# On commuting pairs of Hamiltonians quadratic in momenta. 

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## Main concepts of Hamiltonian mechanics.

Let $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}$ be the coordinates. Any Poisson bracket between functions $f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}\right)$ and $g\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}\right)$ is given by

$$
\{f, g\}=\sum_{i, j} P_{i, j}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}\right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{i}} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_{j}}
$$

where $P_{i, j}=\left\{x_{i}, x_{j}\right\}$. The functions $P_{i, j}$ are not arbitrary since by definition

$$
\begin{gathered}
\{f, g\}=-\{g, f\} \\
\{\{f, g\}, h\}+\{\{g, h\}, f\}+\{\{h, f\}, g\}=0
\end{gathered}
$$

The corresponding dynamical systems are

$$
\frac{d x_{i}}{d t}=\left\{H, x_{i}\right\}
$$

where $H$ is a Hamiltonian function. A function $K$ is an integral of motion for this system iff $\{K, H\}=0$.

If $\{J, f\}=0$ for any $f$, then $J$ is called a Casimir function of the Poisson bracket. The Casimir functions exist if the bracket is degenerate (i.e. $\operatorname{Det} P=0$ ).

The coordinates for the standard symplectic manifold are $q_{i}$ and $p_{i}, i=1, \ldots N$. The Poisson bracket is given by

$$
\left\{p_{i}, p_{j}\right\}=\left\{q_{i}, q_{j}\right\}=0, \quad\left\{p_{i}, q_{j}\right\}=\delta_{i, j} .
$$

The corresponding dynamical system has the usual Hamiltonian form

$$
\frac{d p_{i}}{d t}=-\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_{i}}, \quad \frac{d q_{i}}{d t}=\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_{i}} .
$$

A change of variables is said to be canonical if it preserves this form of the bracket.

For the spinning tops the Hamiltonian structure is defined by a linear Poisson bracket, i.e. $P_{i j}=C_{i j}^{k} x_{k}$.

For the models of rigid body dynamics the Poisson bracket is given by the following $e(3)$ Poisson barcket:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\{M_{i}, M_{j}\right\}=\varepsilon_{i j k} M_{k}, \\
\left\{M_{i}, \gamma_{j}\right\}=\varepsilon_{i j k} \gamma_{k}, \quad\left\{\gamma_{i}, \gamma_{j}\right\}=0 .
\end{gathered}
$$

Here $M_{i}$ and $\gamma_{i}$ are components of 3-dimensional vectors M and $\Gamma, \varepsilon_{i j k}$ is the totally skew-symmetric tensor. This bracket has the two Casimir functions

$$
J_{1}=(\mathbf{M}, \Gamma), \quad J_{2}=|\Gamma|^{2},
$$

where $(\cdot, \cdot)$ stands for the standard dot product in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$.

For the Liouville integrability of the equations of motion only one additional integral functionally independent of the Hamiltonian and the Casimir functions is necessary.

For the Kirchhoff equations describing the motion of a rigid body in an ideal fluid there are classical integrable cases found by Clebsch and Steklov-Lyapunov. For these cases the Hamiltonian is of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
H= & a_{1} M_{1}^{2}+a_{2} M_{2}^{2}+a_{3} M_{3}^{2}+ \\
& 2 b_{1} M_{1} \gamma_{1}+2 b_{2} M_{2} \gamma_{2}+2 b_{3} M_{3} \gamma_{3}+ \\
& c_{1} \gamma_{1}^{2}+c_{2} \gamma_{2}^{2}+c_{3} \gamma_{3}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

For the Clebsch case the coefficients $a_{i}$ are arbitrary and the remaining parameters satisfy the following conditions

$$
\begin{gathered}
b_{1}=b_{2}=b_{3} \\
\frac{c_{1}-c_{2}}{a_{3}}+\frac{c_{3}-c_{1}}{a_{2}}+\frac{c_{2}-c_{3}}{a_{1}}=0
\end{gathered}
$$

In the Steklov-Lyapunov case $a_{i}$ are arbitrary and

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{b_{1}-b_{2}}{a_{3}}+\frac{b_{3}-b_{1}}{a_{2}}+\frac{b_{2}-b_{3}}{a_{1}}=0 \\
c_{1}-\frac{\left(b_{2}-b_{3}\right)^{2}}{a_{1}}=c_{2}-\frac{\left(b_{3}-b_{1}\right)^{2}}{a_{2}}=c_{3}-\frac{\left(b_{1}-b_{2}\right)^{2}}{a_{3}} .
\end{gathered}
$$

For both the Clebsch and Steklov-Lyapunov cases there exists an additional quadratic integral.

