

Notes and Solutions to Problems  
in  
Arnold's  
Mathematical Methods  
of  
Classical Mechanics<sup>1</sup>

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A few years ago I read through Arnold's classic, made extensive notes for myself and gave solutions to many of the problems in the text. Recently I came across my old notes, and thought it would be beneficial to some students and interested readers to share these. In my notes below "text" refers to Arnold's book; references are given as  $x/y$ , where  $x$  stands for the line number(s) (with  $x < 0$  counting from the bottom of the page excluding footnotes and captions of illustrations) and  $y$  stands for the page number(s). For longer notes  $x/y$  signifies the start of the respective passage. As always with first drafts, typos and errors are nearly unavoidable. Comments, notes, additions are always welcome; please do not hesitate to send them to gtothcamden.rutgers.edu.

## Part I: Newtonian Mechanics

**-3/12 PROBLEM.** We assume that the stone has unit mass. (See the footnote on p. 11 of the text.) Let  $r$  be the distance of the stone from the center of the earth,  $r_0$  the radius of the earth, and  $M_e$  the mass of the earth.  $r$  is a function of time  $t$  with initial conditions  $r(0) = r_0$  and  $\dot{r}(0) = v_2$ . The equation of motion is

$$\ddot{r} = -\frac{GM_e}{r^2}.$$

Multiplying through by  $\dot{r}$ , we have

$$\ddot{r} \cdot \dot{r} = \left( \frac{\dot{r}^2}{2} \right)' = -GM_e \frac{\dot{r}}{r^2} = -gr_0^2 \frac{\dot{r}}{r^2},$$

where  $GM_e/r_0^2 = g$  is the magnitude of the gravitational acceleration vector  $\mathbf{g}$  on the surface of the earth,  $g = |\mathbf{g}|$ . Since we are looking for the second cosmic velocity,<sup>1</sup> we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} r(t) = \infty$ , and we can integrate on  $[0, \infty)$  as

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty (\dot{r}^2)' dt = -\frac{1}{2} \dot{r}(0)^2 = -\frac{1}{2} v_2^2 = -gr_0^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\dot{r}}{r^2} dt = -gr_0^2 \int_{r_0}^\infty \frac{dr}{r^2} = -gr_0^2 \frac{1}{r_0} = -gr_0,$$

where minimality of  $v_2$  is used in  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{r}(t) = 0$ . Hence, we obtain

$$v_2 = \sqrt{2gr_0} \approx \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.80665 \cdot 6,378,000} \text{ m/sec} \approx 11,184.52625 \text{ m/sec}.$$

**-3/18 PROBLEM.** The total energy is

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 + U(x) = E.$$

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<sup>1</sup>"The **first cosmic velocity**  $v_1$  is the velocity of motion on a circular orbit of radius close to the radius of the earth." (See 7/41 in the text and also below.) The **second cosmic velocity**  $v_2$  is the minimum velocity of motion on a straight line that extends infinitely far from the earth.

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Hence

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x} = +\sqrt{2(E - U(x))},$$

where the positive sign indicates motion in one direction with  $x$  increasing in  $t$ . Inverting, we obtain

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(E - U(x))}}.$$

Integrating, we arrive at

$$t_2 - t_1 = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2(E - U(x))}}.$$

**-3/19 PROBLEM.** Expanding the potential energy  $U$  at the maximum  $\xi$ , we get

$$U(x) = U(\xi) + U'(\xi)(x - \xi) + \frac{U''(\xi)}{2}(x - \xi)^2 + \dots$$

Now,  $U(\xi) = E$ ,  $U'(\xi) = 0$  (as  $\xi$  is a critical point), and  $U''(\xi) \leq 0$  (since at  $\xi$  the potential energy  $U$  attains maximum). With these, we calculate

$$\dot{x}^2 = 2(E - U(x)) = -U''(\xi)(x - \xi)^2 + \dots$$

(See -3/18 above.) Hence

$$\dot{x} = \pm\sqrt{-U''(\xi)}(x - \xi).$$

But  $\dot{x} = y$ , so that the equations of the tangent lines are

$$y = \pm\sqrt{-U''(\xi)}(x - \xi).$$

**1/20 PROBLEM.** Let  $x_1 < x_2$  be the (consecutive) intersection points of the closed phase curve with the  $x$ -axis. As the region enclosed by the phase curve is symmetric with respect to the first axis, by the definition of the integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}S &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} y \, dx = \int_0^{T/2} y \dot{x} \, dt = \int_0^{T/2} y \sqrt{2(E - U(x))} \, dt \\ &= \int_0^{T/2} \dot{x} \sqrt{2(E - U(x))} \, dt = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{2(E - U(x))} \, dx, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that the direction of the motion is positive. Differentiating under the integral sign **with respect to**  $E$ , we obtain

$$\frac{dS}{dE} = \sqrt{2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{E - U(x)}}.$$

On the other hand, by the problem at -3/18 above, we have

$$\frac{T}{2} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2(E - U(x))}}.$$

Combining these, we arrive at

$$\frac{dS}{dE} = T.$$

**5/20 PROBLEM.** Using the expansion of  $U$  in problem at -3/19, we have  $U'(x) = U''(\xi)(x - \xi) + \dots$ , where  $U''(\xi) \geq 0$  since  $U$  attains minimum at  $\xi$ . Linearizing the differential equation governing the motion at  $(\xi, 0)$  we thus obtain

$$\ddot{x} = -U''(\xi)(x - \xi).$$

The (shifted) solutions  $x - \xi$  are linear combinations of  $\cos(\sqrt{U''(\xi)}t)$  and  $\sin(\sqrt{U''(\xi)}t)$  with period

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{U''(\xi)}}.$$

**7/24 PROBLEM.** The solution of the system in Example 1 at -5/23 can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin t & \cos t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos t & \sin t \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} = \cos t \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} + \sin t \begin{pmatrix} c_2 \\ -c_1 \\ c_4 \\ -c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where conservation of energy gives  $2E_0 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 = c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2 + c_4^2$ . This level surface  $\pi_{E_0}$  is the 4-sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with radius  $\sqrt{2E_0}$  and center at the origin. The vectors in the linear combination on the left-hand side of the equation above are orthonormal. Hence the phase curve is a circle with center at the origin. Scaling, we may assume  $2E_0 = 1$ .

**14/24 PROBLEM.** Introducing complex arithmetic, we have

$$z_1 = x_1 + iy_1 = (c_1 + ic_2) \cos t + (c_2 - ic_1) \sin t = (c_1 + ic_2)(\cos t + i \sin t) = e^{it}(c_1 + ic_2),$$

and similarly

$$z_2 = x_2 + iy_2 = (c_3 + ic_4)(\cos t + i \sin t) = e^{it}(c_3 + ic_4).$$

With the identification  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) \mapsto (z_1, z_2)$ , we have  $2E_0 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2$ , and for the ‘‘Hopf map’’ we obtain

$$w = \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{x_1 + iy_1}{x_2 + iy_2} = \frac{c_1 + ic_2}{c_3 + ic_4} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

This shows that, under the Hopf map, every phase curve is mapped to a point. In addition, the pre-image of a point is a single phase curve. Indeed,  $z_1/z_2 = z'_1/z'_2$  implies  $z_1/z'_1 = z_2/z'_2 = \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = |z'_1|^2 + |z'_2|^2$  ( $z_1, z_2, z'_1, z'_2 \neq 0, \infty$ ), gives  $|\lambda| = 1$ , that is  $\lambda = e^{it}$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Note that  $\mathbb{C}$  plus the point at infinity  $\infty$  can be identified with the 2-sphere  $S^2$  via the stereographic projection  $h : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  (from the North pole  $(0, 0, 1)$ ) whose inverse is given by<sup>2</sup>

$$h^{-1}(z) = \left( \frac{2z}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1} \right), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Substituting  $z = z_1/z_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h^{-1}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= \left( \frac{2z_1/z_2}{|z_1/z_2|^2 + 1}, \frac{|z_1/z_2|^2 - 1}{|z_1/z_2|^2 + 1} \right) = \left( \frac{2z_1\bar{z}_2}{|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2}, \frac{|z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2}{|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2} \right) \\ &= (2z_1\bar{z}_2, |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^3, \end{aligned}$$

since we set  $2E_0 = 1$  (7/24). This gives the usual representation of the Hopf map  $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  associating to  $(z_1, z_2) \in S^3 \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  the point  $(2z_1\bar{z}_2, |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2) \in S^2 \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**12/30** We have

$$(\mathbf{F}, d\mathbf{S}) = \Phi(r)(\mathbf{e}_r, d\mathbf{r}) = \Phi(r) \left( \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}, d\mathbf{r} \right) = \Phi(r) \frac{(\mathbf{r}, d\mathbf{r})}{r} = \frac{1}{2} \Phi(r) \frac{d(r^2)}{r} = \Phi(r) dr.$$

**-6/31** In coordinates  $\mathbf{e}_r = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$  and  $\mathbf{e}_\varphi = (-\sin \varphi, \cos \varphi)$ .

**2/32** Indeed, by the above

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{e}}_r &= \dot{\varphi}(-\sin \varphi, \cos \varphi) = \dot{\varphi} \mathbf{e}_\varphi \\ \dot{\mathbf{e}}_\varphi &= -\dot{\varphi}(\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi) = -\dot{\varphi} \mathbf{e}_r. \end{aligned}$$

**12/34** Here we use the lemma at the bottom of page 31.

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<sup>2</sup>See Toth, G., *Glimpses of Algebra and Geometry*, Second Edition, Springer NY (2000), Section 7, p. 88.

**-10/34** Strictly speaking, we assume here that  $r$  increases with  $t$  so that the square root is positive.

**8/37 PROBLEM 1.** Under the substitution  $x = M/r$ , the effective potential energy  $V(r) = U(r) + M^2/(2r^2)$  becomes

$$W(x) = V\left(\frac{M}{x}\right) = U\left(\frac{M}{x}\right) + \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

With the differential  $dx = -Mdr/r^2$ , the apsidal angle is

$$\Phi = \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} \frac{M/r^2}{\sqrt{2(E - V(r))}} dr = - \int_{x_{\max}}^{x_{\min}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2(E - W(x))}} = \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2(E - W(x))}}.$$

**13/37 PROBLEM 2.** The derivative of the effective potential energy with respect to  $r = d/dr$  is  $V'(r) = U'(r) - M^2/r^3$ , and therefore the equation of motion is

$$\ddot{r} = -V'(r) = -U'(r) + \frac{M^2}{r^3}.$$

Letting  $x = r - r_0$ , we expand the right-hand side at  $x = 0$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} &= -V'(x + r_0) = -V'(r_0) - V''(r_0)x + \dots = -V''(r_0)x^2 + \dots \\ &= -U'(x + r_0) + \frac{M^2}{(x + r_0)^3} = -U'(r_0) - U''(r_0)x + \frac{M^2}{r_0^3} - \frac{3M^2}{r_0^4}x + \dots \\ &= -\left(U''(r_0) + \frac{3M^2}{r_0^4}\right)x + \dots = -\left(U''(r_0) + \frac{3U'(r_0)}{r_0}\right)x + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $V'(r_0) = U'(r_0) - M^2/r_0^3 = 0$  as  $r = r_0$  is a circular orbit.

The linearized equation is

$$\ddot{x} = -V''(r_0)x = -\left(U''(r_0) + \frac{3U'(r_0)}{r_0}\right)x = -\frac{r_0U''(r_0) + 3U'(r_0)}{r_0}x.$$

The circular orbit  $r = r_0$  is stable if  $V''(r_0) > 0$ , or equivalently, if  $r_0U''(r_0) + 3U'(r_0) > 0$ . Assuming this, the period of oscillation for  $x$  and hence for  $r = r_0 + x$  is

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{V''(r_0)}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{r_0}{r_0U''(r_0) + 3U'(r_0)}}.$$

The apsidal angle  $\Phi$  is the amount by which  $\varphi$  increases from a maximum to the consecutive minimum. This happens in  $T/2$  amount of time. Moreover  $\dot{\varphi} = M/r^2 \approx$

$M/r_0^2 = \sqrt{U'(r_0)}/r_0$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= \dot{\phi} \frac{T}{2} \approx \Phi_{\text{cir}} = \frac{M}{r_0^2} \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{V''(r_0)}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{U'(r_0)}{r_0}} \pi \sqrt{\frac{r_0}{r_0 U''(r_0) + 3U'(r_0)}} \\ &= \pi \sqrt{\frac{U'(r_0)}{3U'(r_0) + r_0 U''(r_0)}}.\end{aligned}$$

**15/37 PROBLEM 3.** Clearly,  $\Phi_{\text{cir}}$  is independent of  $r_0$  if and only if  $rU''(r)/U'(r)$  is independent of  $r$ , or equivalently,  $r(\ln |U'(r)|)' = \beta$  for some constant  $\beta \geq -3$  (our condition of stability is  $>$  and  $U'(r) > 0$  for  $r$  near  $r_0$ ). Hence  $(\ln |U'(r)|)' = \beta/r$ , and therefore  $\ln |U'(r)| = \beta \ln r + B$ . Adjusting the last constant, this gives  $U'(r) = br^\beta$  ( $b = \pm e^B$ ). Hence, for  $\beta \neq -1$ ,  $U(r) = br^{\beta+1}/(\beta+1) = ar^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \geq -2$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$  ( $\alpha = \beta + 1$ , and  $a = b/(\beta + 1)$ ), and for  $\beta = -1$ ,  $U(r) = b \ln(r)$  (adjusting  $U$  by a constant). In both cases, we obtain  $\Phi_{\text{cir}} = \pi/\sqrt{\beta+3}$  which is equal to  $\pi/\sqrt{\alpha+2}$  with  $\alpha = 0$  in the second case. In particular, the first two values of  $\alpha$  for which all bounded orbits are closed are for  $\alpha = -1$ ,  $U(r) = a/r$ , and we have  $\Phi_{\text{cir}} = \pi$ , and, for  $\alpha = 2$ ,  $U(r) = ar^2$ , and we have  $\Phi_{\text{cir}} = \pi/2$ .

