

Lagrange, Dirac, and the Imposition of Constraints on Fluid Flow

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Many collaborators beginning with John Greene, then Dieter Pfirsch, and many students over the past 35+ years. Recently, Tassi, Chandre, Vittot, Lingam, D'Avignon, Yoshida, Kawazura, Abdelhamid, Andreussi, and ...

Honoree **Francesco PEGORARO!**

This talk is an historical tour through Hamiltonian fluid/plasma field theory.

Fluid and Plasma Theories – Matter Models

Systems that describe the motion of matter as dynamical systems of the form

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \mathcal{O}(\Psi), \quad \mathcal{O} \text{ nonlinear PDEs, integrodifferential ...}$$

Examples:

- kinetic theories
 - Vlasov equation, drift kinetic equations, gyrokinetics, ...
- multifluid fluid theories
 - 2-Fluid coupled to Maxwell's equations, ...
- magnetofluids
 - MHD, HMHD, IMHD, XMHD, etc.
- hybrids

Common Features:

- Nondissipative part is Hamiltonian with corresponding action principle. Dissipation should be real!
- Two descriptions: Lagrangian and Eulerian

MHD

Momentum:

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} \right) = -\nabla p + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \quad \leftarrow \quad \mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$$

Mass:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{V}) = 0$$

Ohm's Law:

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B} = \eta \mathbf{J} \approx 0 \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{ideal MHD}$$

Faraday's Law:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B})$$

Thermo:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla s = 0 \quad \text{or barotropic} \rightarrow p = p(\rho) = \kappa \rho^\gamma$$

Eulerian Variable Description



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Observables $\{\rho(r, t), \mathbf{V}(r, t), \mathbf{B}(r, t)\}$ where $r \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ with BC.

Eulerian Variable Description



Observables $\{\rho(r, t), \mathbf{V}(r, t), \mathbf{B}(r, t)\}$ constitute a Field Theory.

Lagrangian Variable Description

Assume a continuum of fluid particles or fluid elements and follow them around.

Lagrangian Variable Description



Lagrangian Variable Description



Dynamical canonical variables $\{q(a, t), \pi(a, t)\}$.

Fluid Kinematics

Lagrange *Mécanique Analytique* (1788) → Newcomb (1962) MHD

Lagrangian Variables:

Fluid occupies domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ e.g. (x, y, z) or (x, y)

Fluid particle position $q(a, t)$, $q_t : D \rightarrow D$ **bijection, etc.**

Particles label: a e.g. $q(a, 0) = a$.

Deformation: $\frac{\partial q^i}{\partial a^j} = q^i_{,j}$

Determinant: $\mathcal{J} = \det(q^i_{,j}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow a = q^{-1}(r, t)$

Identity: $q^i_{,k} a^k_{,j} = \delta^i_j$

Volume: $d^3q = \mathcal{J}d^3a$

Area: $(d^2q)_i = \mathcal{J}a^j_{,i}(d^2a)_j$

Line: $(dq)_i = q^i_{,j}(da)_j$

Eulerian Variables:

Observation point: r

Velocity field: $\mathbf{V}(r, t) = ?$ Probe sees $\dot{q}(a, t)$ for some a .

What is a ? $r = q(a, t) \Rightarrow a = q^{-1}(r, t)$

$$\mathbf{V}(r, t) = \dot{q} \circ q^{-1} = \dot{q}(a, t)|_{a=q^{-1}(r, t)}$$

IDEAL MHD

Attributes and the Lagrange to Euler Map:

Velocity (vector field):

$$\mathbf{V}(r, t) = \dot{q} \circ q^{-1} = \dot{q}(a, t)|_{a=q^{-1}(r, t)}$$

Entropy (1-form):

$$s(r, t) = s_0|_{a=q^{-1}(r, t)} ,$$

Mass (3-form):

$$\rho d^3x = \rho_0 d^3a \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho(r, t) = \frac{\rho_0}{\mathcal{J}} \Big|_{a=q^{-1}(r, t)} .$$

