

# CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS

Based on Maths For All Playlist [Calculus of Variations](#)

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```
(%i2) info:build_info()$info@version;
```

(%o2)

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```
(%i2) reset()$kill(all)$
```

```
(%i1) derivabbrev:true$
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(%i2) ratprint:false$
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(%i3) fpprintprec:5$
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```
(%i4) load(linearalgebra)$
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```
(%i5) if get('draw','version')=false then load(draw)$
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(%i6) wxplot_size:[1024,768]$
```

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(%i8) load(odes)$ load(contrib_ode)$
```

```
(%i9) if get('optvar','version')=false then load(optvar)$
```

```
(%i10) if get('optmiz','version')=false then load(optmiz)$
```

# 1 Straight line

## Lagrangian

(%i11) depends(y,x)\$

(%i12) L:=sqrt(1+'diff(y,x)^2);

$$\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1} \quad (\text{L})$$

## Momentum Conjugate

(%i13) ldisplay(P\_y:diff(L,'diff(y,x)))\$

$$P_y = \frac{y_x}{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} \quad (\text{%t13})$$

## Generalized Forces

(%i14) ldisplay(F\_y:diff(L,y))\$

$$F_y = 0 \quad (\text{%t14})$$

## Euler-Lagrange Equation

(%i15) aa:=el(L,y,x)\$

(%i18) bb:=ev(aa,eval,diff)\$

(%i19) map(ldisp,bb:fullratsimp(bb))\$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} = k_0 \quad (\text{%t19})$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1} (y_{xx})}{(y_x)^4 + 2(y_x)^2 + 1} = 0 \quad (\text{%t20})$$

$$\frac{y_x}{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} = k_1 \quad (\text{%t21})$$

(%i23) bb[1]:reverse(subst([k[0]=E],bb[1]))\$  
bb[3]:reverse(subst([k[1]=P],bb[3]))\$

## Conservation Laws

(%i24) map(ldisp,part(bb,[1,3]))\$

$$E = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} \quad (\text{%t24})$$

$$P = \frac{y_x}{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} \quad (\%t25)$$

## Equations of Motion

(%i26) `[sol]:solve(bb[2],'diff(y,x,2));`

$$[y_{xx} = 0] \quad (\%o26)$$

(%i27) `odesol:ode2(sol,y,x);`

$$y = \%k2x + \%k1 \quad (\text{odesol})$$

(%i28) `method;`

$$\text{constcoeff} \quad (\%o28)$$

(%i29) `bc2(odesol,x=x_0,y=y_0,x=x_1,y=y_1);`

$$y = \frac{x(y_0 - y_1)}{x_0 - x_1} - \frac{x_1 y_0 - x_0 y_1}{x_0 - x_1} \quad (\%o29)$$

## 2 Brachistochrone problem

Lagrangian

(%i30) depends(y,x)\$

(%i31) L:√(1+'diff(y,x)<sup>2</sup>)/√(2\*g\*y);

$$\frac{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{gy}} \quad (\text{L})$$

Momentum Conjugate

(%i32) ldisplay(P\_y:diff(L,'diff(y,x)))\$

$$P_y = \frac{y_x}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{gy} \sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} \quad (\%t32)$$

Generalized Forces

(%i33) ldisplay(F\_y:diff(L,y))\$

$$F_y = -\frac{g \sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}}{2^{\frac{3}{2}} (gy)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \quad (\%t33)$$

Euler-Lagrange Equation

(%i34) aa:=el(L,y,x)\$

(%i36) bb:=ev(aa,eval,diff)\$

(%i37) map(ldisp,bb:fullratsimp(bb))\$

$$\frac{\sqrt{gy}}{\sqrt{2}gy \sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} = k_0 \quad (\%t37)$$

$$\frac{2y (y_{xx}) - (y_x)^4 - (y_x)^2}{\sqrt{gy} \sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1} \left( 2^{\frac{3}{2}} y (y_x)^2 + 2^{\frac{3}{2}} y \right)} = -\frac{\sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}}{2^{\frac{3}{2}} y \sqrt{gy}} \quad (\%t38)$$

Conservation Laws

(%i39) bb[1]:reverse(subst([k[0]=E],bb[1]));

$$E = \frac{\sqrt{gy}}{\sqrt{2}gy \sqrt{(y_x)^2 + 1}} \quad (\%o39)$$

## Equations of Motion

(%i40) [sol]:solve(bb[2],'diff(y,x,2));

$$\left[ y_{xx} = -\frac{(y_x)^2 + 1}{2y} \right] \quad (\%o40)$$

(%i41) odesol:ode2(sol,y,x)\$

(%i42) method;

$$freeof x \quad (\%o42)$$

(%i43) map(ldisp,odesol)\$

$$\frac{e^{-2\%k1} \left( e^{\%k1} \sqrt{y} \operatorname{atan} \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{\%k1}{2}} \sqrt{1-e^{\%k1}y}}{\sqrt{y}} \right) + e^{\frac{3\%k1}{2}} y \sqrt{1-e^{\%k1}y} \right)}{\sqrt{y}} = x + \%k2 \quad (\%t43)$$

$$- \frac{e^{-2\%k1} \left( e^{\%k1} \sqrt{y} \operatorname{atan} \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{\%k1}{2}} \sqrt{1-e^{\%k1}y}}{\sqrt{y}} \right) + e^{\frac{3\%k1}{2}} y \sqrt{1-e^{\%k1}y} \right)}{\sqrt{y}} = x + \%k2 \quad (\%t44)$$

### 3 Optimal control

