

Lecture # 26

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Poisson brackets: $[F, g] = \sum_k \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial p_k} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_k} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_k} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_k} \right)$

$[H, f] = 0$ if f is conserved

Hamilton's principle

$S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt$ $p = \frac{\delta S}{\delta q}$

$S = \int \sum p_i dq_i - H dt$

H eqs

$\delta S = 0$

Today VIIa) Maupertuis principle § 84

VIIc) Canonical transformation § 85