

# 1 Classical Dynamics of Particle and Continuum

## 1.1 Dynamics of a point particle

Let  $\{q\}$  be a set of degree of freedom of a particle, its dynamics is determined from the Lagrangian, using least action principle, as

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= L(q, \dot{q}) \mapsto S[q] = \int_a^b dt L \\
 \delta S[q] = 0 &= \int_a^b dt \delta L = \int_a^b dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right) \\
 &= \underbrace{\int_a^b dt \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right)}_{=0 \text{ on boundary}} + \int_a^b dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q \\
 &\mapsto \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = 0 \text{ Euler - Lagrange equation}
 \end{aligned}$$

The conjugate momentum  $p$  is derived from the Lagrangian as

$$p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

The particle Hamiltonian is derived from Legendre transformation of the Lagrangian as

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(q, p) = p\dot{q} - L &\mapsto L = p\dot{q} + H, \quad S[q] = \int_a^b dt (p\dot{q} + H) \\
 \delta S[q] = 0 &= \int_a^b dt \left( p\delta\dot{q} + \dot{q}\delta p - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \delta q - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \delta p \right) \\
 &= (p\delta q)_a^b + \int_a^b dt \left( -\dot{p}\delta q + \dot{q}\delta p - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \delta q - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \delta p \right) \\
 &\mapsto \dot{q} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = 0, \quad \dot{p} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = 0, \text{ Hamilton's equations}
 \end{aligned}$$

Define Poisson's bracket

$$A = A(q, p), B = B(q, p) \mapsto \left\{ \frac{\partial A}{\partial q} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial A}{\partial p} \frac{\partial B}{\partial q} \right\}$$

We will observe that

$$\dot{q} = \{q, H\}, \quad \dot{p} = \{p, H\}, \quad \text{and } \{q, p\} = 1 \text{ symplec structure of phase space}$$

and  $(q, p)$  is called *canonical coordinates* of phase space. Note that  $H = H(q, p)$  will form to be closed curve on phase space for closed system (constant energy).

## 1.2 Dynamics of a continuum

Let us determine a linear spring chain of  $N$ -mass points  $m$  connected with spring  $k$  of length  $a$ . Its longitudinal dynamics is determined from the Lagrangian

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\eta}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i)^2$$

EoM of the  $i^{\text{th}}$ -mass point, after using Euler-Lagrange equation is

$$m \ddot{\eta}_i - k[(\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i) - (\eta_i - \eta_{i-1})] = 0$$

Apply the continuity approximation

$$N \rightarrow \infty, a \rightarrow 0, \text{Length} = Na(\text{fixed})$$

$$L = a \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{a} \dot{\eta}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} k a \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{a^2} (\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L dx (\rho \dot{\eta}^2 - \kappa \eta'^2)$$

$$L = \int_0^L dx \mathcal{L}, \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \dot{\eta}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \kappa \eta'^2$$

After we have used the notations

$$\sum_{i=1}^N a = \int_0^L dx, \quad \eta_i(t) \rightarrow \eta(t, x), \quad \frac{m}{a} \rho, \quad ka = \kappa, \quad \frac{1}{a} (\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i) = \frac{d\eta}{dx} = \eta'$$

The EoM will appear in the form

$$\rho \ddot{\eta} - \kappa \eta'' = 0$$

which can derive from the Euler-Lagrange equation of the form

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \eta} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\eta}} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \eta'} = 0$$

The linear spring chain becomes an elastic rod, with longitudinal vibration. For an anisotropic elastic body in three-dimension, with displacement vector  $\vec{\eta} = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ , we will have

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \sum_i \dot{\eta}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \kappa_{ij} \eta_i \eta_j$$

Its EoM is derived from Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \eta_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\eta}_i} - \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \nabla \eta_i} = 0$$

The conjugate momentum and Hamiltonian is derived as

$$\pi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\eta}} = \rho \dot{\eta} \mapsto \mathcal{H} = \pi \dot{\eta} - \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \kappa \eta'^2$$

In case of Lorentz covariant field  $F(x)$ , i.e. Lorentz representative fields, we will have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}(F, \partial_\mu F), \quad S[F] = \int d^4x \mathcal{L} \\
 \delta S = 0 &= \int d^4x \delta \mathcal{L} = \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F} \delta F + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \delta \partial_\mu F \right) \\
 &= \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \delta F \right) + \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \right) \delta F \\
 &\quad \mapsto \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} = 0 \\
 \pi &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_0 F} \mapsto \mathcal{H} = \pi \partial_0 F - \mathcal{L}, \quad H = \int d^3x \mathcal{H}
 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3 Continuous symmetry and Noether's theorem

The theorem state that:

*"an invariant (of the action) under any continuous transformation will correspond with conserve quantity"*

