

# Stability Subject to Dynamical Accessibility

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# Hamilton's Equations

Phase Space Coordinates:  $(q, p) = (q^1, q^2, \dots, q^N; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N)$ ,

Hamiltonian:  $H(q, p)$  s.t. phase space  $\mapsto \mathbb{R}$

Hamilton's Equations:

$$\dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q^i}, \quad \dot{q}^i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Equivalent Form  $z = (q, p)$ :

$$\dot{z}^\alpha = J_c^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial H}{\partial z^\beta} =: \{z^\alpha, H\}, \quad (J_c^{\alpha\beta}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0_N & I_N \\ -I_N & 0_N \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, 2N$$

# Geometry

Dynamics takes place in phase space,  $\mathcal{Z}$  (needn't be  $T^*Q$ ), a differential manifold endowed with a closed, nondegenerate 2-form  $\omega$ . A patch has canonical coordinates  $z = (q, p)$ .

Hamiltonian dynamics  $\Leftrightarrow$  flow on symplectic manifold:  $i_X\omega = dH$

Poisson tensor ( $J_c$ ) is bivector inverse of  $\omega$ , defining the Poisson bracket

$$\{f, g\} = \langle df, J_c(dg) \rangle = \omega(X_f, X_g) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^\alpha} J_c^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z^\beta}, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \dots, 2N$$

Flows generated by Hamiltonian vector fields  $Z_H = JdH$ ,  $H$  a 0-form,  $dH$  a 1-form. Poisson bracket = commutator of Hamiltonian vector fields etc.

Early refs.: Jost, Mackey, Souriau, Arnold, Abraham & Marsden

# Noncanonical Hamiltonian Dynamics

Sophus Lie (1890)

Noncanonical Coordinates:

$$\dot{z}^a = J^{ab} \frac{\partial H}{\partial z^b} = \{z^a, H\}, \quad \{f, g\} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z^a} J^{ab}(z) \frac{\partial g}{\partial z^b}, \quad a, b = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

Poisson Bracket Properties:

antisymmetry  $\longrightarrow \{f, g\} = -\{g, f\},$

Jacobi identity  $\longrightarrow \{f, \{g, h\}\} + \{g, \{h, f\}\} + \{h, \{f, g\}\} = 0$

**G. Darboux:**  $\det J \neq 0 \implies J \rightarrow J_c$  Canonical Coordinates

**Sophus Lie:**  $\det J = 0 \implies$  Canonical Coordinates plus Casimirs

$$J \rightarrow J_d = \begin{pmatrix} 0_N & I_N & 0 \\ -I_N & 0_N & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0_{M-2N} \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Flow on Poisson Manifold

**Definition.** A Poisson manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  is differentiable manifold with bracket  $\{, \} : C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \times C^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$  st  $C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$  with  $\{, \}$  is a Lie algebra realization, i.e., is i) bilinear, ii) antisymmetric, iii) Jacobi, and iv) consider only Leibniz, i.e., acts as a derivation.

Flows are integral curves of noncanonical Hamiltonian vector fields,  
 $Z_H = JdH$ .

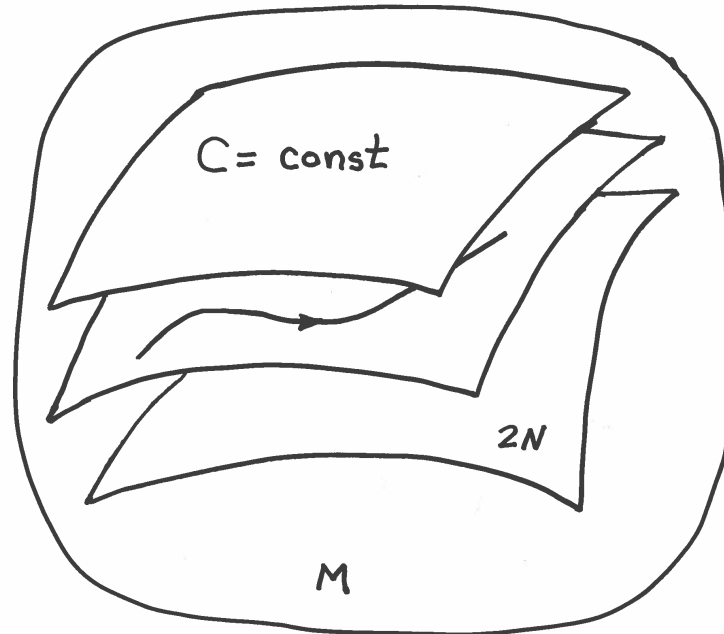
Because of degeneracy,  $\exists$  functions  $C$  st  $\{f, C\} = 0$  for all  $f \in C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$ . Called Casimir invariants (Lie's distinguished functions.)

# Poisson Manifold $\mathcal{M}$ Cartoon

Degeneracy in  $J \Rightarrow$  Casimirs:

$$\{f, C\} = 0 \quad \forall f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Lie-Darboux Foliation by Casimir (symplectic) leaves:



Leaf vector fields,  $Z_f = \{z, f\} = Jdf$  are tangent to leaves.

# Lie-Poisson Brackets

Matter models in Eulerian variables:

$$J^{ab} = c_c^{ab} z^c$$

where  $c_c^{ab}$  are the structure constants for some Lie algebra.

Examples:

- 3-dimensional Bianchi algebras for free rigid body, Kida vortex, rattleback. (cf. [Tokeida, Yoshida](#))
- Infinite-dimensional theories: Ideal fluid flow, **MHD**, shearflow, extended MHD, Vlasov-Maxwell, etc.

# Lie-Poisson Geometry

Lie Algebra:  $\mathfrak{g}$ , a vector space with

$$[ \ , \ ] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g},$$

antisymmetric, bilinear, satisfies Jacobi identity

Pairing:

$$\langle \ , \ \rangle : \mathfrak{g}^* \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

with  $\mathfrak{g}^*$  vector space dual to  $\mathfrak{g}$

Lie-Poisson Bracket:

$$\{f, g\} = \left\langle z, \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right] \right\rangle, \quad z \in \mathfrak{g}^*, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \in \mathfrak{g}$$



# Magnetohydrodynamics

Equations of Motion:

Force	$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = -\rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \nabla p + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$
Density	$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v})$
Entropy	$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla s$
Magnetic Field	$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$

Energy:

$$H = \int_D d^3x \left( \rho |\mathbf{v}|^2 / 2 + \rho U(\rho, s) + |\mathbf{B}|^2 / 2 \right)$$

Thermodynamics:

$$p = \rho^2 \frac{\partial U}{\partial \rho} \qquad T = \frac{\partial U}{\partial s}$$

## Noncanonical Lie-Poisson Bracket (pjm & Greene 1980):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{F, G\} = & - \int_D d^3x \left[ M_i \left( \frac{\delta F}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_i} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta F}{\delta M_i} \right) \right. \\
 & + \rho \left( \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta G}{\delta \rho} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho} \right) + \sigma \left( \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta G}{\delta \sigma} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta F}{\delta \sigma} \right) \\
 & + \mathbf{B} \cdot \left[ \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta G}{\delta \mathbf{B}} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{B}} \right] \\
 & \left. + \mathbf{B} \cdot \left[ \nabla \left( \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \right) \cdot \frac{\delta G}{\delta \mathbf{B}} - \nabla \left( \frac{\delta G}{\delta \mathbf{M}} \right) \cdot \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{B}} \right] \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

Dynamics:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \{\rho, H\}, \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = \{s, H\}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \{\mathbf{v}, H\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \{\mathbf{B}, H\}.$$

Densities:

$$\mathbf{M} := \rho \mathbf{v} \qquad \sigma := \rho s$$

## Hamiltonian Description of Idea MHD

Lagrangian fluid variable description is a continuum version of particle mechanics and, consequently, canonical, while Eulerian fluid variables are noncanonical variables. Lagrange to Euler is a reduction.

# Eulerian Variable Description



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Observables  $\{s(r, t), \rho(r, t), \mathbf{v}(r, t), \mathbf{B}(r, t)\}$  where  $r \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ .

# Eulerian Variable Description



Observables  $\{s(r, t)\rho(r, t), v(r, t), \mathbf{B}(r, t)\}$  constitute a Field Theory.

## Lagrangian Variable Description

Assume a continuum of fluid particles or fluid elements and follow them around.

Lagrange *Mécanique Analytique* (1788) → Newcomb (1962) MHD

# Lagrangian Variable Description





# Lagrangian Variable Description



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Dynamical canonical variables  $\{q(a, t), \pi(a, t)\}$ .

# Stability in General Finite Systems

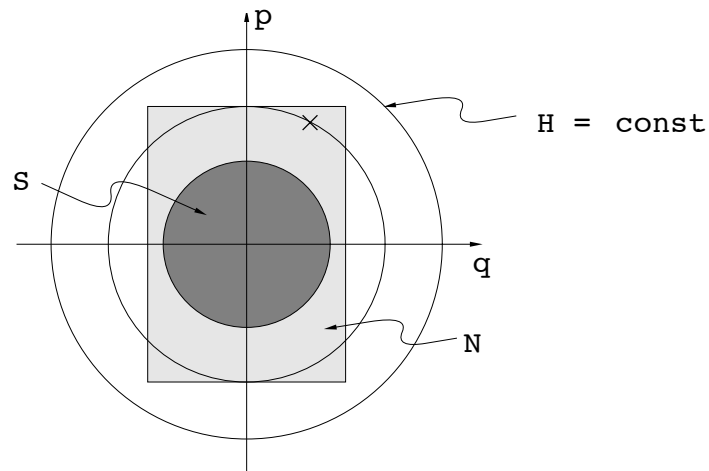
General system:

$$\dot{z}^i = V^i(z), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, M,$$

Equilibrium point,  $z_e$ , satisfies  $V(z_e) = 0$ .

Definition:

*The equilibrium point  $z_e$  is said to be stable if, for any neighborhood  $N$  of  $z_e$  there exists a subneighborhood  $S \subset N$  of  $z_e$  such that if  $z(t = 0) \in S$  then  $z(t) \in N$  for all time  $t > 0$ .*



# Stability in Canonical Hamiltonian Systems

## Lagrange's Theorem:

*For separable Hamiltonians,  $H = p^2/2 + V(q)$ , an equilibrium point  $p_e = 0$  and  $q_e$  a local minimum of  $V$  is stable.*

Converse?

