

## UNIT-II

Variational problem with moving boundaries.

Consider the functional

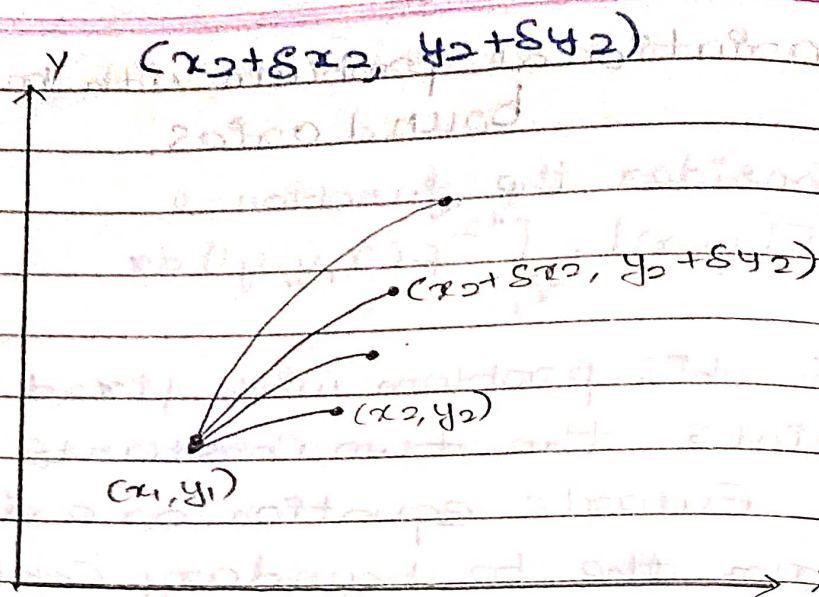
$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$$

In this problem with fixed boundary points. The two constants in a solution of Euler's equation are determined from the boundary condition at the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ .

In the case of moving boundary problem one (or) both of these conditions in the general solution of Euler's equation have to be obtained from the vanishing of the variation  $\delta I$ .

Let us assume that one of the boundary problem one (or) both of these conditions in the general solution of Euler's equation have to be obtained from the vanishing of the variation  $\delta I$ .

Let us assume that one of the boundary point  $(x_1, y_1)$  is fixed while the other boundary point  $(x_2, y_2)$  can move and passes to the point.



A pencil of extremals through a given point.  
Now, we consider the value of the functional  $I[y(x, c_1, c_2)]$  reduces to a function of the parameter  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  of the limit of integration. We shall call the admissible curve  $y = y(x)$  and  $y = y(x) + \delta y(x)$  are closed if  $|\delta y|$  and  $|\delta y|$  are also small. Now the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  from the pencil of extremal  $y = y(x, c_1)$ . If the curve of the pencil  $y = y(x)$  do not intersect in the neighbourhood of the extremals then  $I[y(x, c_1)]$  may be considered as a single value function of  $(x_2, y_2)$ . Let us determine the variation of the functional  $I[y(x, c_1)]$ , when the boundary points  $(x_2, y_2)$  moves. The boundary point  $(x_2, y_2)$  moves to  $(x_2 + \delta x_2, y_2 + \delta y_2)$ . Thus the increment  $\Delta I$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta I &= I[y(x_2 + \delta x_2)] - I[y(x_2)] \\
 &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2 + \delta x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F[x, y, y'] dx \\
 &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx + \int_{x_2}^{x_2 + \delta x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx \\
 &\quad - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F[x, y, y'] dx \\
 &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \{ F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] - F[x, y, y'] \} dx \\
 &\quad + \int_{x_2}^{x_2 + \delta x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx
 \end{aligned}$$

By using mean value theorem, we can write the second term of R.H.S on,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{x_2}^{x_2 + \delta x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx &= [F]_{x_2} + \theta \delta x_2 (x_2 + \delta x_2) \\
 &= [F]_{x_2 + \theta \delta x_2} \cdot \delta x_2
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta$  lies between 0 and 1 but by virtue of continuity of  $F$ .

