

## Calculus of Variation

Let us consider a second order differential equation  
with constant coefficients

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = x.$$

where  $x$  is a function of  $x$ .

i.e.,  $a D^2y + bDy + cy = x$  where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = Dy$

$$[a D^2 + bD + c] y = x$$

Then the auxiliary eqn is given by

$$am^2 + bm + c = 0 \quad \text{Replace } D = m$$

which has two roots, the roots may be real &  
different  $\oplus$  real and repeated (equal)  $\oplus$  imaginary.

Case(i): Suppose the roots are real and different.

Say  $m_1$  &  $m_2$

$$\text{Complementary function (C.F)} = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

Case(ii): Suppose the roots are real and repeated (equal)

Say  $m_1 = m_2 = m$

$$\text{C.F} = \underline{(C_1 + xC_2) e^{mx}}$$

Case(iii): Suppose the roots are imaginary  $\oplus$  complex.

Say  $m = \alpha \pm i\beta$ .

$$C.F = e^{ax} (C_1 \cos bx + C_2 \sin bx)$$

The other part of a solution is obtained by considering the right hand side 'x' is called the particular integral and  $y = C.F + P.I$  is the complete solution of the given equation.

Different cases to find the particular integral.

Case(i) : when  $x = e^{ax}$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{f(D)} x = \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{e^{ax}}{f(a)}$$

i.e., Replace D by a  
with  $f(a) \neq 0$ .

Case(ii) : when  $x = e^{ax}$  &  $f(a) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P.I &= \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{x e^{ax}}{f'(D)} \quad \text{Provided } f'(a) \neq 0 \\ &= \underline{\frac{x e^{ax}}{f'(a)}} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $f'(a) = 0$

$$\text{then. } P.I = \frac{x^2}{f''(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{x^2}{f''(a)} e^{ax} \quad \text{provided } f''(a) \neq 0.$$

Case(iii) : when  $x = \sin ax$  or  $\cos ax$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{f(D^2)} \sin ax = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} \sin ax$$

Replace  $D^2 = -a^2$   
Provided  $f(-a^2) \neq 0.$

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$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} \cos ax - \frac{1}{f(-D)} \cos ax$$

provided  $f(-D) \neq 0$

Replace  $D^2 = -a^2$

Case (iv)? when  $x = \sin ax$  @  $\cos ax$  &  $f(-a^2) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + a^2} \sin ax \\ &= \frac{-x}{Qa} \cos ax\end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + a^2} \cos ax = \frac{x}{Qa} \sin ax$$

Note? Let us consider a second order differential equation with variable co-efficients.

$$ax^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + bx \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = x$$

$$\text{put } x = e^t \Rightarrow t = \log x. \quad \frac{d}{dt} = D.$$

$$\text{and } x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \Rightarrow D(D-1)y$$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy.$$

## Calculus of Variations

The problem of finding a function  $y(x)$  for which the <sup>say</sup> functional  $I(y) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx$  is extremum (maxim <sup>or</sup> minima) under the condition  $y(x_1) = y_1$  and  $y(x_2) = y_2$  is called variational problem <sup>or</sup> fundamental problems of Calculus of Variation.

### Variation of a function:

Consider a function  $f(x, y, y')$ , where 'x' is independent variable,  $y = y(x)$  a dependent variable &  $y' = y'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

Suppose we give small increment to  $y$  and  $y'$  so that they become respectively,  $y + h\alpha(x)$ ,  $y' + h\alpha'(x)$ .

where  $h$  = small parameter independent of  $x$ .

Now, By <sup>using</sup> Taylor's expansion for two variable fun.

we have

$$f(x, y + h\alpha(x), y' + h\alpha'(x)) = f(x, y, y') + \left( h \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + h \alpha' \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} \right) f \\ + \frac{1}{2!} \left( h \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + h \alpha' \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y' \partial y'} \right) f + \dots$$

Neglecting second and higher degree terms we have

$$f(x, y + h\alpha(x), y' + h\alpha'(x)) - f(x, y, y') = h \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + h \alpha' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta f = h \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + h \alpha' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}} \rightarrow ①$$

Here  $\delta f$  is called the variation of  $f$ .

Applying  $f = y$  in ①, we get

$$\delta y = h\alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + h\alpha' \frac{\partial y}{\partial y'} = h\alpha \cdot 1 + h\alpha' \cdot 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta y = h\alpha} \rightarrow ②$$

Again applying  $f = y'$  in ①, we get

$$\delta y' = h\alpha \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y} + h\alpha' \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y'} = h\alpha \cdot 0 + h\alpha' \cdot 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta y' = h\alpha'} \rightarrow ③$$

Using ② & ③ in ① we have

$$\delta f = \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \delta y'$$

geometrically  $y(x)$  and  $y(x) + h\alpha(x)$  represents two neighbouring curves. variation in  $f$  represents the change in  $f$  from curve to curve.

Note:  $s\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(sy)$

Soln: Let us  $s\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \delta y' = h\alpha' \quad (\text{using } ③)$

$$= h \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(h\alpha)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx}(sy), \quad (\text{by using } ②)$$

Thus  $s\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \frac{d}{dx}(sy)$

## functional

Let  $S$  be a set of functions of a single variable  $x$  defined over an interval  $(x_1, x_2)$ . Then any function which assigns to each function in  $S$  a unique real value is called a functional.

i.e., functional is a mapping from functions to real numbers.  $I(y) : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Now, consider a function of the form  $f(x, y, y')$

where  $y'$  is the derivative of  $y$  w.r.t  $x$ .

and  $x \in (x_1, x_2)$ .

The integral  $I(y) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx$  is a functional.

$$\text{Ex: } \textcircled{1} \int_0^1 x + (y')^2 dx \quad \textcircled{2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx$$

Note:

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ If } I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx \text{ then } \delta \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \delta f(x, y, y') dx$$

i.e., the variation of a functional associated with  $f(x, y, y')$  is equal to the functional associated with variation of  $f$ .

$$\text{Sol: Let } I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx \text{ is a functional}$$

Since the value of  $I$  depends on  $y$  and  $y'$ .

which we have  $\delta I = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y'} \delta y'$

Since  $I$  is in the form of an integral  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial y'}$ .