## State of the problem.

We consider the problem of description of pairs of functions

$$
\begin{gathered}
H=a p_{1}^{2}+2 b p_{1} p_{2}+c p_{2}^{2}+d p_{1}+e p_{2}+f \\
K=A p_{1}^{2}+2 B p_{1} p_{2}+C p_{2}^{2}+D p_{1}+E p_{2}+F
\end{gathered}
$$

that commute with respect to the standard Poisson bracket $\left\{p_{i}, q_{j}\right\}=\delta_{i j}$. Here $N=2$ and the coefficients are functions of the variables $q_{1}, q_{2}$. This problem was considered by : Winternitz at all, Yehia, FerapontovFordy, ...

The class of such Hamiltonians is invariant with respect to canonical transformations of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
p_{1}=k_{1} \hat{p}_{1}+k_{2} \hat{p}_{2}+k_{3}, & p_{2}=\bar{k}_{1} \hat{p}_{1}+\bar{k}_{2} \hat{p}_{2}+\bar{k}_{3}, \\
q_{1}=\phi, & q_{2}=\bar{\phi},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $k_{i}, \bar{k}_{i}, \phi, \bar{\phi}$ are some functions of $\widehat{q}_{1}, \widehat{q}_{2}$.
Using these transformations, we can reduce $b$ and $B$ to zero. After that we still have transformations with

$$
q_{1} \rightarrow \phi\left(q_{1}\right), \quad q_{2} \rightarrow \bar{\phi}\left(q_{2}\right)
$$

and shifts

$$
p_{1} \rightarrow p_{1}+\frac{\partial F\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)}{\partial q_{1}}, \quad p_{2} \rightarrow p_{2}+\frac{\partial F\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)}{\partial q_{2}}
$$

## Canonical form for the quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonians.

For the Hamiltonians of the form

$$
\begin{gather*}
H=a p_{1}^{2}+c p_{2}^{2}+d p_{1}+e p_{2}+f,  \tag{1}\\
K=A p_{1}^{2}+C p_{2}^{2}+D p_{1}+E p_{2}+F \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

it follows from $\{H, K\}=0$ that

$$
a=\frac{S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right)}{\sigma_{1}\left(q_{1}\right)-\sigma_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)}, \quad c=\frac{S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)}{\sigma_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)-\sigma_{1}\left(q_{1}\right)}
$$

for some functions $S_{i}, \sigma_{i}$. If $\sigma_{1}^{\prime} \neq 0, \sigma_{2}^{\prime} \neq 0$, we may reduce $\sigma_{1}$ and $\sigma_{2}$ to $q_{1}$ and $q_{2}$.

Such a Hamiltonian $H$ is called quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonian.

Theorem 1. Any pair $H, K$ is equivalent to

$$
\begin{equation*}
H=\frac{U_{1}-U_{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}}, \quad K=\frac{q_{2} U_{1}-q_{1} U_{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U_{1}= S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right) p_{1}^{2}+\frac{\sqrt{S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right) S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)}}{\left(q_{1}-q_{2}\right)} Z_{q_{1}} \\
& p_{2}- \\
& \frac{S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right) Z_{q_{1}}^{2}}{4\left(q_{1}-q_{2}\right)^{2}}+V_{1}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right), \\
& U_{2}= S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right) p_{2}^{2}-\frac{\sqrt{S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right) S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)} Z_{q_{2}}}{\left(q_{1}-q_{2}\right)} p_{1}- \\
& \frac{S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right) Z_{q_{2}}^{2}}{4\left(q_{2}-q_{1}\right)^{2}}+V_{2}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& V_{1}=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right)} \partial_{q_{1}}\left(\sqrt{S_{1}\left(q_{1}\right)} \frac{Z_{q_{1}}^{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}}\right)+f_{1}\left(q_{1}\right), \\
& V_{2}=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)} \partial_{q_{2}}\left(\sqrt{S_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)} \frac{Z_{q_{2}}^{2}}{q_{2}-q_{1}}\right)+f_{2}\left(q_{2}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

