

# Machine Dynamics

## Chapter 4a : Lagrange Equations



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# Lagrange v.s. D'Alembert

- Comparison

Lagrange equations	D'Alembert's principle
approach ( & )	approach ( & )
method	method
Solve of dynamic problems	Solve only determined problem
Up to terms	Up to terms



# Lagrange equation

- For a particle  
Newton's 2nd law,

Transform into scalar equations

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (f_{ij})_x + (F_i)_x = \frac{d}{dt} (m_i \cdot \dot{X}_i) \quad , \text{etc} .$$

- 1) K.E. of a particle in a Cartesian coordinates:



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

## 2) Externally applied forces

Can be  
expressed by  
the

Can not

①

force

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force

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force

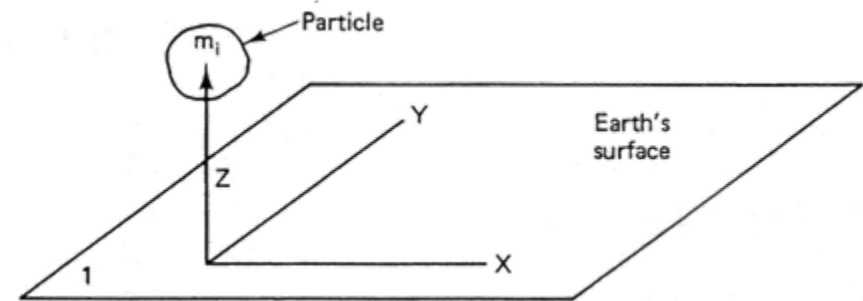


# Lagrange equation (cont.)

## ※ gravitational force

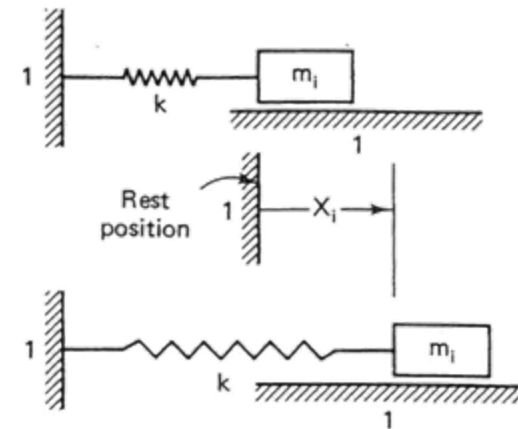
The potential energy of a particle at an elevation  $Z$  is:

$$V_{gi} = m_i g Z$$



## ※ elastic force

$$V_{si} = \frac{1}{2} k X_i^2$$





# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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In general

$$\vec{F}_{i,conservative} = -\nabla V_i =$$

$$\therefore \vec{F}_i = -\nabla V_i + \vec{Q}_i$$

→ These are the  
motion for the

equations of



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

- For a rigid body

From a particle to a rigid body

1.  $\vec{f}_{ij} = -\vec{f}_{ji} \longrightarrow$

2.  $\sum_{i=1}^N (Q_i)_X \longrightarrow$

3.  $\sum_{i=1}^N V_i \longrightarrow$  (of the body's  $\dot{\phantom{x}}$ .)

4.  $\sum_{i=1}^N T_i \longrightarrow$  (refer to  $\dot{\phantom{x}}$ .)



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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So the Lagrange EOM for a rigid body is:

Assume

$$V = V(X, Y, Z) \quad , \quad T = T(\dot{X}, \dot{Y}, \dot{Z})$$

Define a

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{X}} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{X}} \quad , \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial X} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial X} \quad , \textit{etc.}$$



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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The **rigid body** Lagrange equations are:

1)  $L$  : the energy stored in the system  
which includes

$L = T - V$  is based on

→ Why? See the appendix

2)  $\delta L$  : change in



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

- 3)  $Q_x$  : forces cause the  
to
- forces which add or remove  
from the system are
- e.g. constraining forces like
- force ( $V =$  )
  - force (  $V$  )
- in the direction of forces
- but force does  
energy from the system.



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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- Formulation of basic terms in Lagrange equations

of a rigid body

Treat the rigid body as a continuum, the total kinetic energy will be:

$$T =$$



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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The velocity of  $dm$  is assigned as:

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_o = \dot{X}\vec{i} + \dot{Y}\vec{j} + \dot{Z}\vec{k}$$

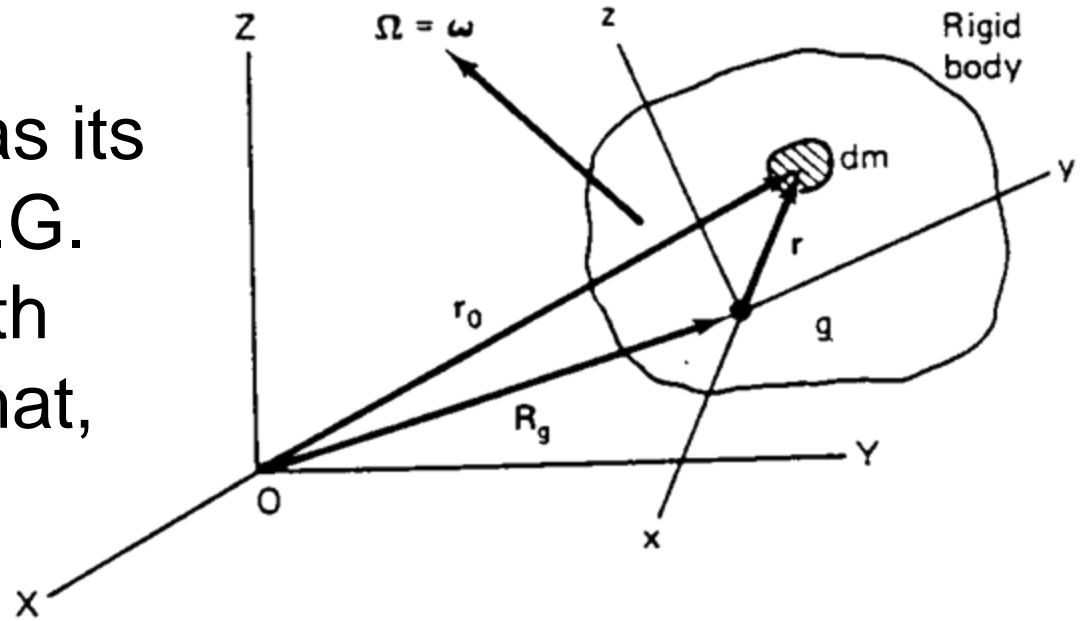
- ※ Represent the  $\dot{\vec{r}}_o$  in terms of the motion of its individual particles
- transform to “in terms of the motion of its particles”



