Area Variations under pointwise Lagrangian and Legendrian Constraints

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In closed Kähler manifold where ω is non exact $\implies d(\iota_X \omega) = 0$ When $\iota_X \omega$ is exact: Hamiltonian Variations

$$\iota_X \omega = dh \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad X = J_0 \nabla h$$

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