By using Leibnitz rule for differentiation under the integral sign. Hence we have

$$\delta I = \left\{ \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [f(x, y, y')] dx \right\} \delta y + \left\{ \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} [f(x, y, y')] dx \right\} \delta y'$$

e.g.,  $\delta I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \delta y dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \delta y' dx$

$$\Rightarrow \delta I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right] dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \delta b dx$$

$$\therefore \delta \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \delta f(x, y, y') dx$$

Q).  $\delta$  and  $\frac{d}{dx}$ ;  $\delta$  and  $\int$  are commutative with each other.

## Problems

1) If  $u$  &  $v$  are functions of  $x, y, y'$  prove the following

a)  $\delta(cu) = c \delta u$ ,  $c$  being a constant

b)  $\delta(c) = 0$

c)  $\delta(c_1 u \pm c_2 v) = c_1 \delta u \pm c_2 \delta v$

d)  $\delta(uv) = u \delta v + v \delta u$

e)  $\delta\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \delta u - u \delta v}{v^2}, (v \neq 0)$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Let  $u(x, y, y')$  and  $v(x, y, y')$  be any two funs.  
and we have, for any function  $f(x, y, y')$

$$\delta f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \delta y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y'$$

(a)  $\delta(cu) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(cu) \delta y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y'}(cu) \delta y'$

$$= c \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \delta y'$$

$$= c \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right] = \underline{\underline{c \cdot \delta u}}$$

b) Taking  $f(x, y, y') = c \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{\delta c = 0}}$$

c)  $\delta(c_1 u \pm c_2 v) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(c_1 u \pm c_2 v) \delta y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y'}(c_1 u \pm c_2 v) \delta y'$   
 $= \left( c_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \pm c_2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \delta y + \left( c_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \pm c_2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'} \right) \delta y'$

$$\text{using } = \left( c_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + c_2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \delta y + \left( c_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} + c_2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'} \right) \delta y'$$

$$= c_1 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right) + c_2 \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right)$$

$$= c_1 \delta u + c_2 \delta v$$

d) Let  $f = uv$

$$\delta f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \delta y'$$

$$= \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \delta y + \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \right) \delta y'$$

$$= u \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right) + v \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right)$$

$$\delta f = u \delta v + v \delta u$$

$$\text{Thus } \delta(uv) = u \delta v + v \delta u$$

e) Let  $f = \frac{u}{v}$

$$\delta f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \delta y'$$

$$\therefore \delta \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}}{v^2} \cdot \delta y + \frac{v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'}}{v^2} \delta y'$$

$$= \frac{1}{v^2} \left\{ v \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right) - u \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y'} \delta y' \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{v^2} (v \delta u - u \delta v)$$

$$\text{Thus } \boxed{\delta \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \delta u - u \delta v}{v^2}}$$

## Euler's Criterion.

A necessary condition for the integral  $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y') dx$  to have a extremum is

where  $y(x_1) = y_1$  and  $y(x_2) = y_2$  to be an extremum is

that

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

Proof:

Let  $I$  be an extremum along

some curve  $y = y(x)$  passing through

$P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$ .

Also, let  $z = z(x) + h \alpha(x) \rightarrow ①$

be the neighbouring curve joining these points so that

we must have  $\alpha(x_1) = 0$  at  $P$  and  $\alpha(x_2) = 0$  at  $Q \rightarrow ②$

when  $h=0$  these two curves coincide thus making

$I$  an ~~extremum~~ extremum.

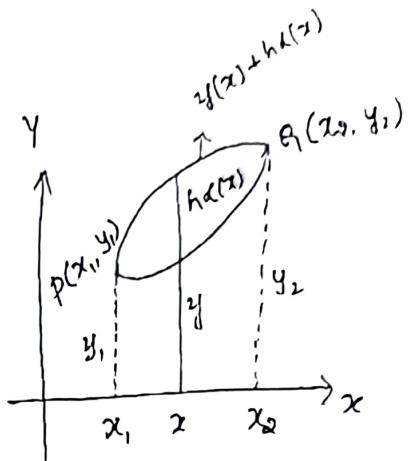
i.e.,  $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, z(x) + h \alpha(x), z'(x) + h \alpha'(x)) dx$

is an extremum when  $h=0$ .

This requires  $\frac{dI}{dh} = 0$  when  $h=0$ , treating  $I$  to be a function of  $h$ .

By using Leibnitz rule for differentiation under the integral sign we have

$$\frac{dI}{dh} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial h} f(x, z(x) + h \alpha(x), z'(x) + h \alpha'(x)) dx$$



Applying chain rule for the partial derivative in P 115 (1)

& we have

$$\frac{dI}{dh} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[ \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial h} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial h} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \frac{\partial y'}{\partial h} \right] dx \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

But  $b$  is independent of  $x$  and hence  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial h} = 0$

Let us consider eqn (1) and differentiate w.r.t.  $x$ .

$$\therefore y' = y'(x) + h \alpha'(x) \quad \rightarrow (4)$$

Also, we know from (1),  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial h} = \alpha(x)$  and from (4)

$$\frac{\partial y'}{\partial h} = \alpha'(x)$$

Using these results in (3) we have.

$$\frac{dI}{dh} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \alpha(x) + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \alpha'(x) \right] dx \quad \rightarrow (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI}{dh} &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \alpha(x) dx + \left\{ \left[ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \alpha'(x) \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \alpha(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) dx \right\} \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \alpha(x) dx + \left\{ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \alpha(x_2) - \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \alpha(x_1) \right\} - \left\{ \alpha(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) dx \right\} \end{aligned}$$

But, from eqn (2), using eqn (2) we have

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dh} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) \right] \alpha(x) dx$$

But we have already stated that  $\frac{dI}{dh}$  must be zero  
when  $h=0$  for  $I$  to be an extremum, &  $\alpha(x)$  is arbitrary  
we have  $\boxed{\frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = 0}$

1) Show that the Euler's equation  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$  can be solved

Part in the following form:

$$(a) \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} - \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial x \partial y'} - \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y \partial y'} y' - \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y'^2} y'' = 0$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} \left[ f - y' \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right] = \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}$$

further obtain the particular form of Euler's equation

in the following cases.

(c)  $f$  is independent of  $x$ .

(d)  $f$  is independent of  $y$ .

(e)  $f$  is independent of  $x$  and  $y$ .

Soln: we have Euler's equation.  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$ .

