



CALCULUS OF VARIATION ASSIGNMENT

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1. The curve eternizing the functional

$$I(y) = \int_1^2 \frac{\sqrt{1+(y'(x))^2}}{x} dx, \quad y(1)=0, y(2)=1$$

1. an ellipse
2. a parabola
3. a circle
4. a straight line

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2. Let $u(x,y)$ be an extremal of the functional

$$J(u) = \int_D \left[\frac{1}{2} u_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} u_y^2 + e^{xy} u \right] dx dy, \quad \text{where } D \text{ is}$$

the open unit disk in $\mathbb{R}^2$. Then u satisfies

1. $u_{xx} + u_{yy} - e^{xy} = 0$
2. $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = e^{xy}$
3. $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = -e^{xy}$
4. $\iint_D [u_{xx} + u_{yy} - e^{xy}] h(x,y) dx dy = 0$ for every smooth h vanishing on the boundary of D

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3. Consider the functional

$$I(y) = y^2(1) + \int_0^1 y'^2(x) dx, \quad y(0) = 1,$$

where $y \in C^2([0,1])$. If y extremizes J , then

1. $y(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$
2. $y(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x$
3. $y(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$
4. $y(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x^2$

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4. Let $y \in C^2([0, \pi])$ satisfying

$$y(0) = y(\pi) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\pi y^2(x) dx = 1$$

extremize the functional

$$J(y) = \int_0^\pi (y'(x))^2 dx; \quad y' = \frac{dy}{dx}. \quad \text{Then}$$

1. $y(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin x$
2. $y(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin x$
3. $y(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos x$
4. $y(x) = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos x$

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5. The extremal of the functional

$$\int_0^\alpha (y'^2 - y^2) dx \quad \text{that passes through } (0,0) \text{ and}$$

$(\alpha, 0)$ has a

1. weak minimum if $\alpha < \pi$.
2. strong minimum if $\alpha < \pi$.
3. weak minimum if $\alpha > \pi$.
4. strong minimum if $\alpha > \pi$.

6. The extremal of the functional $I = \int_0^{x_1} y^2 (y')^2 dx$

that passes through $(0,0)$ and (x_1, y_1) is

1. a constant function
2. a linear function of x
3. part of parabola
4. part of an ellipse

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7. The functional $I(y(x)) = \int_a^b (y^2 + y'^2 - 2y \sin x) dx$, has the following extremal with C_1 and C_2 as arbitrary constants.

1. $y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2} \sin x$.
2. $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2} \sin x$.
3. $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2} \sin x$.
4. $y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2} \cos x$.

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8. To show the existence of a minimizer for the functional $J[y] = \int_a^b f(x, y, y') dx$, for which there is a minimizing sequence (ϕ_n) , it is enough to have

1. (ϕ_n) is convergent and J is continuous.
2. (ϕ_n) is convergent and J is differentiable.
3. (ϕ_n) has a convergent subsequence and J is continuous.
4. (ϕ_n) has a convergent subsequence and J is differentiable.



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9. The curve of fixed length l , that joins the points $(0,0)$ and $(1,0)$, lies above the x -axis, and encloses the maximum area between itself and the x -axis, is a segment of
1. a straight line.
 2. a parabola
 3. an ellipse
 4. a circle

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10. Let $y = y(x)$ be the extremal of the functional

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx, \text{ subject to the}$$

condition that the left end of the extremal moves along $y = x^2$, while the right end moves along $x - y = 5$. Then the

1. shortest distance between the parabola and the straight line is $\left(\frac{19\sqrt{2}}{8}\right)$.
2. slope of the extremal at (x,y) is $\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$.
3. point $\left(\frac{3}{4}, 0\right)$ lies on the extremal.
4. extremal is orthogonal to the curve $y = \frac{x}{2}$.