**-7/37 PROBLEM 4.** The original setup for the effective potential is

$$V(r) = U(r) + \frac{M^2}{2r^2} \leq E, \quad r_{\min} \leq r \leq r_{\max}, \quad V(r_{\min}) = V(r_{\max}) = E.$$

In Problem 1 above we used the substitution  $x = M/r$ . With this we have

$$W(x) = V\left(\frac{M}{x}\right) = U\left(\frac{M}{x}\right) + \frac{x^2}{2} \leq E, \quad x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max}, \quad W(x_{\min}) = W(x_{\max}) = E,$$

where  $x_{\min} = M/r_{\max}$  and  $x_{\max} = M/r_{\min}$ .

We now introduce yet another new variable  $y$  via  $x = yx_{\max}$ . With this  $x_{\min} = y_{\min}x_{\max}$ , so that  $y_{\min} = x_{\min}/x_{\max}$  and  $y_{\max} = 1$ . With these, we define  $W^*(y) = W(yx_{\max})/x_{\max}^2$ , and obtain

$$W^*(y) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{1}{x_{\max}^2} U\left(\frac{M}{yx_{\max}}\right) \leq \frac{E}{x_{\max}^2}, \quad y_{\min} \leq y \leq 1, \quad W^*(y_{\min}) = W^*(1) = \frac{E}{x_{\max}^2}.$$

From Problem 1, the apsidal angle becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= \int_{y_{\min}}^1 \frac{x_{\max} dy}{\sqrt{2(E - W(y x_{\max}))}} = \int_{y_{\min}}^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2\left(\frac{E}{x_{\max}^2} - \frac{1}{x_{\max}^2}W(y x_{\max})\right)}} \\ &= \int_{y_{\min}}^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2(W^*(1) - W^*(y))}},\end{aligned}$$

Note that the integral is improper at both end-points  $y_{\min}$  and 1.

Assume  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} U(r) = \infty$ . In the setting of Problem 3 above this gives  $U(r) = ar^\alpha$ ,  $a, \alpha > 0$ , or  $U(r) = b \log(r)$ ,  $b > 0$ .

Assume now that  $E \rightarrow \infty$  so that  $x_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$ .

In the two cases above we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x_{\max}^2}U\left(\frac{M}{x_{\max}}\right) &= \frac{aM^\alpha}{x_{\max}^{2+\alpha}}, \quad a > 0, \alpha > 0, \\ \frac{1}{x_{\max}^2}U\left(\frac{M}{x_{\max}}\right) &= \frac{b \log M}{x_{\max}^2} - b \frac{\log x_{\max}}{x_{\max}^2}, \quad b > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Both of these converge to zero as  $x_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, we obtain

$$\lim_{E \rightarrow \infty} W^*(1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, since  $W^*(y) \leq W^*(1)$ ,  $y_{\min} \leq y \leq 1$ , the left-hand side is bounded as  $E \rightarrow \infty$ . On the other hand,  $W^*(1) = E/x_{\max}^2$ , so that  $\lim_{E \rightarrow \infty} E/x_{\max}^2 = 1/2$ , and hence  $\lim_{E \rightarrow \infty} W^*(y_{\min}) = 1/2$  follow. Now, as  $E \rightarrow \infty$ , we also have  $y_{\min} \rightarrow 0$ .

For fixed  $y > 0$  in

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x_{\max}^2}U\left(\frac{M}{yx_{\max}}\right) &= \frac{aM^\alpha}{y^\alpha x_{\max}^{2+\alpha}}, \quad a > 0, \alpha > 0 \\ \frac{1}{x_{\max}^2}U\left(\frac{M}{yx_{\max}}\right) &= \frac{b \log(M/y)}{x_{\max}^2} - b \frac{\log x_{\max}}{x_{\max}^2}, \quad b > 0.\end{aligned}$$

As before, both converge to zero as  $x_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$ , so that we have

$$\lim_{E \rightarrow \infty} W^*(y) = \frac{y^2}{2}, \quad y > 0.$$

Finally, for the integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x_{\max} \rightarrow \infty} \int_{y_{\min}}^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2(W^*(1) - W^*(y))}} &= \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2(1/2 - y^2/2)}} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} dt = \frac{\pi}{2},\end{aligned}$$

where we used the substitution  $y = \sin t$  and  $dy = \cos t dt$ . We finally arrive at

$$\lim_{E \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(E, M) = \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2(W^*(1) - W^*(y))}} = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

**1/38 PROBLEM 5.** The graph of the effective potential is as in Figure 34 on p. 38. As  $E \rightarrow 0^-$ , we have  $r_{\min}$  the  $r$ -intercept of the graph, and  $r_{\max} = \infty$ . For the first, we have  $k/r_{\min}^\beta = M^2/(2r_{\min}^2)$  which gives  $r_{\min}^{2-\beta} = M^2/(2k)$ . These give  $x_{\min} = 0$  and  $x_{\max}^{2-\beta} = 2k/M^\beta$ . Note that the latter also follows from

$$W^*(y) = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{k}{x_{\max}^2} \left( \frac{yx_{\max}}{M} \right)^\beta = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{k}{M^\beta} \frac{y^\beta}{x_{\max}^{2-\beta}}$$

by setting  $y_{\max} = 1$  as

$$W^*(1) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{k}{M^\beta} \frac{1}{x_{\max}^{2-\beta}} = \frac{E}{x_{\max}^2},$$

and letting  $E \rightarrow 0^-$ . With this, we have

$$W^*(y) = \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^\beta}{2}$$

We thus obtain

$$\Phi_0 = \lim_{E \rightarrow 0^-} \Phi = \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^\beta - y^2}} = \frac{\pi}{2 - \beta}.$$

As for the computation of the last integral, we substitute

$$y^{2-\beta} = u^2 \quad \text{and} \quad dy = 2/(2 - \beta) \cdot u^{2/(2-\beta)-1} du$$

(and follow up with the second substitution  $u = \sin t$ ,  $du = \cos t dt$ ). We obtain

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^\beta - y^2}} = \frac{2}{2 - \beta} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{-\frac{\beta}{2-\beta}} u^{\frac{2}{2-\beta}-1}}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}} du = \frac{2}{2 - \beta} \int_0^1 \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - u^2}} = \frac{\pi}{2 - \beta}.$$

**-2/38** We use the substitution  $x = M/r$  and  $dx = -Mdr/r^2$ , and integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &= \int \frac{(M/r^2) dr}{\sqrt{2(E + k/r - M^2/2r^2)}} = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2E + 2kx/M - x^2}} \\ &= - \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(2E + k^2/M^2) - (x - k/M)^2}} = - \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}} \\ &= \arccos \left( \frac{y}{a} \right) = \arccos \left( \frac{M/r - k/M}{\sqrt{2E + k^2/M^2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \sqrt{2E + k^2/M^2}$  and  $y = x - k/M$ .

**16/40 PROOF.** We provide some computational details in the proof of Kepler's third law: Let  $p = M^2/k$  and  $e = \sqrt{1 + 2EM^2/k^2}$  (7/39). Then, noting that  $E < 0$ , we calculate

$$a = \frac{p}{1 - e^2} = \frac{M^2/k}{1 - (1 + 2EM^2/k^2)} = \frac{k}{2|E|}.$$

(-3/39). Since  $e = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}/a$ , we obtain

$$b = a\sqrt{1 - e^2} = \frac{k}{2|E|} \sqrt{\frac{2|E|/M^2}{k^2}} = \frac{M}{\sqrt{2|E|}}.$$

Thus, since  $M/2$  is the sectorial velocity, we arrive at

$$T = \frac{2\pi ab}{M} = \frac{2\pi}{M} \frac{k}{2|E|} \frac{M}{\sqrt{2|E|}} = 2\pi \frac{k}{\sqrt{2|E|}^3} = 2\pi \frac{a^{3/2}}{\sqrt{k}}.$$

**7/41 PROBLEM.** We use the notations and setup in -6/12:  $r = r_0$  is a circular orbit,  $GM_e = gr_0^2$ , and the angular momentum is  $M = r_0v_1$ . The equation of motion on p. 34 is

$$\ddot{r} = -\frac{GM_e}{r^2} + \frac{M^2}{r^3}$$

(5/34). For the circular orbit  $r = r_0$ , we therefore have

$$\frac{GM_e}{r_0^2} = \frac{M^2}{r_0^3},$$

or equivalently  $\sqrt{r_0GM_e} = M = r_0v_1$ . These give  $v_1 = \sqrt{GM_e/r_0} = \sqrt{gr_0}$ . Combining this with the earlier formula  $v_2 = \sqrt{2gr_0}$  (-3/12 above), we arrive at  $v_2 = \sqrt{2}v_1$ .

**11/41 PROBLEM.** We let  $r = r_0 + r_1$ ,  $r_0 = 1$ ,  $r_1 \ll 1$ ,  $\varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_0 = t$ ,  $\varphi_1 \ll 1$ . Substituting  $r = 1 + r_1$  and  $\varphi = t + \varphi_1$  into the equations of motion (-1/33)

$$\ddot{r} - r\dot{\varphi}^2 = -\frac{1}{r^2} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\dot{r}\dot{\varphi} + r\ddot{\varphi} = 0$$

we obtain

$$\ddot{r}_1 - (1 + r_1)(1 + \dot{\varphi}_1)^2 = -\frac{1}{(1 + r_1)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad 2\dot{r}_1(1 + \dot{\varphi}_1) + (1 + r_1)\ddot{\varphi}_1 = 0.$$

Linearizing

$$\ddot{r}_1 - 1 - r_1 - 2\dot{\varphi}_1 = -1 + 2r_1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2\dot{r}_1 + \ddot{\varphi}_1 = 0,$$

we obtain

$$\ddot{r}_1 = 3r_1 + 2\dot{\varphi}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{\varphi}_1 = -2\dot{r}_1.$$

The scaling factor due to our choices  $r_0 = 1$  and  $\varphi_0 = t$  is  $v_1/10 = \sqrt{gr_0}/10 = \sqrt{9.80665 \cdot 6378000}/10 = 790.8654355 \dots \approx 800$ , where  $v_1$  is the first cosmic velocity (7/41). With this, the initial conditions are  $r_1(0) = \varphi_1(0) = \dot{\varphi}_1(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{r}_1(0) = -1/800$ . Letting  $x = r_1$ ,  $y = \dot{r}_1$ ,  $z = \dot{\varphi}_1$ , we obtain the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= 3x + 2z \\ \dot{z} &= -2y, \end{aligned}$$

with the initial conditions  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $y(0) = -1/800$ ,  $z(0) = 0$ .

This can be easily resolved by observing that  $(2x + z) = 0$  so that  $2x + z = C = 0$ . The system reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -x, \end{aligned}$$

with solution  $x = A \sin t$ ,  $y = A \cos t$  and  $z = -2A \sin t$ ,  $A = -1/800$ . Playing these back to  $r_1$  and  $\varphi_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} r_1(t) &= -\frac{1}{800} \sin t \\ \dot{r}_1(t) &= -\frac{1}{800} \cos t \\ \dot{\varphi}_1(t) &= \frac{1}{400} \sin t \\ \varphi_1(t) &= -\frac{1}{400} \cos t, \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &= 1 - \frac{1}{800} \sin t \\ \varphi(t) &= t - \frac{1}{400} \cos t, \end{aligned}$$

with perigee  $1 - 1/800$  and apogee  $1 + 1/800$ .

**3/49** Assume we have a two point system  $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j)$  with  $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{F}_{ij}, \mathbf{F}_{ji}) =$

$(\mathbf{F}_{ij}, -\mathbf{F}_{ij})$ . We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} U_{ij}(\mathbf{r}) &= \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} (\mathbf{F}, d\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} ((\mathbf{F}_{ij}, d\mathbf{r}_i) + (\mathbf{F}_{ji}, d\mathbf{r}_j)) \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} (\mathbf{F}_{ij}, d(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)) = \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} (f_{ij}(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|) \mathbf{e}_{ij}, d(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| \mathbf{e}_{ij})) \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} (f_{ij}(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|), d|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|) = \int_{\mathbf{r}_0}^{\mathbf{r}} f_{ij}(\rho) d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$-\frac{\partial U_{ij}(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|)}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} = -f_{ij}(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|) \frac{\partial |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}{\mathbf{r}_i} = f_{ij} \mathbf{e}_{ij} = \mathbf{F}_{ij},$$

where the last but one equality is because

$$\frac{\partial |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} = \frac{\partial \sqrt{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)}}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} = -\mathbf{e}_{ij}.$$

**9/50** The equations of motion are  $m_1 \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_1 = -\partial U / \partial \mathbf{r}_1$  and  $m_2 \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_2 = -\partial U / \partial \mathbf{r}_2$ , where  $U = U(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)$ . For  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2$ , the computation in 3/49 above gives

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_1} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_2}.$$

Note also that

$$\left( \frac{m_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)'' = -\frac{1}{m_1 + m_2} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_1} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_2} \right) = \mathbf{0}$$

which means that the center of mass does a uniform linear motion. Finally, we have

$$m_1 m_2 \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = m_1 m_2 (\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_1 - \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_2) = -m_2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_1} + m_1 \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_2} = -(m_1 + m_2) \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}},$$

or equivalently

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}},$$

where

$$m = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}.$$

## Part II: Lagrangian Mechanics

**6/59:** The change from Cartesian to polar coordinates gives  $\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2$ , so that, we have  $L_{\text{pol}} = \sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2}$ , and hence

$$\Phi_{\text{pol}} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2} dt.$$

Here we have  $r = f(t)$  and  $\varphi = \varphi(t)$ . The Euler-Lagrange equations in polar coordinates are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial r} &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varphi} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $L = L_{\text{pol}}$ . Upon substitution, the first equation is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\dot{r}}{\sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2}} \right) = \frac{r\dot{\varphi}^2}{\sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2}}.$$

For the second equation, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{r^2\dot{\varphi}}{\sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2}} \right) = 0,$$

which gives

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2}} = \frac{C}{r^2\dot{\varphi}}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We now use this to eliminate the radicals in the first equation above, and obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\dot{r}}{r^2\dot{\varphi}^2} \right) = \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{r}.$$

We seek the solution for this equation in polar form  $r = f(\varphi)$  with derivative  $\dot{r} = f'(\varphi)\dot{\varphi}$ , where  $' = d/d\varphi$ . Upon substitution, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{f'(\varphi)}{f^2(\varphi)} \right) = \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{f(\varphi)}.$$

Rewriting this in terms of differential forms

$$d \left( \frac{f'(\varphi)}{f^2(\varphi)} \right) = - \left( \frac{1}{f(\varphi)} \right)'' \cdot d\varphi = \frac{d\varphi}{f(\varphi)},$$

we arrive at

$$\left(\frac{1}{f(\varphi)}\right)'' + \frac{1}{f(\varphi)} = 0.$$

The solution is given by

$$\frac{1}{f(\varphi)} = a \cos \varphi + b \sin(\varphi), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R},$$

or equivalently

$$r = f(\varphi) = \frac{1}{a \cos \varphi + b \sin(\varphi)}.$$

This is the equation of a line in polar coordinates.

