

**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and  
Mathematical Methods  
11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 107**

**Plan for Lecture 7:**

**Continue reading Chapter 3**

- 1. D'Alembert's principle**
- 2. Hamilton's principle**
- 3. Lagrange's equation in generalized coordinates**

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**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	<a href="#">#1</a>	9/7/2016
2 Fri, 9/02/2016	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	<a href="#">#2</a>	9/7/2016
Mon, 9/05/2016		Labor day -- no class		
3 Wed, 9/07/2016	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	<a href="#">#3</a>	9/9/2016
4 Fri, 9/09/2016	Chap. 1 & 2	Scattering theory and rotations	<a href="#">#4</a>	9/12/2016
5 Mon, 9/12/2016	Chap. 3	Calculus of variations	<a href="#">#5</a>	9/14/2016
6 Wed, 9/14/2016	Chap. 3	Calculus of variations	<a href="#">#6</a>	9/16/2016
7 <b>Fri, 9/16/2016</b>	Chap. 3	Lagrangian mechanics	<a href="#">#7</a>	9/19/2016
8 Mon, 9/19/2016				
9 Wed, 9/21/2016				
10 Fri, 9/23/2016				

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**PHY 711 -- Assignment #7**

Sept. 16, 2016

Continue reading Chapter 3 in **Fetter & Walecka**.

1. Work Problem #3.3 at the end of Chapter 3 in **Fetter and Walecka**. It is not necessary to solve the full equations of motion beyond estimating the frequency of small oscillations of the pendulum.

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Jean d'Alembert 1717-1783  
 French mathematician and philosopher



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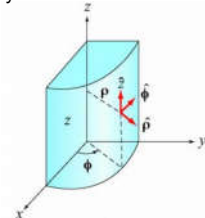
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Digression -- notion of generalized coordinates  
 Referenced to cartesian coordinates:  $\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + y(t)\hat{\mathbf{y}} + z(t)\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Cylindrical coordinates



$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho \cos \phi \\ y &= \rho \sin \phi \\ z &= z \\ \rho &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \phi &= \arctan(y/x) \\ z &= z \end{aligned}$$

Figure B.2.4 Cylindrical coordinates

(Figure taken from 8.02 handout from MIT.)

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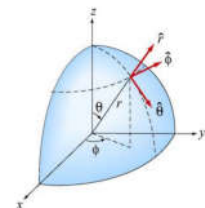
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Spherical coordinates



$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z &= r \cos \theta \\ r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}\right) \\ \phi &= \arctan(y/x) \end{aligned}$$

Figure B.3.1 Spherical coordinates

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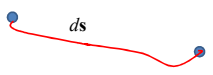
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D'Alembert's principle:



Generalized coordinates :  
 $q_\sigma(\{x_i\})$

Newton's laws :  
 $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{ma} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{ma}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \sum_i F_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma$$

For a conservative force :  $F_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -\sum_\sigma \sum_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma = -\sum_\sigma \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma$$

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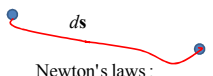
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Generalized coordinates :  
 $q_\sigma(\{x_i\})$

Newton's laws :  
 $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{ma} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{ma}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$

$x \leftrightarrow x_1$   
 $y \leftrightarrow x_2$   
 $z \leftrightarrow x_3$

$$\mathbf{ma} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \sum_i m \ddot{x}_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma$$

$$= \sum_\sigma \sum_i \left( \frac{d}{dt} \left( m \dot{x}_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) - m \dot{x}_i \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma$$

Claim :  $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$  and  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\sigma} \frac{dx_i}{dt} \equiv \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial q_\sigma}$

$$\mathbf{ma} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \sum_i \left( \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \left( \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}_i^2 \right) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\sigma} \left( \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}_i^2 \right) \right) \delta q_\sigma$$

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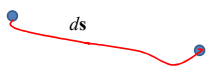
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Claim:  $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$

Details:  $\dot{x}_i = \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t}$  Therefore:  $\frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma}$

Claim:  $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\sigma} \frac{dx_i}{dt} \equiv \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial q_\sigma}$

$$\sum_\sigma \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial q_\sigma \partial q_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma + \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial t \partial q_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma + \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial q_\sigma \partial q_\sigma} \dot{q}_\sigma + \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial q_\sigma \partial t}$$

