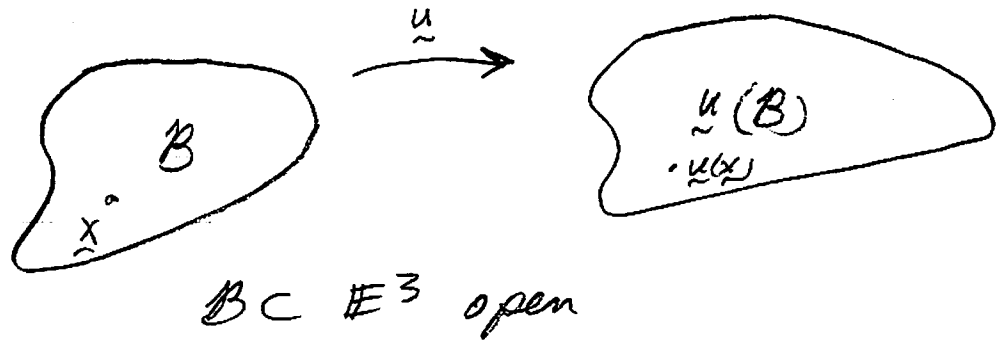


(Examples cont.)

## 5. Nonlinear Elasticity

 $\nabla \underline{u}(\underline{x})$  deformation gradient $W(\underline{A})$  stored energy function

Minimize total/potential energy:

$$E = \iiint_B [W(\nabla \underline{u}) - \hat{\underline{b}} \cdot \underline{u}] dV - \iint_{\partial B_1} \hat{\underline{T}} \cdot \underline{u} dS$$

body forces

surface tractions

Subj: to  $\underline{u}|_{\partial B_2} = \hat{\underline{u}}$ .

In each of these cases, we are hoping to minimize functionals, i.e., real-valued functions defined on classes of functions.

## Simplest case

$$I(y) = \int_a^b f(x, y, y') dx,$$

subject to geometric end conditions:

$$y(a) = y_a, \quad y(b) = y_b, \quad y_a, y_b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(geometric boundary conditions)

Here  $f: \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of class  $C^1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote some class of functions appropriate for rendering  $I(y)$  well-defined, e.g.,  $\mathcal{X} = C^1([a, b])$ . We assume that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a normed linear space (a vector space equipped with a norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$ ).

Ex  $\mathcal{X} = C^1([a, b]) \equiv$  all continuously differentiable functions on  $[a, b]$

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{X}} = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |u(x)| + \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |u'(x)|.$$

Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is linear, i.e.,  $\alpha u + \beta v \in \mathcal{X}$   
 $\forall u, v \in \mathcal{X}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$  is a norm.

Now  $I: \tilde{\mathcal{X}} \equiv \{ \mathcal{X} : y(a) = y_a, y(b) = y_b \} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 is a functional. ( $\tilde{\mathcal{X}}$  is not a linear space)

Defn We say that  $I(\cdot)$  has a local minimum (maximum) at  $y_0(x) \in \tilde{\mathcal{X}}$  if

$$(*) \quad I(y_0) \leq (\geq) I(y) \quad \forall |y - y_0|_X < \varepsilon.$$

If (\*) holds  $\forall y \in \tilde{X}$ , then  $I(\cdot)$  has a global minimum (maximum) at  $y_0$ .

Remark This set-up is tractable only in the case when  $X$  is complete, i.e., if  $\{y_n\} \subset X$  converges, i.e., if

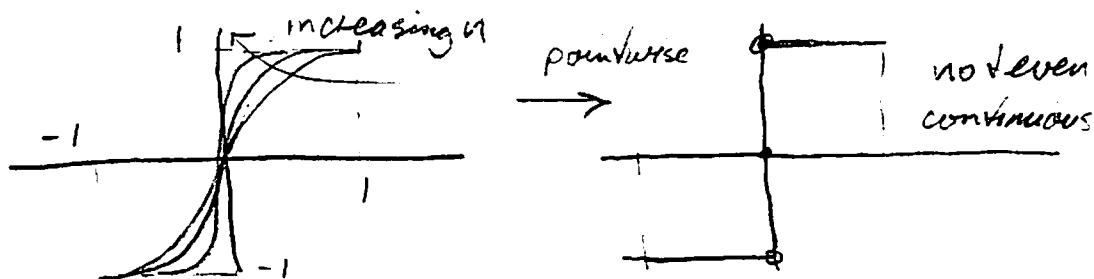
$$|y_n - y_*|_X \rightarrow 0 \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then  $y_* \in X$ . In this case  $X$  is called a Banach space. For example,  $C^1([a, b])$  with  $\|\cdot\|_X$  as given a.p. 99 is indeed a Banach space. But  $C^1([a, b])$  with the norm

$$\|y\|_X^2 \equiv \int_a^b (y(x))^2 dx \quad \text{is not.}$$

Indeed, let  $a = -1, b = 1$  and define the sequence of functions

$$y_n(x) = \frac{\tan^{-1}(nx)}{\tan^{-1}(n)} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