B-Flux (2-form):

$$B \cdot d^2x = B_0 \cdot d^2a \quad \Rightarrow \quad B^i(r, t) = \frac{q^i_{,j} B_0^j}{\mathcal{J}} \Big|_{a=q^{-1}(r, t)} .$$

Hamiltonian Form

Hamilton's Equations:

$$\dot{p}_i = \{p_i, H\} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q^i}, \quad \dot{q}^i = \{q^i, H\} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i},$$

Natural Hamiltonians:

$$H(p, q) = p^2/2 + V(q) = K + V$$

Poisson Bracket:

$$\{F, G\} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial q^i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial q^i} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_i}$$

Phase Space Coordinates: $z = (q, p)$

$$\dot{z}^i = J_c^{ij} \frac{\partial H}{\partial z^j} = [z^i, H] \quad (J_c^{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0_N & I_N \\ -I_N & 0_N \end{pmatrix}$$

symplectic 2-form = (cosymplectic form)⁻¹: $\omega_{ij}^c J_c^{jk} = \delta_i^k$

Hamiltonian

Kinetic Energy:

$$K[q] = \frac{1}{2} \int_D d^3a \rho_0 |\dot{q}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_D d^3x \rho |v|^2$$

Potential Energy:

$$\begin{aligned} V[q] &= \int_D d^3a \left(\rho_0 \mathcal{U}(\rho_0/\mathcal{J}, s_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{|q_{,j}^i B_0^j|^2}{\mathcal{J}^2} \right) \\ &= \int_D d^3x \left(\rho U(\rho, s) + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{B}|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian (due to Lagrange for fluid! Newcomb for MHD):

$$L[q] = K - V,$$

Legendre → Hamiltonian (energy):

$$H[q] = K + V,$$

Hamiltonian Structure – an early field theory

Fréchet Derivative \rightarrow Variational Derivative:

$$\delta F = \left. \frac{d}{d\epsilon} F[q + \epsilon \delta q] \right|_{\epsilon=0} = DF \cdot \delta q \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta F}{\delta q}$$

Poisson Bracket:

$$\{F, G\} = \int_D d^3a \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta q^i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \pi_i} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta q^i} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \pi_i} \right)$$

EOM:

$$\dot{q} = \{q, H\} \quad \dot{\pi} = \{\pi, H\}$$

Reduction

Simple particle with canonical coordinates: (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})

Equations of motion:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$$

Angular momentum:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

Reduction:

$$\{L_x, L_y\} = L_z$$

Casimir:

$$\{|\mathbf{L}|^2, f\} = 0 \quad \forall f$$

If $H(\mathbf{L}) \Rightarrow$ closure, i.e. reduction of system to dimension three!

Lagrangian to Eulerian Reduction

Lagrange \mapsto Euler:

$$(q, p) \mapsto (\rho, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{B})$$

Assume functionals $F[q, \pi] = \hat{F}[\rho, s, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{B}]$

Chain Rule \Rightarrow noncanonical Eulerian Poisson Bracket:

$$\{F, G\}^{MHD} = - \int_D d^3x \left\{ \begin{aligned} & [F_\rho \nabla \cdot G_{\mathbf{V}} + F_{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \nabla G_\rho] \\ & - \left[\frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{V})}{\rho} \cdot (F_{\mathbf{V}} \times G_{\mathbf{V}}) \right] \\ & - \left[\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \cdot \left(F_{\mathbf{V}} \times (\nabla \times G_{\mathbf{B}}) - G_{\mathbf{V}} \times (\nabla \times F_{\mathbf{B}}) \right) \right] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

where $F_{\mathbf{V}} := \delta F / \delta \mathbf{V}$ etc. With Hamiltonian

$$H = \int_D d^3x \left(\rho |\mathbf{V}|^2 / 2 + \rho U(\rho, s) + |\mathbf{B}|^2 / 2 \right)$$

gives MHD in Eulerian form $\psi_t = \{\psi, H\}$. (pjm & Greene 1980)

Generalized Hamiltonian Structure

Sophus Lie (1890)