(a) It is evident that  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y'}$ , is a function of  $x, y, y'$

Since  $f$  is a function of  $x, y, y'$

let  $z = \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'}$  & so that  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = \frac{dz}{dx} \rightarrow 0$

Using the expression for the total derivative we have

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y'} \frac{dy'}{dx}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial x \partial y'} + \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y \partial y'} y' + \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y'^2} y'' \rightarrow ②$$

( $\because$  By using eqn ① &  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y'$ )

By using eqn (1) we can write Euler's equation in the form

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - \frac{dx}{dx} = 0$$

Thus  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y^2} y' - \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial y'^2} y'' = 0$  (By using eqn (2))

b) By using the expression for the total derivative.  
we have,

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \frac{dy'}{dx} \quad (\because \frac{dy}{dx} = y')$$

i.e.,  $\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} y' + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} y'' \rightarrow (3)$

Also  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( y' \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = y' \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) + y'' \frac{\partial}{\partial y'} \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \rightarrow (4)$

Now, (3) - (4) will give

$$\frac{dt}{dx} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( y' \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} y' + \cancel{\frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} y''} - y' \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right)$$

$$- y'' \cancel{\frac{\partial b}{\partial y'}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} y' - y' \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + y' \left[ \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + y' (0)$$

$$= \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}$$

∴ By Euler's eqn

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$

Then 
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ f - y^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^1} \right] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

(C) if  $f$  is independent of  $x$ .

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$  and, the general (b) becomes

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ f - y^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^1} \right] = 0$$

Then 
$$\left[ f - y^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^1} \right] = k,$$
 where  $k$  is a constant.

(D) given  $f$  is independent of  $y$

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$  and hence Euler's equation in the form

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^1} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y^1} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y^1} = k}$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

(E) Suppose  $f$

given  $f$  is independent of  $x$  and  $y$ .

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$  &  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ .

Differentiating these partially w.r.t  $y^1$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{(E)} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y^1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial y^1} = 0$$

using these along with  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y} = 0$  in the equation (4)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y_1} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial y_1} y_1 - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y_1^2} y_1'' = 0 \quad (\text{By using (a)})$$

We obtain,  $-\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y_1^2} y_1'' = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y_1'' = 0 \quad \text{provided } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y_1^2} \neq 0.$$

(Op) 
$$\boxed{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0}$$

### Procedure for Solving a Variational problem

Step 1: Given  $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, y_1) dx$ , solving a variational problem is to find the function  $y_1$  such that  $I$  is extremum. The condition  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} \right) = 0$ .

Step 2: We adopt, Euler's eqn for the function  $f(x, y, y_1)$  which will result in an ordinary differential eqn in  $y$ .

Step 3: We solve for  $y$  using a suitable method which results in the required  $y_1$  with arbitrary arbitrary constants.

## Problem

1) find the extremal of the functional

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} (y^1 + x^\alpha y'^\alpha) dx$$

Soln: Let  $f(x, y, y') = y^1 + x^\alpha y'^\alpha$

Consider Euler's equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

Hence  $f = y^1 + x^\alpha y'^\alpha$   
(Differentiate partially with respect  
to  $y'$ . i.e., treating  $x$  and  $y^1$   
are constants)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 1 + \alpha x^\alpha y'^{\alpha-1}$$

Now eqn 1 becomes.

$$0 - \frac{d}{dx} (1 + \alpha x^\alpha y'^\alpha) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (1 + \alpha x^\alpha y'^\alpha) = 0$$

Integrating w.r.t  $x$  we get

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d}{dx} (1 + \alpha x^\alpha y'^\alpha) dx = k_1 \Rightarrow 1 + \alpha x^\alpha y'^\alpha = k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha x^\alpha y' = k_1 - 1 \Rightarrow y' = \left( \frac{k_1 - 1}{\alpha} \right) \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \left( \frac{k_1 - 1}{\alpha} \right) \frac{1}{x^\alpha} \quad \text{Again integrating w.r.t } x$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = \left( \frac{k_1 - 1}{\alpha} \right) \int \frac{1}{x^\alpha} dx \quad \text{where}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \left( \frac{k_1 - 1}{\alpha} \right) \left( -\frac{1}{\alpha} \right) + C_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{C_1}{x} + C_2}$$

Find the function  $y$  which makes the integral

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} (1 + xy^1 + x^2y^1) dx \text{ is an extremum}$$

Soln: Let  $f(x, y, y') = 1 + xy^1 + x^2y^1$

$$\text{Euler's equation } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{Hence } f = 1 + xy^1 + x^2y^1 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ & } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = x + 2xy^1$$

Now eqn ① becomes

$$\Rightarrow 0 - \frac{d}{dx} (x + 2xy^1) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (x + 2xy^1) = 0$$

Integrating w.r.t 'x' we get

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} (x + 2xy^1) = k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2xy^1 = k_1 \Rightarrow y^1 = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{k_1 - x}{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{k_1}{2x} - \frac{1}{2}$$

again integrating w.r.t 'x'

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = \int \left( \frac{k_1}{2x} - \frac{1}{2} \right) dx \Rightarrow y = \frac{k_1}{2} \log x - \frac{1}{2}x + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \underline{\underline{C_1 \log x - \frac{1}{2}x + C_2}}$$

3) Find the extremal of the functional  $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} (y^2 + y'^2 + 2ye^x) dx$

Soln: Given  $f(x, y, y') = y^2 + y'^2 + 2ye^x$

$$\text{and Euler's eqn } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{Hence } f = y^2 + y'^2 + 2ye^x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y + 2e^x \text{ & } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 2y'$$

then eqn ① becomes  $(\partial y + \partial e^x) - \frac{d}{dx} (\partial y') = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \partial y + \partial e^x - \partial y'' = 0 \Rightarrow y'' - y = e^x$   
 $\Rightarrow (D^2 - 1)y = e^x \quad \text{where } D = \frac{d}{dx}$

By Auxiliary eqn  
 $m^2 - 1 = 0 \quad : \text{Replace } D \text{ by } m$

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm 1$$

Hence C. F =  $y_c = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$

(Complementary function)

$$P.I = \frac{e^x}{D^2 - 1} \quad \Rightarrow P.I = \frac{e^x}{1-1} \\ \text{Replace } D \text{ by } 1 \quad D=0$$

then  $y_p = \frac{x e^x}{2D} = \frac{x e^x}{2} \quad \text{Again Replace } D = 1$

Thus  $\underline{\underline{y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + \frac{x e^x}{2}}}$

4) find the Extremal of the functional  $\int (x^2 y^2 + \partial y^2 + \partial x y) dx$

Until & unless specified at  $x=1$  &  $x=2$   
Y becomes Zero.