**-2/60 EXAMPLE 2.** In polar coordinates  $q_1 = r$  and  $q_2 = \varphi$  we have  $\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{r}\mathbf{e}_r + r\dot{\varphi}\mathbf{e}_\varphi$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_r = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{e}_\varphi = (-\sin \varphi, \cos \varphi, 0)$  (-6/31 and 2/32 above). The kinetic energy  $T = (m/2)\dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 = (m/2)(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2)$ .

In a **central field**  $U(\mathbf{q}) = U(q_1) = U(r)$ , and the Lagrangian is

$$L = (\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = T(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) - U(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2) - U(r)$$

The generalized momenta  $\mathbf{p} = \partial L / \partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}$  in polar coordinates are

$$p_1 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} = m\dot{r} \quad p_2 = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\varphi}} = mr^2\dot{\varphi}.$$

The Lagrange equations  $\dot{\mathbf{p}} = \partial L / \partial \mathbf{q}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} (m\dot{r})^\cdot &= m\dot{r}\dot{\varphi}^2 - \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \\ (mr^2\dot{\varphi})^\cdot &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The second equation gives the law of conservation of the angular momentum

$$p_2 = mr^2\dot{\varphi} = C.$$

In a **non-central field**  $U = U(r, \varphi)$  the first Lagrange equation holds and the second is

$$(mr^2\dot{\varphi})^\cdot = \dot{p}_2 = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \varphi}.$$

We rewrite this as follows. First, we calculate the angular momentum

$$\mathbf{M} = m[\mathbf{r}, \dot{\mathbf{r}}] = [r\mathbf{e}_r, \dot{r}\mathbf{e}_r + r\dot{\varphi}\mathbf{e}_\varphi] = mr^2\dot{\varphi}[\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\varphi] = mr^2\dot{\varphi}\mathbf{e}_z = p_2\mathbf{e}_z,$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_z = [\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\varphi] = (0, 0, 1)$ . This gives

$$(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{e}_z) = \dot{p}_2 = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \varphi}.$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \varphi} d\varphi = dU = -(\mathbf{F}, d\mathbf{r}) = -(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{e}_r) dr - r(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{e}_\varphi) d\varphi$$

where we used  $d\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{e}_r dr + r\mathbf{e}_\varphi d\varphi$ . Hence

$$-\frac{\partial U}{\partial \varphi} = r(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{e}_\varphi) = r(\mathbf{F}, [\mathbf{e}_z, \mathbf{e}_r]) = r(\mathbf{e}_z, [\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{F}]) = r([\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{F}], \mathbf{e}_z) = ([r\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{F}], \mathbf{e}_z) = ([\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{F}], \mathbf{e}_z),$$

where  $[\mathbf{e}_z, \mathbf{e}_r] = \mathbf{e}_\varphi$ . Combining these, we arrive at the following

$$(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{e}_z) = ([\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{F}], \mathbf{e}_z).$$

The left-hand side is the rate of change of the angular momentum relative to the  $z$ -axis, and the right-hand side is the moment of force relative to the  $z$ -axis.

**-5/61** Let  $y = f(x)$  and assume convexity  $f''(x) > 0$ . By definition,  $g(p) = F(p, x(p)) = p \cdot x(p) - f(x(p))$ , where, for given  $p$ , the equation  $f'(x(p)) = p$  defines  $x(p)$ . Since

$$\frac{dg}{dp} = x(p) + (p - f'(x(p))) \frac{dx}{dp}, \quad ' = \frac{d}{dx},$$

we obtain<sup>3</sup>

$$\frac{dg}{dp}(p) = x(p) \Leftrightarrow \frac{df}{dx}(x(p)) = p.$$

**13/62 EXAMPLE 3.** For  $f(x) = x^\alpha/\alpha$ , we have  $f'(x) = x^{\alpha-1}$  so that  $x(p)^{\alpha-1} = p$  gives  $x(p) = p^{1/(\alpha-1)}$ . Using this, we calculate

$$g(p) = p \cdot x(p) - f(x(p)) = p \cdot p^{1/(\alpha-1)} - \frac{p^{\alpha/(\alpha-1)}}{\alpha} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) p^{\frac{1}{1-1/\alpha}} = \frac{p^\beta}{\beta},$$

where  $1/\alpha + 1/\beta = 1$ .

**3/63 CONVEXITY OF  $g$ .** Differentiating  $(df/dx)(x(p)) = p$  (-5/61), we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dp} f'(x(p)) = f''(x(p)) \frac{dx}{dp} = 1.$$

<sup>3</sup>Assume that the strict inequality is relaxed to  $f''(x) \geq 0$ . If, for example,  $f(x) = p_0 x$  for some  $p_0 > 0$  then  $g$  has the domain  $\{p_0\}$  since  $f'(x) = p_0$  and  $f'(x(p)) = p_0 = p$ .

This gives

$$\frac{dx}{dp} = \frac{1}{f''(x(p))}.$$

Using this, have

$$\frac{d^2g}{dp^2} = \frac{dx}{dp} = \frac{1}{f''(x(p))} > 0.$$

Convexity of  $g$  follows.

**13/63** GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATION OF  $G(x, p) = x \cdot p - g(p)$ . For fixed  $p$ , the function  $G$  is linear in  $x$  and  $\partial G/\partial x = p$  so that

$$G(x(p), p) = x(p) \cdot p - g(p) = f(x(p)).$$

Now fix  $x = x_0$  and vary  $p$ . Then, the values of  $G(x_0, p)$  for varying  $p$  will be the ordinates of the intersection of points of the vertical line  $x = x_0$  and the lines tangent to  $y = f(x)$  with slopes  $p$ . By convexity, these tangent lines are below the graph of  $f$ . Hence  $\max_p G(x_0, p) = f(x_0)$  and the maximum is attained at  $p = p(x_0) = f'(x_0)$ . Hence, we obtain  $G(x_0, p(x_0)) = f(x_0)$ .

**1/65:** We write in a matrix form  $f(\mathbf{x}) = (A\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})$ , where  $A = (f_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$  is a symmetric positive definite matrix,  $A > 0$ , so that  $A^{-1}$  is also symmetric and positive definite. Since  $\partial f/\partial \mathbf{x} = 2A\mathbf{x}$ , by definition  $2A\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}$ , so that  $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p}) = (1/2)A^{-1}\mathbf{p}$ . We now calculate

$$f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p})) = (A\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p})) = \frac{1}{4}(AA^{-1}\mathbf{p}, A^{-1}\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{4}(A^{-1}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}),$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{p}) &= F(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p})) = (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p})) - f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}, A^{-1}\mathbf{p}) - \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{p}, A^{-1}\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{4}(A^{-1}\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}) = f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{p})). \end{aligned}$$

By duality, we also have

$$g(\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})) = f(\mathbf{x}).$$

(See also the lemma on p. 66 of the text.)

**-8/66** To the proof of the theorem:

$$\mathbf{p}\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}}\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}}\dot{\mathbf{q}} = 2T,$$

where the last but one equality is because  $U$  does not depend on  $\dot{q}$ , and the last equality is because  $T$  is a homogeneous function of degree 2; that is, we have  $T(\lambda\dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \lambda^2 T(\dot{\mathbf{q}})$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**11/68:** To the proof of Corollary 3:

$$\frac{d}{dt}H(p', q') = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p'}\dot{p}' + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q'}\dot{q}' = \dot{q}'\dot{p}' - \dot{p}'\dot{q}' = 0,$$

so that  $H(p', q') = c$ .

**-4/74** EXAMPLE 4. The first digit of  $2^n$  is  $m \in 1, 2, \dots, 9$  if and only if  $m \cdot 10^\ell \leq 2^n < (m+1) \cdot 10^\ell$ , for some  $\ell$ . This condition is equivalent to  $\log_{10} m + \ell \leq n \log_{10} 2 < \log_{10}(m+1) + \ell$ , or what is the same

$$\log_{10} m \leq (n \log_{10} 2) \pmod{1} < \log_{10}(m+1).$$

Let  $I = [\log_{10} m, \log_{10}(m+1)] \subset [0, 1)$ . Since  $\log_{10} 2$  is irrational,<sup>4</sup> by the Equidistribution Theorem,<sup>5</sup> we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{0 \leq j < n \mid (j \log_{10} 2) \pmod{1} \in I\}| = \log_{10}(m+1) - \log_{10}(m) = \log_{10} \left( \frac{m+1}{m} \right).$$

Thus,  $m$  as the first digit of  $2^n$  occurs with frequency  $\log_{10}((m+1)/m)$ . In particular, 7 occurs with frequency  $\log_{10}(8/7) \approx 0.05799\dots$  and 8 occurs with frequency  $\log_{10}(9/8) \approx 0.05115\dots$

**-8/77** If  $\varphi : U \rightarrow \varphi(U)$  is a chart then the inverse map  $\varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow U$  will be denoted by  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$  with component functions  $q_i : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . This provides coordinates for points in the range  $\varphi(U)$  of the chart.

**-5/80:** This is simply the chain rule applied to  $f_j(\varphi(t)) = 0$ , giving  $(\text{grad } f_j)(\varphi(t)) \perp \dot{\varphi}(t)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n - k$ , so that  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \dot{\varphi}(0)$  is tangent to  $M$  at  $\mathbf{x} = \varphi(0)$ .

**15/81** The definition of a tangent vector as an equivalence class of curves in 3/81 is equivalent to the customary definition of a tangent vector at  $\mathbf{x} \in M$  as a linear differential operator  $\xi$  (satisfying the Leibniz property) acting on real functions locally defined on  $M$  near  $\mathbf{x}$ . The equivalence is given by a representative curve of the class  $\varphi(t)$  in  $M$  (with  $\varphi(0) = \mathbf{x}$ ) acting on a function  $\mu$  on  $M$  by  $\xi \cdot \mu = (d/dt)\mu(\varphi(t))|_{t=0}$ . This, applied to the component functions  $q_i$  of the inverse of a chart  $\varphi$  covering  $\mathbf{x}$

<sup>4</sup> $\log_{10} 2 = a/b$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , would imply  $2^{b-a} = 5^a$ .

<sup>5</sup>See, for example, Toth, G., *Elements of Mathematics – History and Foundations*, Springer, New York, 2021; p. 130.

gives  $\boldsymbol{\xi} \cdot q_i = (d/dt)q_i(\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t))|_{t=0} = (dq_i)(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \xi_i$ . Hence the local components of the tangent vector  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  are  $\xi_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\xi} \in T_{\mathbf{x}}(M)$  corresponds to the vector  $(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**-6/85:** We already derived the change from Cartesian to polar coordinates formula  $\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2$ . With  $r = r(z)$  we have  $\dot{r} = r_z\dot{z}$  so that

$$\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2 = (1 + r_z)\dot{z}^2 + r(z)^2\dot{\varphi}^2.$$

Moreover, for the inverse  $z = z(r)$ , we have  $\dot{z} = z_r\dot{r}$ , and hence

$$\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2 = \dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2 + z_r^2\dot{r}^2 = (1 + z_r^2)\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2.$$

**10/87** We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2 &= (r \cos q \cos(\omega t)\dot{q} - r \sin q \sin(\omega t)\omega)^2 \\ &\quad + (r \cos q \sin(\omega t)\dot{q} + r \sin q \cos(\omega t)\omega)^2 + (-r \sin q \dot{q})^2 \\ &= r^2\omega^2 \sin^2 q + r^2\dot{q}^2. \end{aligned}$$

**-3/87** The potential energy

$$V(q) = A \cos q - B \sin^2 q = B \cos^2 q + A \cos q - B = B \left( \cos q + \frac{A}{2B} \right)^2 - B \left( 1 + \left( \frac{A}{2B} \right)^2 \right)$$

has zeros at

$$\cos q = \frac{-A \pm \sqrt{A^2 + 4B^2}}{2B} = -\frac{A}{2B} \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{A}{2B} \right)^2 + 1},$$

and  $\pm$  in front of the last radical sign can only be positive because of the range of the cosine. With this, we obtain

$$\cos q = \sqrt{\left( \frac{A}{2B} \right)^2 + 1} - \frac{A}{2B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left( \frac{A}{2B} \right)^2 + 1} + \frac{A}{2B}} > 0.$$

The critical points of  $V$  are given by

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial q} = -A \sin q - B \sin q \cos q = -\sin q (A + 2B \cos q) = 0.$$

The critical points are  $q = 0, \pi, 2\pi$  and, for  $2B > A$ , that is, for  $A/(2B) < 1$ , these are the only ones. For  $2B < A$ , there are two additional critical points given by  $\cos q = -A/(2B) (> -1)$ .

**-9/88** PROOF OF NOETHER'S THEOREM. We have

$$0 = \frac{\partial L(\Phi, \dot{\Phi})}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s},$$

where in the last term on the right-hand side we interchanged the partial derivatives  $\partial/\partial s$  and  $\partial/\partial t$ . (As noted in the text, the partial derivatives are taken at  $\Phi(s, t)$  and  $\dot{\Phi}(s, t)$ .) We now freeze  $s$  and replace  $\partial L/\partial q$  in the first term of the right-hand side using Lagrange's equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q},$$

and obtain

$$0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} \right).$$

Noether's theorem follows.

