

Chapter III Calculus of Variations

III-I Maxima and Minima of Functions

(a) If $f(x)$ is twice continuously differentiable on $[a, b]$,

$$\text{i.e. } f(x) \in C^2[a, b]$$

then,

nec condition for a max. (min.) of $f(x)$ at $x_0 \in [a, b]$ is that $f'(x_0) = 0$ 必要

su⁺ conditions for a max. (min.) of $f(x)$ at $x_0 \in [a, b]$ are that $f'(x_0) = 0$ also 充分
 $f''(x_0) < 0 (> 0)$.

(b) More generally, if $f(x) \in C^2$ over closed domain D . Then nec and self conditions for a max. (min.) of $f(x)$ at $x_0 \in D - \partial D$ are that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{x=x_0} = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{and also}$$

that $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Big|_{x=x_0}$ is a negative definite (positive d)

(c) If $f(\underline{X}) \in C^2$ on closed domain D

If we want to extremize $f(\underline{x})$ subject to the constraints

$$g_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k \quad (k < n)$$

Ex.: Find the extrema of $f(x, y)$ subject to $g(x, y) = 0$

(i) 1st method : by direct diff. of g

$$dg = g_x dx + g_y dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = -\frac{g_x}{g_y} dx$$

So to extremize f

$$df = f_x dx + f_y dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (f_x - f_y \frac{g_x}{g_y}) dx = 0$$

we have

$$f_x g_y - f_y g_x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g = 0$$

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to find (x_0, y_0) which is to extremize f subject to $g=0$

(ii) 2nd method :

$$\text{Let } v(x, y; \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y)$$

\Rightarrow extrema of v without any constraint

\Leftrightarrow extrema of f subject to $g=0$

$$v = f + \lambda g$$

To extremize v

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = f_x + \lambda g_x = 0 \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = f_y + \lambda g_y = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow f_x g_y - f_y g_x = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \lambda} = g = 0$$

We obtain the same eqs. to extremizing. Where λ is called The Lagrange multiplier.

Method of Lagrange Multiplier

To find the stationary pts of $f(\underline{x})$ in $D - \partial D$ subject to constraints $g_i(\underline{x}) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k \quad (k < n)$

\Leftrightarrow To find the stationary pts of

$$v(\underline{x}; \lambda_i) = f(\underline{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i g_i(\underline{x}) \text{ without constraints.}$$

To extremize $v(\underline{x}; \lambda_i)$, we have the following eqs.

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and subject to $\frac{\partial v}{\partial \lambda_i} = 0 \Rightarrow g_i = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

Example : consider the real quadratic form

$$Q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \underline{X}^T \overleftrightarrow{A} \underline{X}$$

where $\underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ is a column vector and \overleftrightarrow{A} is a real and symmetric matrix.

Define a func.

$$f(\underline{X}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{Q}{|\underline{X}|^2} = \frac{\underline{X}^T \overleftrightarrow{A} \underline{X}}{\underline{X}^T \underline{X}}$$
$$= \frac{a_{mn} x_m x_n}{x_m x_n} \quad (\text{indicial notation}).$$

Then if $\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of \overleftrightarrow{A} corresponding to eigenvalue λ .

$$\Rightarrow f(\underline{Y}) = \frac{\underline{Y}^T \overleftrightarrow{A} \underline{Y}}{\underline{Y}^T \underline{Y}} = \frac{\underline{Y} \lambda \underline{Y}}{\underline{Y}^T \underline{Y}} = \lambda$$

and furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\underline{\tilde{X}})}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{x_i=y_i} &= \frac{(\underline{\tilde{X}}^T \underline{\tilde{X}}) \cdot 2 \overleftrightarrow{A} \underline{\tilde{X}} - \underline{\tilde{X}}^T \overleftrightarrow{A} \underline{\tilde{X}} \cdot 2 \underline{\tilde{X}}}{(\underline{\tilde{X}}^T \underline{\tilde{X}})^2} \Big|_{\underline{\tilde{X}}=\underline{\tilde{Y}}} \\ &= \frac{(\underline{\tilde{Y}}^T \underline{\tilde{Y}}) 2 \lambda \underline{\tilde{Y}} - \underline{\tilde{Y}}^T \lambda \underline{\tilde{Y}} \cdot 2 \underline{\tilde{Y}}}{(\underline{\tilde{Y}}^T \underline{\tilde{Y}})^2} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is stationary w.r.t. small changes of $\underline{\tilde{X}}$ about $\underline{\tilde{Y}}$.

\Rightarrow suggests that the eigenvalues of \overleftrightarrow{A} can be found by finding the stationary values of

Assuming $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$

Any vector can be expressed as linear combination of the normalized eigenvectors $\underline{\tilde{Y}}_i$.

$$\underline{\tilde{X}} = c_i \underline{\tilde{Y}}_i$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) &= \frac{c_i \underline{\tilde{Y}}_i^T \overleftrightarrow{A} c_j \underline{\tilde{Y}}_j}{c_k c_m \underline{\tilde{Y}}_k^T \underline{\tilde{Y}}_m} = \frac{c_i \underline{\tilde{Y}}_i^T c_j \lambda_j \underline{\tilde{Y}}_j}{c_k c_m \underline{\tilde{Y}}_k^T \underline{\tilde{Y}}_m} \\ &= \frac{\lambda_i c_i c_j \delta_{ij}}{c_k c_m \delta_{km}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i c_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{now since } \lambda_1 - f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_1 - \lambda_i) c_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}, \lambda_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i c_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}$$

$$\text{therefore } \lambda_1 - f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_1 - \lambda_i) c_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2} \leq 0$$

$$\text{and } \lambda_n - f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda_n - \lambda_i) c_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2} \geq 0$$

Hence $\lambda_1 \leq f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) \leq \lambda_n$ *global*

\Rightarrow one can find λ_1 by minimizing $f(\underline{\tilde{X}})$

and λ_n by maximizing $f(\underline{\tilde{X}})$

How to find λ_2 ? We minimize $f(\underline{\tilde{X}})$ over the subspace of vectors orthogonal to $\underline{\tilde{Y}}_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In this case } f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) &= \frac{\sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i c_i^2}{\sum_{i=2}^n c_i^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda_2 \leq f(\underline{\tilde{X}}) \leq \lambda_n \end{aligned}$$

Use the method of Lagrange multiplier, we can find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors in one step.

i.e. find the stationary value of $Q(\underline{\tilde{x}})$ subject to the constraint

$$g(\underline{\tilde{X}}) = \underline{\tilde{X}}^T \underline{\tilde{X}} - 1 = 0$$

\Rightarrow To extremize

$$V(\vec{x}, \lambda) = Q(\vec{x}) - \lambda g(\vec{x})$$

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The conditions are

$$\begin{cases} 2a_{ij}x_j - 2\lambda x_i = 0 & \Rightarrow |\vec{A} - \lambda \vec{I}| = 0 \\ \text{and } x_i x_i = 1 & \text{to find eigenvalues} \end{cases}$$

Thus the eigenvectors satisfy

$$\vec{A} \vec{Y}_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha \vec{Y}_\alpha$$

and $(\vec{Y}_\alpha, \vec{Y}_\alpha) = 1$

III-2 Maxima and Minima of Functionals

We wish to find fucs depending on the entire range of one or more fucs rather than on a number of discrete vars. In other words, the domain of a functional is a set of space of admissible fucs rather than a region of coordinate space.

