

Problem 1:

- Please give the equation of motion for a damped harmonic oscillator in 1-dimension (10 pts).
- Please write a Lagrangian whose Euler-Lagrange equation gives the above equation of motion (10 pts).
- Write down the Hamiltonian for this system (10 points)

Problem 2:

Consider again the one-dimensional harmonic oscillator. The Hamiltonian is given as

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{kq^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

where  $k = m\omega^2$ . Let's consider the following change of variable

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{2P}{m\omega}} \sin(Q), \quad p = \sqrt{m\omega P} \cos(Q) \quad (2)$$

- What is the Hamiltonian in the new coordinates ? (5 pts)
- Is the transformation canonical ? Prove it. (15 pts)
- Use the Hamiltonian in the new coordinates and solve for the equation of motion. Use the solution in the new coordinates and solve for  $(p, q)$  (10 pts)

Problem 3.

Consider the two-dimensional Kepler problem. The lagrangian is given as

$$L = \frac{m}{2}(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2) + \frac{k}{r} \quad (3)$$

- Show that  $\ell = mr^2\dot{\theta}$  and  $E = \frac{\dot{r}^2}{2m} + \frac{\ell^2}{2mr^2} - \frac{k}{r}$  is a conserved quantity (10 pts)
- Use the Euler-Lagrange equation to derive the function  $r(\theta)$ , i.e.  $r$  is a function of  $\theta$  (20 pts)

Problem 4.

We define the Hamiltonian as

$$H = p\dot{q} - L(q, \dot{q}) \quad (4)$$

Please explain why the Hamiltonian is a function of  $p, q$  only (5 pts). Show that if

$$\{H, G(p, q)\} = 0 \quad (5)$$

where  $\{\dots\}$  is the Poisson bracket, then

$$\delta q \equiv \{G(p, q), q\} \quad (6)$$

is a symmetry of the Lagrangian. (5 pts)