

1.)

a.

Question: Construct from first principles the hamiltonian for a 1D harmonic oscillator of mass m and spring constant k .

The kinetic energy is given by:

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{q}^2$$

While the potential energy is:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kq^2$$

As we know. $L = T - U$ and $H = p\dot{q} - L$, leading to:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kq^2 \quad (1)$$

or

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 q^2$$

b.

Question: Determine the constant C such that $Q = C(p + im\omega q)$ and $P = C(p - im\omega q)$ define a canonical transformation.

There are multiple ways to show that a transformation is canonical, here I use the fact that Poisson brackets are conserved on canonical transforms.

$$\begin{aligned} [p, q] &= [P, Q] \\ [p, q] &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial q} \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} = -1 \\ [P, Q] &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial q} \frac{\partial P}{\partial p} = (-im\omega C)C - C(im\omega C) = -2im\omega C^2 \end{aligned}$$

So we have:

$$-2im\omega C^2 = -1$$

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2im\omega}}$$

c.

Question: What is the generating function $S(q, P)$ for this transformation?

We have, by definition:

$$p = \frac{\partial S(q, P, t)}{\partial q} \quad (2)$$

$$Q = \frac{\partial S(q, P, t)}{\partial P} \quad (3)$$

So we can write:

$$p = im\omega q + \frac{P}{C} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}$$
$$S = \int \left(im\omega q + \frac{P}{C} \right) dq = \frac{Pq}{C} + \frac{im\omega}{2} q^2 + g(P) \quad (4)$$

Where $g(P)$ is some function depending only on P . Taking the derivative of Eq 4 with respect to P

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial P} = \frac{q}{C} + \frac{dg}{dP}$$

And we know that the above should be equal to Q by Eq 3. So:

$$\frac{q}{C} + \frac{dg}{dP} = C \left(2im\omega q + \frac{P}{C} \right)$$
$$\frac{dg}{dP} = \frac{q}{C} - \frac{q}{C} + P$$
$$g(P) = \frac{1}{2} P^2 \quad (5)$$

Finally, putting it all together:

$$S(q, P) = \frac{1}{2} P^2 + \frac{qP}{C} + \frac{q^2}{4C^2}$$

d.

Question: Find Hamilton's equations of motion for the new variables

We know that our new Hamiltonian, $\tilde{H}(Q, P, t)$, if related to our coordinates P and Q by:

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial P} \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{P} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} \quad (7)$$

But we can write \dot{Q} and \dot{P} as:

$$\dot{Q} = C(\dot{p} + im\omega\dot{q}) \quad (8)$$

$$\dot{P} = C(\dot{p} - im\omega\dot{q}) \quad (9)$$

and using our hamiltonian, $H(q, p, t)$ to derive \dot{q} and \dot{p} :

$$\dot{Q} = C(-m\omega^2 q + im\omega \frac{p}{m}) = Ci\omega(p + im\omega q) = i\omega Q$$

Thus we can integrate the above equation to arrive at:

$$\tilde{H}(Q, P, t) = i\omega QP + g(Q) \quad (10)$$

where again $g(Q)$ is some function depending only on Q . Switching over to \dot{P} :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P} &= C(\dot{p} - im\omega\dot{q}) = -i\omega P = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} \\ -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} &= -i\omega P + \frac{\partial g}{\partial Q} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $g(Q) = 0$ and we can see that our new Hamiltonian is given by:

$$\boxed{\tilde{H}(Q, P, t) = i\omega QP}$$

Using this Hamiltonian, we can trivially see that:

$$\boxed{\dot{P} = -i\omega P}$$

$$\boxed{\dot{Q} = i\omega Q}$$

We can integrate these equations to find:

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \exp(i\omega t + \phi_1) \quad (11)$$

$$P(t) = P_0 \exp(-i\omega t + \phi_2) \quad (12)$$

or, substituting in for our original coordinates:

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{C} [Q_0 \exp(i\omega t + \phi_1) + P_0 \exp(-i\omega t + \phi_2)] \quad (13)$$

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{2im\omega C} [Q_0 \exp(i\omega t + \phi_1) - P_0 \exp(-i\omega t + \phi_2)] \quad (14)$$

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- canonical transformation $q_r, p_r \rightarrow Q_r, P_r$ preserves Hamilton's equations:

$$\Rightarrow \dot{Q}_r = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial P_r}, \quad -\dot{P}_r = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q_r}$$

where \tilde{H} is the new Hamiltonian in terms of the new generalized coordinates and momenta.