Note. The lines 6-7/89 are superfluous. The box at the end of line 9/89 should be moved to the end of line 16/89; and the word "Remark" should be suppressed.

**1/91** By definition, we have  $\int L dt = \int L_1 d\tau$ . The first integral is

$$I_1 = I_1 \left( q, t, \frac{dq}{d\tau}, \frac{dt}{d\tau} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad I(q, \dot{q}, t) = I_1(q, t, \dot{q}, 1).$$

Since  $\partial h^s(q, t)/\partial s = (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= I_1 \left( q, t, \frac{dq}{d\tau}, \frac{dt}{d\tau} \right) = \frac{\partial L_1}{\partial (dq/d\tau)} \cdot 0 + \frac{\partial L_1}{\partial (dt/d\tau)} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \left( \frac{dq}{d\tau} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{(dt/d\tau)^2} \right) \frac{dt}{d\tau} + L(q, \dot{q}) \\ &= -\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} + L = -\dot{q}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\dot{q}^2 - U = -\left( \frac{1}{2}\dot{q}^2 + U \right) = -E. \end{aligned}$$

**-1/91** The Lagrangian

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{\mathbf{x}}^2 - U(\mathbf{x}) - NU_1(\mathbf{x}),$$

so that  $\mathbf{R} = m\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \partial U/\partial \mathbf{x} = -NU_1/\partial \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$ .

**-1/93** The variation calculates as

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\Phi = \delta\Phi(\boldsymbol{\xi}) &= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \Phi(\mathbf{x} + s\boldsymbol{\xi}) \right|_{s=0} = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right|_{s=0} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\mathbf{x}} + s\dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}})^2 - U(\mathbf{x} + s\boldsymbol{\xi}) \right) dt \\ &= \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right|_{s=0} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\mathbf{x}} + s\dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}})^2 - U(\mathbf{x} + s\boldsymbol{\xi}) \right) dt \\ &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \dot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}} - \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \right) dt = - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi} dt\end{aligned}$$

**14/101** Instead, we can write

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_0 = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{p}_0 = \left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right|_{\mathbf{q}_0} = \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{q}}} \right|_{\mathbf{q}_0} = \mathbf{0}.$$

**7/102** We have

$$T_2 = \frac{a}{2} \dot{q}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad U_2 = \frac{b}{2} q^2$$

so that

$$L_2 = T_2 - U_2 = \frac{a}{2} \dot{q}^2 - \frac{b}{2} q^2.$$

Hence the Lagrange equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q}$$

reduces to  $a\ddot{q} = -bq$ ; that is,  $\ddot{q} = -(b/a)q = -\omega_0^2 q$ .

**-9/102** PROBLEM. For the arc length, we have

$$\frac{ds}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right)^2}.$$

Hence

$$v^2 = \left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{ds}{dx} \right)^2 \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 = \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right) \dot{x}^2.$$

**3/103** PROBLEM. The arc length along the wire is

$$q(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \right)^2} dz,$$

or equivalently

$$\left(\frac{dq}{dx}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}\right)^2.$$

With this, we calculate

$$2T = \dot{q}^2 = \left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{dq}{dx}\right)^2 \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 = \left(1 + \left(\frac{dU}{dx}\right)^2\right) \dot{x}^2.$$

In differential forms, we write this as

$$dq = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dU}{dx}\right)^2} dx.$$

In terms of the variable  $x$ , the Lagrangian is

$$L(x, \dot{x}) = T - U(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{dU}{dx}\right)^2\right) \dot{x}^2 - U(x).$$

With  $q$  this writes as

$$L(q, \dot{q}) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2 - V(q).$$

Here  $U(x) = U(x(q)) = V(q)$  (with  $x = x(q)$ , the inverse  $q = q(x)$ ), so that

$$V(q) = V \left( \int_{x_0}^x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dU}{dz}\right)^2} dz \right).$$

**-9/103 PROBLEM.** We have two quadratic forms  $(A\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q})$  and  $(B\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q})$ ,  $A^t = A$  and  $B^t = B$ , such that  $A > 0$ , positive definite. For the simultaneous diagonalization of  $A$  and  $B$ , we first consider the Cholesky decomposition  $A = L \cdot L^t$ , where  $L$  is a lower triangular matrix with positive diagonal entries  $\mu_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Note that, since  $\det A = \det L \cdot \det(L^t) = (\det L)^2 = \det(L^2)$ , the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\mu_i^2$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Since  $A > 0$  and  $A^t = A$ ,  $L$  is unique.<sup>6</sup> With this, consider  $L^{-1}B(L^{-1})^t$ . This matrix is clearly symmetric and hence diagonalizable:  $L^{-1}B(L^{-1})^t = UDU^t$ , where  $U \in O(n)$  and  $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  is diagonal with diagonal entries  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Finally, we set  $C = (LU)^t = U^tL^t$ . With these, we calculate

$$A = L \cdot L^t = LU \cdot U^tL^t = (LU) \cdot (LU)^t = C^t \cdot C,$$

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<sup>6</sup>One can also use  $A^{1/2}$  instead of  $L$ ; we define  $A^{1/2} = UD^{1/2}U^t$ , where  $A = UDU^t$ ,  $U \in O(n)$ , and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix.

and

$$B = LU \cdot D \cdot U^t L^t = (LU) \cdot D \cdot (LU)^t = C^t \cdot D \cdot C.$$

Hence

$$(A\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) = (C^t C\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) = (C\mathbf{q}, C\mathbf{q}) = (\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i^2,$$

and

$$(B\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) = (C^t DC\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) = (DC\mathbf{q}, C\mathbf{q}) = (D\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i Q_i^2.$$

Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B - \lambda A) &= \det(C^t DC - \lambda C^t) = \det(C^t(D - \lambda I)C) \\ &= \det(C^t) \det(D - \lambda I) \det(C) \\ &= \det(C)^2 \det(D - \lambda I) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda_i - \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

**-4/105 EXAMPLE 1.** The potential energy of the  $i$ th pendulum,  $i = 1, 2$ , is

$$1 - \cos q_i \approx 1 - \left(1 - \frac{q_i^2}{2}\right) = \frac{q_i^2}{2}.$$

Letting  $q_1 = (Q_1 + Q_2)/\sqrt{2}$  and  $q_2 = (Q_1 - Q_2)/\sqrt{2}$ , we have  $q_1 - q_2 = \sqrt{2}Q_2$ . We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \frac{1}{2} (q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \alpha(q_1 - q_2)^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(Q_1 + Q_2)^2}{2} + \frac{(Q_1 - Q_2)^2}{2} + 2\alpha Q_2^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (Q_1^2 + (1 + 2\alpha)Q_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_1^2 Q_1^2 + \omega_2^2 Q_2^2), \quad \omega_1 = 1, \quad \omega_2 = \sqrt{1 + 2\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

**4/109 PROBLEM.** CHARACTERISTIC FREQUENCIES OF THE DOUBLE PLANAR PENDULUM (FIGURE 88). Using  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , the angles of inclination of the point masses  $m_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , for the Cartesian coordinates, we have  $x_1 = \ell_1 \sin \theta_1$ ,  $y_1 = \ell_1 \cos \theta_1$ ,  $x_2 = \ell_1 \sin \theta_1 + \ell_2 \sin \theta_2$ , and  $y_2 = \ell_1 \cos \theta_1 + \ell_2 \cos \theta_2$ . Differentiating, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= \ell_1 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{y}_1 &= -\ell_1 \sin \theta_1 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \ell_1 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1 + \ell_2 \cos \theta_2 \cdot \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 &= -\ell_1 \sin \theta_1 \cdot \dot{\theta}_1 - \ell_2 \sin \theta_2 \cdot \dot{\theta}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{y}_1^2 &= \ell_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{y}_2^2 &= \ell_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \ell_2^2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 + 2\ell_1 \ell_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2.\end{aligned}$$

With these the kinetic and potential energies are

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \frac{m_1}{2}(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{y}_1^2) + \frac{m_2}{2}(\dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{y}_2^2) = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} \ell_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} \ell_2^2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 + m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 \\ U &= -m_1 g y_1 - m_2 g y_2 = -(m_1 + m_2) g \ell_1 \cos \theta_1 - m_2 g \ell_2 \cos \theta_2.\end{aligned}$$

For the Lagrangian equations ( $L = T - U$  and  $q_i = \theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_i} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_i}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} = (m_1 + m_2) \ell_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1 + m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} = m_2 \ell_2^2 \dot{\theta}_2 + m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} &= \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta_1} = -m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 - (m_1 + m_2) g \ell_1 \sin \theta_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2} &= \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta_2} = m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 - m_2 g \ell_2 \sin \theta_2.\end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into the Lagrange equations, and simplifying, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(m_1 + m_2) \ell_1 \ddot{\theta}_1 + m_2 \ell_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \ddot{\theta}_2 + m_2 \ell_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_2^2 &= -(m_1 + m_2) g \sin \theta_1 \\ m_2 \ell_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 + m_2 \ell_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \ddot{\theta}_1 - m_2 \ell_1 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1^2 &= -m_2 g \sin \theta_2.\end{aligned}$$

Linearizing, we get

$$\begin{aligned}T_2 &= \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} \ell_1^2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} \ell_2^2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 + m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 = \frac{1}{2} (A \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \\ U_2 &= \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} g \ell_1 \theta_1^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} g \ell_2 \theta_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} (B \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\end{aligned}$$

(since  $\partial^2 U / \partial \theta_1^2 = (m_1 + m_2) g \ell_1$ ,  $\partial^2 U / \partial \theta_2^2 = m_2 g \ell_2$ ,  $\partial^2 U / \partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2 = 0$ ), where  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$ , and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} (m_1 + m_2) \ell_1^2 & m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 \\ m_2 \ell_1 \ell_2 & m_2 \ell_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} (m_1 + m_2) g \ell_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 g \ell_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

With these, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B - \lambda A) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} g(m_1 + m_2)\ell_1 - \lambda(m_1 + m_2)\ell_1^2 & -m_2\ell_1\ell_2 \\ -m_2\ell_1\ell_2 & gm_2\ell_2 - \lambda m_2\ell_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (g(m_1 + m_2)\ell_1 - \lambda(m_1 + m_2)\ell_1^2)(gm_2\ell_2 - \lambda m_2\ell_2^2) - m_2^2\ell_1^2\ell_2^2 \\ &= (m_1 + m_2)\ell_1\ell_2\lambda^2 - (m_1 + m_2)g(\ell_1 + \ell_2)\lambda + (m_1 + m_2)g^2 - m_2\ell_1\ell_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging, we obtain

$$\lambda^2 - g\left(\frac{1}{\ell_1} + \frac{1}{\ell_2}\right)\lambda + g^2\frac{1}{\ell_1\ell_2} - \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} = 0$$

Letting  $g/\ell_i = \rho_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $\mu = m_1/m_2$ , this rewrites as

$$\lambda^2 - (\rho_1 + \rho_2)\lambda + \rho_1\rho_2 - \frac{1}{1 + \mu} = 0,$$

or equivalently

$$(\lambda - \rho_1)(\lambda - \rho_2) = \left(\lambda - \frac{g}{\ell_1}\right)\left(\lambda - \frac{g}{\ell_2}\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \mu}.$$

Solving, and returning to our original variables, we get

$$2\lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{(\rho_1 - \rho_2)^2 + \frac{1}{1 + \mu}} = 1 \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{g}{\ell_1} - \frac{g}{\ell_2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{1 + \mu}}$$

**-4/114** PROBLEM 1. We have  $(d/dt)g^t(x) = f(g^t(x), t)$ . Assume  $g^t g^s = g^{t+s}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^t(g^s(x)), t) &= \frac{d}{dt}g^t(g^s(x)) = \frac{d}{dt}g^{t+s}(x) = \frac{d}{du}g^u(x)|_{u=t+s} \\ &= f(g^u(x), u)|_{u=t+s} = f(g^{t+s}(x), t + s). \end{aligned}$$

At  $t = 0$  and  $y = g^{-s}(y)$ , this gives

$$f(y, 0) = f(y, s).$$

**-2/114** PROBLEM 2. Assume  $f$  is periodic with period  $T$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds}(g^s(g^T(x))) &= f(g^s(g^T(x)), s) \\ \frac{d}{ds}(g^{s+T}(x)) &= f(g^{s+T}(x), s + T) = f(g^{s+T}(x), s). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $g^s(g^T(x))$  and  $g^{s+T}(x)$  satisfy the same differential equation with the same initial condition at  $s = 0$ . By unicity, they must be equal:  $g^{s+T}(x) = g^s(g^T(x))$ .

