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OFN Assignment 3

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1. Find the form of extremals to the following

(a)

$$F\{y(x), z(x)\} = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (8yz - 5y^2 + y'^2 - 4z'^2) dx$$

Let $f = 8yz - 5y^2 + y'^2 - 4z'^2$

The Euler-Lagrange equations are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z'} \right) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} &= 2y', & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 8z - 10y \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z'} &= -8z', & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} &= 8y\end{aligned}$$

Plugging into EL

$$\begin{aligned}2y'' - 8z + 10y &= 0 \\ -8z'' - 8y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

We get

$$y = -z''$$

Use this in the first equation to get a fourth order ODE

$$-2z^{(4)} - 8z - 10z'' = 0 \implies z^{(4)} + 4z + 5z'' = 0$$

Using the characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^4 + 5\lambda^2 + 4 &= 0 \\ \mu^2 + 5\mu + 4 &= 0 \\ (\mu + 1)(\mu + 4) &= 0 \\ \implies \mu = -1, & \quad \mu = -4 \\ \implies \lambda = \pm i, & \quad \lambda = \pm 2i\end{aligned}$$

Hence the z solution is

$$z(x) = c_1 \sin(x) + c_2 \cos(x) + c_3 \sin(2x) + c_4 \cos(2x)$$

And hence

$$y(x) = -z'' = c_1 \sin(x) + c_2 \cos(x) + 4c_3 \sin(2x) + 4c_4 \cos(2x)$$

Giving the extremal

$$F = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (8yz - 5y^2 + y'^2 - 4z'^2) dx$$

(b)

$$F\{\mathbf{q}\} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\dot{q}_1 q_2 + \dot{q}_2 q_3 + q_1 \dot{q}_3 - \dot{q}_1^2) dt$$

Where $\dot{q}_i := \frac{dq_i}{dt}$

EL is the set of equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{q}_1} &= q_2 - 2\dot{q}_1, & \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1} &= \dot{q}_3 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{q}_2} &= q_3, & \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_2} &= \dot{q}_1 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{q}_3} &= q_1, & \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_3} &= \dot{q}_2 \end{aligned}$$

So the EL equations are:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q}_2 - 2\ddot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_3 &= 0 \\ \dot{q}_3 - \dot{q}_1 &= 0 \\ \dot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{q}_2 - 2\ddot{q}_1 - \dot{q}_3 = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\dot{q}_1 = \dot{q}_3 \tag{2}$$

$$\dot{q}_1 = \dot{q}_2 \tag{3}$$

Using (2), (3) shows that

$$\dot{q}_1 = \dot{q}_2 = \dot{q}_3$$

And hence (1) gives

$$-2\ddot{q}_1 = 0 \implies q_1 = at + c_1$$

And hence

$$q_1 = at + c_1$$

$$q_2 = at + c_2$$

$$q_3 = at + c_3$$

Hence the extremal has form

$$F = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\dot{q}_1 q_2 + \dot{q}_2 q_3 + q_1 \dot{q}_3 - \dot{q}_1^2) dt$$

2. Find the extremal to

$$F\{y\} = \int_0^1 (y''^2 - 360x^2y) dx$$

Subject to $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1, y(1) = 1$, and $y'(1) = 5/2$

$$f = y''^2 - 360x^2y$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y''} = 2y'', \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -360x^2$$

EL gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y''} \right) \\ &= -360x^2 + 2y^{(4)} \\ y^{(4)} &= 180x^2 \\ y &= a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 + \frac{x^6}{2} \end{aligned}$$

BCs

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) = 0 &\implies a = 0 \\ y'(0) = 1 &\implies b = 1 \\ y(1) = 1 &\implies 1 + c + d + \frac{1}{2} = 1 \\ y'(1) = 5/2 &\implies 1 + 2c + 3d + 5/2 = 5/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c + d &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ c + \frac{3}{2}d &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $d = 0$ and $c = -\frac{1}{2}$ Hence

$$\boxed{y(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{x^6}{2}}$$

3. (a) Consider the integral definition of the beta function

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt \quad (4)$$

i. Write an integral expression for $B(z - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} B(z - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}) &= \int_0^1 t^{z-\frac{1}{2}-1} (1-t)^{z+\frac{1}{2}-1} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t^{z-\frac{3}{2}} (1-t)^{z-\frac{1}{2}} dt \end{aligned}$$

- ii. Substitute $2t = 1 + s$ into it (take care on the limits)
 $t = 0$ gives $s = -1$ and $t = 1$ gives $s = 1$, and $dt = 1/2ds$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B\left(z - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \int_0^1 t^{z-\frac{3}{2}}(1-t)^{z-\frac{1}{2}} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)^{z-\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)\right)^{z-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)^{z-\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)^{z-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\
 &= 2^{-1} \int_{-1}^1 (1+s)^{z-\frac{3}{2}} 2^{\frac{3}{2}-z} (1-s)^{z-\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\frac{1}{2}-z} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_{-1}^1 (1+s)^{z-\frac{3}{2}} (1-s)^{z-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_{-1}^1 (1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (1-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds
 \end{aligned}$$