The simplest prob. in calculus of variations

Determine $y(x) \in C^2[x_1, x_2]$ such that the fucl.

$$I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx \quad \text{as an extrema}$$

where $F \in C^2$ over its entire domain, subject to $y(x_1) = y_1, y(x_2) = y_2$ at the end pts.

Assume a fuc. $y(x) \in C^2[x_1, x_2]$ and $y(x_1) = y_1, y(x_2) = y_2$, which makes I take on its minimum, then we have

$$I(\epsilon) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y + \epsilon\eta, y' + \epsilon\eta') dx \geq I(0) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$$

where ϵ is arb. small parameter and η is an arb. fuc. in the class of admissible fuc.

$\eta(x) \in C^2[x_1, x_2]$ and $\eta(x_1) = \eta(x_2) = 0$.

\Rightarrow from $I'(0) = 0$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{I(\epsilon) - I(0)}{\epsilon} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{F(x, y + \epsilon\eta, y' + \epsilon\eta') - F(x, y, y')}{\epsilon} \right] dx = 0$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} [F_y(x, y + \epsilon\eta, y' + \epsilon\eta')\epsilon\eta + F_{y'}(x, y + \epsilon\eta, y' + \epsilon\eta')\epsilon\eta' + \text{terms involving higher powers in } \epsilon] dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{x_1}^{x_2} [F_y(x, y, y')\eta + F_{y'}(x, y, y')\eta'] dx = 0$$

On integrating by parts of the 2nd term

\Rightarrow

$$[F_{y'}(x, y, y')\eta]_{x_1}^{x_2} - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{d}{dx} F_{y'}(x, y, y') - F_y(x, y, y') \right] \eta dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

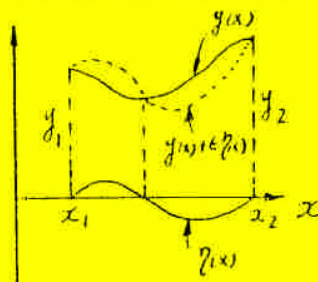
since $\eta(x_1) = \eta(x_2) = 0$

and since $\eta(x)$ is arb.

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{d}{dx} [F_{y'}(x, y, y')] - F_y(x, y, y') = 0 \quad \text{--- (2) Euler's Equation}$$

Natural B.C's:



If the unknown fuc. $y(x)$ is not prescribed at one or both of the end pts. x_1, x_2 , for all admissible variation $\epsilon\eta(x)$, $\eta(x_1), \eta(x_2)$ may be arbi. so if Euler eq. still hold, we must have

$$\left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x_1} = 0 \quad \text{or/and} \quad \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x=x_2} = 0$$

The above requirements are called natural b.c.'s.

Transition Conditions:

For specified $y(x_1) = y_1$, or/and $y(x_2) = y_2$, or/and natural b.c.'s, if $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$ or/and $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)$ are discontinuous at some pt $x_0, x < x_0 < x_2$

Then eq.(1) is replaced by

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_0} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] \eta dx + \int_{x_0}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] \eta dx$$

$$+ \underbrace{\left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \eta(x) \right]_{x_1}^{x_0-} + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \eta(x) \right]_{x_0+}^{x_2}}_{\downarrow} = 0$$

$$- \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)_{x_1} \eta(x_1) + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)_{x_2} \eta(x_2) + \left[\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)_{x_0-} - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)_{x_0+} \right] \eta(x_0)$$

If we require the fuc. $y(x)$ to be continuous at $x = x_0$ so is the admissible fuc. $y + \epsilon\eta$

$$i.e. \quad \eta(x_{x_0+}) = \eta(x_{x_0-}) = \eta(x_0)$$

Then for extremizing the fuc I, we require

- The Euler eq. holds in each internal (x_1, x_0) and (x_0, x_2)
- Given $y(x_1) = y_1$ or/and $y(x_2) = y_2$, or/and natural b.c.'s.
- The natural transition condition holds

$$y(x_{0-}) = y(x_{0+})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)_{x_0} = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right)_{x_{0+}}$$

Example: Brachistochrone with fixed end points .

Finding the path joining two given points A and B along which a particle starting from rest at A should travel (under gravity and assuming no friction) in order that the time taken should be a minimum.

Let s : arc length measured from A, then the eq. of motion.

$$m\ddot{s} = mg \sin \theta = mg \frac{dy}{ds}$$

since

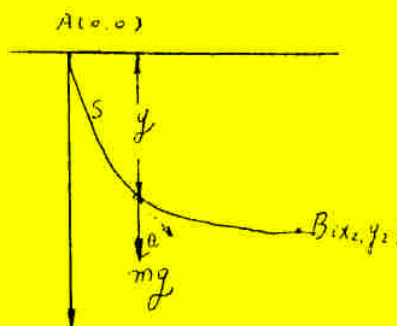
$$\ddot{s} = \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{s}) = \frac{d}{ds}(\dot{s}) \frac{ds}{dt} = \dot{s} \frac{d}{ds}(\dot{s})$$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{s}^2 \right) = g \frac{dy}{ds}$$

sol.:

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{s}^2 = gy + c$$



when $y = 0, \dot{s} = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

Special cases:

(i). F does not contain y explicitly, i.e. $F_y = 0$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \text{const.} \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

(ii). F does not contain x explicitly,

using $\frac{d}{dx}(y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}) = y' \frac{d}{dx}(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}) + y'' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}$ $\frac{d}{dx} F_y - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$

$$(2) \Rightarrow y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + y'' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \frac{d}{dx}(y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'})$$

or $\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'})$ $\left(\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + F_y y' + F_{y'} y'' \right)$

$$\Rightarrow F - y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \text{const.} \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

Ex.: Show that the shortest path between two pts. is a straight line.

The differential length.

$$ds = [(dx)^2 + (dy)^2]^{1/2} = [1 + y'^2]^{1/2} dx$$

$$L = \int_a^b (1 + y'^2)^{1/2} dx$$

(3) \Rightarrow

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \frac{y'}{(1 + y'^2)^{1/2}} = k$$

$$y'^2 = k^2(1 + y'^2)$$

$$y'^2(1-k^2) = k^2$$

or

$$y' = \frac{k}{(1-k^2)^{1/2}} = \text{const}$$

⇒ a straight line.

therefore

$$s^2 = 2gy$$

or

$$dt = \frac{ds}{\sqrt{2gy}} \quad \text{----- (5)}$$

since $(ds)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2$

or $(ds)^2 = (dx)^2[1 + (y')^2]$

(5) ⇒

$$\sqrt{2gt} = \int_0^{x_2} \left[\frac{1 + (y')^2}{y} \right]^{1/2} dx$$

To minimize t, consider $F(y, y') = \left[\frac{1 + (y')^2}{y} \right]^{1/2}$ which doesn't contain x explicitly.

