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§ 1 - INTRODUCTION TO HAMILTONIAN SYSTEMS. THE THEORY OF MANIFOLDS AND LIOUVILLE

Let $M = M^{2n}$ be an even dimensional differentiable manifold. A symplectic manifold is a pair (M, ω) , where ω is an alternate nondegenerate and closed 2-form on M . (We will assume enough differentiability).

If (M, ω) and (N, ν) are symplectic manifolds and $f : M \rightarrow N$ is a diffeomorphism such that $f^*\nu = \omega$, that is, f is a symplectic preserving diffeomorphism, f is said to be a canonical transformation.

Example 1.1: $M = \mathbb{R}^{2n} = \{(q, p)\}$ with the natural 2-form

$$\omega = dp_1 \wedge dq_1 + \dots + dp_n \wedge dq_n$$

Example 1.2: $M = T^*Q$, the cotangent bundle of any differentiable manifold Q , is a symplectic manifold. The 2-form ω will be, in this case, the derivative $d\theta$ of a 1-form θ described below. Let $\tau : T^*Q \rightarrow Q$ be the canonical projection and, for all $p_x \in T^*Q$, $\sigma_{p_x} \in T_{p_x}(T^*Q)$ one defines

$$\theta(p_x)(\sigma_{p_x}) = p_x(d\tau(\sigma_{p_x})).$$

Any local coordinate system $U(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ on Q induces naturally a system of coordinates $(\tau)^{-1}(U)(\tilde{q}, p)$, $\tilde{q}_i = q_i \circ \tau$, $i=1, \dots, n$. For these coordinates, $\theta = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i d\tilde{q}_i$ so that $\omega = d\theta = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge d\tilde{q}_i$.

A smooth function $H : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defines a Hamiltonian vector field X_H on M by the formula

$$\omega(\eta, X_H) = dH(\eta)$$

for all vector fields η on M . X_H is well defined since ω is non-degenerate.

An important result of Darboux gives us local canonical coordinates for which ω has a useful expression:

Theorem 1.1: Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold. Every point $x \in M$ has a coordinate neighbourhood $U = U(q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$ such that

$$\omega|_U = dp_1 \wedge dq_1 + \dots + dp_n \wedge dq_n$$

(For a proof see [A], [A-M]).

Using these coordinates, called canonical coordinates, the local expression of the vector field X_H assumes the classical form:

$$q_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}, \quad p_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}, \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

Remarks: The following facts will be mentioned without proofs. For details, see [A], [A-M].

- 1 - Every symplectic manifold (M, ω) is orientable since it admits the following volume form

$$\Omega = \omega \wedge \dots \wedge \omega$$

- 2 - If ϕ_H^t denotes the one-parameter pseudogroup of local diffeomorphisms generated by X_H , then $(\phi_H^t)^* \omega = \omega$, i.e., the local flow ϕ_H^t preserves the symplectic structure. In particular, ϕ_H^t preserves the volume form Ω .

- 3 - The Hamiltonian function H is constant along the trajectories of X_H , that is,

$$dH(X_H) = \omega(X_H, X_H) = 0.$$

This is the so called conservation of energy law.

- 4 - The Poisson bracket $\{H, G\}$ of two C^∞ -functions H and G on (M, ω) is the C^∞ -function defined by:

$$\omega(H, G) = \omega(X_G, X_H).$$

This operation turns $C^\infty(M)$ into a Lie algebra since the Jacobi identity

$$((F, G), H) + ((G, H), F) + ((H, F), G) = 0$$

holds true. Moreover, the map $H \rightarrow X_H$ is a homomorphism of Lie algebras since $(H, G) \mapsto [X_H, X_G]$, where $[\cdot, \cdot]$ is the Lie-bracket for two vector fields on M . When $(H, G) = 0$ the functions H and G are said to be in involution and, since $[X_H, X_G] = 0$, X_H and X_G are commuting vector fields. This also means that the local flows ϕ_H^t and ϕ_G^s satisfies

$$\phi_H^t \circ \phi_G^s = \phi_G^s \circ \phi_H^t.$$

When ϕ_H^t is defined for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, X_H is said to be complete.

Example 1.3: According to Newton's law, the motion of a particle under a time independent potential $V = V(x)$ is given by the second order equation $\ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, equivalent to $\dot{x} = y$, $\dot{y} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$. This system is associated to the Hamiltonian function

$$H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} |y|^2 + V(x).$$

The theorem of Arnold and Liouville

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold and X_H be the Hamiltonian vector field corresponding to H . A smooth function $F: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a first integral of X_H if F is constant along the trajectories of X_H , that is, $dF(X_H) = 0$. Since $(F, H) = \omega(X_H, X_F) = dF(X_H)$, one sees that F is a first integral of X_H if and only if F and H are in involution. The Jacobi identity shows that the set of all first integrals is a Lie subalgebra of $C^\infty(M)$.

Theorem 1.2: Let (M^{2n}, ω) be a symplectic manifold and F_1, \dots, F_n be functions in involution. Consider a connected component M_λ of the level set $\{x \in M^{2n} \mid F_i(x) = \lambda_i, i=1, \dots, n\}$ for $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume $dF_1(x), \dots, dF_n(x)$ are linearly independent for any $x \in M_\lambda$. Then:

- 1 - M_λ is a n -dimensional submanifold of M^{2n} invariant under the flows of the commuting vector fields X_{F_1}, \dots, X_{F_n} and $\omega(X_{F_i}, X_{F_j}) = 0$.
- 2 - If X_{F_1}, \dots, X_{F_n} are complete on M_λ this manifold is diffeomorphic to a product of \mathbb{R}^{n-k} by a torus T^k , for some integer k , $0 \leq k \leq n$. Furthermore, if M_λ is compact then M_λ is diffeomorphic to a torus $T^n = \{(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n) \bmod 2\pi\}$.
- 3 - If M_λ is compact and under the same hypothesis in 2), the flow of the vector field X_H , for $H = F_1$, defines on M_λ quasiperiodic

motions $\varphi(t)$ given, in the angular coordinates $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ by

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dt} = v, \quad v = v(\lambda).$$

- 4 - Under the same hypothesis on M_λ in 3), it is possible to find functions I_1, \dots, I_n depending only on F_1, \dots, F_n , called action coordinates such that $(I_1, \dots, I_n, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ are canonical coordinates in a neighbourhood of M_λ and then X_H is given by:

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = 0 \quad \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = v(I),$$

so that $H = H(I)$ and $v(I) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial I}(I)$.

