

420(5) : Hamiltonian Formulation of n Body
 In a (r_1, ϕ) coordinate system the Hamiltonian of n body is:

$$H = m(r_1) \gamma m c^2 - \frac{n M G}{r_1} \quad - (1)$$

where

$$r_1 = \frac{r}{m(r)^{1/2}} \quad - (2)$$

The equation of motion is:

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = 0 \quad - (3)$$

because the Hamiltonian is a constant of motion. It follows that:

$$m c^2 \frac{d}{dt} (m(r_1) \gamma) = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{n M G}{r_1} \quad - (4)$$

where

$$\gamma = \left(m(r_1) - \frac{v_1^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad - (5)$$

and

$$v_1^2 = \dot{r}_1^2 + r_1^2 \dot{\phi}^2 \quad - (6)$$

In a Cartesian system of coordinates:

$$v_1 = \frac{dr_1}{dt} \quad - (7)$$

Eq. (4) can be written as:

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = m c^2 \frac{d}{dv_1} (m(r_1) \gamma) \frac{dv_1}{dt} + \frac{n M G}{r_1^2} v_1 = 0 \quad - (8)$$

i.e

$$m c^2 \left(m(r_1) \frac{d\gamma}{dv_1} + \gamma \frac{dm(r_1)}{dv_1} \right) \frac{dv_1}{dt} = - \frac{n M G}{r_1^2} v_1 \quad - (9)$$

Now we:

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dv_1} = \frac{v_1}{c^2} \gamma^3 - (10)$$

It follows that

$$m m(r_1) v_1 \gamma^3 \frac{dv_1}{dt} + m c^2 \gamma \frac{dm(r_1)}{dv_1} \frac{dv_1}{dt} = - \frac{n m G}{r_1^2} v_1 - (11)$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\gamma v_1) &= \frac{d}{dv_1} (\gamma v_1) \frac{dv_1}{dt} \\ &= \left(\gamma + v_1 \frac{d\gamma}{dv_1} \right) \frac{dv_1}{dt} \\ &= \left(\gamma + \frac{v_1^2}{c^2} \gamma^3 \right) \frac{dv_1}{dt} \\ &= \gamma^3 \frac{dv_1}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2} + \frac{v_1^2}{c^2} \right) \\ &= m(r) \gamma^3 \frac{dv_1}{dt} \end{aligned} \quad - (12)$$

Therefore eq. (11) becomes: - (13)

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\gamma m v_1) = - \frac{n m G}{r_1^2} - \frac{m c^2}{v_1} \frac{dv_1}{dt} \frac{dm(r_1)}{dv_1} \gamma$$

Now use: $\frac{dm(r_1)}{dr_1} = \frac{dm(r_1)}{dt} \frac{dt}{dr_1} = \frac{1}{v_1} \frac{dm(r_1)}{dt}$ - (14)

3) and $\frac{dm(r_1)}{dt} = \frac{dm(r_1)}{dv_1} \dot{v}_1 \quad - (15)$

to find that: $\frac{1}{v_1} \frac{dv_1}{dt} \frac{dm(r_1)}{dv_1} = \frac{dm(r_1)}{dr_1} \quad - (16)$

It follows that:

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} (\gamma m v_1) = - \frac{\gamma m b}{r_1^2} - mc^2 \gamma \frac{dm(r_1)}{dr_1} \right] \quad - (17)$$

The vacuum force is

$$F(\text{vac}) = - mc^2 \gamma \frac{dm(r_1)}{dr_1} \quad - (18)$$

It follows that:

$$F(\text{vac}) = - \frac{\partial E}{\partial r_1} \quad - (19)$$

where

$$E = \gamma m(r_1) mc^2 \quad - (20)$$

i.e. relativistic energy.

The conventional inverse square force is:

$$F = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial r_1} \quad - (20)$$

where

$$U = - \frac{\gamma m b}{r_1} \quad - (21)$$

i.e. gravitational potential energy.

Note carefully that the Lagrangian

4) method of UFT 417 produce the result:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\gamma m v_1) = -\frac{mMG}{r_1^2} - \frac{mc^2}{2} \gamma \frac{dm(r_1)}{dr_1} \quad (22)$$

for the Lagrangian:

$$L = -mc^2 \left(m(r_1) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\dot{r}_1 \cdot \dot{r}_1}{2} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{mMG}{r_1} \quad (23)$$

$$= -\frac{mc^2}{\gamma} + \frac{mMG}{r_1} \quad (24)$$

and the Euler Lagrange equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial r_1} = \nabla L = \frac{\partial L}{\partial r_1} \underline{e}_r$$

i.e.

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\gamma m v_1) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial r_1} \quad (25)$$

There is a factor of 2 difference between eq. (17) and eq. (22).

The Hamiltonian method is more accurate than the Lagrangian method, in which the Lagrangian has to be chosen to give the results of the Hamiltonian method. The Lagrangian method is therefore correct and only if:

$$L = -mc^2 \left(x + m(r_1) \right)^{1/2} + \frac{mMG}{r_1} \quad (26)$$

$$x = m(r_1) - \frac{\dot{r}_1 \cdot \dot{r}_1}{c^2} \quad (27)$$