**-7/119 PROBLEM.** The equation of motion is  $\ddot{x} = -f^2(t)x$ , where

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \omega + \epsilon & \text{if } 0 < t < \pi \\ \omega - \epsilon & \text{if } \pi < t < 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

and  $f(t + 2\pi) = f(t)$ ,  $\epsilon \ll 1$ . Then  $A = A_2 \cdot A_1$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , where

$$A_k = \begin{pmatrix} c_k & \frac{1}{\omega_k} s_k \\ -\omega_k s_k & c_k \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $c_k = \cos \pi \omega_k$ ,  $s_k = \sin \pi \omega_k$ ,  $\omega_{1,2} = \omega \pm \epsilon$ . The boundary of the zone of stability is given by

$$\begin{aligned} |\operatorname{tr} A| &= \left| \operatorname{tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} c_2 & \frac{1}{\omega_2} s_2 \\ -\omega_2 s_2 & c_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & \frac{1}{\omega_1} s_1 \\ -\omega_1 s_1 & c_1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right| = \left| c_1 c_2 - \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} s_1 s_2 - \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} s_1 s_2 + c_1 c_2 \right| \\ &= \left| c_1 c_2 - \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} + \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} \right) s_1 s_2 + c_1 c_2 \right| = |2c_1 c_2 - 2(1 + \Delta) s_1 s_2| = 2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta$  is defined by

$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} + \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = 2(1 + \Delta).$$

We calculate

$$\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = \frac{\omega + \epsilon}{\omega - \epsilon} = 1 + 2 \frac{\epsilon}{\omega - \epsilon} = 1 + 2 \frac{\frac{\epsilon}{\omega}}{1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\omega}} = 1 + 2 \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\omega} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + \dots \right)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{\omega - \epsilon}{\omega + \epsilon} = 1 - 2 \frac{\epsilon}{\omega + \epsilon} = 1 - 2 \frac{\frac{\epsilon}{\omega}}{1 + \frac{\epsilon}{\omega}} = 1 - 2 \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\omega} - \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + \dots \right)$$

These give

$$\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} + \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = 2 \left( 1 + 2 \left( \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + \frac{\epsilon^4}{\omega^4} + \dots \right) \right) = 2(1 + \Delta)$$

so that

$$\Delta = 2 \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + 2 \frac{\epsilon^4}{\omega^4} + \dots = 2 \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + O(\epsilon^4) \ll 1.$$

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2c_1 c_2 &= 2 \cos(\pi \omega_1) \cos(\pi \omega_2) = \cos(2\pi \epsilon) + \cos(2\pi \omega) \\ 2s_1 s_2 &= 2 \sin(\pi \omega_1) \sin(\pi \omega_2) = \cos(2\pi \epsilon) - \cos(2\pi \omega). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these back to the trace formula above, we obtain that the boundary of the zone of stability is given by

$$|\cos(2\pi\epsilon) + \cos(2\pi\omega) - (1 + \Delta)(\cos(2\pi\epsilon) - \cos(2\pi\omega))| = 2.$$

This gives

$$-\cos(2\pi\epsilon)\Delta + \cos(2\pi\omega)(2 + \Delta) = \pm 2,$$

or equivalently

$$\cos(2\pi\omega) = \frac{\pm 2 + \Delta \cos(2\pi\epsilon)}{2 + \Delta} = \pm 1 - \frac{\Delta}{2 + \Delta}(\pm 1 - \cos(2\pi\epsilon)).$$

We give details in the first case

$$\cos(2\pi\omega) = 1 - \frac{\Delta}{2 + \Delta}(1 - \cos(2\pi\epsilon)) (\approx 1).$$

We write  $\omega = k + a$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer and  $a \ll 1$ . We have

$$\cos(2\pi\omega) = \cos(2\pi a) = 1 - 2\pi^2 a^2 + O(a^4),$$

and

$$\frac{\Delta}{2 + \Delta} = \frac{\Delta/2}{1 + \Delta/2} = \frac{\Delta}{2} - \frac{\Delta^2}{4} + \dots = \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + O(\epsilon^4),$$

where we used the previous estimate on  $\Delta$ . Substituting these into the formula for  $\cos(2\pi\omega)$  above, we obtain

$$\cos(2\pi a) = 1 - \left( \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega^2} + O(\epsilon^4) \right) (2\pi^2 \epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^4)) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( 2\pi \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega} \right)^2 + O(\epsilon^6).$$

Simplifying, we get

$$a^2 + O(a^4) = \frac{\epsilon^4}{\omega^2} + O(\epsilon^6).$$

Hence<sup>7</sup>

$$a = \pm \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega} + o(\epsilon^2),$$

or equivalently

$$\omega = k + a = k \pm \frac{\epsilon^2}{\omega} + o(\epsilon^2) = k \pm \frac{\epsilon^2}{k} + o(\epsilon^2),$$

where we used

$$\frac{1}{\omega} = \frac{1}{k + a} = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{a}{k^2} + O(a^2).$$

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<sup>7</sup>Note the typos in the text.

Similar computations in the second case give

$$\omega = k + \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\epsilon}{\pi(k + 1/2)} + o(\epsilon).$$

**3/121 PROBLEM.** The equation of motion is  $\ddot{x} = (\omega^2 \pm d^2)x$ ,  $d^2 > \omega^2$ , where

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{\ell} \quad \text{and} \quad d^2 = \frac{c}{\ell},$$

and  $\pm c$  is the constant acceleration of the point of suspension over half of the period  $\tau \ll 1$ . The equation of the corresponding parabola is

$$y = -\frac{4a}{\tau^2} t(t - \tau) = -\frac{4a}{\tau^2} (t^2 - \tau t),$$

where  $a \ll \ell$  is the amplitude of the oscillation of the point of suspension (at  $t = \tau/2$ , we have  $y = a$ ). We have  $\ddot{y} = -8a/\tau^2 = \mp c$ , and hence  $d^2 = 8a/(\ell\tau^2)$ .

The equation of motion can easily be solved, and we obtain<sup>8</sup>

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh k\tau & \frac{1}{k} \sinh k\tau \\ k \sinh k\tau & \cosh k\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega\tau & \frac{1}{\Omega} \sin \Omega\tau \\ -\Omega \sin \Omega\tau & \cos \Omega\tau \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $k^2 = d^2 + \omega^2$  and  $\Omega^2 = d^2 - \omega^2$ .

Letting  $A = A_2 \cdot A_1$ , the condition of stability is

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{tr } A| &= \left| \text{tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega\tau & \frac{1}{\Omega} \sin \Omega\tau \\ -\Omega \sin \Omega\tau & \cos \Omega\tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cosh k\tau & \frac{1}{k} \sinh k\tau \\ k \sinh k\tau & \cosh k\tau \end{pmatrix} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| 2 \cosh k\tau \cos \Omega\tau + \left( \frac{k}{\Omega} - \frac{\Omega}{k} \right) \sinh k\tau \sin \Omega\tau \right| < 2. \end{aligned}$$

We now introduce the new parameters

$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{a}{\ell} \ll 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^2 = \frac{g}{c} \ll 1.$$

With these, we have

$$k\tau = 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \mu^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega\tau = 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sqrt{1 - \mu^2}.$$

Indeed, we calculate

$$k\tau = \tau\sqrt{d^2 + \omega^2} = \tau d\sqrt{1 + \frac{\omega^2}{d^2}} = \tau d\sqrt{1 + \frac{g}{c}} = 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\frac{a}{\ell}}\sqrt{1 + \mu^2} = 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \mu^2}$$

<sup>8</sup>The text uses  $\text{ch} = \cosh$  and  $\text{sh} = \sinh$ .

and

$$\Omega\tau = \tau\sqrt{d^2 - \omega^2} = \tau\sqrt{\frac{c}{\ell} - \frac{g}{\ell}} = \tau\sqrt{\frac{c}{\ell}}\sqrt{1 - \frac{g}{c}} = \tau d\sqrt{1 - \mu^2} = 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sqrt{1 - \mu^2}.$$

Moreover

$$\frac{k}{\Omega} - \frac{\Omega}{k} = \frac{k\tau}{\Omega\tau} - \frac{\Omega\tau}{k\tau} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \mu^2}{1 - \mu^2}} - \sqrt{\frac{1 - \mu^2}{1 + \mu^2}} = 2\mu^2 + O(\mu^4)$$

since

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1 + x^2}{1 - x^2}} - \sqrt{\frac{1 - x^2}{1 + x^2}} \right)_{x=0} = 2.$$

Continuing the computations in the use of the expansions of the hyperbolic functions, we have<sup>9</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh k\tau &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}k^2\tau^2 + \frac{1}{24}k^4\tau^4 + \dots = 1 + 4\epsilon^2(1 + \mu^2) + \frac{8}{3}\epsilon^4(1 + \mu^2)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + 4\epsilon^2(1 + \mu^2) + \frac{8}{3}\epsilon^4 + o(\epsilon^4 + \mu^4). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\cos \Omega\tau = 1 - 4\epsilon^2(1 - \mu^2) + \frac{8}{3}\epsilon^4 + o(\epsilon^4 + \mu^4).$$

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{k\tau}{\Omega\tau} - \frac{\Omega\tau}{k\tau} \right) \sinh k\tau \sin \Omega\tau &= (2\mu^2 + O(\mu^4)) \cdot 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \mu^2} \cdot 2\sqrt{2}\epsilon\sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \\ &= 16\epsilon^2\mu^2\sqrt{1 - \mu^4} + o(\epsilon^4 + \mu^4) = 16\epsilon^2\mu^2 + o(\epsilon^4 + \mu^4). \end{aligned}$$

Putting everything together and discarding the terms of magnitude  $o(\epsilon^4 + \mu^4)$ , the condition of stability is

$$2 \left( 1 + 4\epsilon^2(1 + \mu^2) + \frac{8}{3}\epsilon^4 \right) \left( 1 - 4\epsilon^2(1 - \mu^2) + \frac{8}{3}\epsilon^4 \right) + 16\epsilon^2\mu^2 < 2.$$

This gives

$$2 \left( 1 - 16\epsilon^4 + \frac{16}{3}\epsilon^4 + 8\epsilon^2\mu^2 \right) + 16\epsilon^2\mu^2 < 2,$$

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<sup>9</sup>Here and below, for the final estimates we can use the AM-GM inequality in different settings.

where, once again, we discarded the the terms of magnitude  $o(\epsilon^4 + \mu^4)$ . We rearrange and simplify to obtain

$$3\mu^2 < 2\epsilon^2.$$

Playing this back to our original parameters, we finally arrive at

$$\frac{g}{c} < \frac{2a}{3\ell}.$$

The rest of the example follows.

**3/126:** We have  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{0}$ . With respect to an orthonormal basis in  $k$  where the third axis is  $\mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{\omega}$ , we have

$$U(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & -\sin |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & 0 \\ \sin |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & \cos |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $B(t) = U(t)B(0)$ , we have  $\mathbf{q} = B(t)\mathbf{Q} = U(t)B(0)\mathbf{q}$  so that  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \dot{B}\mathbf{Q} = \dot{U}(t)B(0)\mathbf{Q}$ . Since  $U(t)^{-1}\mathbf{q} = B(0)\mathbf{Q}$  and  $U(t)^{-1} = U(t)^t$ , we obtain  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \dot{U}(t)U(t)^t\mathbf{q}$ . We now calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{U}(t)U(t)^t &= |\boldsymbol{\omega}| \begin{pmatrix} -\sin |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & -\cos |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & 0 \\ \cos |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & -\sin |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & \sin |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & 0 \\ -\sin |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & \cos |\boldsymbol{\omega}|t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -|\boldsymbol{\omega}| & 0 \\ |\boldsymbol{\omega}| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this, we continue

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -|\boldsymbol{\omega}| & 0 \\ |\boldsymbol{\omega}| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -|\boldsymbol{\omega}|q_2 \\ |\boldsymbol{\omega}|q_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand

$$[\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{q}] = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 0 & |\boldsymbol{\omega}| \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{vmatrix} = (-|\boldsymbol{\omega}|q_2, |\boldsymbol{\omega}|q_1, 0).$$

Thus, we have  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = [\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{q}]$ .

**8/127** With respect to an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \subset k$ , we have

$$A\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -q_2\omega_3 + q_3\omega_2 \\ q_1\omega_3 - q_3\omega_1 \\ -q_1\omega_2 + q_2\omega_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 \\ q_1 & q_2 & q_3 \end{vmatrix} = [\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{q}].$$

**12/127** Indeed, we have

$$(\mathbf{p}, [\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{q}]) = ([\mathbf{p}, \boldsymbol{\omega}], \mathbf{q}) = -([\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{p}], \mathbf{q}), \quad \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

**-6/130** Since  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  is orthogonal to  $[\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{Q}]$ , we have

$$|[\boldsymbol{\Omega}, [\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{Q}]]| = |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| |[\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{Q}]| = |\boldsymbol{\Omega}|^2 |\mathbf{Q}| \sin \theta = |\boldsymbol{\Omega}|^2 r,$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

**2/131** Here, as usual,  $\mathbf{x} = B\mathbf{X}$ .

**9/131** Note that

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = f(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = f(B\mathbf{Q}, (B\dot{\mathbf{Q}})) = BF(\mathbf{Q}, \dot{\mathbf{Q}}).$$

**-8/131** EXAMPLE 1. From the equation of motion we get  $\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}_1 = \mathbf{g}$ ,  $\dot{\mathbf{Q}}_1(0) = \mathbf{0}$ , and so  $\mathbf{Q}_1(t) = \mathbf{Q}_1(0) + \mathbf{g}t^2/2$ . Moreover

$$\ddot{\mathbf{Q}}_2 = 2[\dot{\mathbf{Q}}_1, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] + 2[\dot{\mathbf{Q}}_2, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] = 2[\mathbf{g}t, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] + 2[\dot{\mathbf{Q}}_2, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] = 2[\mathbf{g}t, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] + O(|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|^2), \quad |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| \ll 1,$$

where the estimate is because  $|\dot{\mathbf{Q}}_2| = O(|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|)$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{Q}_2(t) \approx \frac{t^3}{3}[\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] = \frac{2t}{3}[\mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}], \quad \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{g}\frac{t^2}{2}.$$

Now

$$|[\mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}]| = |\mathbf{h}| |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| \sin(\pi/2 + \lambda) = |\mathbf{h}| |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| \cos \lambda,$$

and  $gt^2/2 = 250$  gives  $t^2 \approx 500/g \approx 50$ , and so  $t \approx \sqrt{50} \approx 7$ . With this

$$\frac{2t}{3}[\mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}] = \frac{14}{3}|\mathbf{h}| |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| \cos \lambda \approx \frac{14}{3} \cdot 250 \cdot 7 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot \frac{1}{2} m \approx 4 \text{ cm},$$

where we used  $|\boldsymbol{\Omega}| \approx 7.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$  (-5/126) and  $\cos \lambda \approx 1/2$ .

**-5/138** We have

$$|\mathbf{v}_i| = |\mathbf{V}_i| = |[\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{Q}_i]| = |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| |\mathbf{Q}_i| \sin \theta_i = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i$$

(Figure 115).