```
(%i45) aa:ham(['diff(v,t,1)=f','diff(x,t,1)=v])$
```

```
(%i49) bb:ev(aa,eval)$
```

```
(%i50) bb:subst([aux[1]=aux_1,aux[2]=aux_2],bb);
```

$$[aux_2 v + aux_1 f, aux_{1t} = -aux_2, aux_{2t} = 0, aux_2 = c_2] \quad (\text{bb})$$

```
(%i51) map(ldisp,bb)$
```

$$aux_2 v + aux_1 f \quad (\%t51)$$

$$aux_{1t} = -aux_2 \quad (\%t52)$$

$$aux_{2t} = 0 \quad (\%t53)$$

$$aux_2 = c_2 \quad (\%t54)$$

```
(%i56) atvalue(aux_1(t),[t=0],a)$
```

```
atvalue(aux_2(t),[t=0],b)$
```

```
(%i57) printprops(all,atvalue)$
```

$$aux_1(0) = a, aux_2(0) = b$$

```
(%i58) convert(part(bb,[2,3]),[aux_1,aux_2],t);
```

$$[aux_1(t)_t = -aux_2(t), aux_2(t)_t = 0] \quad (\%o58)$$

```
(%i59) convert([aux_1,aux_2],[aux_1,aux_2],t);
```

$$[aux_1(t), aux_2(t)] \quad (\%o59)$$

```
(%i60) desol:desolve(%th(2),%th(1));
```

$$[aux_1(t) = a - bt, aux_2(t) = b] \quad (\text{desol})$$

```
(%i61) convert(bb[1],[aux_1,aux_2],t);
```

$$aux_2(t)v + f aux_1(t) \quad (\%o61)$$

