

PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods

11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 107

Course schedule				
(Preliminary schedule – subject to frequent adjustment.)				
Date	F&W Reading	Topic		Assignment Due
1 Wed, 8/31/2016	Chap. 1	Review of basic principles	#1	9/7/2016
2 Fri, 9/02/2016	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	#2	9/7/2016
Mon, 9/05/2016		Labor day – no class		
3 Wed, 9/07/2016	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	#3	9/9/2016
4 Fri, 9/09/2016	Chap. 1 & 2	Scattering theory and rotations	#4	9/12/2016
5 Mon, 9/12/2016	Chap. 3	Calculus of variations	#5	9/14/2016
6 Wed, 9/14/2016	Chap. 3	Calculus of variations	#6	9/16/2016
7 Fri, 9/16/2016	Chap. 3	Lagrangian mechanics	#7	9/19/2016
8 Mon, 9/19/2016	Chap. 3 and 6	Lagrangian mechanics and constraints	#8	9/21/2016
9 Wed, 9/21/2016	Chap. 3 and 6	Constants of the motion	#9	9/23/2016
10 Fri, 9/23/2016	Chap. 3 and 6	Hamiltonian and canonical equations of motion	#10	9/26/2016
11 Mon, 9/26/2016	Chap. 3 and 6	Phase space	#11	9/28/2016
12 Wed, 9/28/2016	Chap. 6	Canonical transformations	#12	9/30/2016
13 Fri, 9/30/2016				
14 Mon, 10/03/2016				

The screenshot shows the DOREST website's homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, News, Events, Research, and Contact. The main content area features a "News" section with three items: a photo of Dr. Maxim Zelikovsky with the text "Congratulations to Dr. Maxim Zelikovsky, recent Ph.D. Recipient"; a photo of Ryan Melvin with the text "Ryan Melvin Awarded Predoctoral Fellowship"; and a photo of Dr. Katelyn Goetz with the text "Congratulations to Dr. Katelyn Goetz, recent Ph.D. Recipient". To the right is an "Events" section with two items: "Wed. Sept. 28, 2016 Particle Acceleration In Astrophysics: Origin of the Highest Energy Particles in the Universe" and "Fr. Sept. 30, 2016 Crosslinked organic semiconductors, stable materials for stable devices? Solar cells (OPV) and transistors (OTFT)". Both event descriptions include the location (Olin 101 or Olin Lounge) and time (4:00pm-5:30pm).

WFU Physics Colloquium

TITLE: Particle Acceleration in Astrophysics: Origin of the Highest Energy Particles in the Universe

SPEAKER: Professor Donald C. Ellison,

Department of Physics
North Carolina State University

TIME: Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 Olin Physical Laboratory

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in the Olin Lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

ABSTRACT

Single cosmic ray protons have been measured with energies above 2×10^{20} eV. This is equivalent to a baseball moving at 50 mph and energies this high haven't existed elsewhere since the temperature of the Universe dropped below $\sim 10^{24}$ K, about 10^{-28} seconds after the big bang. I will mention the connections cosmic rays provide between astronomy, plasma physics, and particle physics, and describe briefly why cosmic ray origin is still a mystery more than 100 years after their discovery. Collisionless shocks exist throughout space on all scales and these shocks are known to be efficient particle accelerators. Such processes show the clearest evidence for producing cosmic rays to extreme energies and the bremstrahlung radiation observed from individual SNRs gives the most complete picture of particle acceleration available. However, the high efficiency inferred for Fermi shock acceleration means nonlinear effects are important and these complex problems are actively being studied.

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Virial theorem (Clausius ~ 1860)

$$2\langle T \rangle = - \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma} \right\rangle$$

Proof:

Define: $A \equiv \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{p}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma}$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \sum_{\sigma} (\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma} + \mathbf{p}_{\sigma} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\sigma}) = \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r} + 2T \quad \text{Because } \dot{\mathbf{p}}_{\sigma} = \mathbf{F}_{\sigma}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{dA}{dt} \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r} \right\rangle + 2\langle T \rangle$$

$$\left\langle \frac{dA}{dt} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{dA(t)}{dt} dt = \frac{A(\tau) - A(0)}{\tau} \Rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Note that this implies that the motion is bounded}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r} \right\rangle + 2\langle T \rangle = 0$$

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Examples of the Virial Theorem