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

If the  $xyz$  coordinates has its origin at the C.G. and rotates with the body, so that,

$$\vec{\Omega} = \vec{\omega}$$



The position of  $dm$  is:

The velocity of  $dm$  is:



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

$\vec{r}$  is a vector in the coordinate xyz  
(in rigid body, the particles relative  
velocity)

$$\therefore \dot{\vec{r}}_o \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_o = \dot{\vec{R}}_g \cdot \dot{\vec{R}}_g + 2\dot{\vec{R}}_g \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) + (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

$T =$

$$\int \dot{\vec{R}}_g \cdot \dot{\vec{R}}_g dm$$

(1)

$$2\dot{\vec{R}}_g \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

(2)

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \iiint [(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})] dm$$

(3)



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

(1)

※ The \_\_\_\_\_ associated with the motion of

$$(2) = \dot{\vec{R}}_g \cdot \left( \vec{\omega} \times \iiint \vec{r} dm \right)$$

$$\left( \because \vec{r}_g = \frac{1}{m} \iiint \vec{r} dm \right)$$

※ By the convenient choice of the xyz coordinates to make



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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(3)

✘ The kinetic energy refer to the the

Therefore, the total kinetic energy of the rigid body is:

$$T =$$



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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2) P.E. of a rigid body

a) gravitational force

$$V_g = m_g Z_g$$

b) elastic force

$$V_s = \frac{1}{2} k X_g^2$$

※ Both the K.E. and P.E. are referred to the

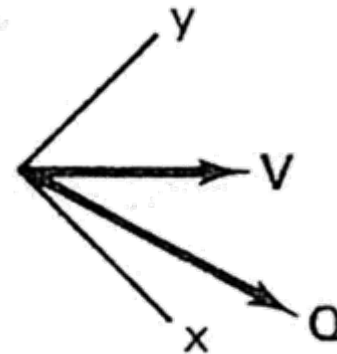
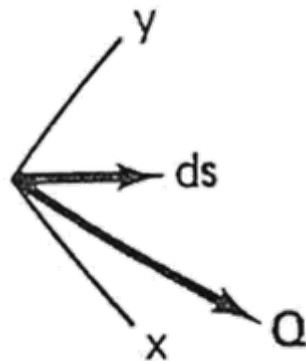


# Lagrange equation (cont.)

## 3) Generalized force / couple

a) a force does work to a system by a way

& its rate:

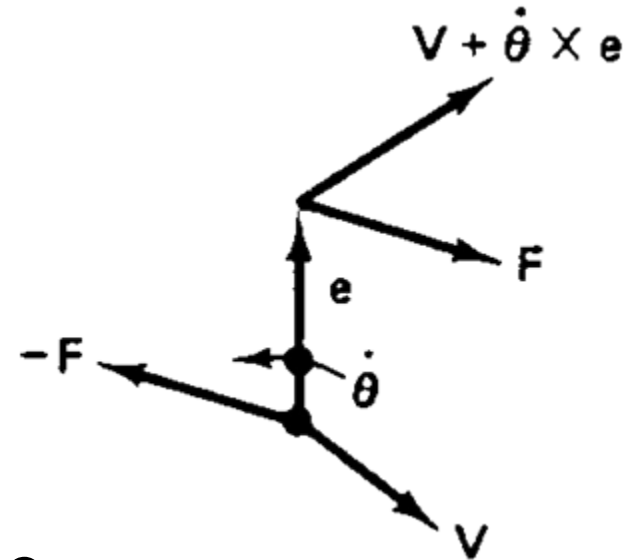




# Lagrange equation (cont.)

b) for a couple

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dw}{dt} &= \\ &= \vec{F} \cdot (\dot{\theta} \times \vec{e}) \\ &= \end{aligned}$$



⊗ is the couple  
corresponding to **the**  
, etc.



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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## 4) Generalized coordinates

a) The coordinates used to locate a dynamic system w.r.t. a

b) They must satisfy:

① :

→ they are to locate the configuration of in a system.

e.g. For a 3D point :

incomplete

complete



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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②

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→ if one of them is fixed, there still remains **a** that the other one can take.

e.g.

independent  
dependent

c) There is Lagrange equation corresponding to each coordinates.



# Lagrange equation (cont.)

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d) The \_\_\_\_\_ of each Q force or couple with an increment of its **associated** \_\_\_\_\_ represents an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ done by that Q upon the system.

e.g. Translational work

Rotational work

※ The forms of \_\_\_\_\_ are determined by **the** \_\_\_\_\_



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