### UNIFIED FORMALISM FOR THE GENERALIZED *k*th-ORDER HAMILTON-JACOBI PROBLEM

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#### Abstract

The geometric formulation of the Hamilton-Jacobi theory enables us to generalize it to systems of higher-order ordinary differential equations. In this work we introduce the unified Lagrangian-Hamiltonian formalism for the geometric Hamilton-Jacobi theory on higher-order autonomous dynamical systems described by regular Lagrangian functions.

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#### 1 Introduction

The geometric formulation of the Hamilton-Jacobi theory given in [2] and [4] enables us to generalize it to systems of higher-order ordinary differential equations. This generalization has been done recently for the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalism of higher-order autonomous mechanical systems described by regular Lagrangian functions [3]. The aim of this work is to give a unified Lagrangian-Hamiltonian version of this theory for these kinds of systems, using the unified framework introduced by Skinner and Rusk [8]. The advantage of this formulation is that it compresses the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Hamilton–Jacobi problems into a single formalism which allows to recover both of them in a simple way, and it is specially interesting when dealing with singular systems.

All the manifolds are real, second countable and  $C^{\infty}$ . The maps and the structures are assumed to be  $C^{\infty}$ . Sum over repeated indices is understood.

#### 2 Higher-order tangent bundles

Let Q be a *n*-dimensional manifold, and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . The *k*th-order tangent bundle of Q is the (k+1)n-dimensional manifold  $\mathrm{T}^k Q$  made of the *k*-jets of the bundle  $\pi \colon \mathbb{R} \times Q \to \mathbb{R}$  with fixed source point  $t = 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ; that is,  $\mathrm{T}^k Q = J_0^k \pi$ .

We have the following natural projections (for  $r \leq k$ ):

where  $j_0^k \phi$  denotes a point in  $\mathrm{T}^k Q$ ; that is, the equivalence class of a curve  $\phi: I \subset \mathbb{R} \to Q$  by the k-jet equivalence relation. Notice that  $\rho_0^k = \beta^k$ , where  $\mathrm{T}^0 Q$  is canonically identified with Q, and  $\rho_k^k = \mathrm{Id}_{\mathrm{T}^k Q}$ . Observe also that  $\rho_s^l \circ \rho_l^r = \rho_s^r$ , for  $0 \leq s \leq l \leq r \leq k$ .

If  $\phi \colon \mathbb{R} \to Q$  is a curve in Q, the canonical lifting of  $\phi$  to  $\mathrm{T}^k Q$  is the curve  $j^k \phi \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathrm{T}^k Q$  defined as the k-jet lifting of  $\phi$  restricted to  $\mathrm{T}^k Q \hookrightarrow J^k \pi$  (see [5]).

# 3 The Hamilton-Jacobi problem in the Lagrangian-Hamiltonian formalism

Let Q be a *n*-dimensional smooth manifold modeling the configuration space of a *k*th-order autonomous dynamical system with *n* degrees of freedom, and let  $\mathcal{L} \in C^{\infty}(T^{k}Q)$  be a Lagrangian function for this system, which is assumed to be regular. In the Lagrangian-Hamiltonian formalism, we consider the bundle  $\mathcal{W} = T^{2k-1}Q \times_{T^{k-1}Q} T^{*}(T^{k-1}Q)$  with canonical projections  $\mathrm{pr}_{1} \colon \mathcal{W} \to T^{2k-1}Q$  and  $\mathrm{pr}_{2} \colon \mathcal{W} \to T^{*}(T^{k-1}Q)$ . It is clear from the definition that the bundle  $\mathcal{W}$  fibers over  $T^{k-1}Q$ . Let  $\mathrm{p} \colon \mathcal{W} \to T^{k-1}Q$  be the canonical projection. Obviously, we have  $\mathrm{p} = \rho_{k-1}^{2k-1} \circ \mathrm{pr}_{1} = \pi_{T^{k-1}Q} \circ \mathrm{pr}_{2}$ . Hence, we have the following commutative diagram



