THE VARIATION PROBLEM IN GENERALIZED LAGRANGE-HAMILTON SPACES

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Abstract. Many significant geometers have contributed to the generalization of Riemann spaces in different directions. In this way arise Finsler spaces, Lagrange spaces, Hamilton spaces, k-Lagrange and k-Hamilton spaces, Lagrange spaces of order k and Hamilton spaces of order k. In references [1–19] an incomplete selection of papers and books connected with these spaces is given. In all these spaces the variation problem is solved. Here, this problem is examined in generalized Lagrange-Hamilton spaces, $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, introduced in [9]. All the spaces mentioned above appear as special cases of $(GLH)^{(nk)}$.

In the first section, the group of coordinates transformation is given and the natural bases \bar{B} and \bar{B}^* of tangent and cotangent spaces $T(GLH)^{(nk)}$ and $T^*(GLH)^{(nk)}$ are examined.

In the second section, the solution of the variation problem of the integral of action for the extreme value of the fundamental function $F(x,y^1,\ldots,y^k,p_1,\ldots,p_k)$ is obtained. Here, the modified Liouville vectors $I_A(v,h)$ are applied. The connection between notations used here and in [13–15] can be easily established. The generalized Euler-Lagrange (E-L) equations in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ reduce to the known (E-L) equations in generalized Lagrange spaces.

In the third section, the generalizations of Craig-Synge covectors are given and some important theorems connected with this problem in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ are proved. The method of proofs is the same as in [13].

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1. Group of transformations, tangent and cotangent spaces

Generalized Lagrange-Hamilton spaces are introduced in [9]. We shall recall only the basic notions which are necessary for understanding the variation problem in these spaces.

Let us denote by $(LH)^{(nk)}$ the (2k+1)n dimensional C^{∞} manifold in which a point $(y,p)=(x=y^{(0)},y^{(1)},y^{(2)},\ldots,y^{(k)},p_{(1)},p_{(2)},\ldots,p_{(k)})$ has the coordinates

$$(x^a = y^{0a}, y^{1a}, y^{2a}, \dots, y^{ka}, p_{1a}, p_{2a}, \dots, p_{ka}), \quad a = \overline{1, n}.$$

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Some curve $c \in (LH)^{(nk)}$ is given by $c: t \in [a,b] \to c(t) \in (LH)^{(nk)}$. A point $(y,p) \in c(t)$ has the coordinates

$$(x^{a}(t) = y^{0a}(t), y^{1a}(t), \dots, y^{ka}(t), p_{1a}(t), \dots, p_{ka}(t)),$$

where

(1.1)
$$y^{Aa}(t) = d_t^A y^{0a}(t) \quad A = \overline{1, k}, \quad d_t^A = \frac{d^A}{dt^A},$$

$$p_{\alpha a}(t) = d_t^{\alpha - 1} p_{1a}(t), \quad \alpha = \overline{1, k}, \quad d_t^{\alpha - 1} = \frac{d^{\alpha - 1}}{dt^{\alpha - 1}}.$$

The allowable coordinate transformations are given by

$$(1.2) x^{a'} = x^{a'}(x^a) \Leftrightarrow x^a = x^a(x^{a'})$$

$$y^{1a'} = B_a^{a'}y^{1a}, \quad B_a^{a'} = \partial_{0a}x^{a'} = \partial_a x^{a'},$$

$$\partial_{Aa} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{Aa}} \quad A = \overline{0,k}, \quad rank(B_a^{a'}) = n, \dots,$$

$$y^{Aa'} = \binom{A-1}{0}(d_t^{A-1}B_a^{a'})y^{1a} + \binom{A-1}{1}(d_t^{A-2}B_a^{a'})y^{2a} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \binom{A-1}{A-1}B_a^{a'}y^{Aa} = d_t^{A-1}(B_a^{a'}y^{1a}), \dots,$$

$$y^{ka'} = \binom{k-1}{0}(d_t^{k-1}B_a^{a'})y^{1a} + \binom{k-1}{1}(d_t^{k-2}B_a^{a'})y^{2a} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \binom{k-1}{k-1}B_a^{a'}y^{ka} = d_t^{k-1}(B_a^{a'}y^{1a}),$$

$$p_{1a'} = B_{a'}^a p_{1a} \quad B_{a'}^a = \partial_{0a'}x^a = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^{a'}} = B_{a'}^a(t), \dots,$$

$$p_{\alpha a'} = \binom{\alpha-1}{0}(d_t^{\alpha-1}B_{a'}^a)p_{1a} + \binom{\alpha-1}{1}(d_t^{\alpha-2}B_{a'}^a)p_{2a} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \binom{\alpha-1}{\alpha-1}B_{a'}^a p_{\alpha a}, \dots,$$

$$p_{ka'} = \binom{k-1}{0}(d_t^{k-1}B_{a'}^a)p_{1a} + \binom{k-1}{1}(d_t^{k-2}B_{a'}^a)p_{2a} + \dots$$

$$\dots + \binom{k-1}{k-1}B_{a'}^a p_{ka}.$$

Theorem 1.1. The transformations of type (1.2) on the common domain form a group.

Definition 1.1. The generalized Lagrange-Hamilton space $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ of order k is a $(LH)^{(nk)}$ space, where the group of allowable transformations is given by (1.2), and in which a fundamental function

$$F(x, y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, \dots, y^{(k)}, p_{(1)}, p_{(2)}, \dots, p_{(k)})$$

is given, where $F: U \to R$ is differentiable on \tilde{U} (rank $[y^{1a}] = 1$, rank $[p_{1a}] = 1$) and continuous at those points of U, where y^{1a} and p_{1a} are equal to zero, U is a domain in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$.

