



# Hamilton's principle

Euler-Lagrange equations from the previous optimization look very similar to Lagrange equations for generalized coordinates.  $\Rightarrow$  Variational basis??

Define action as  $S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt L(q_1 \dots q_n; \dot{q}_1 \dots \dot{q}_n, t)$

Make variation for each generalized coordinate

$$\delta q_\sigma(t) = \epsilon \eta_\sigma(t), \quad \sigma = 1, \dots, n$$

Hamilton's principle states:  $\delta S = \delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L dt = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{based on earlier } \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \sum_{\sigma=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \delta \dot{q}_\sigma \right) = 0$$

$$\delta q_\sigma(t_f) = \delta q_\sigma(t_i) = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left[ \sum_{\sigma} \delta q_\sigma \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \right) \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Lagrange equations}$$

Note: this principle is also very often called as principle of least action.

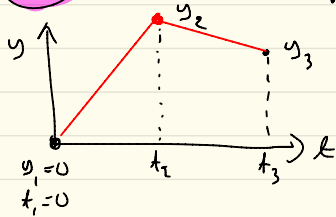
Or in the old days (according to Feynman)

"the principle of least Hamilton's first principal function"

$$= \text{action} = \int dt L = S$$



# Hamilton's principle: example



$$dt = t_{i+1} - t_i$$

$$\text{gravity: } V = +mg y(t)$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{y}^2$$

$$S = \int dt L = \int dt (K - V) = \int dt \left[ \frac{L_1 + L_2}{2} + \frac{L_3 + L_2}{2} \right]$$

$$\frac{L_1 + L_2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{dt} \right)^2 - mg \frac{(y_2 + y_1)}{2}, \quad \frac{L_2 + L_3}{2} = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{y_3 - y_2}{dt} \right)^2 - mg \frac{y_3 + y_2}{2}$$

$$\frac{dS}{dy_2} = m \frac{y_2 - y_1}{dt^2} - m \frac{y_3 - y_2}{dt^2} - \frac{mg}{2} - \frac{mg}{2} = 0$$

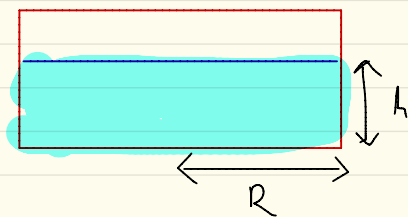
$$\Leftrightarrow -m \frac{(y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3)}{dt^2} - mg = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -mg \rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 + v_0 t + y_0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = -\frac{mg dt^2}{2m} + \frac{y_1 + y_3}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} g dt^2 + \frac{y_1 + y_3}{2}$$

Note: You could also guess a solution  $y(t)$  in terms of some trial function. Then compute  $S$  and optimize to find parameters of the trial function.



Hamilton's principle: liquid mirror example



Rotate this cylinder with liquid at angular velocity  $\omega$ .

What form does the surface take?

Cylindrical coordinates:  $(r, \theta, z)$  so that

$$(x, y) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$$

Surface of liquid some function  $z = f(r)$

Element around  $(r, \theta, z)$  has volume  $dV = r dr d\theta dz$   
let us keep density constant at  $\rho$  (incompressible)

$$\Rightarrow dm = \rho r dr d\theta dz \quad \& \quad \text{pot. energy } dV_g = \rho g r dr dz d\theta z$$

Total potential energy is

$$\begin{aligned} V_g &= \int dV_g = \rho g \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^R \left( \int_0^{f(r)} z dz \right) r dr = 2\rho g \pi \int_0^R \frac{f(r)^2}{2} r dr \\ &= \rho g \pi \int_0^R (f(r))^2 r dr \end{aligned}$$

Then kinetic energy:  $dT = \frac{1}{2} v^2 dm$ ,  $v = r\omega$

$$\Rightarrow T = \int dT = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^R \int_0^{f(r)} dz r^3 dr = \rho \pi \omega^2 \int_0^R f(r) r^3 dr$$

$$L = T - V = \rho \pi \int_0^R \underbrace{(f(r) \omega^2 r^3 - g (f(r))^2 r)}_{\mathcal{L}(f, r)} dr$$

# Rotating liquid mirror continues...

There is a **constraint**, more of these later, but I will now show first example how they enter the problem.