**1/141 EXAMPLE.** The total mass

$$m = \int_{-a}^a \int_{-b}^b \rho \, dx \, dy = 4ab\rho,$$

so that  $\rho = m/(4ab)$ . The moment of inertia

$$I_y = \frac{m}{4ab} \int_{-a}^a \int_{-b}^b x^2 \, dx \, dy = \frac{m}{2a} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-a}^a = \frac{ma^2}{3}.$$

Similarly

$$I_x = \frac{mb^2}{3}.$$

Finally, we arrive at

$$I_z = \int_{-a}^a \int_{-b}^b r^2 \rho \, dx \, dy = \int_{-a}^a \int_{-b}^b (x^2 + y^2) \rho \, dx \, dy = I_x + I_y.$$

**9/141 PROBLEM.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} I_z &= \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (x^2 + y^2) \rho \, dV \leq \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (x^2 + y^2) \rho \, dV + 2 \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} z^2 \rho \, dV \\ &= \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (y^2 + z^2) \rho \, dV + \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (x^2 + z^2) \rho \, dV = I_x + I_y, \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if  $\iiint_{\mathcal{B}} z^2 \rho \, dV = 0$  if and only if  $z = 0$ ; that is,  $\mathcal{B}$  is planar.

**12/141 PROBLEM.** First, consider the ball  $\mathcal{B}$  of radius  $R$  and mass density  $\rho$ . The total mass

$$m = \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} \rho \, dV = \rho \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3,$$

so that  $\rho = 3m/(4\pi R^3)$ . We now use spherical coordinates  $x = r_0 \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r_0 \sin \theta$ ,  $r_0 = r \sin \varphi$ ,  $z = r \cos \varphi$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ ,  $0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$ , with  $dV = r^2 \sin^2 \varphi \, dr \, d\varphi \, d\theta$ , and calculate

$$\begin{aligned} I_z &= \frac{3m}{4\pi R^3} \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (x^2 + y^2) \rho \, dV = \frac{3m}{4\pi R^3} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^R r^2 \sin^2 \varphi \cdot r^2 \sin^2 \varphi \, dr \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{3m}{4\pi R^3} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \int_0^R r^4 \sin^4 \varphi \, dr \, d\varphi \, d\theta = \frac{3m}{10} R^2 \int_0^\pi \sin^4 \varphi \, d\varphi \\ &= \frac{3m}{10} R^2 \left[ \frac{1}{4} \frac{\cos(3\varphi)}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \cos \varphi \right]_0^\pi = m \frac{2R^2}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

For the ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$  given by

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1,$$

we change the variables  $u = x/a$ ,  $v = y/b$ ,  $w = z/c$  with  $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 \leq 1$  and  $du dv dw = dx dy dz/(abc)$ , and obtain

$$m = \iiint_{\mathcal{E}} \rho dV = \rho \frac{4\pi}{3} abc$$

so that  $\rho = 3m/(4\pi abc)$ . Moreover

$$I_z = \iiint_{\mathcal{E}} (x^2 + y^2) \rho dx dy dz = abc \iiint_{\mathcal{B}_0} (a^2 u^2 + b^2 v^2) \rho du dv dw$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_0$  is the unit ball ( $R = 1$ ). Using spherical coordinates again, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_{\mathcal{B}_0} (a^2 u^2) \rho du dv dw &= a^2 \rho \iiint_{\mathcal{B}_0} u^2 du dv dw \\ &= \rho \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^1 r^2 \sin^2 \varphi \cos^2 \theta \cdot r^2 \sin^2 \varphi dr d\varphi d\theta \\ &= a^2 \rho \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \cdot \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^1 r^4 \sin^4 \varphi d\varphi d\theta = \rho \frac{4\pi}{15} a^2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{B}_0} (b^2 v^2) \rho du dv dw = \rho \frac{4\pi}{15} b^2.$$

Putting these together, we obtain

$$I_z = abc \rho \frac{4\pi}{15} (a^2 + b^2) = \frac{3m}{4\pi abc} abc \frac{4\pi}{15} (a^2 + b^2) = m \frac{a^2 + b^2}{5}.$$

Permuting the coordinates, we also obtain

$$I_x = m \frac{b^2 + c^2}{5} \quad \text{and} \quad I_y = m \frac{a^2 + c^2}{5}.$$

**15/141 PROBLEM. STEINER'S THEOREM.** We let  $\rho$  be the mass density,  $0$  the center of mass of  $\mathcal{B}$ , also the origin of the coordinate system. Set up the coordinate system such that the axis through  $0$  is the  $z$ -axis. We let  $d_0$  (and not  $r$ ) denote the distance between the two parallel axes, and assume that the second axis is through

$(d_0, 0, 0)$  parallel to the  $z$ -axis. We will use cylindrical coordinates. We let  $r$  denote the distance from the  $z$ -axis. We then have

$$I_0 = I_z = \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} r^2 \rho dV,$$

and hence (by the law of cosine) the moment of inertia with respect to the second axis is

$$I = \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (r^2 + d_0^2 - 2rd_0 \cos \theta) \rho dV = I_0 + d_0^2 m - 2d_0 \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} r \cos \theta dV.$$

The last integral is the  $z$ -coordinate of the center of mass of  $\mathcal{B}$  since  $x = r \cos \theta$ , and hence it vanishes.

**-1/141** FIGURE 119. We have

$$\mathbf{grad} (A\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = 2A\boldsymbol{\Omega} = 2\mathbf{M},$$

where  $\mathcal{E} = \{\boldsymbol{\Omega} \mid (A\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = 1\}$  (see p. 146 of the text).

**5/142** PROBLEM. The center of mass is displaced by  $\epsilon/(m\epsilon)\mathbf{Q}$ , where  $\mathbf{Q} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . Since

$$\frac{\epsilon}{m + \epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon}{m} \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{m} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{m^2} - \dots \right) = \frac{\epsilon}{m} + O(\epsilon^2),$$

by Steiner's theorem, moving the axis to a parallel axis, the moments of inertia differ by  $O(\epsilon^2)$ . Keeping the center of mass in the original position we thus incur an error of  $O(\epsilon^2)$ . The change in the kinetic energy (proof of Lemma and its Corollary on p. 137 of the text) is

$$T = T_0 + \frac{1}{2}(A\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = T_0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{Q}\|^2 + O(\epsilon^2),$$

where

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{2} (I_1 \Omega_1^2 + I_2 \Omega_2^2 + I_3 \Omega_3^2)$$

is the original kinetic energy. We now calculate the inertia operator as

$$\begin{aligned} 2T &= 2T_0 + \epsilon [(\Omega_2 x_3 - \Omega_3 x_2)^2 + (\Omega_1 x_3 - \Omega_3 x_1)^2 + (\Omega_1 x_2 - \Omega_2 x_1)^2] + O(\epsilon^2) \\ &= (I_1 + \epsilon(x_2^2 + x_3^2)) \Omega_1^2 + (I_2 + \epsilon(x_1^2 + x_3^2)) \Omega_2^2 + (I_3 + \epsilon(x_1^2 + x_2^2)) \Omega_3^2 \\ &\quad - 2\epsilon x_2 x_3 \Omega_2 \Omega_3 - 2\epsilon x_1 x_3 \Omega_1 \Omega_3 - 2\epsilon x_1 x_2 \Omega_1 \Omega_2 + O(\epsilon^2) \\ &= \left( \begin{pmatrix} I_1 + \epsilon(x_2^2 + x_3^2) & -\epsilon x_1 x_2 & -\epsilon x_1 x_3 \\ -\epsilon x_1 x_2 & I_2 + \epsilon(x_1^2 + x_3^2) & -\epsilon x_2 x_3 \\ -\epsilon x_1 x_3 & -\epsilon x_2 x_3 & I_3 + \epsilon(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \\ \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \\ \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix} \right) + O(\epsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $A(\epsilon)$  the matrix above. This is the inertia operator up to  $O(\epsilon^2)$ . The eigenvalues  $I_i(\epsilon)$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{e}_i(\epsilon)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , of  $A(\epsilon)$  are easily determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(\epsilon) &= I_1 + \epsilon(x_2^2 + x_3^2) + O(\epsilon^2) & \mathbf{e}_1(\epsilon) &= \left(1, \epsilon \frac{x_1 x_2}{I_2 - I_1}, \epsilon \frac{x_1 x_3}{I_3 - I_1}\right) + O(\epsilon^2) \\ I_2(\epsilon) &= I_2 + \epsilon(x_1^2 + x_3^2) + O(\epsilon^2) & \mathbf{e}_2(\epsilon) &= \left(-\epsilon \frac{x_1 x_2}{I_2 - I_1}, 1, \epsilon \frac{x_2 x_3}{I_3 - I_2}\right) + O(\epsilon^2) \\ I_3(\epsilon) &= I_3 + \epsilon(x_1^2 + x_2^2) + O(\epsilon^2) & \mathbf{e}_3(\epsilon) &= \left(-\epsilon \frac{x_1 x_3}{I_3 - I_1}, -\epsilon \frac{x_2 x_3}{I_3 - I_2}, 1\right) + O(\epsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

**1/146** Since  $M_i = I_i \Omega_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2T &= 2E = (A\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = (\mathbf{M}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = M_1 \Omega_1 + M_2 \Omega_2 + M_3 \Omega_3 \\ &= I_1 \Omega_1^2 + I_2 \Omega_2^2 + I_3 \Omega_3^2 = \frac{M_1^2}{I_1} + \frac{M_2^2}{I_2} + \frac{M_3^2}{I_3}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the angular momentum  $\mathbf{m} \in k$  is conserved (independent of  $t$ ). Since  $\mathbf{m} = B_t \mathbf{M}$ , we have  $|\mathbf{M}|^2 = M^2 = M_1^2 + M_2^2 + M_3^2 = |\mathbf{m}|^2$ , where  $\mathbf{M} = (M_1, M_2, M_3)$ . The inertia ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E} = \{\boldsymbol{\Omega} \mid (A\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = 1\} \subset K$ , and  $B_t \mathcal{E} \subset k$ . Hence  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}/\sqrt{2T} \in \mathcal{E}$  so that  $\boldsymbol{\xi} = \boldsymbol{\omega}/\sqrt{2T} \in B_t \mathcal{E}$ . Now,  $\mathbf{grad}(A\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = 2A\boldsymbol{\Omega} = 2\mathbf{M}$  so that the normal to  $B_t \mathcal{E}$  at  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{m}$ .

Finally

$$(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2T}}(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2T}}(\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{M}) = \sqrt{2T}$$

is constant.

**4/147** Since  $I_1 \neq I_2 = I_3$ , we have  $\Omega_1$  constant, and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Omega_2}{dt} &= \frac{I_2 - I_1}{I_2} \Omega_1 \Omega_3 = \lambda \Omega_3 \\ \frac{d\Omega_3}{dt} &= \frac{I_1 - I_2}{I_2} \Omega_1 \Omega_2 = -\lambda \Omega_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{I_2 - I_1}{I_2} \Omega_1.$$

Solving, we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = (\Omega_1, A \sin(\lambda t), A \cos(\lambda t)) = \Omega_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + A(\sin(\lambda t) \mathbf{e}_2 + \cos(\lambda t) \mathbf{e}_3).$$

This gives

$$\mathbf{M} = I_1\Omega_1\mathbf{e}_1 + I_2A(\sin(\lambda t)\mathbf{e}_2 + \cos(\lambda t)\mathbf{e}_3).$$

In particular,  $\mathbf{e}_1, \boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{M}$  are coplanar in  $K$ , and hence  $B_t\mathbf{e}_1, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{m}$  are coplanar in  $k$ . Moreover,  $|\boldsymbol{\omega}| = |\boldsymbol{\Omega}| = \Omega_1^2 + A^2$  is constant and so are each of the three angles between  $\mathbf{e}_1, \boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{M}$  with cosines

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\mathbf{e}_1, \boldsymbol{\Omega})}{|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|} &= \frac{\Omega_1}{\sqrt{\Omega_1^2 + A^2}} \\ \frac{(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{M})}{|\mathbf{M}|} &= \frac{I_1\Omega_1}{\sqrt{I_1^2\Omega_1^2 + I_2^2A^2}} \\ \frac{(\boldsymbol{\Omega}, \mathbf{M})}{|\boldsymbol{\Omega}||\mathbf{M}|} &= \frac{I_1\Omega_1^2 + I_2A^2}{\sqrt{\Omega_1^2 + A^2}\sqrt{I_1^2\Omega_1^2 + I_2^2A^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the equations for  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$  above, we have

$$\mathbf{M} = I_1\Omega_1\mathbf{e}_1 + I_2(\boldsymbol{\Omega} - \Omega_1\mathbf{e}_1) = (I_1 - I_2)\Omega_1\mathbf{e}_1 + I_2\boldsymbol{\Omega} = I_2(\boldsymbol{\Omega} - \lambda\mathbf{e}_1),$$

since  $(I_1 - I_2)\Omega_1 = -\lambda I_2$ . We obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \frac{\mathbf{M}}{I_2} + \lambda\mathbf{e}_1.$$

In  $k$  this gives

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{\mathbf{m}}{I_2} + \lambda B_t\mathbf{e}_1.$$

Hence

$$\left[ \frac{\mathbf{m}}{I_2}, B_t\mathbf{e}_1 \right] = [\boldsymbol{\omega}, B_t\mathbf{e}_1] = (B_t\mathbf{e}_1) \dot{\phantom{e}}$$

as  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is the instantaneous angular velocity of  $B_t\mathbf{e}_1$  (see p. 126 of the text). This shows that  $B_t\mathbf{e}_1$  rotates around the fixed angular momentum vector  $\mathbf{m}$  with angle  $|\mathbf{m}|t/I_2$ . Finally

$$\left[ \frac{\mathbf{m}}{I_2}, \boldsymbol{\omega} \right] = \left[ \frac{\mathbf{m}}{I_2}, \lambda B_t\mathbf{e}_1 \right] = \lambda \left[ \frac{\mathbf{m}}{I_2}, B_t\mathbf{e}_1 \right] = \lambda (B_t\mathbf{e}_1) \dot{\phantom{e}} = (\lambda B_t\mathbf{e}_1) \dot{\phantom{e}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$$

since  $\dot{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{0}$ . We obtain that  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  also rotates around the fixed angular momentum vector through the angle  $|\mathbf{m}|t/I_2$ . The angular velocity of the precession is  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\text{pr}} = \mathbf{m}/I_2$ .

