

# VIRTUAL WORK

Method of Virtual Work : Earliest tool for analytical mechanics

## Mechanics:

o **Vector Mechanics** : Free body diagram for isolated body

- Physical constraints  $\sim$ > Appropriate reactions using forces or moments ! – Vector !

o Analytical Mechanics – Energy of a system

(~ motion, deformation) + External force: work done

~ System as a whole !

They yield the same results : Which one is more efficient ?

● Kinematic constraint :

Fig. 1.30

Freeze the time !!

$$\delta W = \vec{F} \cdot \delta \vec{r} \quad (1.78)$$

or

$$\delta W = M \cdot \delta \theta \quad (1.79)$$

: Virtual displacement ~ Principle of Virtual Work

~ static problem – D’Alembert principle ~ dynamics

At any time

$$\delta W = \vec{F}_1 \cdot \delta \vec{r}_1 + \dots + \vec{F}_n \cdot \delta \vec{r}_n \quad (1.80)$$

(1,81)

iff Kinematically admissible :

Virtual displacement must be compatible with the special constraint

Constraint free ?

~> Virtual displacements are independent

For static equilibrium:

$$\delta W = \vec{F} \cdot \delta \vec{r} \quad (1.82)$$

- Orthogonality !

$\delta$  :

$d$  :

**Variation : (Total) Derivative**

$$df(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} dx_n + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$$

$$\delta f(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \delta x_n + \textit{neglect!}$$

**Variation : (Total) Derivative**

## Chapter 2 Lagrangian Dynamics

Formulation of eqns of motion ~ Calculus of Variation

( Variational method)

: T and V expression in terms of  $d^2x/dt^2, dx/dt, x$

Start ~ Energy expressions (T and V) : Scalar quantity ! : *Vector Mechanics*

Focus : Particle – single or milky way

Rigid body : 6 d.o.f.

Flexible body : Helicopter, Spacecraft..

T,V: invariant under coordinate transformation

- Newton's Law : g : Experimental Result : ( Rotation of Earth ignored w.r.t inertial coordinate system)

; Intuitive idea for free body diagram ! Vector quantity

- Lagrangian Expression for T and V ~ Limitation and Priority !

- : Systematic approach can be set up for n - d.o.f. systems

- : Scalar quantity

### Important Things to Remember

~ Mutual Limitation and Priority ! have to be remembered.

Vector mechanics – linear and angular momentum for isolated body : ( Inertial force )

- Pendulum..g and internal force

- Elevator : rope : cut at first and derive differential equation of motion

Leibniz : Change of energy due to the force (Work & potential)~ Variational method

—Lagrangian, Hamiltonian..

Analysis of Energy : Scalar quantity : Easier than  $v, a$

- Differential calculus – Variational calculus~Optimization : Comfortable but careful !

Vector mechanics: Applied and reacting force should be considered.

How about to deal with constraint if we choose a coordinate system ?

Ex: Pendulum : curvilinear coordinate system ?

: Easy to extend to n-d.o.f system & Continuous system? ~Mission impossible ??

### **Objective of this Chapter**

-Formulation of Eqn of motion which is independent of a system of eqn.

-Energy or variational methods provide a very elegant way to develop the eqns of motion in a systematic way ~ Formulation is independent of any particular coordinate system.

**Advantage of Lagrangian Dynamics** : Relative to Vector Dynamics( Free- body ~)

1. System as a whole rather than being separated into its individual component :



### advantages and drawbacks ?

2. Based on scalar quantities such as K.E. and Potential Energy, **if we can find the quantities.**
3. Forces of constraints without doing a work may not be included.
4. Use of generalized coordinates - Ex: Angles, Fourier's coefficient etc.
5. In some cases for stress analysis and design, constrained forces can be determined by Lagrange's Multiplier method.

### Generalized coordinates

Coordinate systems : Descartes : 17<sup>th</sup> century-one to one correspondence between physical locations ~ coordinates ( In space )  
-one reference frame is chosen –well defined coordinates

The locations of particle in space can be uniquely defined by a set of three numbers in some specified **Frame of Reference**

Ex: (x,y,z) to transform any other 3D system

Usually, the choice is based on kinematics

Degrees of freedom

: Particle - 3 numbers are necessary and sufficient condition to uniquely specify the physical locations of particles

- Actual motion of a particle is independent of the used to observe the motion
  - Since no one coordinate system is preferred, we can ‘label’ the variables as 3 independent quantities as shown in Fig.1. - Rigid body in space; 6 coordinates.

$x \leftrightarrow q$  : Invertible

- Constraint : Kinematic reactions on the motion-limit the motion of the systems
  - : plane motion ?, tube ?...
- If ‘R’ constraint : 3 N-R degrees of freedom for number of independent generalized

coordinates

**Possibility of the elimination of R constraints ?**

\*Elimination is possible ? ,Retaining of R constraint ?

