

Goldstein 8.1

Hamilton eqn: $\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = -\dot{p}_i$, $\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$

The two Hami are:

$$H(x, p, t) = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{k}{2} (x - v_0 t)^2$$

$$H(x', p') = \frac{(p' - m v_0)^2}{2m} + \frac{k x'^2}{2} - \frac{m v_0^2}{2}$$

eqn (x, p)

$$-\dot{p} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = k(x - v_0 t)$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = p/m \Rightarrow p = m \dot{x}$$

combined to give

$$\boxed{-m \ddot{x} = k(x - v_0 t)}$$

eqn (x', p')

$$-\dot{p}' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x'} = k x'$$

$$\dot{x}' = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p'} = (p' - m v_0)/m \Rightarrow p' = m \dot{x}' + m v_0$$

combined to give

$$\boxed{-m \ddot{x}' = k x'}$$

The equation $-m \ddot{x}' = k x'$ is solved via $x' = \sin(\omega t)$

$-m \ddot{x} = k(x - v_0 t)$ is solved via $x = \sin(\omega t) + v_0 t$,

which agrees with the definition $x' = x - v_0 t$.

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