The natural basis, \bar{B}_{LH} of $T(GLH)^{(nk)}$, as usual, consists of partial derivatives of variables, i.e.

$$\bar{B}_{LH} = \{\partial_{0a}, \partial_{1a}, \dots, \partial_{ka}, \partial^{1a}, \partial^{2a}, \dots, \partial^{ka}\},\$$

$$\partial_{0a} = \partial_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{0a}}, \quad \partial_{Aa} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{Aa}} A = \overline{1, k}, \quad \partial^{\alpha a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha a}}, \ \alpha = \overline{1, k}.$$

Theorem 1.2. The elements of \bar{B}_{LH} transform in the following way:

The natural basis of $T^*(GLH)^{(nk)}$ is

$$\bar{B}_{LH}^* = \{dy^{0a}, dy^{1a}, \dots, dy^{ka}, dp_{1a}, dp_{2a}, \dots, dp_{ka}\}.$$

Theorem 1.3. The elements of \bar{B}_{LH}^* transform in the following way:

$$dy^{0a'} = (\partial_{0a}y^{0a'})dy^{0a}$$

$$dy^{1a'} = (\partial_{0a}y^{1a'})dy^{0a} + (\partial_{1a}y^{1a'})dy^{1a}, \dots,$$

$$dy^{ka'} = (\partial_{0a}y^{ka'})dy^{0a} + (\partial_{1a}y^{ka'})dy^{1a} + \dots + (\partial_{ka}y^{ka'})dy^{ka},$$

$$dp_{1a'} = (\partial_{0a}p_{1a'})dy^{0a} + (\partial^{1a}p_{1a'})dp_{1a},$$

$$dp_{2a'} = (\partial_{0a}p_{2a'})dy^{0a} + (\partial_{1a}p_{2a'})dy^{1a} + (\partial^{1a}p_{2a'})dp_{1a} + (\partial^{2a}p_{2a'})dp_{2a}, \dots,$$

$$dp_{ka'} = (\partial_{0a}p_{ka'})dy^{0a} + (\partial_{1a}p_{ka'})dy^{1a} + \dots + (\partial_{(k-1)a}p_{ka'})dy^{(k-1)a} + (\partial^{1a}p_{ka'})dp_{1a} + \dots + (\partial^{ka}p_{ka'})dp_{ka}.$$

It is obvious that the elements of \bar{B}_{LH} and \bar{B}_{LH}^* are not transforming as tensors (except for ∂_{ka} , ∂^{ka} and dy^{0a}). Using the J structure in [9], special adapted bases B_{LH} and \bar{B}_{LH}^* are constructed, such that their elements are tensors. Here, these bases will not be used, so their construction is omitted. For the further application we shall define the special Lagrange-Hamilton $(SLH)^{(nk)}$ spaces by

Definition 1.2. The $(SLH)^{(nk)}$ are such $(LH)^{(nk)}$ spaces in which the group of transformation is reduced to a linear group, i.e. elements of the matrix $(B_a^{a'})$ are real numbers.

From Definition 1.2 and (1.2) it follows that in $(SLH)^{(nk)}$ the group of transformation is given by:

(1.6)
$$y^{0a'} = B_a^{a'} y^{0a}, y^{1a'} = B_a^{a'} y^{1a}, \dots, y^{ka'} = B_a^{a'} y^{ka},$$
$$p_{1a'} = B_{a'}^{a} p_{1a}, \dots, p_{ka'} = B_{a'}^{a} p_{ka}.$$

From (1.6) it follows that in $(SLH)^{(nk)}$ the elements of \bar{B}_{SLH} and \bar{B}_{SLH}^* are the same as the corresponding elements of \bar{B}_{LH} and \bar{B}_{LH}^* . But, their elements are transforming as tensors, namely from (1.4) and (1.5) it follows

(1.7)
$$\partial_{0a} = B_{a}^{a'} \partial_{0a'}, \dots, \partial_{ka} = B_{a}^{a'} \partial_{ka'}, B_{a}^{a'} = \partial_{0a} y^{0a'}$$

$$\partial^{1a} = B_{a'}^{a} \partial^{1a'}, \dots, \partial^{ka} = B_{a'}^{a} \partial^{ka'}$$

$$dy^{0a'} = B_{a}^{a'} dy^{0a}, \dots, dy^{ka'} = B_{a'}^{a'} dy^{ka},$$

$$dp_{1a'} = B_{a'}^{a} dp_{1a}, \dots, dp_{ka'} = B_{a'}^{a} dp_{ka}.$$

2. The variation problem in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$

Let us consider the differentiable curve

$$c^*: t \in [0,1] \to c^*(t) \subset U \subset (GLH)^{(nk)}$$

U is an open set and

$$c^*(t) = r(t) = y^{0a}(t)\partial_{0a} + y^{1a}(t)\partial_{1a} + \cdots$$
$$\cdots + y^{ka}(t)\partial_{ka} + p_{1a}(t)\partial^{1a} + \cdots + p_{ka}(t)\partial^{ka},$$
$$y^{Aa}(t) = d_t^A y^{0a}(t), \quad A = \overline{1, k}, \qquad p_{\alpha a}(t) = d_t^{\alpha - 1} p_{1a}(t), \quad \alpha = \overline{2, k}.$$

