

Lagrange - Clebsch cond weak variation if $\min \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y_k \partial y_j} \delta y_k \delta y_j \geq 0$
 consistent with $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y_k} \delta y_k = 0 \quad j=1, \dots, p$

Mayer Problem $H=0 \quad F=0$

Lagrange Prob $G=0$ & transversality condition $dG=0$ (dh in Schen paper)

Transformation of a Lagrange Problem into a Mayer problem

if $\Psi = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F(x, y, \dot{y}) dx$ and (x, y) are given

rewrite $\dot{z} - F(x, y, \dot{y}) = 0 \Rightarrow \Psi = z_f - z_i$

if $\Psi = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} H(x, y, \dot{y}, \ddot{y}) dx$ assume $\Psi = y - z = 0$

$\Rightarrow \Psi = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} H(x, y, z, \dot{z}) dx$ is lagrange type

Problems involving Inequalities

$\Psi = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F(x, y, \dot{y}) dx$ subject to $y \geq K$

this can be reduced to writing a constraint $\Psi = y - K - z^2 = 0$

if it is subjected to $K_1 \leq y \leq K_2$ write constraint

$$\Psi = (y - K_1)(K_2 - y) - z^2 = 0$$

Use of equation of motion into the preceding integral leads to

$$\Delta T_f = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{m_0}^{m_1} \left(m \frac{dv}{dm} + v \right)^2 dm \quad \text{given Euler Lagrange}$$

$$m \ddot{v}_{mm} + 2 \dot{v}_m = 0 \quad \text{along with } \frac{m_0}{m_1} = \frac{\dot{v}_1}{\dot{v}_0}$$

$$\text{give } dv = dc \Rightarrow C - C_0 = v - v_0 \quad \text{where } C_0 = \frac{v_1 - v_0}{m_0/m_1 - 1}$$

Direct Solution: ΔT_f must be min. = 0 in case of infinitesimal systems

$$\text{when } \Delta T_f = 0$$

$C = \tilde{v}$ speed in that case system from $m dv = -cdm$

$$\text{then } d(m\tilde{v}) = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{m_0}{m_1} \tilde{v}_0 = \tilde{v}_1 \quad \& \quad \left(\frac{m_0}{m_1} - 1 \right) \tilde{v}_0 = \tilde{v}_1 - \tilde{v}_0$$

$$\text{but } \tilde{v}_0 = C_0 \quad \& \quad \text{for linear motion } \tilde{v} = \tilde{v}_0 + v - v_0 \Rightarrow C_0 = \frac{v_1 - v_0}{m_0/m_1 - 1}$$

which leads to $C = C_0 = v - v_0$

$$\text{In terms of prop eff } \eta = \frac{m_0/m_1 - 1}{m_0/m_1}$$

comparison of $\eta = \ln^2(m_0/m_1)$ shows that for $c = \text{const}$ η is less than $\eta = \ln^2(m_0/m_1)$

that for opt variable exhaust speed prop $\propto m_0/m_1$.

$$\text{For same } \Delta T_f \text{ ratio of } \frac{\Delta E_{\text{const}}}{\Delta E_{\text{var}}} = \frac{(m_0/m_1 - 1)^2}{(\ln^2(m_0/m_1))} > 1$$

η possesses max ϵ_1 w.r.t m_0/m_1 for const exhaust whereas the var. exhaust η increases monotonically as $m_0/m_1 \downarrow$. Use of var. exhaust speed as opposed to const exhaust speed becomes more pronounced at higher mass ratios.

Abstract

A survey has been made of existing literature dealing with the calculus of variations and its applications to problems of planetary orbits and rendezvous problems^{sample}. The general theory of variational calculus is set forth and several problems dealing with the general theory are worked out. The results of the general theory is then put to use on ^{put number} problems dealing with trajectories, ^{orbits} _{rendezvous}:

- 1) State goal of problem 1
- 2) " " " 2 etc.

Introduction

In the last twenty years or so, the use of variational methods has become more pronounced, especially in fields dealing with the sciences and engineering. The versatility of the calculus of variations is shown in its application. It has been applied to problems in dynamics, elasticity, optics, electromagnetism theory and fluid dynamics. These methods are popular today and ^{uncommon} ~~in~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ optimal problems in aerodynamics and astrodynamics field two decades ago. It is not unusual to find problems where solving problems in applied aerodynamics and applied mechanics being solved today by variational techniques.

Because of the complexities of the problems encountered, ^{in actual practice often} ~~necessity~~ ^a ~~dictates~~ the use of numerical techniques for solutions to be obtained. However it must be noted that the solution ^{usually} is independent of the data involved, thus allowing a problem to be ^{analytically} solved, and then resolved using actual. This solution can be ^{then} used as a first approximation to the actual solution.

The calculus of variations is a branch of calculus whose function is similar to the theory of maxima and minima. It concerns itself with the variation of functional expressions and their behavior where minima or ^{of these expressions} maxima must be established. Whereas the theory of maxima and minima deals with distinct points, variational calculus deals with an infinite set of points which

However, problems can often be idealized and simplified in such a manner that analytical solutions ^{near} approximations, and available. Such solutions ^{solve} ~~can then afford~~ problems, into related problems, though more complicated.