Given  $f(x, y, y') = x^2 y^2 + \partial y^2 + \partial x y$

i.e  $y(1)=0$   
&  $y(2)=0$

Euler's equation  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$

Here  $L = x^2 y^2 + \partial y^2 + \partial x y$

Also  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = 4y + 2x \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial y'} = 2x^2 y$

Eqn ① becomes  $4y + 2x - \frac{d}{dx} (2x^2 y) = 0 \Rightarrow 4y + 2x - 2x^2 y' - 4xy = 0$

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$$\Rightarrow -4y + 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x^2y'' - 4xy' + 4y = -2x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2y'' + 2xy' - 2y = x \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Put } x = e^t \quad t = \log x$$

$$\text{where } D = \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$\text{Then } xy' = Dy, \quad x^2y'' = D(D-1)y.$$

By heart

Now eqn \textcircled{2} becomes

$$[D(D-1) + 2D - 2]y = e^t$$

$$\text{i.e., } [D^2 - D + 2D - 2]y = e^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By Auxiliary eqn } m^2 + m - 2 &= 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (m-1)(m+2) = 0 \\ &\therefore m = 1, -2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{thus } y_c = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-2t} \quad \text{where } t = \log x$$

$$y_c = C_1 e^{\log x} + C_2 e^{\log x^{-2}} \Rightarrow y_c = \underline{C_1 x + C_2 x^{-2}}$$

$$y_p = \frac{e^t}{D^2 + D - 2} \quad \text{Replace } D = 1 \Rightarrow y_p = \frac{e^t}{0}$$

$$\text{But } y_p = P.I = \frac{te^t}{2D+1} = \frac{te^t}{2(1)+1} = \frac{te^t}{3} = \frac{x \log x}{3}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Replace} \\ D = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{thus } y = C.F + P.I = C_1 x + C_2 x^{-2} + \frac{x \log x}{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$\text{But } y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$\text{Eqn } \textcircled{3} \text{ becomes } 0 = C_1 + C_2 + \frac{\log 1}{3} \Rightarrow C_1 = -C_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$\& y(2) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ at } x = 2$$

(25)

$$0 = 2c_1 + \frac{c_2}{4} + \frac{8 \log 2}{3}$$

$$0 = 2c_1 - \frac{c_2}{4} + \frac{8 \log 2}{3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4c_1}{4} = \frac{8 \log 2}{3} \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{-8 \log 2}{81} \xrightarrow{(5)} 0 = \frac{8c_1 - c_2}{4} + \frac{8 \log 2}{3}$$

Substitute (4) & (5) in (3) we get

$$y = -\frac{8 \log 2}{81} x + \frac{8 \log 2}{81} x^{-2} + \frac{8 \log x}{81}$$

find the curve on which the functional  $\int_0^1 ((y')^2 + 12xy) dx$  (21)  
 with  $y(0)=0$  and  $y(1)=1$  can be determined.

Soln: Let  $I = \int_0^1 ((y')^2 + 12xy) dx$

$$\text{Let } f(x, y, y') = (y')^2 + 12xy$$

Consider Euler's equation  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}\right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$

$$\text{Here } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 12x \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 2y'$$

$$\text{Eqn ① becomes } (12x) - \frac{d}{dx}(2y') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x - 2y'' = 0 \Rightarrow y'' = 6x$$

e.g.,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x$  integrating w.r.t 'x' we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + C_1$$

Again integrating w.r.t 'x' we get

$$y = 3\frac{x^3}{3} + C_1x + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x^3 + C_1x + C_2 \rightarrow ②$$

Using the condition  $y=0$  at  $x=0$  and  $y=1$  at  $x=1$

Eqn ② becomes

$$1 = 1 + C_1 + C_2$$

$$0 = 0 + 0 + C_2$$

$$\boxed{C_2 = 0}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{C_2 = 0}$$

Thus eqn ② becomes  $y = x^3$  is the required curve

Q) Solve the variational problem  $\delta \int_0^1 (x+y+y') dx = 0$  under  
 $y(0)=1$  and  $y(1)=2$ .

Soln: Let  $f(x, y, y') = x+y+y'^2$

$\delta I = 0$  is equivalent to the Euler's equation.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Here  $f = x+y+y'^2$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = 2y'$$

Eqn \textcircled{1} becomes  $1 - \frac{d}{dx}(2y') = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2y'' = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Integrating w.r.t  $x$ , we get  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{2} + C_1$

and again integrating w.r.t  $x$ , we get

$$y = \frac{x^2}{4} + C_1 x + C_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Using the conditions,  $y=1$  at  $x=0$  and  $y=2$  at  $x=1$ ,

Eqn \textcircled{2} becomes  $1 = 0 + 0 + C_2$

$$\boxed{C_2=1}$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{4} + C_1 + 1$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{4} = C_1 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

Thus Eqn \textcircled{2} becomes  $y = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{4}x + 1$

Q)  $4y = x^2 + 3x + 4$

Solve the variational problem

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} (y - y'^2) dx = 0; \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi/2) = 0$$

Soln: Let  $f(x, y, y') = y^2 - y'^2$

Consider the Euler's eqn  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$

Hence  $f = y^2 - y'^2$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = -2y'$$

Eqn ① becomes  $2y - \frac{d}{dx}(-2y') = 0 \quad ②$

$$\Rightarrow y + \frac{d}{dx}(y') = 0 \Rightarrow y + y'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 + 1)y = 0$$

Auxiliary eqn  $m^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i$

$$y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x \rightarrow ③$$

Using the condition  $y=0$  at  $x=0$  &  $y=\alpha$  at  $x=\pi/2$

Eqn ③ becomes

$$0 = C_1 + 0$$

$$\boxed{C_1 = 0}$$

$$y = C_2 \sin x$$

$$\boxed{C_2 = 2}$$

$y = 2 \sin x$

\*\*) Show that the functional  $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} (y^2 + x^2 y') dx$  assumes extreme values on the straight line  $y=x$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Given  $f = \int^y_0 x^3 dy$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = xy \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = x^3$$

Consider Euler's Eqn  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$

Eqn ① becomes  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} (x^3) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - 3x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3x^2 \Rightarrow \underline{y = x^3}$$
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② find the extremal functional  $\int_0^1 (3x + \sqrt{y'}) dx$ ,  $y(1) = 5$ ,  $y(0) = 7$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Note: when 'f' is independent of  $y$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

then the Euler's Eqn becomes

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \text{constant}$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Given  $f = 3x + (y')^2$

which is independent of  $y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y'}} = c \Rightarrow 1 = c^2 \sqrt{y'}$$