The integral of action I_{c^*} for the fundamental function

$$F(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$$

is given by

$$(2.1) I_{c^*} = \int_0^1 F(y^{0a}(t), y^{1a}(t), \dots, y^{ka}(t), p_{1a}(t), \dots, p_{ka}(t)) dt.$$

The curve $c_{\varepsilon}^*(t) = r(t) + \varepsilon \delta r(t)$ is given by $c_{\varepsilon}^* : t \in [0,1] \to c_{\varepsilon}^*(t) \subset U \subset (GLH)^{(nk)}$, where for

$$(2.2) \ \delta r(t) = v^{0a}(t)\partial_{0a} + v^{1a}(t)\partial_{1a} + \dots + v^{ka}(t)\partial_{ka} + h_{1a}(t)\partial^{1a} + \dots + h_{ka}(t)\partial^{ka}$$

the following relations are valid:

(2.3)
$$v^{Aa}(t) = d_t^A v^{0a}(t), \quad A = \overline{1,k}, \qquad h_{\alpha a}(t) = d_t^{\alpha - 1} h_{1a}(t), \quad \alpha = \overline{2,k}.$$

We shall suppose that the curves $c_{\varepsilon}^*(t)$ for every small enough ε (positive or negative) such that $Imc_{\varepsilon}^* \subset U$, have the same endpoint and initial point as the curve $c^*(t)$, i.e.

$$c_{\varepsilon}^{*}(0) = c^{*}(0), \qquad c_{\varepsilon}^{*}(1) = c^{*}(1).$$

This will be satisfied if

$$(2.4) v^{Aa}(0) = v^{Aa}(1) = 0, A = \overline{1,k} h_{\alpha a}(0) = h_{\alpha a}(1) = 0, \alpha = \overline{2,k}.$$

The integral of action $I_{c_{\varepsilon}^*}$ of F is (2.5)

$$I_{c_{\varepsilon}^*} = \int_{0}^{1} F(y^{0a}(t) + \varepsilon v^{0a}(t), \dots, y^{ka}(t) + \varepsilon v^{ka}(t), p_{1a}(t) + \varepsilon h_{1a}(t), \dots, p_{ka} + \varepsilon h_{ka}(t)) dt.$$

Using Taylor's formula we get

(2.6)
$$I_{c_{\varepsilon}^*} - I_{c^*} = \delta I + \delta^2 I + \varepsilon^3 R_3,$$

where

$$\delta I = \int_{0}^{1} dF dt$$

$$(2.7) = \varepsilon \int_0^1 (v^{0a}\partial_{0a} + v^{1a}\partial_{1a} + \dots + v^{ka}\partial_{ka} + h_{1a}\partial^{1a} + \dots + h_{ka}\partial^{ka})Fdt,$$

$$\delta^2 I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 d^2 F dt$$

$$=\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2}\int_0^1 [v^{0a}\partial_{0a} + v^{1a}\partial_{1a} + \dots + v^{ka}\partial_{ka} + h_{1a}\partial^{1a} + \dots + h_{ka}\partial^{ka}]^2 F dt.$$

As ε may be a positive or negative small number, so the necessary condition that $I_{c_{\varepsilon}^*} - I_{c^*}$ has the same signature for all ε is that δI be equal to zero. If $\delta I = 0$, $\delta^2 I > 0$, then I_{c^*} is minimum, if $\delta I = 0$, $\delta^2 I < 0$, then I_{c^*} is maximum.

The sufficient condition that $\delta I = 0$ is that the expression under integral (2.7) is equal to zero, but it is not a tensor equation. It will be a tensor for some special case of δr , namely if

$$dy^{Aa} = v^{Aa}dt, \quad A = \overline{0, k}, \qquad dp_{\alpha a} = h_{\alpha a}dt, \quad \alpha = \overline{1, k}.$$

In this case the sufficient condition for $\delta I = 0$ is

$$[dy^{0a}\partial_{0a} + dy^{1a}\partial_{1a} + \dots + dy^{ka}\partial_{ka} + dp_{1a}\partial^{1a} + \dots + dp_{ka}\partial^{ka}]F = 0,$$

which can be written in the form

$$\left[y^{1a}\partial_{0a} + y^{2a}\partial_{1a} + \dots + \frac{dy^{ka}}{dt}\partial_{ka} + p_{2a}\partial^{1a} + \dots + \frac{dp_{ka}}{dt}\partial^{ka}\right]F = 0$$

or

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Gamma_k F = 0,$$

where Γ_k is defined in [9].

In some books, the notation $v^{Aa} = \delta y^{Aa}$, $A = \overline{0, k}$ is used and it is called the variation of the variable y^{Aa} . Sometimes it is written as $\delta x, \delta \dot{x}, \delta \ddot{x}, \ldots$

For the further examination we shall introduce the notations:

$$I'_{1}(v) = \binom{k}{k} v^{0a} \partial_{ka}$$

$$I'_{2}(v) = \binom{k-1}{k-1} v^{0a} \partial_{(k-1)a} + \binom{k}{k-1} v^{1a} \partial_{ka}, \dots,$$

$$I'_{k}(v) = \binom{1}{1} v^{0a} \partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{1} v^{1a} \partial_{2a} + \dots + \binom{k}{1} v^{(k-1)a} \partial_{ka},$$

$$I''_{2}(h) = \binom{k-1}{k-1} h_{1a} \partial^{ka}$$

$$I''_{3}(h) = \binom{k-2}{k-2} h_{1a} \partial^{(k-1)a} + \binom{k-1}{k-2} h_{2a} \partial^{ka}, \dots,$$

$$I''_{k}(h) = \binom{1}{1} h_{1a} \partial^{2a} + \binom{2}{1} h_{2a} \partial^{3a} + \dots + \binom{k-1}{1} h_{(k-1)a} \partial^{ka}.$$

If the space $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ reduces to the generalized Lagrange space $(GL)^{(nk)}$ from (2.8) we can see that $I'_1(v), I'_2(v), \ldots, I'_k(v)$ are equal to $I^1_V, I^2_V, \ldots, I^k_V$ used by R. Miron in [13,14] if we substitute v^{0i} by V^i and $\frac{y^{Ai}}{A!}$ by y^{Ai} .