We consider in  $\mathcal{W}$  the presymplectic form  $\Omega = \operatorname{pr}_2^* \omega_{k-1} \in \Omega^2(\mathcal{W})$ , where  $\omega_{k-1}$  is the canonical symplectic form in  $\operatorname{T}^*(\operatorname{T}^{k-1}Q)$ . In addition, from the Lagrangian function  $\mathcal{L}$ , and using the canonical coupling function  $\mathcal{C} \in \operatorname{C}^{\infty}(\mathcal{W})$ , we construct a Hamiltonian function  $H \in \operatorname{C}^{\infty}(\mathcal{W})$  as  $H = \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{L}$ . Thus, the dynamical equation for the system is

$$i(X_{LH})\Omega = \mathrm{d}H$$
,  $X_{LH} \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})$ . (1)

Following the constraint algorithm in [5], a solution to the equation (1) exists on the points of a submanifold  $j_o: \mathcal{W}_o \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$  which can be identified with the graph of the Legendre-Ostrogradsky map  $\mathcal{FL}: \mathbb{T}^{2k-1}Q \to \mathbb{T}^*(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  associated to  $\mathcal{L}$ . If the Lagrangian function is regular, then there exists a unique vector field  $X_{LH}$  solution to (1) and tangent to  $\mathcal{W}_o$  (see [8]).

#### 3.1 The generalized Hamilton-Jacobi problem

We first state the generalized version of the Hamilton-Jacobi problem. Following the same patterns as in [2], [3] and [4] (see also an approach to the problem for higher-order field theories in [9]), the natural definition for the generalized Hamilton-Jacobi problem in the Skinner-Rusk setting [7], [8] is the following.

**Definition 1** The generalized kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem (or generalized kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem) consists in finding a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  and a vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1. The submanifold  $\operatorname{Im}(s) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$  is contained in  $\mathcal{W}_o$ .
- 2. If  $\gamma \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q$  is an integral curve of X, then  $s \circ \gamma \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathcal{W}$  is an integral curve of  $X_{LH}$ , that is,

$$X \circ \gamma = \dot{\gamma} \Longrightarrow X_{LH} \circ (s \circ \gamma) = \overline{s \circ \gamma}.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

It is clear that the vector 2 field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  cannot be chosen independently from the section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$ . Indeed, following the same pattern as in [2] we can prove:

**Proposition 1** The pair  $(s, X) \in \Gamma(p) \times \mathfrak{X}(T^{k-1}Q)$  satisfies the two conditions in Definition 1 if, and only if,  $X_{LH}$  and X are s-related.

**Corollary 1** If  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  satisfy the two conditions in Definition 1, then  $X = \operatorname{Tp} \circ X_{LH} \circ s$ .

That is, the vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  is completely determined by the section  $s \in \Gamma(\mathbf{p})$ , and it is called the vector field associated to s. Therefore, the search of a pair  $(s, X) \in \Gamma(\mathbf{p}) \times \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  satisfying the two conditions in Definition 1 is equivalent to the search of a section  $s \in \Gamma(\mathbf{p})$  such that the pair  $(s, \operatorname{Tp} \circ X_{LH} \circ s)$  satisfies the same condition. Thus, we can give the following definition.

**Definition 2** The generalized kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem for  $X_{LH}$  consists in finding a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- 1. The submanifold  $\operatorname{Im}(s) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$  is contained in  $\mathcal{W}_o$ .
- 2. If  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q$  is an integral curve of  $\operatorname{Tp} \circ X_{LH} \circ s \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$ , then  $s \circ \gamma : \mathbb{R} \to \mathcal{W}$  is an integral curve of  $X_{LH}$ , that is

$$\operatorname{Tp} \circ X_{LH} \circ s \circ \gamma = \dot{\gamma} \Longrightarrow X_{LH} \circ (s \circ \gamma) = \overline{s \circ \gamma}.$$