Noncanonical Coordinates:

$$\dot{z}^i = J^{ij} \frac{\partial H}{\partial z^j} = \{z^i, H\}, \quad \{A, B\} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial z^i} J^{ij}(z) \frac{\partial B}{\partial z^j}$$

Poisson Bracket Properties:

antisymmetry $\longrightarrow \{A, B\} = -\{B, A\},$

Jacobi identity $\longrightarrow \{A, \{B, C\}\} + \{B, \{C, A\}\} + \{C, \{A, B\}\} = 0$

G. Darboux: $\det J \neq 0 \implies J \rightarrow J_c$ Canonical Coordinates

Sophus Lie: $\det J = 0 \implies$ Canonical Coordinates plus Casimirs

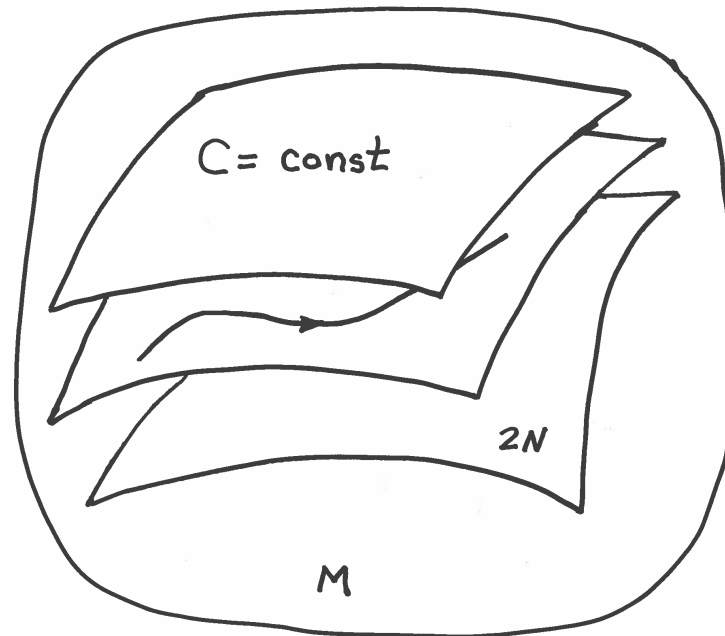
Finite dimensions to infinite dimensions!

Poisson Manifold \mathcal{P} Cartoon

Degeneracy in $J \Rightarrow$ Casimirs:

$$\{f, C\} = 0 \quad \forall f : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Lie-Darboux Foliation by Casimir (symplectic) leaves:



Leaves are symplectic rearrangements in infinite dimensions.

Casimir Invariants

Casimir Invariants C :

$$\{F, C\}^{MHD} = 0 \quad \forall \text{ functionals } F.$$

Casimirs are a consequence of Poisson bracket degeneracy.

Helicities etc. are examples of Casimir invariants. Many new found for more complex models.

Two Constraints: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$ vs. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \text{automatic!}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} \neq 0 \quad \text{not automatic!}$$

Pressure constraint force must make it so \Rightarrow elliptic equation

$$\nabla^2 p = -\rho_0 \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{V})$$

This is Eulerian description. What about Lagrangian?

Lagrange's Multiplier

Extremize function $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ at fixed $g = g_0$:

$$\delta(f + \lambda g) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n \text{ equations}$$

There are $n + 1$ unknowns $g = g_0 \Rightarrow$ the other.

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Recall

$$\mathcal{J} = \det(\partial q(a, t) / \partial a) \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \rho_0 / \mathcal{J}$$

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What is λ ? Pressure!

Lagrange struggled to find it for the general case.

Dirac

Given two desired constraints, i.e., two phase space functions $D_{1,2}$ and good Poisson bracket $\{ , \}$:

Dirac bracket:

$$\{f, g\}_D = \frac{1}{\{D_1, D_2\}} \left(\{D_1, D_2\} \{f, g\} - \{f, D_1\} \{g, D_2\} + \{g, D_1\} \{f, D_2\} \right)$$

Degeneracy $\Rightarrow D$'s are Casimir Invariants:

$$\{D_{1,2}, g\}_D = 0 \quad \forall g: \mathcal{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Dynamics is Hamiltonian and conserves $D_{1,2}$:

$$\dot{D}_{1,2} = \{D_{1,2}, H\} \equiv 0$$

for any Hamiltonian, H .