Let us introduce the notations:

(2.9)
$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0} = \partial_{0a} - d_{t}^{1} \partial_{1a} + d_{t}^{2} \partial_{2a} - \dots + (-1)^{k} d_{t}^{k} \partial_{ka},$$
$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a} = \partial^{1a} - d_{t}^{1} \partial^{2a} + d_{t}^{2} \partial^{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} d_{t}^{k-1} \partial^{ka}.$$

Using the above notations we can state the important identity given by

Theorem 2.1. The following relation is valid:

$$(2.10) v^{0a}\partial_{0a} + v^{1a}\partial_{1a} + \dots + v^{ka}\partial_{ka} + h_{1a}\partial^{1a} + \dots + h_{ka}\partial^{ka} =$$

$$v^{0a}\bar{E}_{a}^{0} + h_{1a}\bar{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a} + d_{t}^{1}(I'_{k}(v) + I''_{k}(h)) - d_{t}^{2}(I'_{k-1}(v) + I''_{k-1}(h)) +$$

$$\dots + (-1)^{k-2}d_{t}^{k-1}(I'_{2}(v) + I''_{2}(h)) + (-1)^{k}d_{t}^{k}I'_{1}(v).$$

Remark. In $(GL)^{(nk)}$ (2.10) is shorter, because in this space $h_{1a}\partial^{1a} + \cdots + h_{ka}\partial^{ka} = 0$, $\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a = 0$, $I_k''(h) = 0$, $I_{k-1}''(h) = 0$.

Proof. For the general case the proof is based on the following property of binomial coefficients:

$$\sum_{n=a}^{n=b} (-1)^n \binom{n}{a} \binom{b}{n} = 0 \qquad a < b,$$

$$a, b \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

From (2.7) and (2.10) we get

(2.11)
$$\delta I = \int_{0}^{1} (v^{0a} \bar{E}^{0a} + h_{1a} \overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}) F dt.$$

Theorem 2.2. The sufficient condition that I_{c^*} be the extremal value of $I_{c^*_{\varepsilon}}$ in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ is the following equation:

(2.12)
$$(v^{0a}\bar{E}_a^0 + h_{1a}\overline{\overline{E}}_1^1)F = 0.$$

For the special case we have

Theorem 2.3. For $v^{0a} = y^{1a}$ and $h_{1a} = p_{2a}$ in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ we have

$$y^{1a}\bar{E}_a^0 + p_{2a}\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a = y^{1a'}\bar{E}_{a'}^0 + p_{2a'}\overline{\overline{E}}_1^{a'},$$

 $i.e.\ the\ left-hand\ side\ of\ (2.12)\ is\ a\ scalar\ field.$

Moreover, \bar{E}_a^0 and $\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a$ will be given in the next section.

3. Craig-Synge vectors and covectors

In 1935, Craig and Synge defined covector fields E_a , $i = \overline{0, k}$, in [4] and [19] which were connected with the higher order Finsler spaces. Similar covector fields are given in R. Miron's books [13], [14], ... and they are connected with Lagrange spaces of order k. Here, they will be examined in generalized Lagrange-Hamilton spaces $(GLH)^{(nk)}$. In these spaces we obtain two kinds of families: one of vector fields and the other "covector" fields.

Let us consider the curve $c^*: t \in [0,1] \to c^*(t) \in (GLH)^{(nk)}$ and the differentiable fundamental function $F = F(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$. Now we have

Definition 3.1. The Craig-Synge "covectors" in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ along the curve $c^*(t)$ are defined by (3.1)

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(F) = \begin{bmatrix} \binom{0}{0}\partial_{0a} - \binom{1}{0}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{0}d_{t}^{2}\partial_{2a} - \dots + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{0}d_{t}^{k}\partial_{ka} \end{bmatrix} (F),
\bar{E}_{a}^{1}(F) = \begin{bmatrix} -\binom{1}{1}\partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{2a} - \dots + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{1}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial_{ka} \end{bmatrix} (F),
\bar{E}_{a}^{2}(F) = \begin{bmatrix} \binom{2}{2}\partial_{2a} - \dots + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{2}d_{t}^{k-2}\partial_{ka} \end{bmatrix} (F), \dots,
\bar{E}_{a}^{k}(F) = (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{k}\partial_{ka}(F).$$

Formally, \bar{E}_a^A , $A=\overline{0,k}$ are the same as the corresponding covectors in the Lagrange spaces of order k (see (8.4.1) in [13], only here $y^{Aa}=d_t^Ay^{0a}$). The main difference is the fact, that in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ ∂_{Aa} , $A=\overline{0,k}$ have different transformation law (see (1.4)). From this it follows

Theorem 3.1. In $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ \bar{E}^0_a defined by (3.1) is not covector.