- require:

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \{ P_r \dot{q}_r - H(q, p, t) \} = 0 = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \{ P_r \dot{Q}_r - \tilde{H}(Q, P, t) \}$$

→ satisfied and phase-space volumes preserved when

$$(*) \quad P_r \dot{q}_r - H(q, p, t) = P_r \dot{Q}_r - \tilde{H}(Q, P, t) + \frac{dF}{dt}$$

where F is the generating function

- for function $F_2(q, P, t)$ we have $F = F_2(q, P, t) - P_r Q_r$ (type 2 generating func.)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dF}{dt} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \dot{q} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial P} \dot{P} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q} \dot{Q} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \\ &= \sum_r \left(\frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_r} \dot{q}_r + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P_r} \dot{P}_r - Q_r \dot{P}_r - P_r \dot{Q}_r \right) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

→ equation (*) can thus be written as

$$\sum_r \left[\left(P_r - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_r} \right) \dot{q}_r + \left(Q_r - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P_r} \right) \dot{P}_r \right] - H(q, p, t) = -\tilde{H}(Q, P, t) + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t}$$

⇒ need

$$P_r - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_r} = 0, \quad Q_r - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P_r} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_r = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_r}, \quad Q_r = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P_r}$$

so that

$$\tilde{H}(Q, P, t) = H(q, p, t) + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t}$$

2. a) want to show

$$S_0(q, P) = \sum_r q_r P_r$$

generates the identity transformation

- $S_0(q, P)$ is a type 2 generating function

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow p_r &= \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_r} = P_r \\ Q_r &= \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P_r} = q_r \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow p_r &= \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_r} = P_r \\ Q_r &= \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P_r} = q_r \end{aligned}} \right\} \boxed{q_r = Q_r, p_r = P_r} \checkmark$$

b) want to show the function $S_0 + H dt$ generates the dynamical transformation from t to $t + dt$

- let $G = S_0 + H dt = \sum_r q_r P_r + H dt$

- again G is a type 2 generating function, so

$$p_r = \frac{\partial G}{\partial q_r} = P_r + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_r} dt$$

$$= P_r - \dot{p}_r dt \Rightarrow P_r = p_r + \dot{p}_r dt$$

$$\boxed{P_r = p_r(t + dt)}$$

Hamilton's Equations:

$$\dot{q}_r = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r}, \quad \dot{p}_r = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_r}$$

← new momenta are the old momenta evaluated at time $t + dt$ ✓

$$Q_r = \frac{\partial G}{\partial P_r} = q_r + \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_r} dt$$

$$\approx q_r + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r} dt$$

$$= q_r + \dot{q}_r dt$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial P_r} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r} \text{ since } P_r = p_r(t + dt)$$

$$\boxed{Q_r = q_r(t + dt)}$$

← new coordinates are the old coordinates evaluated at time $t + dt$ ✓

⇒ Since we have shown that this generating function produces new coordinates and momenta satisfying $Q_r = q_r(t + dt)$ and $P_r = p_r(t + dt)$, the time development of any mechanical system must always be a canonical transformation. ✓

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3) Fetter and Walecka 6.8

$$\text{Let } G = S_0 + \mathcal{L} \cdot d\tau$$

$$G = \sum q_\sigma P_\sigma + \sum P_\sigma dq_\sigma$$

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = \sum (\dot{q}_\sigma P_\sigma + q_\sigma \dot{P}_\sigma) + \sum \dot{P}_\sigma dq_\sigma$$

Since this is a type II generating function we define:

$$F = G - \sum P_\sigma Q_\sigma$$

Canonical transformations satisfy the following equation:

$$\sum p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - H = \sum P_\sigma \dot{Q}_\sigma - \tilde{H} + \frac{dF}{dt}$$

$$\sum p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - H = \sum P_\sigma \dot{Q}_\sigma - \tilde{H} + \frac{dG}{dt} - \sum \dot{P}_\sigma Q_\sigma - \sum P_\sigma \dot{Q}_\sigma$$

$$\sum p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - H = -\sum \dot{P}_\sigma Q_\sigma - \tilde{H} + \frac{dG}{dt}$$

$$\sum p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - H = -\sum \dot{P}_\sigma Q_\sigma - \tilde{H} + \sum (\dot{q}_\sigma P_\sigma + q_\sigma \dot{P}_\sigma) + \sum \dot{P}_\sigma dq_\sigma$$

$$\sum \underbrace{(p_\sigma - P_\sigma)}_{=0 \quad (1)} \dot{q}_\sigma - H = \sum \underbrace{(-Q_\sigma + q_\sigma + dq_\sigma)}_{=0 \quad (2)} \dot{P}_\sigma - \tilde{H}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} p_\sigma - P_\sigma &= 0 \\ P_\sigma &= p_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} -Q_\sigma + q_\sigma + dq_\sigma &= 0 \\ Q_\sigma &= q_\sigma + dq_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} P &= p \\ Q &= q + d\tau \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Finite translations}$$

