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Recap

- (P, ω) symplectic if ω closed + nondegenerate, $\{, \cdot \} = \omega^{-1}$
- $X \in \mathfrak{X}'(P)$ Hamiltonian if $\exists f \in C^\infty(P)$
st. $X = \{f, \cdot\} \iff i_X \omega = -df$

$$\begin{aligned} X_\bullet : C^\infty(P) &\rightarrow \mathfrak{X}'(P) \\ f &\mapsto X_f := \{f, \cdot\} \end{aligned}$$

homomorphism of Lie algebras btw

$$(C^\infty(P), \{, \cdot \}) \text{ and } (\mathfrak{X}'(P), [\cdot, \cdot])$$

$$\text{i.e. } [X_f, X_g] = X_{\{f, g\}}$$

• A homomorph btw
 $\mathfrak{g}: (\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot], \mathbb{J}) \longrightarrow (\mathfrak{g}'(P), [\cdot, \cdot], \mathbb{J})$

is called an action

• The action is Hamiltonian $\forall \xi \in \mathfrak{g}$ iff

$\exists \mathbb{J}: P \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^*$ (momentum map)

s.t. $\rho(\xi) = \{ \langle \mathbb{J}, \xi \rangle, \cdot \}$

i.e. $\mathcal{L}_{\rho(\xi)} \omega = -d \langle \mathbb{J}, \xi \rangle$

Ex: $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{so}(3)$ $\omega = d\vec{p} \wedge d\vec{q}$ action by rot

$\mathbb{J} = \vec{L}$ so that $\langle \mathbb{J}, \xi \rangle = \vec{L} \cdot \vec{\xi}$, $\vec{L} = \vec{p} \times \vec{q}$

- J is said equivariant if

$$L_{p(\xi)} J = -\text{ad}_\xi^* J$$

$$\text{i.e. } \{ \langle J, \xi \rangle, \langle J, \eta \rangle \} = \langle J, [\xi, \eta] \rangle$$

$$\text{iff } \begin{array}{ccc} (\mathfrak{g}, [\cdot, \cdot], J) & \xrightarrow{\check{J}} & (C^\infty(P), \{, \}, \{, \}) \\ & \searrow \mathfrak{f} & \swarrow X_0 \\ & & (\mathfrak{X}'(P), [\cdot, \cdot], J) \end{array}$$

- More generally, J is not necessarily equiv.

$$\{ \check{J}(\xi), \check{J}(\eta) \} = \check{J}([\xi, \eta]) + \kappa(\xi, \eta)$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad d\kappa(\xi, \eta) = 0$$

does not depend on p, q

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \kappa(\xi, \eta) + \kappa(\eta, \xi) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{cyclic sum} \quad \kappa(\xi_1, [\xi_2, \xi_3]) = 0$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{p} \times \vec{q}$$

$\rightarrow \kappa \in \mathfrak{g}^* \wedge \mathfrak{g}^*$ is a CE \mathcal{L} -cocycle

κ is a trivial cocycle (co-boundary)

if it is of the form

$$\kappa(\xi, \eta) = \langle \lambda, [\xi, \eta] \rangle$$

for some $\lambda \in \mathfrak{g}^*$

b.e. then $J'(z) = J(z) + \lambda$ is equiv.

Physical Interpretation

* $\mathfrak{g} \sim$ abstract algebra of syms $(\mathfrak{so}(3), \mathfrak{su}(2))$

$$* \rho(\xi) = (\delta_{\xi} \bar{q}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{q}} + (\delta_{\xi} \bar{p}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{p}}$$

\sim action/transformation of ph space variables / phys system under abstract sym (e.g. rotations, isospin)

* $J \sim$ canonical generator of the transf $\rho = \{J, \cdot\}$

\sim if the transf ρ is compatible w/ dynamics, $L_{\rho} H = 0$, the J is conserved charge.

$$\rho(\xi) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{v}{J(\xi)} \\ \parallel \\ \langle J, \xi \rangle \\ \in C^{\infty}(P) \end{array} \right\} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} J = \{J, H\} = L_{\rho} H = 0$$

$$(2) \quad * \{J(\xi), J(\eta)\} = J([\xi, \eta]) + \underline{\kappa(\xi, \eta)}$$

\sim charge algebra

\rightarrow quantization gives a rep. of this algebra

$$\rho(\xi) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \check{J}(\xi) \\ \parallel \\ \langle J, \xi \rangle \\ \in C^\infty(P) \end{array} \right\} = \frac{\partial \check{J}(\xi)}{\partial q^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} - (q \leftrightarrow p)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} J = \{J, H\} = L_P H = 0$$

if the constraint ρ is conserved w/ dynamics, $L_p H = 0$ the J is conserved ch

SYMPLECTIC REDUCTION

If $\rho(\xi)$ is a gauge sym, then its momentum map must vanish on all physical configs.