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11. If $J[y] = \int_1^2 (y'^2 + 2yy' + y^2) dx$, $y(1) = 1$ and $y(2)$ is arbitrary then the extremal is
1. e^{x-1}
 2. e^{x+1}
 3. e^{1-x}
 4. e^{-x-1}

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12. The functional $J[y] = \int_0^1 (y'^2 + x^2) dx$ where $y(0) = -1$ and $y(1) = 1$ on $y = 2x - 1$, has
1. weak minimum
 2. weak maximum
 3. strong minimum
 4. strong maximum
13. Let $y(x)$ be a piecewise continuously differentiable function on $[0,4]$. Then the

functional $J[y] = \int_0^4 (y' - 1)^2 (y' + 1)^2 dx$ attains minimum if $y = y(x)$ is

1. $y = \frac{x}{2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 4$
2. $y = \begin{cases} -x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x - 2 & 1 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$
3. $y = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -x + 6 & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$
4. $y = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ -x + 6 & 3 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$

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14. The infimum of $\int_0^1 (u'(t))^2 dt$ on the class of functions $\{u \in C^1[0,1] \text{ such that } u(0) = 0 \text{ and } \max_{[0,1]} |u| = 1\}$ is equal to
1. 0
 2. $1/2$
 3. 1
 4. 2

15. Consider the functional

$$I(y(x)) = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x, y) \sqrt{1 + y'^2} e^{\tan^{-1} y'} dx \text{ where}$$

$f(x, y) \neq 0$. Let the left end of the extremal be fixed at the point $A(x_0, y_0)$ and the right end $B(x_1, y_1)$ be movable along the curve $y = \psi(x)$. Then the extremal $y = y(x)$ intersects the curve $y = \psi(x)$ along which the boundary point $B(x_1, y_1)$ slides at an angle

1. $\pi/3$
2. $\pi/2$
3. $\pi/4$
4. $\pi/6$

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16. Let $X = \{u \in C^1[0,1] \mid u(0) = 0\}$ and let $I: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $I(u) = \int_0^1 (u'(t))^2 - u(t)^2 dt$. Which of the following are correct?
1. I is bounded below
 2. I is not bounded below
 3. I attains its infimum



4. I does not attain its infimum

17. Let $I : C^1[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as

$$I(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (u'(t))^2 - 4\pi^2 u(t)^2 dt.$$

Let us set $(P)m = \inf \{I(u) : u \in C^1[0,1] :$

$u(0) = u(1) = 0\}$. Let $\bar{u} \in C^1[0,1]$ satisfy the Euler – Lagrange Equation associated with (P). Then

1. $m = -\infty$ i.e., I is not bounded below
2. $m \in \mathbb{R}$, with $I(\bar{u}) = m$
3. $m \in \mathbb{R}$, with $I(\bar{u}) > m$
4. $m \in \mathbb{R}$, with $I(\bar{u}) < m$

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18. Consider $J[y] = \int_0^1 [(y')^2 + 2y] dx$ subject

to $y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1$. Then $\inf J[y]$

1. is $\frac{23}{12}$
2. is $\frac{21}{24}$
3. is $\frac{18}{25}$
4. does not exist

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19. The extremal of the functional

$$J[y] = \int_0^1 y'^2(x) dx \text{ subject to } y(0)=0, y(1)=1$$

and $\int_0^1 y(x) dx = 0$ is

1. $3x^2 - 2x$
2. $8x^3 - 9x^2 + 2x$
3. $\frac{5}{3}x^4 - \frac{2}{3}x$
4. $\frac{-21}{2}x^5 + 10x^4 + 4x^3 - \frac{5}{2}x$

20. The admissible extremal for

$$J[y] = \int_0^{\log 3} [e^{-x} y'^2 + 2e^x (y' + y)] dx,$$

where $y(\log 3) = 1$ and $y(0)$ is free is

1. $4 - e^x$
2. $10 - e^{2x}$
3. $e^x - 2$
4. $e^{2x} - 8$

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21. Consider the functional

$$J[y] = \int_0^2 (1 - y'^2)^2 dx \text{ defined on } \{y \in C[0,2] : y$$

is piecewise C^1 and $y(0)=y(2)=0\}$. Let y_e be a minimize of the above functional. Then y_e has