**Proposition 2** The following assertions on a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  are equivalent.

- 1. s is a solution to the generalized kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem.
- 2. The submanifold  $\operatorname{Im}(s) \hookrightarrow W$  is invariant under the flow of the vector field  $X_{LH}$  solution to equation (1) (that is,  $X_{LH}$  is tangent to the submanifold  $\operatorname{Im}(s)$ ).
- 3. The section s satisfies the dynamical equation  $i(X)(s^*\Omega) = d(s^*H)$ , where  $X = \text{Tp} \circ X_{LH} \circ s$  is the vector field associated to s.

(*Proof*) The proof is analogous to that of Proposition 6 and Theorem 2 in [2].

**Coordinate expression.** Let  $(q_0^A)$  be a set of local coordinates in Q, with  $1 \leq A \leq n$ , and  $(q_0^A, \ldots, q_{2k-1}^A, p_A^0, \ldots, p_A^{k-1})$  the induced local coordinates in  $\mathcal{W}$  (see [7] for details). Then, local coordinates in  $\mathcal{W}$  adapted to the p-bundle structure are  $(q_i^A, q_j^A, p_A^i)$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ ,  $k \leq j \leq 2k-1$ . Hence, a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  is given locally by  $s(q_i^A) = (q_i^A, s_j^A, \alpha_A^i)$ , where  $s_j^A, \alpha_A^i$  are local functions in  $T^{k-1}Q$ .

From Proposition 2, an equivalent condition for a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  to be a solution of the generalized kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem is that the dynamical vector field  $X_{LH}$  is tangent to the submanifold  $\operatorname{Im}(s) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$ , which is defined locally by the constraints  $q_j^A - s_j^A = 0$  and  $p_A^i - \alpha_A^i = 0$ . From [7], the vector field  $X_{LH}$  solution to equation (1) is given locally by

$$X_{LH} = \sum_{l=0}^{2k-2} q_{l+1}^{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{l}^{A}} + F^{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{2k-1}^{A}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{0}^{A}} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{A}^{0}} + \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{i}^{A}} - p_{A}^{i-1}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{A}^{i}}$$

where  $F^A$  are the functions solution to the following system of n equations

$$(-1)^{k} (F^{B} - d_{T}(q_{2k-1}^{B})) \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{k}^{B} \partial q_{k}^{A}} + \sum_{i=0}^{k} (-1)^{i} d_{T}^{i} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{i}^{A}}\right) = 0.$$

Hence, requiring  $X_{LH}(q_j^A - s_j^A) = 0$  and  $X_{LH}(p_A^i - \alpha_A^i) = 0$  we obtain the following system of 2kn partial differential equations on Im(s)

$$s_{j+1}^{A} - q_{i+1}^{B} \frac{\partial s_{j}^{A}}{\partial q_{i}^{B}} - s_{k}^{B} \frac{\partial s_{j}^{A}}{\partial q_{k-1}^{B}} = 0 \ ; \ F^{A} - q_{i+1}^{B} \frac{\partial s_{2k-1}^{A}}{\partial q_{i}^{B}} - s_{k}^{B} \frac{\partial s_{2k-1}^{A}}{\partial q_{k-1}^{B}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{A}^{0}} - q_{i+1}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{A}^{0}}{\partial q_{i}^{B}} - s_{k}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{A}^{0}}{\partial q_{k-1}^{B}} = 0 \ ; \ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{l}^{A}} - \alpha_{A}^{l-1} - q_{i+1}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{A}^{l}}{\partial q_{i}^{B}} - s_{k}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{A}^{l}}{\partial q_{k-1}^{B}} = 0 \ .$$

$$(3)$$

This is a system of 2kn partial differential equations with 2kn unknown function  $s_j^A$ ,  $\alpha_A^i$ . Hence, a section  $s \in \Gamma(\mathbf{p})$  is a solution to the generalized kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem if, and only if, its component functions satisfy the local equations (3).