**-2/151** For a rotation of a rigid body fixed at  $O$  with angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega\mathbf{e}$  around the  $\mathbf{e}$  axis, the kinetic energy is  $K = (1/2)I_e\omega^2$  (15/138). The angular momentum

vector is  $\mathbf{m} = I_{\mathbf{e}}\boldsymbol{\omega} = I_{\mathbf{e}}\omega \mathbf{e}$ , and the angular momentum with respect to the  $\mathbf{e}$  axis is  $m_{\mathbf{e}} = (\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{e}) = I_{\mathbf{e}}\omega$ . Hence  $\partial L/\partial\omega = \partial T/\partial\omega = I_{\mathbf{e}}\omega = m_{\mathbf{e}}$  (even in the presence of potential energy independent of  $\omega$ ). In our case at hand,  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{e}_z$ ,  $I_{\mathbf{e}} = I_z$ , etc. and  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \dot{\varphi} \mathbf{e}_z$  ( $\varphi = \psi = 0$ ), so that we have<sup>10</sup>  $\partial L/\partial\dot{\varphi} = \partial T/\partial\dot{\varphi} = m_z$ . Note, finally, that the Lagrange equation  $(d/dt)(\partial L/\partial\dot{\varphi}) = \partial L/\partial\varphi = 0$  (along with  $\varphi$  being cyclic) directly implies that  $\partial L/\partial\dot{\varphi} = m_z$  is preserved. The discussion is similar for  $m_3$ .

**8/152** Eliminating  $\dot{\psi}$  from the two first integrals (-2/151), we obtain

$$M_z = \dot{\varphi}(I_1 \sin^2 \theta + I_3 \cos^2 \theta) + \left( \frac{M_3}{I_3} - \dot{\varphi} \cos \theta \right) I_3 \cos \theta.$$

Simplifying, we get

$$M_z = \dot{\varphi} I_1 \sin^2 \theta + M_3 \cos \theta,$$

or equivalently

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{M_z - M_3 \cos \theta}{I_1 \sin^2 \theta}.$$

Using this, we also obtain

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{M_3}{I_3} - \frac{M_z - M_3 \cos \theta}{I_1 \sin^2 \theta} \cos \theta.$$

Using these in the formula for the kinetic energy (-5/151), the total energy is

$$E = \frac{I_1}{2} \left( \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{(M_z - M_3 \cos \theta)^2}{I_1^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right) + \frac{M_3^2}{2I_3} + mgl \cos \theta$$

or

$$E' = \frac{I_1}{2} \dot{\theta}^2 + U_{\text{eff}}(\theta),$$

where

$$U_{\text{eff}}(\theta) = \frac{(M_z - M_3 \cos \theta)^2}{2I_1 \sin^2 \theta} + mgl \cos \theta.$$

Using the substitutions in -13/152

$$\alpha = \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{(a - b \cos \theta)^2}{\sin^2 \theta} + \beta \cos \theta$$

and  $u = \cos \theta$ ,  $\dot{u} = -\sin \theta \cdot \dot{\theta}$ ,  $\dot{u}^2 = \sin^2 \theta \cdot \dot{\theta}^2$ , we obtain

$$\dot{u}^2 = \alpha \sin^2 \theta - (a - b \cos \theta)^2 - \beta \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta.$$

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<sup>10</sup>In the text  $m_z = M_z$ .

Equivalently

$$\dot{u}^2 = \alpha(1 - u^2) - (a - bu)^2 - \beta u(1 - u^2) = (\alpha - \beta u)(1 - u^2) - (a - bu)^2 = f(u).$$

**2/159** We have  $\theta = \theta_0 + x$ ,  $x \ll 1$ , where  $M_z = M_3 \cos \theta_0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \cos(\theta_0 + x) = \cos \theta_0 \cos x - \sin \theta_0 \sin x = \cos \theta_0 - x \sin \theta_0 + \cdots \\ \sin \theta &= \sin(\theta_0 + x) = \sin \theta_0 \cos x + \cos \theta_0 \sin x = \sin \theta_0 + x \cos \theta_0 + \cdots\end{aligned}$$

Using these, we expand the effective potential energy

$$\begin{aligned}U_{\text{eff}}|_{g=0} &= \frac{(M_z - M_3 \cos(\theta_0 + x))^2}{2I_1 \sin^2(\theta_0 + x)} = \frac{M_3^2 (\cos \theta_0 - \cos(\theta_0 + x))^2}{2I_1 \sin^2(\theta_0 + x)} \\ &= \frac{I_3^2 \omega_3^2}{2I_1} \left( \frac{x \sin \theta_0 + \cdots}{\sin \theta_0 + x \cos \theta_0 + \cdots} \right)^2 = \frac{I_3^2 \omega_3^2}{I_1} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + \cdots\end{aligned}$$

and the potential energy

$$mgl \cos \theta = mgl \cos(\theta_0 + x) = mgl \cos \theta_0 - x mgl \sin \theta_0 + \cdots$$

We now apply the lemma (-8/157) to  $f = U_{\text{eff}}|_{g=0}$ ,  $g = \epsilon$ ,  $h(x) = ml \cos(\theta_0 + x) = ml \cos \theta_0 - x ml \sin \theta_0 + \cdots$ , with

$$A = \frac{I_3^2 \omega_3^2}{I_1}, \quad B = ml \cos \theta_0, \quad C = -ml \sin \theta_0.$$

According to the lemma, the function

$$f_\epsilon(x) = f(x) + \epsilon h(x) = \frac{I_3^2 \omega_3^2}{I_1} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + \epsilon ml (\cos \theta_0 - x \sin \theta_0) + \cdots,$$

has a minimum at

$$x_g = \frac{I_1 ml \sin \theta_0}{I_3^2 \omega_3^2} g + O(g^2), \quad g = \epsilon.$$

Now, by the previous computation

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{M_z - M_3 \cos \theta}{I_1 \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{M_3}{I_1 \sin \theta_0} \cdot x + \cdots$$

## Part III: Hamiltonian Mechanics

Chapter 7: “Differential forms” is a short introduction to the differential calculus of forms on manifolds. This material can also be found in several introductory texts on differential geometry.

**-8/202** Using the notations in the text, if, in local coordinates, we have  $\mathbf{p} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dq_i$  then  $\omega^1(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = f^*\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \mathbf{p}(f_*\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \circ f \cdot f^*(dq_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \circ f \cdot d(q_i \circ f) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dq_i = \mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{q}$ , where, in the last but one equality we identified  $p_i$  with  $p_i \circ f$  and  $q_i$  with  $q_i \circ f$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**1/204 EXAMPLE.** As in the text, we have the isomorphism  $TM_{\mathbf{x}} \rightarrow T^*M_{\mathbf{x}}$  given by  $\boldsymbol{\xi} \mapsto \omega_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}^1$ , where  $\omega_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}^1(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \omega^2(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta})$ . In particular, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \mapsto -d\mathbf{q} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \mapsto d\mathbf{p}.$$

Indeed, we calculate

$$\omega_{\partial/\partial \mathbf{p}}^1(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \omega^2\left(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}\right) = d\mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{q}\left(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}\right) = -d\mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{q}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}\right) = -d\mathbf{q}(\boldsymbol{\eta}).$$

The proof for the second correspondence is analogous.

Hence, for the differential of the Hamiltonian

$$dH = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} d\mathbf{p} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} d\mathbf{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \omega_{\partial/\partial \mathbf{q}}^1 - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \omega_{\partial/\partial \mathbf{p}}^1 = \omega_{\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}}^1$$

we obtain

$$I dH = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{q}} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}.$$

Thus, for  $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ , the differential equation  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = I dH(\mathbf{x})$  is equivalent to

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}}.$$

**16/205** With the notations in the text, for  $f' : [0, 1] \times [0, \tau] \rightarrow M^{2n}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{J_\gamma} \omega^2 &= \int_{[0,1] \times [0,\tau]} f'^* \omega^2 = \int_0^1 \int_0^\tau (f'^* \omega^2) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) dt ds \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^\tau \omega^2 \left( f'_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right), f'_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \right) dt ds = \int_0^1 \int_0^\tau \omega^2(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta}) dt ds. \end{aligned}$$

**-8/221 PROBLEM.** The fact that  $Sp(2)$  is isomorphic with  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ , the Lie group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries and determinant 1, is clear since a  $2 \times 2$ -matrix

$A$  with real entries is an element in  $Sp(2)$  if and only if  $A^tIA = \Omega$ , where  $I$  is the operator of the symplectic basis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . In this basis we have  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Setting  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , we obtain  $A^tIA = (ad - bc)I$ , and the first statement follows.

We now turn to the second statement that  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is homeomorphic with the interior of a solid 3-dimensional torus.

We will use the fact that the projective special linear group  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R}) = SL(2, \mathbb{R})/\{\pm E\}$ , where  $E$  is the identity, is isomorphic with the group of linear fractional transformations

$$\left\{ g \mid g(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, z \in \mathbb{C}, ad - bc = 1, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

with real coefficients, which, in turn, is the group  $Iso^+(H^2)$  of (orientation preserving) isometries of the hyperbolic plane  $H^2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Im(z) > 0\}$ , the upper half plane model of hyperbolic geometry.<sup>11</sup> The isomorphism is given by

$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, ad - bc = 1, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \quad z \in H^2.$$

With this, we first show that any  $g \in Iso^+(H^2)$  which fixes  $i \in H^2$ ,  $g(i) = i$ , must be of the form  $g = k_\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , where<sup>12</sup>

$$k_\theta(z) = \frac{\cos(\theta/2)z - \sin(\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)z + \cos(\theta/2)}, \quad z \in H^2.$$

Indeed, with the linear fractional representation of  $g$ , the condition  $g(i) = i$  gives  $(ai + b)/(ci + d) = i$ , that is,  $ai + b = -c + di$ . Hence  $a = d$  and  $b = -c$ , and the determinant condition  $ad - bc = 1$  reduces to  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ . Hence  $a = \cos(\theta/2)$  and  $b = -\sin(\theta/2)$ , for a unique  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

Second, we claim that any  $g \in Iso^+(H^2)$  can be uniquely decomposed as

$$g = k_\theta \circ a_\lambda \circ n_\mu, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad \lambda > 0, \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R},$$

where

$$a_\lambda(z) = \lambda^2 \cdot z \quad \text{and} \quad n_\mu(z) = z + \mu, \quad z \in H^2,$$

are central dilatations and horizontal translations, respectively, in  $Iso(H^2)$ .

To show the claim, we let  $g^{-1}(i) = -\mu + i/\lambda^2 \in H^2$  with  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  uniquely

<sup>11</sup>See, for example, Toth, G., *Glimpses of Algebra and Geometry*, Second Edition, Springer NY (2000), Section 13, p. 139.

<sup>12</sup>The parametrization includes half angles since  $g_0 = g_{2\pi} = I$ .

determined by  $g$ . Then, letting  $h = g \circ n_{-\mu} \circ a_{1/\lambda}$ , we have  $h(i) = g(-\mu + i/\lambda^2) = g(g^{-1}(i)) = i$ . Since  $h$  fixes  $i$ , by the above, we have  $h = k_\theta$ , for a unique  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . Hence  $g = h \circ a_{1/\lambda}^{-1} \circ n_{-\mu}^{-1} = k_\theta \circ a_\lambda \circ n_\mu$  as claimed. Unicity is also clear.

As a consequence, we also obtain the Iwasawa decomposition for  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  as follows. We define three subgroups of  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  by

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \mid 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi \right\} \\ A &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\lambda \end{pmatrix} \mid \lambda > 0 \right\} \\ N &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mu \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \mu \in \mathbb{R} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then any element  $A \in SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  can be uniquely decomposed as  $A = k \cdot a \cdot n$ , where  $k \in K$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $n \in N$ .

For the proof, we note that, under the isomorphism  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong Iso^+(H^2)$ , the set of matrices in  $K$  parametrized by  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  splits into two subsets, one parametrized by  $0 \leq \theta < \pi$  and the other by  $\pi \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . Since  $\cos(\theta + \pi) = -\cos(\theta)$  and  $\sin(\theta + \pi) = -\sin(\theta)$ , these correspond to  $\pm$  the respective set for  $\theta/2$  parametrized by  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . Moreover, the typical matrices in  $A$  and  $N$  correspond to  $a_\lambda$  and  $n_\mu$ , respectively.

Finally, we have the homeomorphisms  $K \approx S^1$ ,  $A \approx \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $N \approx \mathbb{R}$ , so that  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \approx S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ , the interior of a solid torus.

**7/234** We are in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . By 8/187 EXAMPLE 2, to a vector field  $\mathbf{v}$  there corresponds the 1-form  $\omega_{\mathbf{v}}^1$  such that  $\omega_{\mathbf{v}}^1(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = (\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\xi})$ . The **circulation** of  $\mathbf{v}$  over a curve  $l$  is given by the integral

$$\int_{c_1} \omega_{\mathbf{v}}^1 = \int_l (\mathbf{v}, dl)$$

of the 1-form  $\omega_{\mathbf{v}}^1$  on a chain  $c_1$  representing  $l$ .

To a vector field  $\mathbf{v}$  there also corresponds the 2-form  $\omega_{\mathbf{v}}^2$  such that  $\omega_{\mathbf{v}}^2(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta}) = (\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\eta})$ . The **flux** of  $\mathbf{v}$  through an oriented surface  $S$  is given by the integral

$$\int_{c_2} \omega_{\mathbf{v}}^2 = \int_S (\mathbf{v}, d\mathbf{n}),$$

where the 2-chain  $c_2$  is represented by  $S$ .

Now, we have

$$d\omega_{\mathbf{v}}^1 = \omega_{\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}}^2 = \omega_{\mathbf{r}}^2$$

and, if  $l = \partial S$ , then, Stokes' theorem asserts that

$$\int_l (\mathbf{v}, d\mathbf{l}) = \int_S (\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}, d\mathbf{n}) = \int_S (\mathbf{r}, d\mathbf{n}),$$

or equivalently

$$\int_{c_1} \omega_{\mathbf{v}}^1 = \int_{c_2} \omega_{\mathbf{r}}^2, \quad c_1 = \partial c_2$$

(-13/194).

