underline{p} \right)$$

but  $d\underline{z} \wedge d\underline{z} = 0$

$d\underline{p} \wedge d\underline{p} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\omega}{dt} &= \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial q_i \partial p_i} \right) dq_i \wedge dp_i \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p_i \partial q_i} \right) dp_i \wedge dq_i \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

→ Hamiltonian flow conserves oriented phase area ("phase volume")

→ Hamiltonian flows are symplectic

→  $\oint p \cdot dq$  circulation is conserved.

ie have

$$\oint p \cdot dq = \oint \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dq_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \iint_{A_i} dp_i \wedge dq_i$$

and all conserved

N.B.: Liouville's Thm appears as conservation of  $2^n$ -form

$$\omega^{2n} = \prod_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dq_i$$

exercise  $\rightarrow$  show this!

all

$\rightarrow$  can construct C.T.'s from invariance  $\oint p \cdot dq$

$\rightarrow$  can extend to:

$p dq - H dt$  for time dependent case

$\therefore$  all C-T theory, adiabatic invariant theory survive in higher dimensions.

$\rightarrow$  for Action-Angle variables:

- consider system with  $n$  IDMs

$\therefore$

$$- I_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\gamma_i} p \cdot dq \equiv \text{Action variables}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $i$ -cycle,  $\rightarrow n$  indep. cycles  $\rightarrow$  per IDM which conserves  $I_i$

- angles  $\rightarrow$  phase on cycle.

i.e.  $\underline{\dot{Q}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial T}$

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