Euler eq. ⇒

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$$

now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF}{dx} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} y'' \\ &= y' \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + y'' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \\ F &= y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} y'' \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} y'' \end{aligned}$$

(4) ⇒ $F - y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \text{const}$

⇒ $\left[\frac{1 + (y')^2}{y} \right]^{1/2} - y' \frac{y'}{[y(1 + y'^2)]^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{(2k)^{1/2}}$ (a convenient constant)

i.e. $y(1 + y'^2) = 2k$ ----- (6)

This eq. can be solved for y' and then integrated. However, it is easier to proceed as follows:

put $y' = \cot \varphi$

$$(2) \Rightarrow y = \frac{2k}{1 + \cot^2 \varphi} = 2k \sin^2 \varphi = k(1 - \cos 2\varphi) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$$\text{also } \frac{dx}{d\varphi} = \frac{dx}{dy} \frac{dy}{d\varphi} = \frac{2k \sin 2\varphi}{y'} = \frac{2k \sin 2\varphi}{\cot \varphi} = 2k(1 - \cos 2\varphi) \frac{2k \cdot 2 \frac{\sin \varphi \cos \varphi}{\sin \varphi}}{\sin \varphi} = 2k \cdot 2 \sin \varphi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = k(2\varphi - \sin 2\varphi) + c$$

But when $y = 0, x = 0$ i.e. when $\varphi = 0, x = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

therefore $x = k(2\varphi - \sin 2\varphi) \quad \text{--- (8)}$

Thus the required curve is represented in terms of the parameter φ by (3) and (4), and is a cycloid. The constant k is evaluated using the condition that the point $B(x_2, y_2)$ lies on the curve.

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$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] dx + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x_2}^{x_1} = 0$$

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$y(x_1) = y(x_2)$ 亦即是同樣性質 $y(x_1) = y(x_2) = y(c)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_2} - \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_1} \right] - \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_1} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_2} \right] = 0$$

若右端是未給定

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_2} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_1} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_2} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \Big|_{x_1} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\text{且 } y(x_1) = y(x_2), \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \text{自然轉換條件} \\ \text{(natural transition condition)}$$

$$y(x_1) = y(x_2) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}$$

III-3 The Variational Notation

Embed $y(x)$ in a parameter family of func $y(x) + \epsilon \eta(x)$, the variation of y is defined as $\delta y = \epsilon \eta$.

The corresponding variation of F , δF to the order in ϵ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \delta F &= F(x, y + \epsilon \eta, y' + \epsilon \eta') - F(x, y, y') \\ &= \frac{\delta F}{\delta y} \epsilon \eta + \frac{\delta F}{\delta y'} \epsilon \eta' + (\text{terms involving higher powers in } \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{therefore } \delta F = \frac{\delta F}{\delta y} \delta y + \frac{\delta F}{\delta y'} \delta y'$$

It is easy to show that δ satisfies the laws of differentiation and commute with $\frac{d}{dx}$ and $\int dx$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \delta I &= \delta \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \delta F(x, y, y') dx \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y} \delta y + \frac{\delta F}{\delta y'} \delta y' \right) dx \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\delta F}{\delta y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y'} \right) \right] \delta y dx + \left[\frac{\delta F}{\delta y'} \delta y \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(F_1 F_2) &= \delta F_1 \cdot F_2 + F_1 \cdot \delta F_2 \\ \delta \left(\frac{F_1}{F_2} \right) &= \frac{F_2 \delta F_1 - F_1 \delta F_2}{F_2^2} \\ \delta(F_1 \pm F_2) &= \delta F_1 \pm \delta F_2 \\ \delta(F^n) &= n F^{n-1} \delta F \end{aligned}$$

Thus a stationary func. for a func is one for which the first variation = 0

For the more general cases

(a) Several unknown func. with one variable

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n; y_1', y_2', \dots, y_n') dx \\ \text{find } y_i(x), i &= 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \text{to extremize } I \end{aligned}$$

From

$$\begin{aligned} \delta I &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y_1} \delta y_1 + \frac{\delta F}{\delta y_1'} \delta y_1' \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y_n} + \frac{\delta F}{\delta y_n'} \delta y_n' \right) \right\} dx \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\delta F}{\delta y_i} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y_i'} \right) \right] \delta y_i \right\} dx + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\delta y_i \frac{\delta F}{\delta y_i'} \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

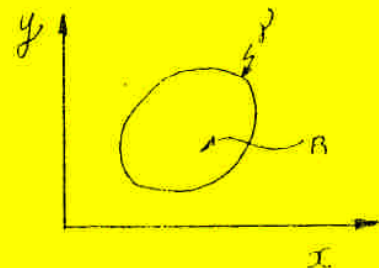
Hence the necessary condition is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta F}{\delta y_i} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y_i'} \right) &= 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ + \text{specified b.c.'s: } y_i(x) &= y_{i1}, y_i(x_2) = y_{i2} \end{aligned}$$

or/and natural b.c.'s.

(b) One unknown func. with several vars

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \iint_R F(x, y, u, u_x, u_y) dx dy \\ \text{where } u(x, y) &\in C^2 \text{ on } R - \gamma \end{aligned}$$



and $u(x, y)$ prescribed, or unspecified on γ .

we vary $u(x, y) = u(x, y) + \delta u(x, y)$ with $\delta u = 0$ or arb. on γ .

$$\delta I = \int_R \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \delta u + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \delta u_x + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \delta u_y \right) dx dy$$

now

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_R \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\delta u) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\delta u) \right] dx dy \\ &= \int_R \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \delta u \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \delta u \right) \right] - \delta u \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \right) \right] \right\} dx dy \\ &= \int_{\gamma} \delta u \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} dy - \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} dx \right) - \int_R \delta u \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \right) \right] dx dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \delta I &= \int_{\gamma} \delta u \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} dy - \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} dx \right) \\ &+ \int_R \delta u \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \right) \right] dx dy = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Euler equation is

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \right) = 0$$

+ b.c.'s when u is prescribed on γ or/and natural b.c.'s when u is not specified.