\int E&M gauge th. $\Rightarrow J = \nabla_i E^i = 0$

Rmk. $J=0 \quad 0 = \{J, J\} \sim J + \cancel{K}$

$\rightarrow J$ must be equivariant

$C := \{z \in P \mid J(z) = 0\} = J^{-1}(0)$ CONSTRAINT SURFACE

Note:

(P, ω) $2n$ -dim

\mathfrak{g} & \mathfrak{g}^* k -dim

$\hookrightarrow C$ is $2n-k$ dim

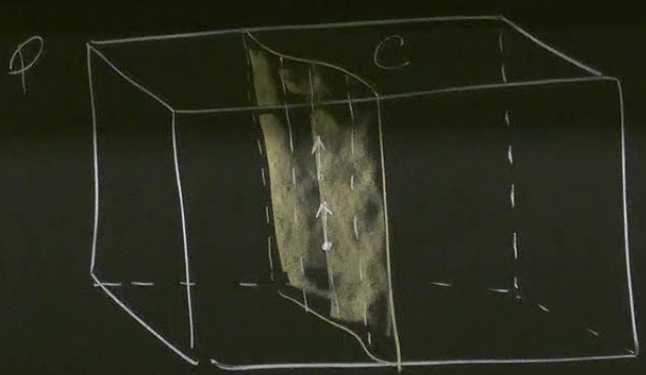
which is not guaranteed to be even

$\rightarrow C$ cannot be a good phys. ph. space.

IDEA: the problem is that ω pulled back on C is degenerate.

ρ is compatible
 $L_{\rho}H=0$,
 conserved charge \rightarrow

$$\frac{d}{dt} J = \{J, H\} = L_{\rho}H = 0$$



$\rho_C \hookrightarrow P$ imbedding

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OBS ρ is tangent to $C = J^{-1}(0) = 0$ -level set
 iff J equiv.

iff $L_{\rho} J|_C = 0$

$\{J, J\} = \{J, J\} = f_{\rho} J|_C = 0$

EQUIV

\Rightarrow equiv. of J
 ρ is tangent
 to C

Lemma

$$\ker(r_c^* \omega) = \text{Im}(p)$$

↑ makes sense bc $p \in TC \subset T_c P$

Pf:

$$(\supset) \quad 0 = i_p r_c^* \omega = r_c^* i_p \omega = -r_c^* dJ = -dr_c^* J \stackrel{J=0}{=} 0$$

(\subset) counting: ω is non deg

C is $2n$ -kdim

$\ker(r_c^* \omega)$ is at most k dim

$\text{Im}(p)$ is k dim

if the constraint ρ is conserved w/ dynamics, $L_p H = 0$ the \mathcal{J} is conserved

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ρ E&M gauge. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{J} = \nabla_i E^i = 0$

Remark: " $\mathcal{J}_\alpha = 0$, $0 = \{ \mathcal{J}_\alpha, \mathcal{J}_\beta \} = f_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} \mathcal{J}_\gamma + \cancel{K_{\alpha\beta}}$ "

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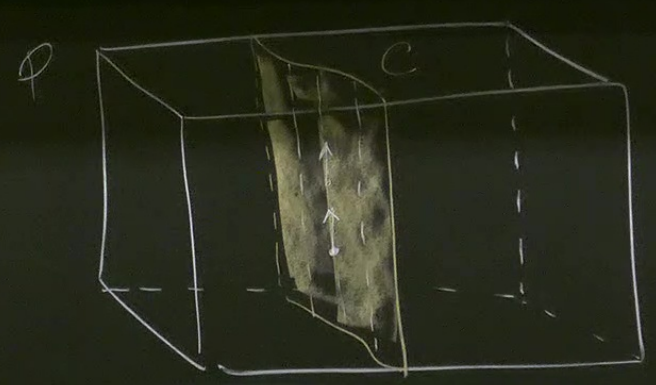
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IDEA: the problem is that ω pulled back on C is degenerate.