Squaring on b.t

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 4C^9 y^1 \Rightarrow y^1 = \frac{1}{4C^9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = C_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = Cx + C_2} \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{given } y(1) = 5 \Rightarrow y = 5 \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$\text{Eqn } ① \text{ becomes } 5 = C_1 + C_2 \rightarrow ②$$

$$\text{Also } y(2) = 7 \Rightarrow y = 7 \text{ at } x = 2$$

$$\text{Eqn } ① \text{ becomes } 7 = 2C_1 + C_2 \rightarrow ③$$

Solving ② & ③

$$\begin{array}{rcl} C_1 + C_2 & = & 5 \\ 2C_1 + C_2 & = & 7 \\ \hline -C_1 & = & -2 \Rightarrow C_1 = 2 \end{array}$$

$$C_1 = 5 \quad C_1 + C_2 = 5$$

$$C_2 = 5 - C_1 = 5 - 2$$

$$\boxed{C_2 = 3}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y = 2x + 3}$$

~~Q1~~ find the extremal functional  $I = \int_1^2 \frac{\sqrt{1+y'^2}}{x} dx$ ,  $y(1)=0, y(2)=1$

Q2 show that the equation of the curve joining the points

(1, 0) & (2, 1) for which  $I = \int_1^2 \frac{\sqrt{1+y'^2}}{x} dx$  is an extremum

is a circle

Soln: Given  $f = \frac{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}{x}$

Char. equation  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{df}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$

Also  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} \times 2y' = \frac{2y'}{x\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}$

Now eqn ① becomes

$$0 - \frac{df}{dx} \left( \frac{2y'}{x\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} \left( \frac{y'}{x\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} \right) = 0$$

Integrating w.r.t  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y'}{x\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = C_1 \Rightarrow y' = C_1 (x\sqrt{1+(y')^2})$$

Squaring on both sides we get

$$\Rightarrow y'^2 = C_1^2 x^2 (1 + (y')^2) \Rightarrow y'^2 - C_1^2 x^2 (y')^2 = C_1^2 x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y'^2 = \frac{C_1^2 x^2}{1 - C_1^2 x^2} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{\sqrt{C_1^2 x^2}}{\sqrt{1 - C_1^2 x^2}} = \frac{C_1 x}{\sqrt{1 - C_1^2 x^2}}$$

e.g.,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{C_1 x}{\sqrt{1 - C_1^2 x^2}}$

Again integrating w.r.t  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = \int \frac{C_1 x}{\sqrt{1 - C_1^2 x^2}} dx + C_2 \rightarrow ②$$

put  $1 - C_1^2 x^2 = z \Rightarrow dz = -2C_1^2 x dx$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 x dx = -\frac{dz}{2C_1}$$

Eqn ② becomes

$$y = \int \frac{-dz}{2C_1 \sqrt{z}} + C_2 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2C_1} \sqrt{z} + C_2$$

$$y = -\frac{\sqrt{1-C_1^2}x^2}{C_1} + C_2 \longrightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Since the curve passes through  $(1, 0)$  and  $(2, 1)$  we have

$$\therefore y=0 \text{ at } x=1$$

then eqn  $\textcircled{3}$  becomes

$$0 = -\frac{\sqrt{1-C_1^2}}{C_1} + C_2 \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1-C_1^2}}{C_1} = C_2 \Rightarrow \\ \text{Squaring on b.s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1-C_1^2}{C_1^2} = C_2^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_1^2} - 1 = C_2^2 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$\text{Also } y=1 \text{ at } x=2$$

then eqn  $\textcircled{4}$  becomes

$$1 = -\frac{\sqrt{1-C_1^2(4)}}{C_1} + C_2 \Rightarrow (1-C_2) = \frac{-\sqrt{1-C_1^2(4)}}{C_1} \\ \text{Squaring on b.s}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-C_2)^2 = \frac{1-4C_1^2}{C_1^2} \Rightarrow (1-C_2)^2 = \frac{1}{C_1^2} - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-C_2)^2 = C_2^2 + 1 - 4 \quad (\because \text{By using eqn } \textcircled{4}) \\ \frac{1}{C_1^2} = (C_2^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-C_2)^2 = C_2^2 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + C_2^2 - 2C_2 = C_2^2 - 3 \Rightarrow -2C_2 = -8 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow -2C_2 = -4 \Rightarrow C_2 = +2$$

$$\text{Hence, eqn } \textcircled{4} \text{ becomes } \frac{1}{C_1^2} = C_2^2 + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_1^2} = 4 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} = C_1^2 \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Substituting these values in ③ we get

$$y = \frac{-\sqrt{1 - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}x)^2}}{1/\sqrt{5}} + 2 \Rightarrow y = \frac{-\sqrt{5-x^2}}{\sqrt{5}} + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\sqrt{5-x^2} + 2 \Rightarrow (y-2) = -\sqrt{5-x^2}$$

squaring on b.s

$$\Rightarrow (y-2)^2 = (5-x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (y-2)^2 = 5$$

which is a circle with centre  $(0, 2)$  & radius  $\sqrt{5}$

1) Show that the Extremal of  $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{y(1+(y')^2)} dx$  is a

Parabola

Soln: Given  $f = \sqrt{y(1+(y')^2)}$

which is independent of  $x$  and corresponding

Euler's eqn is  $f - y' \frac{df}{dy'} = A \rightarrow ①$

$$\text{But } \frac{df}{dy'} = \frac{1 + y'y''}{\sqrt{y(1+(y')^2)}} = \frac{yy'}{\sqrt{y(1+(y')^2)}}$$

Eqn ① becomes

$$\sqrt{y(1+(y')^2)} - y' \frac{yy'}{\sqrt{y(1+(y')^2)}} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (1 + (y')^2) = \frac{dy}{dx} (y')^2 - \frac{dy}{dx} (y')^2 \wedge \sqrt{y' f(1 + (y')^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} (y')^2 - \frac{dy}{dx} (y')^2 \wedge \sqrt{y' f(1 + (y')^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda \sqrt{y' f(1 + (y')^2)}$$

Squaring on both sides

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy^2}{dx^2} = \lambda^2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} (1 + (y')^2) \right) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda^2 (1 + (y')^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \lambda^2 = \lambda^2 (y')^2 \Rightarrow (y')^2 = \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} - \lambda^2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{dy}{dx} - \lambda^2}}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{y' - \lambda^2}}{\lambda}$$

Integrating on both.