(c) Several Unknowns with several vars

$$I = \int_D (x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_k, u_{1x_1}, \dots, u_{1x_n}, u_{2x_1}, \dots, u_{2x_n}, \dots, u_{kx_1}, \dots, u_{kx_n}) dx$$

By the same procedures

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_i} - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_{ix_j}} \right) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

+ b.c.'s where u_i are specified on ∂D or/and natural b.c.'s when u_i are specified on ∂D .

$$F(x, y, y', y'') \quad \text{Euler Eq} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) = 0$$

$$F(x, y, \dots, y^n) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \sum_{i=1}^n (y')^i \frac{d^i}{dx^i} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y^i} \right) = 0$$

$$F(x_n, y_m, y_m^r)$$

III-4 Constraints and Lagrange Multiplier

(a) Find extreme value of

$$I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, u, v, u_x, v_x) dx$$

where

$$u(x_1) = u_1, \quad u(x_2) = u_2$$

$$v(x_1) = v_1, \quad v(x_2) = v_2$$

and subject to the constraints

$$G(x, u, v) = 0 \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

From

$$\delta I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) \right] \delta u + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial v} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_x} \right) \right] \delta v \right\} dx = 0 \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

since there is a constraint on u, v , (1), the variations δu and δv can not be both assigned arbitrary, so we don't get two Euler's eqs.

$$\text{From } \delta G = \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} \delta u + \frac{\partial G}{\partial v} \delta v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{G_v}{G_u} \delta v = \delta u$$

So (1) \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \delta I &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left\{ -\frac{G_v}{G_u} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) \right] + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial v} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_x} \right) \right] \right\} \delta v dx = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial G}{\partial v} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) \right] - \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial v} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_x} \right) \right] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

the above eq. together with (1) are to be solved for u, v

(b) Simple Isoparametric Problem

To extremize

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

subject to the constraint

$$J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} G(x, y, y') dx = \text{const}$$

and $y(x_1) = y_1, \quad y(x_2) = y_2$

Take the variation of a two-parameter family

$$y + \delta y = y + \epsilon_1 \eta_1(x) + \epsilon_2 \eta_2(x)$$

where $\eta_1(x), \eta_2(x)$ are arb. fucs and satisfy

$$\eta_1(x_1) = \eta_2(x_1) = \eta_1(x_2) = \eta_2(x_2) = 0$$

$$I(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y + \epsilon_1 \eta_1 + \epsilon_2 \eta_2, y' + \epsilon_1 \eta_1' + \epsilon_2 \eta_2') dx$$

Then

$$J(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} G(x, y + \epsilon_1 \eta_1 + \epsilon_2 \eta_2, y' + \epsilon_1 \eta_1' + \epsilon_2 \eta_2') dx$$

clearly, ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are not indep. since J is to be maintained at constant value

$I(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ has extremum at $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0$ subject to the constraint $J(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)|_{\epsilon_1=\epsilon_2=0} = C$

make use of method of Lagrange multiplier, this corresponds to $I + \lambda J$ has extremum

at $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_1} (I + \lambda J)|_{\epsilon_1=\epsilon_2=0} = 0$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_2} (I + \lambda J)|_{\epsilon_1=\epsilon_2=0} = 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] + \lambda \left[\frac{\partial G}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial y'} \right) \right] \right\} \eta_i dx = 0 \quad i = 1, 2$$

So the Euler equation is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (F + \lambda G) - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y'} (F + \lambda G) \right] = 0$$

This eq. is to be solved for $y(x)$ in terms of λ and then substitute in $J = c$ to determine

λ .

$$\text{If the term } \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$$

then λ is arb, \Rightarrow the constraint is trivial, and we can ignore λ .

For more general isoperimetric problem

$$\text{To extremize } I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$$

$$\text{where } y(x_1) = y_1, \quad y(x_2) = y_2$$

$$\text{and subject to } J_k = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} G_k(x, y, y') = C_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

This prob. corresponds to extremize

$$K = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} H(x, y, y') dx \quad \text{without constraint}$$

$$\text{where } H = F + \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k G_k$$

Ex.: Variational formulation of Sturm-Liouville equation . Suppose it is required to extremize the fucl

$$I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (py'^2 + qy^2) dx$$

subject to the constraint

$$J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} r(x)y^2 dx = \text{const} \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

$$\delta I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

where x_1 is fixed and $y(x_1) = y_1$ is given and x_2 is required to lie on $y=g(x)$, a given func. so that

$$y(x_2) = g(x_2)$$

since x_2 may be varied, so (4) \Rightarrow

$$\left([F]_{x_2} \delta x_2 \right) + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right) dx = 0$$

or $\frac{\delta I}{\delta x_2} \delta x_2$

$$[F]_{x_2} \delta x_2 + \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x_2} \delta y(x_2) + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] \delta y dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

How to relate δx_2 and $\delta y(x_2)$?

Suppose the true $y(x)$ is changed to $y + \delta y(x)$ and the corresponding change x_2 by δx_2 .

$$\text{Thus } y(x_2 + \delta x_2) + \delta y(x_2 + \delta x_2) = g(x_2 + \delta x_2)$$

$$\text{but } y(x_2) = g(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x_2 + \delta x_2) - y(x_2) + \delta y(x_2 + \delta x_2) = g(x_2 + \delta x_2) - g(x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'(x_2) \delta x_2 + \delta y(x_2) = g'(x_2) \delta x_2 + \text{higher order terms}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta x_2 = \frac{\delta y(x_2)}{g'(x_2) - y'(x_2)}$$

(5) \Rightarrow

$$\left[\frac{F}{g' - y'} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right]_{x=x_2} \delta y(x_2) + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \right] dx$$

This yields the Euler eq.

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$$

subject to the b.c's $y(x_1) = y_1$

and $[F + (g' - y') \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}] = 0$ at $x = x_2$ called transversality condition.

Ex.:

Suppose that a brachistochrone extends from $y = g_1(x)$ to $y = g_2(x)$ then if its initial point is $A(x_1, y_1)$, the integral to be considered is now, say

$$t\sqrt{2g} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{1+y'^2}{y} \right]^{1/2} dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(y, y') dx$$

$$\text{The Euler eq. } F - y' \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = \text{const} = c \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Since this eq. holds in particular at $x = x_1$ and x_2 , so the transversality cond.

Handwritten notes:
 $y(x_2) = g(x_2)$
 $y(x_2 + \delta x_2) + \delta y(x_2 + \delta x_2) = g(x_2 + \delta x_2)$
 $y(x_2) = g(x_2)$
 $y(x_2 + \delta x_2) - y(x_2) + \delta y(x_2 + \delta x_2) = g(x_2 + \delta x_2) - g(x_2)$
 $y'(x_2) \delta x_2 + \delta y(x_2) = g'(x_2) \delta x_2 + \text{higher order terms}$
 $\delta x_2 = \frac{\delta y(x_2)}{g'(x_2) - y'(x_2)}$
 $\delta x_2 = \frac{\delta y}{g' - y'}$
 $F + (g' - y') \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = 0$

$$[F + (g_1' - y') \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}]_{x=x_1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [F + (g_2' - y') \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}]_{x=x_2=0} \quad (7)$$

are simply $g_1' = c = g_2'(x_2)$

\Rightarrow tangents to the transversals $y = g_1(x)$, $y = g_2(x)$ at the pts where they meet the bichistochrone are parallel.

The solution of (6) is still a cycloid which satisfies the transv. cond. at end pts.

$$\text{At pt. A. (7)} \Rightarrow \frac{1+y'^2/2}{(y-y_1)^{1/2}} + \frac{(g_1' - y')y'}{[(y-y_1)(1+y'^2)]^{1/2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'g_1' + 1 = 0$$

\Rightarrow the broch. and the curve $y = g_1$ are orthogonal

A similar deduction applies at pt B.

III-5 Variational Problems

We will illustrate the variational formulation by considering the following examples.

(a) Small deflection of a rotating shaft.

