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Lektion 1

- * 1. The Hamiltonian of a relativistic particle of mass m has the form

$$H = \sqrt{m^2 c^4 + \mathbf{p}^2 c^2} ,$$

where \mathbf{p} is the 3-dimensional momentum and c is the speed of light. Find a Lagrangian corresponding to this Hamiltonian.

2. A dynamical system has the Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad L &= \frac{5}{2} \dot{q}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}_2^2 + \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 \cos(q_1 - q_2) + 3 \cos(q_1) + \cos(q_2). \\ b) \quad L &= \frac{1}{2} [(\dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2)^2 + a \dot{q}_1^2 t^2] - a \cos(q_2). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Find a Hamiltonian corresponding to this Lagrangian.

3. A dynamical system has the Hamiltonian

$$H = p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2 .$$

Find a Lagrangian corresponding to this Hamiltonian.

- * 4. A Hamiltonian for a system with one degree of freedom given by

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2a} - b q p e^{-\alpha t} + \frac{ab}{2} q^2 e^{-\alpha t} (\alpha + b e^{-\alpha t}) + \frac{k q^2}{2} ,$$

where a, b, α and k are constants.

- Find a Lagrangian corresponding to this Hamiltonian.
- Find an equivalent Lagrangian that does not depend on time explicitly.
- What is the Hamiltonian corresponding to the second Lagrangian and what is the relationship between the two Hamiltonians?

Lektion 2

1. A dynamical system has the Hamiltonian

$$H = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1 + a(p_1^2 + p_2^2) ,$$

Find a Lagrangian corresponding to this Hamiltonian.

2. A dynamical system has the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2} (p_1^2 (p_2^2 + q_2^2) + q_1^2)$$

Derive the canonical equations and find their general solution.

- ✱ 3. A dynamical system has the Lagrangian

$$L = \frac{mR^2}{2} \left(\dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right) - mgR \cos \theta .$$

Find a Hamiltonian corresponding to this Lagrangian. Find a cyclic variable and reduce the problem to a family of problems with one degree of freedom. Draw the phase portraits for the 1-dimensional systems.

- ✱ 4. **Homework** A point-particle of mass m moves in a 2-dimensional space in the central potential

$$V(r) = -q/r.$$

Find a Hamiltonian for the system using polar coordinates. Find a cyclic variable and reduce the problem to a family of one-dimensional problems. Draw the phase portraits.

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Lektion 3

*1. The length l of a mathematical pendulum varies with time $l = l(t)$.
Derive a Lagrangian and a Hamiltonian for the system.

2. Find a canonical transformation defined by the following generating functions:

$$a) F = \ln(qt)e^P, \quad b) F = qln(P).$$

3. Homework A dynamical system has the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2}q^2 + at^2q^2 - 2tpq + \frac{1}{a}p^2,$$

where a is a constant. Apply a canonical transformation defined by the generating function

$$F = \frac{1}{2}atq^2 - qP.$$

Find the new Hamiltonian in terms of P and Q .

Lektion 4

✱1. A one-dimensional free point-particle is described by the Hamiltonian $H = p^2/2m$. Find a time-dependent canonical transformation such that the new momentum P coincides with H . Give a general solution of the equations of motion using this canonical transformation.

2. A change of variables in the phase-space plane is defined by the equations

$$P = p \cos t + q \sin t, \quad Q = q \cos t - p \sin t.$$

Show that this is a canonical transformation. Find the generating function $F(q, P, t)$.

3. **Homework** A dynamical system has the Hamiltonian $H = pq^3/2t$. Find a new Hamiltonian after the canonical transformations

$$P = pq^3 \left(1 + t \exp\left(\frac{1}{q^2}\right) \right), \quad Q = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + \ln\left(\frac{pq^3}{t}\right) \right).$$

4 Find the Poisson bracket of the following functions on phase-space:

$$\Phi = p^2 + q^2, \quad \Psi = \operatorname{arctg}\left(\frac{p}{q}\right).$$

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Lektion 5

1. A canonical transformation is given by the generating function

$$F(q, P) = P^2 + \ln(P + q) .$$

a Find the new variables P and Q as functions of p and q .

b Verify that the new variables have the correct Poisson brackets.

2. A dynamical system has the Hamiltonian $H = p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2$. Show that the functions

$$\Phi_1 = p_1^2 + q_2^2, \quad \Phi_2 = p_2^2 + q_1^2$$

are conserved quantities.

3. Homework Show that the functions

$$\Phi_1 = \frac{p_1}{q_2}, \quad \Phi_2 = (p_2 - q_2)e^{-t} .$$

are conserved quantities for the Hamiltonian $H = p_1 q_1 - p_2 q_2 + q_2^2$. Find one more integral of the motion using Poisson brackets. Find the general solution of the equations of motion using the conserved quantities.

*4 Using Poisson brackets, show that the components of the Laplace-Runge-Lenz vector

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{L} - \frac{mk\mathbf{r}}{r} ,$$

are conserved quantities in the Kepler problem with Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} - \frac{k}{r} .$$

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Lektion 6

1 The Hamiltonian of a system has the form

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + p^2 q^4 \right)$$

Find the equations of motion for q . Find a canonical transformation which reduces H to the form of a harmonic oscillator.

* 2 Find Hamilton's principal function for a one-dimensional free particle of mass m . Derive the general solution of the equations of motion $p(t)$ and $q(t)$.

3 Suppose the potential in a problem with one degree of freedom is linearly dependent on time, such that the Hamiltonian has the form

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} - mA tx ,$$

where A is a constant. Solve the dynamical problem by means of Hamilton's principal function, under the initial conditions $t = 0, x = 0, p = mv_0$.