for some functions $Z\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right), S_{i}\left(q_{i}\right)$ and $f_{i}\left(q_{i}\right)$.
The Poisson bracket $\{H, K\}$ is equal to zero if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial^{2} Z}{\partial q_{1} \partial q_{2}}=\frac{1}{2\left(q_{2}-q_{1}\right)}\left(\frac{\partial Z}{\partial q_{1}}-\frac{\partial Z}{\partial q_{2}}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(Z_{q_{1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{2}}-Z_{q_{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{1}}\right)\left(\frac{V_{1}-V_{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}}\right)=0 . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The Stäckel Hamiltonians correspond to the trivial solution $Z=0$. In this case

$$
U_{i}=S_{i}\left(q_{i}\right) p_{i}^{2}+f_{i}\left(q_{i}\right)
$$

Here the variables are separated and the action function $\sigma\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)$ can be found in the form $\sigma=\sigma_{1}\left(q_{1}\right)+\sigma_{2}\left(q_{2}\right)$, where

$$
S_{i}\left(q_{i}\right)\left(\sigma_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{2}+f_{i}\left(q_{i}\right)-e_{1} q_{i}-c=0
$$

Consider the following non-trivial case.

Example 1. There exists the following solution of (4), (5):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Z(x, y)=x+y, \quad S_{1}(x)=S_{2}(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{6} c_{i} x^{i} \\
& f_{1}(x)=f_{2}(x)=-\frac{3}{4} c_{6} x^{4}-\frac{1}{2} c_{5} x^{3}+\sum_{i=0}^{2} k_{i} x^{i}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $c_{i}, k_{i}$ are arbitrary constants.

It turns out that the Clebsch and the so(4) SchottkyManakov spinning tops are special cases of this model.

## The Clebsch spinning top.

The Clebsch spinning top is defined by the Hamiltonian

$$
H=\frac{1}{2}\left(M_{1}^{2}+M_{2}^{2}+M_{3}^{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\left(\lambda_{1} \gamma_{1}^{2}+\lambda_{2} \gamma_{2}^{2}+\lambda_{3} \gamma_{3}^{2}\right)
$$

which commutes with respect to the $e(3)$-Poisson brackets

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\{M_{i}, M_{j}\right\}=i \varepsilon_{i j k} M_{k}, \quad\left\{\gamma_{i}, \gamma_{j}\right\}=0 \\
\left\{M_{i}, \gamma_{j}\right\}=i \varepsilon_{i j k} \gamma_{k}
\end{gathered}
$$

with the first integral

$$
\begin{gathered}
K=\left(\lambda_{1} M_{1}^{2}+\lambda_{2} M_{2}^{2}+\lambda_{3} M_{3}^{2}\right)- \\
\lambda_{1} \lambda_{2} \lambda_{3}\left(\frac{\gamma_{1}^{2}}{\lambda_{1}}+\frac{\gamma_{2}^{2}}{\lambda_{2}}+\frac{\gamma_{3}^{2}}{\lambda_{3}}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Let us fix the values of the Casimir functions as follows

$$
\gamma_{1}^{2}+\gamma_{2}^{2}+\gamma_{3}^{2}=a^{2}, \quad M_{1} \gamma_{1}+M_{2} \gamma_{2}+M_{3} \gamma_{3}=l .
$$

Using the parameterization

$$
\begin{gathered}
M_{1}=\frac{1}{2} p_{1}\left(1-q_{1}^{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2} p_{2}\left(1-q_{2}^{2}\right)+\frac{l}{a} q_{1}, \\
M_{2}=\frac{i}{2} p_{1}\left(1+q_{1}^{2}\right)+\frac{i}{2} p_{2}\left(1+q_{2}^{2}\right)-i \frac{l}{a} q_{1}, \\
M_{3}=p_{1} q_{1}+p_{2} q_{2}-\frac{l}{a},
\end{gathered}
$$

and

$$
\gamma_{1}=a \frac{1-q_{1} q_{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}}, \quad \gamma_{2}=i a \frac{1+q_{1} q_{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}}, \quad \gamma_{3}=a \frac{q_{1}+q_{2}}{q_{1}-q_{2}}
$$

we can express $H$ and $K$ in terms of canonically conjugated variables $p_{1}, q_{1}, p_{2}, q_{2}$. As the result, we get the Hamiltonian $H$ from Example 1 with

$$
S(x)=4\left(x-\lambda_{1}\right)\left(x-\lambda_{2}\right)\left(x-\lambda_{3}\right)
$$

Classification.

