

Dynamics & Stability

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If we have a generalised coordinate q of a Lagrangian system such that

$$L = L(\dot{q}) \quad \text{but} \quad L \neq L(q)$$

then q is an **ignorable coordinate**

If q is an ignorable coordinate

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = 0 \quad \text{and consequently}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = 0$$

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

the generalised momentum associated
with q is an **integral of motion**



Satellite system



$$V = -GM_e \frac{m}{r}$$

Consider a system of n dofs with the last m being ignorable, then

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = C_i \quad i = n - m + 1, \dots, n$$

The **Routhian function** is defined as

$$R = \sum_{i=n-m+1}^n C_i \dot{q}_i - L$$

and is equivalent to the Lagrangian,
without the ignorable coordinates

If $i \leq n - m$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i}$$

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If $i > n - m$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = 0$$

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The equations of motion for the non-ignorable coordinates are

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial R}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, n - m$$

and the Jacobi energy integral (with the summation relating to the *non-ignorable coordinates*) is

$$h = R - \sum_{k=1}^{n-m} \dot{q}_k \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$$

Steady motion

For the *non-ignorable coordinates*:

$$\dot{q}_k = 0 \quad \dot{p}_k = 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, n - m$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, n - m$$

Dissipative forces

$$F_x = -c_x \dot{x} \quad F_y = -c_y \dot{y} \quad F_z = -c_z \dot{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta W &= \mathbf{F} \cdot \delta \mathbf{r} \\ &= -(c_x \dot{x} \delta x + c_y \dot{y} \delta y + c_z \dot{z} \delta z) \\ &= - \left(c_x \dot{x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial q} + c_y \dot{y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial q} + c_z \dot{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial q} \right) \delta q\end{aligned}$$

$$x_i = \hat{x}_i(q_1, \dots, q_n, t)$$

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_k}$$

same for y and z

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta W &= - \left(c_x \dot{x} \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial \dot{q}} + c_y \dot{y} \frac{\partial \dot{y}}{\partial \dot{q}} + c_z \dot{z} \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q \\
&= - \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}} (c_x \dot{x}^2 + c_y \dot{y}^2 + c_z \dot{z}^2) \right) \delta q \\
&= Q \delta q
\end{aligned}$$

$$Q = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}} (c_x \dot{x}^2 + c_y \dot{y}^2 + c_z \dot{z}^2) = -\frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} (c_x \dot{x}^2 + c_y \dot{y}^2 + c_z \dot{z}^2)$$

is the **Rayleigh dissipation function**

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} + \frac{\partial D}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = Q_k^* \quad k = 1, \dots, ndof$$

check the book for examples!

Lagrange multipliers



Analysis of contact
between tyre
and ground

Consider a system described by n variables and m constraints:

$$\{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$$

$$f_j(q_1, \dots, q_n) = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$ndof = n - m$$

Constraints introduce reaction forces.

In \mathbb{R}^3 we have $f(x, y, z) = 0$ which provides
a reaction in the direction \perp to $f = 0$

$$\mathbf{R} = \lambda \nabla f = \lambda \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \quad \delta W = \mathbf{R} \cdot \delta \mathbf{r} = 0$$

In generalised coordinates we get the same

$$f(q_1, \dots, q_n) = 0$$

$$\delta f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1} \delta q_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_n} \delta q_n = 0$$

$$\delta f = \mathbf{A} \cdot \delta \mathbf{q} = 0$$

$$\delta W = \mathbf{Q}^R \cdot \delta \mathbf{q} = 0$$

As a consequence $\mathbf{Q}^R = \lambda \mathbf{A}$ and

$$Q_i^R = \lambda A_i = \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i}$$

$\lambda = \lambda(t)$ is a **Lagrange multiplier**
(extra unknown)

Equations of motion with constraints
(formulated for n coordinates (instead of $ndof$))

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_k} \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

$$f_j(q_1, \dots, q_n) = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

When should you use Lagrange multipliers?

- (1) When the identification of degrees of freedom is difficult.
- (2) When reaction or connection forces need to be evaluated.