$\rho = \{J, \cdot\}$
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 w/ $L_p H = 0$,
 is conserved charge.

$\in C^\infty(P)$
 $\frac{d}{dt} J = \{J, H\} = L_p H = 0$

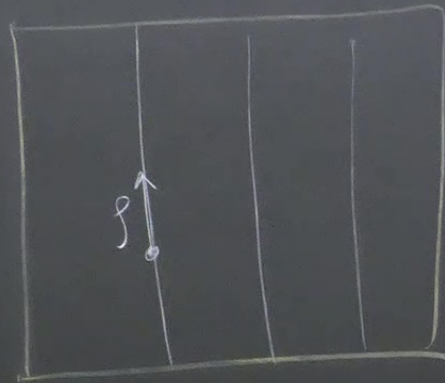
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$\rho_C \hookrightarrow P$ imbedding.

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 iff J equiv.
 iff $L_p J|_C = 0$
 $\{J, J\}|_C = \{J, J\}|_C = 0$

\Rightarrow equiv. of J
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 to C



$\pi_y \downarrow$

$[0]$

$$\underline{C} = C/\sigma$$

quotient
out
the page
transf.

$$\underline{C}^* \underline{w} = \pi_y^* \underline{w}$$

→ $(\underline{C}, \underline{w})$ Reduced ph. space.

More heuristic argument:

$$\mathcal{J} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \rightarrow 0 \stackrel{!}{=} \{ \mathcal{J}, - \}$$

instead of tampering w/ bracket, just say

that only observables \mathcal{O} which are allowed
are those s.t.

$$0 = \{ \mathcal{J}(\vec{r}), \mathcal{O} \} = L_{p(\vec{r})} \mathcal{O} \equiv \delta_{\xi} \mathcal{O}$$

↑ invariant
under gauge
transf.

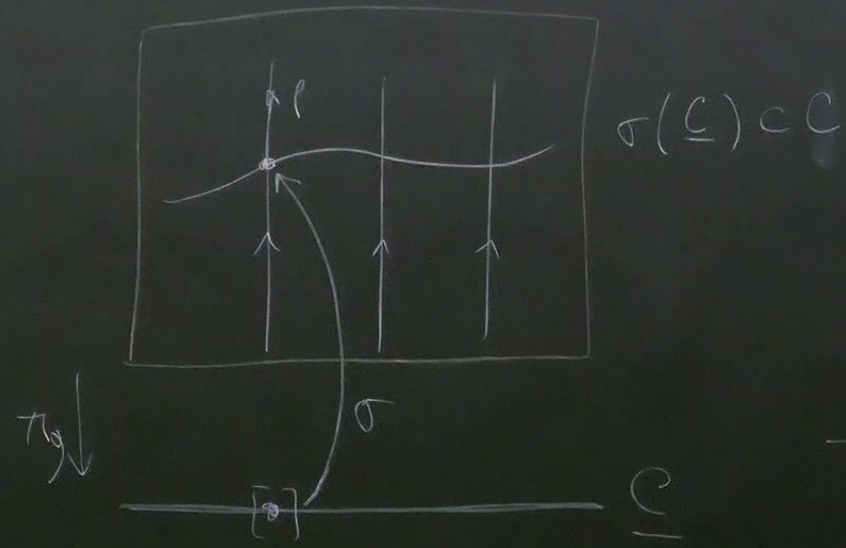
Rmk each \mathcal{O} is of the form

$$\mathcal{O} = \pi_{ij}^* \underline{\mathcal{O}} \quad \text{for some } \underline{\mathcal{O}} \in C^\infty(\underline{Q})$$

$\underline{\Psi}$ = gauge fixing condition

for ex $\underline{\Psi}_{\text{Coulomb}} = 0 \iff \underline{\Psi}(A, E) = \nabla_i A^i = 0$

gauge fixing is meaningful
 iff $\Psi^{-1}(0)$ is transverse to $\text{Im}(p)$
 iff $\det(M_p^a) \neq 0$ Faddeev-Popov.
 $M_p^a = \{ \Psi^a, J_p \}$



$\pi_* \circ \sigma = \text{id}_C$ "section" of π
 $\sigma(C)$ in practice defined as $\underline{\Psi}^{-1}(0)$