1. a unique corner point
2. two corner points
3. more than two corner points
4. no corner points

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22. Consider the functional $J[y] = \int_0^1 [(y')^2 - (y')^4] dx$

subject to $y(0)=0, y(1)=0$. A broken extremal is a continuous extremal whose derivative has jump discontinuities at a finite number of points. Then which of the following statements are true?

1. There are no broken extremals and $y=0$ is an extremal.
2. There is a unique broken extremal.
3. There exist more than one and finitely many broken extremals.
4. There exist infinitely many broken extremals.

23. The extremals of the functional

$$J[y] = \int_0^1 [720x^2 y - (y'')^2] dx, \text{ subject to}$$

$y(x) = y'(0) = y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 6$, are

1. $x^6 + 2x^3 - 3x^2$
2. $x^5 + 4x^4 - 5x^3$
3. $x^5 + x^4 - 2x^3$
4. $x^6 + 4x^3 - 6x^2$

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24. Let $x^*(t)$ be the curve which minimizes the

$$\text{functional } J(x) = \int_0^1 [x^2(t) + \dot{x}^2(t)] dt$$

satisfying $x(0)=0, x(1)=1$. Then the value

of $x^*\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ is

1. $\frac{\sqrt{e}}{1+e}$
2. $\frac{2\sqrt{e}}{1+e}$
3. $\frac{\sqrt{e}}{1+2e}$
4. $\frac{2\sqrt{e}}{1+2e}$

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25. Let $B = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ and $C = \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ and let f and g be continuous functions. Let u be the minimizer of the functional



$$J[v] = \iint_B (v_x^2 + v_y^2 - 2fv) dx dy + \int_C (v^2 - 2gv) ds.$$

Then u is a solution of

$$1. -\Delta u = f, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + u = g$$

$$2. \Delta u = f, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - u = g$$

$$3. -\Delta u = f, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g$$

$$4. \Delta u = f, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g$$

where $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}$ denotes the directional derivative

of u in the direction of the outward drawn normal at $(x, y) \in C$

26. Consider the functional

$$J[y] = \int_0^1 [(y'(x))^2 + (y'(x))^3] dx, \text{ subject to}$$

$y(0) = 1$ and $y(1) = 2$. Then

1. there exists an extremal $y \in C^1([0, 1]) \setminus C^2([0, 1])$

2. there exists an extremal $y \in C([0, 1]) \setminus C^1([0, 1])$

3. every extremal y belongs to $C^1([0, 1])$

4. every extremal y belongs to $C^2([0, 1])$

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27. Let $y = \phi(x)$ be the extremizing function for the functional

$$I(y) = \int_0^1 y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 dx, \text{ subject to}$$

$y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1$. Then $\phi(1/4)$ is equal to

1. $1/2$

2. $1/4$

3. $1/8$

4. $1/12$

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28. Let $y = y(x) \in C^4([0, 1])$ be an extremizing function for the functional

$$I(y) = \int_0^1 \left[\left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)^2 - 2y \right] dx, \text{ satisfying}$$

$y(0) = 0 = y(1)$. Then an extremal $y(x)$, satisfying the given conditions at 0 and 1 together with the natural boundary conditions, is given by

$$1. \frac{x}{24}(x-1)^3$$

$$2. \frac{x^2}{24}(x-1)^2$$

$$3. \frac{x}{24}(x^3 - 2x^2 + 1)$$

$$4. \frac{x}{24}(x^3 + x^2 - 2)$$

29. The minimum value of the functional

$$I(y) = \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 dx,$$

subject to $\int_0^\pi y^2(x) dx = 1, y(0) = 0 = y(\pi)$

is equal to

1. $1/2$

2. 1

3. 2

4. $1/3$

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30. The extremal of the functional