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}) + P \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \rho \omega^2 y - f(x) = 0$$

where

p : axial compressive force

$f(x)$: transverse loading intensity

$$\int_0^l [(EI y'')'' + p y'' - \rho \omega^2 y - f] \delta y dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\{ (EI y'')' + p y' \} \delta y - EI y'' \delta y' \right]_0^l + \delta \int_0^l \left[\frac{1}{2} EI (y'')^2 - \frac{1}{2} p (y')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 y^2 - f y \right] dx = 0$$

Hence if the boundary constrain are

$\delta y \rightarrow \delta y_{functional}$

(i) Either $\delta y = 0$ (1) or $(EI y'')' + p y' = 0$ (2)

and

(ii) Either $\delta y' = 0$ (3) or $EI y'' = 0$ (4)

Then the variational prob. reduces to

$$\delta \int_0^l \left[\frac{1}{2} EI (y'')^2 - \frac{1}{2} p (y')^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 y^2 - f y \right] dx = 0$$

(b) Forced vibration of a membrane.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = f(x, y, t) \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

if the forcing fuc. f is of the form

$$f(x, y, t) = P(x, y) \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

we may write the steady state disp u in the form

$$u = v(x, y) \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \omega^2 v + p = 0$$

$$\int_R [c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) + \omega^2 v + p] \delta v dx dy = 0 \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

consider

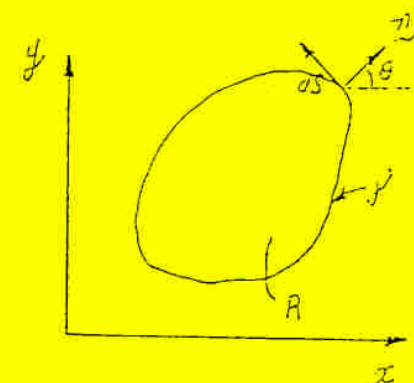
$$c^2 \int_R v_{xx} \delta v dx dy$$

$$= c^2 \int_R [(\underbrace{v_x \delta v}_x)_x - \underbrace{v_x \delta v_x}] dx dy$$

$$= c^2 \int_{\gamma} v_x \delta v \cos \theta ds - \int_R \frac{1}{2} c^2 \delta (v_x)^2 dx dy$$

$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$

similary $\int_R c^2 v_{yy} \delta v dx dy$



$$= \int_{\gamma} c^2 \nu_y \delta \nu \sin \theta ds - \int_R \frac{1}{2} c^2 \delta (\nu_y)^2 dx dy$$

(2) \Rightarrow

$$\int_{\gamma} c^2 (\nu_x \cos \theta + \nu_y \sin \theta) \delta \nu ds - \int_R \frac{1}{2} c^2 \delta [(\nu_x)^2 + (\nu_y)^2] dx dy + \int_R \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \delta (\nu^2) dx dy + \int_R P \delta \nu dx dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\gamma} c^2 \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} \delta \nu ds - \delta \int_R [\frac{1}{2} c^2 (\nabla \nu)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \nu^2 - P \nu] dx dy = 0$$

Hence:

(i) if $\nu = f(x, y)$ is given on γ

i.e. $\delta \nu = 0$ on γ

then the variational prob \Rightarrow

$$\delta \int_R [\frac{c^2}{2} (\nabla \nu)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \nu^2 - p \nu] dx dy = 0 \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

(ii) if $\frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} = 0$ is given on γ

the variational problem is same as (3)

(iii) if $\frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} = \psi(s)$ is given on γ

then \Rightarrow

$$\delta [\int_R \{ \frac{1}{2} c^2 (\nabla \nu)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \nu^2 - p \nu \} dx dy - \int_{\gamma} \psi \nu dx] = 0$$

(c) Steady state Heat condition

$$\nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla T) = f(x, T) \text{ in } D$$

B.C's:

$$T = T_1 \text{ on } B_1$$

$$-\kappa \underline{n} \cdot \nabla T = q_2 \text{ on } B_2$$

$$-\kappa \underline{n} \cdot \nabla T = h(T - T_3) \text{ on } B_3$$

multiply the eq. by δT , and integrate over the domain D. after integrating by parts, we find the variational prob. as follow.

$$\delta [\int_D \{ \frac{1}{2} \kappa (\nabla T)^2 + \int_{T_0}^T f(x, T') dT' \} d\tau + \int_{B_2} q_2 T d\sigma + \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_3} h(T - T_3)^2 d\sigma] = 0$$

with $T = T_1$ on B_1

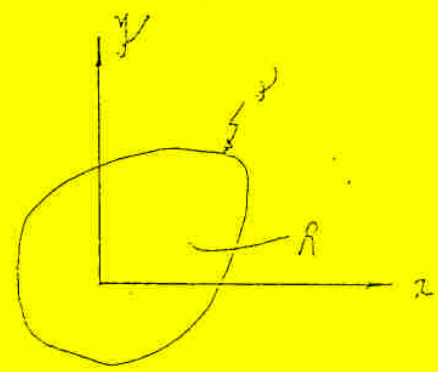
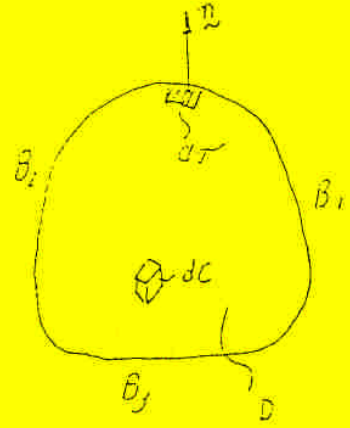
(d) Torsion of a prismatic Bar

$$D^2 \psi = -2 \text{ in } R$$

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\rightarrow D.E $\int_{\gamma} \psi \nu dx + P.C(s)$
 $\rightarrow \delta \int_{\gamma} \psi \nu dx$

$\rightarrow (S_1) \Rightarrow \delta I(L, \psi) \Rightarrow E_{\psi} \cdot \psi$



$$\psi = 0 \quad \text{on } \gamma$$

where ψ is the Prandtl stress function and

$$\sigma_{\gamma x} = G_{\alpha} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad , \quad \sigma_{zy} = \sigma_{\alpha} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

The variational prob becomes

$$\delta \left\{ \int_R \{ (D\psi)^2 - 4\psi \} dx dy \right\} = 0$$

with $\psi = 0 \quad \text{on } \gamma$

$$\Rightarrow [y' \delta y]_0^1 - \delta \int_0^1 [\frac{1}{2}(y')^2 - \frac{1}{2}xy^2 - xy] dx = 0$$

Hence the variation prob. becomes to extremize

$$I = \int_0^1 [\frac{1}{2}(y')^2 - \frac{1}{2}xy^2 - xy] dx$$

The appropriate assumption is

$$y = x(1-x)(c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + \dots)$$

(i). one - term approx.