- iii. Decompose into even and odd parts in s

To decompose a function $f(x)$ into even and odd parts:

$$f(x) = f_e(x) + f_o(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2} + \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}$$

So

$$f(s) = (1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-3/2} (1-s)^{-1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_e(s) &= \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-3/2} (1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} \\
 f_o(s) &= \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-3/2} (1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} - \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-1/2}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_{-1}^1 (1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (1-s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \left(\int_{-1}^1 f_e(s) ds + \int_{-1}^1 f_o(s) ds \right) \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \left(\int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-3/2} (1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-3/2} (1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} - \frac{(1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- iv. Use parity to half the integration ranges in each integral. *Hint* bisect the interval and sub $\sigma = -s$ into the negative interval

Is this just to show that integrals over symmetric endpoints are

- Double one side for even;
- equal to zero for odd?

Even interval, F_e

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_e(z) &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \\
 &\quad - \int_1^0 \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1-\sigma)^{-3/2}(1+\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1+\sigma)^{-3/2}(1-\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} d\sigma \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \\
 &\quad + \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1-\sigma)^{-3/2}(1+\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1+\sigma)^{-3/2}(1-\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} d\sigma \\
 &= \int_0^1 (1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2} + (1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2} ds \\
 \\
 F_o(z) &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} - \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \\
 &\quad + \int_1^0 \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1-\sigma)^{-3/2}(1+\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1+\sigma)^{-3/2}(1-\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} d\sigma \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2}}{2} ds \\
 &\quad - \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1-\sigma)^{-3/2}(1+\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} + \frac{(1-\sigma^2)^z(1+\sigma)^{-3/2}(1-\sigma)^{-1/2}}{2} d\sigma \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the full integral is

$$2^{1-2z}(F_e+F_o) = 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 (1-s^2)^z(1+s)^{-3/2}(1-s)^{-1/2} + (1-s^2)^z(1-s)^{-3/2}(1+s)^{-1/2} ds$$

v. Use $\tau = s^2$ to get the form from eqn 4

$\tau = s^2$ gives $ds = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\tau}}d\tau = 2^{-1}\tau^{-1/2}d\tau$ and bounds stay the same

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 (1-s^2)^z (1+s)^{-3/2} (1-s)^{-1/2} + (1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-1/2} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 ((1-s) + (1+s)) (1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-3/2} ds \quad *** \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 2(1-s^2)^z (1-s)^{-3/2} (1+s)^{-3/2} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 2(1-s^2)^z ((1-s)(1+s))^{-3/2} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 2(1-s^2)^z (1-s^2)^{-3/2} ds \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 (1-\tau)^{z-3/2} \tau^{-1/2} d\tau \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} \int_0^1 \tau^{-1/2} (1-\tau)^{z-3/2} d\tau \\
 &= 2^{1-2z} B(1/2, z-1/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

*** putting the two parts even, I have multiplied the left part by $(1-s)^{2/2}(1-s)^{-2/2}$ and the right part by $(1+s)^{2/2}(1+s)^{-2/2}$, i.e. multiplying by 1.

- vi. Using all the previous parts, and the relationship between the beta and gamma functions, derive

$$\Gamma(2z) = 2^{2z-1} \pi^{-1/2} \Gamma(z) \Gamma(z+1/2)$$

We have the beta/gamma relationship:

$$B(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(z - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}) &= 2^{1-2z} B(\frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}) \\
 \frac{\Gamma(z - \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(z + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(z - \frac{1}{2} + z + \frac{1}{2})} &= 2^{1-2z} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(z - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(z)} \\
 \frac{\Gamma(z + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(2z)} &= 2^{1-2z} \frac{\pi^{-1/2}}{\Gamma(z)} \\
 \implies \Gamma(2z) &= 2^{2z-1} \pi^{-1/2} \Gamma(z) \Gamma(z+1/2)
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) From the integral definitions given in class, show

$$K(k) = \frac{\pi}{2} F(1/2, 1/2; 1; k^2)$$

Note that, using Euler's integral formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(a, b; c; z) &= \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} (1-tz)^{-a} dt \\
 F(1/2, 1/2; 1; k^2) &= \frac{\Gamma(1)}{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(1/2)} \int_0^1 t^{-1/2} (1-t)^{-1/2} (1-tk^2)^{-1/2} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 t^{-1/2} (1-t)^{-1/2} (1-tk^2)^{-1/2} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Sub $t = \sin^2 \vartheta$, $dt = 2 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta d\vartheta$, and $t = 1$ gives $\vartheta = \pi/2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(1/2, 1/2; 1; k^2) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 t^{-1/2} (1-t)^{-1/2} (1-tk^2)^{-1/2} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sin \vartheta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 \vartheta}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \vartheta}} 2 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta d\vartheta \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\cos \vartheta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \vartheta}} \cos \vartheta d\vartheta \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \vartheta}} d\vartheta
 \end{aligned}$$

Where $F(\varphi, k)$ denotes the elliptic integral of the first kind, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K(k) &= F(\pi/2, k) \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\vartheta}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \vartheta}} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-k^2 \sin^2 \vartheta}} d\vartheta \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} F(1/2, 1/2; 1; k^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

As required