**Mass cannot change and since density is constant so is volume.**

$$\Rightarrow \text{Volume} = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^R \int_0^{f(r)} dz r dr = 2\pi \int_0^R r f(r) dr$$

Under constraint  $J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(y, y', x) dx$  the optimization of  $\bar{I} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \phi(y, y', x) dx$  amounts to finding a solution to the Euler-Lagrange equation with the functional  $M = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (\phi(y, y', x) - \lambda g(y, y', x)) dx$

So in Hamilton's principle we have to replace Lagrangian  $L$  with  $L \rightarrow L - \lambda g$  to account for the constraint.

Here this means:

$$\phi \rightarrow \rho \omega^2 f(r) r^3 - \rho g (f(r))^2 r - 2\lambda r f(r) \quad (\text{note: I dropped out irrelevant } \pi \text{ here})$$

$$\text{Euler-Lagrange: } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial f} - \frac{d}{dr} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial f'} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial f} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \omega^2 r^3 - 2\rho g f(r) r - 2\lambda r = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad f(r) = \frac{\omega^2 r^2}{2g} - \frac{\lambda}{\rho g} \quad \text{PARABOLA}$$

$\lambda$  determined from constraint

$$\text{Volume} = 2\pi \int_0^R \left( \frac{\omega^2 r^3}{2g} - \frac{\lambda}{\rho g} \right) r dr = \frac{\pi \omega^2}{4g} R^4 - \frac{\pi \lambda R^2}{\rho g} = \underbrace{\pi R^2 h}_{\text{without rotation}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\rho \omega^2 R^2}{4} - \rho g h$$



Liquid mirror continues...

For a parabola  $z = az^2$  the focal length btw is

$f = \frac{1}{4a}$  so in our example it is

$$f = \frac{1}{4} \frac{2g}{\omega^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g}{\omega^2}$$



## Forces of constraint:

Hamilton's principle using generalized coordinates  $\{q_\sigma\}$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left[ \sum_{\sigma} \delta q_{\sigma} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_{\sigma}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} \right) \right] dt = 0$$

Here we incorporate holonomic constraints using **Lagrange multipliers**. Why? Wasn't the point of earlier formulations to write things in such a way, that forces of constraint are not needed?

Sometimes you might need to know what some of those constraining forces are. If  $k$  constraints, at one extreme  $3N - k$  independent generalized coordinates and no constraining forces. In the other  $3N$  coordinates + constraints.

$$\text{constraints: } f_j(q_1, \dots, q_n, t) = c_j \quad j=1 \dots k$$

$$\text{Variation of these: } \delta f_j = \sum_{\sigma=1}^n \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \delta q_{\sigma} = 0 \quad j=1 \dots k$$

Multiply these with some  $\lambda_j = \lambda_j(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ , RHS of course zero

$$\Rightarrow \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum_{\sigma=1}^n \delta q_{\sigma} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_{\sigma}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_{\sigma}} + \sum_j \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \right) dt \quad (\text{we just added zero here})$$

$$= 0$$

Independent variations:  $\sigma = 1 \dots n - k$

Non-independent variations:  $\sigma = n - k + 1 \dots n$

We can choose functions  $\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_k$  so that coefficients of  $\delta q_{n-k+1} \dots \delta q_n$  vanish identically.



... Hamilton's principle + constraints

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_\sigma}, \quad \sigma = 1 \dots n \quad (*)$$

$$f_j(q_1, \dots, q_n, t) = c_j, \quad j = 1 \dots k$$

$n+k$  equations &  $n+k$  unknowns ( $q_1, \dots, q_n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ )

Lagrange multipliers determine reaction forces.

Remember that earlier, before we introduced potential for conservative forces, we had Lagrange equation - in a form.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\sigma} = Q_\sigma \quad \sigma = 1 \dots n$$

generalized force: work done

$$L = T - V + (*) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\sigma} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial q_\sigma} + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_\sigma} \quad \sigma = 1 \dots n$$

$$\delta W = \sum_{\sigma} Q_\sigma \delta q_\sigma$$

Generalized force has two contributions.

