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# 约束 Birkhoff 系统的形式不变性\*

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摘要: 约束 Birkhoff 系统的形式不变性是约束 Birkhoff 方程在无限小变换下的一种不变性. 给出约束 Birkhoff 系统形式不变性的定义与判据, 并研究了这种形式不变性与 Noether 对称性之间的关系.

关键词: 约束 Birkhoff 系统; 形式不变性; Noether 对称性

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## 引言

Birkhoff 系统动力学是近代经典力学的一个重要分支, 是数学物理学中的一个近代发展方向, 并可应用于量子力学、统计力学、生物物理、航天力学及一些现代工程领域<sup>[1,2]</sup>. 人们研究了 Birkhoff 方程和它的变换理论<sup>[1]</sup>、Noether 理论<sup>[3]</sup>、Poisson 理论<sup>[4]</sup>以及 Lie 对称性<sup>[5]</sup>等一系列重要内容并得到一系列重要结果.

力学系统的对称性与守恒量研究不仅具有数学重要性, 而且表现为深刻的物理规律<sup>[6,7]</sup>. 本文研究一种新的对称性: 约束 Birkhoff 方程在无限小变换下保持形式不变的性质. 给出其形式不变性的定义与判据, 并研究了这种形式不变性与 Noether 对称性之间的关系. 这种形式不变性不同于 Noether 对称性, 形式不变性也不一定导致守恒律.

## 1 约束 Birkhoff 系统的方程

Birkhoff 方程表为<sup>[1,2]</sup>

$$\left[ \frac{\partial R_\nu}{\partial a^\mu} - \frac{\partial R_\mu}{\partial a^\nu} \right] a^\nu - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^\mu} - \frac{\partial R_\mu}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 2n), \quad (1)$$

其中  $B = B(t, \mathbf{a})$  称为 Birkhoff 函数,  $R_\mu = R_\mu(t, \mathbf{a})$  称为 Birkhoff 函数组,  $a^\mu$  为变量. 用方程(1)描述的力学系统称为 Birkhoff 系统.

如果 Birkhoff 系统的变量  $a^\mu$  不是彼此独立的, 而受到一些限制, 这些限制表为约束方程

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$$f_{\beta}(\mathbf{a}, t) = 0 \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, g). \quad (2)$$

用通常的 Lagrange 乘法, 得到

$$\left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} = \omega_{\mu\nu} a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} = \lambda_{\beta} \frac{\partial f_{\beta}}{\partial a^{\mu}} \quad (\mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 2n; \beta = 1, \dots, g), \quad (3)$$

其中  $\omega_{\mu\nu}$  称为 Birkhoff 张量. 在运动方程积分之前, 可由方程(2)和(3)解出  $\lambda_{\beta}$  如下:

$$\lambda_{\beta} = - \frac{\Delta^{\beta}}{\Delta} \left\{ \frac{\partial f_{\gamma}}{\partial a^{\rho}} \omega^{\rho\mu} \left( \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} + \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial f_{\gamma}}{\partial t} \right\} \quad (\mu, \rho = 1, \dots, 2n; \beta, \gamma = 1, \dots, g), \quad (4)$$

其中

$$\Delta = \left| \left( \frac{\partial f_{\gamma}}{\partial a^{\rho}} \omega^{\rho\mu} \frac{\partial f_{\beta}}{\partial a^{\mu}} \right) \right|_{\Delta} = | (b_{\gamma\beta}) |.$$

令

$$P_{\mu} = \lambda_{\beta} \frac{\partial f_{\beta}}{\partial a^{\mu}} = P_{\mu}(\mathbf{a}, t),$$

其中  $\lambda_{\beta}$  已用式(4)替代. 则约束 Birkhoff 方程(3)变为

$$\left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} = P_{\mu} \quad (\mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 2n), \quad (5)$$

称方程(5)为不带乘子的约束 Birkhoff 方程. 下面我们就研究该方程的形式不变性.