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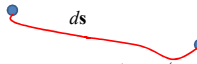
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Generalized coordinates :  
 $q_\sigma(\{x_i\})$

$$m\mathbf{a} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \sum_i \left( \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial (\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}_i^2)}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \right) - \frac{\partial (\frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}_i^2)}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma$$

Define -- kinetic energy :  $T \equiv \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}_i^2$

$$m\mathbf{a} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma$$

Recall :

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \sum_i \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma = \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma$$

$$(\mathbf{F}-m\mathbf{a}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma - \sum_\sigma \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma = 0$$

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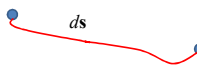
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Generalized coordinates :  
 $q_\sigma(\{x_i\})$

$$(\mathbf{F} - m\mathbf{a}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = - \sum_\sigma \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma - \sum_\sigma \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma = 0$$

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

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

$L(q_\sigma, \dot{q}_\sigma; t) = T - U$  Note : This is only true if  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} = 0$

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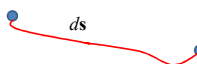
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Generalized coordinates :  
 $q_\sigma(\{x_i\})$

Define -- Lagrangian:  $L \equiv T - U$   
 $L = L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t)$

$$(\mathbf{F}-m\mathbf{a}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = - \sum_\sigma \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Minimization integral:  $S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) dt$

$\rightarrow$  Hamilton's principle

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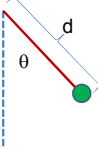
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Euler – Lagrange equations :  $L = L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) = T - U$

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

Example:



$L = L(\theta, \dot{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} m d^2 \dot{\theta}^2 - mg(d - d \cos \theta)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} m d^2 \dot{\theta} + mgd \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{d} \sin \theta$$

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Another example :  $L = L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) = T - U$

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

$$L = L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dot{\alpha}, \dot{\beta}, \dot{\gamma}) = \frac{1}{2} I_1 (\dot{\alpha}^2 \sin^2 \beta + \dot{\beta}^2) + \frac{1}{2} I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma})^2 - Mgd \cos \beta$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\alpha}} = \frac{d}{dt} (I_1 \dot{\alpha} \sin^2 \beta + I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma}) \cos \beta) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\beta}} = \frac{d}{dt} (I_1 \dot{\beta}) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\gamma}} = \frac{d}{dt} (I_3 (\dot{\alpha} \cos \beta + \dot{\gamma})) = 0$$

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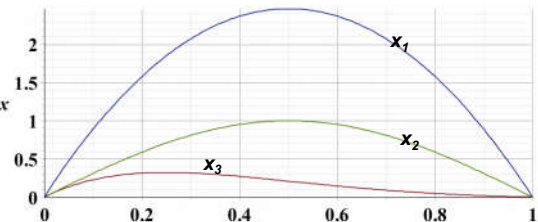
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Example – simple harmonic oscillator

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 \quad U = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$$

Assume  $x(0) = 0$  and  $x(\frac{\pi}{\omega}) = 0$   $S = \int_0^{\pi/\omega} (T - U) dt$

Trial functions  $x_1(t) = A \sin(\omega t)$   $S_1 = 0$   
 $x_2(t) = A \cos t \cdot (\pi - \omega t)$   $S_2 = 0.067 A^2 m \omega^2$   
 $x_3(t) = A e^{-\omega t} \sin(\omega t)$   $S_3 = 0.062 A^2 m \omega^2$



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**Summary –**

**Hamilton's principle:**  
 Given the Lagrangian function:  $L = L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) \equiv T - U$ ,  
 The physical trajectories of the generalized coordinates  $\{q_\sigma(t)\}$   
 Are those which minimize the action:  $S = \int L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) dt$   
 Euler-Lagrange equations:  

$$\sum_\sigma \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma = 0 \Rightarrow \text{for each } \sigma: \left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) = 0$$

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**Note: in "proof" of Hamilton's principle:**

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) = 0 \text{ for } L = L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) \equiv T - U$$

It was necessary to assume that:  
 $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$  does not contribute to the result.  
 $\Rightarrow$  How can we represent velocity - dependent forces?

