

* D'ALEMBERT'S PRINCIPLE ⁽⁵⁾ *

State and explain D'Alembert's principle and hence derive Lagrange's equation for a conservative system.

Ans D'Alembert's principle \rightarrow From principle of virtual work we know

$$dW = \sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{\delta r}_i = 0$$

for static equilibrium Bernoulli extended this principle to a dynamical system. Later on it was advanced by D'Alembert. Let \vec{F}_i = Force applied on i^{th} particle on the system.

\vec{P}_i = Momentum of the system.

Then from Newton's second law of motion

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

$$\therefore \vec{F}_i - \dot{\vec{P}}_i = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Total force on the system} = \sum \left\{ \vec{F}_i + (-\dot{\vec{P}}_i) \right\}$$

$\sum_i \dot{\vec{P}}_i$ is called kinetic reaction an verse effective force. Then the system is in equilibrium applying principle of virtual work.

We have

$$\sum_i (\vec{F}_i - \dot{\vec{P}}_i) \cdot \vec{\delta r}_i = 0$$

This is known as D'Alembert's principle. From transformation equation

we know that

$$\vec{r}_i = \vec{r}_i(q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_n, t) = \vec{r}_i(q_j) \quad j=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\vec{\delta r}_i = \sum_j \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \delta q_j \quad (\text{Since virtual displacements are independent of time})$$

Then

$$\sum_i (\vec{F}_i - \vec{P}_i) \sum_J \left(\frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \cdot \delta q_J \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_i \sum_J (\vec{F}_i - \vec{P}_i) \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i,J} (\vec{F}_i - \vec{P}_i) \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i,J} \vec{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J - \sum_{i,J} \vec{P}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \boxed{\sum_{i,J} \vec{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J = \sum_{i,J} \vec{P}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J}$$

Where $q_J = \vec{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} = J^{\text{th}}$ Component of
 Generalised force. This is known as
 D'Alembert's principle. In terms of
 generalised coordinate.

Lagrange's equation of motion \rightarrow

Let $m_i =$ Mass of i^{th} particle

$\vec{r}_i =$ position vector of i^{th} particle

$$\therefore m_i \cdot \vec{r}_i = \vec{P}_i$$

Then from D'Alembert's principle

$$\sum_{i,J} \vec{P}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J = \sum_J q_J \delta q_J$$

(Where $q_J = \sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J}$)

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i,J} m_i \vec{r}_i \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_J} \delta q_J = \sum_J q_J \delta q_J$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} \left(m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \right) = m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i + \dot{m}_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$\text{or, } m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \frac{d}{dt} \left(m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \right) - \dot{m}_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} \frac{d}{dt} \left(m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \right) - \sum_{i,j} \dot{m}_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i,j} m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \sum_{i,j} \frac{d}{dt} \left(m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \right) - \sum_{i,j} \dot{m}_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$\text{--- (11)}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r}_i = \vec{r}_i(q_j, t)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \sum \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \frac{dq_j}{dt}$$

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_i = \sum_j \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_j} \cdot \dot{q}_j$$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_j} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_j}$$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{\vec{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} = \frac{\partial \vec{r}_i}{\partial q_j}$$

Then from equation (11) we have

$$\sum_{i,j} m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \sum_{i,j} \frac{d}{dt} \left(m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \right) - \sum_{i,j} \dot{m}_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \left(\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i^2 \right) \right) - \sum_j \frac{\partial}{\partial q_j} \left(\sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i^2 \right)$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \ddot{\vec{r}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j}$$

Comparing equation (i) and (iii)

$$\int \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} \delta q_j = \sum_{j=1}^n q_j \delta q_j$$

$$\int \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} \right) \delta q_j = \sum_{j=1}^n q_j \delta q_j$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} = q_j$$

$q_j = v = \text{potential energy of system}$

$$-q_j = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial q_j}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial T}{\partial q_j} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial q_j}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial (T-v)}{\partial q_j} = 0$$

$$\text{but } L = T - v \quad \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_j} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{q}_j}$$

Since P.E. is independent of velocity.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_j} = 0 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

This is Lagrange equation of motion of holonomic conservation system.

$L = T - v = \text{Lagrange of the system}$

$$L = L(q_j, \dot{q}_j, t)$$