

## Principle of virtual work -

An infinitesimal virtual displacement of  $i$ th particle of a system of  $N$  particles is denoted by  $\delta \vec{r}_i$ . Here the displacement of position coordinates only there is no involvement of variation of time. it means.

$$\delta \vec{r}_i = \delta \vec{r}_i(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Suppose system is in equilibrium. So the total force applying on any particle is zero i.e.,

$$\vec{F}_i = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

the virtual work of the force  $\vec{F}_i$  in the virtual displacement  $\delta \vec{r}_i$  also 0

$$\delta W_i = 0$$

the sum of virtual work.

$$\delta W = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{F}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

the statement of principle of virtual work  
"the work done is 0 in the case of an arbitrary virtual displacement of a system from a position of equilibrium."

the total force on the  $i$ th particle.

$$\vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_i^a + \vec{f}_i \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

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applied force      force of constraint

eq. (3) becomes.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{F}_i^a \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{f}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i}_{\text{workless constraints}} = 0$$

workless constraints.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{F}_i^a \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$$

i.e., the virtual work of applied force is 0 for the equilibrium of a system.

### D'Alembert's Principle -

the force acting on the  $i$ th particle.

$$\vec{F}_i = \frac{d\vec{p}_i}{dt} = \dot{\vec{p}}_i$$

$$\vec{F}_i - \dot{\vec{p}}_i = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

It means that any particle in the system is in equilibrium under force equals to the actual force  $\vec{F}_i$  plus reversed effective force  $\dot{\vec{p}}_i$ .

So for virtual displacement  $\delta \vec{r}_i$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{F}_i - \dot{\vec{p}}_i) \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$$

$$\vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_i^a + \vec{f}_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{F}_i^a - \dot{\vec{p}}_i) \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{f}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$$

the virtual work of the constraints is zero i.e.  $\sum_i \vec{f}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$

$$\text{So } \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{F}_i^a - \vec{f}_i) \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

this is the D'Alembert's principle.  
the forces of constraints are not appearing in the equations.

therefore, the D'Alembert's principle may be written as

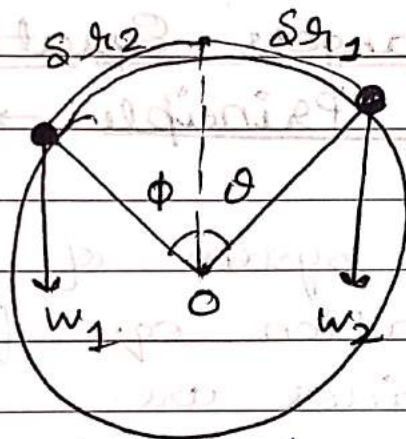
$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{F}_i - \vec{f}_i) \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$$

# VIRTUAL WORK

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Ex- two heavy particles of weights  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are connected to by a light inextensible string and hang over a fixed smooth circular cylinder of radius  $R$ , the axis of which is horizontal [Fig. 2]. Find the condition of equilibrium of the system by applying the principle of virtual work.

Sol.



By the principle of virtual work.

$$\sum_i^N F_i \cdot \delta r_i = 0$$

$$w_1 \sin \theta \delta r_1 + w_2 \sin \phi \delta r_2 = 0$$

$$\delta r_1 = R d\theta$$

$$d\theta = \frac{\delta r_1}{R} \left[ \because \text{Angle} = \frac{\text{arc}}{\text{Radius}} \right]$$

$$F_1 = w_1 \sin \theta$$

$$F_2 = w_2 \sin \phi$$

$$w_1 \sin \theta R d\theta + w_2 \sin \phi R d\phi = 0$$

$$w_1 \sin \theta d\theta + w_2 \sin \phi d\phi = 0$$

$$\text{But } \theta + \phi = \text{Constant}$$

$$\delta\theta + \delta\phi = \text{Consto}$$

$$\delta\phi = -\delta\theta$$

$$w_1 \sin\theta \delta\theta - w_2 \sin\phi \delta\theta = 0$$

$$(w_1 \sin\theta - w_2 \sin\phi) \delta\theta = 0$$

$$w_1 \sin\theta - w_2 \sin\phi = 0$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\frac{w_1}{w_2} = \frac{\sin\phi}{\sin\theta}} \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$

Derive Lagrange's Equations from D'Alembert's Principle  $\rightarrow$

Consider a system of  $N$  particles. The transformation eq. for position vectors of the particles are.

$$\vec{r}_i = \vec{r}_i(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, t) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$q_k (k=1, 2, \dots, n)$$

Derivate eq. (1) w.r. to  $t$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_1} \frac{dq_1}{dt} + \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_2} \frac{dq_2}{dt} + \dots + \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \frac{dq_k}{dt}$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_n} \frac{dq_n}{dt} + \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial t}$$

$$v_i = \dot{\vec{r}}_i = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k + \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where  $\dot{q}_k$  are the generalized coordinates  
 $q_k$  are the generalized velocities

the virtual displacement is given by-

$$\delta \vec{r}_i = \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_1} \delta q_1 + \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_2} \delta q_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k + \dots +$$

$$\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_n} \delta q_n$$

$$\delta \vec{r}_i = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

the virtual displacements do not depend on time.