#### 3.2 The Hamilton-Jacobi problem

In general, to solve the generalized kth-order Hamilton-Jacobi problem is a difficult task since we must find kn-dimensional submanifolds of  $\mathcal{W}$  contained in the submanifold  $\mathcal{W}_o$  and invariant by the dynamical vector field  $X_{LH}$ . Hence, it is convenient to consider a less general problem and require some additional conditions to the section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  [1],[2].

**Definition 3** The kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem consists in finding sections  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  solution to the generalized kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem such that  $s^*\Omega = 0$ . Such a section is called a solution to the kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem.

From the definition of  $\Omega \in \Omega^2(\mathcal{W})$  we have

$$s^*\Omega = s^*(\operatorname{pr}_2^*\omega_{k-1}) = (\operatorname{pr}_2 \circ s)^*\omega_{k-1}$$

Hence,  $s^*\Omega = 0$  if, and only if,  $(pr_2 \circ s)^*\omega_{k-1} = 0$ . As  $\Gamma(\pi_{T^{k-1}Q}) = \Omega^1(T^{k-1}Q)$ , the section  $pr_2 \circ s \in \Gamma(\pi_{T^{k-1}Q})$  is a 1-form in  $T^{k-1}Q$ , and from the properties of the tautological form  $\theta_{k-1}$  of the cotangent bundle  $T^*(T^{k-1}Q)$  we have

$$(\mathrm{pr}_2 \circ s)^* \omega_{k-1} = (\mathrm{pr}_2 \circ s)^* (-\mathrm{d}\theta_{k-1}) = -\mathrm{d}((\mathrm{pr}_2 \circ s)^* \theta_{k-1}) = -\mathrm{d}(\mathrm{pr}_2 \circ s)$$

Hence, the condition  $s^*\Omega = 0$  is equivalent to  $\operatorname{pr}_2 \circ s \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  being a closed 1-form. Therefore, Definition 3 can be rewritten as follows.

**Definition 4** The kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem consists in finding sections  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  solution to the generalized kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem such that  $pr_2 \circ s$  is a closed 1-form in  $T^{k-1}Q$ .

As a consequence of Proposition 2, we have the following result.

**Proposition 3** The following assertions on a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  satisfying  $s^*\Omega = 0$  are equivalent:

- 1. s is a solution to the kth-order unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem.
- 2.  $d(s^*H) = 0.$
- 3. Im(s) is an isotropic submanifold of W invariant by  $X_{LH}$ .
- 4. The integral curves of  $X_{LH}$  with initial conditions in Im(s) project onto the integral curves of  $X = \text{Tp} \circ X_{LH} \circ s$ .

**Coordinate expression.** From [7], the Hamiltonian function in  $\mathcal{W}$  has coordinate expression  $H = q_{i+1}^A p_A^i - \mathcal{L}(q_0^A, \ldots, q_k^A)$ . Thus, its differential is given locally by

$$\mathrm{d}H = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_0^A} \mathrm{d}q_0^A + \left(p_A^i - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{i+1}^A}\right) \mathrm{d}q_{i+1}^A + q_{i+1}^A \mathrm{d}p_A^i.$$

Hence, the condition  $d(s^*H) = 0$  in Proposition 3 holds if, and only if, the following kn partial differential equations are satisfied

$$q_{i+1}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{B}^{i}}{\partial q_{0}^{A}} + s_{k}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{B}^{k-1}}{\partial q_{0}^{A}} + \alpha_{B}^{k-1} \frac{\partial s_{k}^{B}}{\partial q_{0}^{A}} - \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{0}^{A}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{k}^{B}} \frac{\partial s_{k}^{B}}{\partial q_{0}^{A}}\right) = 0,$$

$$q_{i+1}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{B}^{i}}{\partial q_{l}^{A}} + s_{k}^{B} \frac{\partial \alpha_{B}^{k-1}}{\partial q_{l}^{A}} + \alpha_{A}^{l-1} + \alpha_{B}^{k-1} \frac{\partial s_{k}^{B}}{\partial q_{l}^{A}} - \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{l}^{A}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_{k}^{B}} \frac{\partial s_{k}^{B}}{\partial q_{l}^{A}}\right) = 0,$$

$$(4)$$

where  $1 \leq l \leq k-1$ .