## 2 约束 Birkhoff 系统的形式不变性

引入无限小变换

$$t^* = t + \xi_0(t, \mathbf{a}), \quad a^{\mu*} = a^{\mu} + \xi_{\mu}(t, \mathbf{a}), \quad (6)$$

其中  $\varepsilon$  为无限小参数,  $\xi_0, \xi_{\mu}$  称为无限小生成元. 在变换(6)下, 函数  $B(t, \mathbf{a})$  变为  $B(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*)$ ,  $R_{\mu}(t, \mathbf{a})$  变为  $R_{\mu}(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*)$ ,  $P_{\mu}(t, \mathbf{a})$  变为  $P_{\mu}(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*)$ .

定义 在无限小变换(6)下, 如果约束 Birkhoff 方程(5)保持形式不变, 即成立

$$\left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}^*}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}^*}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B^*}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}^*}{\partial t} = P_{\mu}^* \quad (\mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 2n), \quad (7)$$

其中

$$B^* = B(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*), \quad R_{\mu}^* = R_{\mu}(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*), \quad P_{\mu}^* = P_{\mu}(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*), \quad (8)$$

则称这种不变性为约束 Birkhoff 系统的形式不变性.

展开式(8), 得

$$\left. \begin{aligned} B^* &= B(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*) = B(t, \mathbf{a}) + \varepsilon \left\{ \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \xi_0 + \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} \xi_{\mu} \right\} + o(\varepsilon^2), \\ R_{\mu}^* &= R_{\mu}(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*) = R_{\mu}(t, \mathbf{a}) + \varepsilon \left\{ \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} \xi_0 + \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \xi_{\nu} \right\} + o(\varepsilon^2), \\ P_{\mu}^* &= P_{\mu}(t^*, \mathbf{a}^*) = P_{\mu}(t, \mathbf{a}) + \varepsilon \left\{ \frac{\partial P_{\mu}}{\partial t} \xi_0 + \frac{\partial P_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \xi_{\nu} \right\} + o(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

判据 如果存在常数  $k$  和函数  $G_0 = G_0(t, \mathbf{a})$  使得无限小生成元  $\xi_0, \xi_{\mu}$  满足如下等式

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \xi_0 + \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} \xi_{\mu} = k \left[ B - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} \right], \quad (10a)$$

$$\frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} \xi_0 + \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \xi_{\nu} = k \left[ R_{\mu} - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^{\mu}} \right], \quad (10b)$$

$$\frac{\partial P_{\mu}}{\partial t} \xi_0 + \frac{\partial P_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \xi_{\nu} = k \left( P_{\mu} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^{\mu}} \right) \quad (\mu, \nu = 1, \dots, 2n), \quad (10c)$$

那么约束 Birkhoff 系统(5)在无限小变换(6)下是形式不变的

证明 将式(10)代入式(9), 去掉  $\varepsilon^2$  及更高阶小项, 得

$$\begin{aligned} B^* &= B + \varepsilon k \left[ B - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} \right], \\ R_{\mu}^* &= R_{\mu} + \varepsilon k \left[ R_{\mu} - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^{\mu}} \right], \\ P_{\mu}^* &= P_{\mu} + \varepsilon k \left[ P_{\mu} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^{\mu}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

将上式代入方程(7), 得到

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}^*}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}^*}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B^*}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}^*}{\partial t} - P_{\mu}^* = \\ &\left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) a^{\nu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial a^{\mu}} \left[ \varepsilon k \left( R_{\nu} - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) \right] a^{\nu} - \\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial a^{\nu}} \left[ \varepsilon k \left( R_{\mu} - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^{\mu}} \right) \right] a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial a^{\mu}} \left[ \varepsilon k \left( B - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} \right) \right] - \\ &\frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \varepsilon k \left( R_{\mu} - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^{\mu}} \right) \right] - P_{\mu} - \varepsilon k \left[ P_{\mu} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^{\mu}} \right] = \\ &(1 + \varepsilon k) \left[ \left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) a^{\nu} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial a^{\mu}} - \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} - P_{\mu} \right] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