Proof. The statement 1) is an immediate consequence of the fact that λ is a regular value of the function

$(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n) : M^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and that F_1, \dots, F_n are in involution. To prove 2), note that the condition $(F_i, F_j) = 0$ implies $[X_{F_i}, X_{F_j}] = 0$, so, by completeness of X_{F_i} , their flows satisfy $\phi_i^t \circ \phi_j^s = \phi_j^s \circ \phi_i^t$, $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$, and one can define an action A of the Abelian additive group \mathbb{R}^n on M_λ in the following way

$$A((t_1, \dots, t_n), x) = \phi_1^{t_1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_n^{t_n}(x),$$

for all $x \in M_\lambda$ and all $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. This action is transitive

on M_λ , that is M_λ is an orbit of \mathbb{R}^n under the action A . In fact, for a fixed $x \in M_\lambda$, the map

$$A_x: (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto A((t_1, \dots, t_n), x) \in M_\lambda$$

is a local diffeomorphism since $dA_x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \Big|_{t=0} \right) = X_{F_i}(x)$ and the vectors $X_{F_i}(x)$, $i=1, \dots, n$, are linearly independent. The inverse function theorem implies that each orbit of \mathbb{R}^n in M_λ is open, and since M_λ is connected, the full orbit is M_λ . Let $x \in M_\lambda$ and $G = G_x = \{t=(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A(t, x) = x\}$ be the isotropy group at the point x . It can be easily shown that G does not depend on the choice of x and that G is a discrete subgroup of \mathbb{R}^n . Therefore, there exist k vectors $e_1, \dots, e_k \in G$ such that

$$G = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k m_i e_i \mid m_i \in \mathbb{Z}, i=1, \dots, k \right\}.$$

Since M_λ is diffeomorphic to the quotient \mathbb{R}^n/G , it follows that M_λ is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^{n-k} \times T^k$. The statement 2) is thus proved. Now, if M_λ is compact, it is clear that M_λ is diffeomorphic to a torus $T^n = \{(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n) \bmod 2\pi\}$. The map $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n) \mapsto A\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i e_i, x\right)$ is a diffeomorphism of the unit rectangle $0 < \varphi_i < 1$, $i=1, \dots, n$, into the torus M_λ ; these are the angular coordinates. In coordinates (t_1, \dots, t_n) the integral curve $\phi_1^t(x)$ of X_H through x is the line $t_2 = t_3 = \dots = t_n = 0$. Since the change of coordinates $t \mapsto \varphi$ is linear, then the integral curves of X_H , in angular co-

ordinates, are given by $\varphi(t) = vt + \varphi(0)$. To prove 4) one sees that the compactness of M_λ and the implicit function theorem imply that there exist a ball B in \mathbb{R}^n and a neighborhood W of M_λ , diffeomorphic to $T^n \times B$, such that $T^n \times \{0\}$ is the image of M_λ under this diffeomorphism. One sees that $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n, F_1, \dots, F_n)$ is a global system of coordinates for W under which X_H is given by

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 0, \quad \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = v(F).$$

These coordinates may not be canonical; but, as can be seen in [A, pag 276], it is possible to find n other functions I_1, \dots, I_n , depending only on F_1, \dots, F_n , called the action coordinates such that $(I_1, \dots, I_n, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ is a global system of canonical coordinates for a neighborhood \tilde{W} of M_λ , diffeomorphic to $T^n \times \tilde{B}$, \tilde{B} a ball in \mathbb{R}^n , and M_λ is the image of $T^n \times \{0\}$ under this diffeomorphism. The system X_H in these coordinates (I, φ) is given by $\frac{dI}{dt} = 0, \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = v(I)$, so that, $H = H(I)$ and $v(I) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial I}(I)$.

§ 2 - INTEGRABLE SYSTEMS

In the present notes an integrable system will mean a Hamiltonian system defined on a symplectic manifold (M^{2n}, ω) which admits n first integrals F_1, \dots, F_n in involution and independent that is $dF_1(x), \dots, dF_n(x)$ are linearly independent at all $x \in M$.

It will be presented now some examples of integrable systems. The symplectic manifold will be \mathbb{R}^{2n} , or a proper open set of it, with the canonical 2-form, unless mention in contrary.

Example 2.1: Harmonic oscillators

The Hamiltonian function $H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (p_i^2 + q_i^2)$, $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i=1, \dots, n$, defines the differential equations

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = \alpha_i p_i, \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = -\alpha_i q_i$$

which are equivalent to $\ddot{q}_i = -\alpha_i^2 q_i$, $i=1, \dots, n$. The functions $F_i = q_i^2 + p_i^2$, $i=1, \dots, n$, are first integrals independent and in involution.

Example 2.2:

Consider a Hamiltonian function H depending only on the

variables p_1, \dots, p_n , so that $\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = 0$, $i=1, \dots, n$. The functions $F_i = p_i$, $i=1, \dots, n$, prove the integrability of the system.

Example 2.3: Toda lattice for finitely many points

Consider n points on the line with coordinates q_1, \dots, q_n , satisfying the differential equations

$$\ddot{q}_i = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i}, \quad i=1, \dots, n,$$

where the potential is given by $U = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \exp(q_k - q_{k+1})$. The corresponding Hamiltonian system has Hamiltonian $H = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 + U(q_1, \dots, q_n)$. The integrability was discovered by Henon and Flaschka ([H], [F]) using different methods; it will be presented here the approaches of Flaschka and Moser (see also [M-1], [M-2], [M-3]).

Flaschka constructed the tridiagonal matrices

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & a_1 & & \\ a_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & a_{n-1} & \\ & & a_{n-1} & b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_1 & & \\ -a_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & a_{n-1} & \\ & & -a_{n-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and showed that the Hamiltonian system

$$\dot{q}_i = p_i, \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i} = \exp(q_{i-1} - q_i) - \exp(q_i - q_{i+1}),$$

$i=1, \dots, n$ (here $q_0 = -\infty$ and $q_{n+1} = +\infty$), is equivalent to the system

$$\dot{L} = \frac{d}{dt} L = [B, L] = BL - LB, \text{ if one defines}$$

$$2b_i = -p_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n, \text{ and}$$

$$2a_k = \exp \frac{1}{2}(q_k - q_{k+1}), \quad k=1, \dots, n-1.$$

The completeness of the Toda lattice system follows from the next lemma.

Lemma 2.1: If $U = U(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ is bounded below, the system

$\dot{q}_i = p_i, \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial q_i}, \quad i=1, \dots, n$, has all solutions defined on $-\infty < t < +\infty$.

Proof. By hypothesis, there exists a real constant b such that $U(q) \geq b$. Therefore

$$\frac{1}{2}|p|^2 \leq H(p(t), q(t)) - b.$$

Then, $|p(t)| \leq K = (H(p(0), q(0)) - b)^{1/2}$. If (m, M) is the maximal interval of definition of the solution $(p(t), q(t))$ and t_0 and t are in (m, M) , one has

$$|q(t)| \leq |q(t_0)| + \left| \int_{t_0}^t |p(\tau)| d\tau \right| \leq |q(t_0)| + K|t-t_0|.$$

If $M < +\infty$, one gets $|q(t)| \leq |q(t_0)| + K(M - t_0)$ so that $(p(t), q(t))$ remains in a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^{2n} for all $t \in [t_0, M)$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $M = +\infty$. Analogously, one proves that $m = -\infty$. □

It is well known that $L(t)$ has real simple eigenvalues since $L(t)$ is a Jacobi matrix. The next lemma proves that these eigenvalues do not depend on t .

Lemma 2.2: For any solution $L(t)$ of $\dot{L} = [B, L]$, there exists an orthogonal matrix $Q(t)$ such that $L(t) = {}^T Q(t) L(0) Q(t)$ with $Q(t)$ given by $\dot{Q} = -QB$, $Q(0) = I$. So, the eigenvalues of $L(t)$ do not depend on t .

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{{dt}} (Q {}^T Q) &= \dot{Q} {}^T Q + Q {}^T \dot{Q} = -QB {}^T Q - Q {}^T B Q \\ &= -QB {}^T Q + QB {}^T Q = 0, \text{ since } {}^T B = -B. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $Q(t) {}^T Q(t) = Q(0) {}^T Q(0) = I$.