Equivalently, we can require the 1-form  $\operatorname{pr} \circ s \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  to be closed, that is,  $d(\operatorname{pr} \circ s) = 0$ . Locally, this condition reads

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_A^i}{\partial q_i^B} - \frac{\partial \alpha_B^j}{\partial q_i^A} = 0 \; ; \; \frac{\partial \alpha_A^i}{\partial q_i^B} = 0 \; , \; \text{if } A \neq B \tag{5}$$

Therefore, a section  $s \in \Gamma(\mathbf{p})$  is a solution to the *k*th-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem if, and only if, the local functions  $s_j^A$ ,  $\alpha_A^i$  satisfy the system of partial differential equations given by (3) and (4), or, equivalently (3) and (5). Observe that the system of partial differential equations may not be  $C^{\infty}(U)$ -linearly independent.

#### 3.3 Relation with the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalisms

Finally, we state the relation between the solutions of the Hamilton-Jacobi problem in the unified formalism and the solutions of the problem in the Lagrangian and Hamiltonian settings given in [3].

**Theorem 1** Let  $\mathcal{L} \in C^{\infty}(T^kQ)$  be a hyperregular Lagrangian function.

1. If  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  is a solution to the (generalized) kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem, then the sections  $s_{\mathcal{L}} = pr_1 \circ s \in \Gamma(\rho_{k-1}^{2k-1})$  and  $\alpha = pr_2 \circ s \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$ are solutions to the (generalized) kth-order Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problems, respectively. 2. If  $s_{\mathcal{L}} \in \Gamma(\rho_{k-1}^{2k-1})$  is a solution to the (generalized) kth-order Lagrangian Hamilton-Jacobi problem, then  $s = j_o \circ \overline{\mathrm{pr}}_1^{-1} \circ s_{\mathcal{L}} \in \Gamma(\mathrm{p})$  is a solution to the (generalized) kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem.

If  $\alpha \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{T}^{k-1}Q)$  is a solution to the (generalized) kth-order Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem, then  $s = j_o \circ \overline{\mathrm{pr}}_2^{-1} \circ \alpha \in \Gamma(\mathrm{p})$  is a solution to the (generalized) kth-order Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem.

(Proof) The proof of the first item follows the same patterns that the proof of Theorem 1 in [3]. For the second item, the key point is to take into account that the maps  $\overline{\mathrm{pr}}_1: \mathcal{W} \to \mathrm{T}^{2k-1}Q$  and  $\overline{\mathrm{pr}}_2: \mathcal{W} \to \mathrm{T}^*(\mathrm{T}^{k-1}Q)$  are diffeomorphisms, and that the dynamical vector field  $X_{LH} \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})$  solution to equation (1) is tangent to  $\mathcal{W}_o$ , and therefore is  $j_o$ -related to a vector field  $X_o \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W}_o)$  for which it is possible to state an equivalent Hamilton-Jacobi problem.

## 3.4 An example: A (homogeneous) deformed elastic cylindrical beam with fixed ends

Consider a deformed elastic cylindrical beam with both ends fixed (see [7] and references therein). The problem is to determinate its shape; that is, the width of every section transversal to the axis. This gives rise to a 1-dimensional second-order dynamical system, which is autonomous if we require the beam to be homogeneous. Let Q be the 1-dimensional smooth manifold modeling the configuration space of the system with local coordinate  $(q_0)$ . Then, in the natural coordinates of  $T^2Q$ , the Lagrangian function for this system is

$$\mathcal{L}(q_0, q_1, q_2) = \frac{1}{2}\mu q_2^2 + \rho q_0 \,,$$

where  $\mu, \rho \in \mathbb{R}$  are constants, and  $\mu \neq 0$ . This a regular Lagrangian function because the Hessian matrix

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_2 \partial q_2}\right) = \mu$$

has maximum rank equal to 1 when  $\mu \neq 0$ .