$$J(y) = \int_0^1 [2(y')^2 + xy] dx, y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1, y \in C^2[0, 1]$$

$$1. y = \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{11x}{12}$$

$$2. y = \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^2}{3}$$

$$3. y = \frac{x^2}{7} + \frac{6x}{7}$$

$$4. y = \frac{x^3}{24} + \frac{23x}{24}$$

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31. The extremal of the functional

$$J(y) = \int_0^1 e^x \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx, y \in C^2[0, 1]$$

is of the form

$$1. y = \sec^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{c_1} \right) + c_2, \text{ where } c_1 \text{ and } c_2$$

are arbitrary constants

$$2. y = \sec^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{c_1} \right) + c_2, \text{ where } |c_1| < 1$$

and c_2 is an arbitrary constant



3. $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{c_1}\right) + c_2$, where c_1 and c_2

are arbitrary constants

4. $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{c_1}\right) + c_2$, where $|c_1| > 1$

and c_2 is an arbitrary constant

32. Consider the functional

$$J(y) = \int_0^\pi ((y')^2 - ky^2) dx \text{ with boundary}$$

conditions $y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0$

Which of the following statements are true?

1. It has a unique extremal for all $k \in \mathbb{R}$
2. It has at most one extremal if $\sqrt{k}$ is not an integer
3. It has infinitely many extremals if $\sqrt{k}$ is an integer
4. It has a unique extremal if $\sqrt{k}$ is an integer

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33. Which of the following is an extremal of the functional

$$J(y) = \int_{-1}^1 (y'^2 - 2xy) dx \text{ that satisfy the boundary conditions } y(-1) = -1 \text{ and } y(1) = 1?$$

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. $-\frac{x^3}{5} + \frac{6x}{5}$ | 2. $-\frac{x^5}{8} + \frac{9x}{8}$ |
| 3. $-\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{7x}{6}$ | 4. $-\frac{x^3}{7} + \frac{8x}{7}$ |

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34. Let $X = \{y \in C^1[0, \pi] : y(0) = 0 = y(\pi)\}$ and define $J : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$J(y) = \int_0^\pi y^2(1 - y'^2) dx. \text{ Which of the following statements are true?}$$

1. $y \equiv 0$ is a local minimum for J with respect to the C^1 norm on X
2. $y \equiv 0$ is a local maximum for J with respect to the C^1 norm on X
3. $y \equiv 0$ is a local minimum for J with respect to the sup norm on X

4. $y \equiv 0$ is a local maximum for J with respect to the sup norm on X

35.

Let B be the unit ball in $\mathbb{R}^3$ centered at origin. The Euler-Lagrange equation corresponding to the functional

$$I(u) = \int_B (1 + |\nabla u|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \text{ is}$$

$$1. \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{\nabla u}{(1 + |\nabla u|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) = 0$$

$$2. \frac{\Delta u}{(1 + |\nabla u|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 1$$

$$3. |\nabla u| = 1$$

$$4. (1 + |\nabla u|^2) \Delta u = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 u_{x_i} u_{x_j} u_{x_i x_j}$$

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36. What is the extremal of the functional

$$J[y] = \int_{-1}^0 (12xy - (y')^2) dx \text{ subject to } y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y(-1) = 1?$$

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. $y = x^2$ | 2. $y = \frac{2x^2 + x^4}{3}$ |
| 3. $y = -x^3$ | 4. $y = \frac{x^2 + x^4}{4}$ |

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37. Let $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ be two points on the xy -plane with x_1 different from x_2 and $y_1 > y_2$. Consider a curve $C = \{z : z(x_1) = P_1, z(x_2) = P_2\}$. Suppose that a particle is sliding down along the curve C from the point P_1 to P_2 under the influence of gravity. Let T be the time taken to reach point P_2 and g denote the gravitational constant. Which of the following statements are true?