In the case when the integral is of the form

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} H(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dot{y}_2, \dots, \dot{y}_n) dx$$

an evaluation of the integral for which a minimum is sought is done by fixing any $n-1$ variables and performing the preceding method on the remaining variable. However instead of obtaining one Euler equation, n such equations will exist, or namely

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y_k} - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k} \right] = 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad (4)$$

provided $y_k(x_0)$ and $y_k(x_1)$ are given.

It must be noted that the preceding work is also true for maximization of the integrals discussed. That solution which satisfies the Lagrange equation is known as an extremal; the extremal will cause the integral to be stationary, i.e., will minimize (or maximize) the integral

The Euler-Lagrange Equations - for two independent variables

Consider the following integral

$$I = \iint_D H(x, y, z, \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}) dx dy \text{ for which } \partial D = C. \text{ Let } z(x, y)$$

be an extremal of I .

All the permissible surfaces passing through the boundary of D are given by

$$z^*(x, y, \alpha) = z(x, y) + \alpha \eta(x, y)$$

~~for $z(x, y)$ an extremal~~

where $\eta(x, y) = 0$ on ∂D and α is a parameter which remains constant for any function but varies from function to function. If the integral is rewritten as

$$I(\alpha) = \iint_D \tilde{H}(x, y, z^*(x, y, \alpha), p^*(x, y, \alpha), q^*(x, y, \alpha)) dx dy$$

for fixed $z(x, y)$ and $\eta(x, y)$.

The integral can be minimized if $\frac{dI(\alpha)}{d\alpha}|_{\alpha=0} = 0$ as before

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Because no restrictions exist on the end conditions, a greater number of solutions to a variable end point problem exist. However, the solution which produces an extremal for this type of problem, will also be an extremal with respect to a more restricted set of curves having the same end conditions as the extremal. This fact then allows for the use of the fundamental necessary condition for extremes - the Euler-Lagrange equations derived earlier.[†]

The simplest variable boundary problem is the one-end-fixed problem. Consider an extremum to exist if the function $y^*(x)$ has its variable end point at (x_1, y_1) . Consider a second function $y_N = y^* + \Delta y$ close to the function $y^*(x)$ formed by the movement of the variable end point from (x_1, y_1) to $(x_1 + \Delta x_1, y_1 + \Delta y_1)$. The change incurred by the integral $I = \int H(x, y, \dot{y}) dx$ in its evaluation for $y = y^*(x)$ and $y = y_N(x)$ is

$$\Delta I = \int_{x_0}^{x_1 + \Delta x_1} H(x, y_N, \dot{y}_N) dx - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} H(x, y^*, \dot{y}^*) dx$$

$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_1 + \Delta x_1} H(x, y_N, \dot{y}_N) dx + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \{ H(x, y_N, \dot{y}_N) - H(x, y^*, \dot{y}^*) \} dx$$

$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_1 + \Delta x_1} H(x, y_N, \dot{y}_N) dx + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (H_{\dot{y}} \Delta y + H_y \Delta y) dx + R$$

where Taylor's expansion is used on the second integral and the first two terms of the expression for the variations of H yield a first-order approximation to the change of the integral from curve to curve. R is the higher order remainder term contributed by Taylor's Expansion.

[†] Because no end points exist; and for the integral to be stationary it is necessary to find other conditions which must also hold in order to obtain the function

Use of the Mean Value theorem on the first integral leads to

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1 + \Delta x_1} H(x, y_N, \dot{y}_N) dx = \Delta x_1 \left\{ H(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \dot{\bar{y}}) \right\} = \left\{ H(x_1, y_1, \dot{y}_1) \right\} \Delta x_1 + e_1 \Delta x_1$$

where $\bar{x} = x_1 + \theta_1 \Delta x_1$ and $0 < \theta_1 < 1$

Integration of the second integral results in

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left\{ H_{,y} \Delta y + H_{,\dot{y}} \Delta \dot{y} \right\} dx = H_{,\dot{y}} \Delta y \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left(H_{,y} - \frac{d}{dx} H_{,\dot{y}} \right) \Delta y dx$$

Using the fundamental necessary condition and that $\Delta y \Big|_{x=x_0} = 0$ (fixed point)

the above reduces to

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left\{ H_{,y} \Delta y + H_{,\dot{y}} \Delta \dot{y} \right\} dx = [H_{,\dot{y}} \Delta y] \Big|_{x=x_1}$$

Since $\Delta y \Big|_{x=x_1} \approx \dot{y}(x_1) \Delta x_1$ and since $e_1, R \rightarrow 0$ when $\Delta y_1, \Delta x_1 \rightarrow 0$

the change incurred by the integral is

$$\Delta I = H_{,\dot{y}} \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_1 + \left\{ H - \dot{y} H_{,\dot{y}} \right\} \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 \quad (6)$$