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int \sqrt{y' - \lambda^2} dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y' - \lambda^2}} = \frac{1}{\lambda} x - B$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y' - \lambda^2}} = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot 2\sqrt{y' - \lambda^2} = x - B$$

Squaring on b.o.s

$$\Rightarrow A^2 \cdot 4(y - \lambda^2) = (x - B)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - B)^2 = 4A^2(y - \lambda^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(x - B)^2 = 4a(y - \lambda^2)}$$

where  $A^2 = a$

which represents a parabola

Q) find the equation of the curve joining the points  $(0, 1)$  and  $(2, 3)$  for which  $I = \int_0^2 \frac{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}{y} dx$  is a minimum.

$$\text{Soln: Given } f = \frac{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}{y} \rightarrow ①$$

which is independent of  $x$ , and the corresponding Euler's eqn is  $f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = A \rightarrow ②$

$$\text{By using eqn } ① \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \frac{1}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = \frac{y'}{y\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}$$

then eqn ② becomes

$$\frac{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}{y} - \frac{(y')^2}{y\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = A$$

$\times^w \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$  on both side

$$\frac{1+(y')^2}{y} - \frac{(y')^2}{y} = A \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + (y')^2 - (y')^2 = Ay \sqrt{1+(y')^2} \Rightarrow 1 = Ay \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$$

Squaring on both side

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A^2 y^2 (1+(y')^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = A^2 y^2 + A^2 y^2 (y')^2 \Rightarrow (y')^2 = \frac{1 - A^2 y^2}{A^2 y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{\sqrt{1 - A^2 y^2}}{Ay} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - A^2 y^2}}{Ay}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{A y}{\sqrt{1 - A^2 y^2}} dy \cdot \int dx$$

$$\text{Put } 1 - A^2 y^2 = t \Rightarrow dt = -A^2 y dy \\ \Rightarrow A y dy = -\frac{dt}{A}$$

$$\int \frac{-dt}{2A\sqrt{t}} = \int dx \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{2A} \sqrt{t} = x - B$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{1 - A^2 y^2}}{A} = (x - B)$$

$$\left| \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2\sqrt{x} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow -(\sqrt{1 - A^2 y^2}) = A(x - B)$$

Squaring on both sides

$$\Rightarrow 1 - A^2 y^2 = A^2 (x - B)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{A^2} - y^2 = (x - B)^2$$

$$\boxed{(x - B)^2 + y^2 = R^2} \rightarrow ③$$

where  $R^2 = \frac{1}{A^2}$

which represents a circle with center  $(B, 0)$  & radius  $R$ .

Since  $y=1$  at  $x=0$ , then eqn ③ becomes

$$(0 - B)^2 + 1 = \frac{1}{A^2}$$

likewise  $y=3$  at  $x=2$  in eqn ③ becomes

$$\Rightarrow B^2 = \frac{1}{A^2} - 1 \rightarrow ④$$

$$(0 - B)^2 + 9 = \frac{1}{A^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (0 - B)^2 + 9 = B^2 + 1 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{By using} \\ \text{eqn ④} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4B^2 - 4B + 9 = B^2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -4B + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4B = -12$$

$$\boxed{B = 3} \rightarrow ④$$

$$\frac{1}{A^2} = B^2 + 1$$

Eqn ④ becomes

$$B^2 = \frac{1}{A^2} - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{A^2} = 9 + 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} = A^2 \rightarrow ⑤$$

Substitute Eqn ④ & ⑤ in ③ we get

$$\underline{(x-3)^2 + y^2 = 10}$$

③ find the Extremal of the functional  $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} (y^2 - (y')^2 - 2ysinx) dx$  under the end conditions

$$y(0) = y(\pi/2) = 0.$$

Ans: 
$$\boxed{y = -\frac{x}{2} \cos x}$$

Hints : P.I =  $\frac{1}{D^2 + a^2} \sin ax = \frac{-x}{2a} \cos ax.$

## Geodesics :

Geodesics on a surface is a curve along which the distance between two points on the surface is a minimum.

## Problems:

- 1) Prove that the shortest distance between two points in a plane is along the straight line joining them.  
 Prove that the geodesics on a plane are straight lines.

Proof: Let  $y = y(x)$  be a curve joining two points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  in a plane.

We know that the arc length between  $P$  and  $Q$  is given by

$$S = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{ds}{dx} dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$$

$$\text{i.e., } S = I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + y'^2} dx.$$

Now geodesic on a plane is a curve  $y = f(x)$ , for which  $S$  is a minimum.

i.e.,  $S$  should satisfy Euler's formula

$$\text{Let } f(x, y, y') = f = \sqrt{1 + y'^2}$$

$$\text{Also, we have } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial b}{\partial y^1} = \frac{1 \times \partial y^1}{\partial \sqrt{1+y^2}} = \frac{y^1}{\sqrt{1+y^2}}$$

Now eqn ① becomes.

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{y^1}{\sqrt{1+y^2}} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{y^1}{\sqrt{1+y^2}} \right] = 0$$

Integrating on both sides we get.

$$\int \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{y^1}{\sqrt{1+y^2}} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{y^1}{\sqrt{1+y^2}} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow y^1 = A \sqrt{1+y^2} \Rightarrow y^{1^2} = A^2 (1+y^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{1^2} - A^2 y^{1^2} = A^2 \Rightarrow y^{1^2} (1-A^2) = A^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{1^2} = \frac{A^2}{1-A^2} \Rightarrow y^1 = \frac{A}{\sqrt{1-A^2}}$$

Again integrating on both

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{dx} = \int \frac{A}{\sqrt{1-A^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = \frac{A}{\sqrt{1-A^2}} \int dx \quad \text{where } m = \frac{A}{\sqrt{1-A^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = mx + c$$

Hence the geodesic on a plane is a straight line

Find the geodesics on a surface given that the arc length on the surface is  $S = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)} dx$ . (39)

$$\text{Soln: Given } f = \sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}$$

which is independent of  $y$ .

$$\therefore \text{Euler's equation } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) = 0 \rightarrow \text{reduces to } ①$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}} \cdot \frac{xy'^2}{x} = \frac{xy'}{\sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}}$$

Now eqn ① becomes

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{xy'}{\sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{xy'}{\sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}} \right] = 0$$

Integrating w.r.t  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{xy'}{\sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}} \right] dx = C \Rightarrow \frac{xy'}{\sqrt{x(1+(y')^2)}} = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x} \sqrt{x} y'}{\sqrt{x} \sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = C \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x} y'}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = C$$

