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Introduction

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 it's 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 : 17th 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

Fig.1 A Point in space (3) : (q_1, q_2, q_3) translations

Fig.2 Generalized coordinate (6) : (q_1, q_2, q_3) translations + rotations

Fig.3 Two dimensional body (3) : (q_1, q_2) translations + rotation(q_3)

$$m\ddot{x} + \varepsilon\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

● Boundary layer theory: $\varepsilon\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$

$$\varepsilon = 0$$

$$\varepsilon \neq 0$$

Wing model

Re

- Actual motion of a **particle** is independent of the variables 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

$$q_i = q_i(x_1(t), \dots, x_{3N}(t), t) \dots x_i = x_i(q_1(t), \dots, q_{3N}(t), t) \quad (2.1), (2.2)$$

(for $i=1, \dots, 3N$)

Generalized coordinate(q) – Physical coordinate(x)

Ex: Fig.2.4 Rolling cart with a pendulum

- Free-body diagram ? Constraint force ?
- Degree of freedom considering the constraint. $q_1 = x, q_2 = \theta$ (2.3), (2.4)
Configuration space as Fig.2.5

Ex:4-bar linkage as in Fig.2.6 : g ? dof ?

$$(x_1, x_2) < - > (\theta, x_1) < - > (\theta, x_2)$$

Choice of coordinate : Ex) Pendulum model for 2 dof.

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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...R)**

o **Catastatic system** : all $a_{jt} = 0$ for $j=1, \dots, R$ < > **Acatastatic system** : at least one a_{jt} not equal to 0

o **Holonomic system** : all Pfaffian forms are **integrable** $df_j = a_{jt} dt + a_{jk} dx_k \Rightarrow f_j$

< > **Non-Holonomic system** : At least one Pfaffian form is not integrable ->

Impossible to eliminate any variable -> Must use excessive
Coordinates

o **Scelenomic 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)**
(Diagram ?)

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) Fig.2.7, Rolling wheel without slipping: $\dot{x} = r\dot{\theta}$ $dx = rd\theta$: $x - x_0 = r(\theta - \theta_0)$
: **Holonimic constraint !**

Ex) Free to change direction: 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 ! -> 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 :

$T(q,q_1,q_2) = T_2 + T_1 + T_0 \sim \text{Homogeneous Quadratic} + \text{Linear} + \text{Constant}$

: 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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