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3) Fetter and Walecka 6.8 continued

$$\text{Let } G = S_0 + \hat{n} \cdot \underline{L} d\varphi \quad \underline{L} = \underline{g} \times \underline{P}$$

$$G = \sum g_\sigma P_\sigma + n_k \epsilon_{ijk} q_i P_j d\varphi$$

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = \sum (g_\sigma \dot{P}_\sigma + \dot{g}_\sigma P_\sigma) + n_k \epsilon_{\sigma j k} \dot{q}_\sigma P_j d\varphi + n_k \epsilon_{i \sigma k} q_i \dot{P}_\sigma d\varphi$$

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$$\sum p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - H = -\sum \dot{P}_\sigma Q_\sigma - \tilde{H} + \sum (g_\sigma \dot{P}_\sigma + \dot{g}_\sigma P_\sigma) + n_k \epsilon_{\sigma j k} \dot{q}_\sigma P_j d\varphi + n_k \epsilon_{i \sigma k} q_i \dot{P}_\sigma d\varphi$$

$$\sum \underbrace{(p_\sigma - P_\sigma - n_k \epsilon_{\sigma j k} P_j d\varphi)}_{=0 \quad (1)} \dot{q}_\sigma - H = \sum \underbrace{(-Q_\sigma + g_\sigma + n_k \epsilon_{i \sigma k} q_i d\varphi)}_{=0 \quad (2)} \dot{P}_\sigma - \tilde{H}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow -Q_\sigma + g_\sigma + n_k \epsilon_{i \sigma k} q_i d\varphi = 0$$

$$Q_\sigma = g_\sigma + n_k \epsilon_{i \sigma k} q_i d\varphi$$

$$Q_\sigma = g_\sigma + \epsilon_{k i \sigma} n_k q_i d\varphi$$

$$Q_\sigma = g_\sigma + [\hat{n} \times \underline{q}]_\sigma d\varphi$$

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3) Fetter and Walecka 6.8 continued

$$(1) \Rightarrow \underline{p}_\sigma = \underline{P}_\sigma - n_k \epsilon_{\sigma j k} P_j d\varphi = 0$$

$$\underline{P}_\sigma = \underline{p}_\sigma + \epsilon_{\sigma j k} n_k P_j d\varphi$$

$$\underline{P}_\sigma = \underline{p}_\sigma + \epsilon_{\sigma j k} n_k P_j d\varphi$$

$$\underline{P}_\sigma = \underline{p}_\sigma + [\hat{n} \times \underline{P}]_\sigma d\varphi$$

This equation can be written as $\underline{P}_\sigma = \underline{p}_\sigma + \mathcal{O}(d\varphi)$ which indicates that replacing \underline{P}_σ with \underline{p}_σ introduces error on the order of $\mathcal{O}(d\varphi)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{P}_\sigma = \underline{p}_\sigma + [\hat{n} \times \underline{p}]_\sigma d\varphi + \mathcal{O}(d\varphi^2)$$

We ignore the $\mathcal{O}(d\varphi^2)$ terms

$$\underline{P}_\sigma = \underline{p}_\sigma + [\hat{n} \times \underline{p}]_\sigma d\varphi$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} \underline{Q} &= \underline{q} + [\hat{n} \times \underline{q}] d\varphi \\ \underline{L} &= \underline{l} + [\hat{n} \times \underline{l}] d\varphi \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Finite} \\ \text{Rotations} \end{array}$$

Fetter and Walecka 6.17

a) $G = \sum_r q_r P_r + \epsilon h(q_r, P_r, t)$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \sum_r (\dot{q}_r P_r + q_r \dot{P}_r) + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial q_r} \dot{q}_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial P_r} \dot{P}_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

