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\* Noether's theorem ~ 1 hr.

\* mid-term ~ 2 hrs

o cs, ss HW. ?  
cross section

described by a Lagrangian and  
Assume that a physical system which enjoys a symmetry under following infinitesimal transformation:

$$q \rightarrow q' = q + \delta q$$

$$t \rightarrow t' = t + \delta t$$

where  $\delta q$  &  $\delta t$  are some kind of functions of  $q$  and  $t$

By symmetry we mean that the physics are the same before and after this transformation, therefore, the actions must satisfy:

$$S' = S + \text{const.}$$

$$\text{or } dt' L(q', \dot{q}', t') = dt L(q, \dot{q}, t) + \text{const.}$$

$$\left( \dot{q}' \equiv \frac{dq'}{dt'} \right) = \frac{d(q + \delta q)}{d(t + \delta t)} \approx \frac{d(q + \delta q)}{dt(1 + \delta \dot{t})} \sim \dot{q} + \delta \dot{q} - \dot{q} \delta \dot{t}$$

And the new action can be ~~later~~ expanded to the first order of the infinitesimal transformation

$$\Rightarrow dt' L(q', \dot{q}', t') \approx dt(1 + \delta \dot{t}) \left[ L + \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} (\delta \dot{q} - \dot{q} \delta \dot{t}) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \delta t \right]$$

$$= dt \left[ L + L \delta \dot{t} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \delta t + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \delta \dot{t} \right]$$

$$= dt \left[ L + \frac{d}{dt}(L \delta t) - \frac{dL}{dt} \delta t + \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} \delta t + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right) - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \delta \dot{t} \right) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \right) \delta \dot{t} \right]$$

$= 0$ , by E.O.M.

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$$= dt \left\{ L + \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \left( L - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \right) \delta t + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right] + \delta t \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \right) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \ddot{q} \right] \right\}$$

$$\underbrace{- \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{\partial \dot{q}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}}_{\text{can ell}} \quad \underbrace{+ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \ddot{q}}_{\text{E.O.M}} \quad \underbrace{+ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \ddot{q}}_{\text{E.O.M}}$$

$$= dt \left\{ L + \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \left( L - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \right) \delta t + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right] \right\} = dt L + d\Omega$$

total derivative

$$\Rightarrow d \left[ \left( L - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} \right) \delta t + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q - \Omega \right] = 0$$

or  $\downarrow$  is a ~~const~~ conserved quantity

$\Rightarrow L' = L + \frac{d\Omega}{dt}$   
itself satisfies ~~total~~ EOM

translation:  $x \rightarrow x + \epsilon$        $\delta q = \epsilon, \delta t = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{momentum conserved}$$

time translation  $t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$        $\delta q = 0, \delta t = \epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow L - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \dot{q} = H = \text{const} \Rightarrow \text{energy conserved}$$

rotation along the  $\hat{z}$ :  $x \rightarrow x - y \delta \theta, \delta t = 0$   
 $y \rightarrow y + x \delta \theta$   
 $z \rightarrow z$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} (-y \delta \theta) + \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) (x \delta \theta) + \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \right) (0)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - V(x) = (-p_x y + p_y x) \delta \theta = \text{const} \Rightarrow L_z \text{ is conserved}$$

Similarly, in special relativistic  
the Lagrangian for a point particle

$$\Rightarrow L = -m\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2}$$

translation

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} + \vec{\epsilon}, \quad \delta \vec{x} = \vec{\epsilon}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}}\right) \delta \dot{x} = \frac{m \vec{x}}{\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2}} \cdot \vec{\epsilon} \quad \text{is a const.} \Rightarrow \frac{m \vec{x}}{\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2}} \text{ conserved}$$

$$t \rightarrow t + \epsilon \quad \delta t = \epsilon$$

$$\left(L - \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}}\right) \dot{x}\right) \delta t = \left(-m\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2} - \frac{m \vec{x}^2}{\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2}}\right) \epsilon = \frac{m \epsilon}{\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{m}{\sqrt{1-\vec{x}^2}} \text{ conserved}$$

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