

§ 1.2 Symplectic and contact manifolds

在一個辛流形上的哈密頓：

(1)哈密頓流線 (2)哈密頓向量場 (3)流線的可積性

What is the Hamiltonian ?

The Hamiltonian H of a system is defined as $H(q, \dot{q}, t) = \dot{q} p - L(q, \dot{q}, t)$,

where q is a generalized coordinates, $p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$ is a generalized momentum, L is

the Lagrangian.

The Hamilton equations are the equations for the flow of the vector field X_H satisfying

$$i(X_H)\omega = -dH$$

(與下列差一負號?)

$$\text{the Hamilton equations : } \begin{cases} \dot{x}^i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \dots (1) \\ \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x^i} \dots (2) \end{cases}$$

(M, ω) is a symplectic manifold if

1. ω is a 2-form,
2. $d\omega = 0$
3. Nondegenerate : If $\omega_p(X, Y) = 0$ for all $Y \in T_p M$ then $X = 0$

(當用局部座標系表示 $\omega = \sum_{i,j} \omega_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j$ 則 $\det(\omega_{ij}) \neq 0$)

$H : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a Hamiltonian is a smooth function

X_H Hamiltonian vector field if $\omega(X_H, Y) = dH(Y)$ for all $Y \in T_p M$

(or equivalently $iX_H \omega = dH$, or simply $dH(v) = \omega(v, X_H)$ for all $v \in TM$)

φ_t the flow of X_H is called the Hamiltonian flow of H

Theorem 1.2.1

The function H is an integral of the Hamiltonian phase flow with Hamiltonian H

(The mathematical formulation of the mechanical principle of the conservation of

energy ◦)

Proof

$$dH(X_H) = \omega(X_H, X_H) = 0 \text{ (因為 } \omega \text{ 是反對稱 ◦)}$$

Lemma $L_{X_H} \omega = 0$

By Cartan magic formula

$$L_{X_H} \omega = \iota_{X_H} (d\omega) + d(\iota_{X_H} \omega) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

One way to place the geodesic equations of M into the context of Hamiltonian dynamics is to look at the cotangent bundle T^*M ◦

We put the canonical symplectic structure on T^*M and define the Hamiltonian H

on T^*M in local coordinates by $H(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} \sum g^{ij} p_i p_j$

An equivalent approach is to put a symplectic structure directly on TM , i.e. a closed , nondegenerate , smooth 2-form ω on TM ◦

Exercise

Show that $L_{X_H} \omega = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ $\varphi_t^* \omega = \omega$ where φ_t is the flow of X_H

(i.e. A Hamiltonian phase flow preserves the symplectic form ω)

Proof

$$L_{X_H} \omega := \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_t^* \omega) \Big|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (\varphi_t^* \omega - \omega)$$

§ Poisson bracket $\{F, G\}$

Let F, G be Hamiltonians on the symplectic manifold (M, ω) , and let ξ_G denote the Hamiltonian vector field of G ◦ i.e. $\omega(\xi_G, Y) = dG(Y)$

We define $\{F, G\} = dF(\xi_G)$, the derivative of F in the direction of the Hamiltonian flow of G ◦

1. Bilinear
2. Skew-symmetric
3. Satisfies the Jacobi identity

So , is a Lie bracket for the algebra of Hamiltonians on M

Two functions f, g on M are said to be in involution if they Poisson-commute ($\{f, g\} = 0$)

From the definition of the Poisson bracket that a function f is an integral for the Hamiltonian flow of H if and only if f and H are in involution ◦

Definition

Suppose that $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ is a set of integrals of a flow on M ◦

We say these integrals are independent at $x \in M$ if their differentials $\{df_1, df_2, \dots, df_n\}$

at x form a linearly independent subset of T_x^*M

Definition

The flow of a Hamiltonian H on a symplectic manifold M is said to be integrable (or completely integrable) if there exist n everywhere independent integrals

$f_1 = H, f_2, \dots, f_n$ of the flow which are in involution ◦

A classical theorem of Liouville states that when a Hamiltonian flow is integrable, the flow itself is geometrically very simple. Liouville's theorem asserts the existence of *action-angle coordinates* on M in which the flow behaves as quasiperiodic flows on tori. Thus, the phase space of an integrable Hamiltonian system is foliated by invariant tori.

§ Contact manifold 切觸流形

M is a $(2n-1)$ dim orientable manifold

α is a 1-form in M called a contact form $\Leftrightarrow \alpha \wedge (d\alpha)^{n-1}$ never vanishes

(M, α) is called a contact manifold

X is a canonical vector field (called characteristic vector field) if $\iota_X \alpha = 1, \iota_X d\alpha = 0$

(Then $L_X \alpha = d\iota_X \alpha + \iota_X d\alpha = 0$)