Define $M(t) = {}^T Q(t) L(0) Q(t)$. It is easy to see that $M(t)$ sa-

satisfies $\dot{M} = [B, M]$ and $M(0) = L(0)$. By uniqueness of solution, it results $M(t) = L(t)$. Since $L(t)$ is similar to $L(0)$, it follows that the eigenvalues of $L(t)$ do not depend on time t . \square

The next lemma proves that, as t goes to $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, the matrix $L(t)$ tends to a diagonal matrix with distinct eigenvalues.

Lemma 2.3: The elements $a_1(t), \dots, a_{n-1}(t), b_1(t), \dots, b_n(t)$ are bounded functions, $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} a_k(t) = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} b_i(t) = b_i(+\infty)$.

Moreover

$$-\infty < b_n(+\infty) < \dots < b_1(+\infty) < +\infty$$

and

$$-\infty < b_1(-\infty) < \dots < b_n(-\infty) < +\infty.$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.2, $L(t) = {}^T Q(t) L(0) Q(t)$; then $|L(t)| \leq |L(0)|$ which implies that $a_k(t)$ and $b_i(t)$ are bounded functions. The differential equation $\dot{L} = [B, L]$ can be written as the system

$$\dot{a}_k = a_k(\dot{b}_{k+1} - \dot{b}_k), \quad \dot{b}_j = 2(a_j^2 - a_{j-1}^2),$$

$k=1, \dots, (n-1), j=1, \dots, n$, (here $a_0 = a_n = 0$), which admits the first integral $H = 4 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k^2 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n b_j^2$. The integrals $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k^2(t) dt$,

$k=1, \dots, n-1$, converge; this is true for $k=1$ and $k=n-1$, because

$$\int_{-T}^T (2a_1^2(t) + 2a_{n-1}^2(t)) dt = \int_{-T}^T (\dot{b}_1(t) - \dot{b}_n(t)) dt = (b_1(t) - b_n(t)) \Big|_{-T}^T$$

and the functions $b_j(t)$ are bounded. Analogously, using the equality

$$\int_{-T}^T (2a_1^2(t) - 2a_j^2(t) + 2a_{j-1}^2(t))dt = (b_1(t) - b_j(t)) \Big|_{-T}^T,$$

the argument follows by induction. The convergence of $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a_k^2(t)dt$

assures that $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} a_k(t) = 0$; also, $\dot{b}_j(t) = 2(a_j^2(t) - a_{j-1}^2(t))$ implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \dot{b}_j(t) = 0$.

Moreover,

$$b_j(T) - b_j(0) = \int_0^T 2(a_j^2(t) - a_{j-1}^2(t))dt$$

so that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} b_j(t) = 2 \int_0^{+\infty} (a_j^2(t) - a_{j-1}^2(t))dt + b_j(0)$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} b_j(t) = -2 \int_{-\infty}^0 (a_j^2(t) - a_{j-1}^2(t))dt + b_j(0).$$

Next, to prove that the diagonal elements of $L(\infty)$ are distinct, one uses the fact that the spectrum of $L(t)$ tends to the spectrum of $L(+\infty)$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ and the eigenvalues of $L(t)$ are distinct and do not depend on t . Finally, if $b_{k+1}(+\infty) - b_k(+\infty) > 0$ then $\dot{a}_k(t) > 0$ for

all t big enough which contradicts the fact that $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} a_k(t) = 0$.
Therefore one obtains

$$-\infty < b_n(+\infty) < \dots < b_1(+\infty) < +\infty$$

and analogously $-\infty < b_1(-\infty) < \dots < b_n(-\infty) < +\infty$. □

The next theorem proves the integrability of the Toda lattice system. In order to do that, one considers the characteristic polynomial

$$\Delta_n(\lambda) = \lambda^n + I_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + I_n$$

of $L(t)$, which does not depend on t ; hence I_1, \dots, I_n are first integrals.

Theorem 2.1: The integrals I_1, \dots, I_n are independent and in involution, so that the Toda lattice system is integrable.

Proof. Consider the matrices L and $M = \text{diag}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$. The first integrals $I_j = I_j(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, b_1, \dots, b_n)$, $j=1, \dots, n$, tend, in the C^1 -sense, to the symmetric functions $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$, $\sigma_j = \sigma_j(b_1, \dots, b_n)$, $j=1, \dots, n$, of the matrix M . In fact,

$$\frac{\partial I_j}{\partial a_i} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \rightarrow 0.$$

The functions b_1, \dots, b_n are independent, i.e., db_1, \dots, db_n are linearly independent everywhere in the phase space. Also, the determinant of the coefficients of $d\sigma_1, \dots, d\sigma_n$ with respect to db_1, \dots, db_n is equal to

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (b_i - b_j)$$

which, by lemma 2.3, is strictly positive for t big enough. It follows now that dI_1, \dots, dI_n are linearly independent in a neighborhood of $(p_1(+\infty), \dots, p_n(+\infty))$, then everywhere in the phase space, since the flow of a vector field is a diffeomorphism. The functions $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$ as functions of p_1, \dots, p_n are in involution. Since I_1, \dots, I_n , as functions of $p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_n$ are first integrals of the original Hamiltonian system, then the Poisson bracket (I_i, I_j) is also an integral. But (I_i, I_j) tends to $(\sigma_i, \sigma_j) = 0$ along any solution, as $t \rightarrow +\infty$. Then, $(I_i, I_j) = 0$ everywhere. \square

Example 2.4: The n -particle system on the line, with the inverse square potential considered by Calogero and Marchioro.

Consider n particles on the line with coordinates q_1, \dots, q_n and define $U = \sum_{k < l} (q_k - q_l)^{-2}$, $k, l = 1, \dots, n$, as their potential, so that the equations of motion are given by

$$\ddot{q}_k = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_k} = 2 \sum_{j \neq k} (q_k - q_j)^{-3}, \quad k=1, \dots, n.$$

As observed by Moser in [M-2], this system possesses n integrals, independent and in involution, which are polynomials in \dot{q}_k and $(q_k - q_l)^{-2}$, a fact that can be derived below following the same lines as used for the Toda lattice system. As before, matrices L and B are introduced and the differential equation $\dot{L} = BL - LB$ is considered, which can be transformed in the above equations of motion. In order to do that, set

$$z_{kl} = \begin{cases} (q_k - q_l)^{-1} & \text{for } k \neq l \\ 0 & \text{for } k = l \end{cases}$$

and define the matrices

$$z_\alpha = (z_{kl}^\alpha) \quad \text{for } \alpha = 1, 2,$$

$$Y = \text{diag}(y_1, \dots, y_n),$$

$$D_\alpha = \text{diag}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n z_{kj}^\alpha\right) \quad \text{for } \alpha = 2, 3.$$

Defining $L = Y + iZ_1$, $B = iD_2 - iZ_2$, one sees that L is Hermitian, that is, $L = L^*$ (its conjugate transpose) and B is skew-Hermitian, that is, $B = -B^*$. The equations of motion in terms of the variables z_{kl} and $y_k = -\dot{q}_k$ can be written as

$$\dot{y}_k = -\ddot{q}_k = -2 \sum_{j=1}^n z_{kj}^3,$$

$$\dot{z}_{kl} = z_{kl}^2 (y_k - y_l), \quad k, l = 1, \dots, n.$$

This last system is redundant, since only the $(n-1)$ variables $z_{k,k+1}$ are independent, the other being determined by the relations $z_{kl}^{-1} = z_{kr}^{-1} + z_{rl}^{-1}$ if k, l, r distinct and $z_{kl} + z_{lk} = 0$. It is easy to check that

$$[B, L] = BL - LB = i[Y, Z_2] - [D_2, Z_1] + [Z_2, Z_1]$$

and a straightforward computation shows that $\dot{L} = [B, L]$ leads to the equations of motion in the variables z_{kl} and y_k . This implies, by a similar argument used in the lemma 2.2, that the coefficients I_k of the characteristic polynomial

$$\det(\lambda I - L) = \lambda^n + I_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + I_n$$

are integrals of the motion.