Squaring on b.s.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x(y')^2}{1+(y')^2} = C^2 \Rightarrow x(y')^2 = C^2 (1+(y')^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(y')^2 - C^2 (y')^2 = C^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - C^2)(y')^2 = C^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y')^2 = \frac{C^2}{(x - C^2)} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{C}{\sqrt{x - C^2}}$$

$$\text{P.C., } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{x-c^2}}$$

Again integrating on b &

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = c \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-c^2}} \Rightarrow y = c \cdot 2\sqrt{x-c^2} + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - C_1) = 2c\sqrt{x-c^2}$$

Squaring on b.s we get

$$\Rightarrow (y - C_1)^2 = 4c^2(x - c^2) \text{ is the required geodesic, which is a parabola}$$

3) Geodesic on a Sphere

OR  
Show that the geodesic on a sphere of radius 'a'  
are its great circles

Proof: The element of arc length in spherical co-ordinate system  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  is given by.

$$(ds)^2 = (dr)^2 + r^2(\partial_\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta (\partial_\phi)^2$$

Since  $r=a \Rightarrow dr=0$

$$\therefore (ds)^2 = a^2(\partial_\theta)^2 + a^2 \sin^2 \theta (\partial_\phi)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (ds)^2 = a^2 \left[ (\partial_\theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta (\partial_\phi)^2 \right]$$

$$(ds)^2 = a^2 (\partial_\theta)^2 \left[ 1 + \sin^2 \theta \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow ds = a \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 \theta (\phi')^2} (\partial_\theta) \quad ; \text{ where } \phi' = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}$$

$$e \quad S = a \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 \theta (\phi)^2} d\theta$$

Now  $S$  is minimum for the above functional

$$\text{Hence } f = \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 \theta (\phi)^2}$$

$$\text{q.e., } f = \sqrt{1 + (y')^2 \sin^2 x} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{where } x = \theta \\ \text{and } \phi = y \end{matrix}$$

which is independent of  $y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} = 0$ ,

then the Euler's Eq<sup>n</sup> becomes  $\frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} = \text{constant.} \rightarrow ①$

$$\text{Also } \frac{\partial b}{\partial y'} = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{1 + (y')^2 \sin^2 x}} \times y' \sin^2 x$$

$$\text{Eq } ① \text{ becomes } \frac{y' \sin^2 x}{\sqrt{1 + (y')^2 \sin^2 x}} = b$$

$$\Rightarrow y' \sin^2 x = b \sqrt{1 + (y')^2 \sin^2 x}$$

Squaring on both sides we get

$$(y')^2 \sin^4 x = b^2 [1 + (y')^2 \sin^2 x]$$

$$\Rightarrow (y')^2 [\sin^4 x - b^2 \sin^2 x] = b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y')^2 = \frac{b^2}{\sin^4 x - b^2 \sin^2 x} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{b}{\sqrt{\sin^4 x - b^2 \sin^2 x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{b}{\sin^2 x \sqrt{1 - b^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 x}} = \frac{b \operatorname{cosec}^2 x}{\sqrt{1 - b^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{b \cosec^2 x}{\sqrt{1-b^2 - b^2 \cot^2 x}} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{b \cosec^2 x}{\sqrt{(1-b^2)^2 - (b \cot x)^2}}$$

Integrating w.r.t.  $x$  we get

$$y = \int \frac{b \cosec^2 x \, dx}{\sqrt{(1-b^2)^2 - (b \cot x)^2}}$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = -\cot^{-1} x + C$$

$$\text{put } b \cot x = t$$

$$-b \cosec^2 x \, dx = dt$$

$$\text{e.g., } y = \int \frac{-dt}{\sqrt{(1-b^2)^2 - t^2}} \Rightarrow y = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{1-b^2}}\right) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - C) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{1-b^2}}\right) \Rightarrow \cos(y - C) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-b^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(y - C) = \frac{b \cot x}{\sqrt{1-b^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \cot \theta = \cos(\phi - C)$$

$$\Rightarrow k \cot \theta = \cos \phi \cos C + \sin \phi \sin C$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \cos \phi \frac{\cos C}{k} + \sin \phi \frac{\sin C}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cot \theta}{\sin \theta} = A \cos \phi + B \sin \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = A \sin \theta \cos \phi + B \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cot \theta = A (a \sin \theta \cos \phi) + B (a \sin \theta \sin \phi) \rightarrow ②$$

In Spherical Co-ordinates we have

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = r \cos \theta$$

Hence  $r = a$ .

Now eqn ② becomes

$$Z = Ax + By$$

which is a plane passing through the origin and the intersection of  $Z = Ax + By$  and the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  is the great circle.

Thus the geodesics on a sphere are great circles.

3) find the geodesic on Right circular cone  
Hints: Consider the right circular cone with vertex at the origin and along  $Z$ -axes.

at the origin and along  $Z$ -axes.  
the semi vertical angle  $\alpha$ . whose equation in spherical co-ordinates is  $\theta = \alpha$ .

Spherical Co-ordinates is  $\theta = \alpha$ .  
The element of arc length  $ds$  in spherical

co-ordinate  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  is given by

$$(ds)^2 = (dr)^2 + r^2(d\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta (d\phi)^2$$

$$(ds)^2 = (dx)^2 + r^2(d\theta)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta (d\phi)^2$$

$$\text{Since } \theta = \alpha \Rightarrow d\theta = 0$$

$$\therefore s = \int_{\phi_1}^{\phi_2} \sqrt{(r l)^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \alpha} d\phi$$

$$\text{Ans : } \frac{x}{l} = \sin \alpha \cos [(\sin \alpha) x + b]$$

5) Show that Catenary is the curve which when rotated about a line generates a surface of minimum area.

Solution: Let the curve from a point A to B revolves around x-axis

Then the area of the surface is given by

$$S = \int_A^B 2\pi y \, ds = \int_A^B 2\pi y \frac{ds}{dx} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \int_A^B 2\pi y \sqrt{1+(y')^2} \, dx$$

Since  $2\pi$  is a constant, we have  $f = y \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$

which is independent of x

∴ The Euler's eqn becomes

$$f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \sqrt{1+(y')^2} - y' \frac{y \cdot 2y'}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y(1+(y')^2) - y(y')^2}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = C \Rightarrow y + y(y')^2 - y(y')^2 = C \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = C \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$$

Squaring on b.s.

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = C^2 (1+(y')^2) \Rightarrow y^2 - C^2 = C^2 (y')^2$$

where,

$$y' = \frac{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}} = \frac{1}{c} dx$$

Integrating w.r.t.  $x$ .