Since this is type II transformation let $F = G - \sum P_r Q_r$

Canonical transformation must satisfy:

$$\sum P_r \dot{q}_r - H = \sum P_r \dot{Q}_r - \bar{H} + \frac{dF}{dt}$$

$$\sum p_r \dot{q}_r - H = \sum P_r \dot{Q}_r - \bar{H} + \frac{dG}{dt} - \sum P_r \dot{Q}_r - \sum P_r \dot{Q}_r$$

$$\sum p_r \dot{q}_r - H = -\sum P_r \dot{Q}_r - \bar{H} + \sum (\dot{q}_r P_r + q_r \dot{P}_r) + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial q_r} \dot{q}_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial P_r} \dot{P}_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

$$\underbrace{\sum (p_r - P_r - \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial q_r}) \dot{q}_r}_0 \quad (1) - H = \underbrace{\sum (-Q_r + q_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial P_r}) \dot{P}_r}_0 \quad (2) - \bar{H} + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$$

(1) $\Rightarrow p_r - P_r - \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial q_r} = 0$

$$P_r = p_r - \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial q_r}(q_r, P_r, t)$$

Replacing P_r with p_r in h introduces error of $O(\epsilon^2)$

$$P_r = p_r - \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial q_r}(q_r, p_r, t) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

(2) $\Rightarrow Q_r = q_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial P_r}(q_r, P_r, t)$

Replacing P_r with p_r in h introduces error of $O(\epsilon^2)$

$$Q_r = q_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial p_r}{\partial P_r} \frac{\partial h}{\partial p_r}(q_r, p_r, t) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$Q_r = q_r + \epsilon (1 + O(\epsilon)) \frac{\partial h}{\partial p_r}(q_r, p_r, t) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$Q_r = q_r + \epsilon \frac{\partial h}{\partial p_r}(q_r, p_r, t) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$b) F \rightarrow F + dF$$

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma + \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_\sigma} dp_\sigma$$

From the canonical transformation we have, to first order in ϵ :

$$dq_\sigma = \epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_\sigma}, \quad dp_\sigma = -\epsilon \frac{\partial G}{\partial q_\sigma}$$

$$dF = \epsilon \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_\sigma} \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_\sigma} - \epsilon \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_\sigma} \frac{\partial G}{\partial q_\sigma}$$

$$dF = \epsilon [F, G]_{PB}$$

c) Under this transformations we have

$$H(q_\sigma, p_\sigma) \rightarrow H(q_\sigma, p_\sigma) + dH$$

$$H(q_\sigma, p_\sigma) \rightarrow H(q_\sigma, p_\sigma) + \epsilon [H, G]_{PB}$$

If G is a constant of motion then $\frac{\partial G}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_\sigma} = 0 \Rightarrow [H, G]_{PB} = 0$

$$H(q_\sigma, p_\sigma) \rightarrow H(q_\sigma, p_\sigma)$$

Therefore the Hamiltonian is invariant under this transformation.

5. Soln:

a) We choose the third generating function

$$q = -\frac{\partial \bar{F}_3(p, Q)}{\partial p} \quad P = -\frac{\partial \bar{F}_3}{\partial Q} = g(p)$$

$$\therefore \bar{F}_3 = -g(p) Q$$

$$q = -\frac{\partial \bar{F}_3}{\partial p} = g'(p) Q$$

generating function: $\bar{F}_3 = -g(p) Q$ ~~third~~ type 3 generator

transformation rule: $P = g(p)$

$$Q = q/g'(p)$$

To prove the phase space volume is invariant, we only need to verify the determinant of Jacobian matrix is 1

$$\text{i.e. } \det \left| \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial \Lambda_j} \right| = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial q} = \frac{1}{g'(p)} \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} = -\frac{q g''(p)}{(g'(p))^2} \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial p} = g'(p)$$

$$\therefore \det \left| \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial \Lambda_j} \right| = \frac{1}{g'(p)} \cdot g'(p) - 0 = 1 \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

b) Under canonical transformation, principle of least action should still hold.

$$\text{i.e. } \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (p \dot{q} - H) dt = \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt (P \dot{Q} - \tilde{H})$$

$$\text{which means } p \dot{q} - H = P \dot{Q} - \tilde{H} + \frac{dF}{dt}$$

$$\therefore \tilde{H} = H + P \dot{Q} - p \dot{q} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} \dot{p} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \dot{q} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial P} \dot{P} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q} \dot{Q} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{where } -P = \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q} \quad +p = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial P} = 0$$

$$\text{then } \tilde{H} = H + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q} \right) = +\dot{P} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

$$6. H = \frac{1}{2m} (P_1^2 + P_2^2 + P_3^2) + \frac{1}{2} k_1 q_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 q_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_3 q_3^2 = E$$