4 The Hamiltonian of a system has the form

$$H = \frac{1}{2} e^t \left(\frac{p^2}{2m} + Aq \right) ,$$

Find the general solution for $p(t)$ and $q(t)$ using Hamilton's principal function.

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Lektion 7

- ✱ 1. A mechanical system has two angle-like degrees of freedom, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, $-\pi \leq \phi \leq \pi$. The Lagrangian for the system is

$$L = \frac{I}{2} (\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\phi}^2 \cos^2 \theta) .$$

Find a complete solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation in terms of 1-dimensional integrals.

2. A Hamiltonian system with two degrees of freedom is defined by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2} (p_1 q_2 + 2p_1 p_2 + q_1^2) .$$

Find a complete solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Find the general solution for $q_1(t)$ and $q_2(t)$.

3. **Homework** A Hamiltonian system with two degrees of freedom is defined by the Hamiltonian

$$H = e^t \frac{p_2 + q_2}{p_1 + q_1} .$$

- a Find a complete solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation.
b Find the general solution for $q_1(t)$ and $q_2(t)$.

- 4 A two-dimensional mechanics is defined by the lagrangian

$$L = \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2y^2} + \frac{\dot{y}^2}{2} - \alpha x^2 y^2 .$$

Find a complete solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation in terms of one-dimensional integrals.

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Lesson 8

1. A particle of mass m is moving in the presence of two attracting centres placed at the points $x = -a, y = 0$ and $x = +a, y = 0$ (see Fig. 1). The potentials are $-\frac{A}{r_1}$ and $-\frac{B}{r_2}$ respectively. Find the principal function of Hamilton in terms of one-dimensional integrals. Use the coordinates $\xi = \frac{r_1+r_2}{2}$ and $\eta = \frac{r_1-r_2}{2}$. (The variables will not separate if you use Cartesian coordinates or the coordinates r_1 and r_2 .)

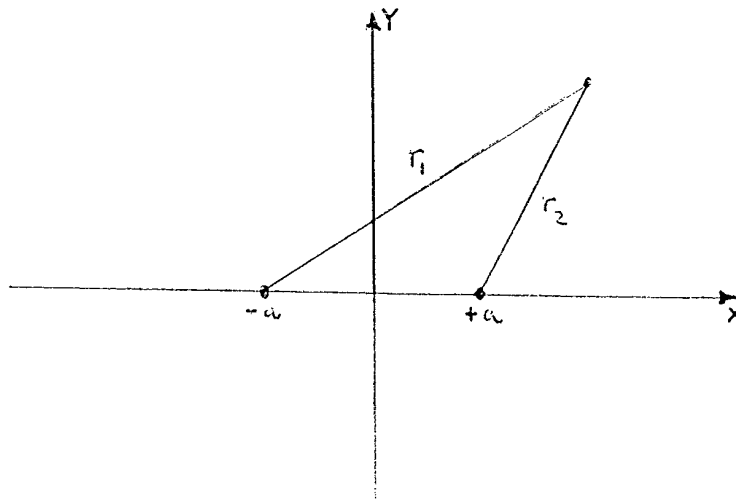
2. A Hamiltonian system with two degrees of freedom is defined by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2}p_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}p_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}q_2^2\right)^2 q_1^2. \quad (1)$$

a) Find a complete solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation in terms of one-dimensional integrals.

b) Draw the phase portraits on the phase planes (p_1, q_1) and (p_2, q_2) .

c) Introduce action-angle variables and express the Hamiltonian as a function of action variables J_1 and J_2 . Find frequencies ν_1 and ν_2 as functions of the action variables.



Lesson 9

1. An elastic ball is oscillating between two very slowly moving walls (see Fig. 1).
 - a) Find an action variable in this system.
 - b) How the velocity of the ball depends on the distance $L(t)$ between the walls?
2. A plane pendulum of small amplitude is constrained to move on an inclined plane (see Fig. 2). How does the amplitude change when the inclination angle α of the plane is changed slowly?
3. To the lowest order in correction terms, the relativistic Hamiltonian for the one-dimensional harmonic oscillator has the form

$$H = \frac{1}{2m}(\dot{p}^2 + m\omega^2 q^2) - \frac{p^4}{8m^3 c^2}.$$

Calculate the lowest order relativistic correction to the frequency of the harmonic oscillator.

4. A plane isotropic harmonic oscillator is perturbed by a change in the Hamiltonian of the form,

$$\Delta H = \epsilon p_x^2 p_y^2.$$

Find the shifts in frequencies in the first order in ϵ .

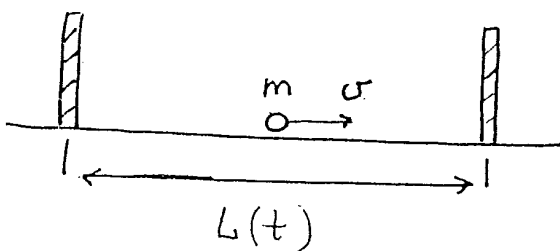


Fig. 1

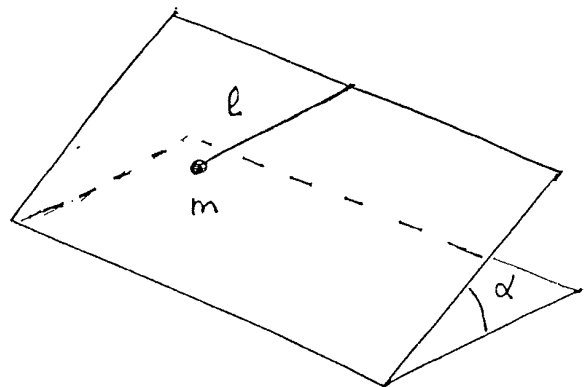


Fig. 2