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Presence of symmetries in Hamiltonian systems simplifies the task of solving equations of motion. If the action of the symmetry group G on a symplectic manifold (P, ω) is free and proper the space P/G of G -orbits in P is a Poisson manifold and the orbit map $\rho : P \rightarrow P/G$ is a locally trivial fibration.

If the action of G on P is proper but not free, the orbit space P/G is not a manifold but a smoothly stratified space. One can recover all the structure of P/G from the structure of the ring $C^\infty(P)^G$ of smooth G -invariant functions on P .

This approach is also applicable to other types of systems, e.g. dynamical systems with non-holonomic constraints, non-linear control systems or Dirac systems.

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