$$1. T = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{\frac{1 + (z'(x))^2}{2gz(x)}} dx$$

$$2. T = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\sqrt{1 + (z'(x))^2}}{2gz(x)} dx$$



3. T is minimized when C is a straight line
4. The minimizer of T cannot be a straight line

38. Let $X = \{u \in C^1[0, 1] : u(0) = u(1) = 0\}$. Let $I : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as $I(u) = \int_0^1 e^{-u'(t)^2} dt$,

for all $u \in X$. Let $M = \sup_{f \in X} I[f]$ and $m = \inf_{f \in X} I[f]$. Which of the following statements are true?

1. $M = 1, m = 0$
2. $1 = M > m > 0$
3. M is attained
4. m is attained

39. If $y(t)$ is a stationary function of $J[y] = \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)(y')^2 dx, y(-1) = 1, y(1) = 1$ subject to $\int_{-1}^1 y^2 = 1$.

Which of the following statements are true?

1. y is unique
2. y is always a polynomial of even order
3. y is always a polynomial of odd order
4. No such y exists

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40. Consider the variational problem (P)

$$J(y(x)) = \int_0^1 [I(y')^2 - y|y|y' + xy] dx, \quad y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0.$$

Which of the following statements is correct?

- (1) (P) has no stationary function (extremal).
- (2) $y \equiv 0$ is the only stationary function (extremal) for (P).
- (3) (P) has a unique stationary function (extremal) y not identically equal to 0.
- (4) (P) has infinitely many stationary functions (extremal).

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41. Let $y(x)$ and $z(x)$ be the stationary functions (extremals) of the variational problem

$$J(y(x), z(x)) = \int_0^1 [I(y')^2 + (z')^2 + y'z'] dx$$

subject to $y(0) = 1, y(1) = 0, z(0) = -1, z(1) = 2$.

Which of the following statements are correct?

- (1) $z(x) + 3y(x) = 2$ for $x \in [0, 1]$.
- (2) $3z(x) + y(x) = 2$ for $x \in [0, 1]$.
- (3) $y(x) + z(x) = x$ for $x \in [0, 1]$.
- (4) $y(x) + z(x) = x$ for $x \in [0, 1]$.

42. Suppose $y(x)$ is an extremal of the following functional

$$J(y(x)) = \int_0^1 (y(x)^2 - 4y(x)y'(x) + 4y'(x)^2) dx$$

subject to $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1/2$.

Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) y is a convex function.
- (2) y is concave function.
- (3) $y(x_1 + x_2) = y(x_1)y(x_2)$ for all x_1, x_2 in $[0, 1]$.
- (4) $y(x_1x_2) = y(x_1) + y(x_2)$ for all x_1, x_2 in $[0, 1]$.

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43. The cardinality of the set of extremals of

$$J[y] = \int_0^1 (y')^2 dx,$$

subject to

$$y(0) = 1, y(1) = 6, \int_0^1 y dx = 3$$

is

- (1) 0
- (2) 1
- (3) 2
- (4) countably infinite

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44. Among the curves connecting the points (1, 2) and (2, 8), let γ be the curve on which an extremal of the functional

$$J[y] = \int_1^2 (1 + x^3 y') y' dx$$

can be attained. Then which of the following points lie on the curve γ ?

- (1) $(\sqrt{2}, 3)$
- (2) $(\sqrt{2}, 6)$
- (3) $\left(\sqrt{3}, \frac{22}{3}\right)$
- (4) $\left(\sqrt{3}, \frac{23}{3}\right)$

45. Define

$$S = \{y \in C^1[0, \pi] : y(0) = y(\pi) = 0\}$$



$$\|f\|_{\infty} = \max_{x \in [0, \pi]} |f(x)|, \text{ for all } f \in S$$

$$B_0(f, \varepsilon) = \{f \in S : \|f\|_{\infty} < \varepsilon\}$$

$$B_1(f, \varepsilon) = \{f \in S : \|f\|_{\infty} + \|f'\|_{\infty} < \varepsilon\}$$