```
(%i62) ev(%,desol);
```

$$bv + f (a - bt) \quad (\%o62)$$

## 4 Calculus of Variations: Functionals

Based on NPTEL-NOC IITM Video [Calculus of Variations: Functionals](#)

(%i63) kill(labels,x,y)\$

(%i1)  $\zeta : [x, y]$ \$

(%i2)  $f(x, y) := x * y$ \$

(%i4)  $\phi(x, y) := x^2 + y^2$  b:1\$

(%i5) stapoints(f(x,y), [], [ $\phi(x, y) - b$ ],  $\zeta$ )\$

$$stapts_1 = \left[ x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t5)$$

$$objsub = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\%t6)$$

$$gradsub = [0, 0, 0] \quad (\%t7)$$

$$stapts_2 = \left[ x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t8)$$

$$objsub = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\%t9)$$

$$gradsub = [0, 0, 0] \quad (\%t10)$$

$$stapts_3 = \left[ x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t11)$$

$$objsub = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\%t12)$$

$$gradsub = [0, 0, 0] \quad (\%t13)$$

$$stapts_4 = \left[ x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t14)$$

$$objsub = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\%t15)$$

$$gradsub = [0, 0, 0] \quad (\%t16)$$

(%i17) map(ldisp, stapts)\$

$$\left[ x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t17)$$

$$\left[ x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t18)$$

$$\left[ x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t19)$$

$$\left[ x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (\%t20)$$

(%i21) makelist(at(f(x,y),stapts[i]),i,1,length(stapts));

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right] \quad (\%o21)$$

(%i22) makelist(at(phi(x,y),stapts[i]),i,1,length(stapts));

$$[1, 1, 1, 1] \quad (\%o22)$$

(%i23) lagrangian;

$$eqmult_1 (y^2 + x^2 - 1) + xy \quad (\%o23)$$

(%i24) grad;

$$[y + 2eqmult_1 x, 2eqmult_1 y + x, y^2 + x^2 - 1] \quad (\%o24)$$

(%i25) decslkmults;

$$[x, y, eqmult_1] \quad (\%o25)$$

(%i26) gradient(decslkmults);

$$[y + 2eqmult_1 x, 2eqmult_1 y + x, y^2 + x^2 - 1] \quad (\%o26)$$

(%i27) G:list\_matrix\_entries(jacobian([f(x,y)],z));

$$[y, x] \quad (G)$$

(%i28) J:list\_matrix\_entries(jacobian([lagrangian],decslkmults));

$$[y + 2eqmult_1 x, 2eqmult_1 y + x, y^2 + x^2 - 1] \quad (J)$$

(%i29) sol:algsys(grad,decslkmults)\$

(%i30) map(ldisp,sol)\$

$$\left[x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = \frac{1}{2}\right] \quad (\%t30)$$

$$\left[x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = \frac{1}{2}\right] \quad (\%t31)$$

$$\left[x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = -\frac{1}{2}\right] \quad (\%t32)$$

$$\left[x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, eqmult_1 = -\frac{1}{2}\right] \quad (\%t33)$$



## 5 Examples

Based on Bsc Maths Aligarh Video [Calculus of Variations](#)

### 5.1

Find the extremals of the following functionals:

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x + y') y' dx$$

```
(%i34) kill(labels,x,y)$
```

```
(%i1)  ζ:[x,y]$
```

```
(%i2)  depends(y,x)$
```

**Lagrangian**

```
(%i3)  L:(x+'diff(y,x))*'diff(y,x);
```

$$(y_x) (y_x + x) \quad (\text{L})$$

**Momentum Conjugate**

```
(%i4)  ldisplay(P:diff(L,'diff(y,x)))$
```

$$P = 2 (y_x) + x \quad (\text{%t4})$$

**Generalized Forces**

```
(%i5)  ldisplay(F:diff(L,x))$
```

$$F = (y_x) (y_{xx} + 1) + (y_x + x) (y_{xx}) \quad (\text{%t5})$$

**Euler-Lagrange Equation**

```
(%i6)  aa:el(L,y,x)$
```

```
(%i8)  bb:ev(aa,eval,diff)$
```

```
(%i9)  map(ldisp,bb:fullratsimp(bb))$
```

$$2 (y_{xx}) + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{%t9})$$

$$2 (y_x) + x = k_1 \quad (\text{%t10})$$

**Solution**

```
(%i11) odesol:ode2(bb[1],y,x);
```

$$y = -\frac{x^2}{4} + \%k2x + \%k1 \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i12) method;
```

variationofparameters (%o12)

```
(%i13) declare([x_1,y_1,x_2,y_2],constant)$
```

```
(%i14) params:[x_1=0,y_1=0,x_2=10,y_2=10]$
```

```
(%i15) odesol:bc2(odesol,x=x_1,y=y_1,x=x_2,y=y_2);
```

