

[mex283] Canonicity and generating function V

Consider the following transformation from a set of canonical coordinates (q, p) to a new set of coordinates (Q, P) :

$$Q = -p, \quad P = q + ap^2,$$

where a is an arbitrary constant.

- (a) Verify that this transformation is canonical by investigating its Jacobian determinant.
- (b) Determine the generating function $F_1(q, Q)$ by integration of the total differential dF_1 as constructed from the above transformation relations.
- (c) Determine the generating function $F_2(q, P)$ from $F_1(p, Q)$.
- (d) Determine the generating function $F_2(q, P)$ directly by integration of the total differential dF_2 as constructed from the above transformation relations.

Solution: