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The Hamiltonian of a system with one degree of freedom reads as

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + p^2 q^4 \right) \quad (1)$$

Consider a canonical transformation that is generated by a 2nd type generator function

$$W_2(q, P) = \frac{P}{q} \quad (2)$$

- Using the derivatives of the generator function determine the $p(q, P)$ and $Q(q, P)$ relations.
- Using the results of a.) express the “old” variables in terms of the “new” ones, i.e. find the $q(Q, P)$ and $p(Q, P)$ functions.
- Determine the new form $K(Q, P)$ of the Hamiltonian.
- Starting from the new Hamiltonian determine the canonical equations for the new coordinate and momentum.
- Determine the solutions $Q(t)$ and $P(t)$.

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Consider the following transformation that rotates the coordinate axes of the phase-space (α is a real parameter):

$$Q = q \cos(\alpha) - p \sin(\alpha) \quad P = q \sin(\alpha) + p \cos(\alpha) \quad (3)$$

- By calculating the Poisson bracket $\{Q, P\}$ show that the transformation is canonical.
- We would like to find a $W_2(q, P)$ that generates the transformation defined above. As a first step transform the relations above, and find the mixed $p(q, P)$ and $Q(q, P)$ functions.
- Using the results of b.) determine the derivatives $\frac{\partial W_2}{\partial q}$ and $\frac{\partial W_2}{\partial P}$.
- Solve the differential equations of c.), i.e. give an appropriate function $W_2(q, P)$.

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The Hamiltonian of a one-dimensional Harmonic oscillator reads as

$$H = \frac{1}{2} q^2 + \frac{1}{2} p^2 \quad (4)$$

(We arrived to this special form ($m = 1$, $\omega = 1$) by rescaling time and energy units.)

- Consider the complex transformation

$$Q = \frac{x + ip}{\sqrt{2}} \quad P = \frac{ix + p}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (5)$$

Using Poisson brackets show, that the transformation is canonical.

- Construct a 2nd type generator function that generates the above defined transformation.
- Determine the new form $K(Q, P)$ of the Hamiltonian. Write down and solve the canonical equations of motion.
- You can see, that the new Hamiltonian is complex valued, and the solutions of the canonical equations are also complex functions. However, the original p and x variables are real. Show that for real x and p the relation $P = iQ^*$ holds. Show that during the time evolution of Q and P this condition is conserved.

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Consider the following transformation,

$$Q = q^\alpha \cos(\beta p), \quad P = q^\alpha \sin(\beta p) \quad (6)$$

where α and β are real parameters.

- (a) Calculate the Poisson bracket $\{Q, P\}$ for generic α, β .
- (b) What should be the relation between α and β to get a canonical transformation?
- (c) Divide the two equations with each other, and determine the $Q(p, P)$ relation.
- (d) Search for an appropriate 4th type $W_4(p, P)$ generator function. Use the result of c.).