To solve the classification problem, it suffices to investigate the compatibility conditions equations:

$$
Z_{x, y}=\frac{Z_{x}-Z_{y}}{2(x-y)}
$$

and

$$
\left(Z_{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}-Z_{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\left(\frac{V_{1}-V_{2}}{x-y}\right)=0
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& V_{1}=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{S_{1}(x)} \partial_{x}\left(\sqrt{S_{1}(x)} \frac{Z_{x}^{2}}{x-y}\right)+f_{1}(x), \\
& V_{2}=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{S_{2}(y)} \partial_{y}\left(\sqrt{S_{2}(y)} \frac{Z_{y}^{2}}{y-x}\right)+f_{2}(y) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Here and below we use the notation

$$
x=q_{1}, \quad y=q_{2} .
$$

Let us investigate the analytic behavior of solutions of the system (4), (5) at $x-y=0$.

Lemma 1. The general solution of the Euler-Darboux equation (4) has the following decomposition:

$$
\begin{gather*}
Z(x, y)=A+\log (x-y) B  \tag{6}\\
A=\sum_{0}^{\infty} a_{i}(x+y)(x-y)^{2 i} \\
B=\sum_{0}^{\infty} b_{i}(x+y)(x-y)^{2 i}
\end{gather*}
$$

In this formula $a_{0}$ and $a_{1}$ are arbitrary functions.

Substituting (6) into (5), we immediately obtain
Proposition 1. If series (6) satisfies (5), then $B=0$.
Lemma 2. Any solution of the equations (4) with $B=0$ is given by

$$
\begin{gathered}
Z(x, y)=z_{0}+\delta(x+y)+ \\
(x-y)^{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(2 k)}(x+y)}{2^{(2 k)} k!(k+1)!}(x-y)^{2 k}
\end{gathered}
$$

where $g(x)$ is arbitrary function and $z_{0}, \delta$ are arbitrary constants. Without loss of generality we put $z_{0}=0$. The parameter $\delta$, plays a very important role in the classification of quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonians.

The function $g(x)$ is called generating function for $Z(x, y)$.

Let us describe in a close form all functions $Z$ corresponding to rational generating functions $g$.

Taking $g(x)=x^{n}$, we obtain the infinite sequence of polynomial solutions $Z_{n}$ for (4). In particular,

$$
\begin{gathered}
g(x)=1 \Longleftrightarrow Z_{0}(x, y)=(x-y)^{2} \\
g(x)=x \Longleftrightarrow Z_{1}(x, y)=\frac{1}{2}(x+y)(x-y)^{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

This sequence can be constructed with the help of the "arising" operator

$$
x^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}+y^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}-\frac{1}{2}(x+y)
$$

acting on $Z_{0}$.

Moreover,

$$
\begin{gathered}
g_{\mu}(x)=\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{x-2 \mu} \Longleftrightarrow \\
Z_{\mu}(x, y)=\sqrt{(\mu-x)(\mu-y)}+\frac{1}{2}(x+y)
\end{gathered}
$$

The solution corresponding to the pole of order $n \geq 2$ can be obtained by differentiating of the latter formula with respect to $\mu$.

Thus, we have constructed explicitly a solution $Z$ with arbitrary rational generating function

$$
g(x)=\sum_{i} c_{i} x^{i}+\sum_{i, j} d_{i j}\left(x-\mu_{i}\right)^{-j}
$$

Conjecture 1. For any integrable quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonian the generating function is rational.

