

# L20 Canonical transformations

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = f_i(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = g_i(\vec{p}, \vec{q})$$

$z = (p, q)$  - point in the phase space

evolution of  $z$  - phase space path - is defined

by the equations  $\dot{\vec{z}} = \vec{h}(z) \quad h = (f_1, \dots, f_n, g_1, \dots, g_n)$

## Transformations

Lagrangian:  $\vec{Q}(\vec{q}) \quad q \rightarrow \vec{Q}(\vec{q})$  new coordinates  $\vec{Q}$

Hamiltonian:  $(p, q) \rightarrow (P, Q) \quad Q = Q(p, q) \quad P = P(p, q)$

canonical transformations:

new set  $(P, Q)$  satisfies Hamilton's equations.

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q} = -\dot{P} \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial P} = \dot{Q} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial \dot{P}}{\partial P} = -\frac{\partial \dot{Q}}{\partial Q} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial P^2 \partial Q}$$

such transformation preserves the "phase volume"

phase-space orbits:  $z(t)$

since  $\dot{z}(t) = h(z(t))$  Only one orbit can go through a point  $z_0 = z(t_0)$

if  $H$  does not depend on  $t$  explicitly, only one (orbit) path can cross  $z_0$  at any time

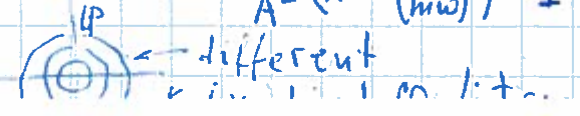
## Example 13.5 Harmonic oscillator.

$$E = T + U = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \quad U = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \quad \left(\frac{k}{m} = \omega^2\right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{p}{m} \quad \ddot{x} = -m \omega^2 x \quad x = A \cos(\omega t - \delta) \quad p = -m \omega A \sin(\omega t - \delta)$$

$$\text{total energy} = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{A^2} \left( x^2 + \left(\frac{p}{m\omega}\right)^2 \right) = 1$$

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{p}{m\omega}\right)^2 = A^2 = x^2 + P^2$$



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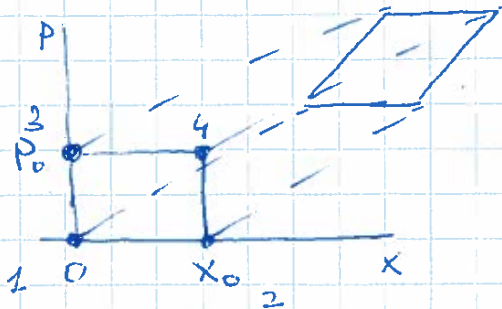
Falling Body.

$$H = T + U = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - mgy = \frac{p^2}{2m} - mgy$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \frac{p}{m} \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = mg$$

$$x = x_0 + \frac{p_0}{m}t + \frac{gt^2}{2} \quad p = p_0 + mgt$$

consider 4 initial conditions



$$p_1(t) - p_0(t) = p_3(0) - p_2(0) = \text{const}$$

$$x_1(t) - x_0(t) = x_4(0) - x_2(0) = \text{const}$$

$x_0 p_0 \Rightarrow$  phase volume  
which is conserved.