**10/242** PROBLEM. By the definition of  $S$ , and with the differential on the extended phase space, we have

$$dS = \mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{P} d\mathbf{Q} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} dt$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} - H dt &= \mathbf{P} d\mathbf{Q} - H dt - \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} dt + dS \\ &= \mathbf{P} d\mathbf{Q} - \left( H + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \right) dt + dS \\ &= \mathbf{P} d\mathbf{Q} - K dt + dS \end{aligned}$$

**7/243** ... an integral curve  $\gamma$  ...

**7/244** We have

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} \delta \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \delta \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \dot{\mathbf{q}} \delta \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p} \delta \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}} \delta \mathbf{q} - \dot{\mathbf{p}} \delta \mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{p} \delta \dot{\mathbf{q}}) + \dot{\mathbf{q}} \delta \mathbf{p} - \dot{\mathbf{p}} \delta \mathbf{q}.$$

**-8/246** We have  $\dot{\mathbf{q}} = ds/d\tau$ .

**-10/247** The metric  $d\rho$  is called **conformal** to  $ds$ , a term coined by Gauss.

**10/254** See the remark at -6/244.

**11/255** We have

$$\mathbf{p} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial S_{\mathbf{q}_0}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{d}{dt} S_{\mathbf{q}_0}(\mathbf{q}(t)) = 1.$$

**-6/256** THE INITIAL CONDITION:  $t = t_0$  gives  $\mathbf{p} = \partial S_0 / \partial \mathbf{q}$  and  $H dt = 0$ , so that the integral in -9/256 is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(\mathbf{q}_0, t_0)}^{(\mathbf{q}, t_0)} L(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}, t) dt &= \int_{(\mathbf{q}_0, t_0)}^{(\mathbf{q}, t_0)} (\mathbf{p} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} - H) dt = \int_{(\mathbf{q}_0, t_0)}^{(\mathbf{q}, t_0)} \mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{q}_0}^{\mathbf{q}} \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial \mathbf{q}} d\mathbf{q} = S_0(\mathbf{q}) - S_0(\mathbf{q}_0) = S(\mathbf{q}, t_0) - S_0(\mathbf{q}_0). \end{aligned}$$

**-6/258** PROBLEM. Since  $g(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = (\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}))$ , we have  $\mathbf{P} \wedge \mathbf{Q} = \det \partial(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) / \partial(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathbf{p} \wedge \mathbf{q} = g^*(d\mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{q})$ . Therefore, taking the differential of both sides of (1), we obtain  $d\mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{q} - d\mathbf{P} \wedge d\mathbf{Q} = ddS(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = 0$ , and the statement follows.

**-1/258** We have

$$\det \frac{\partial(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{q})}{\partial(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \partial\mathbf{Q}/\partial\mathbf{p} & 0 \\ 0 & E \end{pmatrix} = \det \frac{\partial\mathbf{Q}}{\partial\mathbf{p}}.$$

**-7/262** Thus

$$T = a^2 \frac{\dot{\xi}^2}{2} + b^2 \frac{\dot{\eta}^2}{2}, \quad p_\xi = a^2 \dot{\xi}, \quad p_\eta = b^2 \dot{\eta}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{p_\xi^2}{2a^2} + \frac{p_\eta^2}{2b^2} - \frac{k}{r_1} - \frac{k}{r_2} = 2 \sin^2 \alpha \cdot p_\xi^2 + 2 \cos^2 \alpha \cdot p_\eta^2 - \frac{k(r_1 + r_2)}{r_1 r_2} \\ &= 2p_\xi^2 \frac{\xi^2 - 4c^2}{\xi^2 - \eta^2} + 2p_\eta^2 \frac{4c^2 - \eta^2}{\xi^2 - \eta^2} - \frac{4k\xi}{\xi^2 - \eta^2}. \end{aligned}$$

**-7/263** Setting  $\partial S / \partial \xi = p_\xi$  and  $\partial S / \partial \eta = p_\eta$  as in (2) in p. 259, we obtain the Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$2 \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 \frac{\xi^2 - 4c^2}{\xi^2 - \eta^2} + 2 \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \frac{4c^2 - \eta^2}{\xi^2 - \eta^2} - \frac{4k\xi}{\xi^2 - \eta^2} = K,$$

or equivalently

$$2 \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial \xi} \right)^2 (\xi^2 - 4c^2) + 2 \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 (4c^2 - \eta^2) = K(\xi^2 - \eta^2) + 4k\xi$$

(note the missing factor 2 in the text which does not effect the final form of  $S$ ). Note finally that here  $\mathbf{q} = (\xi, \eta)$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = (c_1, c_2)$ .

**-9/270** Using the setup in the text,<sup>13</sup> and the proof of the lemma at -11/205 and -7/207, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\sigma(\epsilon)} \omega^2 &= \int_{J_\gamma} \omega^2 = \int_0^\epsilon \left( \int_{g_\tau \gamma} dH \right) d\tau = \int_0^\epsilon \left( \int_\gamma g_\tau^* dH \right) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^\epsilon \left( \int_\gamma d(H \circ g_\tau) \right) d\tau = \int_0^\epsilon \left( \int_\gamma dH \right) d\tau \\ &= \epsilon \int_\gamma dH = H(y) - H(x). \end{aligned}$$

<sup>13</sup>The text changes the notation from p. 205 in the use of the double integral sign as well as changes  $g^t$  to  $g_t$ .

**18/272** For the definition of conditionally periodic motion, see -5/285.

**-9/272** That is  $dF$  and  $dH$  are linearly independent 1-forms pointwise.

**11/273** For the proof, see Problems 2-3 on pp. 215-216.

**-13/274** Note that  $g_i^t$  is defined for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  since  $M^n$  is compact.

**-4/275** PROBLEM.  $s \in t + V$  implies  $s - t \in V$ . Hence  $s - t = 0$  giving  $s = t$ .

**-13/280** By Hooke's law,  $F(q) = -q$ , so that  $F(q) = -U'(q)$  gives  $U(q) = q^2/2$ .

**-4/280** Since  $p = r \cos \varphi$  and  $q = r \sin \varphi$ , we have  $dp = \cos \varphi dr - r \sin \varphi d\varphi$  and  $dq = \sin \varphi dr + r \cos \varphi d\varphi$ . These give

$$dp \wedge dq = r \cos^2 \varphi dr \wedge d\varphi - r \sin^2 \varphi d\varphi \wedge dr = r dr \wedge d\varphi = d(r^2/2) \wedge d\varphi.$$

Thus,  $I(p, q) = I(r) = r^2/2$ .

**-10/281** In fact,  $\varphi = \partial S / \partial I$ , so that

$$d\varphi|_{I=\text{const}} = \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial I \partial q} dq = \frac{\partial p}{\partial I} dq.$$

Integrating, we obtain

$$\oint_{M_h} d\varphi = \oint_{M_h} \frac{\partial p}{\partial I} dq = \frac{d}{dI} \oint_{M_h} p dq = \frac{d \Delta S(I)}{dI}.$$

**5/282** PROBLEM. The ellipse  $M_h$  is given by  $a^2 p^2 + b^2 q^2 = 2h$ , so that  $\Pi(h) = 2\pi h / (ab)$ . Therefore, we have  $I(h) = h / (ab)$  and  $h(I) = ab I$ . The third equation in (4) gives

$$H \left( \frac{\partial S(I, q)}{\partial q}, q \right) = h(I) = ab I,$$

or equivalently

$$a^2 \left( \frac{\partial S(I, q)}{\partial q} \right)^2 + b^2 q^2 = 2ab I.$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial S(I, q)}{\partial q} = \sqrt{\frac{2ab I - b^2 q^2}{a^2}} = \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{2 \frac{a}{b} I - q^2} = p.$$

Integrating, up to an additive constant, we get

$$S(I, q) = \frac{b}{a} \int \sqrt{2 \frac{a}{b} I - q^2} dq = \frac{b}{2a} \left( q \sqrt{2 \frac{a}{b} I - q^2} + 2 \frac{a}{b} I \arctan \left( \frac{q}{\sqrt{2 \frac{a}{b} I - q^2}} \right) \right)$$

or, in terms of  $p$  above

$$S(I, q) = \frac{pq}{2} + I \arctan\left(\frac{bq}{ap}\right), \quad p = \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{2\frac{a}{b}I - q^2}.$$

Finally, differentiating under the integral sign, we obtain

$$\varphi = \frac{\partial S}{\partial I} = \int \frac{dq}{\sqrt{2\frac{a}{b}I - q^2}} dq = \arctan\left(\frac{q}{\sqrt{2\frac{a}{b}I - q^2}}\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{bq}{ap}\right).$$

Note that, the original ellipse  $a^2p^2 + b^2q^2 = 2h$  is parametrized by  $\sqrt{2h}(\cos(\varphi)/a, \sin(\varphi)/b)$ .

**-13/287** See also the note at -4/74.

**5/289** PROBLEM. Using Example 2 at -9/24, we have  $U = x^2/2 + \omega^2 y^2/2$ , where  $\omega^2 = 2$ , so that  $\omega = \sqrt{2}$ . Since  $|x|, |y| \leq 1$ , we have  $x = \sin(t + \varphi_0)$  and  $y = \sin(\omega t + \psi_0)$ . The kinetic energy is

$$\frac{1}{2} (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2(t + \varphi_0) + \omega^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \psi_0)).$$

Using the calculus formula

$$\int_0^T \cos^2(\omega t + c) dt = \frac{T}{2} + \frac{1}{4\omega} \sin(2\omega T + 2c), \quad c \in \mathbb{R},$$

we obtain

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) dt = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\omega^2}{4} = \frac{3}{4},$$

since

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(2T + 2\varphi_0)}{T} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(2\omega T + 2\psi_0)}{T} = 0.$$

**-9/290** PROBLEM. For fixed  $0 \neq \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , the set  $\mathbf{k}^\perp = \{\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{k}) = 0\}$  is a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and hence of Lebesgue measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The set

$$\{\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists 0 \neq \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^n, (\boldsymbol{\omega}, \mathbf{k}) = 0\} = \bigcup_{0 \neq \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \mathbf{k}^\perp$$

is the union of countably many sets of Lebesgue measure zero, therefore, it is itself of Lebesgue measure zero.

**-7/292** PROBLEM. We have

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + \omega t, \quad \varphi_0 = \varphi(0).$$

Since  $\tilde{g}(\varphi) = g(\varphi) - \bar{g}$ , where  $\bar{g} = \int_0^{2\pi} g(\varphi) d\varphi$ , we get  $\int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{g}(\varphi) d\varphi = 0$ . Since  $g$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic, it follows that  $h$  defined by  $h(\varphi) = \int_0^\varphi \tilde{g}(\varphi) d\varphi$  is also  $2\pi$ -periodic. Using  $\dot{I} = \epsilon g(\varphi)$ , we now calculate

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) - I(0) &= \epsilon \int_0^t g(\varphi_0 + \omega t) dt = \epsilon \bar{g} t + \epsilon \int_0^t \tilde{g}(\varphi_0 + \omega t) dt \\ &= \epsilon \bar{g} t + \frac{\epsilon}{\omega} \int_{\varphi_0}^{\varphi_0 + \omega t} \tilde{g}(\varphi) d\varphi = \epsilon \bar{g} t + h(\varphi_0 + \omega t) - h(\varphi_0), \end{aligned}$$

where, in the last but one equality, we performed the substitution  $\varphi = \varphi_0 + \omega t$ ,  $d\varphi = \omega dt$ . (Note the slight discrepancy with the text.)

**9/293** Here, we have  $\dot{\mathbf{I}} = \epsilon g(\mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\varphi})$ , where  $g(\mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) = \partial H_1(\mathbf{I}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}$  since  $H_0(\mathbf{I})$  does not depend on  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ .

**-14/295** In fact, we have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial k}{\partial \varphi} d\varphi = k(2\pi) - k(0) = 0$$

since  $k$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic.

**18/297** If  $q$  is the angle of inclination, then, assuming unit mass  $m = 1$ , the kinetic and potential energies are

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^2 = \frac{p^2}{2l^2} \quad \text{and} \quad U = g(l - l \cos q) \approx gl(1 - (1 - q^2/2)) = gl \frac{q^2}{2},$$

where the momentum  $p = l\dot{q}$  and the potential energy is zero at  $q = 0$ . Due to the approximation, the Hamiltonian is for small oscillations only.

**-9/299** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\varphi} &= \frac{\partial K}{\partial I} = \frac{\partial H_0}{\partial I} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial I \partial \lambda} = \omega(I, \lambda) + \epsilon f(I, \varphi; \lambda) \\ \dot{I} &= -\frac{\partial K}{\partial \varphi} = -\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \varphi \partial \lambda} = \epsilon g(I, \varphi; \lambda), \end{aligned}$$

since  $H_0$  does not depend on  $\varphi$ .

**1/300** We have  $I(t) - J(t) = I(t) - J(0) = I(t) - I(0)$ .

**4/300** Here, as usual,  $H = h$ , and, using the area formula for the ellipse

$$\frac{a^2}{2h} p^2 + \frac{b^2}{2h} q^2 = 1$$

we obtain

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \pi \frac{\sqrt{2h}}{a} \frac{\sqrt{2h}}{b} = \frac{h}{ab} = \frac{h}{\omega}.$$

**-10/300** Using

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2l^2} + lg \frac{q^2}{2} = h$$

at 18/297, we obtain (as above)

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi} \pi \sqrt{2hl^2} \sqrt{\frac{2h}{lg}} = \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} h = \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \left( \frac{p^2}{2l^2} + lg \frac{q^2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} l^{3/2} g^{1/2} q_{\max}^2,$$

since  $p = 0$  for  $q = q_{\max}$ . Since  $I$  is constant on the phase trajectory (ellipse), dividing, we obtain

$$\frac{q_{\max}(t)}{q_{\max}(0)} = \left( \frac{l(0)}{l(t)} \right)^{3/4}.$$