One requires

that $\Delta I = 0$ for the extremal to exist. If Δy_1 and Δx_1 are independent of each other, then this implies

$$H_{,\dot{y}} \Big|_{x=x_1} = \left\{ H - \dot{y} H_{,\dot{y}} \right\} \Big|_{x=x_1} = 0 \quad (7)$$

If $y_1 = \pi(x_1)$ then (6) would be subject to $\Delta y_1 \approx \dot{\pi}(x_1) \Delta x_1$; then

$$\Delta I = \left\{ H - (\dot{y} - \dot{\pi}) H_{,\dot{y}} \right\} \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\left[H - (\dot{y} - \dot{\pi}) H_{,\dot{y}} \right] \Big|_{x=x_1} = 0 \quad (8)$$

If a variable boundary also existed at the end point (x_0, y_0) a similar result would be obtained. The condition described in its varied form as shown.

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by equations (6-8) is known as the transversality condition. In the preceding development infinitesimal increments in y and x of higher order were neglected. Therefore if both end points are variable, then for the integral to be stationary the following conditions must be satisfied:

$$H_{,y} - \frac{d}{dx}(H_{,y}) = 0$$

$$H_{,y}|_{x=x_0} \Delta y_0 + \left\{ H - \dot{y} H_{,y} \right\}|_{x=x_0} \Delta x_0 = 0$$

$$H_{,y}|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_1 + \left\{ H - \dot{y} H_{,y} \right\}|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 = 0$$

If the integral is of the form

$$I = \int_A^B H(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dots, \dot{y}_n) dx$$

and whose variable boundary points take the form

$$A(x_0, y_{10}, y_{20}, \dots, y_{n0}) \text{ and } B(x_1, y_{11}, y_{21}, \dots, y_{n1})$$

the conditions for which the integral becomes stationary are

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y_k} - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k} \right] = 0 \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

$$\left\{ H - \sum_{k=1}^n \dot{y}_k \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k} \right\}|_{x=x_0} \Delta x_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k}|_{x=x_0} \Delta y_{k_0} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\left\{ H - \sum_{k=1}^n \dot{y}_k \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k} \right\}|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k}|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_{k_1} = 0$$

Example:

Find the curve that makes

$$I = \int_0^{x_1} \frac{\sqrt{1+y'^2}}{y} dx \text{ an extremum knowing that}$$

$y(0)=0$ and that (x_1, y_1) lies on the circle $(x-9)^2 + y^2 = 9$

Solution:

For $\Delta I = 0$

$$\Delta I = [H - \dot{y} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}}] \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}} \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_1 = 0$$

Because (x_1, y_1) moves on a circle, then $y_1 = \pi(x_1)$ and $\Delta y_1 \approx \dot{\pi}(x_1) \Delta x_1$; in particular
~~then~~ $2y \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_1 + 2(x-a) \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta y_1 / \Delta x_1 = - \frac{(x-a)}{y} \Big|_{\substack{x=x_1 \\ y=y_1}}$

Use of the Euler-Lagrange equation leads to $(x-c_1)^2 + y^2 = c_1^2$.

Using the fixed end condition $y(0) = 0$ results in $c_1 = c_2$

Therefore $(x-c_1)^2 + y^2 = c_1^2$. Use of the transversality condition gives

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+y^2}}{y} - \frac{\dot{y}^2}{y\sqrt{1+\dot{y}^2}} \right) \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\dot{y}}{y\sqrt{1+\dot{y}^2}} \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_1 = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\Delta x_1 + \dot{y} \Big|_{x=x_1} \Delta y_1 = 0 \quad \text{. Therefore}$$

$$\dot{y} \Big|_{\substack{x=x_1 \\ y=y_1}} = - \frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta y_1}$$

Because of this result the tangent to the extremum must be perpendicular to the tangent to the curve $(x-a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$ at (x_1, y_1) . The solution of

$$(x-c_1)^2 + y^2 = c_1^2$$

$$(x-a)^2 + y^2 = 3^2 \quad \text{leads to } x_1(18-2c_1) = 72$$

Since $\dot{y} = -1 / \frac{\Delta y_1}{\Delta x_1} = \frac{y}{(x-a)} \Big|_{\substack{x=x_1 \\ y=y_1}} = - \frac{(x-c_1)}{y} \Big|_{\substack{x=x_1 \\ y=y_1}}$, the following equation is

found: $(x_1-c_1)(x_1-a) + y_1^2 = 0$. Since $(x_1-c_1)^2 + y_1^2 = c_1^2$, substitution for y_1^2 and solution for x_1 results in $x_1 = 9c_1/a - c_1$. Since two

Equations exist in x_1 and c_1 :

$$x_1(18 - 2c_1) = 72$$

$$x_1 = 9c_1/9 - c_1$$

Solution leads to $c_1 = 4$; thus the extremal is found to be

$$y = \pm \sqrt{16 - (x-4)^2} = \pm \sqrt{8x - x^2}$$

The end point (x_1, y_1) is found to be $(7.2, 2.4)$.