Harmonic oscillator:

$$\mathbf{F} = -kx\hat{x} \quad T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$$

$$2\langle T \rangle = - \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma} \right\rangle$$

Check: for $x(t) = A \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + \alpha\right)$

$$\langle m\dot{x}^2 \rangle = \langle kx^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle m\dot{x}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \langle kx^2 \rangle$$

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Examples of the Virial Theorem $2\langle T \rangle = - \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma} \right\rangle$

Circular orbit due to gravitational field
of massive object:

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad T = \frac{1}{2} mr^2 \omega^2 \quad \downarrow \quad \langle mr^2 \omega^2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{GMm}{r} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Check: for } r\omega^2 = \frac{GM}{r^2} \quad \Rightarrow \langle mr^2 \omega^2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{GMm}{r} \right\rangle$$

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Hamiltonian formalism and the canonical equations of motion:

$$H = H(\{q_{\sigma}(t)\}, \{p_{\sigma}(t)\}, t)$$

Canonical equations of motion

$$\frac{dq_{\sigma}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{\sigma}}$$

$$\frac{dp_{\sigma}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_{\sigma}}$$

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Notion of "Canonical" transformations

$$q_{\sigma} = q_{\sigma}(\{Q_1 \dots Q_n\}, \{P_1 \dots P_n\}, t) \quad \text{for each } \sigma$$

$$p_{\sigma} = p_{\sigma}(\{Q_1 \dots Q_n\}, \{P_1 \dots P_n\}, t) \quad \text{for each } \sigma$$

For some \tilde{H} and F , using Legendre transformations

$$\sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) = \sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \dot{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{d}{dt} F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t)$$

Apply Hamilton's principle:

$$\delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left[\sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \dot{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{d}{dt} F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t) \right] dt = 0$$

$$\delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left[\frac{d}{dt} F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t) \right] dt = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \delta F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t) \right] dt$$

$$= \delta F(t_f) - \delta F(t_i) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{Q}_{\sigma} = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial P_{\sigma}} \quad \dot{P}_{\sigma} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q_{\sigma}}$$

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Some relations between old and new variables:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) = \\
 & \sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \dot{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{d}{dt} F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t) \\
 & \frac{d}{dt} F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t) = \sum_{\sigma} \left(\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \right) \dot{q}_{\sigma} + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_{\sigma}} \right) \dot{Q}_{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \\
 \Rightarrow & \sum_{\sigma} \left(p_{\sigma} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \right) \right) \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) = \\
 & \sum_{\sigma} \left(P_{\sigma} + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_{\sigma}} \right) \right) \dot{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum_{\sigma} \left(p_{\sigma} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \right) \right) \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) =$$

$$\sum_{\sigma} \left(P_{\sigma} + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_{\sigma}} \right) \right) \dot{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_\sigma = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \quad P_\sigma = - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_\sigma} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}(\{Q_\sigma\}, \{P_\sigma\}, t) = H(\{q_\sigma\}, \{p_\sigma\}, t) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

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Note that it is conceivable that if we were extraordinarily clever, we could find all of the constants of the motion!

$$\dot{Q}_\sigma = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial P_\sigma} \quad \dot{P}_\sigma = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q_\sigma}$$

$$\text{Suppose: } \dot{Q}_\sigma = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial P_\sigma} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{P}_\sigma = -\frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial Q_\sigma} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow Q_\sigma, P_\sigma$ are constants of the motion

Possible solution – Hamilton-Jacobi theory:

$$\text{Suppose: } F(\{q_\sigma\}, \{Q_\sigma\}, t) \Rightarrow -\sum_{\sigma} P_\sigma Q_\sigma + S(\{q_\sigma\}, \{P_\sigma\}, t)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) &= \\ \sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \dot{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(- \sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} Q_{\sigma} + S(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) \right) & \\ = -\tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) - \sum_{\sigma} \dot{P}_{\sigma} Q_{\sigma} + \sum_{\sigma} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial P_{\sigma}} \dot{P}_{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} & \end{aligned}$$

Solution :

$$p_\sigma = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_\sigma} \quad Q_\sigma = \frac{\partial S}{\partial P_\sigma}$$

$$\tilde{H}(\{Q_\sigma\}, \{P_\sigma\}, t) = H(\{q_\sigma\}, \{p_\sigma\}, t) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}$$

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When the dust clears:

Assume $\{Q_\sigma\}, \{P_\sigma\}, \tilde{H}$ are constants; choose $\tilde{H} = 0$

