

Lagrange's Eq. of Motion in Terms of
Quasi Co-ordinates :-

ex: Consider a dynamical system of
particles whose configuration at any
time 't' by using Quasi co-ordinates.

By D'Alembert's principle,

$$(F_i - m_i \ddot{x}_i) \delta x_i = 0$$

$$(m_i \ddot{x}_i - F_i) \delta x_i = 0 \quad (1)$$

here $x_i = x_i(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_s, t)$

$$\delta x_i = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \delta \pi_s$$

so eq. (1) becomes

$$(m_i \ddot{x}_i - F_i) \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \delta \pi_s = 0$$

$$(m_i \ddot{x}_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} - F_i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s}) \delta \pi_s = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dx_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \frac{d\pi_s}{dt} + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \dot{\pi}_s + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s} = \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

so eq (4) becomes (Taking $\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s}$ on both sides)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s} \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \right) \frac{d\pi_s}{dt} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s} \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial \pi_s^2} \dot{\pi}_s + \frac{\partial^2 x_i}{\partial \pi_s \partial t}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s} \left[\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \dot{\pi}_s + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \right]$$

$$\left[\text{Using } \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s} (\dot{x}_i) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s} \left(\frac{dx_i}{dt} \right) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Now, using

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial \pi_s} \dot{x}_i \right) = \dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s} + \dot{x}_i \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s} \right)$$

$$\dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s} \right) - \dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \pi_s}$$

(By (3) & (6))

$$\frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} = m_i \frac{d}{dt} \left(\dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} \right) = m_i \dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{x}_i^2$$

$$= \dot{x}_i m_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} = m_i \dot{x}_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s}$$

in eq. (7),

$$\frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} \right) = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} \quad (8)$$

$$F_i \frac{\partial \dot{x}_i}{\partial \dot{\pi}_s} = Q_s$$

$$\dot{\pi}_s = \frac{d\pi_s}{dt} = \omega_s \quad (9)$$

using eq. (8) & (9) in (2),

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \omega_s} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \pi_s} - Q_s \right] \delta \pi_s = 0$$

For conservative system,

$$Q_s = - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \pi_s}$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \omega_s} \right) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \pi_s} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \pi_s} \right] \delta \pi_s = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } L = T - V$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \omega_s} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \omega_s}$$

eq (10) becomes

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{w}_s} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_s} (T - V) \right] \delta \pi_s = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{w}_s} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \pi_s} \right) \delta \pi_s = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{w}_s} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \pi_s} = 0$$

As Req.