The next lemma proves that, as t goes to $+\infty$ or $-\infty$, that the matrix $L(t)$ tends to a real diagonal matrix with distinct eigenvalues. The proof is found in [M-2] and it is presented here for a sake of completeness.

Lemma 2.4: The elements $y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)$ and $z_{kl}(t)$, $k, l=1, \dots, n$, are bounded functions, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} y_k(t) = y_k(\pm\infty)$ exist, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} z_{kl}(t) = 0$ and

$$+\infty > y_1(+\infty) > \dots > y_n(+\infty) > -\infty,$$

$$-\infty < y_1(-\infty) < \dots < y_n(-\infty) < +\infty.$$

Proof. The matrix $L(t)$ is defined for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ by Lemma 2.1. Moreover, $L(t)$ satisfies the equation $L(t) = Q^* L(0) Q$ where $Q(t)$ is an unitary matrix defined by $\dot{Q} = -QB$, $Q(0) = I$. Therefore, $L(t)$ and so its components are bounded functions of $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Without loss of generality, the particles can be labelled according to the order $q_1 < \dots < q_n$ at $t=0$ and then for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, by the conservation of energy. The next step is to prove that there exist and are finite the limits $\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \dot{q}_k(t)$, $k=1, \dots, n$. From the equations of motion it follows that for any $T > 0$ one has

$$\frac{1}{2} [\dot{q}_n - \dot{q}_1](T) - \frac{1}{2} [\dot{q}_n - \dot{q}_1](-T) = \int_{-T}^T \left(\sum_{j < n} (q_n - q_j)^{-3} + \sum_{j > 1} (q_j - q_1)^{-3} \right) dt.$$

Since the left-hand side is bounded and the right-hand side is an increasing function of T , one sees that $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (q_k - q_l)^{-3} dt < \infty$ for $k > l=1$ and for $l < k=n$, and by induction for all pair (k, l) with $k > l$. From

$$\dot{q}_k(T) - \dot{q}_k(0) = 2 \sum_{j > k} \int_0^T (q_k - q_j)^{-3} dt$$

it follows that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \dot{q}_k(t)$ exists and is finite. The limits of the velocities satisfy

$$\dot{q}_1(+\infty) \leq \dots \leq \dot{q}_n(+\infty) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\dot{q}_1(-\infty) \geq \dots \geq \dot{q}_n(-\infty).$$

In fact, if $f(t) = q_{k+1}(t) - q_k(t)$ and assuming, by contradiction, that

$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \dot{f}(t) = b < 0$, one sees that $f(t) - f(t_0) < \frac{b}{2}(t - t_0)$ for all t and t_0 sufficiently big, $t > t_0$, which implies that $f(t) = q_{k+1}(t) - q_k(t)$ is negative for t big enough, in contradiction with the fact that $q_{k+1} > q_k$. The above inequalities for the limit velocities are, in fact, strict inequalities. To prove this, let $\varphi(t) = q_n - q_1 > 0$. Then $\frac{1}{2} \ddot{\varphi}(t) \geq 2(q_n - q_1)^{-3} > 0$, so that $\dot{\varphi}$ is increasing and $\dot{\varphi}(+\infty) = \dot{q}_n(+\infty) - \dot{q}_1(+\infty) \geq 0$. If, by contradiction, $\dot{\varphi}(+\infty) = 0$, then $\dot{\varphi}(t) < 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $\varphi(t)$ is a decreasing positive function; therefore $\varphi(t)$ is bounded. But, then, $\frac{1}{2} \ddot{\varphi}(t) \geq (\max \varphi)^{-3} > 0$; hence integrating twice one gets

$$\varphi(t) \geq \varphi(0) + \dot{\varphi}(0)t + (\max \varphi)^{-3} t^2/2$$

which shows that $\varphi(t)$ is unbounded, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\dot{q}_n(+\infty) > \dot{q}_1(+\infty)$. This and the inequalities $\dot{q}_1(+\infty) \leq \dots \leq \dot{q}_n(+\infty)$ imply the existence of an s such that $\dot{q}_s(+\infty) < \dot{q}_{s+1}(+\infty)$. It will be shown now that $\dot{q}_1(+\infty) < \dot{q}_s(+\infty)$. First of all, observe that, setting $a = \dot{q}_{s+1}(+\infty) - \dot{q}_s(+\infty)$, then

$$\frac{a}{2}(t - t_0) \leq (q_{s+1}(t) - q_s(t)) - (q_{s+1}(t_0) - q_s(t_0)) \leq \frac{3a}{2}(t - t_0)$$

for all t and t_0 big enough. Therefore, for $j > s$:

$$q_j - q_s = (q_j - q_{j-1}) + \dots + (q_{s+1} - q_s) \geq q_{s+1} - q_s$$

implies that

$$0 \leq (q_j - q_s)^{-1} \leq (q_{s+1} - q_s)^{-1} = o(t^{-1}).$$

Now, $\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (q_s - q_1) = \sum_{j < s} (q_s - q_j)^{-3} - o(t^{-3}) + \sum_{j > 1} (q_j - q_1)^{-3} \geq 2(q_s - q_1)^{-3} - o(t^{-3})$. Calling $\psi(t) = q_s - q_1 + \frac{A}{t}$, A being a positive constant, one verifies that

$$\ddot{\psi}(t) = \ddot{q}_s - \ddot{q}_1 + \frac{2A}{t^3} \geq 4(q_s - q_1)^{-3} + \frac{2A}{t^3} - o(t^{-3}),$$

so that

$\ddot{\psi} \geq 4(q_s - q_1)^{-3} > 0$ if t is big enough and A is chosen suitably. Thus $\dot{\psi}$ is increasing and $\dot{\psi}(+\infty) > 0$ since $\dot{\psi}(+\infty) = 0$ leads to a contradiction. Since $\dot{\psi}(+\infty) = \dot{q}_s(+\infty) - \dot{q}_1(+\infty)$ it follows that $\dot{q}_1(+\infty) < \dot{q}_s(+\infty)$. Analogously, one proves that $\dot{q}_{s+1}(+\infty) < \dot{q}_n(+\infty)$ and, by induction,

$$-\infty < \dot{q}_1(+\infty) < \dots < \dot{q}_n(+\infty) < +\infty,$$

and, analogously,

$$+\infty > \dot{q}_1(-\infty) > \dots > \dot{q}_n(-\infty) > -\infty.$$

Finally, since $x_{kl} = (q_k - q_l)^{-1} = o(t^{-1})$ as $|t| \rightarrow +\infty$, one obtains

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z_{kl}(t) = 0.$$

□

The next theorem proves the integrability of the mechanical system with the potential considered by Calogero and Marchioro.