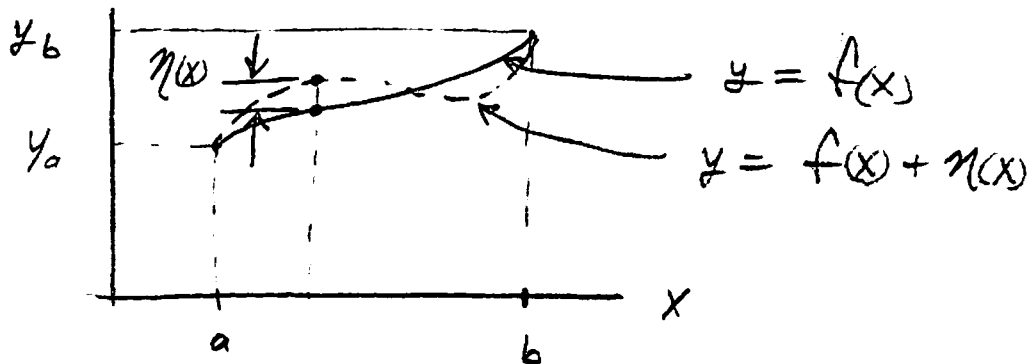


Returning to (\*) p. 99, notice that, for  $y, y_0 \in \tilde{X}$ , then  $y - y_0$  belongs to

$$X_0 = \left\{ \eta : \underbrace{\eta(a) = \eta(b) = 0}_{\text{homogeneous b.c.'s}} \right\}.$$

Defn We call  $X_0$  the space of admissible variations.

In essence, if  $y = f(x) \in \tilde{X}$  is a candidate minimizer (maximizer) of  $I(y)$ , then  $f(x) + \eta(x) \in \tilde{X}$  for all  $\eta \in X_0$ .



We now assume that (\*) holds to derive a necessary condition for a minimum (maximum), directly imitating what we did on p. 89, i.e., if (\*) holds, then

$$g(\alpha) \equiv I(y_0 + \alpha\eta) \quad (g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$

has a local minimum (maximum) at  $\alpha = 0$ .

Thus,  $g'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$(**) \quad \delta I = \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} I(y_0 + \alpha\eta) \right|_{\alpha=0} = 0$$

$\forall$  admissible variations  $\eta \in \tilde{X}_0$ ,

is necessary for  $I(\cdot)$  to have a local extremum at  $y_0 \in \tilde{X}$ .

The left hand side of (\*\*) is called the 1<sup>st</sup> variation and (\*\*) itself is called the 1<sup>st</sup> variation condition - its nothing more than a generalization of the 1<sup>st</sup> derivative test from calculus!

Let's proceed with the calculation in (\*\*), assuming the structure for  $I$  in the example on p. 98:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} I(y + \alpha\eta) \right|_{\alpha=0} &= \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_a^b f(x, y + \alpha\eta, y' + \alpha\eta') dx \right|_{\alpha=0} \\ &= \int_a^b \left[ \frac{df}{dy}(x, y, y') \eta(x) + \frac{df}{dy'}(x, y, y') \eta'(x) \right] dx \\ &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{integrate by parts}} \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \frac{df}{dy}(x, y, y') \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = \eta'$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{df}{dy} \right) \quad v = \eta$$

$$(\eta(a) = \eta(b) = 0)$$

$$\therefore \delta I = \int_a^b \frac{dF}{dy} \eta \, dx + \frac{dF}{dy'}(x, y, y') \eta(x) \Big|_a^b$$

$$- \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dF}{dy'} \right) \eta \, dx = 0$$

$$\forall \eta \in \mathcal{X}_0$$

$$\therefore \delta I = \int_a^b \left[ \frac{dF}{dy} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dF}{dy'} \right) \right] \eta \, dx = 0$$

