

3. Consider the Lagrangian for a 1D system with generalized coordinate q :

$$L(q, \dot{q}, t) = e^{\lambda t/m} \left[\frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2 - \frac{m\omega_0^2}{2} q^2 \right] \quad (1)$$

In the above expression, m is a mass, ω_0 is a frequency, and λ is a positive and dimensionless constant.

- (a) Derive the equation of motion for the system. (1 pt.)
- (b) What is the canonical momentum, p ? (1 pt.)
- (c) Calculate the Hamiltonian. (3 pts.)
- (d) We wish to make a canonical transformation $(q, p) \rightarrow (Q, P)$ using the generating function

$$F_2(q, P, t) = e^{\lambda t/2m} q P$$

What is the new coordinate and canonical momentum in terms of the old? (2 pts.)

- (e) Show that the canonically transformed Hamiltonian is not time dependent. (3 pts.)

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Classical #3

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a) Derive equation of motion

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

$$-e^{\lambda t/m} m\omega_0^2 q = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [e^{\lambda t/m} m\dot{q}]$$

$$-m\omega_0^2 q e^{\lambda t/m} = m\ddot{q} e^{\lambda t/m} + m\dot{q} \frac{\lambda}{m} e^{\lambda t/m}$$

$$-m\omega_0^2 q = m\ddot{q} + \lambda \dot{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = m\omega_0^2 q + \lambda \dot{q} + m\ddot{q}$$

b) Find the canonical momentum

$$p_q = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}}$$

$$= m\dot{q} e^{\lambda t/m}$$

c) Find the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_i p_i \dot{q}_i - \mathcal{L}$$

$$= m\dot{q}^2 e^{\lambda t/m} - e^{\lambda t/m} \left[\frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2 - \frac{m\omega_0^2}{2} q^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2 e^{\lambda t/m} + \frac{m\omega_0^2}{2} q^2 e^{\lambda t/m}$$

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