Separate the eqn.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2m} P_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_1 q_1^2 = E_1 \\ \frac{1}{2m} P_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 q_2^2 = E_2 \\ \frac{1}{2m} P_3^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_3 q_3^2 = E_3 \end{cases} \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 E_i = E, \quad P_i = \sqrt{2m} (E_i - \frac{1}{2} k_i q_i^2)^{1/2}$$

$$I_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint P_i dq_i$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2m}}{2\pi} \oint (E_i - \frac{1}{2} k_i q_i^2)^{1/2} dq_i$$

$$q_i = \left(\frac{2E_i}{k_i} \right)^{1/2} \sin \theta, \quad dq_i = \left(\frac{2E_i}{k_i} \right)^{1/2} \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\therefore I_i = \frac{E_i}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{m}{k_i}} \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{E_i}{\sqrt{k_i/m}}$$

$$\therefore E = \sum_{i=1}^3 E_i = I_1 \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}} + I_2 \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m}} + I_3 \sqrt{\frac{k_3}{m}} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \omega_1 = \frac{dH}{dI_1} = \frac{dE}{dI_1} = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}} \\ \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m}} \\ \omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{k_3}{m}} \end{cases}$$

7. The reduced form of the variational principle (by Maupertuis) uses the abbreviated action:

$$S_0 = \int p dq \quad \text{or} \quad I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int p dq$$

We found that I is an adiabatic invariant, that is, $\frac{dI}{dt} = 0$ for fixed E and λ , where $\lambda(t)$ is a slowly varying parameter such that:

$$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \ll \frac{1}{T} \quad \text{and } T \text{ is a fast time scale}$$

For the harmonic oscillator we can have the frequency, $\omega(t)$, slowly varying:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - m \omega^2(t) x^2, \quad H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m}{2} \omega^2(t) x^2$$

Note we still have $p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = m \dot{x}$. Over the fast time scale $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$:

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint p dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_t^{t+T} (m \dot{x})(\dot{x} dt')$$

At fixed $\omega(t)$, assuming x (thus \dot{x}) periodic in ω :

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_t^{t+T} \frac{d}{dt'} (\dot{x})^2 dt' = \frac{m}{2\pi} \dot{x}^2 \Big|_t^{t+T} = 0$$

At fixed ω , $x = a \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ and:

$$I = \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_t^{t+T} \omega^2 a^2 \sin^2(\omega t' + \varphi) dt' = \frac{m\omega^2}{2\pi} \frac{\pi}{\omega} = \frac{m\omega a^2}{2}$$

but $E = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 a^2$, so also $I = \frac{E}{\omega}$. So: $E = \omega I$

$$I \omega(t) = E(t) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 a^2 \quad \text{thus} \quad a = \frac{2I}{m\sqrt{\omega}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\omega}}$$

where c is a constant.

Thus, a reasonable solution to the problem of varying $\omega(t)$ should have the amplitude as $\omega^{-1/2}$. Indeed, we can apply the WKBJ method, since

$$\left| \frac{\dot{\omega}}{\omega} \right| = \left| \frac{\dot{T}}{T} \right| = \left| \frac{dT}{dt} \cdot \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \right| \sim O(\epsilon \omega) \ll \frac{1}{T} \text{ with } \epsilon \text{ a small parameter}$$

So the solution is the same except we replace the space variable, x , with time, t :

$$X^\pm(t) = \frac{C_\pm}{\sqrt{\omega(t)}} e^{\pm i \int \omega(t) dt} \quad \text{and generally}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(t)}} (C_+ e^{+i \int \omega(t) dt} + C_- e^{-i \int \omega(t) dt}) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{\omega(t)}} \cos\left(\int \omega(t) dt + \varphi\right)$$

Either form that is used the amplitude has a factor of $\omega(t)^{-1/2}$, so:

$$\frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\bar{I}}{\bar{\omega}} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} m \bar{\omega}^2 a^2}{\bar{\omega}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} m \bar{\omega}^2 (C/\omega)}{\bar{\omega}} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m C \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2} \right)$$

$$= \boxed{0} \quad (\bar{E}, \bar{I}, \bar{\omega} \text{ denotes average from } t \text{ to } t+T) \text{ and } \omega(t) \approx \bar{\omega}$$

Above C, C_\pm , were constants determined by initial conditions. More directly:

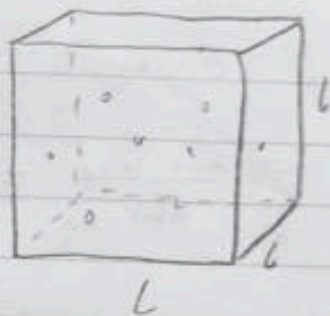
$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint p dq = \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_t^{t+T} \dot{x}^2 dt \approx \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_t^{t+T} \left[\frac{\dot{\omega}}{\omega^{3/2}} X - \frac{C}{\omega^{1/2}} \omega \sin\left(\int_0^t \omega dt' + \varphi\right) \right]^2 dt$$