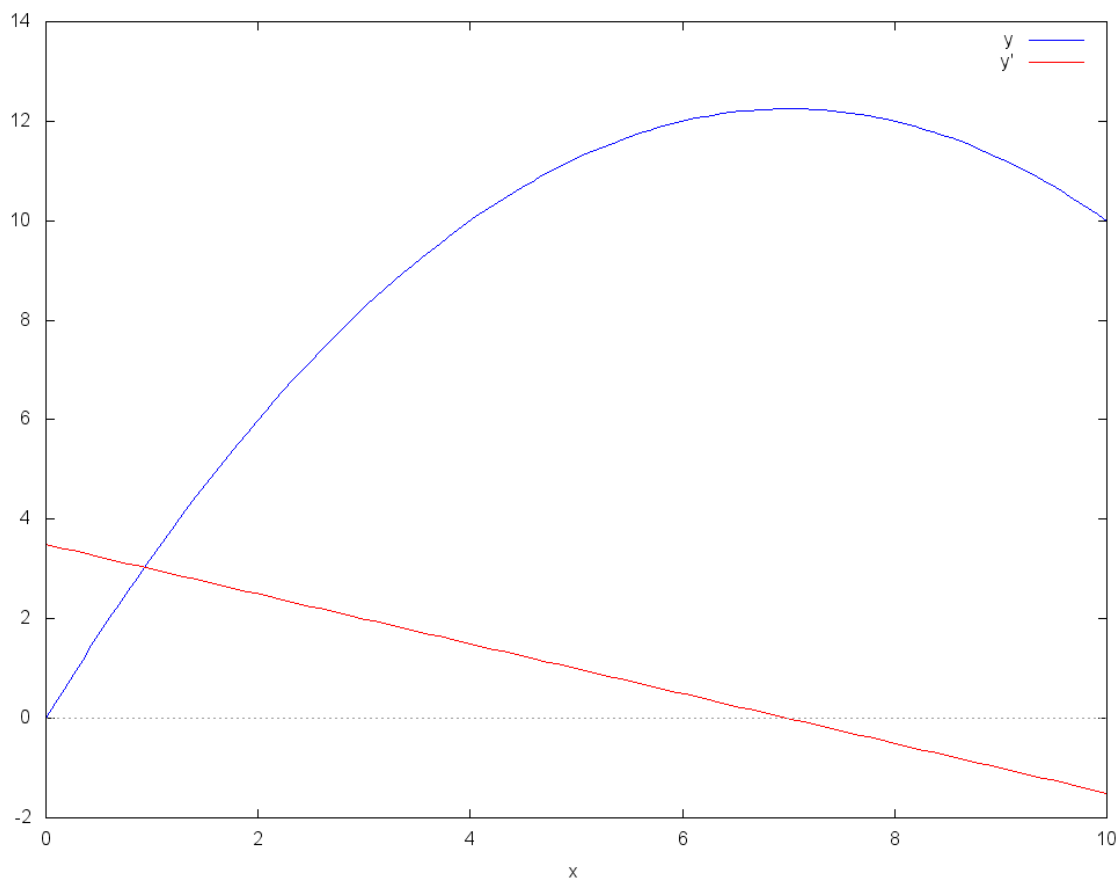
$$y = -\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{(-4y_2 + 4y_1 - x_2^2 + x_1^2)x}{4x_1 - 4x_2} - \frac{x_1(-4y_2 - x_2^2) + 4x_2y_1 + x_1^2x_2}{4x_1 - 4x_2} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i16) bb[2],odesol,eval,diff,expand,factor;
```

$$\frac{4y_2 - 4y_1 + x_2^2 - x_1^2}{2(x_2 - x_1)} = k_1 \quad (\%o16)$$

## Graphics

```
(%i17) wxplot2d([y,diff(y,x)], [x,x_1,x_2], [ylabel,""], [legend,"y","y'"]),odesol,params$
```



(%t17)

## 5.2

Find the extremals of the following functionals:

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{y'^2}{x^3} dx$$

```
(%i18) kill(labels,x,y)$
```

```
(%i1)  ζ:[x,y]$
```

```
(%i2)  depends(y,x)$
```

**Lagrangian**

```
(%i3)  L:'diff(y,x)^2/x^3;
```

$$\frac{(y_x)^2}{x^3} \quad (\text{L})$$

**Momentum Conjugate**

```
(%i4)  ldisplay(P:diff(L,'diff(y,x)))$
```

$$P = \frac{2(y_x)}{x^3} \quad (\%t4)$$

**Generalized Forces**