Theorem 2.2: The Hamiltonian system

$$\dot{q}_k = p_k, \quad \dot{p}_k = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial q_k}, \quad k=1, \dots, n,$$

where $U = \sum_{k < l} (q_k - q_l)^{-2}$, is an integrable system.

Proof. Using Lemma 2.4 and following the same ideas as in Theorem 2.1, one can prove that the integrals I_1, \dots, I_n are real functions of p_1, \dots, p_n and q_1, \dots, q_n and they are independent and in involution. □

Remarks. These integrals are rational functions of the coordinates p_1, \dots, p_n and q_1, \dots, q_n since they are polynomials in z_{kl} and p_1, \dots, p_n , and the $z_{kl} = (q_k - q_l)^{-1}$ for $k \neq l$ and $z_{kk} = 0$.

§ 3 - SYMPLECTIC ACTIONS OF A GROUP. MOMENT MAP AND REDUCTION OF THE PHASE SPACE

Let X_H be a Hamiltonian vector field of Hamiltonian function H defined on a symplectic manifold (M^{2n}, ω) ; assume that the flow ϕ_H^t is an one-parameter group of symplectic diffeomorphisms. Given a first integral F , that is $(F, H) = 0$, F is constant along the integral curves of ϕ_H^t and H is constant along the integral curves of the flow ϕ_F^t of X_F ; assume also X_F be complete. If one considers the restriction of H to a level surface $F^{-1}(c)$ which is a submanifold of dimension $2n-1$ when c is a regular value of F , one sees that H is constant on the integrals curves of ϕ_F^t lying on $F^{-1}(c)$. Then $F^{-1}(c)/\phi_F^t$, the manifold of the orbits of ϕ_F^t on $F^{-1}(c)$, has dimension $2n-2$ and H induces a function \tilde{H} which is well defined in the quotient. Moreover, any integral curve of X_H on $F^{-1}(c)$ is projected on an integral curve of the vector field \tilde{X}_H obtained by projection of X_H . Roughly speaking, if it is known a first integral F it is possible to reduce X_H to another system \tilde{X}_H with $2n-2$ dimensions.

As in the Arnold-Liouville's theorem, if one considers k first integrals F_1, \dots, F_k in involution and independent everywhere, it is possible to define $F = (F_1, \dots, F_k): M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ and an action of the Abelian group \mathbb{R}^k on the level surface $F^{-1}(c)$, using the fact that the flows ϕ_j^t of X_{F_i} commute and assuming also that they are

complete. The action is the map $A : \mathbb{R}^k \times M \rightarrow M$ given by $A(t, p) = A((t_1, \dots, t_k), p) = \phi_1^{t_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \phi_k^{t_k}(p)$ for all $p \in M$ and all $t = (t_1, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$. It is clear that $A(t+s, p) = A(t, A(s, p))$. One can prove that the quotient $F^{-1}(c)/\mathbb{R}^k$, the set of all orbits of \mathbb{R}^k , is a symplectic manifold of dimension $2n-2k$ and that the function \tilde{H} , which is well defined in the quotient, is the Hamiltonian function of the Hamiltonian vector field \tilde{X}_H , projection of X_H under the derivative of the quotient map. The above method is called the Jacobi-Liouville method of reduction.

It will be also shown that there exist other kinds of group actions, including noncommutative actions; a good example studied below in example 3.2 is the noncommutative action of the rotation group $SO(3)$ on $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3$ which can be used to reduce a Hamiltonian system invariant under that action.

Example 3.1: Let $H(p, q), (p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, be a Hamiltonian function invariant under the translation $(p, q) \mapsto (p, q + s(1, \dots, 1))$, that is, $H(p, q + s(1, \dots, 1)) = H(p, q)$ for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$, the differentiating with respect to s at $s = 0$, it results $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_k}(p, q) = - \sum_{k=1}^n \dot{p}_k = 0$. This shows that $F = p_1 + \dots + p_n$ is a first integral, called the linear momentum. Consider now the following change of coordinates:

$$\xi_k = q_k - q_n, \quad \xi_n = q_n$$

$$\eta_k = p_k, \quad \eta_n = - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i, \quad k=1, \dots, n.$$

It defines a canonical transformation since

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d\eta_i \wedge d\xi_i = \sum_{i=1}^n dp_i \wedge dq_i.$$

Let $\Gamma(\eta, \xi)$ be defined by $\Gamma(\eta, \xi) = H(p, q)$. The function Γ does not depend on ξ_n since $\frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \xi_n} = -\dot{\eta}_n$ and η_n is an integral. The system restricted to any level surface $\eta_n = c$ becomes $\xi_k = \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \eta_k}$, $\dot{\eta}_k = -\frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \xi_k}$, $k=1, \dots, n-1$, with $(n-1)$ degrees of freedom. Knowing how to solve it, it is then possible to integrate the remaining scalar equation $\xi_n = \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \eta_n} = \phi(t, c)$. This is, essentially, the Jacobi-Liouville method of reduction in the case of one first integral.

Example 3.2: Let $H(p, q) = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 + V(|q|)$, $(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbb{R}^6$. This function is invariant under the orthogonal group $SO(3)$, since $H(Rp, Rq) = H(p, q)$ for all $R \in SO(3)$. Using the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(3)$ of all skew-symmetric operators, one obtains that $\exp s \cdot A \in SO(3)$ for all $s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \in \mathfrak{g}$. Then $H((\exp s \cdot A)p, (\exp s \cdot A)q) = H(p, q)$, which, after differentiating with respect to s at $s = 0$, gives

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, A q \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial q}, A p \right\rangle = 0.$$

Thus defining \hat{J}_A by $\hat{J}_A(p, q) = \langle p, A q \rangle$, \hat{J}_A is an integral for any $A \in \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(3)$. It is known that to each $A \in \mathfrak{so}(3)$ there corresponds an unique $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $Ax = a \wedge x$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Therefore $\hat{J}_A(p, q) = \hat{J}_a(p, q) = \langle p, a \wedge q \rangle = \langle a, p \wedge q \rangle$. If (e_1, e_2, e_3) is the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^3 , one has $q \wedge p = \langle q \wedge p, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \langle q \wedge p, e_2 \rangle e_2 + \langle q \wedge p, e_3 \rangle e_3$. The map $(p, q) \mapsto q \wedge p$ is a vector valued first integral called the angular momentum. Therefore, if $q = (q_1, q_2, q_3)$ and $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$, the components $F_1 = q_2 p_3 - q_3 p_2$, $F_2 = q_3 p_1 - q_1 p_3$, $F_3 = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1$ of $q \wedge p$ are integrals of motion and one may expect to reduce the phase space \mathbb{R}^6 by six dimensions. But, in this case these integrals are not in involution, since $(F_1, F_2) = -F_3$. In order to see that the reduced space has two dimensions, one fixes a value $c = q \wedge p$ of the angular momentum and assume $c \neq 0$. One may choose the coordinates such that $c = \lambda e_3$, $\lambda > 0$, $e_3 = (0, 0, 1)$. Then $q_2 p_3 - q_3 p_2 = 0$, $q_1 p_3 - q_3 p_1 = 0$ and since $\lambda = (q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1) > 0$ it results that $p_3 = q_3 = 0$, that means, the problem is reduced to $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ with the quadratic integral $\lambda = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1$. The new phase space $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ is invariant under the rotations of $SO(2)$. The reduced Hamiltonian function $\tilde{H} = H|_{\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2}$ is obtained by making $p_3 = q_3 = 0$ and then

