

HW1

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Given $J(x(t), y(t)) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}(x(t)^2 + (y(t) - 1)^2)dt$, does a minimizer exist? What is it?

A minimizer, values that will bring the function to a minimum, does exist. **For this function the minimizer is:** $x = 0$ & $y = 1$. If x & y are constant at the specified values across the interval $[0, 1]$ the function evaluates to 0. Because we are integrating over the sum of the squares of two (assumed) real numbers, the lowest possible value is zero.

Given $J(x(t), y(t)) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}(x(t)^2 - (y(t) - 1)^2)dt$, does a minimizer exist? What is it?

A minimizer, values that will bring the function to a minimum, does exist. However, it is a function of y_{max} **For this function the minimizer is:** $x = 0$ & $y = y_{max}$. If x & y are constant at the specified values across the interval $[0, 1]$ the function evaluates to $-\frac{1}{2}(y_{max} - 1)^2$ which will be the minimum value.

Demonstrate a function which calculates the gradient of $f(x, y)$

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[3]: import sympy as sym

[4]: x, y, z, c = sym.symbols('x y z a')

[5]: #input all state variables into configuration vector
q = sym.Matrix([x, y])

[6]: q_2 = q.multiply_elementwise(q)

[7]: a = sym.Matrix([0, 0])

[8]: a_2 = sym.Matrix([1, c])

[9]: f = a_2.T * q_2 + a.T * q

[10]: print(f)

Matrix([[a*y**2 + x**2]])

[11]: f.jacobian(q)

[11]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2x & 2ay \end{bmatrix}$ 

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