Extremals as a Consequence of Corners (Discontinuities)

Consider the fixed end point problem which does not obey the Euler-Lagrange equation, i.e. the integral cannot be minimized for any function. The solution to such a problem can be realized in the following manner: let $i=1, \dots, n$

Suppose \exists points $C_i(x_i, y_i)$ which connect the two end points by means of piecewise continuous curves. For these piecewise curves to minimize the integral they must satisfy the Euler-Lagrange equation individually. By fixing all but one of these points one obtains $n-2$ fixed-end-point-problems and two one-variable-end-point problems.

Consider now the simplest case, i.e. the existence of only one point $C_1(x_1, y_1)$ which produces two piecewise continuous curves. As in the case of the variable end point condition, the equations found are applicable in this case. Because each curve depends on the variable point if

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_2} H(x, y, y') dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} H(x, y, y') dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_0} H(x, y, y') dx,$$

then $\Delta I = (H - y \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}) \Big|_{x=x_1^-} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \Big|_{x=x_1^-} \Delta y_1 - \left[(H - y \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}) \Big|_{x=x_1^+} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \Big|_{x=x_1^+} \Delta y_1 \right] = 0$, (9)

The negative sign is due to the fact that the variable end point for the second

integral is made the lower limit.

If Δx_i & Δy_i are independent (9) gives the two corner conditions

$$(H - \dot{y} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}}) \Big|_{x=x_i^-} = (H - \dot{y} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}}) \Big|_{x=x_i^+} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}} \Big|_{x=x_i^-} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}} \Big|_{x=x_i^+} \quad (11)$$

It should be noted that the first test used to determine whether or not these equations should be used is if the integrand $H \geq 0$. If so the integral $I \geq 0$.

Example 1:

Find the solution for 1 discontinuity for the problem

Solution: $I = \int_0^4 (\dot{y}^2 - 1)^2 (\dot{y}' + 1)^2 dx$ and $y(0) = 0$ $y(4) = 2$

Because the integrand always is greater than or equal to zero, then equations (10,11) can be used. Equation (10) leads to

$$-(\dot{y}^2 - 1)(3\dot{y}^2 + 1) \Big|_{x=x_i^-} = -(\dot{y}^2 - 1)(3\dot{y}^2 + 1) \Big|_{x=x_i^+}$$

Equation (11) leads to

$$(4\dot{y})(\dot{y}^2 - 1) \Big|_{x=x_i^-} = (4\dot{y})(\dot{y}^2 - 1) \Big|_{x=x_i^+}$$

The only solution to both equations, and for a discontinuity to exist, is

$$\dot{y}_{x=x_i^-} = 1 \quad \dot{y}_{x=x_i^+} = -1$$

$$\dot{y}_{x=x_i^-} = -1 \quad \dot{y}_{x=x_i^+} = 1$$

Solution of the first set leads to

$$y = x + C_1 \quad y = -x^+ + C_2$$

application of $y=0$ @ $x=0$ $y=2$ @ $x^+=4$ leads to

$$y = x^- \quad y = -x^+ + 6$$

The domain for which these hold is found by equating the two and finding the point of intersection - in this case $x=3$; therefore

$$y = x \quad 0 \leq x \leq 3$$

$$y = -x + 6 \quad 3 \leq x \leq 4$$

For the other set of solutions to the problem, the result is

$$y = -x \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$y = x - 2 \quad 1 \leq x \leq 4$$

Example 2:

Are there any solutions with discontinuities for the problem

Solution: $I = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (y^2 + 2xy - y^2) dx \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y(x_1) = x_1$

Consider a discontinuity at (x^*, y^*) . From equation (10)

$$2xy - y^2 - \dot{y}^2 \Big|_{x=x^*-} = 2xy - y^2 - \dot{y}^2 \Big|_{x=x^*+}$$

Because x & y do not depend on whether one approaches (x^*, y^*) from the left (-) or from the right (+), then the above reduces to

$$-\dot{y}^2 \Big|_{x=x^*-} = -\dot{y}^2 \Big|_{x=x^*+}$$

From equation (11)

$$2\dot{y} \Big|_{x=x^*-} = 2\dot{y} \Big|_{x=x^*+}. \quad \text{The solution that satisfies}$$

both these equations is

$$\dot{y} \Big|_{x=x^*-} = -2 \quad \dot{y} \Big|_{x=x^*+} = -2 \quad \text{This implies that no}$$

cusp exists; therefore no solution using discontinuities can be found.

Sufficiency Conditions for Extrema - Jacobi Condition

Before mathematical formulas are found regarding sufficiency conditions, it is necessary to define certain terms:

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Consider a domain D ; if for each point in the domain D $\exists (!)$ a curve $y = y(x, c_i)$ belonging to the family of curves $y = y(x, c)$ then the family of curves $y = y(x, c)$ defines a proper field. If a family of curves $y = y(x, c)$ passes through only one point $A(x_0, y_0)$ and also covers the domain D without intersecting (except at (x_0, y_0)) this family defines a central field. The parameter for the family is the slope at (x_0, y_0)

In order to obtain the condition attributed to Jacobi it is necessary to define an envelope. By the envelope of a family is meant a curve touched by all the members of the family.