In the induced natural coordinates  $(q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, p^0, p^1)$  of  $\mathcal{W}$ , the coordinate expressions of the presymplectic form  $\Omega = \operatorname{pr}_2^* \omega_1 \in \Omega^2(\mathcal{W})$  and the Hamiltonian function  $H = \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{L} \in \operatorname{C}^{\infty}(\mathcal{W})$ are

$$\Omega = dq_0 \wedge dp^0 + dq_1 \wedge dp^1 \quad ; \quad H = q_1 p^0 + q_2 p^1 - \frac{1}{2} \mu q_2^2 - \rho q_0$$

Thus, the semispray of type 1  $X_{LH} \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})$  solution to the dynamical equation (1) and tangent to the submanifold  $\mathcal{W}_o = \operatorname{graph}(\mathcal{FL}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$  has the following coordinate expression

$$X_{LH} = q_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_0} + q_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} + q_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} - \frac{\rho}{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_3} + \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial p^0} - p^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial p^1}.$$

In the following we state the equations for the (generalized) Lagrangian-Hamilonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem for this dynamical system.

In the generalized Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem we look for sections  $s \in \Gamma(\mathbf{p})$ , given locally by  $s(q_0, q_1) = (q_0, q_1, s_2, s_3, \alpha^0, \alpha^1)$ , such that the submanifold  $\operatorname{Im}(s) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$  is invariant under the flow of  $X_{LH} \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})$ . Since the constraints defining locally  $\operatorname{Im}(s)$  are

 $q_2 - s_2 = 0, q_3 - s_3 = 0, p^0 - \alpha^0 = 0, p^1 - \alpha^1 = 0$ , then the equations for the section s are

$$s_3 - q_1 \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial q_1} = 0 \ ; \ -\frac{\rho}{\mu} - q_1 \frac{\partial s_3}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial s_3}{\partial q_1} = 0$$
$$\rho - q_1 \frac{\partial \alpha^0}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial \alpha^0}{\partial q_1} = 0 \ ; \ -\alpha^0 - q_1 \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial q_1} = 0$$

For the Lagrangian-Hamiltonian Hamilton-Jacobi problem, we require in addition the section  $s \in \Gamma(\rho_1^{\mathcal{W}})$  to satisfy  $s^*\Omega = 0$  or, equivalently, the form  $\operatorname{pr}_2 \circ s \in \Omega^1(\operatorname{T} Q)$  to be closed. In coordinates, if  $s = (q_0, q_1, s_2, s_3, \alpha^0, \alpha^1)$ , then the 1-form  $\operatorname{pr}_2 \circ s$  is given by  $\operatorname{pr}_2 \circ s = \alpha^0 \operatorname{d} q_0 + \alpha^1 \operatorname{d} q_1$ . Hence, a section  $s \in \Gamma(p)$  solution to the unified Hamilton-Jacobi problem for this system must satisfy the following system of 5 partial differential equations

$$s_3 - q_1 \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial s_2}{\partial q_1} = 0 \ ; \ -\frac{\rho}{\mu} - q_1 \frac{\partial s_3}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial s_3}{\partial q_1} = 0 \ ; \ \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial q_0} - \frac{\partial \alpha^0}{\partial q_1} = 0$$
$$\rho - q_1 \frac{\partial \alpha^0}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial \alpha^0}{\partial q_1} = 0 \ ; \ -\alpha^0 - q_1 \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial q_0} - s_2 \frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial q_1} = 0$$

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