In order to proceed, we require

Localization Lemma. If  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and

$$\int_a^b g(x) \eta(x) \, dx = 0 \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{X}_0,$$

then  $F(x) \equiv 0$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Pf. Suppose  $F(x_0) > 0$  (say) for  $a \leq x_0 \leq b$ . Then by continuity,  $F(x) > 0$  on some interval  $(x_1, x_2) \subset [a, b]$ . Choose

$$\eta(x) \begin{cases} > 0 & x_1 < x < x_2 \\ = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ with } \eta \in \mathcal{X}_0,$$

e.g.,  $\eta(x) = (x-x_1)^2 (x-x_2)^2 \quad x_1 < x < x_2.$

Then

$$\int_a^b g(x) \eta(x) \, dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} g(x) \eta(x) \, dx > 0. \quad \square$$

contradiction

Application of this result to the 1st var. condition (p. 102) yields the

Euler-Lagrange equation:

$$\frac{df}{dy}(x, y, y') - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{df}{dy'}(x, y, y') = 0,$$

$$\text{subj. to } y(a) = y_a, \quad y(b) = y_b.$$

Ex] Euclidean geodesic problem (p. 94):

$$I = \int_a^b \underbrace{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}_f dx$$

$$\frac{df}{dy} = 0 \quad \frac{df}{dy'} = \frac{1}{f} \frac{y y'}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}}$$

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

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

$$\text{or } (y')^2 = C^2(1+(y')^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y')^2 = K^2 \quad (K \text{ const})$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = m$$

$$\text{or } y = mx + c \quad \underline{\text{Straight line}}$$

Remark. A solution of the Euler-Lagrange equation satisfying the geometric end conditions is called a critical point of  $I$ .

Now our derivation of the Euler-Lagrange equation, assuming  $y \in C^1([a, b])$ , suffers from the weakness that we have presumed that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}(x, y, y')$  is continuously differentiable, which need not be true. In fact, we don't need that assumption:

Lemma 1 If  $h(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and if

$$\int_a^b h(x) \eta'(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{I}_0,$$

then  $h(x) \equiv C$  (const.) on  $[a, b]$ .

PF Let  $C$  denote the unique constant such that

$$\int_a^b h(x) dx = C(b-a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b (h(x) - C) dx = 0$$

Define  $\eta(x) \equiv \int_a^x (h(\tau) - C) d\tau$ .

Then  $\eta'(x) = h(x) - c$  (FTC), and

$$\int_a^b (h(x) - c)^2 dx = \int_a^b (h(x) - c) \eta'(x) dx$$

$$= \int_a^b h(x) \eta'(x) dx - c \eta \Big|_a^b = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow h(x) \equiv c. \quad \square$$

Lemma 2 If  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  are each continuous on  $[a, b]$ , and if

$$\int_a^b [g(x) \eta(x) + h(x) \eta'(x)] dx = 0 \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{I}_0,$$

then  $h(x)$  is differentiable with  $h'(x) \equiv g(x)$ .

PF Consider  $\int_a^b g(x) \eta(x) dx$ , and

integrate by parts:  $u = \eta \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \eta'$   
 $\frac{dv}{dx} = g(x) \quad v = \int_a^x g(t) dt \equiv l(x)$

$$= \cancel{l(x) \eta(x)} \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b l(x) \eta'(x) dx$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b [h(x) - l'(x)] \eta'(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{I}_0$$

Lemma 1  $\Rightarrow h(x) = \int_a^x g(t) dt + C. \quad \square$

Returning to  $\delta I$  on p. 101, we have

$$(**) \quad \delta I = \int_a^b \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \eta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \eta' \right] dx = 0 \quad \forall \eta \in \mathcal{X}_0.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2, we rigorously deduce the Euler-Lagrange eq. on p. 103, i.e.,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}(x, y, y')$  is differentiable with

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}(x, y, y') \right) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y, y').$$

Remark If we relax the condition that  $y \in C^1([a, b])$ , the 1<sup>st</sup> variation condition  $(**)$  above is called the weak form of the Euler-Lagrange equation. E.g.,  $y'$  piecewise continuous is often more appropriate - as we shall see later.

### Some "Tricks of the Trade"

1. If  $f$  is independent of  $y$ , then E-L eq'n reduces to

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}(x, y') = \text{const.}$$

2. If  $f$  is independent of  $y'$ , then

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) = 0$  alg. eq'n for  $y$  as funct of  $x$   
 (curve in the  $x$ - $y$  plane - generally won't satisfy the geom. end conditions)

3. If  $f$  is independent of  $x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left( f - y' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y' + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} y'' \\ &\quad - y'' \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) y' \\ &= y' \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

Ex1  $I = \int_a^b [\cos y - x \sin(y) y'] dx$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\sin y - x \cos(y) y'$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} = -x \sin(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial y'} \right) = -\sin y - x \cos(y) y' - (-\sin y - x \cos(y) y') = 0$$

What happened? Apparently any function  $y(x)$  will work.

More generally if

$$I = \int_a^b (M(x,y) + N(x,y) y') dx$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

then  $I$  is path-independent, i.e.,  $I$  is const. on all smooth paths!

Ex) Find the curve  $y(x)$  that connects  $(0,0)$  to  $(1,1)$  and that has the least moment of inertia about the  $x$ -axis:

$$I(y) = \int_0^1 y \sqrt{1+(y')^2} dx$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 1$$