```
(%i5)  ldisplay(F:diff(L,x))$
```

$$F = \frac{2(y_x)(y_{xx})}{x^3} - \frac{3(y_x)^2}{x^4} \quad (\%t5)$$

**Euler-Lagrange Equation**

```
(%i6)  aa:el(L,y,x)$
```

```
(%i8)  bb:ev(aa,eval,diff)$
```

```
(%i9)  map(ldisp,bb:fullratsimp(bb))$
```

$$\frac{2x(y_{xx}) - 6(y_x)}{x^4} = 0 \quad (\%t9)$$

$$\frac{2(y_x)}{x^3} = k_1 \quad (\%t10)$$

**Solution**

```
(%i11) odesol:ode2(bb[1],y,x);
```

$$y = \%k2 x^4 - \frac{\%k1}{4} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i12) method;
```

*exact*

(%o12)

```
(%i13) declare([x_1,y_1,x_2,y_2],constant)$
```

```
(%i14) params:[x_1=0,y_1=0,x_2=10,y_2=10]$
```

```
(%i15) odesol:bc2(odesol,x=x_1,y=y_1,x=x_2,y=y_2);
```

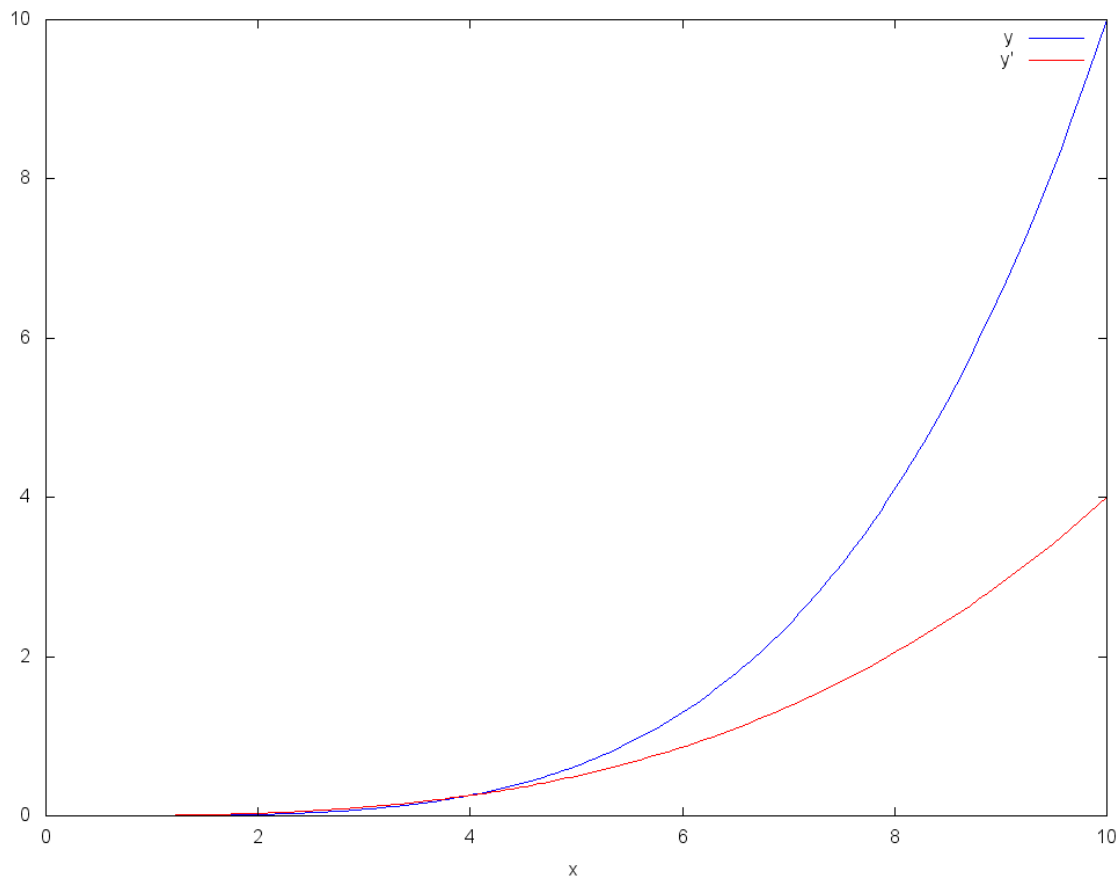
$$y = \frac{(y_1 - y_2) x^4}{x_1^4 - x_2^4} - \frac{4x_2^4 y_1 - 4x_1^4 y_2}{4(x_1^4 - x_2^4)} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i16) bb[2],odesol,eval,diff;
```

$$\frac{8(y_1 - y_2)}{x_1^4 - x_2^4} = k_1 \quad (\%o16)$$

## Graphics