#### 1.3.1 Point particle symmetry

For generic Lagrangian  $L = L(q, \dot{q})$ , let  $q \rightarrow q' = q + \delta q_\epsilon$ , an invariant action reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_\epsilon S[q] = 0 &= \int dt \delta_\epsilon L = \int dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta_\epsilon q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta_\epsilon \dot{q} \right) \\
 0 &= \int dt \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta_\epsilon q \right) + \underbrace{\int dt \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta_\epsilon q}_{=0 \text{ from EL eqn.}} \\
 J &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta_\epsilon q \mapsto \frac{dJ}{dt} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$J$  is the conserve quantity and known in the name of *Noether's current*. For example of free particle with translation symmetry

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{q}^2, \quad \delta_\epsilon q = a \mapsto \frac{J}{a} = m \dot{q}$$

#### 1.3.2 Continuous system symmetry

For continuous system, let us determine Lorentz covariant field. In case of generic field  $F(x)$  with Lagrangian density  $\mathcal{L}(F, \partial_\mu F)$ . Let

$$x \rightarrow x' = x + \delta_\epsilon x, \quad \text{and } F \rightarrow F' = F + \delta_\epsilon F$$

$$\text{where } \delta_\epsilon F = \bar{\delta}_\epsilon F + \delta_\epsilon x^\mu \partial_\mu F$$

are symmetry transformations of the continuous system. Note that  $\bar{\delta}_\epsilon F$  is the local change of field. Then we have

$$\delta_\epsilon S[F] = 0 = \delta_\epsilon \left( \int d^4x \mathcal{L} \right) = \int \delta_\epsilon(d^4x) \mathcal{L} + \int d^4x \delta_\epsilon \mathcal{L}$$

Let us determine  $x \rightarrow x' = x + \delta_\epsilon x$ , so that

$$d^4x' = \det \left| \frac{dx'}{dx} \right| d^4x = (1 + \partial_\mu \delta_\epsilon x^\mu + \dots) d^4x \equiv d^4x + \delta_\epsilon d^4x$$

$$\mapsto \delta_\epsilon(d^4x) = (\partial_\mu \delta_\epsilon) x^\mu d^4x, \text{ and } \int \delta_\epsilon(d^4x) \mathcal{L} = \int d^4x (\partial_\mu \delta_\epsilon x^\mu) \mathcal{L}$$

For the field transformation  $F \rightarrow F'' = F + \delta_\epsilon F$ , we will have

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^4x \delta_\epsilon \mathcal{L} &= \int d^4x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F} \bar{\delta}_\epsilon F + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \bar{\delta}_\epsilon \partial_\mu F + \delta_\epsilon x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} \right) \\ &= \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left( \delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \bar{\delta}_\epsilon F \right) + \int d^4x \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial F} - \partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \right)}_{=0 \text{ by } EoM} \bar{\delta}_\epsilon F \\ &\mapsto 0 = \int d^4x \left[ \underbrace{\partial_\mu \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} + \delta x^\mu \partial_\mu \mathcal{L}}_{=\partial_\mu(\delta_\epsilon x^\mu \mathcal{L})} + \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} (\delta_\epsilon F - \delta_\epsilon x^\nu \partial_\nu F) \right) \right] \\ &= \int d^4x \partial_\mu \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \delta_\epsilon F - \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \partial_\nu F - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) \delta_\epsilon x^\nu \right] \equiv - \int d^4x \partial_\mu J^\mu \\ J^\mu &= \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \partial_\nu F - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) \delta_\epsilon x^\nu - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \delta_\epsilon F \end{aligned}$$

It is the *conserved Noether's current*.

In case of translation transformation of translation symmetric field, we have

$$\delta_\epsilon F = 0, \delta_\epsilon x^\mu = a^\mu \mapsto J^\mu = \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \partial_\nu F - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L} \right) a^\nu = T^\mu{}_\nu a^\nu$$

$$T^\mu{}_\nu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F} \partial_\nu F - \delta_\nu^\mu \mathcal{L}$$

It is called *energy-momentum tensor*.

In case of Lorentz transformation of Lorentz covariant field, we have

$$x \rightarrow x' = \Lambda x \sim (1 + \omega) x = x + \omega x \mapsto \delta_\epsilon x^\mu = \omega^{\mu\nu} x_\nu$$

$$F(x) \rightarrow F'(x') = D(\Lambda) F(x) \sim D(1 + \omega) F(x) = I \cdot F(x) + \frac{1}{2} \omega \Sigma \cdot F(x)$$

$$\mapsto \delta_\epsilon F^a(x) = \frac{1}{2} \omega^{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{ab} F^b$$

where  $I \equiv I^{ab}$  is identity matrix. So that

$$\mapsto J^\mu = T^\mu{}_\nu \omega^{\nu\sigma} x_\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F^a} \omega^{\nu\sigma} \Sigma_{\nu\sigma}^{ab} F^b \equiv \frac{1}{2} (M^\mu{}_{\nu\sigma} + S^\mu{}_{\nu\sigma}) \omega^{\nu\sigma}$$

$$M^\mu{}_{\nu\sigma} = T^\mu{}_\nu x_\sigma - T^\mu{}_\sigma x_\nu \text{ (angular momentum tensor)}$$

$$S^\mu{}_{\nu\sigma} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \partial_\mu F^a} \Sigma_{\nu\sigma}^{ab} F^b \text{ (spin - angular momentum tensor)}$$