Definition: A family of curves $f(x, y, c) = 0$ has an envelope

$$x = g(c), \quad y = h(c) \quad \text{iff for each } c = c_0 \text{ the point}$$

$(g(c_0), h(c_0))$ of the curve defined above lies on the curve $f(x, y, c_0) = 0$ and both curves have the same tangent line there.

Theorem: If $f(x, y, c)$, $g(c)$, $h(c)$ are continuous and have continuous first derivatives, if $\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 \neq 0$, if $\left(\frac{dg}{dc}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dh}{dc}\right)^2 \neq 0$, and if $f(g(c), h(c), c) \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial c}(g(c), h(c), c) = 0$ then the family of curves $f(x, y, c) = 0$ has the curve $x = g(c)$, $y = h(c)$ as an envelope.

Consider initially a central field formed by a family of extremals. which has the initial boundary point as the common point The central field is defined away from the envelope. Because of the nature of the envelope any two curves of this family will intersect at a point near the envelope.

If the arc of the extremals (formed by the function satisfying the Euler-Lagrange equation) does not have a common point with the envelope, those curves close to the extremal will form a central field. If the extremal does intersect the envelope the curves close to the extremal will intersect at a point $A'(x_1, y_1)$. This point is known as the conjugate of the point $A(x_0, y_0)$. The Jacobi Condition states that an extremal

to a problem exists if the extremal does not have a conjugate point lying on its arc.

To find whether or not a conjugate point exists it is necessary to find the envelope of the family of extremals. Since an extremal must satisfy the Euler-Lagrange Equation and since the envelope of the family is found by differentiating the governing eqn. of the family with respect to the parameter C , then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial C} [H_2y - \frac{d}{dx} H_3y] = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$u \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y \partial y} \right) - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} u \right) = 0 \quad \text{where } u = \frac{\partial y(x, C)}{\partial C} \quad (12)$$

Therefore if a solution to this equation exists, i.e. $u = \frac{\partial y(x, C)}{\partial C}$ is found, and the solution to $u(x) = 0$ exists for $x = x_0$ (point A) as well as other points in the interval of definition, then conjugate points exist. If $u = \frac{\partial y(x, C)}{\partial C}$ is found and the only solution to $u(x) = 0$ is at $x = x_0$ then the Jacobi condition is satisfied. The existence of conjugate points indicate that the function satisfying the Euler-Lagrange Equation does not produce a minimal arc between the end points.

Example :

Determine whether or not the Jacobi condition holds for

$$I = \int_0^a (y^2 + 2y\dot{y} - 16y^2) dx \quad a > 0 \quad y(0) = 0 \quad y(a) = 0$$

Solution :

Use of the Euler-Lagrange Equation leads to $2(\ddot{y} + 16y) = 0$

or the solution $y = C_1 \sin 4x + C_2 \cos 4x$. Use of the boundary conditions lead to $C_2 = 0$ and $\frac{k\pi}{4} = a$. Therefore the interval of definition is

$$0 \leq x \leq \frac{k\pi}{4}$$

Solution to the Jacobi accessory equation

$$u \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y \partial \dot{y}} \right) - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \dot{y}^2} u \right) = 0$$

leads to $\ddot{u} + 17u = 0$. The solution to this is

$$u(x) = D_1 \sin \sqrt{17}x + D_2 \cos \sqrt{17}x$$

The point $A(x_0, y_0)$ is the point $(0,0)$. Therefore $u(0)=0$ leads to $D_2=0$. To find conjugate points set $u(x)=0$. Therefore if $D_1 \neq 0$ then $\sqrt{17}x = k\pi$ or $x = \frac{k\pi}{\sqrt{17}}$ if conjugate points are to exist. Let us examine if conjugate points exist in the interval of definition for this problem. For any k it is found that

$$\frac{k\pi}{4} > \frac{k\pi}{\sqrt{17}} ; \text{ therefore there will always be } k \text{ conjugate}$$

points in the interval of definition. Thus the function does not produce a minimizing arc in the interval $0 \leq x \leq \frac{k\pi}{4}$.

Sufficiency Conditions for Extremum - Weierstrass & Legendre Conditions

Consider the integral

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} H(x, y, \dot{y}) dx$$

Also consider that the Jacobi Condition holds, which implies that the function satisfying the Euler-Lagrange Equation and also the boundary conditions is admitted into a central field formed by the extremals with center at $A(x_0, y_0)$.

Now let us look at the change incurred by the integral when one moves along two different curves connecting (x_0, y_0) & (x_1, y_1) . If the admitted curve is to minimize the integral between the two end points then the change incurred by the integral is

$$\Delta I = \int_{C^*} H(x, y, \dot{y}) dx - \int_C H(x, y, \dot{p}) dx \geq 0$$

where C is the minimizing curve and C^* is any neighboring curve and

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$p = p(x, y)$ is the slope function of the field (therefore the minimizing curve).
The change incurred by the integral is due to the change incurred in the integrand.