```
(%i17) wxplot2d([y,diff(y,x)], [x,x_1,x_2], [ylabel,""], [legend,"y","y'"]),odesol,params$
```



(%t17)

### 5.3

Find the extremals of the following functionals:

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} (1 + x^2 y') y' dx$$

```
(%i18) kill(labels,x,y)$
```

```
(%i1)  ζ:[x,y]$
```

```
(%i2)  depends(y,x)$
```

**Lagrangian**

```
(%i3)  L:(1+x^2*'diff(y,x))*'diff(y,x);
```

$$(y_x) (x^2 (y_x) + 1) \quad (\text{L})$$

**Momentum Conjugate**

```
(%i4)  ldisplay(P:diff(L,'diff(y,x)))$
```

$$P = 2x^2 (y_x) + 1 \quad (\%t4)$$

**Generalized Forces**

```
(%i5)  ldisplay(F:fullratsimp(diff(L,x)))$
```

$$F = (2x^2 (y_x) + 1) (y_{xx}) + 2x (y_x)^2 \quad (\%t5)$$

**Euler-Lagrange Equation**

```
(%i6)  aa:el(L,y,x)$
```

```
(%i8)  bb:ev(aa,eval,diff)$
```

```
(%i9)  map(ldisp,bb:fullratsimp(bb))$
```

$$2x^2 (y_{xx}) + 4x (y_x) = 0 \quad (\%t9)$$

$$2x^2 (y_x) + 1 = k_1 \quad (\%t10)$$

**Solution**

```
(%i11) odesol:ode2(bb[1],y,x);
```

$$y = \frac{{\%k2}}{x} + {\%k1} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i12) method;
```

$$exact \quad (\%o12)$$

```
(%i13) declare([x_1,y_1,x_2,y_2],constant)$
```

```
(%i14) params:[x_1=1,y_1=1,x_2=10,y_2=10]$
```

```
(%i15) odesol:bc2(odesol,x=x_1,y=y_1,x=x_2,y=y_2);
```