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}} = \frac{1}{c} \int dx \quad \left( \text{where } \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) = cx + b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{c} = \cosh(cx + b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = c \cosh(cx + b)}$$

which is a Catenary

(ii)

$$\cosh\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) = \frac{x}{c} + b$$

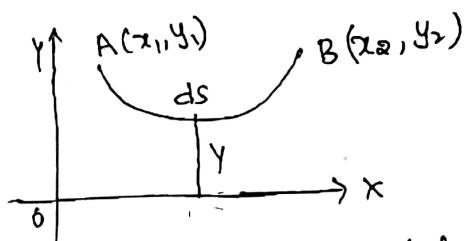
$$\frac{y}{c} = \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c} + b\right)$$

(iii)

$$\boxed{y = c \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c} + b\right)}$$

### Hanging Cable problem:

If a cable hangs freely under gravity from two fixed points, then show that the shape of the curve is a Catenary.



Soln:

Let A( $x_1, y_1$ ) and B( $x_2, y_2$ ) be two fixed points from which the cable is suspended. If  $ds$  is the arc element of the cable and  $\rho$  is the density, then the mass of the element  $\rho ds$  and the potential energy is given by  $\rho ds g y$  (along  $x$ -axis).

( $g$  is acceleration due to gravity).

The total potential energy  $V$  is given by  $V = \int_A^B \rho ds g y$

$$\Rightarrow v = \int_A^B pg y ds = pg \int_A^B y \frac{ds}{dx} dx$$

$$\text{i.e., } v = pg \int_A^B y \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx$$

Since  $pg$  is a constant, Here  $f = y \sqrt{1 + (y')^2}$

which is independent of 'x'.

then the Euler's eqn becomes  $f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \text{constant}$ .

which is independent of 'x'

$\therefore$  The Euler's eqn becomes

$$f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(\sqrt{1 + (y')^2}) - y' \frac{y \cdot 2y'}{\sqrt{1 + (y')^2}} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y(1 + (y')^2) - 2y(y')^2}{\sqrt{1 + (y')^2}} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c \sqrt{1 + (y')^2}$$

Squaring on L.H.S

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = c^2 (1 + (y')^2) \Rightarrow y^2 - c^2 = c^2 (y')^2 \Rightarrow (y')^2 = \frac{y^2 - c^2}{c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \frac{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^2 - c^2}} = \frac{1}{c} dx$$

Integrating w.r.t 'x'

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{\frac{y^2}{c^2} - 1}} = \frac{1}{c} \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{c}\right) = \frac{x}{c} + b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{c} = \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c} + b\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = c \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c} + b\right)}$$

which is catenary.

### (Brachistochrone problem)

#### Curve of quickest descent:

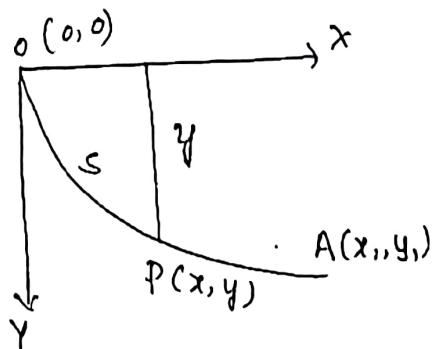
To find the equation of the plane curve on which a particle in the absence of the friction, will slide from one point to the another point in shortest time under the action of gravity.

(The curve will be a cycloid)

#### Proof:

Let the particle start from the point 'O' (initially at rest) and slide along the curve OA.

Let  $P(x, y)$  be the position of the particle at a time  $t$  and the arc  $OP = s$ .



The particle is moving under gravity only.

Hence we have gain in kinetic energy = loss in potential energy at P

$$\Rightarrow K.E \text{ at } P - K.E \text{ at } O = P.E \text{ at } P$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \cancel{\cancel{m}} \left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 - 0 = \cancel{mg} y \Rightarrow \left( \frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 = 2gy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dt} = \sqrt{2gy}$$

Time taken by the particle to move from O to A

$$i.e. T = \int_0^T dt = \int_0^T \frac{dt}{ds} ds = \int_0^T \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy}} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \int_0^{x_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy}} \frac{ds}{dx} dx \quad \text{But } \frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \int_0^{x_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy}} \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \int_0^{x_1} \frac{\sqrt{1 + (y')^2}}{\sqrt{y}} dx$$

We need to find  $y(x)$  such that  $T$  is minimum.

$$\text{Here } f(x, y, y') = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (y')^2}}{\sqrt{y}} = f$$

which is independent of  $x$

Hence we can take Euler's equation for the form

$$f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = C$$

in polar form

at P

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}{\sqrt{y}} - y' \frac{y'}{\sqrt{y} \cdot \sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1+(y')^2) - (y')^2}{\sqrt{y} \sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{y} \sqrt{1+(y')^2}} = c \Rightarrow 1 = c \sqrt{y} \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$$

Squeezing on L.H.S.

$$\Rightarrow 1 = c^2(y) (1+(y')^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2} = y + y(y')^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = y + y(y')^2 \quad \frac{1}{c^2} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a-y = y(y')^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y')^2 = \frac{a-y}{y} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{\sqrt{a-y}}{\sqrt{y}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sqrt{a-y}}{\sqrt{y}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{a-y}} dy = dx$$

again integrating on L.H.S

$$\Rightarrow x = \int \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{a-y}} dy$$

$$\text{put } y = a \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow dy = 2a \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$x = \int \frac{\sqrt{a \sin^2 \theta}}{\sqrt{a - a \sin^2 \theta}} a \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$x = \int \frac{\sqrt{a} a \cdot \sin \theta \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{a(1 - \sin^2 \theta)}} d\theta$$

$$x = a \int \frac{\sqrt{a} - \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{a} \cos \theta} d\theta$$

$$1 - \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$$

$$1 - \cos^2 \theta = \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2}$$

$$x = a \int \sin^2 \theta d\theta$$

$$x = a \int \frac{(1 - \cos 2\theta)}{2} d\theta = a \int (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta$$

$$x = a \left[ \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right] + C$$

$$x = \frac{a}{2} [\theta - \sin 2\theta] + C$$

$$\text{when } \theta = 0, x = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{a}{2} (\theta - \sin 2\theta) \quad \& \quad y = a \sin^2 \theta = \frac{a}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{a}{2} = b \quad \& \quad 2\theta = \phi$$

$$\text{e.g., } x = b(\phi - \sin \phi) \text{ and } y = b(1 - \cos \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = b(\phi - \sin \phi), \quad y = b(1 - \cos \phi)$$

which represents a cycloid