

§ The Hamilton Equations of motion

8.1 Legendre transformation and the Hamilton Equations of motion

Lagrangian formulation of motion , the Lagrangian $L(q, \dot{q}, t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0 \dots (1) \text{ in n-dim configuration space}$$

$$p_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \text{ is generalized momentum , } \text{由(1)} \dot{p}_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i}$$

$$\text{The differential of L : } dL = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} dq_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} d\dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt = \dot{p}_i dq_i + p_i d\dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt$$

The Hamilton $H(q, p, t)$ is generated by the Legendre transformation

$$H(q, p, t) = \dot{q}_i p_i - L(q, \dot{q}, t) \text{ which has the differential}$$

$$dH = \dot{q}_i dp_i + p_i d\dot{q}_i - dL = \dot{q}_i dp_i - \dot{p}_i dq_i - \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt$$

Since $dH = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} dq_i + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} dp_i + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} dt$, we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = \dot{q}_i \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = -\dot{p}_i \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \end{array} \right.$$