## Classification results.

Theorem 2 (non-symmetric case.) Suppose $S_{1}(x) \neq S_{2}(x)$, or $f_{1}(x) \neq f_{2}(x)$; then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g=\frac{1}{H}, \quad S_{1,2}=W H \pm M H^{3 / 2}, \\
& f_{1,2}=-\frac{4 W}{H} \mp 2 M H^{-1 / 2} \pm a H^{1 / 2},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $g$ is the generating function of $Z$,

$$
\begin{gathered}
W(x)=w_{3} x^{3}+w_{2} x^{2}+w_{1} x+w_{0} \\
H(x)=h_{2} x^{2}+h_{1} x+h_{0} \\
M(x)=m_{2} x^{2}+m_{1} x+m_{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

Here $w_{i}, h_{i}, m_{i}, a$ are arbitrary constants.

Consider now the symmetric case $S_{1}=S_{2}, \quad f_{1}=f_{2}$.
Theorem 3. Suppose $\delta=0$. Then in the symmetric case the functions $Z, S=S_{1}, f=f_{1}$ satisfy (4), (5) iff

$$
g=\frac{G}{S}, \quad f=-\frac{4 G^{2}}{S},
$$

where

$$
\begin{gathered}
S(x)=s_{5} x^{5}+s_{4} x^{4}+s_{3} x^{3}+s_{2} x^{2}+s_{1} x+s_{0} \\
G(x)=g_{3} x^{3}+g_{2} x^{2}+g_{1} x+g_{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

Here $s_{i}, g_{i}$ are arbitrary constants.

All classification results have been obtained by substituting of the series

$$
\begin{gathered}
Z(x, y)=z_{0}+\delta(x+y)+ \\
(x-y)^{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^{(2 k)}(x+y)}{2^{(2 k)} k!(k+1)!}(x-y)^{2 k}
\end{gathered}
$$

to (5), equating the coefficients of different powers of $x-y$ and analyzing the overdetermined system of differential equations with respect to the functions $g, S_{i}, f_{i}$ thus obtained.

Thus, to complete the classification of the quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonians, we must investigate the symmetric case with $\delta \neq 0$ (see, for instance, Example 1). Some examples of such Hamiltonians can be described as follows.

## Generalized Manakov case.

The most general pair $K, H$ of this kind can be written as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H=\frac{\left[h(y) U_{1}-h(x) U_{2}\right]+h(x) a(y)-h(y) a(x)}{h(y) k(x)-h(x) k(y)} \\
& K=\frac{\left[k(y) U_{1}-k(x) U_{2}\right]+k(x) a(y)-k(y) a(x)}{h(y) k(x)-h(x) k(y)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $x=q_{1}, y=q_{2}$,

$$
\begin{gathered}
U_{1}=S(x) p_{1}^{2}+\delta \frac{\sqrt{S(x) S(y)}}{(x-y)} p_{2}-\frac{\delta^{2}}{40} S^{\prime \prime}(x)+ \\
\frac{\delta^{2}}{4} \frac{S^{\prime}(x)}{(x-y)}-\frac{3 \delta^{2}}{4} \frac{S(x)}{(x-y)^{2}}
\end{gathered}
$$

$U_{2}$ can be obtained from $U_{1}$ by $x \leftrightarrow y, \quad p_{1} \leftrightarrow p_{2}, \quad U_{1} \leftrightarrow$ $U_{2}$. Here $S(x)$ is an arbitrary sixth degree polynomial, $\delta$ is a parameter,

$$
\begin{gathered}
h(x)=h_{2} x^{2}+h_{1} x+h_{0}, \quad k(x)=k_{2} x^{2}+k_{1} x+k_{0}, \\
a(x)=a_{2} x^{2}+a_{1} x+a_{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

are arbitrary polynomials such that $h(x) \neq$ const $k(x)$. If $h(x)=1, k(x)=x$ it coincides with Example 1.