$$F|_{x_2 + \theta \delta x_2} = F|_{x_2 + \epsilon}$$

Here  $\epsilon$  is infinitesimal such that  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta x_2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $\delta y_2 \rightarrow 0$ . Then we write the above eqn as,

$$\int_{x_2}^{x_2 + \delta x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx = F|_{x=x_2} \delta x_2 + \epsilon \delta x_2$$

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Using Taylor's formula,

We now transform the first term

R.H.S as

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \{ F[x, y+\delta y, y'+\delta y'] - F[x, y, y'] \} dx$$

$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} [F_y \delta y + F_{y'} \delta y'] dx + R$$

Where  $R$  is an infinitesimal of the higher order  $\delta y$  (or)  $\delta y'$ . Further the linear part on the R.H.S of the above integral can be altered by integration by parts and reduce to,

$$u = F_{y'}$$

$$du = \frac{d}{dx} F_{y'} dx$$

$$v = \delta y$$

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} [F_y \delta y + F_{y'} \delta y'] dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_y \delta y dx + [F_{y'} \delta y]_{x_1}^{x_2}$$

$$- \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \delta y \frac{d}{dx} F_{y'} dx$$

$$= [F_{y'} \delta y]_{x_1}^{x_2} - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[ F_y - \frac{d}{dx} F_{y'} \right] \delta y dx$$

Since the value of the functional are taken only on the external, the integral of the second term of the above expression vanish.

$$F_y - \frac{d}{dx} F_{y'} = 0$$

and the expression becomes

$$[F_{y'} \delta y]_{x_1}^{x_2}$$

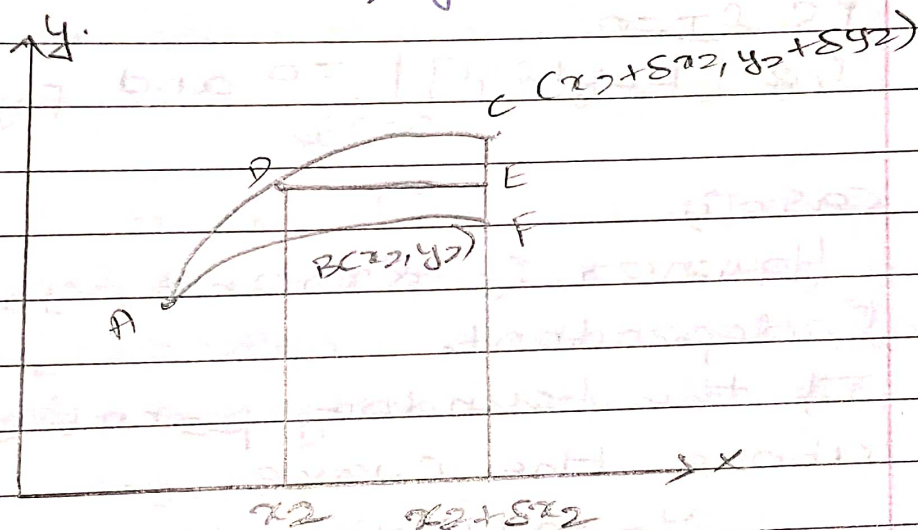
Since  $x_1$  is a fixed point, we get  $(\delta y)_{x_1} = 0$

Now we are going to find  $[F_{y'} \delta y]_{x_2}$

Note that  $(\delta y)_{x_2}$  is not equal to  $\delta y_2$

Since  $\delta y_2$  is the increment of  $y_2$  then the boundary point is displaced to  $(x_2 + \delta x_2, y_2 + \delta y_2)$  but  $(\delta y_2)_{x_2}$  is the increment of the ordinate at the point  $x_2$ .

When passing from the extremum joining  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  to  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2 + \delta x_2, y_2 + \delta y_2)$ .