Proof. Let us restrict the proof for k = 1. Then, using (1.4) we get

(3.2)
$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0} = \partial_{0a} - d_{t}^{1} \partial_{1a}$$

$$= (\partial_{0a} y^{0a'}) \partial_{0a'} + (\partial_{0a} y^{1a'}) \partial_{1a'} + (\partial_{0a} p_{1a'}) \partial^{1a'} - d_{t}^{1} [\partial_{1a} y^{1a'}) \partial_{1a'}].$$

We have

$$\begin{split} y^{1a'} &= B_a^{a'} y^{1a}, \quad B_a^{a'} &= \partial_{0a} y^{0a'}, \quad \partial_{1a} y^{1a'} = B_a^{a'}, \\ (\partial_{0a} y^{1a'}) \partial_{1a'} &= B_{ab}^{a'} y^{1b} \partial_{1a'} \\ d_t^1 [(\partial_{1a} y^{1a'}) \partial_{1a'}] &= (B_{ab}^{a'} y^{1b}) \partial_{1a'} + B_a^{a'} d_t^1 \partial_{1a'}. \end{split}$$

Substituting the last two equations into (3.2) we get

$$\bar{E}_a^0 = B_a^{a'}(\partial_{0a'} - d_t^1 \partial_{1a'}) + (\partial_{0a} p_{1a'}) \partial^{1a'}$$

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$$= B_a^{a'} \bar{E}_{a'}^0 + (\partial_{0a} p_{1a'}) \partial^{1a'}.$$

The above equation proves Theorem 3.1.

If $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ reduces to $(GL)^{(nk)}$, then in (1.4) terms of the form $\partial_{Aa}p_{\alpha a'}$ $\alpha \geq A$ do not appear, and we obtain the known result: (see [13])

Theorem 3.2. \bar{E}_a^0 , defined by (3.2) in generalized Lagrange space $(GL)^{(nk)}$, is a covector.

Proposition 3.1. If $\phi = \phi(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)$ is a differentiable function in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, such that $\partial_{ka}\phi = 0$, $\partial^{ka}\phi = 0$, then

(3.3)
$$\partial_{0a}d_t^1\phi = (d_t^1\partial_{0a})\phi,$$

$$\partial_{1a}d_t^1\phi = (\partial_{0a} + d_t^1\partial_{1a})\phi,$$

$$\partial_{2a}d_t^1\phi = (\partial_{1a} + d_t^1\partial_{2a})\phi, \dots,$$

$$\partial_{(k-1)a}d_t^1\phi = (\partial_{(k-2)a} + d_t^1\partial_{(k-1)a})\phi,$$

$$\partial_{ka}d_t^1\phi = \partial_{(k-1)a}\phi,$$

(3.4)
$$\partial^{1a}(d_t^1\phi) = (d_t^1\partial^{1a})\phi,$$

$$\partial^{2a}(d_t^1\phi) = (\partial^{1a} + d_t^1\partial^{2a})\phi, \dots,$$

$$\partial^{(k-1)a}(d_t^1\phi) = (\partial^{(k-2)a} + d_t^1\partial^{(k-1)a})\phi,$$

$$\partial^{ka}(d_t^1\phi) = \partial^{(k-1)a}\phi.$$

Proof. Using the assumptions $\partial_{ka}\phi = 0$, $\partial^{ka}\phi = 0$, we have

$$(3.5) d_t^1 \phi = [(y^{1b}\partial_{0b} + y^{2b}\partial_{1b} + \dots + y^{kb}\partial_{(k-1)b}) + (p_{2b}\partial^{1b} + p_{3b}\partial^{2b} + \dots + p_{kb}\partial^{(k-1)b})]\phi,$$

$$\partial_{0a}d_t^1 = [(y^{1b}\partial_{0a}\partial_{0b} + y^{2b}\partial_{0a}\partial_{1b} + \dots + y^{kb}\partial_{0a}\partial_{(k-1)b}) + (p_{2b}\partial_{0a}\partial^{1b} + p_{3b}\partial_{0a}\partial^{2b} + \dots + p_{kb}\partial_{0a}\partial^{(k-1)b}]\phi.$$

From the above two equations it follows $\partial_{0a}d_t^1\phi = d_t^1\partial_{0a}\phi$, which is the first equation of (3.3). From (3.5) it follows

$$\partial_{1a}d_t^1\phi = [\partial_{0a} + (y^{1b}\partial_{1a}\partial_{0b} + y^{2b}\partial_{1a}\partial_{1b} + \dots + y^{kb}\partial_{1a}\partial_{(k-1)b}) +$$
$$(p_{2b}\partial_{1a}\partial^{2b} + p_{3b}\partial_{1a}\partial^{2b} + \dots + p_{kb}\partial_{1a}\partial^{(k-1)b})]\phi.$$

From the above equation it follows

$$\partial_{1a}d_t^1\phi = (\partial_{0a} + d_t^1\partial_{1a})\phi,$$

which is the second equation of (3.3). As $\partial_{ka}\phi = 0$, from (3.5) it follows

$$\partial_{ka}(d_t^1\phi) = (\partial_{ka}y^{kb})\partial_{(k-1)b}\phi = \partial_{(k-1)a}\phi,$$

which is the last equation of (3.3). (3.4) can be proved using the same method.