For the above model the canonical forms correspond to

$$
\begin{gathered}
Z(x, y)=\sqrt{\left(x-\mu_{1}\right)\left(y-\mu_{1}\right)}+\sqrt{\left(x-\mu_{2}\right)\left(y-\mu_{2}\right)}, \\
Z(x, y)=\sqrt{\left(x-\mu_{1}\right)\left(y-\mu_{1}\right)}+\frac{1}{2}(x+y) \\
Z(x, y)=x+y .
\end{gathered}
$$

## Deformed Steklov case.

A polynomial deformation of the Hamiltonian from Theorem 3 with respect to $\delta$ is given by

$$
\begin{gathered}
g=\frac{\widetilde{G}}{S}, \quad \tilde{G}=G-\frac{\delta}{10} S^{\prime}, \\
f=-\frac{4 \widetilde{G}^{2}}{S}-\frac{4 \delta}{3} \widetilde{G}^{\prime}-\frac{\delta^{2}}{12} S^{\prime \prime}, \\
S(x)=s_{5} x^{5}+s_{4} x^{4}+s_{3} x^{3}+s_{2} x^{2}+s_{1} x+s_{0} \\
G(x)=g_{3} x^{3}+g_{2} x^{2}+g_{1} x+g_{0} .
\end{gathered}
$$

In the generic case

$$
\begin{gathered}
Z(x, y)=\sum_{i=1}^{5} \nu_{i} \sqrt{\left(\mu_{i}-x\right)\left(\mu_{i}-y\right)} \\
f(x)=-\frac{1}{16} \sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{\nu_{i}^{2} S^{\prime}\left(\mu_{i}\right)}{x-\mu_{i}}+k_{1} x+k_{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

where $\nu_{i}, \mu_{i}, k_{1}, k_{0}$ are arbitrary constants.

For the so(4)-Steklov case $s_{5}=s_{0}=0, s_{4}, \ldots, s_{1}$ are arbitrary and

$$
g(x)=\frac{4 j_{2}}{x}, \quad \delta=-\frac{j_{1}+j_{2}}{2}
$$

where $j_{i}^{2}$ are values of the Casimir functions.

Conjecture 2. Any quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonian with $\delta \neq$ 0 belongs to one of the two classes described above.

The Hamilton-Jacobi equation and separation of variables.

Consider the system of two stationary Hamilton-Jacobi equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{1}}, \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{2}}, q_{1}, q_{2}\right)=e_{1} \\
& K\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{1}}, \frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{2}}, q_{1}, q_{2}\right)=e_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Resolving this system w.r.t. first derivatives, we get a system of equations of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial S}{\partial q_{i}}=\Phi_{i}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}, e_{1}, e_{2}\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

The system (7) is compatible i.e.

$$
\frac{\partial \Phi_{1}}{\partial q_{2}}=\frac{\partial \Phi_{2}}{\partial q_{1}}
$$

The solution

$$
S\left(q_{1}, q_{2}, e_{1}, e_{2}\right)
$$

of system (7) is called the action function.

Differentiating $S$ w.r.t. $e_{1}, e_{2}$, we obtain the coordinate functions $q_{1}(t), q_{2}(t)$ of initial Hamiltonian system from

$$
d\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial e_{1}}\right)=d t, \quad d\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial e_{2}}\right)=0
$$

## The action function for quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonians.

Let

$$
u=\frac{1}{2} \frac{Z_{x}}{x-y} \sqrt{\frac{y-\xi}{x-\xi}}, \quad v=-\frac{1}{2} \frac{Z_{y}}{x-y} \sqrt{\frac{x-\xi}{y-\xi}},
$$

where $\xi$ is a parameter. If $Z$ satisfies the Euler-Darboux equation, then $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$. Define $\sigma(x, y, \xi)$ as a solution of

$$
\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}=u, \quad \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y}=v .
$$

For example, in the generalized Steklov case $\sigma(x, y, \xi)$ equals to

$$
-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{5} \nu_{i} \log \frac{\sqrt{x-\xi} \sqrt{y-\mu_{i}}+\sqrt{y-\xi} \sqrt{x-\mu_{i}}}{\sqrt{x-y} \sqrt{\mu_{i}-\xi}}
$$

Consider the expression

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Psi(x, y, \xi) & =-e_{2}+e_{1} \xi+\frac{y-\xi}{x-y}\left(V_{1}(x, y)-\frac{S(x) Z_{x}^{2}}{4(x-\xi)(x-y)}\right) \\
& -\frac{x-\xi}{x-y}\left(V_{2}(x, y)+\frac{S(y) Z_{y}^{2}}{4(y-\xi)(x-y)}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Theorem. For any pair of quasi-Stäckel Hamiltonians the expression $\Psi(x, y, \xi)$ is a function of two variables $\xi$ and $Y=\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \xi}$ only.