$$\text{i.e. } y_0 = c_1x(1-x) = c_1(x-x^2) \quad y' = c_1(1-2x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } I(c_1) &= \int_0^1 [\frac{1}{2}c_1^2(1-4x+4x^2) - \frac{x}{2}c_1^2(x^2-2x^3+x^4) - c_1x(x-x^2)] dx \\ &= \frac{c_1^2}{2}(1-2+\frac{4}{3}) - \frac{c_1^2}{2}(\frac{1}{4}-\frac{2}{5}+\frac{1}{6}) - c_1(\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{4}) \\ &= \frac{19}{120}c_1^2 - \frac{c_1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{19}{60}c_1 - \frac{1}{12} = 0$$

$$c_1 = \frac{60}{19} \cdot \frac{1}{12} = \frac{5}{19} = 0.263$$

therefore $y_{(1)} = 0.263x(1-x)$

(ii). two - term approx

i.e.

$$y = x(1-x)(c_1 + c_2x)$$

$$= c_1(x-x^2) + c_2(x^2-x^3)$$

$$y' = c_1(1-2x) + c_2(2x-3x^2)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} I(c_1, c_2) &= \int_0^1 [\frac{1}{2}\{c_1^2(1-4x+4x^2) + 2c_1c_2(2x-7x^2+6x^3) \\ &\quad + c_2^2(4x^2-12x^3+9x^4)\} - \frac{1}{2}\{c_1^2(x^3-2x^4+x^5) + 2c_1c_2(x^4-2x^5+x^6) \\ &\quad + c_2^2(x^5-2x^6+x^7)\} - \{c_1(x^2-x^3) + c_2(x^3-x^4)\}] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{c_1^2(1-2+\frac{4}{3}) + 2c_1c_2(1-\frac{7}{3}+\frac{3}{2}) + c_2^2(\frac{4}{3}-3+\frac{9}{5})\} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\{c_1^2(\frac{1}{4}-\frac{2}{5}+\frac{1}{6}) + 2c_1c_2(\frac{1}{5}-\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{7}) + c_2^2(\frac{1}{6}-\frac{2}{7}+\frac{1}{8})\} \\ &\quad - \{c_1(\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{4}) + (\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{5})\} \\ &= \frac{c_1^2}{2}(1-2+\frac{4}{3}-\frac{1}{4}+\frac{2}{5}-\frac{1}{6}) + c_1c_2(1-\frac{7}{3}+\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{5}+\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{7}) \\ &\quad - \frac{c_1^2}{2}(\frac{4}{3}-3+\frac{9}{5}-\frac{1}{6}+\frac{2}{7}-\frac{9}{8}) - \frac{c_1}{12} - \frac{c_2}{20} \\ &= \frac{19}{120}c_1^2 + \frac{11}{70}c_1c_2 + \frac{107}{1680}c_2^2 - \frac{c_1}{12} - \frac{c_2}{20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{19}{60}c_1 + \frac{11}{70}c_2 = \frac{1}{12}$$

i.e. $0.317c_1 + 0.157c_2 = 0.0833$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{11}{70}c_1 + \frac{109}{840}c_2 = \frac{1}{20}$$

or $0.157c_1 + 0.127c_2 = 0.05$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0.177, c_2 = 0.173$$

therefore $y_{(2)} = (0.177x - 0.173x^2)(1-x)$

It is noted that the deviation between the two successive approxs $y_{(1)}$ and $y_{(2)}$ is found to be smaller in magnitude than 0.009 over (0,1).

Ex.3:

$$y'' + \lambda xy = 0$$

$$y(0) = y(1) = 0$$

the exact eigenvalues is the nth solution of

$$J_{1/3}(\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 18.9, 81.8$$

From $\int_0^1 (y'' + \lambda xy) \delta y \, dx = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{the variational prob. } \delta I = 0$$

where $I = \int_0^1 [\frac{1}{2}(y')^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda xy^2] dx$

or $I = \int_0^1 [(y')^2 - \lambda xy^2] dx$

(i). one - term approx.

$$y = c_1 x(1-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow I(c_1) = c_1^2(1 - 2 + \frac{4}{3}) - \lambda c_1^2(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{6}) + c_1^2(\frac{1}{3}) - \lambda c_1^2(\frac{1}{60})$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_1} = 0 \Rightarrow c_1(\frac{1}{3} - \lambda \frac{1}{60}) = 0$$

$$c_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 20$$

i.e. $\lambda_1^{(1)} = 20$

(ii). two-terms approx.

$$y = x(1-x)(c_1 + c_2x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I(c_1, c_2) &= c_1^2(1 - 2 + \frac{4}{3}) + 2c_1c_2(1 - \frac{7}{3} + \frac{3}{2}) + c_2^2(\frac{4}{3} - 3 + \frac{9}{5}) \\ &\quad - \lambda[c_1^2(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{6}) + 2c_1c_2(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{7}) + c_2^2(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{8})] \\ &= \frac{1}{3}c_1^2 + \frac{1}{3}c_1c_2 + \frac{2}{15}c_2^2 - \lambda[\frac{1}{60}c_1^2 + \frac{2}{105}c_1c_2 + \frac{1}{168}c_2^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}c_1 + \frac{1}{3}c_2 - \lambda(\frac{1}{30}c_1 + \frac{2}{105}c_2) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}c_1 + \frac{4}{15}c_2 - \lambda(\frac{2}{105}c_1 + \frac{1}{84}c_2) = 0$$

or

$$(0.667 - 0.0333\lambda)c_1 + (0.333 - 0.01911\lambda)c_2 = 0$$

$$(0.333 - 0.01911\lambda)c_1 + (0.267 - 0.0119\lambda)c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (0.667 - 0.0333\lambda)(0.267 - 0.0119\lambda) - (0.333 - 0.01911\lambda)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1^{(2)} = 19.2, \quad \lambda_2^{(2)} = 102$$

III-7 Estimation of Eigenvalues

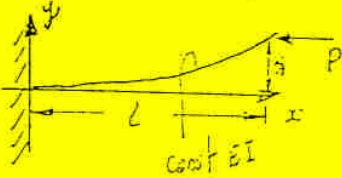
From the above example, we find

$$\lambda_1^{(1)} > \lambda_1^{(2)} > \lambda_1$$

$$\lambda_2^{(2)} > \lambda_2$$

⇒ The Rayleigh-Ritz method yield the upper bound for the eigenvalues. Why?

consider an example of buckling.



$$\text{EQ: } EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + P \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$\text{B.C.'s: } y = \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0 \\ EI \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + P \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{at } x = l$$

From

$$\int_0^l (EI y'''' + P y'') \delta y dx = 0$$

$$\delta I = 0$$



$$I = \int_0^l [EI (y'')^2 - P (y')^2] dx$$

where P appears as the character of eigenvalue, or

$$I = \int_0^l [(y'')^2 - \lambda (y')^2] dx$$

where $\lambda = \frac{P}{EI}$

The exact critical loads is

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$$

and the exact equivalent deflection curve is

$$y = \delta \left(1 - \cos \frac{\pi x}{2l} \right)$$

approximation:

(i). assume the deflection is obtained from the curve of a cantilever loaded at the free end