Ex: Massless spring + rigid body with mass : Infinite d.o.f – continuous system

Rigid bar with a tip mass : d.o.f =1

- **Constraint in general form- Pfaffian form** :  $a_{jt} dt + a_{jk} dx_k = 0$  (  $j=1 \dots R$ )
- o **Catastatic system** : all  $a_{jt} = 0$  for  $j=1, \dots, R$   $\Leftrightarrow$  **Acatastatic system** : at least one  $a_{jt}$  not equal to 0
- o **Holonomic system** : all Pfaffian forms are integrable  $df_j = a_{jt} dt + a_{jk} dx_k \Rightarrow f_j$
- $\Leftrightarrow$  **Non-Holonomic system** : At least one Pfaffian form is not integrable  $\rightarrow$

Impossible to eliminate any variable  $\rightarrow$  Must use excessive

## Coordinates

o **Scleronomic system** : Holonomic and  $t$  does not appear explicitly in  $f_j(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$  : Eqn(2.5)

<> **Rheonomic system** : Holonomic and  $t$  appear explicitly in  $f_j(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$ : Eqn(2.6)

o **Unilateral system** : ( Contact problem )

: Constraint is expressed as an inequality  $\sim r > a$

Ex) A bead is free to slide along a rod rotating in the  $x$ - $y$  plane with a constant angular velocity about  $z$  axis.

a) Draw a model

b) Classify this system

Ex) 2-dimensional motion of a boat

- Constraint is that any translation of the center of mass of the boat must be in the direction of its heading -> Check the integrability

Ex) Non-holonomic constraint — (2.9)

## Kinetic Energy and Generalized Momenta

$$q_i = q_i(x_1, \dots, x_{3N}, t), \quad dq_i/dt$$

Ex) Car pendulum:  $(q_1)$ distance+ $(q_2)$ angular rotation angle.

One particle  $\leftrightarrow$  N particles

➔ Generalization: Generalized velocity are not necessarily absolute velocity.

Single particle :  $x_i = x_i(q_1, q_2, q_3, t)$   
| : generalized  
|  
physical

Among the  $N$  particles, choose  $i$ -th particle, and then  $dq_i/dt$  can be expressed in terms of

generalized coordinates !  $\rightarrow$  Just through a coordinate transformation by using a Chain rule !!

wrt  $x \rightarrow q$

: Rate of change of physical coordinate  $x_i$  depends on the rate of change of the generalized coordinates. It may also depend on time  $t$  if the change of coordinates contain  $t$  explicitly. ( \* Moving frame )

Kinetic energy of  $N$ -particles : Sum of  $(1/2m_i dx_i/dt * dx_i/dt)$  -> Using a Chain rule and Applying Einstein summation convention):

➔ In terms of generalized coordinate :  $T=T( q, dq/dt , t)$

Actually depend on generalized coordinates ~ **determined by the nature of transformation :**

$$T(q, \dot{q}_1, \dot{q}_2) = T_2 + T_1 + T_0 \quad \sim \quad \text{Homogeneous Quadratic} + \text{Linear} + \text{Constant}$$

: Coordinate transformation does not depend on  $t \rightarrow T_1=T_0=0$

Generalized momentum = Partial differentiation of  $T$  wrt  $dq_i/dt$  :

**Def !**

Kinetic energy/ Generalized velocity

Physical interpretation of a particular component of a generalized momentum  $p_i$  depends on the nature of the corresponding generalized coordinates.

In 3-dimensional space :  $1/2m(v_x^2+v_y^2+v_z^2) \sim$  quadratic function !

→ linear momentum

Ex) Earth surface!

Generalized coordinates may be actual  $x$ -,  $y$ - and  $z$ -components of position

Using the definition,  $p_x = m dx/dt$  ,  $p_y = ..$  ,  $p_z = ..$

*In spherical coordinates, the kinetic energy is*

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m \left( \dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + r^2 \cos^2 \phi \dot{\theta}^2 \right)$$

Generalized coordinates : distance, two angles

Generalized momenta conjugate to these coordinates :

$$p_r = m \dot{r} \text{ (linear..momentum)} \quad p_\theta = mr^2 \cos^2 \phi \dot{\theta} \text{ (angular..momentum)} \quad p_\phi = mr^2 \dot{\phi} \text{ (angular..momentum)}$$

\*Based on geometric configuration ~ Vector mechanics ?  
 → independent of the type of generalized coordinates !

~ Vector mechanics ?

### Generalized Force

Vector mechanics : Time rate of change of the momenta of a system ~ force, moment  
 Analytical mechanics : Geometric relationships between generalized coordinates obscure the distinction between the two momentum !

*Energy* concept !

**Virtual Work** due to the **actual forces** is defined as

$$\delta W = \sum F_i \cdot \delta r_i (i=1 \dots N)$$

Applying the chain rule,

$$\delta x_i = \sum \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j (j=1 \dots n)$$

Virtual displacement is defined for *time is fixed*



$$\delta t = 0$$

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