

I.4) Galilean's relativity principle

It is always possible to find coordinates such that time and space are homogeneous and space is isotropic. Such frame is called an inertial frame

This means that a free particle has the same equations of motion all over space and time.

⇒ Lagrangian of a ^{free} particle does not depend on q_k and t . It depends only on

$$v^2 = \sum \dot{q}_k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow L_{\text{free}} = L(v^2)$$

Lagrangian equation: $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial v} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial v} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow v = \text{constant}$$

Law of inertia: \vec{v} is constant for free motion.

Equations of motion are the same in any inertial frame. Different inertial frames are related by Galileo transformations:

$$r = r' + v t$$

$$t = t'$$