

The Simple Relation Between Certain Dynamical Systems

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Abstract. A simple relation between certain dynamical systems is established.

Consider two classical dynamical systems characterized by the Hamiltonians

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j^2 + U(q), \quad q = (q_1, \dots, q_n) \quad (1)$$

and

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (p_j^2 + \omega^2(t) q_j^2) + \varkappa(t) U(q), \quad (2)$$

where the potential $U(q)$ is a homogeneous function of degree k

$$U(\lambda q) = \lambda^k U(q). \quad (3)$$

Let $q(t)$ and $\tilde{q}(t)$ be the solutions of equations of motion for the corresponding systems

$$\ddot{q}_j = F_j(q), \quad F_j(q) = -\partial U / \partial q_j, \quad (4)$$

$$\ddot{\tilde{q}}_j = \varkappa(t) F_j(\tilde{q}) - \omega^2(t) \tilde{q}_j. \quad (5)$$

Let $\alpha_1(t)$ and $\alpha_2(t)$ be two independent solutions of equation

$$\ddot{\alpha} + \omega^2(t) \alpha = 0 \quad (6)$$

and the function $\beta(t)$ is defined by the formula

$$\beta(t) = c \alpha_2(t) / \alpha_1(t) = c \int \alpha_1^{-2}(t') dt'. \quad (7)$$

Suppose also that the function $\varkappa(t)$ is of the form

$$\varkappa(t) = c^2 \alpha_1^{-(k+2)}(t). \quad (8)$$

Theorem. If $q(t)$ is the solution of Eq. (4), then

$$\tilde{q}(t) = \alpha_1(t)q(\beta(t)) \quad (9)$$

is the solution of Eq. (5).

Proof. Substitute $\tilde{q}(t)$ from (9) into (5) and take into account the relations (4) and (6)–(8).

Thus, the solution of a more complicated system (5) is reduced to that of a more simple system (4).

From this theorem one can get a number of useful corollaries. Let us give some of them.

Corollary 1. If $U(q)$ is a homogeneous function of degree $k = -2$, then setting $c = 1$ we have $\varkappa(t) \equiv 1$ and consequently $\tilde{q}(t) = \alpha_1(t)q(\beta(t))$ is the solution of the system (5) with

$$\tilde{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (p_j^2 + \omega^2 q_j^2) + U(q). \quad (10)$$

Corollary 2. Let $U(q)$ be a homogeneous function of degree $k = -2$ with H of the form (10) and $\omega = \text{const}$. It is known that in a number of cases such a system is completely integrable: $n=3$, $\omega=0$ [1]; $n=4$ [2]; $n=5$ [3]; arbitrary n , $\omega=0$ [4] and we even know explicitly the solution of the system [5]. Namely, for $U(q)$ of the form

$$U(q) = \sum_{j < k} (q_j - q_k)^{-2}. \quad (11)$$

$q_j(t)$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\cos \omega t \cdot q(0) + \frac{1}{\omega} \sin \omega t \cdot L(0), \quad (12)$$

where

$$q = \text{diag}(q_1, \dots, q_n),$$

L is the matrix introduced by Moser [4]

$$L_{jk} = \delta_{jk} + i(1 - \delta_{jk})(q_j - q_k)^{-1}. \quad (13)$$

Now we have for the system with H of the form (10) and $U(q)$ of the form (11): $q_j(t)$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\alpha_1(t)q(0) + \alpha_2(t)L(0), \quad (14)$$

where $\alpha_1(t)$ and $\alpha_2(t)$ are the solutions of Eq. (6) satisfying the initial conditions

$$\alpha_1(0) = 1, \alpha_1'(0) = 0; \alpha_2(0) = 0, \alpha_2'(0) = 1. \quad (15)$$

In particular, for the case of constant frequency the formula

$$\tilde{q}(t) = \cos \omega t q \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \text{tg } \omega t \right) \quad (16)$$

is valid.

Corollary 3. *Let $\tilde{q}(t)=q^0$ be the equilibrium position of the system (10) with $\omega(t)=\text{const}$. Then*

$$q(t)=\sqrt{a^2+b^2t^2}\cdot q^0, \quad b=\omega/a \quad (17)$$

is the automodel solution of the system with H of the form (1).

Corollary 4. *If $\alpha_1(t)=t$, $\alpha_2=1$ then $\omega=0$ and we get the solution of the system (5) with $\omega=0$ and $U(q)$ of the form*

$$U(q, t)=bt^{-(k+2)}U_k(q), \quad U_k(\lambda q)=\lambda^k U_k(q) \quad (18)$$

in particular, at $k=-1$ we have the solution for a "Coulomb" case with

$$U(q, t)=bt^{-1}U_{-1}(q). \quad (19)$$

It would be interesting to find out whether there exists in the quantum case some analog to the relations obtained here.

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