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + V(r), \quad r = \sqrt{q_1^2 + q_2^2}.$$

It is also obvious that \tilde{H} is invariant under $SO(2)$. Following a method discovered by Jacobi, one introduces polar coordinates $q_1 = r \cos \phi$, $q_2 = r \sin \phi$ and, for the conjugate variables one chooses the special functions $p_r = p_1 \cos \phi + p_2 \sin \phi$ and $p_\phi = r(-p_1 \sin \phi + p_2 \cos \phi)$. Since $p_\phi = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1 = \lambda$, p_ϕ is an integral and a straightforward computation shows that the co-

ordinate system (p_r, p_ϕ, r, ϕ) is canonical since $\tilde{\omega} = dp_1 \wedge dq_1 + dp_2 \wedge dq_2 = dp_r \wedge dr + dp_\phi \wedge d\phi$. The Hamiltonian function \tilde{H} in these coordinates is given by

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left(p_r^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} p_\phi^2 \right) + v(r) = \frac{1}{2} \left(p_r^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} \right) + v(r)$$

so that the system reduces to

$$\dot{p}_r = - \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial r} = - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^3} + \frac{dv(r)}{dr}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial p_r} = p_r$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\partial \tilde{H}}{\partial p_\phi} = \frac{1}{r^2} p_\phi = \frac{\lambda}{r^2}.$$

The two first equations define a system in two dimensions; using the conservation of the energy, one can solve the scalar equation

$$\dot{r} = \pm \sqrt{2c - \frac{\lambda^2}{r^2} - v(r)} \quad \text{to find } r(t) \text{ and then integrate } \dot{\phi} = \frac{\lambda}{r^2(t)}.$$

The Moment Map

Let (M, ω) be a symplectic manifold such that $\omega = d\theta$, that is, besides to be closed and nondegenerate, ω is an exact two-form. In this case $(M, d\theta)$ is said to be an exact symplectic manifold. As an example one has the cotangent bundle $M = T^*Q$ of a manifold Q (see example 1.2).

An action of a Lie group G on a manifold M is a smooth map $\phi : G \times M \rightarrow M$ such that, for any $g \in G$, the map $\phi_g : M \rightarrow M$ defined by $\phi_g(p) = \phi(g, p)$ is a diffeomorphism, $\phi_e = \text{id}(M)$, e being the identity of G , and $\phi_g \circ \phi_h = \phi_{gh}$ for all $g, h \in G$. The orbit $O(p)$ of a point $p \in M$ is the set

$$O(p) = \{\phi_g(p) \mid g \in G\}.$$

One also defines the maps $\phi_p : G \rightarrow M$ by $\phi_p(g) = \phi(g, p)$. A symplectic action of a Lie group G on a symplectic manifold (M, ω) is an action $\phi : G \times M \rightarrow M$ such that ϕ_g is a symplectic map, i.e., $\phi_g^* \omega = \omega$ for all $g \in G$. If, moreover, $\omega = d\theta$ and $\phi_g^* \theta = \theta$ for all $g \in G$, one has an exact symplectic group action.

Let \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra of a Lie group G and let $\phi : G \times M \rightarrow M$ be a symplectic group action of G on a symplectic manifold (M, ω) . Given $a \in \mathfrak{g}$, $g(t) = \exp t a \in G$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\phi_{g(t)}$ is a symplectic diffeomorphism. Let X_a be the vector field defined on M by $X_a(p) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g(t)}(p) \right|_{t=0}$. The vector field X_a is called the infinitesimal generator of the action corresponding to $a \in \mathfrak{g}$. The map $a \mapsto X_a$ is linear since $X_a(p) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \phi(g(t), p) \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \phi_p(g(t)) \right|_{t=0} = d\phi_p(e)a$. If, moreover, the symplectic group action is exact, then the vector field X_a is a Hamiltonian vector field with Hamiltonian function $\hat{J}_a = \theta(X_a)$, as proved below. If β is a n -exterior form on M , recall that $X_a \lrcorner \beta$ denotes the $(n-1)$ -exterior form given by $(X_a \lrcorner \beta)(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) = \beta(X_a, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$. By the well known

formula $L_{X_a} \theta = d(X_a \lrcorner \theta) + X_a \lrcorner d\theta$, (see [A-M]) and since $\phi_g^*(t) \theta = \theta$ implies $L_{X_a} \theta = 0$, one obtains $d(X_a \lrcorner \theta) = -X_a \lrcorner d\theta$ that is $d(\theta(X_a)) = -X_a \lrcorner d\theta$ which proves the assertion. Since the map $a \in \mathfrak{g} \mapsto \hat{J}_a = \theta(X_a)$ is linear, the moment map J associated to the exact symplectic group action can be defined as $J : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$, by the formula $(Jp)a = \hat{J}_a(p)$, for all $p \in M$ and $a \in \mathfrak{g}$. It can be shown that the linear map $a \mapsto X_a$, considered above, has the property $X_{[a,b]} = [X_a, X_b]$. Then the linear map $a \mapsto \hat{J}_a$ is a homomorphism of Lie algebras, that is, $\hat{J}_{[a,b]} = (\hat{J}_a, \hat{J}_b)$.

The next theorem shows that the moment map $J : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ has the universal property of being a vector valued first integral for any Hamiltonian system X_H such that the Hamiltonian function H is invariant under group action.

Theorem 3.1: Let ϕ be an exact symplectic group action of a Lie group G on an exact symplectic manifold $(M, d\theta)$ and let $H : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be any smooth Hamiltonian function invariant under the action, that is, $H \circ \phi_g = H$ for all $g \in G$. Then the flow ϕ_H^t of the Hamiltonian vector field X_H leaves invariant the moment map $J : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$, i.e., $J \circ \phi_H^t = J$, or equivalently, the function \hat{J}_a is a first integral of X_H for all $a \in \mathfrak{g}$.

Proof. Since $H(p) = H(\phi_g(p))$, take $g = g(t) = \exp t a$, $a \in \mathfrak{g}$, and compute the derivative with respect to t at $t=0$ of $H(p) = H(\phi_{\exp t a}(p))$.

Thus, one obtains

$$0 = dH(X_a(p)) = d\theta(X_a(p), X_H(p)) = (H, \hat{J}_a)(p),$$

which shows that \hat{J}_a is a first integral of X_H , for any $a \in \mathfrak{g}$. Finally,

$$[(J \circ \phi_H^t)p]a = [J(\phi_H^t(p))]a = \hat{J}_a(\phi_H^t(p)) = \hat{J}_a(p) = (Jp)a. \quad \square$$

At this point it is interesting to go back to example 3.2, where the group $G = SO(3)$ defines an exact symplectic group action on the exact symplectic manifold $(M, d\theta) = (\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3, d\theta)$,

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i dq_i;$$
the group action is given by $\phi_R(p, q) = (Rp, Rq)$, for all $R \in SO(3)$. In fact, it is clear that $[d\phi_R(p, q)](Y, X) = (RY, RX)$ and $\theta_{(p, q)}(Y, X) = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i dq_i(Y, X) = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i \cdot dq_i(X)$. Then

$$\theta_{(p, q)}(Y, X) = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i X_i = \langle p, X \rangle.$$

Finally

$$\theta_{(Rp, Rq)}(RY, RX) = \langle Rp, RX \rangle = \langle p, X \rangle = \theta_{(p, q)}(Y, X).$$

Recall also that $\hat{J}_a(p, q) = \langle a, p \wedge q \rangle$, for all $a \in \mathfrak{g} = so(3) \cong \mathbb{R}^3$.