Consider the following auxiliary integral (also known as Hilbert's Invariant Integral)

$$I = \int_{C^*} \left\{ H(x, y, p) + (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p) \right\} dx$$

and assume that when $y' = p$ then the integral reduces to

$$I = \int_C H(x, y, y') dx.$$

It is noted that the auxiliary integral is also the integral of an exact differential. Because exact differentials are not functions of path and because the auxiliary integral reduces to the above integral,

$$I = \int_C H(x, y, y') dx = \int_{C^*} [H(x, y, p) + (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p)] dx$$

for arbitrary arcs C^* .

$$\text{Then } \Delta I = \int_{C^*} \{H(x, y, y')\} dx - \int_{C^*} [H(x, y, p) + (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p)] dx$$

$$\text{Therefore } \Delta I = \int_{C^*} [H(x, y, y') - H(x, y, p) - (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p)] dx \quad (13)$$

The integrand of ΔI is written as

$$E(x, y, p, y') = H(x, y, y') - H(x, y, p) - (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p) \quad (14)$$

and is known as the excess function of Weierstrass.

Because the interval of definition is positive a minimum occurs when

$$E(x, y, p, y') \geq 0 \quad \text{and a maximum when}$$

$E(x, y, p, y') \leq 0$. Note that these minima or maxima are strong in that $p(x, y)$ can be arbitrarily large or small.

The Weierstrass Condition can also be obtained by expanding the integrand of the neighboring curve C^* about the minimized curve C , noting that the parameter of family of extremals in a central field is the slope to the curves at center. Therefore

$$H(x_0, y_0, y'_0) = H(x_0, y_0, p(x_0, y_0)) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x_0, y_0, p(x_0, y_0)) [y'_0 - p(x_0, y_0)] + \epsilon(0^2)$$

However if the lower limit is made to move along the extremal curve to another point, and the change in the integrand is found, then it will be a function of the coordinate of the point; therefore it can be done for any point on the extremal curve, or

$$H(x, y, y') = H(x, y, p) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p)\{y' - p\} + \epsilon(0^2) \text{ . By transposition of terms}$$

$$H(x, y, y') - H(x, y, p) = (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p) = \epsilon(0^2) = E(x, y, p, y')$$

Returning to equation (13) and applying Taylor's Expansion with respect to $p(x, y)$ only, the integral reduces to

$$\Delta I = \int_{C^*} \frac{(y' - p)^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2}(x, y, q) dx \quad \text{where } p \leq q \leq y'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \Delta I &\geq 0 \quad \text{for } \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} \geq 0 \\ \Delta I &\leq 0 \quad \text{for } \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} \leq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

These conditions are known as the Legendre conditions for extremum.

In summary, the following must hold if:

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and the whole of the group

A The curve is to have a weak extremum -

1. The curve must be an extremal satisfying the boundary conditions
2. The Jacobi condition must be true
3. The use of the Weierstrass Excess function shows that E has a constant sign $\forall (x, y)$ close to the curve and arbitrary values of y' close to $p(x, y)$; $E \geq 0$ for minimum; $E \leq 0$ for maximum
4. The Legendre test shows that $\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} \neq 0$ and has constant sign $\forall (x, y)$ close to the curve; $H_{yy} > 0$ for minimum; $H_{yy} < 0$ for max

B. The curve is to have a strong extremum -

1. Conditions 1 & 2 of (A) must hold.

2. E has a constant sign $\forall (x, y)$ close to the curve and arbitrary values of y' ; $E \geq 0$ for minimum; $E \leq 0$ for maximum

It must be stressed that the excess function and the Legendre test are necessary conditions for an extremum to occur. The Jacobi condition must hold for the conditions to become sufficient for extrema to exist.

In the case where the integral is of the form

$$I = \int H(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dots, \dot{y}_n) dx$$

The Weierstrass condition becomes similarly for mixed function

$$\Delta H = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial H}{\partial \dot{y}_k} \Delta \dot{y}_k = E(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dots, \dot{y}_n, p_1, \dots, p_n) \quad (16)$$

where $\Delta H = H(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dots, \dot{y}_n) - H(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{p}_1, \dots, \dot{p}_n)$ and

$\Delta \dot{y}_k = (\dot{y}_k - \dot{p}_k)$ for $k=1, \dots, n$. ~~for $k=1, \dots, n$ involves~~

The Legendre Condition $\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} (x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dots, \dot{y}_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y_k \partial y_j} (\dot{y}_k - \dot{p}_k)(\dot{y}_j - \dot{p}_j) \geq h(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dot{y}_1, \dots, \dot{y}_n, p_1, \dots, p_n) \quad (17)$$

Some Definitions Concerning the Calculus

1. The variation of a function $y(x)$ is defined as

$$\delta y = y(x) - y_1(x) \text{ where } y(x) \text{ and } y_1(x) \text{ are neighboring curves}$$

Unlike differential calculus, where a change dy is caused by a change dx , the variation of a function is made without having a variation in its independent variable occurring.

2. Whereas in differential calculus $y = y(x)$ is read as "y is a function of the independent variable x," $v(y(x)) = \int_a^b H(x, y, y') dx$ is read as " $v(y(x))$ is a functional of $y(x)$."