Proposition 3.2. If $\phi = \phi(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ is a differentiable function in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, such that $\partial_{ka}\phi = 0$, $\partial^{ka}\phi = 0$, then

(3.6)
$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = 0$$

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{1}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(\phi)$$

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{2}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\bar{E}_{a}^{1}(\phi), \dots,$$

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{k}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\bar{E}_{a}^{(k-1)}\phi.$$

The above equations are the extensions of the results of Caratheodory [3]. Proof. Using (3.3) and (3.1) we obtain:

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = (\partial_{0a} - d_{t}^{1}\partial_{1a} + d_{t}^{2}\partial_{2a} + \dots + (-1)^{k}d_{t}^{k}\partial_{ka})(d_{t}^{1}\phi)$$

$$= [d_{t}^{1}\partial_{0a} - d_{t}^{1}(\partial_{0a} + d_{t}^{1}\partial_{1a}) + d_{t}^{2}(\partial_{1a} + d_{t}^{1}\partial_{2a})$$

$$-d_{t}^{3}(\partial_{2a} + d_{t}^{1}\partial_{3a}) + \dots + (-1)^{k-1}d_{t}^{k-1}(\partial_{(k-2)a} + d_{t}^{1}\partial_{(k-1)a})$$

$$+(-1)^{k}d_{t}^{k}\partial_{(k-1)a}]\phi.$$

From the above it follows

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(d_{t}^{1}\phi)=0.$$

Using the well known relation: $\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} = \binom{n+1}{k}$ (3.1) and (3.3) we have: $\bar{E}_a^1(d_t^1\phi)$

$$= \left[-\binom{1}{1} \partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{1} d_t^1 \partial_{2a} - \binom{3}{1} d_t^2 \partial_{3a} + \dots + (-1)^k \binom{k}{1} d_t^{k-1} \partial_{ka} \right] (d_t^1 \phi)$$

$$= \left[-\binom{1}{1} (\partial_{0a} + d_t^1 \partial_{1a}) + \binom{2}{1} d_t^1 (\partial_{1a} + d_t^1 \partial_{2a}) - \binom{3}{1} d_t^2 (\partial_{2a} + d_t^1 \partial_{3a}) + \dots \right]$$

$$+ (-1)^{k-1} \binom{k-1}{1} d_t^{k-2} (\partial_{(k-2)a} + d_t^1 \partial_{(k-1)a}) + (-1)^k \binom{k}{1} d_t^{(k-1)} \partial_{(k-1)a} \phi$$

$$= \left[-\binom{0}{0} \partial_{0a} + \left[\binom{2}{1} - \binom{1}{1} \right] d_t^1 \partial_{1a} - \left[\binom{3}{1} - \binom{2}{1} \right] d_t^2 \partial_{2a} + \left[\binom{4}{1} - \binom{3}{1} \right] d_t^3 \partial_{3a} - \cdots + (-1)^k \left[\binom{k}{1} - \binom{k-1}{1} \right] d_t^{k-1} \partial_{(k-1)a} + (-1)^{k+1} \binom{k}{0} d_t^k \partial_{ka} \phi.$$

The last term is equal to zero, because $\partial_{ka}\phi = 0$, so we obtain

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{1}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\left[\binom{0}{0}\partial_{0a} - \binom{1}{0}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{0}d_{t}^{2}\partial_{2a} + \binom{3}{0}d_{t}^{3}\partial_{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{0}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial_{(k-1)a} + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{0}d_{t}^{k}\partial_{ka}\right]\phi,$$

i.e.

$$\bar{E}_a^1(d_t^1\phi) = -\bar{E}_a^0\phi.$$

The other relations from (3.6) can be proved in the same way.

In $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ we can define vector fields by

Definition 3.2. If $F(y^0, y^1, \ldots, y^k, p_1, \ldots, p_k)$ is a differentiable function in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, then along the curve $c^*(t)$ the Craig-Synge vector fields $\overline{\overline{E}}_{\alpha}^{\ a}$, $\alpha = \overline{1, k}$, are defined by (3.7)

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} \binom{0}{0}\partial^{1a} - \binom{1}{0}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a} + \binom{2}{0}d_{t}^{2}\partial^{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{0}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial^{ka} \end{pmatrix} F,
\overline{\overline{E}}_{2}^{a}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} -\binom{1}{1}\partial^{2a} + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{1}d_{t}^{k-2}\partial^{ka} \end{pmatrix} F,
\overline{\overline{E}}_{3}^{a}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} \binom{2}{2}\partial^{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{2}d_{t}^{k-3}\partial^{ka} \end{pmatrix} F, \dots,
\overline{\overline{E}}_{k}^{a}(F) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \end{pmatrix}^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{k-1}\partial^{ka}F.$$

Proposition 3.3. If $\phi(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ is a differentiable function in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, such that $\partial_{ka}\phi = 0$, $\partial^{ka}\phi = 0$, then

(3.8)
$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = 0$$

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{2}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(\phi)$$

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{3}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\overline{\overline{E}}_{2}^{a}(\phi)$$

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{k}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\overline{\overline{E}}_{k-1}^{a}(\phi).$$

Proof. Using (3.4), (3.7) we have

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi)$$

$$= (\partial^{1a} - d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a} + d_{t}^{2}\partial^{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial^{ka})(d_{t}^{1}\phi)$$

$$= (d_t^1 \partial^{1a} - d_t^1 (\partial^{1a} + d_t^1 \partial^{2a}) + d_t^2 (\partial^{2a} - d_t^1 \partial^{3a}) + \cdots$$
$$\cdots + (-1)^{k-1} d_t^{k-1} \partial^{(k-1)a}) \phi = 0.$$