The moment map $J: M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ is given by $J(p, q) = \langle \cdot, p \wedge q \rangle$. By the last theorem, any Hamiltonian function $H: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ invariant under the action of $SO(3)$ (in particular, that one considered in example 3.2) defines a Hamiltonian system for which the functions \hat{J}_a are first integrals; in particular $(p, q) \mapsto p \wedge q$ is a vector valued first integral for such systems.

Any action of a Lie group G on a vector space V is called a representation. The adjoint representation of G on its Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is the action $\text{Ad} : G \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ defined by $\text{Ad}(g, a) = [dL_g \circ dR_{g^{-1}}(e)](a)$ where dL_g and $dR_{g^{-1}}$ denote, respectively, the derivatives of the left and right translations

$$x \in G \mapsto gx \in G \quad \text{and} \quad x \in G \mapsto xg^{-1} \in G.$$

One also introduces the notation $\text{Ad}(g)a = \text{Ad}(g, a)$. Since $\text{Ad}(g) : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ is the derivative $d\psi_g(e) : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ of the map

$$\psi_g : x \in G \mapsto gxg^{-1} = L_g R_{g^{-1}}(x) \in G$$

at $e \in G$, one obtains $\text{Ad}(gh) = \text{Ad}(g) \circ \text{Ad}(h)$.

The coadjoint representation of G on \mathfrak{g}^* , $\text{Ad}^* : G \times \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$, is given by the maps $\text{Ad}^*(g) : \mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$, $g \in G$, defined by the formula $[\text{Ad}^*(g)](\mu)a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mu[\text{Ad}(g^{-1})a]$ for all $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ and all $a \in \mathfrak{g}$. With this definition one obtains $\text{Ad}^*(gh) = \text{Ad}^*(g) \circ \text{Ad}^*(h)$.

If one fixes now $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ one obtains the orbit $O(\mu)$ of the coadjoint representation, which is the set $O(\mu) = \{\text{Ad}^*(g)\mu \mid g \in G\}$. It is a basic result due to Kirillov and Kostant that $O(\mu)$ has a canonical symplectic structure.

Example 3.3: Isospectral matrices.

Let G be the Lie group of all the $n \times n$ non singular real matrices and let T be an element of G . Then $\text{Ad}(T)A = T A T^{-1}$ for all $A \in \mathfrak{g}$. The well known inner product

$$(A, B) \in \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \langle A, B \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{trace } A \cdot^T B$$

identifies the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of all $n \times n$ real matrices with its dual \mathfrak{g}^* by

$$A \in \mathfrak{g} \mapsto v \in \mathfrak{g}^*, v(\cdot) = \langle \cdot, A \rangle.$$

For a fixed $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}$, the orbit $O(\mu)$ of the coadjoint representation is identified with the set of all matrices which are similar to the matrix M given by the identification $\mu(\cdot) = \langle \cdot, M \rangle$. In fact, $O(\mu) = \{X | \text{Ad}^*(g)\mu(\cdot) = \langle \cdot, X \rangle, g \in G\}$ and $\text{Ad}^*(g)\mu(\cdot) = \langle \cdot, X \rangle = \mu(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})(\cdot)) = \mu(g^{-1}(\cdot)g) = \langle g^{-1}(\cdot)g, M \rangle = \text{trace } g^{-1}(\cdot)g T_M = \text{trace } g^{-1}(\cdot)g T_M g^{-1} g = \text{trace } (\cdot)g T_M g^{-1} = \langle \cdot, T(g^{-1})M g \rangle$ then $X = T(g^{-1})M T_g$ and X is similar to M . If μ is such that M has distinct eigenvalues then $O(\mu)$ consists of the so called isospectral matrices. A symplectic structure will be defined on the manifold $O(\mu) = \{TMT^{-1} | T \in G\}$. The point M belongs to $O(\mu)$ and the tangent space of $O(\mu)$ at the point M is the set $\{[A, M] | A \in \mathfrak{g}\}$. To see this, one considers a generic curve $T(t)$ in G such that $T(0) = I$

and $\dot{T}(0) = A$; then $T(t) M T(t)^{-1}$ is a generic curve on $O(\mu)$, passing through M at $t=0$. Since $\left. \frac{d}{dt} T(t)^{-1} \right|_{t=0} = -\dot{T}(0) = -A$ one obtains

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} (T(t) M T(t)^{-1}) \right|_{t=0} = AM - MA = [A, M].$$

This description of the tangent space of $O(\mu)$ at M can be used to show that the dimension of $O(\mu)$ is $n^2 - n$. The form ω on $O(\mu)$ is given by $\omega([A, M], [B, M]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{trace}([A, B] \cdot M)$. One verifies that this form is nondegenerate, skew-symmetric and closed, thus defining a symplectic structure on $O(\mu)$.

Consider again an exact symplectic group action ϕ and its corresponding moment map $J : M \rightarrow g^*$. The moment map J is said to be equivariant with respect to a pair of functions $f : M \rightarrow M$ and $h : g^* \rightarrow g^*$ if $J \circ f = h \circ J$, that is, if the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{J} & g^* \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ M & \xrightarrow{J} & g^* \end{array}$$

Theorem 3.2: Given any exact symplectic group action $\phi : G \times M \rightarrow M$ of a Lie group G on an exact symplectic manifold $(M, d\theta)$, the corresponding moment map J is equivariant with respect to $\phi_g : M \rightarrow M$ and to $\text{Ad}^*(g) : g^* \rightarrow g^*$, for all $g \in G$.

Proof. To be equivariant means $J \circ \phi_g = [\text{Ad}^*(g)] \circ J$, for all $g \in G$, that is, $[J(\phi_g(p))]a$ has to be equal to $[(\text{Ad}^*(g))Jp]a$ for all $p \in M$ and $a \in \mathfrak{g}$. Let X_a be the infinitesimal generator of the action corresponding to $a \in \mathfrak{g}$. But $[J(\phi_g(p))]a = \hat{J}_a(\phi_g(p)) = -[\theta(X_a)]\phi_g(p) = \theta_{\phi_g(p)}(X_a(\phi_g(p)))$. On the other hand one has $[(\text{Ad}^*(g))Jp]a = Jp[\text{Ad}(g^{-1})a] = \hat{J}_{\text{Ad}(g^{-1})a}(p) = [\theta(X_{\text{Ad}(g^{-1})a})](p) = \theta_p[d\phi_p(e)(\text{Ad}(g^{-1})a)]$.