3. Two curves are of closeness order k if

$$|y^{(k)} - y_1^{(k)}| < \epsilon \quad \text{where } \epsilon > 0$$

The variation of a functional $v(y(x))$ is continuous along a given curve $y = y_0(x)$ of order k if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \ni |v(y(x)) - v(y_0(x))| < \epsilon \text{ whenever}$$

$$|y^{(k)} - y_0^{(k)}| < \delta$$

4. Consider a linear functional $L(y(x))$; then

$$L(c y(x)) = c L(y(x))$$

$$L(y_1(x) + y_2(x)) = L(y_1(x)) + L(y_2(x))$$

If the change (in) variation

$$\Delta v = v(y(x) + \delta y) - v(y(x)) \text{ is of the form}$$

$$L(y(x), \delta y) + \beta(y(x), \delta y) \max |\delta y|, \text{ that part which}$$

is linear in δy , namely $L(y(x), \delta y)$, is known as the variation of the functional and is denoted by δv .

5. A functional achieves a maximum along a curve $y = y_0(x)$ if for any neighboring curve $y(x) = y$ the difference in the ~~functional~~^{function} is less than or equal to zero. A functional achieves a minimum along a curve $y = y_0(x)$ if for any neighboring curve $y(x) = y$ (the difference in the ~~functional~~^{function} is greater than or equal to zero.
6. A maximum or a minimum is considered strong if the order of closeness between any neighboring curve and $y = y_0(x)$ is of order zero. A maximum or a minimum occurring ^{for} $y = y_0(x)$ is considered weak if the orders of closeness between any neighboring curve and $y = y_0(x)$ are of orders zero and one.

Parametric Representation

Consider the integral

$$I = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} H(x, y, y') dx \quad \text{where } x = x(t) \text{ and } y = y(t)$$

The above can be rewritten so that

$$I = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} H(x(t), y(t), \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}) \frac{dx}{dt} dt \quad (18)$$

If the integrand is not a function of t explicitly and if the integrand is homogeneous of the first order, i.e.

$$H(x, y, k\dot{x}, k\dot{y}) = k H(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y}) \quad \text{then the integral}$$

depends only on $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, and no dependence on the parametric representation chosen exists. Let $\tau = \psi(t)$ so that $\dot{\psi}(t) \neq 0$

Then $x = x(\tau)$ and $y = y(\tau)$, and equation (18) is rewritten as

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} H(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y}) \dot{x} dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \tilde{H}(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y}) dt = \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_1} \tilde{H}\left[x(\tau), y(\tau), \frac{dx}{d\tau}(\dot{\psi}), \frac{dy}{d\tau}(\dot{\psi})\right] d\tau$$

Because the integrand is homogeneous of first order

$$\int_{t_0}^T \Phi \left\{ x(t), y(t), \frac{dx}{dt} \dot{\varphi}, \frac{dy}{dt} \dot{\varphi} \right\} \frac{dt}{\dot{\varphi}} = \int_{t_0}^T \Phi \left(x(t), y(t), \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right) dt$$

(Euler-Lagrange eqs.) ? after $\dot{\varphi} \neq 0$

Thus the integrand is unchanged. The solution to this problem leads to

$$\dot{\Phi}_{,x} - \frac{d}{dt} \dot{\Phi}_{,\dot{x}} = 0$$

$$\dot{\Phi}_{,y} - \frac{d}{dt} \dot{\Phi}_{,\dot{y}} = 0$$

Note that these equations are no longer independent since other pairs of functions giving other parametric representation of the same curve exist. Since they must all satisfy the Euler-Lagrange equations, it is only necessary to solve one equation with the condition determining the parameter t , to obtain the solution for the problem.

, i.e. $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $t = \psi(t)$

Solution to the Mayer Problem

Consider the problem of minimizing

$$A = G(x_i, y_{k_i}, x_f, y_{k_f}) \quad \text{where } k=1, \dots, n$$

subject to the constraints

$$\varphi_j(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, p < n$$

and consistent with the end conditions

$$\omega_r(x_i, y_{k_i}) = 0 \quad r = 1, \dots, q$$

$$\omega_r(x_f, y_{k_f}) = 0 \quad r = q+1, \dots, s \leq 2n+2$$

Consider the following integral

$$I = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} H(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) dx \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

where

$\dot{y}_k(x)$ are introduced so that

$$\dot{x}_k = \dot{f}_k(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) = H(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k)$$

By making this transformation and by use of equation (2) one can transform

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_f} H(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) dx \text{ to } \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) dx$$

so that $I = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \{ \dot{x}_k + \lambda(x) f_j(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) \} dx$. Since $\dot{y}_j(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) = 0$ (19).

then $\sum_{k=1}^n \dot{x}_k \Big|_{x_i}^{x_f} = G(x_i, y_{k_i}, x_f, y_{k_f})$, Therefore one can use

for minimization

the necessary equations previously derived as well as the transformation

$$\dot{x}_k = \dot{f}_k(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) \quad (20)$$

In other words, the problem is of finding those functions

$y_k(x)$ & $\dot{x}_k(x)$ which satisfy equation (20) and minimize the functional given by equation (19).