Use that ω is slowly varying:

$$I \approx \frac{m C^2 (\omega)}{2\pi (\omega^{1/2})^2} \int_t^{t+T} \sin^2(\bar{\omega} t' + \varphi) dt' = \frac{m C^2 (\omega)}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\omega} = \frac{m C^2}{2} \quad (\text{Constant})$$

Prob 8.

Point particles in box
with sides L !



Our goal is to use adiabatic theory
to find the relation between pressure and
volume when the walls are moving.

Start with the stationary case:

Assume particles are either moving in
 x , y or z direction, and that its the same
number of particles in each direction.

To find pressure we use $P = \frac{F}{A}$

The force is given by $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$.

Δp is the change in momentum due to the
collision, while Δt is the time between each
collision.

Energy of particles in x -direction:

$$E_x = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} m_k v_{kx}^2$$

Change in moment due to collision:

$$\Delta p = \sum_k 2m_k v_{kx}$$

Time between collision for one particle!

Force on wall is then given by:

$$F_x = \sum_k \frac{2m_k v_{kx}}{2L/v_{kx}} = \frac{2}{L} \sum_k \frac{1}{2} m_k v_{kx}^2 = \frac{2E_x}{L}$$

Since we assumed $\frac{1}{3}$ of the particles to move in x direction $E_x = \frac{1}{3}E$

We can then find the pressure:

$$P = \frac{F_x}{A} = \frac{2E_x}{L^3} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{E}{V}$$

Now lets take the moving walls into account:

We assume that the rate of change of the walls are much slower than the rate of collision. This means we can use adiabatic theory!

Adiabatic invariant: $I = \oint \frac{p dx}{2\pi}$

We look at motion in the x direction. Since this is free particles the contour integral reduces to a line integral in two directions:

$$2\pi \cdot I = \int_0^L p_x dx + \int_L^0 (-p_x) dx = 2p_x L = 2L \sqrt{2mE_x} = \text{const}$$

We can then simplify this to $E_x L^2 = \text{const}$

Taking the differential yields:

$$dE_x L^2 + 2LE_x dL = 0 \Rightarrow dE_x = -\frac{2E_x}{L} dL$$

Since the variation is slow we can assume that $P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{E}{V} = \frac{2E_x}{V}$ still holds

This allow us to write

$$dE_x = - \frac{2PV}{2L} dL$$

We have $V = LxLyLz$, $dV = LyLz dL = L^2 dL$

$$\Rightarrow dE = - \frac{PV}{V} dV = -PdV$$

This result agrees with the first law of thermodynamics for an adiabatic expansion!

1.)

a.

Question: Construct from first principles the hamiltonian for a 1D harmonic oscillator of mass m and spring constant k .

The kinetic energy is given by:

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{q}^2$$

While the potential energy is:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kq^2$$

As we know. $L = T - U$ and $H = p\dot{q} - L$, leading to:

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}kq^2 \quad (1)$$

or

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 q^2$$

b.

Question: Determine the constant C such that $Q = C(p + im\omega q)$ and $P = C(p - im\omega q)$ define a canonical transformation.

There are multiple ways to show that a transformation is canonical, here I use the fact that Poisson brackets are conserved on canonical transforms.

$$\begin{aligned} [p, q] &= [P, Q] \\ [p, q] &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial q}{\partial q} \frac{\partial p}{\partial p} = -1 \\ [P, Q] &= \frac{\partial P}{\partial q} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial q} \frac{\partial P}{\partial p} = (-im\omega C)C - C(im\omega C) = -2im\omega C^2 \end{aligned}$$

So we have:

$$-2im\omega C^2 = -1$$

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2im\omega}}$$

c.

Question: What is the generating function $S(q, P)$ for this transformation?