## Dirichlet's Theorem:

*For general Hamiltonians,  $H(q, p)$ , an equilibrium point  $\nabla H(q_e, p_e) = 0$  is stable if  $\partial^2 H(z_e)/\partial z^i \partial z^j$  is definite.*

Note,  $H$  could be an energy minimum or a maximum, e.g. for a localized vortex in fluid mechanics.

Converse?

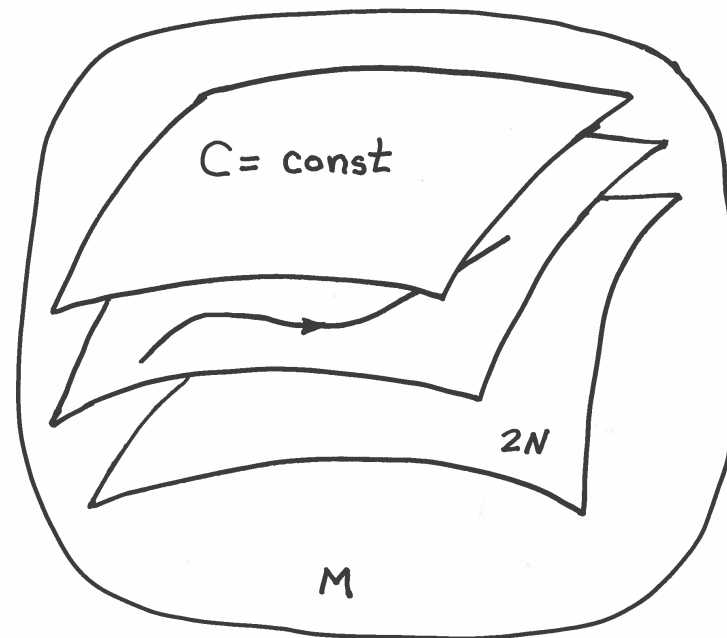
## MHD $\delta W$ Energy Principle

- Standard tool of MHD for stability. Bernstein et al.; Hain et al.
- Infinite-dimensional version of Lagrange's "necessary and sufficient" theorem.
- Flow in equilibrium considered by Frieman & Rotenberg. Sufficient condition is a version of Dirichlet's theorem.

# Stability in Noncanonical Hamiltonian Systems

What do Casimirs do?

What does the cartoon geometry imply?



# Stability in Noncanonical Hamiltonian Systems

I. Energy-Casimir Stability: In noncanonical variables  $w$

$$\dot{w}^\alpha = \{w^\alpha, H\} = \{w^\alpha, H + C\} = J^{\alpha\beta}(w) \frac{\partial F}{\partial w^\beta} = 0$$

Equilibrium variational principle:

$$\delta F = \delta(H + C) = 0$$

Linear Hamiltonian:

$$\delta^2 F = \frac{\partial^2 F(w_e)}{\partial w^\alpha \partial w^\beta} \delta w^\alpha \delta w^\beta = H_L \quad \text{definite} \Rightarrow \text{stability}$$

**Kruskal-Oberman (1958)**, Gardner, Arnold, Marsden, pjm, etc.

II. Dynamically Accessible Stability: Constrained variations

$$\delta w^\alpha = J^{\alpha\beta}(w_e) g_\beta \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta^2 F|_{da} \quad \text{definite} \Rightarrow \text{stability}$$

pjm & Pfirsch (1989)

# MHD Dynamically Stability

Generator:

$$G = \int x (\mathbf{g}_1 \cdot \mathbf{M} + g_2 \sigma + g_3 \rho + \mathbf{g}_4 \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

where  $\mathbf{M} = \rho \mathbf{v}$  and  $\sigma = \rho s$ . Then  $\{\chi, G\} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \rho_{\text{da}} &= \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{g}_1) \\ \delta \mathbf{M}_{\text{da}} &= \rho \nabla g_3 + (\nabla \times \mathbf{M}) \times \mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{M} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{g}_1 \\ &\quad + \nabla (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{g}_1) + \sigma \nabla g_2 + \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{g}_4) \\ \delta \sigma_{\text{da}} &= \nabla \cdot (\sigma \mathbf{g}_1) \\ \delta \mathbf{B}_{\text{da}} &= \nabla \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{g}_1)\end{aligned}$$

Energy Functional:

$$\delta^2 H_{\text{da}} [\mathbf{g}] = \int d^3x \rho \left| \delta \mathbf{v}_{\text{da}} - \mathbf{g}_1 \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{g}_1 \right|^2 + \delta W_{\text{la}} [\mathbf{g}_1]$$

with

$$\delta \mathbf{v}_{\text{da}} = \nabla (g_3 + \mathbf{g}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{g}_1 \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) + \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \nabla g_2 + \frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{g}_4)$$

Hameiri: In certain relevant circumstances  $\int d^3x \rho |\dots|^2$  stabilizes!