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# Lecture 26 Review

Midterm covers chapters 1-5  
Short problems and some definitions

Chapter 1 Basic principles  
Conserved quantities:  $E, L$   
Write  $T = T' + T_{cm}$   
and  $L = L' + L_{cm}$

where  $L_{cm} = \vec{R} \wedge M \dot{\vec{R}}$  etc.

Scattering cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b}{\sin\theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right|$$

$b =$  impact parameter,  $\theta =$  scattering angle

Chapter 2 Accelerated coordinate systems

$$\left( \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \right)_{\text{inertial}} = \left( \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \right)_{\text{body}} + \vec{\omega} \wedge \vec{V}$$

Newton's laws in accelerated frame

$$m \left( \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{\text{body}} = \vec{F}^{(e)} - 2m \vec{\omega} \wedge \left( \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)_{\text{body}} - m \vec{\omega} \wedge (\vec{\omega} \wedge \vec{r}) - m \left( \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right) \wedge \vec{r} - m \left( \frac{d^2 \vec{a}}{dt^2} \right)_{\text{inertial}}$$

Coriolis force  
centrifugal force

## Chapter 3 Lagrangian Dynamics

$$L = T - V$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$$

$\sigma = 1, \dots, N$

- (i) Incorporate constraints and avoid dealing explicitly with forces of constraint
- (ii) Rewrite dynamics in any convenient generalized coordinates

Review derivation of Lagrange's eq.

- (a) From D'Alembert's principle  $\rightarrow$  Forces of constraint do no work under a virtual displacement
- (b) Minimize action using calculus of variations.

### Definitions

Holonomic constraints  
Generalized coordinates  
Virtual displacements  
D'Alembert's principle  
Hamilton's principle  
Forces of constraint  
Lagrange multipliers  
...

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = c$$

Symmetries and conserved quantities

Generalized momenta  $p_\sigma \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$

If  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$  then cyclic  $q_\sigma$  is a coordinate

and  $\frac{d}{dt} p_\sigma = 0$

Hamiltonian  $H \equiv \sum_\sigma p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - L$

If Lagrangian does not depend explicitly on time  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dH}{dt} = 0$

If pot. is time independent and constraints are time-independent  $\Rightarrow H = T + V = E$

### Chapter 4 Small Osc.

Very general!

Static equill. brium  $-\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_\sigma} \right|_{q^0} = 0 \quad \sigma = 1, \dots, n$   
so  $\dot{q}_\sigma = \ddot{q}_\sigma = 0$   
at  $q_\sigma = q_\sigma^0$

Expand  $q_\sigma \approx q_\sigma^0 + \eta_\sigma$

Work to lowest order in  $\eta_\sigma$

$$L \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma, \lambda} (m_{\sigma\lambda} \dot{\eta}_\sigma \dot{\eta}_\lambda - V_{\sigma\lambda} \eta_\sigma \eta_\lambda)$$

$$m_{\sigma\lambda} = \sum_i m_i \left( \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\lambda} \right) = m_{\lambda\sigma} = m_{\sigma\lambda}^k$$

$$V_{\sigma\lambda} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial q_\sigma \partial q_\lambda} \right)_{q_0} = V_{\lambda\sigma} = V_{\sigma\lambda}^k$$

Normal Modes

$$\eta_\sigma = \text{Re } Z_\sigma \quad Z_\sigma = Z_\sigma^0 e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\det |V_{\sigma\lambda} - \omega^2 m_{\sigma\lambda}| = 0$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_s^2$$

$$s = 1, \dots, n$$

$n$  normal mode frequencies

Eigenvectors

$$\sum_\lambda [V_{\sigma\lambda} - \omega^2 m_{\sigma\lambda}] p_\lambda^{(s)} = 0$$

Normalization

$$\sum_{\lambda < \sigma} p_\sigma^{(t)} m_{\sigma\lambda} p_\lambda^{(s)} = \delta_{st}$$

Modal matrix

$$A_{\lambda\sigma} \equiv p_\lambda^{(\sigma)}$$

Normal coordinates  $\eta = A^{-1} \xi(t)$

## Chapter 5 Rigid body motion

$$\left( \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \right)_{\text{inertial}} = \vec{\tau}^{(e)}$$

is valid if (1) origin is fixed in inertial frame or (2) about c.m.

Inertia tensor  
Principal axes

Euler eq.  
Euler angles