Consider the functional $J : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$J[y] = \int_0^{\pi} (1 - (y')^2) y^2 dx.$$

Then there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$(1) J[y] \leq J[0], \text{ for all } y \in B_0(0, \varepsilon)$$

$$(2) J[y] \leq J[0], \text{ for all } y \in B_1(0, \varepsilon)$$

$$(3) J[y] \geq J[0], \text{ for all } y \in B_0(0, \varepsilon)$$

$$(4) J[y] \geq J[0], \text{ for all } y \in B_1(0, \varepsilon)$$

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46. Let $B(0, 1) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ be the open unit disc in $\mathbb{R}^2$, $\partial B(0, 1)$ denote the boundary of $B(0, 1)$, and v denote unit outward normal to $\partial B(0, 1)$. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a given continuous function. The Euler-Lagrange equation of the minimization problem.

$$\min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \iint_{B(0,1)} |\nabla u|^2 dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \iint_{B(0,1)} e^{u^2} dx dy + \int_{\partial B(0,1)} f u ds \right\}$$

subject to $u \in C^1(\overline{B(0,1)})$ is

$$(1) \begin{cases} \Delta u = -ue^{u^2} & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} = f & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \begin{cases} \Delta u = ue^{u^2} + f & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

$$(3) \begin{cases} \Delta u = ue^{u^2} & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} = -f & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

$$(4) \begin{cases} \Delta u = ue^{u^2} & \text{in } B(0,1) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} + u = f & \text{on } \partial B(0,1) \end{cases}$$

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47. The infimum of the set

$$\left\{ \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (y'(t))^2} dt; y \in C^1[a, b], y(a) = a^2, y(b) = b - 5 \right\}$$

$$(1) \frac{19\sqrt{2}}{8} \quad (2) 19\sqrt{2}$$

$$(3) \frac{19}{8} \quad (4) \frac{19}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

48. The extremizer of the problem

$$\min \left[\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 [(y'(x))^2 + (y(x))^2] dx \right]$$

subject to $y \in C^1[-1, 1]$,

$$\int_{-1}^1 xy(x) dx = 0 \text{ and } y(-1) = y(1) = 1 \text{ is}$$

$$(1) \frac{e}{1+e^2} (e^x + e^{-x}) + x^2 - 1$$

$$(2) \frac{e}{1+e^2} (e^x + e^{-x}) + 1 - x^2$$

$$(3) \frac{e}{1+e^2} (e^x + e^{-x})$$

$$(4) \frac{e}{1+e^2} (e^x + e^{-x}) + \sin(2\pi x)$$

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PART - B

49. Let S denote the set of all solutions of the Euler-Lagrange equation of the variational problem :

Minimize

$$J[y] = \int_0^1 (y^2 + (y')^2) dx,$$

$$\text{subject to } y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0, \int_0^1 y^2 dx = 1.$$

Then the set $\{\varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) : \varphi \in S\}$ is equal to

$$(1) \{-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$$

$$(2) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{k} : k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \neq 0 \right\}$$

$$(3) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{k} : k \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

$$(4) \{-\sqrt{2}, 0, \sqrt{2}\}$$

PART - C

50. Define

$$S := \{y \in C^1[-1, 1] : y(-1) = -1, y(1) = 3\}.$$

Let φ be the extremal of the functional

$J : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$J[y] = \int_{-1}^1 [(y')^3 + (y')^2] dx. \text{ Define}$$

$$\|y\|_{\infty} := \max_{x \in [-1, 1]} |y(x)| \text{ for every}$$

$y \in S$ and

let



$$B_0(\varphi, \varepsilon) := \{y \in S : \|y - \varphi\|_\infty < \varepsilon\}, B_1(\varphi, \varepsilon) := \{y \in S : \|y - \varphi\|_\infty + \|y' - \varphi'\|_\infty < \varepsilon\}.$$

Then which of the following statements are true?