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } y &= \frac{\delta x^2}{2l^3}(3l - x) = \frac{\delta}{2l^3}(3lx^2 - x^3) \\ \Rightarrow y' &= \frac{3\delta}{2l^3}(2lx - x^2) \\ y'' &= \frac{3\delta}{l^3}(l - x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \left(\frac{3\delta}{l^3} \right)^2 \int_0^l \left[(l^2 - 2lx + x^2) - \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{4} (4l^2x^2 - 4lx^3 + x^4) \right] dx \\ &= \left(\frac{3\delta}{l^3} \right)^2 \cdot \left[l^3 \left(1 - 1 + \frac{1}{3} \right) - \lambda \frac{l^5}{4} \left(\frac{4}{3} - 1 + \frac{1}{5} \right) \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{3\delta}{l^3} \right)^2 l^3 \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{15} \lambda l^2 \right] \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial \delta} &= 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{l^2} = \frac{P}{EI} \\ \Rightarrow P &= 2.5 \frac{EI}{l^2} \end{aligned}$$

(ii). assume the deflection is a parabola

$$\text{i.e. } y = \frac{\delta x^2}{l^3} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{2\delta}{l} x, \quad y'' = \frac{2\delta}{l}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \left(\frac{2\delta}{l} \right)^2 \int_0^l (1 - \lambda x^2) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{2\delta}{l} \right)^2 \left(l - \lambda \frac{l^3}{3} \right) \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial \delta} &= 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{l^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{therefore } P = 3 \frac{EI}{l^2}$$

(iii). assume the exact deflection curve

$$y = \delta(1 - \cos \frac{\pi x}{2l})$$

$$y' = \delta(\frac{\pi}{2l}) \sin \frac{\pi x}{2l}$$

$$y'' = \delta(\frac{\pi}{2l})^2 \cos \frac{\pi x}{2l}$$

$$I = \delta^2 (\frac{\pi}{2l})^2 \int_0^l \left[\sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{2l} - \lambda (\frac{\pi}{2l})^2 \cos^2 \frac{\pi x}{2l} \right] dx$$

$$= \delta^2 (\frac{\pi}{2l})^2 \left[(\frac{\pi}{2l})^2 - \lambda \frac{l}{2} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial \delta} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = (\frac{\pi}{2l})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{\pi EI}{4l^2} = 2.4674 \frac{EI}{l^2} \quad \text{exact!}$$

The Rayleigh-Ritz method always gives values of the critical load which are larger than the true values unless the assumed curve happens to be the correct one. This follows from the fact that the true shape is the only one is equivalent. To have the column in equivalent with an incorrect shape of buckling requires that additional constraints be introduced in order to maintain that shape. The additional constraints naturally can only increase the rigidity of the column and hence the critical load becomes larger than its true value. Thus if several assumed definition curve are used, the lowest will be the most accurate.

Generally, how to find an upper bound for the smallest eigenvalue of the boundary value problem?

Consider the Helmholtz equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi + \lambda \phi = 0 \quad \text{in } D$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dn} + \alpha \phi = 0 \quad \text{on } B$$

From

$$\int_D (\nabla^2 \phi + \lambda \phi) \delta \phi d\tau = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta I = 0$$

assume

$$\phi_n = g = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i u_i$$

where u_i is any set of linear independent function in the space of admissible function.

Denote

$$Q(f_i, f_j) = \int_D (\nabla f_i \cdot \nabla f_j) d\tau + \int_B \alpha f_i f_j d\sigma$$

$$N(f_i, f_j) = \int_D f_i f_j d\tau$$

where

$$Q(f) = \int_D (\nabla f \cdot \nabla f) d\tau + \int_B \alpha f^2 d\sigma$$

$$N(f) = \int_D f^2 d\tau$$

Then

$$I(c_i) = Q(\sum c_i u_i) - \lambda N(\sum c_i u_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} c_i c_j - \lambda \sum_{i,j} b_{ij} c_i c_j$$

where

$$a_{ij} = Q(u_i, u_j)$$

$$b_{ij} = N(u_i, u_j)$$

From

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial c_i} = 0 \Rightarrow |a_{ij} - \lambda b_{ij}| = 0$$

this equation gives roots, the smallest is the best upper bound for λ_1 over subspace spanned by the functions u_i ($\lambda_1^{(n)}$)

i.e.

$$\lambda_r \leq \lambda_1^{(n)} \leq \frac{Q(g)}{N(g)}$$

If we consider the k th stationary value in each of the successive approximation, we find that they form a nondecreasing sequence. This can be seen from a definition of the stationary value

$$\lambda_k^{(n)} = \min \frac{Q(g)}{N(g)}$$

where g is in the subspace S spanned by u_1, \dots, u_n and $N(g, v_i) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$, and v_i are any set of independent functions

Now

$$\lambda_k^{(n+1)} = \min \frac{Q(\tilde{g})}{N(\tilde{g})}$$

where \tilde{g} is in the subspace \tilde{s} spanned by u_1, \dots, u_n, u_{n+1} and $N(\tilde{g}, v_i) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$, since any func in s can be written as a linear combination of u_1, \dots, u_{n+1} with $u_{n+1} = 0$

$\Rightarrow s$ is contained in \tilde{s}

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_k^{(n+1)} \leq \lambda_k^{(n)} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_k \leq \dots \leq \lambda_k^{(n+2)} \leq \lambda_k^{(n+1)} \leq \lambda_k^{(n)}$$

So we have the Raleigh-Ritz array of the eigenvalues *

* eigenvalues	no. of admissible orthiginal func.							exact eigenvalues
	1	2	3	n	n+1	...	
1	$\lambda_1^{(1)} \geq \lambda_1^{(2)} \geq \lambda_1^{(3)} \dots \geq \lambda_1^{(n)} \geq \lambda_1^{(n+1)} \geq \dots \geq$							λ_1
2	$\lambda_2^{(2)} \geq \lambda_2^{(3)} \dots \geq \lambda_2^{(n)} \geq \lambda_2^{(n+1)} \geq \dots \geq$							λ_2
3	$\lambda_3^{(3)} \geq \dots \geq \lambda_3^{(n)} \geq \lambda_3^{(n+1)} \geq \dots \geq$							λ_3
4	$\lambda_4^{(4)} \geq \dots \lambda_4^{(n)} \geq \lambda_4^{(n+1)} \geq \dots \geq$							λ_4

III-8 Approximate Methods

(A) Method of Weighted Residuals (MWR) consider a b.v.p.

$$L[u] = 0 \quad \text{in } D$$

+ homo. b.c.'s in B.

assume approx. solution

$$u \approx u_n = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \phi_i$$

where ϕ_i each satisfies the b.c.'s

The residual $R_n = L[u_n]$

In this method (MWR), C_i are chosen such that R_n is forced to be zero in an average sense.

$$\int_D \omega_j R_n \approx 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

i.e. $(\omega_j, R_n) = 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$

where ω_j are the weighting fucs. Corresponding to the different weighting fucs, there are subdomain method, collocation method, least square method, Galerkin method, method of moments etc.

(B) Galerkin Method

ω_j are chosen to be the trial fucs ϕ_j hence the trial fucs is chosen as members of a complete set of fucs.

