

**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and
Mathematical Methods**
10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103

Plan for Lecture 8:

Continue reading Chapter 3

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

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Career Advising Event: Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 12:00 – 1:00 PM
WFU Physics Career Advising Event
SPEAKERS: Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and Wake Forest Physics Alum Billy Nicholson and Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and Wake Forest Physics Professor Dany Kim-Shapiro TIME: Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Colloquium: "Optical corral using a standing-wave Bessel beam" – September 19, 2018, at 4:00 PM
Professor Keith Burns - WFU Department of Physics Professor and Associate Provost for Research and Scholarly Activities George P. Williams, Jr. Lecture Hall, Olin 1031 Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 4:00 PM

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Course schedule
(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Date	F&W Reading	Topic	Assignment Due
1 Mon, 8/27/2018	Chap. 1	Introduction	#1 9/7/2018
2 Wed, 8/29/2018	No class		
3 Fri, 8/31/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	#2 9/7/2018
4 Mon, 9/03/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	
5 Wed, 9/05/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	#3 9/10/2018
6 Fri, 9/07/2018	Chap. 2	Non-inertial coordinate systems	#4 9/12/2018
7 Mon, 9/10/2018	Chap. 3	Calculus of Variation	#5 9/12/2018
8 Wed, 9/12/2018	Chap. 3	Calculus of Variation	#6 9/17/2018
9 Fri, 9/14/2018	No class	University closed due to weather.	
10 Mon, 9/17/2018	Chap. 3	Lagrangian Mechanics	#7 9/19/2018
11 Wed, 9/19/2018	Chap. 3 and 6	Lagrangian Mechanics and constraints	

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1. Consider a Lagrangian describing the motion of a particle of mass m and charge q given by

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

Here c denotes the speed of light and B represents the magnitude of a constant magnetic field along the z -axis. Determine the Euler-Lagrange equations of motion for the particle and discuss how the motion compares with the similar example discussed in class.

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Jean d'Alembert 1717-1783
French mathematician and philosopher



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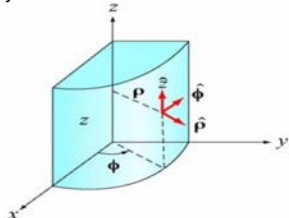
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Digression -- notion of generalized coordinates

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

Cylindrical coordinates



$$x = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi$$

$$z = z$$

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\phi = \arctan(y/x)$$

$$z = z$$

Figure B.2.4 Cylindrical coordinates

(Figure taken from 8.02 handout from MIT.)

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Spherical coordinates

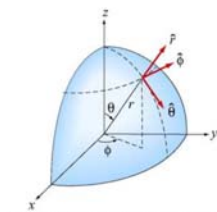


Figure B.3.1 Spherical coordinates

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

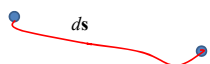
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D'Alembert's principle:

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

Newton's laws:

$$\mathbf{F} - m\mathbf{a} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{F} - m\mathbf{a}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

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

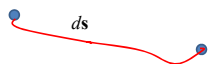
$$\text{For a conservative force: } F_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}$$

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

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

Newton's laws:

$$\mathbf{F} - m\mathbf{a} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{F} - m\mathbf{a}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

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

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

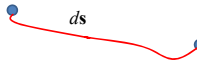
$$\text{Claim: } \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\sigma} \frac{dx_i}{dt} \equiv \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial q_\sigma}$$

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

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$x_i = x_i(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, t)$

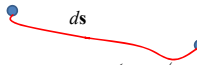
Claim: $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$

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

$\sum_{\sigma'} \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial q_\sigma \partial q_{\sigma'}} \dot{q}_{\sigma'} + \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial t \partial q_\sigma} = \sum_{\sigma'} \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial q_\sigma \partial q_{\sigma'}} \dot{q}_{\sigma'} + \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial q_\sigma \partial t}$

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

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

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

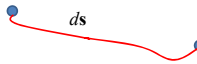
$m \mathbf{a} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \sum_\sigma \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma$

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

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

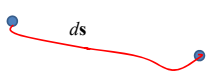
$= - \sum_\sigma \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial (T - U)}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial (T - U)}{\partial q_\sigma} \right) \delta q_\sigma = 0$

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

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

Note : This is only true if $\frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} = 0$

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

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

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

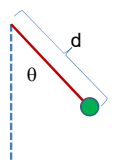
$\Rightarrow$ Minimization integral: $S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) dt$

$\rightarrow$ Hamilton's principle

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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:



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

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

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

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Another example: $L = L(\{q_\sigma\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma\}, t) = T - U$
 $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$

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

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

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

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

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Example – simple harmonic oscillator

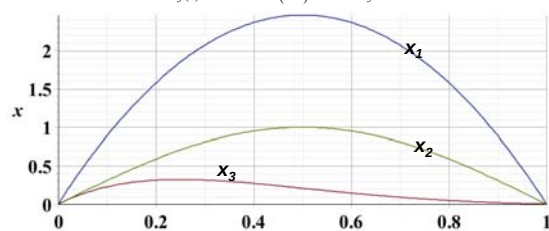
$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 \quad U = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$$

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

Trial functions $x_1(t) = A \sin(\omega t)$ $S_1 = 0$

$x_2(t) = A \omega t \cdot (\pi - \omega t)$ $S_2 = 0.067 A^2 m \omega^2$

$x_3(t) = A e^{-\omega t} \sin(\omega t)$ $S_3 = 0.062 A^2 m \omega^2$



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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:

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

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

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

It was necessary to assume that :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \text{ does not contribute to the result.}$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 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

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

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

$$x\text{-component: } \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

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

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

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

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Lorentz forces, continued:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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

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

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

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Example Lorentz force

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Example Lorentz force -- continued

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

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

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

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

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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: $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) = -B_0 y \hat{\mathbf{x}}$

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

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

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

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

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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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