The fact that $\exp t a$ is the one parameter group of $a \in \mathfrak{g}$, implies that $g^{-1}(\exp t a)g$ is the one parameter group of $\text{Ad}(g^{-1})a$; in fact, the curve $g^{-1}(\exp t a)g$ passes through $e \in G$ for $t = 0$ and its derivative at $t=0$ is $\left. \frac{d}{dt}(g^{-1}(\exp t a)g) \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{d}{dt}(L_{g^{-1}} \cdot R_g)(\exp t a) \right|_{t=0} = dL_{g^{-1}} \cdot dR_g \left(\left. \frac{d}{dt} \exp t a \right|_{t=0} \right) = dL_{g^{-1}} \cdot dR_g(a) = \text{Ad}(g^{-1})a$. Consequently $[(\text{Ad}^*(g))Jp]a = \theta_p \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} \phi_{\exp t \text{Ad}(g^{-1})a}(p) \right) \right]_{t=0} = \theta_p \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g^{-1}(\exp t a)g}(p) \right) \right]_{t=0} = \theta_p \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} (\phi_{g^{-1}} \circ \phi_{\exp t a} \circ \phi_g(p)) \right) \right]_{t=0} = \theta_p \left[d\phi_{g^{-1}} \left(\left(\frac{d}{dt} \phi_{\exp t a}(\phi_g(p)) \right) \right) \right]_{t=0} = \theta_{\phi_g(p)}(X_a(\phi_g(p)))$, the last equality being true because $\phi_g^* \theta = \theta$.

The proof is then complete. □

The Reduced Phase Space

Given an exact symplectic group action $G \times M \rightarrow M$ on an

exact symplectic manifold $(M, d\theta)$, let us consider the corresponding moment map $J : M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$. Fix $\mu \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ and consider the set

$$J^{-1}(\mu) = \{p \in M \mid J(p) = \mu\}.$$

In the example 3.2, G is $SO(3)$ and $J^{-1}(\mu)$ consists of those states for which the angular momentum vector μ is fixed. By the equivariant property, the isotropy subgroup

$$G_\mu \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{g \in G \mid \text{Ad}^*(g)\mu = \mu\}$$

acts on the set $J^{-1}(\mu)$, which in the example consists of all rotations leaving fixed the angular momentum vector μ . Again, in example 3.2, if $\mu \neq 0$, G_μ is a one-dimensional rotation subgroup $SO(2)$. To eliminate this angle one considers the quotient set $J^{-1}(\mu)/G_\mu$, which corresponds to the elimination of the "ignorable" angle of rotation. Under appropriate assumptions, for example (see [A], Appendix 5), if μ is a regular value of J , if the isotropy group G_μ is compact and acts on $J^{-1}(\mu)$ without fixed points, it is possible to construct the bundle

$$\Pi : J^{-1}(\mu) \rightarrow \tilde{M} = J^{-1}(\mu)/G_\mu,$$

and \tilde{M} is called the reduced phase space; \tilde{M} is a symplectic manifold and its structure is given by a two form $\tilde{\omega}$ which is defined

as follows: if $j : J^{-1}(\mu) \rightarrow M$ is the injection map then $j^*\omega$ is the pullback of $\omega = d\theta$ to $J^{-1}(\mu)$. This form $j^*\omega$ is invariant under G_μ and therefore there exists $\tilde{\omega}$ in the quotient, such that $\Pi^*\tilde{\omega} = j^*\omega$. Moreover, if H is any Hamiltonian function invariant under the action ϕ_g , the reduced Hamiltonian flow $X_{\tilde{H}}$ on $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{\omega})$ is defined by $d\tilde{H} = -X_{\tilde{H}} \lrcorner \tilde{\omega}$, where the Hamiltonian function \tilde{H} is such that $\tilde{H} \circ \Pi = H \circ j$, that is, the restriction of H to $J^{-1}(\mu)$ is invariant under G_μ and defines \tilde{H} in the quotient (see [A] Appendice 5 and [A-M]).

§ 4 - PERSISTENCE OF TORI. THE THEOREM K.A.M. (Kolmogorov, Arnold and Moser)

Assume it given an integrable system of Hamiltonian function H_0 , with the hypothesis of the Theorem 1.2 of Arnold and Liouville. Assume also that in a neighborhood of the Torus M_λ , diffeomorphic to $B \times T^n$, B being a ball in \mathbb{R}^n , there are action-angle canonical coordinates (I, φ) and X_{H_0} is given in $B \times T^n$ by

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = 0, \quad \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = v_0(I),$$

so that $H_0 = H_0(I)$ and $v_0(I) = \frac{\partial H_0(I)}{\partial I}$.

If, moreover, $\det \frac{\partial^2 H_0(I)}{\partial I^2} = \det \frac{\partial v_0(I)}{\partial I} \neq 0$, the system X_{H_0} is called non-degenerate. In this case the frequencies (v_0^1, \dots, v_0^n) are non-resonant, that is, $\langle v_0, k \rangle \neq 0$ for all sequences $k \neq 0$ of integers, and the orbits are dense in each invariant torus $I = \text{cte}$, which is then the closure of the orbits. This means that if the frequencies are non resonant, the tori do not depend on the choice of the action-angle coordinates.

Denote (I, φ) by (p, q) and consider a perturbation on the non-degenerate Hamiltonian by

$$H = H_0(p) + H_1(p, q)$$

with $H_1(p, q+2\pi) = H_1(p, q)$, where $H_1(p, q)$ is small in a sense that will be precised below. The equations for the perturbed Hamiltonian are

$$\dot{q} = v_0(p) + \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial p}, \quad \dot{p} = - \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial q}.$$

All the data in the statement of the next theorem are supposed to be analytic and X_{H_0} non-degenerate. If one selects a non-resonant frequency $v = v^*$, the equations on the invariant nonperturbed torus $T_0(v^*)$ are characterized by $p = p^*$ where $v^* = v_0(p^*)$.

Theorem 4.1: (K.A.M.)

Given $K > 0$ and for almost all non-resonant v^* (except for a set of Lebesgue measure zero), there exist $\epsilon > 0$ and a map $p = p(Q)$, $q = q(Q)$ from an abstract torus $T = \{Q \bmod 2\pi\}$ into $B \times T^n$ such that according to the perturbed system one has $\dot{Q} = v^*$ and $|p(Q) - p^*| < K$, $|q(Q) - Q| < K$, provided that $|H_1| < \epsilon = \epsilon(K, v^*, H_0)$.

Proof. (see [A-A]).

The meaning of the Theorem K.A.M. is that there exists an invariant torus $T(v^*)$ of the perturbed system, close to the torus $T_0(v^*)$, for almost all v^* (except for a set of measure zero of frequencies). The union of all tori $T(v^*)$ is a set with positive measure in the phase space and its complement has measure which tends to zero as $|H_1| \rightarrow 0$.

The theorem K.A.M. was presented by Kolmogorov, proved by Arnold in the analytic case and by Moser in the C^k case, $k=333$, when $n=2$. Today, one finds other versions for this remarkable result, even C^k versions ($k > 2n$, etc.).

The behavior of the trajectories which are in the complement of the invariant tori set is not completely known. If $n=2$, the phase space has dimension four, and then two tori T^2 separate in two connected components a surface of energy of dimension three. If one trajectory starts between two tori, it always remains between these tori. But for $n > 2$ the tori T^n do not separate a hypersurface of energy ($\dim. 2n-1$) and apparently a trajectory could start close to two tori at $t=0$ and for big times it could go far away from them; this phenomenon is called the diffusion of Arnold and it is an important field of research now days.

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