Eulerian Incompressible Fluid

Nguyen and Turski (1999) constraints:

$$\rho(r, t) = \rho_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = \text{constant}$$

Noncanonical Eulerian Poisson Bracket (pjm & Greene 1980):

$$\{F, G\} = \int d^3x \left(G_\rho \nabla \cdot F_{\mathbf{V}} + G_{\mathbf{V}} \cdot \nabla F_\rho + (\nabla \times \mathbf{V}) \cdot (F_{\mathbf{V}} \times G_{\mathbf{V}}) / \rho \right)$$

Messy calculation gives bracket that gives known $\nabla^2 p = \dots$

Chandre, Tassi, pjm, et al. generalized to full MHD $(\rho, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{B}, s)$
by simply replacing

$$F_{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{\delta F}{\delta \mathbf{V}} \quad \text{by} \quad \mathbb{P} F_{\mathbf{V}}$$

where \mathbb{P} is the projector

$$\mathbb{P} := I - \nabla(\nabla^2)^{-1}\nabla.$$

Note $\nabla \cdot (\mathbb{P}\mathbf{V}) \equiv 0$ for any vector field \mathbf{V} .

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What constraints go into the Poisson Bracket?

$$\{F, G\} = \int_D d^3a \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta q^i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \pi_i} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta q^i} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \pi_i} \right).$$

And what Eulerian equations can be obtained?

Recent Work (Andreussi, pjm, and Pegoraro)

Make Dirac bracket with

$$\{F, G\} = \int_D d^3a \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta q^i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \pi_i} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta q^i} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \pi_i} \right),$$

and convenient compressibility constraints

$$D_1 = \mathcal{J} \quad \text{and} \quad D_2 = A_\ell^k \frac{\partial}{\partial a^k} \left(\frac{\pi^\ell}{\mathcal{J}} \right),$$

where cofactor matrix

$$A_\ell^k = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{kmn} \epsilon_{\ell ui} \frac{\partial q^u}{\partial a^m} \frac{\partial q^i}{\partial a^n}.$$

Why two? $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = \text{constant} + \rho$ advected but not constant!
Lagrange's procedure $\mathcal{J} = 1$ misses this.

Procedure

- Construct Dirac bracket using $D_{1,2}$
- Eulerianize

Long calculation gives the complete bracket as

$$\begin{aligned}\{f, g\}_D = & - \int d^3x' [\rho (\mathbb{P}f_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla g_{\rho} - \mathbb{P}g_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla f_{\rho}) \\ & + \sigma (\mathbb{P}f_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla g_{\sigma} - \mathbb{P}g_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla f_{\sigma}) \\ & + \mathbf{M} \cdot [(\mathbb{P}f_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbb{P}g_{\mathbf{M}} - (\mathbb{P}g_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \nabla) \mathbb{P}f_{\mathbf{M}}] \\ & + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M} (f_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \mathbb{P}g_{\mathbf{M}} - g_{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \mathbb{P}f_{\mathbf{M}})].\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{M} = \rho \mathbf{V}$ and $\sigma = \rho s$.

This generates dynamics different from usual, but on the constraint surface $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$ it agrees with usual.

It just come out that way! Lagrangian constraints \neq Eulerian.

Summary

- Surveyed aspects of Lagrangian and Hamiltonian plasma field theory.
- Described Dirac's constraint method, which is of general utility for imposing constraints.
- Redid Lagrange's constraint in Hamiltonian-Dirac framework.
- Did not cover applications: eliminate unreasonable equations, stability with various constraints, physics inspired numerical algorithms, nonlinear dynamical reductions, etc.
- Given reasonable nondissipate dynamics can construct reasonable dissipation, e.g., invariant preserving relaxation to equilibrium.