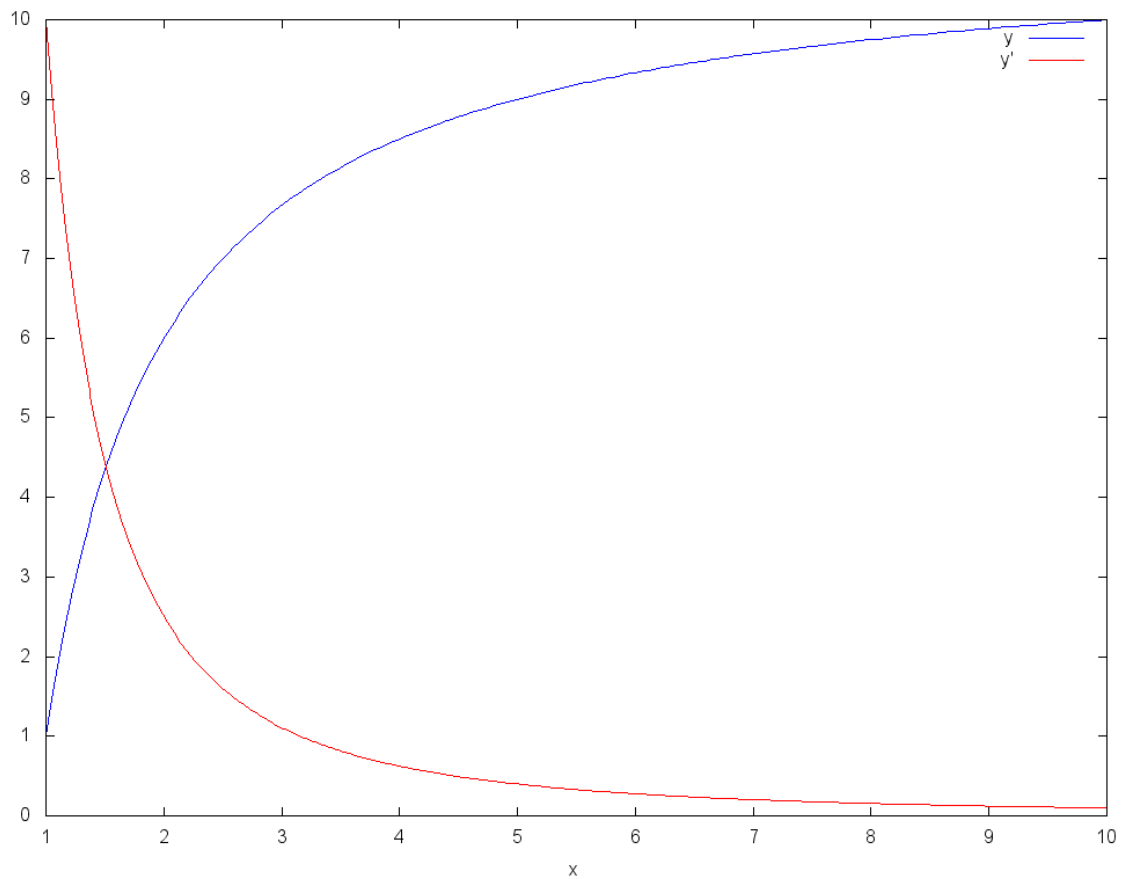
$$y = \frac{x_1 y_1 - x_2 y_2}{x_1 - x_2} - \frac{x_1 x_2 y_1 - x_1 x_2 y_2}{(x_1 - x_2) x} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i16) bb[2],odesol,eval,diff,expand,factor;
```

$$\frac{2x_1 x_2 y_2 - 2x_1 x_2 y_1 + x_2 - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = k_1 \quad (\%o16)$$

## Graphics

```
(%i17) wxplot2d([y,diff(y,x)], [x,x_1,x_2], [ylabel,""], [legend,"y","y'"]),odesol,params$
```



(%t17)

## 5.4

Find the extremals of the following functionals:

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} (y^2 + y'^2 - 2y \sin(x)) \, dx$$

```
(%i18) kill(labels,x,y)$
```

```
(%i1)  ζ:[x,y]$
```

```
(%i2)  depends(y,x)$
```

**Lagrangian**

```
(%i3)  L:y^2+'diff(y,x)^2-2*y*sin(x);
```

$$(y_x)^2 + y^2 - 2 \sin(x)y \quad (\text{L})$$

**Momentum Conjugate**

```
(%i4)  ldisplay(P:diff(L,'diff(y,x)))$
```

$$P = 2(y_x) \quad (\%t4)$$

**Generalized Forces**

```
(%i5)  ldisplay(F:fullratsimp(diff(L,x)))$
```

$$F = 2(y_x)(y_{xx}) + (2y - 2 \sin(x))(y_x) - 2 \cos(x)y \quad (\%t5)$$

**Euler-Lagrange Equation**

```
(%i6)  aa:el(L,y,x)$
```

```
(%i7)  bb:ev(aa,eval,diff)$
```

```
(%i8)  map(ldisp,bb:fullratsimp(bb))$
```

$$2(y_{xx}) = 2y - 2 \sin(x) \quad (\%t8)$$

**Solution**

```
(%i9)  odesol:ode2(bb[1],y,x);
```

$$y = \frac{\sin(x)}{2} + \%k1 e^x + \%k2 e^{-x} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