The Equivalence of the Mayer, Lagrange & Bolza Problem

The Bolza Problem can be solved by reducing it to a Mayer or Lagrange type problem.

1. In terms of the Mayer problem, functions $\dot{x}_k(x)$ are introduced

so that $\dot{x}_k = \dot{f}_k(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) = 0$, where $H(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k)$

and $\mathcal{J} = G(x, y_k) \Big|_i^f + \dot{x}_k \Big|_i^f$ is to be minimized. (21)

2. In terms of the Lagrange problem, a function $y_{n+1}(x)$ is introduced

so that $y'_{n+1} = 0$ and $y_{n+1}(x_i) - \frac{G(x, y_k)}{x_f - x_i} \Big|_i^f = 0$ (22)

and the integral to be minimized is

$$I = \int_{x_1}^{x_k} (H(x, y_k, \dot{y}_k) + y_{n+1}(x)) dx \quad (23)$$

Problems Involving Inequalities

Suppose that equation (1) were subjected to inequality constraints of the form

$$\dot{y}_i \geq \Gamma_i \quad i=1, \dots, p < n \quad (24)$$

For such problems, since

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_i - \Gamma_i &\geq 0 \quad \text{define new variables } z_i(x) \text{ so that} \\ \dot{y}_i - \Gamma_i &= z_i^2. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

In that manner a set of constraints

$\varphi_i = \dot{y}_i - \Gamma_i - z_i^2 = 0$ can be introduced and used in the form of equation (2).

Suppose that equation (1) were subjected to the constraints

$$\Gamma_{1i} \leq \dot{y}_i \leq \Gamma_{2i} \quad i=1, \dots, p < n \quad (26)$$

From these two-side inequalities one obtains the following

$$\Gamma_{1i} - \dot{y}_i \leq \dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{2i} \leq 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\Gamma_{2i} - \dot{y}_i \geq \dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{1i} \geq 0 \quad (a)$$

$$\text{also } \Gamma_{2i} - \Gamma_{1i} \geq \dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{1i} \geq 0 \quad (b);$$

(a) & (b) can be rewritten

$$(\Gamma_{2i} - \Gamma_{1i}) - (\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{1i}) \geq 0 \quad (c)$$

$$(\Gamma_{2i} - \Gamma_{1i}) - (\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{2i}) \geq 0 \quad (d)$$

Multiplying (c) by $\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{1i}$ and (d) by $\Gamma_{2i} - \dot{y}_i$ one obtains

$$(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r)(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \Gamma_{ii}^r) - (\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r) \geq 0 \quad (e)$$

$$(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \Gamma_{ii}^r) - (\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r) \geq 0 \quad (f)$$

If (e) and (f) are rewritten as functions of new variables $\rho_i(x), \mu_i(x)$ then

$$(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r)(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \Gamma_{ii}^r) - (\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r) = \rho_i^2 \quad (g)$$

$$(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \Gamma_{ii}^r) - (\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r) = \mu_i^2 \quad (h)$$

Adding (g) and (h) and defining new variables $Z_i(x)$ in the following manner

$$Z_i^2 = [(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \Gamma_{ii}^r)^2 - (\rho_i^2 + \mu_i^2)]/2$$

the two-sided inequalities reduce to

$$(\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r) = Z_i^2 \quad (27)$$

In this form a new set of constraints of the form

$$\varphi_i = (\Gamma_{2i}^r - \dot{y}_i)(\dot{y}_i - \Gamma_{ii}^r) - Z_i^2 = 0 \quad \text{could be introduced and used}$$

in the form of equation (2).

In both the single inequality as well as the two-sided inequality, the new functions $Z_i(x)$ must be found along with the functions $y_i(x)$.

Hilbert's Invariant Integral

As stated before Hilbert's Invariant Integral is the integral of a perfect differential, in the case of extremal curves

Proof:

$$I = \int_{C^*} \left\{ H(x, y, p') + (y' - p) \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p) \right\} dx ; \text{ this can be rewritten as}$$

$$I = \int_{C^*} \left\{ \left[H(x, y, p) - p \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p) \right] dx + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}(x, y, p) dy \right\}$$

The integral is of the form

$$I = \int_{C^*} (M dx + N dy) \quad \text{where} \quad M = H - p \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, \quad N = \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}$$

Let us look at $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$.

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} H_{,p} - p \frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial x}. \quad \text{Now let us take a look at } \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} H_{,p} - p \frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial x}. \quad \text{However}$$

$$\frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial x} + p \frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} H_{,p} = \frac{d}{dx} H_{,p} \quad \therefore$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} H_{,p} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - \left[\frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial x} + p \frac{\partial H_{,p}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} H_{,p} \right]$$

Because the curves are extremals then

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} H_{,p} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 0$$

But this is the condition which a differential must satisfy for it to be exact; therefore

$I = \int_{C^*} M dx + N dy = \int (M dx + N dy)$ or the integral depends only on the end points and not the path of integration.

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