Need to find $S(\{q_\sigma\}, \{P_\sigma\}, t)$

$$p_\sigma = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_\sigma} \quad Q_\sigma = \frac{\partial S}{\partial P_\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow H\left(\{q_\sigma\}, \left\{\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_\sigma}\right\}, t\right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

Note: S is the "action":

$$\sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) =$$

$$\sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \overset{0}{Q}_{\sigma} - \tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(- \sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \overset{0}{Q}_{\sigma} + S(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) \right)$$

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$$\sum p_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma - H(\{q_\sigma\}, \{p_\sigma\}, t) =$$

$$\sum_{\sigma} P_{\sigma} \overset{0}{\dot{Q}_{\sigma}} - \tilde{H}(\overset{0}{\{Q_{\sigma}\}}, \overset{0}{\{P_{\sigma}\}}, t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(- \sum_{\sigma} \overset{0}{P_{\sigma} Q_{\sigma}} + S(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) \right) dt &= \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\frac{d}{dt} (S(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t)) \right) dt \\ &= S(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) \Big|_{t_i}^{t_f} \end{aligned}$$

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Differential equation for S :

$$H\left(\{q_\sigma\}, \left\{\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_\sigma}\right\}, t\right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{Example: } H(\{q\}, \{p\}, t) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 q^2$$

$$\text{Hamilton - Jacobi Eq : } H\left(\{q\}, \left\{\frac{\partial S}{\partial q}\right\}, t\right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2 + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

Assume: $S(q,t) \equiv W(q) - Et$ (E constant)

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Continued:

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2 + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

Assume: $S(q, t) \equiv W(q) - Et$ (E constant)

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{dW}{dq} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 q^2 = E$$

$$\frac{dW}{dq} = \sqrt{2mE - (m\omega)^2 q^2}$$

$$W(q) = \int \sqrt{2mE - (m\omega)^2 q^2} dq$$

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Continued:

$$W(q) = \int \sqrt{2mE - (m\omega)^2 q^2} dq$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} q \sqrt{2mE - (m\omega)^2 q^2} + \frac{E}{\omega} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{m\omega q}{\sqrt{2mE}} \right) + C$$

$$S(q, E, t) = \frac{1}{2} q \sqrt{2mE - (m\omega)^2 q^2} + \frac{E}{\omega} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{m\omega q}{\sqrt{2mE}} \right) - Et$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} = Q = \frac{1}{\omega} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{m\omega q}{\sqrt{2mE}} \right) - t$$

$$\Rightarrow q(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{m\omega} \sin(\omega(t + Q))$$

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Another example of Hamilton Jacobi equations

$$\text{Example: } H(\{q\}, \{p\}, t) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + mgy$$

$$\text{Assume } y(0) = h; \quad p(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Hamilton-Jacobi Eq: } H\left(\{q\}, \left\{\frac{\partial S}{\partial q}\right\}, t\right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial y} \right)^2 + mgy + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\text{Assume: } S(y, t) \equiv W(y) - Et \quad (E \text{ constant})$$

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$$\text{Example: } H(\{q\}, \{p\}, t) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + mgy$$

$$\text{Assume } y(0) = h; \quad p(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{dW}{dy} \right)^2 + mgy = E \equiv mgh$$

$$W(y) = m \int_y^h \sqrt{2g(h-y')} dy' = \frac{2}{3} m \sqrt{2g} (h-y)^{3/2}$$

$$S(y, t) = W(y) - Et = \frac{2}{3} m \sqrt{2g} (h-y)^{3/2} - mght$$

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Check action:

$$\text{For this case: } y(t) = h - \frac{1}{2} gt^2$$

$$S = \int_0^t \left(\frac{1}{2} my^2 - mgy \right) dt' = \frac{1}{3} mg^2 t^3 - mght$$

$$S(y, t) = W(y) - Et = \frac{2}{3} m \sqrt{2g} (h-y)^{3/2} - mght$$

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Recap --

Lagrangian picture

For independent generalized coordinates $q_\sigma(t)$:

$$L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

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

⇒ Second order differential equations for $q_\sigma(t)$

Hamiltonian picture

$$H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$\frac{dq_\sigma}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} \quad \frac{dp_\sigma}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma}$$

⇒ Coupled first order differential equations for

$q_\sigma(t)$ and $p_\sigma(t)$

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