$$\begin{split} \overline{\overline{E}}_{2}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) \\ &= (-\binom{1}{1})\partial^{2a} + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{3a} - \binom{3}{1}d_{t}^{2}\partial^{4a} + \dots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-3}{1}d_{t}^{k-2}\partial^{ka})(d_{t}^{1}\phi) \\ &= [-\binom{1}{1}(\partial^{1a} + d_{t}^{1}(\partial^{2a}) + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a} + d_{t}^{1}\partial^{3a}) - \binom{3}{1}d_{t}^{2}(\partial^{3a} - d_{t}^{1}\partial^{4a}) + \dots]\phi \\ &= [-\binom{0}{0}\partial^{1a} + [\binom{2}{1} - \binom{1}{1}]d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a} - [\binom{3}{1} - \binom{2}{1}]d_{t}^{2}\partial^{3a} + \dots]\phi = -\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(\phi), \dots, \\ \overline{\overline{E}}_{k}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) &= [(-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{k-1}\partial^{(k-1)a} \\ &= -[(-1)^{k-2}\binom{k-2}{k-2}\partial^{(k-1)a} + (-1)^{(k-1)}\binom{k-1}{k-2}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{a}^{k}\phi. \end{split}$$

The last term, which was added, is equal to zero because $\partial^{ka}\phi=0$. So we obtain

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{k}^{a}(d_{t}^{1}\phi) = -\overline{\overline{E}}_{k-1}^{a}(\phi).$$

Consequence:

Theorem 3.3. In $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ the integrals of actions

$$I_{c^*} = \int_0^1 F(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$$

$$I'_{c^*} = \int_0^1 [F(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k) + d_t^1 \phi(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^{k-1}, p_1, \dots, p_{k-1})] dt$$

have the same extremal curves for any differentiable fundamental function F and any differentiable function ϕ , for which

$$\partial_{ka}\phi = 0, \quad \partial^{ka}\phi = 0.$$

Proof. The extremal curves of I_{c^*} are the solution of

$$(v^{0a}\bar{E}_a^0 + h_{1a}\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a)F = 0$$

and those of I_{c^*} satisfy

$$(v^{0a}\bar{E}_a^0 + h_{1a}\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a)(F + d_t^1\phi) = 0.$$

As $\bar{E}_a^0(d_t^1\phi)=0$, $\overline{\overline{E}}_1^{\ a}(d_t^1\phi)=0$, (see (3.6) and (3.8)), the extremal curves for both integrals are the solution of the same differential equation.

Proposition 3.4. If $\phi = \phi(t)$ and $F = F(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ are differentiable functions in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, then the following relations are valid

(3.9)
$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(\phi F) = \phi \bar{E}_{a}^{0}(F) + (d_{t}^{1}\phi)\bar{E}_{a}^{1}(F) + \dots + (d_{t}^{k-1}\phi)E_{a}^{(k-1)}(F) + (d_{t}^{k}\phi)\bar{E}_{a}^{k}.$$

Proof. From

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(\phi F) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_{0a} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{1} \partial_{1a} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{2} \partial_{2a} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{3} \partial_{3a} + \left(\frac{4}{0} \right) d_{t}^{4} \partial_{4a} + \dots + (-1)^{k} \begin{pmatrix} k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{k} \partial_{ka} \right] (\phi F).$$

and $\phi = \phi(t)$ we have

$$\partial_{0a}(\phi F) = \binom{0}{0} \phi \partial_{0a} F,$$

$$-d_t^1(\partial_{1a}(\phi F)) = -d_t^1(\phi \partial_{1a} F) = -\left[\binom{1}{1}(d_t^1 \phi)\partial_{1a} + \binom{1}{0}\phi d_t^1 \partial_{1a}\right] F,$$

$$d_t^2(\phi \partial_{2a} F) = \left[\binom{2}{2}(d_t^2 \phi)\partial_{2a} + \binom{2}{1}(d_t^1 \phi)d_t^1 \partial_{2a} + \binom{2}{0}\phi d_t^2 \partial_{2a}\right] F,$$

$$-d_t^3(\phi \partial_{3a} F) = -\left[\binom{3}{0}(d_t^3 \phi)\partial_{3a} + \binom{3}{2}(d_t^2 \phi)d_t^1 \partial_{3a} + \binom{3}{1}(d_t^1 \phi)d_t^2 \partial_{3a} + \binom{3}{0}\phi d_t^3 \partial_{3a}\right] F, \dots,$$

$$(-1)^k d_t^k(\phi \partial_{ka} F) = (-1)^k \left[\binom{k}{k}(d_t^k \phi)\partial_{ka} + \binom{k}{k-1}d_t^k \partial_{ka} + \dots + \binom{k}{0}\phi d_t^k \partial_{ka}\right] F.$$

The addition of former equations results (in the first line are the last terms, and so on) in:

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(\phi F) = \phi[\binom{0}{0}\partial_{0a} - \binom{1}{0}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{0}d_{t}^{2}\partial_{2a} - \binom{3}{0}d_{t}^{3}\partial_{3a} + \dots + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{0}d_{t}^{k}\partial_{ka}]F + (d_{t}^{1}\phi)[-\binom{1}{1}\partial_{1a} + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{2a} - \binom{3}{1}d_{t}^{2}\partial_{3a} + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{1}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial_{ka}]F + (d_{t}^{2}\phi)[\binom{2}{2}\partial_{2a} - \binom{3}{2}d_{t}^{1}\partial_{3a} + \dots + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{2}d_{t}^{k-2}\partial_{ka}]F + (d_{t}^{3}\phi)[-\binom{3}{3}\partial_{3a} + \dots + (-1)^{k}\binom{k}{3}d_{t}^{k-3}\partial_{ka}]F + \dots + (d_{t}^{k}\phi)(-1)^{k}\binom{k}{k}\partial_{ka}F.$$

The comparison of the above equation with (3.1) gives (3.9).