```
(%i10) method;
```

$$\text{variationofparameters} \quad (\%o10)$$

```
(%i11) declare([x_1,y_1,x_2,y_2],constant)$
```

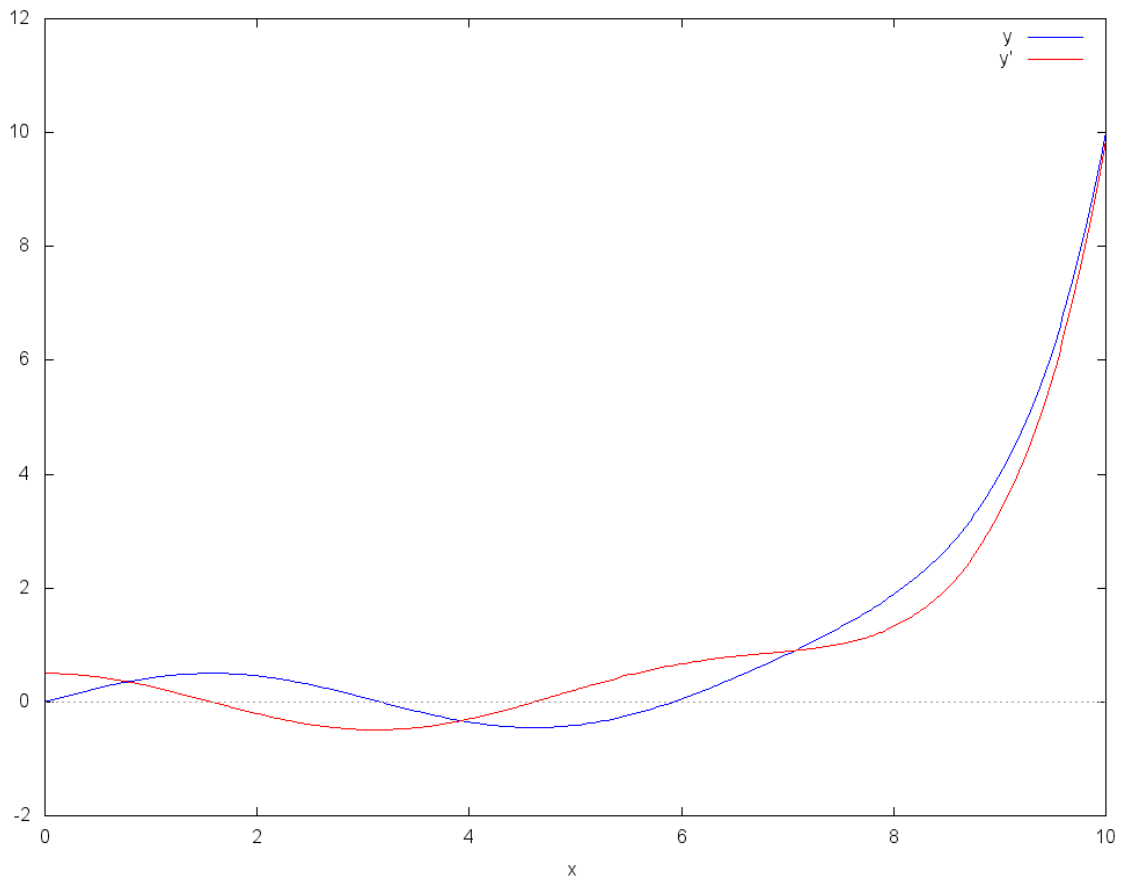
```
(%i12) params:[x_1=0,y_1=0,x_2=10,y_2=10]$
```

```
(%i13) odesol:bc2(odesol,x=x_1,y=y_1,x=x_2,y=y_2);
```

$$y = \frac{\sin(x)}{2} - \frac{(-e^{x_2} \sin(x_2) + e^{x_1} \sin(x_1) + 2e^{x_2} y_2 - 2e^{x_1} y_1) e^x}{2e^{2x_1} - 2e^{2x_2}} + \frac{(e^{2x_1} (2e^{x_2} y_2 - e^{x_2} \sin(x_2)) + e^{2x_2+x_1} \sin(x_1) - 2e^{2x_2+x_1} y_1)}{2e^{2x_1} - 2e^{2x_2}} \quad (\text{odesol})$$

## Graphics

```
(%i14) wxplot2d([y,diff(y,x)], [x,x_1,x_2], [ylabel,""], [legend,"y","y'"]),odesol,params$
```



(%t14)