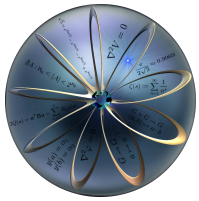

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Suppose V is a vector space and $L\colon V \to \mathbb{R}$ is a map. Then $v \in V$ is a *stationary point* of L provided that

$$\frac{d}{dt} L(v + tu)\Big|_{t=0} = 0$$

for all $u \in V$. In this case u is called a variation of v.