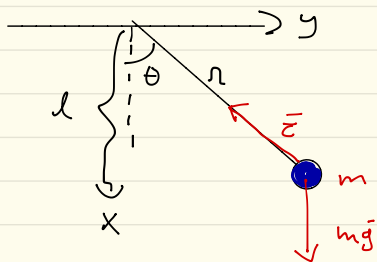
1)  $-\frac{\partial V}{\partial q_\sigma}$  force from the potential  $V$

2)  $Q_\sigma^n = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_\sigma}$  from forces of constraint and

not included in Lagrangian for unconstrained motion. Generalized forces that are exerted by constraints to force constrained trajectories.  $\delta W^n = \sum_{\sigma} Q_\sigma^n \delta q_\sigma$

Interpretation of  $Q_\sigma^n$  as reaction forces in general requires independent variations  $\delta q_\sigma$  that violate the constraint. For example, if string has length  $\ell = \ell$ . Then to identify  $Q_\ell$  means carrying out virtual displacement in  $\ell$ .  $\delta W = Q_\ell \delta \ell = -\epsilon \delta \ell \rightarrow Q_\ell = -\text{tension}$

Forces of constraint: Pendulum example



Generalized coordinates:  $r, \theta$   
 what is the force of constraint associated with coordinate  $r$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned} \Rightarrow L = T - V = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + mg r \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + mg r \cos \theta$$

Constraint:  $r = l$   $f(r, \theta, t) = l$ , one constraint so

$$\delta r = 0 \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad k=1$$

Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial \theta} = Q_{\theta}^r = 0 \quad (**)$$

$$(***) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial r} = \lambda = Q_r = \text{generalized reaction force for } r.$$

Note: since there was only one constraint  $\lambda_j \rightarrow \lambda$

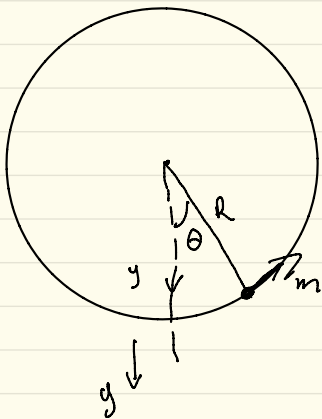
Virtual work done under displacement  $\delta r$

$$\delta W = Q_r \delta r = -\bar{c} \delta r \quad \bar{c} = \text{tension} \quad \text{(note that } \delta r \text{ breaks the constraint. We broke the constraint to have a physical understanding of the reaction force.)}$$

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Lagrangen formalismi + tukivoimat?

$$T = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + \dot{\theta}^2 r^2), \quad V = mg \cos \theta r$$

$$L = T - V = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) - mg \cos \theta r$$

rajoitte:  $q_1 = \theta, q_2 = r$ 

$$f_1(\theta, r) = r - R = 0 \quad (1)$$

(ainut rajoite)

$$\delta r = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\text{Lagrangen yhtälöt: } \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \lambda_1 \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} = \lambda_1 \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r} = \lambda_1 \quad (3)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow -\frac{m}{2} \cdot 2r\dot{\theta}^2 \overset{-mg \cos \theta}{=} \lambda_1 \quad (\text{koska } \dot{r} = \ddot{r} = 0 \text{ (1):n perusteella})$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -mg \cos \theta - m r \dot{\theta}^2 = -mg \cos \theta - \frac{mv(\theta)^2}{r} = -\text{jännite langassa}$$

Energian säilyvy: jos nopeus  $r\dot{\theta}|_{\theta=0} = v$ 

$$\underbrace{\frac{m}{2} v^2 - \frac{m}{2} v(\theta)^2}_{\text{liike-energian muutos}} = \underbrace{mgR(1 - \cos \theta)}_{\text{potentiaaliohjennuksen muutos}} \Rightarrow v(\theta)^2 = v^2 - 2gR(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\text{Tällöin } \lambda_1 = -\frac{m}{R} (v^2 - 2gR(1 - \cos \theta)) - mg \cos \theta = -\frac{mv^2}{R} + 2mg - 3mg \cos \theta$$

negatiivinen, kun  $\theta = 0$

$$\text{Lanka löystyy jos } \lambda > 0: \theta = \pi \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -\frac{mv^2}{R} + 5mg < 0 \Rightarrow v^2 > \sqrt{5gR}$$



How does the particle know? Isn't Hamilton's principle somehow mag.'c?

$$S = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} dt L(x, \dot{x}) \rightarrow \sum_i L(x_i, \dot{x}_i)$$



On the other hand:

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{\epsilon}$$

$x_i$  appears in the sum in terms " $i$ " & " $i-1$ "  
we look for an extremum in  $x_i$  and keep other  $x$ 's fixed. So relevant term

$$S_i = \sum \left[ L(x_{i-1}, \underbrace{\frac{x_i - x_{i-1}}{\epsilon}}_{\dot{x}_i}) + L(x_i, \frac{x_{i+1} - x_i}{\epsilon}) \right]$$

Vary  $x_i$ :

$$dS_i = \epsilon \left[ \frac{dL(x_i, \dot{x}_i)}{dx_i} + \frac{\partial L(x_i, \dot{x}_i)}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{\partial L(x_i, \dot{x}_{i+1})}{\partial \dot{x}_{i+1}} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right] dx_i$$

$$= \epsilon \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_i} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_i} \right]$$

$$dS_i = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0} \quad \text{i.e. Lagrange's equation}$$

So the particle doesn't have to "know" about anything beyond its immediate position. Differential eqs. are consistent with "global" Hamilton's principle.

Kuinka siirrytään hiukkasista kenttiin? Esimerkki:



Tasapainopaikat:  $\bar{x}_n = na$

Paikat tasapainon lähellä:

$$x_n(t) = \bar{x}_n + \phi_n(t)$$

$$\text{Potentiaali: } V = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{k}{2} (x_{n+1} - x_n - a)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{k}{2} (\phi_{n+1}(t) - \phi_n(t) + (n+1)a - na - a)^2$$

↑ vaikkoon hiukasten yli summa

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{k}{2} (\phi_{n+1}(t) - \phi_n(t))^2, \text{ vaikka periodinen reunaehto}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{N+1} = Na + x_1$$

Jatkumoraja:  $\phi_n \rightarrow a^{1/2} \phi(x) \Big|_{x=na}, \phi_{n+1} - \phi_n \rightarrow a^{3/2} \phi_x(x) \Big|_{x=na}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \int_0^L dx$$

$$\text{Liike-energia siis: } T = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{m}{2} \dot{x}_n^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{m}{2} \dot{\phi}_n(t)^2$$

$\rightarrow L[\phi] = \int_0^L dx \mathcal{L}(\dot{\phi}, \phi_x)$ , missä Lagrangen tiheys

$$\mathcal{L}(\dot{\phi}, \phi_x) = \frac{m}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{ka^2}{2} (\phi_x)^2$$

$$\text{Vaikutus } S[\phi] = \int dt \int_0^L dx \mathcal{L}(\dot{\phi}, \phi_x)$$

sovelletaan nyt Hamiltonin periaatetta tähän vaikutukseen.

eli tehdään korvaus  $\phi(x,t) \rightarrow \phi(x,t) + \varepsilon \eta(x,t)$

pieni  $\rightarrow$  jokin variaatio

ja vaaditaan, että ensimmäinen kertaluku  $\varepsilon$  termissä häviää.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S[\phi + \varepsilon \eta] &= \iint dt dx \left[ \frac{m}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\phi + \varepsilon \eta) \right]^2 - \frac{\kappa a^2}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\phi + \varepsilon \eta) \right]^2 \right] \\ &\approx \iint \frac{m}{2} [\dot{\phi}^2 + 2\varepsilon \dot{\phi} \dot{\eta}] - \frac{\kappa a^2}{2} [(\partial_x \phi)^2 + 2\varepsilon \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}] \\ &= S[\phi] + 2\varepsilon \iint \left[ \frac{m}{2} \dot{\phi} \dot{\eta} - \frac{\kappa a^2}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Haluamme integrandin  $\delta O T A N \times \eta(x,t)$ , josta  $\delta O T A N = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  osittainintegrointi: ajan suhteen ensimmäisessä termissä  
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DA  $\eta(0,t) = \eta(L,t) = \eta(x,0) = \eta(x,T) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow S[\phi] + 2\varepsilon \iint -\frac{m}{2} \ddot{\phi} \eta(x,t) + \frac{\kappa a^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \eta(x,t)$$

Kun vaaditaan, että toinen termi on nolla miedivaltaisesti variaatiolla  $\eta(x,t)$

$$\Rightarrow m \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \kappa a^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{eli aaltoyhtälö}$$

(pitkittäisille aalloille vetäessä)

Normaali diffraktio konvartui osittaisdiffraktio -  
sentivaali yhtälöllä.