As a consequence of the previous proposition we have:

Proposition 3.5. In $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, the following relations are valid

(3.10)
$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(F) = \bar{E}_{a}^{0}(F),$$

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(tF) = t\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(F) + \bar{E}_{a}^{1}(F),$$

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(t^{2}F) = t^{2}E_{a}^{0}(F) + 2t\bar{E}_{a}^{1}(F) + 2!\bar{E}_{a}^{2}(F),$$

$$\bar{E}_{a}^{0}(t^{k}F) = t^{k}E_{a}^{0}(F) + kt^{k-1}\bar{E}_{a}^{1}F + \dots + k!\bar{E}_{a}^{k}F.$$

Theorem 3.4. If $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ is reduced to $(GL)^{(nk)}$, then $\bar{E}_a^0, \bar{E}_a^1, \dots, \bar{E}_a^k$ are covectors.

Proof. It is known that \bar{E}_a^0 in $(GL)^{(nk)}$ is covector (Theorem 3.2). From the second equation of (3.10) we get

$$\bar{E}_a^1(F) = \bar{E}_a^0(tF) - t\bar{E}_a^0(F) = B_a^{a'}(\bar{E}_{a'}^0(tF) - t\bar{E}_a^0(F)) = B_a^{a'}\bar{E}_{a'}^1(F), \dots$$

From the above it follows that \bar{E}_a^1 is a covector. For $\phi = t^2$ we get

$$\bar{E}_a^0(t^2F) = t^2\bar{E}_a^0(F) + 2t\bar{E}_a^1(F) + 2\bar{E}_a^2(F),$$

from which we conclude that \bar{E}_a^2 is a covector, and so on.

Theorem 3.5. If $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ is reduced to $(SLH)^{(nk)}$ then $\bar{E}_a^0, \bar{E}_a^1, \dots, \bar{E}_a^k$ are covectors.

Proof. From (1.7) we have:

$$\partial_{Aa} = B_a^{a'} \partial_{Aa}, \qquad A = \overline{0, k}, d_t^A B_a^{a'} = 0, A = \overline{0, k}.$$

Proposition 3.6. If $\phi = \phi(t)$ and $F = F(y^0, y^1, \dots, y^k, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ are differentiable functions in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$, then the following relations are valid

$$(3.11) \qquad \overline{\overline{E}}_1{}^a(\phi F) = \phi \overline{\overline{E}}_1{}^a(F) + (d_t^1 \phi) \overline{\overline{E}}_2{}^a(F) + \dots + (d_t^{(k-1)} \phi) \overline{\overline{E}}_a{}^k(F).$$

Proof. As $\phi = \phi(t)$ we have $\partial^{\alpha a}(\phi F) = \phi \partial^{\alpha a} F$, $\alpha = \overline{1, k}$. We get

$$\overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(\phi F) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial^{1a} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{1} \partial^{2a} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{2} \partial^{3a} - \dots + (-1)^{k-1} \begin{pmatrix} k-1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} d_{t}^{k-1} \partial^{ka} \right] (\phi F).$$

If we add all the following equations

$$\binom{0}{0} \partial^{1a} (\phi F) \ = \ \binom{0}{0} \phi \partial^{1a} F,$$

$$-\binom{1}{0}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a}(\phi F) = -\binom{1}{0}[\binom{1}{1}(d_{t}^{1}\phi)\partial^{2a} + \binom{1}{0}\phi d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a}]F,$$

$$+\binom{2}{0}d_{t}^{2}\partial^{3a}(\phi F) = \binom{2}{0}[\binom{2}{2}(d_{t}^{2}\phi)\partial^{3a} + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\phi d_{t}^{1}\partial^{3a}$$

$$+\binom{2}{0}\phi d_{t}^{2}\partial^{3a}]F, \dots,$$

$$(-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{0}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial^{ka}(\phi F) = (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{0}[\binom{k-1}{k-1}(d_{t}^{k-1}\phi)\partial^{ka}$$

$$+\binom{k-1}{k-2}(d_{t}^{k-2}\phi)d_{t}^{1}\partial^{ka} + \dots + \binom{k-1}{0}\phi d_{t}^{k-1}\partial^{ka}]F,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{split} \overline{\overline{E}}_{1}^{a}(\phi F) &= \phi[\binom{0}{0}\partial^{1a} - \binom{1}{0}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{2a} + \binom{2}{0}d_{t}^{2}\partial^{3a} - \cdots \\ & \cdots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{0}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial^{ka}]F + \\ & (d_{t}^{1}\phi)[-\binom{1}{1}\partial^{2a} + \binom{2}{1}d_{t}^{1}\partial^{3a} + \cdots \\ & \cdots + (-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{1}d_{t}^{k-1}\partial^{ka}]F + \cdots + \\ & (d_{t}^{k-1}\phi)(-1)^{k-1}\binom{k-1}{k-1}\partial^{ka}F. \end{split}$$

The comparison of the above equation with (3.7) gives (3.11).

Theorem 3.6. In $(GLH)^{(nk)}\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a, \ldots, \overline{\overline{E}}_k^a$ are vector fields.

Proof. $\overline{\overline{E}}_1^a$ is a vector field because $\partial^{1a}, \partial^{2a}, \dots, \partial^{ka}$ in $(GLH)^{(nk)}$ have the similar transformation law as $\partial_{0a}, \dots, \partial_{ka}$ in $(GL)^{(nk)}$, where $(\partial_{Aa}p_{\alpha a'}) = 0$, $A < \alpha$.

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