By this theorem, the equation $\Psi(x, y, \xi)=0$ defines an algebraic curve $\phi(\xi, Y)=0$. Let $\xi_{k}(x, y), k=1,2$, 3 , be the roots of the qubic equation $\Psi(x, y, \xi)=0$.

Theorem. The action function $S$ has the following form

$$
S(x, y)=\sum_{k=1}^{3}\left[\sigma\left(x, y, \xi_{k}\right)-\int^{\xi_{k}} Y(\xi) d \xi\right]
$$

where $Y(\xi)$ is the algebraic function on the curve

$$
\phi(\xi, Y)=0 .
$$

## The action function for the Example 1.

Example 1. There exists the following solution of (4), (5):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Z(x, y)=x+y, \quad S_{1}(x)=S_{2}(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{6} c_{i} x^{i} \\
& f_{1}(x)=f_{2}(x)=-\frac{3}{4} c_{6} x^{4}-\frac{1}{2} c_{5} x^{3}+\sum_{i=0}^{2} k_{i} x^{i}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $c_{i}, k_{i}$ are arbitrary constants.

In the case of Example 1 the curve is given by

$$
\phi(\xi, Y)=64 c_{6} Y^{6}+l(\xi) Y^{4}+k(\xi) Y^{2}-S(\xi)=0,
$$

where

$$
\begin{gathered}
k(\xi)=\frac{2}{5} S^{\prime \prime}(\xi)-\left(\frac{24 c_{4}}{5}-16 k_{2}\right) \xi^{2}+16 e_{1} \xi-16 e_{2}, \\
l(\xi)=\frac{2}{3} S^{I V}(\xi)-2 k^{\prime \prime}(\xi) .
\end{gathered}
$$

In the generic case this is a non-hyperelliptic curve of genus 4.

Let $P(\xi, \eta)=0$ be an arbitrary cubic. Then $\phi(\xi, Y)=0$ is a double cover over the cubic defined by $\eta=\xi^{2}-4 Y^{2}$. The roots of $S$ are branching points of the cover.

The system of equations

$$
\phi(\xi, Y)=0, \quad Y^{2}=\frac{1}{4}(\xi-x)(\xi-y)
$$

is equivalent to a cubic equation with roots $\xi_{i}(x, y), \quad i=$ $1,2,3$.

Theorem. The action function is given by

$$
S=\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{3}\left[2 \operatorname{arctanh} \frac{\xi_{n}-\frac{1}{2}(x+y)}{2 Y\left(\xi_{n}\right)}-\int^{\xi_{n}} \frac{d \xi}{Y(\xi)}\right]
$$

Differentiating the action with respect to the parameters, we get

$$
d t=\sum_{n=1}^{3} \omega_{1}\left(\xi_{n}\right), \quad 0=\sum_{n=1}^{3} \omega_{2}\left(\xi_{n}\right)
$$

Here $\omega_{1}, \omega_{2}$ belong to a basis

$$
\begin{gathered}
\omega_{1}(\xi)=\frac{d \xi}{Z}, \quad \omega_{2}(\xi)=\frac{\xi d \xi}{Z}, \\
\omega_{3}(\xi)=\frac{\left(\xi^{2}-4 Y^{2}\right) d \xi}{Z}, \quad \omega_{4}(\xi)=\frac{Y d \xi}{Z}
\end{gathered}
$$

of holomorphic differentials on the curve $\phi(\xi, Y)=0$. Here $Z=\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial Y}$.

The functions $Y\left(\xi_{i}\right)$ are linked by one constraint which can be rewritten in the variables ( $\xi, \eta$ ) as

$$
\eta_{1}\left(\xi_{2}-\xi_{3}\right)+\eta_{2}\left(\xi_{3}-\xi_{1}\right)+\eta_{3}\left(\xi_{1}-\xi_{2}\right)=0 .
$$

This means that the corresponding points $\left(\xi_{i}, \eta_{i}\right)$ belongs to the intersection of the cubic and the straight line $\eta=\xi(x+y)-x y$.