A continuous fuc is zero if it is orthogonal to every member of a complete set. Thus Galerkin method fucs the residual to be zero by making it orthogonal to each of a complete set.

$$\int_D R_n \phi_i d\tau = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

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complete set
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 $R_n \approx 0$

By variational principle:

Assume $u_n = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \phi_i$ which satisfies b.c.'s

Then

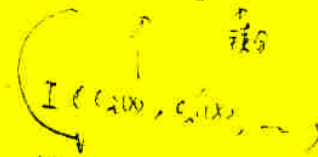
$$\int_D \omega_j R_n d\tau = 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$L[u] = 0$$

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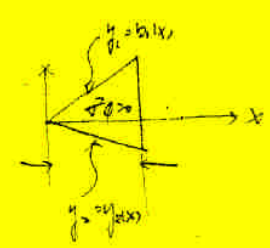
$$\int_D \omega_j R_n d\tau = 0$$

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \phi_i$$



$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial C_i} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial C_i} \right) = 0$$

↓
 $\int_D \omega_j R_n d\tau = 0$



$$\int_D L[u_n] \delta u d\tau \quad (1)$$

Galerkin idea is to choose c_i such that (1) is satisfied

$$(1) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 R_n \sum_i \phi_i \delta c_i d\tau = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \int_0^1 \sum_i R_n \phi_i \delta c_i d\tau = 0$$

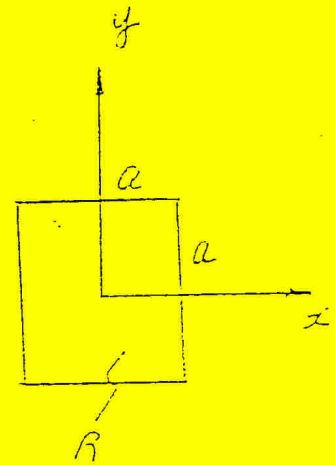
since δc_i are arb. \Rightarrow

$$\int_D R_n \phi_i d\tau = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Ex: Torsion of a square shaft

$$\nabla^2 \psi = -2$$

$$\psi = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad x = \pm a, y = \pm a$$



(i) one - term approx.

$$\psi_1 = c_1(x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2)$$

$$R_i = \nabla^2 \psi_1 + 2 = 2c_1[(x - a)^2 + (y - a)^2] + 2$$

$$\phi_1 = (x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2)$$

$$\text{From} \int_{-a}^a \int_{-a}^a R, \phi, dx dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{5}{8} \frac{1}{a^2}$$

therefore

$$\psi_1 = \frac{5}{8a^2}(x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2)$$

The torsional rigidity

$$D_1 = 2G \int_R \psi dx dy = 0.1388G(2a)^4$$

The exact value of D is

$$D_a = .01406G(2a)^4$$

the error is only -1.2%

(ii) two - term approx

$$\psi_2 = (x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2)[c_1 + c_2(x^2 + y^2)]$$

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By symmetry → even fucs.

$$\Rightarrow R_2 = \nabla \psi_2 + 2$$

$$\phi_1 = (x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2)$$

$$\phi_2 = (x^2 - a^2)(y^2 - a^2)(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\text{From } \int_R R_2 \phi_1 dx dy = 0$$

$$\text{and } \int_R R_2 \phi_2 dx dy = 0$$

we obtain

$$c_1 = \frac{1295}{2216} \frac{1}{a^2}, \quad c_2 = \frac{525}{4432} \frac{1}{a^2}$$

therefore

$$D_2 = 2G \int_R \psi_2 dx dy = 0.1404G(2a)^4$$

the error is only -0.14%

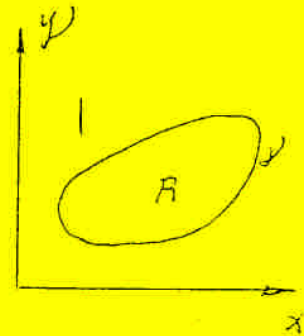
(C) Trefftz Method:

Seek the approx. sol. satisfying the eq. but not the b.c's, then minimize the error on the boundary.

For example, consider the Dirichlet integral

$$I = \int_R (\nabla u)^2 dx dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \delta I &= 2 \int_R \nabla u \cdot \nabla(\delta u) dx dy \\ &= 2 \int_R \nabla \cdot (\nabla u \delta u) dx dy - 2 \int_R \nabla^2 u \delta u dx dy \\ &= 2 \int_R \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial y} \right) \right] dx dy - 2 \int_R \nabla^2 u \delta u dx dy \\ &= 2 \int_{\gamma} \delta u \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx \right) - 2 \int_R \nabla^2 u \delta u dx dy \\ &= 2 \int_{\gamma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds - 2 \int_R \nabla^2 u \delta u dx dy \end{aligned}$$



From $\delta I = 0$

⇒ Dirichlet prob.

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \quad \text{in } G$$

$$u = f(s) \text{ on } \gamma \text{ (i.e. } \delta u = 0)$$

Seek sol. $u_n = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i v_i$

where v_i be the number of a complete set of harmonic fucs (i.e. $\nabla^2 v_i = 0$)

i.e. the assumed sol. satisfies the eq. but does not satisfy the b.c.

consider the integral

$$J = \int_R [\nabla(u - u_n)]^2 dx dy$$

and choose C_i such J is minimum

$$\text{From } \frac{\partial J}{\partial C_i} = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \int_R \nabla(u - u_n) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial c_i} \nabla(u - u_n) dx dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \int_R \nabla(u - u_n) \cdot \nabla v_i dx dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \oint_{\gamma} (u - u_n) \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial n} ds + 2 \int_R (u - u_n) \nabla^2 v_i dx dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_{\gamma} (f - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i) \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial n} ds = 0$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Ex.: Torsion of a square shaft

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \text{ in } R$$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) \text{ on } \gamma$$

where ϕ is the complex conjugate of the warping fuc. and is

$$\psi = \phi - \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$$

Sol:

ϕ is harmonic even in x, y , x, y be interchanged.

Since Real and imaginary of z^n are harmonic

	<i>Re.</i>	<i>Im.</i>
$n = 1$	x	y
$n = 2$	$x^2 - y^2$	$2xy$
$n = 4$	$x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$	$4xy(x^2 - y^2)$

take 2 -term approx.

$$\phi_2 = c_1 + c_2(x^4 - 6x^2y^2 - y^4) \quad \begin{cases} v_1 = 1 \\ v_2 = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 - y^4 \end{cases}$$

From $\oint_{\gamma} [\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) - \phi_2] \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial n} ds = 0$

instead, we require mean error = 0

$$\Rightarrow \oint_{\gamma} [\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) - \phi_2] ds = 0$$

and $\oint_{\gamma} [\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) - \phi_2] : \frac{dv_2}{dn} ds = 0$

we obtain $c_1 = \frac{53}{90}a^2, c_2 = -\frac{7}{72}\frac{1}{a^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow D &= 2G \int_R \psi dx dy \\ &= 0.1407G(2a)^4 \end{aligned}$$