

**8.9:**

It is straightforward to write down that,

$$S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (p_i dq_i - H dt - \lambda_k \psi_k dt).$$

Then we can define  $H' = H + \lambda_k \psi_k$ , the canonical equations become,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q}_i &= \frac{\partial H'}{\partial p_i} \\ \dot{p}_i &= -\frac{\partial H'}{\partial q_i}\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} + \sum_k \lambda_k \frac{\partial \psi_k}{\partial p_i} &= \dot{q}_i \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} + \sum_k \lambda_k \frac{\partial \psi_k}{\partial q_i} &= -\dot{p}_i\end{aligned}$$

Let's take a constraint as  $\psi = H(q_1, \dots, q_{n+1}; p_1, \dots, p_n) + p_{n+1} = 0$ , we can have

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + \lambda) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} &= \dot{q}_i \\ (1 + \lambda) \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} &= -\dot{p}_i \\ \lambda &= \lambda \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial p_{n+1}} = \dot{q}_{n+1} = \frac{dt}{d\theta}\end{aligned}$$

**8.16:**

(a) By the Hamilton equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{q} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = \frac{p}{\alpha} - bq e^{-\alpha t}, \\ \implies p &= \alpha (\dot{q} + bq e^{-\alpha t}).\end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian is

$$L = p\dot{q} - H = L = \frac{\alpha}{2}\dot{q}^2 + \alpha bq e^{-\alpha t}\dot{q} - \frac{\alpha ab}{2}q^2 e^{-\alpha t} - \frac{kq^2}{2}.$$

(b) (c) It is easy to find that

$$L = \frac{\alpha}{2}\dot{q}^2 - \frac{k}{2}q^2 + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}abq^2 e^{-\alpha t} \right).$$

Therefore we can take

$$L' = \frac{\alpha}{2}\dot{q}^2 - \frac{k}{2}q^2,$$

and

$$H' = \frac{\alpha}{2}\dot{q}^2 + \frac{k}{2}q^2$$

The two Hamiltonians have the same physical meaning.

### 8.26:

(a) Take the Lagrangian as,

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \frac{k_1}{2}x^2 - \frac{k_2}{2}(a - x)^2.$$

Therefore the Hamiltonian is,

$$H = T + V = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{k_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{k_2}{2}(a - x)^2.$$

There is no explicit time dependence of Hamiltonian. Thus the Hamiltonian and energy is conserved.

(b) Just substituting  $x$  with  $Q$ , we get,

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{Q} + \omega b \cos \omega t)^2 - \frac{k_1}{2}(Q + b \sin \omega t)^2 - \frac{k_2}{2}(a - Q - b \sin \omega t)^2.$$

Now the canonical momentum is,

$$P = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{Q}} = m(\dot{Q} + \omega b \cos \omega t).$$

Then the Hamiltonian is,

$$H = P\dot{Q} - L = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{Q}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 b^2 \cos^2 \omega t + \frac{k_1}{2}(Q + b \sin \omega t)^2 + \frac{k_2}{2}(a - Q - b \sin \omega t)^2.$$

Now there is explicit time dependence of Hamiltonian, which is not conserved. However, the energy is conserved.

### 8.32:

Now we have

$$f(U) = \dot{U}^2 = (1 - U^2)(\alpha - \beta U) - (b - aU)^2$$

Where

$$U = \cos \theta$$

And  $\theta$  is the nutation angle. Now we will set that

$$U = u_0 + u$$

Where  $u_0$  is the steady state, and  $u$  is infinitesimal. Now we have

$$\beta u_0^3 - (\alpha + a^2) u_0^2 + (2ab - \beta) u_0 + \alpha - b^2 = 0$$

As well as

$$3\beta u_0^2 - 2(\alpha + a^2) u_0 + 2ab - \beta = 0$$

At this time, we have

$$\ddot{u} + (\alpha + a^2 - 3\beta u_0) u = 0$$

And notice that

$$\alpha = \frac{2Mgl \cos \theta_0}{I_1}$$

$$\beta = \frac{2Mgl}{I_1}$$

$$a = \frac{I_3}{I_1} \dot{\psi}_0$$

$$b = \frac{I_3}{I_1} \dot{\psi}_0 \cos \theta_0$$

So the top is nutating as a harmonic motion. That is,

$$\omega = \sqrt{\alpha + a^2 - 3\beta \cos \theta_0} = \sqrt{\frac{I_3^2}{I_1^2} \dot{\psi}_0^2 - \frac{Mgl \cos \theta_0}{I_1}}.$$