

L42 Summary

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0. Mathematics

- ODEs (Matlab)
 - Leapfrog, Eigenfunctions ($\partial_x e^{ikx} = ik e^{ikx}$)
- Linear spaces
 - Matrix multiplication, inner/outer products
 - Index notation, dot (δ_{ij}), cross (ϵ_{ijk}) products
 - Operators: Projections, Rotations, Stretches
 - Reciprocal basis, adjoint vectors
 - Continuous linear function spaces
- Generalized coordinates, differential geometry
 - Coordinates, Co[ntra]variant basis ($\vec{b}_i, \tilde{b}^j$) / components
 - Metric (g_{ij}), Connection ($\vec{\Gamma}_{ij}$) $\rightarrow$ Curvature (R^i_{jkl})
- Vector calculus and PDEs
 - Nabla (∇): gradient, curl, divergence $\rightarrow$ Laplacian
 - FTVC (potentials), Helmholtz (L/T separations)
- Calculus of variations
 - Functional derivative ($\frac{\delta}{\delta x} = -\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$)

1. General Mechanics

- Kinematics: Degrees of Freedom (DoF)
 - Time (t), Position/Velocity/Acceleration ($\vec{r}$, $\vec{v} = \dot{\vec{r}}$, $\vec{a} = \dot{\vec{v}}$)
 - Canonical momentum ($p = \partial L / \partial \dot{q}$), phase space $a = (x, p)$
 - Rotation ($\vec{d\theta}, \vec{\omega}, \vec{\alpha}$), Euler angles (ψ, θ, ϕ)
- Dynamics: Equation of Motion (EoM)
 - Newtons laws: (inertia, $F = ma$)
 - Lagrangian mechanics ($\delta L / \delta x = 0$): Nil in covariant components

- Hamilton's principle ($\delta L / \delta x = 0$) Euler-Lagrange equations
- Hamilton's eq's ($\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$) symplectic symmetry ($\dot{a} = M \nabla_a H$)
- Rotational vs linear motion: Euler's equations
- Noninertial frames: Coriolis, Centrifugal forces
- Continuum mechanics
 - DoF: wave function (ω, k), superposition $A(k)$
 - EoM: wave equation, dispersion relation $v_\phi = \omega(k)/k = \sqrt{T/\mu}$
 - BC: external, internal (continuity), impedance $F = Zv$ $Z = \sqrt{T\mu}$
- Conserved currents
 - Cyclic coordinates ($\dot{p} = 0$), first integrals of motion
 - Noether's theorem (symmetry, current)
- 1. Momentum ($\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$), 1st moment of mass
- 2. Angular momentum ($\vec{l} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$), canonical conjugate
- 3. Energy: kinetic ($T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$), potential (V) conservative forces
- Multiparticle systems
 - Moments of mass: (M, R_{cm}, I), CM particle (separation of p, L, T)
 - Reduced mass particle ($\mu^{-1} = m_1^{-1} + m_2^{-1}$)

2. Applications

0. Ballistic motion

- a. Constant acceleration, Damped motion

1. Oscillations

- a. Magnetic field, Hooke's law, Precession
- b. Impedance analogy (Z): electrical tank circuit
- c. Systems of particles: eigenfrequencies, normal modes
- d. Waves: string, waveguides, gravity, elastic, $\rightarrow$ E&M, QM, GR

2. Central Forces

- a. Inverse-square law: Kepler orbits

b. Cross sections

3. Rotational Motion

a. Free precession

b. Spinning top