We have, by definition:

$$p = \frac{\partial S(q, P, t)}{\partial q} \quad (2)$$

$$Q = \frac{\partial S(q, P, t)}{\partial P} \quad (3)$$

So we can write:

$$p = im\omega q + \frac{P}{C} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}$$
$$S = \int \left(im\omega q + \frac{P}{C} \right) dq = \frac{Pq}{C} + \frac{im\omega}{2} q^2 + g(P) \quad (4)$$

Where $g(P)$ is some function depending only on P . Taking the derivative of Eq 4 with respect to P

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial P} = \frac{q}{C} + \frac{dg}{dP}$$

And we know that the above should be equal to Q by Eq 3. So:

$$\frac{q}{C} + \frac{dg}{dP} = C \left(2im\omega q + \frac{P}{C} \right)$$
$$\frac{dg}{dP} = \frac{q}{C} - \frac{q}{C} + P$$
$$g(P) = \frac{1}{2} P^2 \quad (5)$$

Finally, putting it all together:

$$S(q, P) = \frac{1}{2} P^2 + \frac{qP}{C} + \frac{q^2}{4C^2}$$

d.

Question: Find Hamilton's equations of motion for the new variables

We know that our new Hamiltonian, $\tilde{H}(Q, P, t)$, is related to our coordinates P and Q by:

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial P} \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{P} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} \quad (7)$$

But we can write \dot{Q} and \dot{P} as:

$$\dot{Q} = C(\dot{p} + im\omega\dot{q}) \quad (8)$$

$$\dot{P} = C(\dot{p} - im\omega\dot{q}) \quad (9)$$

and using our hamiltonian, $H(q, p, t)$ to derive \dot{q} and \dot{p} :

$$\dot{Q} = C(-m\omega^2 q + im\omega \frac{p}{m}) = Ci\omega(p + im\omega q) = i\omega Q$$

Thus we can integrate the above equation to arrive at:

$$\tilde{H}(Q, P, t) = i\omega QP + g(Q) \quad (10)$$

where again $g(Q)$ is some function depending only on Q . Switching over to \dot{P} :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P} &= C(\dot{p} - im\omega\dot{q}) = -i\omega P = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} \\ -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q} &= -i\omega P + \frac{\partial g}{\partial Q} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $g(Q) = 0$ and we can see that our new Hamiltonian is given by:

$$\boxed{\tilde{H}(Q, P, t) = i\omega QP}$$

Using this Hamiltonian, we can trivially see that:

$$\boxed{\dot{P} = -i\omega P}$$

$$\boxed{\dot{Q} = i\omega Q}$$

We can integrate these equations to find:

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \exp(i\omega t + \phi_1) \quad (11)$$

$$P(t) = P_0 \exp(-i\omega t + \phi_2) \quad (12)$$

or, substituting in for our original coordinates:

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{C} [Q_0 \exp(i\omega t + \phi_1) + P_0 \exp(-i\omega t + \phi_2)] \quad (13)$$

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{2im\omega C} [Q_0 \exp(i\omega t + \phi_1) - P_0 \exp(-i\omega t + \phi_2)] \quad (14)$$

a.) Ponderomotive Force:

$$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \gg \Omega \quad \text{where } \Omega \text{ is natural frequency}$$

We make the assumption that the motion, $x(t)$, can be separated into a fast plus slow component, $\bar{x} + \tilde{x}$. Then the key part comes by averaging over the fast period. This allows us to find mean-field equations and a form for the effective potential.

Key Features:

New positions of stability/instability, range of driving frequencies for which these positions of equilibrium exist.

The canonical example:

Pendulum with a driven (oscillating) support. Inverted pendulum

Summary of result:

$$U_{\text{eff}} = U + \frac{1}{4m\omega^2} (S_1^2(y) + S_2^2(y))$$

$$\frac{dU_{\text{eff}}}{dy} = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{d^2U_{\text{eff}}}{dy^2} > 0 \quad \text{for stabilization}$$

b.) Parametric Instability:

$$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \approx 2\Omega$$

We assume we can treat the solution as fast oscillator term modulated by a slowly growing amplitude. I.e. $x(t) = a(t)\sin(\omega t) + b(t)\cos(\omega t)$ where $a(t), b(t)$ vary slowly with respect to the frequency ω . Also driving near resonance.

We essentially treat the solution as a small perturbation from the standard, non-driving solution. If the driving amplitude is small compared to the dimensions of the system, this perturbation is allowed.

Key Features:

Growth equation of the slowly varying amplitudes allow for both stable and divergent growth. $\omega_0^2 h^2$ vs ϵ^2 \rightarrow mismatch
 \hookrightarrow Amplitude of parametric force

So sufficiently close to resonance leads to growth

a.) continued

There is a range, or rather a threshold, for instability.