According to D'Alembert's principle.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{F}_i - \dot{\vec{p}}_i) \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{F}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{F}_i \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \vec{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \right] \delta q_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n G_k \delta q_k \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$G_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \vec{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \right]$$

$$G_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ F_{x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_k} + F_{y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial q_k} + F_{z_i} \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial q_k} \right] \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

are called the components of generalized force associated with the generalized coordinates  $q_k$ .

Further

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \dot{\vec{p}}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \delta q_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^h \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right] \delta q_k \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) \right] \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial q_k} \left( \frac{d \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{dt} \right) = \frac{\partial \vec{v}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

therefore, eq. (8) is and  $\frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \frac{\partial \vec{v}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$  --- (10)

$$\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right] - m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right]$$

--- (11)

Substituting in eq. (7) we get-

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{p}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = \sum_{k=1}^h \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) \right. \\ \left. - m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right] \delta q_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^h \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i (v_i \cdot v_i) \right) \right\} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\partial}{\partial q_k} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i (v_i \cdot v_i) \right\} \right] \delta q_k$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^h \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_k} \right] \delta q_k \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i (v_i^2) = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 = T = \text{K.E. of the system.}$$

Substitute  $\sum F_i \cdot \delta r_i$  from eq. (5) and  $\sum \dot{p}_i \cdot \delta q_i$  from eq. (12) to eq. (8) then the 'D' d'Alembert's principle becomes.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_k} \right\} - G_k \right] \delta q_k = 0 \quad (13)$$

constraints are holonomic, it means any virtual displacement  $\delta q_k$  is independent of  $\delta q_j$ .

therefore, the coefficient in square bracket for each  $\delta q_k$  must be zero

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_k} - G_k = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_k} = G_k} \quad (14)$$

this is the general form of Lagrange's equations.

for conservative system

$$F_i = -\nabla_i V = -\hat{i} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} - \hat{j} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y_i} - \hat{k} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z_i}$$

From eq. (6) the generalized force components are

$$G_k = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_k} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial q_k} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial q_k} \right] \quad (15)$$



So it can be written as -

$$Q_k = \frac{-\partial V}{\partial q_k} \quad (16)$$

then eq. (14) becomes -

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_k} = \frac{-\partial V}{\partial q_k} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial (T-V)}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad (18)$$

V is scalar potential function which depends on  $q_k$  not generalized velocity.

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial (T-V)}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial (T-V)}{\partial q_k} = 0$$

Now define new function

Lagrangian  $L = T - V$  (19)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad (20)$$

this eq. known as Lagrange's equation for conservative system.

### Lagrange's Equations Formation →

the Lagrangian function L is given by -

$$L = T - V \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$T = K.E, V = P.E$$

to obtain the equations of motion of the system.

find partial derivatives of  $L$  i.e.  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k}$  and substitute in eq. (22)

Kinetic energy in generalized coordinates.

$$T = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{r}_i^2 = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k + \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial t} \right)^2$$

$$T = M_0 + \sum_k M_k \dot{q}_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} M_{kl} \dot{q}_k \dot{q}_l \quad (23)$$

$$M_0 = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} m_i \left( \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial t} \right)^2, M_k = \sum_i m_i \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k}$$

$$\text{and } M_{kl} = \sum_i m_i \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_l}$$

eq. (23) is the expression for the kinetic energy.

first term in eq. (23) is independent of generalized velocities, while second and third are linear and quadratic.

for scleronomic systems.

$$\text{So } v_i = \dot{r}_i = \sum_k \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_k} \dot{q}_k$$

$$\text{therefore } T = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} M_{kl} \dot{q}_k \dot{q}_l \quad (24)$$

In this case,  $T$  is a homogeneous quadratic form in generalized velocities.

Note →

$$\text{Prove } \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j \partial \dot{q}_k} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial^2 r_i}{\partial t \partial \dot{q}_k}$$

Here  $\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$  is a single quantity being the

function of the generalized coordinates  $q_j$  and time  $t$ .

$$v_i = \frac{dr_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial q_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \left( \frac{dr_i}{dt} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k \partial \dot{q}_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial^2 r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k \partial t} \quad (2)$$

From eq. (1) and (2)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right) = \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \dot{q}_j + \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \delta_{jk}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k} = \frac{\partial r_i}{\partial \dot{q}_k}$$