



# **PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods**

## **10-10:50 AM MWF in Olin 103**

**Notes on Lecture 9 -- Chap. 6 (F & W)**  
**Extensions of Hamiltonian formalism**

- 1. Virial theorem**
- 2. Canonical transformations**
- 3. Hamilton-Jacobi formalism**

Your questions

From Thomas

So  $E$  is a constant in the examples. Is it related to the energy of the system? Is this always true?

Short answer – it is the energy of the system in the example, but the notation for the Hamiltonian-Jacobi method generally incites confusion.

From Julia

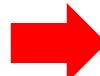
My question is about slide 7. Why does the set-up of the problem allow that special term to be added?



# Course schedule

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

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## Virial theorem (Rudolf Clausius ~ 1870)

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

Proof:

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

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

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

Because  $\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{\sigma} = \mathbf{F}_{\sigma}$

$$\left\langle \frac{dA}{dt} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{dA(t)}{dt} dt = \frac{A(\tau) - A(0)}{\tau} \Rightarrow 0 \quad \leftarrow$$

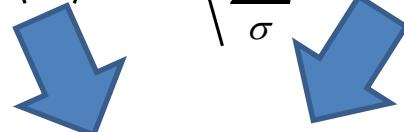
When it is true --  $\Rightarrow \left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma} \right\rangle + 2\langle T \rangle = 0$

Note that this implies that the motion is periodic or bounded (not for all systems).

## Examples of the Virial Theorem

Harmonic oscillator:

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

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


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

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

$$\langle 2T \rangle = \langle m\dot{x}^2 \rangle = kX^2 \left\langle \cos^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + \alpha\right) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2}kX^2$$

$$-\left\langle \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\sigma} \right\rangle = \langle kx^2 \rangle = kX^2 \left\langle \sin^2\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + \alpha\right) \right\rangle = \frac{1}{2}kX^2$$

Premise true because of periodicity.



## 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:

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \quad T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$


$$\langle mv^2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{GMm}{r} \right\rangle$$

Check: for  $\frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$


$$\Rightarrow \langle mv^2 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{GMm}{r} \right\rangle$$



centripetal  
acceleration



gravitational  
force

Premise true because of periodicity.

# Hamiltonian formalism and the canonical equations of motion:

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

Canonical equations of motion

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

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

In the next slides we will consider finding different coordinates and momenta that can also describe the system. Why?

- a. Because we can
- b. Because it might be useful



# Notion of “Canonical” generalized coordinate 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:

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

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

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

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

Note that because of the way we set up the problem we can always add such a term.



Some comments --

Why the extra term?

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

Hamilton's principle expressed in terms of the Lagrangian in the transformed coordinates:

$$\delta S = \delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{\dot{Q}_{\sigma}\}, t) dt = 0$$

For any function  $F(t)$  or  $F(\{Q_{\sigma}(t)\})$  such that  $F(t_i)$  and  $F(t_f)$  have specified values, it follows that

$$\delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \frac{dF(t)}{dt} dt = 0$$

## Some details --

Apply Hamilton's principle:

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

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

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

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

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_f} P_{\sigma} \delta \dot{Q}_{\sigma} dt = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left\{ \frac{d(P_{\sigma} \delta Q_{\sigma})}{dt} - \dot{P}_{\sigma} \delta Q_{\sigma} \right\} dt = - \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \dot{P}_{\sigma} \delta Q_{\sigma} dt$$



## Some details --

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

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

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

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

Action integral:

$$S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left( \sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} - H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) \right)$$

$$\delta S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left( \sum_{\sigma} (\delta p_{\sigma} \dot{q}_{\sigma} + p_{\sigma} \delta \dot{q}_{\sigma}) - \delta H(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{p_{\sigma}\}, t) \right)$$

Note that  $\delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left( \frac{dF(t)}{dt} \right) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \left( \frac{d\delta F(t)}{dt} \right) = 0$



## Some relations between old and new variables:

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dt} F(\{q_{\sigma}\}, \{Q_{\sigma}\}, t) = \sum_{\sigma} \left( \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \right) \dot{q}_{\sigma} + \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial Q_{\sigma}} \right) \dot{Q}_{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}$$

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Possible solution – Hamilton-Jacobi theory:

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



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

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

$$= -\tilde{H}(\{Q_{\sigma}\}, \{P_{\sigma}\}, t) - \sum_{\sigma} \dot{P}_{\sigma} Q_{\sigma} + \sum_{\sigma} \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{\sigma}} \dot{q}_{\sigma} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial P_{\sigma}} \dot{P}_{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}$$

Solution :

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

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



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":

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

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



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

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

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



## Differential equation for S:

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

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

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

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

Does this look  
familiar?

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



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)

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

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

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



Continued:

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

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

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

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

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



## Another example of Hamilton Jacobi equations

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

Assume  $y(0) = h$ ;  $p(0) = 0$

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

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

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



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

Assume  $y(0) = h$ ;  $p(0) = 0$

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

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

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



## Check action:

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

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

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

Agrees with Hamilton-Jacobi analysis.

Alternatively, keeping  $E$  notation:

$$W(y) = \int_y^h \sqrt{2mE - 2m^2 gy'} dy'$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}} \frac{1}{g} (E - mgy)^{3/2}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial E} = Q = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}} \frac{1}{g} (E - mgy)^{1/2} - t$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{E}{mg} - \frac{1}{2} g (t + Q)^2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{In our case, } Q = 0 \\ E = mgh \end{array}$$

What do you think of Hamilton-Jacobi method

- a. Historically important
- b. Hysterical
- c. Painful
- d. Might be useful

The next 3 slides contain important equations that you will hopefully remember for this material contained in Chapters 3 & 6 of Fetter and Walecka. On Monday we will start with Chapter 5 and discuss one of the many applications of these ideas – the case of rigid body motion.



## Recap --

### Lagrangian picture

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

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

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

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

### Hamiltonian picture

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

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

$\Rightarrow$  Coupled first order differential equations for  
 $q_\sigma(t)$  and  $p_\sigma(t)$



General treatment of particle of mass  $m$  and charge  $q$  moving in 3 dimensions in an potential  $U(\mathbf{r})$  as well as electromagnetic scalar and vector potentials  $\Phi(\mathbf{r},t)$  and  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r},t)$ :

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

Hamiltonian: 
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}} = m\dot{\mathbf{r}} + \frac{q}{c}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ H(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) &= \mathbf{p} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}} - L(\mathbf{r}, \dot{\mathbf{r}}, t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \left( \mathbf{p} - \frac{q}{c}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) \right)^2 + U(\mathbf{r}) + q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) \end{aligned}$$



# Recipe for constructing the Hamiltonian and analyzing the equations of motion

1. Construct Lagrangian function :  $L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$
2. Compute generalized momenta :  $p_\sigma \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$
3. Construct Hamiltonian expression :  $H = \sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - L$
4. Form Hamiltonian function :  $H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$
5. Analyze canonical equations of motion :

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