(1) $\varphi(x) = 2x + 1$ for every $x \in [-1, 1]$

(2) There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$J[y] \geq J[\varphi] \text{ for every } y \in B_0(\varphi, \varepsilon)$$

(3) There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$J[y] \geq J[\varphi] \text{ for every } y \in B_1(\varphi, \varepsilon)$$

(4) There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$J[y] \leq J[\varphi] \text{ for every } y \in B_1(\varphi, \varepsilon)$$

51. For any $b \in \mathbb{R}$, let $S(b)$ denote the set of all broken extremals with one corner of the variational problem minimize

$$J[y] = \int_0^1 ((y')^4 - 3(y')^2) dx,$$

subject to $y(0) = 0, y(1) = b$.

Then which of the following statements are true?

(1) $S(2)$ has exactly two elements

(2) $S\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ has exactly one element

(3) $S(2)$ is empty

(4) $S\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ has exactly two elements

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PART – B

52. Let $y(x)$ be the extremal of the functional

$$J[y] = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} ((y')^2 - 4y^2 + 2xy) dx$$

subject to $y(0) = 0, y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$. Then $y(x)$

is equal to

(1) $\left(1 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \sin(2x) + x$

(2) $\left(1 - \frac{\pi}{16}\right) \sin(2x) + \frac{x}{4}$

(3) $\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \sin(2x) - x$

(4) $\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{16}\right) \sin(2x) - \frac{x}{4}$

PART – C

53. For $\alpha \geq 0$, consider the functional

$$J_\alpha[y] = \int_1^2 \frac{(y')^2}{x^\alpha} dx$$

defined for all continuously differentiable functions defined on the interval $[1, 2]$ satisfying the conditions

$$y(1) = 1, y(2) = 2.$$

Then which of the following statements are true?

1. $y(x) = \frac{1}{15}(x^4 + 14)$ is an extremal for J_3 .

2. $y(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + 2)$ is an extremal for J_1 .

3. $y(x) = x$ is an extremal for J_0 .

4. $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - x + 2)$ is an extremal for J_1 .

54. For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, consider the variational problem:

Minimize $J[y] =$

$$\int_0^2 [a(y')^2 + 2byy' + cy^2] dx,$$

subject to $y(0) = 10, y(1) = 100$.

Then which of the following statements are true?

- If $(a, b, c) = (-2, 1, -2)$, then every admissible extremal is minimizer
- If $(a, b, c) = (1, 0, 2)$, then every admissible extremal is minimizer
- If $(a, b, c) = (2, -1, 1)$, then every admissible extremal is minimizer
- If $(a, b, c) = (1, -2, 5)$, then every admissible extremal is minimizer



ANSWERS

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| 1. (3) | 2. (2,4) | 3. (2) |
| 4. (1,2) | 5. (1,2) | 6. (3) |
| 7. (2) | 8. (2,4) | 9. (4) |
| 10. (1,3) | 11. (3) | 12. (1,3) |
| 13. (2,4) | 14. (1) | 15. (3) |
| 16. (1,3) | 17. (1) | 18. (1) |
| 19. (1) | 20. (1) | 21. |
| 22. (4) | 23. | 24. (1) |
| 25. (1) | 26. (3,4) | 27. (1) |
| 28. (3) | 29. (2) | 30. (4) |
| 31. (1) | 32. (2,3) | 33. (3) |
| 34. (1) | 35. (1,4) | 36. (3) |
| 37. | 38. (3,4) | 39. |
| 40. (3) | 41. (1,3) | 42. (1,3) |
| 43. (2) | 44. (2,3) | 45. |
| 46. (3) | 47. (1) | 48. (3) |
| 49. (4) | 50. (1,3) | 51. (3,4) |
| 52. (2) | 53. (1,2,3) | 54. (1,2,3,4) |