Example:

Driven oscillator with sinusoidally varying frequency. $\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 [1 + \epsilon \cos((2\omega_0 + \epsilon)t)] x = 0$

Summary of example:

$$\text{Growth parameter } S^2 = \frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{16} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{4} - \epsilon^2 \right)$$

For $\epsilon^2 \gg \frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{4}$, stable oscillations.

c.) Adiabatic Invariance:

$$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \ll \Omega$$

We assume that the variation of λ is small over the natural period. Compared to the natural frequency, the parameter λ is taken to be const.

The leverage here is time scale separation, we can break the average

$$\frac{d\bar{E}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d\bar{E}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t} \left\langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \right\rangle_{\text{cycle}}$$

By taking $\lambda \approx \text{const}$ over one period, we ensure "phase" symmetry \Rightarrow conserved charge.
Averaging over the period of the motion, smooths the variations in E .

Key Features:

For a fixed energy, and for slowly varying λ , there is an adiabatic invariant

$$I = \oint_{E, \lambda} \frac{1}{2\pi} p dq = \text{const} \quad \text{Conservation of phase space area!}$$

Example:

Slowly varying natural frequency of an oscillator.

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} p^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2$$

Line Summary:

$$I = \oint_{E, \omega} \frac{1}{2\pi} p dq = \text{const} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \pi \left(\sqrt{\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}} \right) \left(\sqrt{2mE} \right) = \frac{E}{\omega}$$

$I = \frac{E}{\omega} = \text{const}$ so Energy is proportional to frequency

9.) continued

d.) Anharmonic Oscillator

Expansion parameter $\epsilon \ll \omega_0^2$

We assume we can write the solutions $x(t)$ and ω as a series of successive approximations

$$x(t) = x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} + x^{(2)} + \dots \quad \text{where } x^{(i)} \text{ is } \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^i)$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \omega^{(1)} + \omega^{(2)} + \dots \quad \text{where } \omega^{(i)} \text{ is } \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^i)$$

The main issue here is that we have a beat phenomenon from the x^3 term, thus we can have resonance and thus a divergence. The key is to use the expansion and choose $\omega^{(1)}, \omega^{(2)}, \dots$ so the resonant terms disappear. [Reductive perturbation]

Key Feature:

Non-linear frequency shift!

Example:

Duffing eqn: $\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x + \beta x^3 = 0$

Summary:

A non-linear freq shift occurs, $\omega = \omega_0 + \frac{3\alpha^2 \epsilon}{8\omega_0} \propto \alpha^2 !!$

Table Summary:

Case:	Time Scales	Approx Made	The Leverage	Key Features
Periodic Force	$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \gg \Omega$	$x(t) = \bar{x}(t) + \tilde{x}(t)$ $U \approx U_{\text{eff}}$	Average over fast period to find eff. potential	New positions of stability / instability
Parametric Instability	$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \approx 2\Omega$	$x(t) = a(t)\cos(\omega t) + b(t)\sin(\omega t)$ $a(t), b(t)$ slowly varying	Treat the soln as a perturbation from unperturbed soln.	Growth of the amplitudes allow for stable & divergent behavior $\omega_0^2 h^2$ vs ϵ^2 Amp mismatch
Adiabatic Invariance	$\frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} \ll \Omega$	$\lambda \approx \text{const}$ over period T	Break up the average $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial t}$	$I = \oint \frac{1}{2\pi} p dq = \text{const}$ E.A. conservation of phase space area
Anharmonic Oscillator	$\epsilon \ll \Omega^2$	$x = x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} + \dots$ $\omega = \omega^{(0)} + \omega^{(1)} + \dots$	Freedom of choosing $\omega^{(1)}, \omega^{(2)}, \dots$ so resonant term disappears.	Non-linear frequency shift

9) continued

Case	Example	Line Summary
Pend. Force	Inverted pendulum with a driven support	$U_{\text{eff}} = U + \frac{1}{4m\omega^2} (\dot{y}_1^2 + \dot{y}_2^2)$ $\frac{dU_{\text{eff}}}{dy} = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{d^2U_{\text{eff}}}{dy^2} > 0 \quad \text{for stabilization}$
Parametric Instability	Driven oscillator with driving freq $\approx 2\omega_0$	Growth parameter: $S^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{4} - \epsilon^2 \right)$ Stable for $\epsilon^2 \gg \frac{\omega_0^2 h^2}{4}$
Adiabatic Invariance	Slowly varying ω_0 of oscillator	$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint p dq = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{2mE} \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m\omega^2}} = E/\omega = \text{const}$
Anhar. Oscillator	Duffing eqn $\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 x + \beta x^3 = 0$	$\omega = \omega_0 + \frac{3}{8} \frac{a^2 \epsilon}{\omega_0}$