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**Lorentz forces:**  
 For particle of charge  $q$  in an electric field  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ :  
 Lorentz force:  $\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$   
 x - component:  $F_x = q(E_x + \frac{1}{c} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_x)$   
 In this case, it is convenient to use cartesian coordinates  
 $L = L(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, t) \equiv T - U$   
 $T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$   
 x - component:  $\left( \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \right) = 0$   
 Apparently:  $F_x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}}$   
 Answer:  $U = q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$   
 where  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$   $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

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Lorentz forces, continued:

$$x\text{-component of Lorentz force: } F_x = q(E_x + \frac{1}{c}(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_x)$$

Suppose:  $U = q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

Consider:  $F_x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}}$

$$-\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = -q \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{q}{c} \left( \dot{x} \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \dot{y} \frac{\partial A_y(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \dot{z} \frac{\partial A_z(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}} = -\frac{q}{c} A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}} = -\frac{q}{c} \frac{dA_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} = -\frac{q}{c} \left( \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial y} \dot{y} + \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial z} \dot{z} + \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} \right)$$

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Lorentz forces, continued:

$$-\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = -q \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{q}{c} \left( \dot{x} \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \dot{y} \frac{\partial A_y(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \dot{z} \frac{\partial A_z(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}} = -\frac{q}{c} \left( \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial y} \dot{y} + \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial z} \dot{z} + \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$F_x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}}$$

$$= -q \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} + \frac{q}{c} \dot{y} \left( \frac{\partial A_y(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{q}{c} \dot{z} \left( \frac{\partial A_z(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{q}{c} \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

$$= -q \frac{\partial \Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} - \frac{q}{c} \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{q}{c} \dot{y} \left( \frac{\partial A_y(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{q}{c} \dot{z} \left( \frac{\partial A_z(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= qE_x(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{q}{c} (\dot{y}B_z(\mathbf{r}, t) - \dot{z}B_y(\mathbf{r}, t)) = qE_x(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{q}{c} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t))_x$$

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Lorentz forces, continued:

Summary of results (using cartesian coordinates)

$$L = L(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, t) \equiv T - U$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) \quad U = q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

where  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$      $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Example Lorentz force

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{q}{c}\dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Suppose  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv 0$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv B_0\hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2}B_0(-y\hat{\mathbf{x}} + x\hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{q}{2c}B_0(-\dot{x}y + \dot{y}x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt}\left(m\dot{x} - \frac{q}{2c}B_0y\right) - \frac{q}{2c}B_0\dot{y} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt}\left(m\dot{y} + \frac{q}{2c}B_0x\right) + \frac{q}{2c}B_0\dot{x} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt}m\dot{z} = 0$$

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Example Lorentz force -- continued

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{q}{2c}B_0(-\dot{x}y + \dot{y}x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(m\dot{x} - \frac{q}{2c}B_0y\right) - \frac{q}{2c}B_0\dot{y} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m\ddot{x} - \frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{y} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(m\dot{y} + \frac{q}{2c}B_0x\right) + \frac{q}{2c}B_0\dot{x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m\ddot{y} + \frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{x} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}m\dot{z} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m\ddot{z} = 0$$

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Example Lorentz force -- continued

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) + \frac{q}{2c}B_0(-\dot{x}y + \dot{y}x)$$

$$m\ddot{x} = +\frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{y}$$

$$m\ddot{y} = -\frac{q}{c}B_0\dot{x}$$

$$m\ddot{z} = 0$$

Note that same equations are obtained from direct application of Newton's laws :

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{q}{c}\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times B_0\hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

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Example Lorentz force -- continued

Consider formulation with different Gauge :  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = -B_0 y \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{q}{c} B_0 \dot{x} y$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( m\dot{x} - \frac{q}{c} B_0 y \right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m\ddot{x} - \frac{q}{c} B_0 \dot{y} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (m\dot{y}) + \frac{q}{c} B_0 \dot{x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m\ddot{y} + \frac{q}{c} B_0 \dot{x} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} m\dot{z} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m\ddot{z} = 0$$

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Example Lorentz force -- continued

Evaluation of equations :

$$m\ddot{x} - \frac{q}{c} B_0 \dot{y} = 0 \quad \dot{x}(t) = V_0 \sin\left(\frac{qB_0}{mc} t + \phi\right)$$

$$m\ddot{y} + \frac{q}{c} B_0 \dot{x} = 0 \quad \dot{y}(t) = V_0 \cos\left(\frac{qB_0}{mc} t + \phi\right)$$

$$m\ddot{z} = 0 \quad \dot{z}(t) = V_{0z}$$

$$x(t) = x_0 - \frac{mc}{qB_0} V_0 \cos\left(\frac{qB_0}{mc} t + \phi\right)$$

$$y(t) = y_0 + \frac{mc}{qB_0} V_0 \sin\left(\frac{qB_0}{mc} t + \phi\right)$$

$$z(t) = z_0 + V_{0z} t$$

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