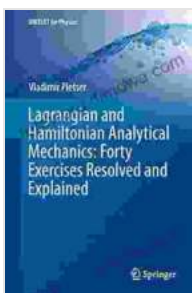


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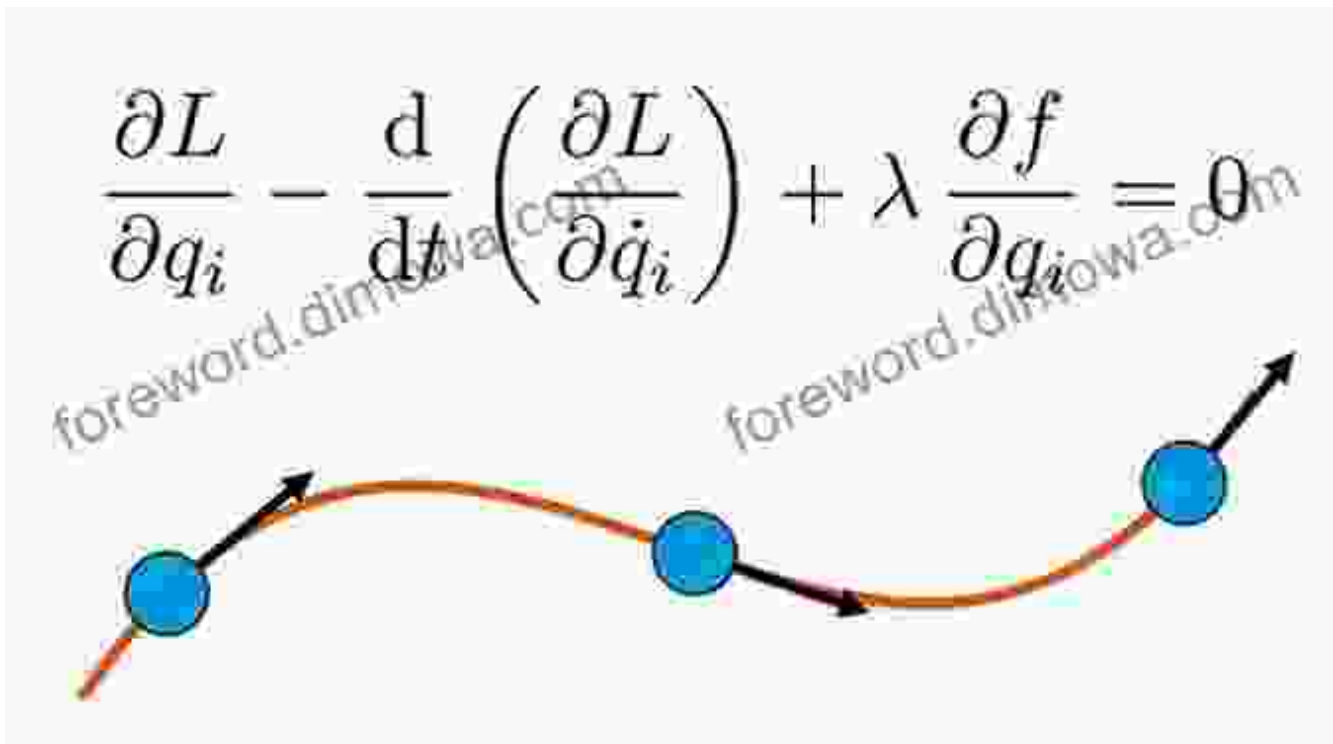
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- The foundations of Lagrangian mechanics, including the concept of virtual work and the principle of least action
- The application of Lagrangian mechanics to solve problems in classical mechanics, such as the motion of a pendulum or a satellite in orbit

li>The Lagrangian formulation of electromagnetism and its application to understand electromagnetic phenomena

Hamiltonian Mechanics: The Dance of Energy

Transitioning to Hamiltonian mechanics, you will encounter a complementary approach that reveals the intimate connection between energy and motion. Through the concept of the Hamiltonian, a function representing the total energy of a system, you will gain insights into the interplay between forces and the conservation of energy.

Hamilton's Equations & the Hamiltonian

- Hamilton formulation: phase space = $\{q_i, p_i\}$
- Dynamics (Hamilton's equations):

$$\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}, t)}{\partial p_i} \quad \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_f \quad N_f = \text{degrees of freedom}$$

(E.g., n 3-D particles:

$$\mathbf{q} = \{q\} = \{x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2, \dots, x_n, y_n, z_n\} \quad N_f = 3n$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \{p\} = \{p_{x1}, p_{y1}, p_{z1}, p_{x2}, p_{y2}, p_{z2}, \dots, p_{xn}, p_{yn}, p_{zn}\}$$

Equivalent 1st order system of ODEs ("DoF" = $2N_f$):

$$\mathbf{x} = \{x_j\} \quad j = 1, \dots, 2N_f \quad \begin{matrix} x_{2i-1} = q_i & x_{2i} = p_i & i = 1, \dots, N_f \end{matrix}$$

$$\dot{x}_{2i-1} = f_{2i-1}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \quad \dot{x}_{2i} = f_{2i}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$$

In this section, you will delve into:

- The foundations of Hamiltonian mechanics, including the Legendre transformation and Hamilton's equations
- The application of Hamiltonian mechanics to study the motion of particles in central force fields, such as planetary orbits

li>The Hamiltonian formulation of special relativity and its implications for understanding the relativistic behavior of particles

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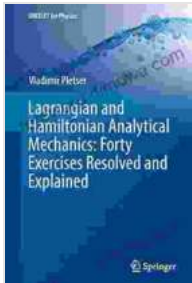
- Explaining the quantization of energy levels in atomic systems
- Describing the behavior of electromagnetic fields in waveguides and optical fibers
- Designing optimal control systems for spacecraft and robotic manipulators

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