故约束 Birkhoff 方程(5)在无限小变换(6)下是形式不变的

### 3 约束 Birkhoff 系统形式不变性与 Noether 对称性

约束 Birkhoff 系统的 Noether 理论指出, 如果无限小生成元  $\xi_0, \xi_{\mu}$  满足 Noether 等式<sup>[8]</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{\partial R_{\mu}}{\partial t} a^{\mu} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \right) \xi_0 + \left( \frac{\partial R_{\nu}}{\partial a^{\mu} a^{\nu}} - \frac{\partial B_{\mu}}{\partial a^{\nu}} \right) \xi_{\mu} - B \xi_0 + \\ &R_{\mu} \xi_{\mu} - P_{\mu} (\xi_{\mu} - a^{\mu} \xi_0) + G = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

其中  $G = G(t, a)$  称为规范函数, 则相应的对称性为 Noether 对称性. 此时存在守恒量

$$I = R_{\mu} \xi_{\mu} - B \xi_0 + G = \text{const} \quad (12)$$

如果对满足式(10)的无限小生成元  $\xi_0, \xi_{\mu}$ , 使得 Noether 等式(11)成立, 则形式不变性导致 Noether 对称性; 否则, 不是 Noether 对称性.

### 4 算 例

已知 4 阶 Birkhoff 系统为

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (a^1)^2 + (a^3)^2 + (a^4)^2 \right\}, \\ R_1 &= a^3, \quad R_2 = a^4, \quad R_3 = R_4 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

约束方程为

$$f_1 = a^1 a^3 - C_1^2 = 0, \quad f_2 = a^1 + a^4 - C_2 = 0, \quad (14)$$

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由 Birkhoff 函数组  $R_{\mu}$  求得

$$\omega_{\text{inv}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

故约束 Birkhoff 方程为

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -a^3 - a^1 &= \lambda_1 a^3 + \lambda_2, \\ -a^4 &= 0, \\ a^1 - a^3 &= \lambda_1 a^1, \\ a^2 - a^4 &= \lambda_2. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (16)$$

由约束方程(14)和方程(16)求得

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{a^3}{a^1}, \quad \lambda_2 = -a^1 + \frac{(a^3)^2}{a^1}, \quad (17)$$

于是有

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P_1 &= \lambda_1 \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial a^1} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial a^1} = \lambda_1 a^3 + \lambda_2 = -a^1, \quad P_2 = 0, \\ P_3 &= \lambda_1 a^1 = -a^3, \quad P_4 = \lambda_2 = -a^1 + \frac{(a^3)^2}{a^1}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (18)$$

判据(10)给出

$$\begin{aligned} a^1 \xi_1 + a^3 \xi_3 + a^4 \xi_4 &= k \left[ B - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} \right], \\ \xi_3 &= k \left[ a^3 - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^3} \right], \quad \xi_4 = k \left[ a^4 - \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^4} \right], \\ 0 &= k \left[ -\frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^3} \right], \quad 0 = k \left[ -\frac{\partial G_0}{\partial a^4} \right], \\ -\xi_1 &= k \left[ -a^1 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^1} \right], \quad 0 = k \left[ 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^2} \right], \\ -\xi_3 &= k \left[ -a^3 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^3} \right], \\ \left[ -1 - \left( \frac{a^3}{a^1} \right)^2 \right] \xi_1 + 2 \frac{a^3}{a^1} \xi_3 &= k \left[ -a^1 + \frac{(a^3)^2}{a^1} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial t \partial a^4} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

上方程组有解

$$k = 0, \quad \xi_0 = 1, \quad \xi_1 = 0, \quad \xi_2 = 1, \quad \xi_3 = 0, \quad \xi_4 = 0, \quad (19)$$

此时对应系统的形式不变性

式(19)代入式(11)得

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 a^1 + P_3 a^3 + P_4 a^4 + G &= \\ -a^1 a^1 - a^3 a^3 + \left[ -a^1 + \frac{(a^3)^2}{a^1} \right] a^4 + G &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

由此找不到规范函数  $G$ 。因此,对应的形式不变性不是 Noether 对称性。

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## A Form Invariance of Constrained Birkhoffian System

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**Abstract:** The form invariance of constrained Birkhoffian system is a kind of invariance of the constrained Birkhoffian equations under infinitesimal transformations. The definition and criteria of the form invariance of constrained Birkhoffian system are given, and the relation of the form invariance and the Noether symmetry is studied.

**Key words:** constrained Birkhoffian system; form invariance; Noether symmetry