Here,  $BD = [\delta y]_{x_2}$

$FC = \delta y_2$

$EC = y'(x_2) \cdot \delta x_2$

$BD = FC - EC$

$(\delta y_2)_{x_2} = \delta y_2 - y'(x_2) \delta x_2$

Thus,

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left\{ F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] - F[x, y, y'] \right\} dx =$$

$$F_{y'} \Big|_{x_1=x_2} (\delta y_2 - y'(x_2) \delta x_2) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding ① & ②

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \{ F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] - F[x, y, y'] \} dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2 + \delta x_2} F[x, y + \delta y, y' + \delta y'] dx$$

$$= F \Big|_{x=x_2}^{\delta x_2 + Fy'} (\delta y_2 - y'(x_2) \delta x_2)$$

$$\delta I = F - y \delta y' \Big|_{x=x_2}^{\delta x_2 + Fy'} \delta y_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

By virtue of the fact that  $\delta x_2$  and  $\delta y_2$  are independent.

The necessary condition for extremal is  $\delta I = 0$

$$i.e. [F - y' \delta y']_{x=x_2} = 0 \text{ and } Fy' \Big|_{x=x_2} = 0$$

Case (i)

However if  $\delta x_2$  and  $\delta y_2$  are not independent.

If the boundary point  $(x_2, y_2)$  move above the curve.

$$y_2 = \phi(x_2)$$

$\therefore$  Then  $\delta y_2 = \phi'(x_2) \delta x_2$

$$\text{③} \Rightarrow [F + (\phi' - y') Fy']_{x=x_2} \delta x_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Since  $\delta x_2$  is arbitrary, we must have

$$[F + (\phi' - y') Fy']_{x=x_2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

which provide the case when it given by,

$$A(x, y) (1 + y'^2)^{3/2}$$

where  $A(x, y)$  does not vanish at the movable boundary point  $x_2$ .

In this case of eqn (5) reduces to  $A(x, y)(1+\phi'(y))(1+y'^2)^{1/2} = 0$  at  $x=x_2$ .  
 Since  $A(x, y) \neq 0$  at  $x=x_0$ , we have  
 $y' = -\frac{1}{\phi'}$  at  $x=x_2$

Which is the orthogonality condition

1. find the shortest distance b/w the parabola  $y=x^2$  and the straight line  $x-y=5$ .

proof:

The problem is to find the extremum of the functional

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1+y'^2} dx$$

Subject to condition the left end of the extremal moves along  $y=x^2$  while the right end moves along  $x-y=5$ .  
 Thus the transversality condition is given by,

$$[F + (\phi' - y') F_{y'}] = 0$$

$$\left[ \sqrt{1+y'^2} + (2x - y') \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+y'^2}} \right] = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{a}$$

$$\text{and } \left[ \sqrt{1+y'^2} + (1+y') \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+y'^2}} \right]_{x=x_2} = 0 \quad \left( \because \phi' = 2x \right. \\ \left. \phi' = 2x \right) \textcircled{b}$$

Since the general solution of Euler's equation for above functional is,

$$y = c_1 x + c_2$$

where  $c_1, c_2$  are constant

$$y' = C_1$$

Further both end point lie on the extremal.

$$y = C_1 x + C_2$$

Hence, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_1 x_1 + C_2 &= x_1^2 \\ C_1 x_2 + C_2 &= x_2^2 - 5 \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow (3)$$

Replacing  $y' = C_1$  in (1)

$$\left[ \frac{\sqrt{1+C_1^2} + (2x-C_1)C_1}{\sqrt{1+C_1^2}} \right] = 0$$

$$C_1(1+C_1^2) + (2x-C_1)C_1 = 0$$

$$1+C_1^2 + 2xC_1 - C_1^2 = 0$$

$$2xC_1 = -1 \rightarrow (4)$$

from (2)

$$\left[ \frac{\sqrt{1+C_1^2} + (1-C_1)C_1}{\sqrt{1+C_1^2}} \right] = 0$$

$$C_1(1+C_1^2) + (1-C_1)C_1 = 0$$

$$1+C_1^2 + C_1 - C_1^2 = 0$$

$$1+C_1 = 0$$

$$C_1 = -1$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow 2x(-1) = -1$$

$$2x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{put } x = x_1, x_1 = \frac{1}{2}, C_1 = -1 \text{ in (3)}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} + C_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$-\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = 2x - 5$$

$$2x_2 = \frac{23}{4}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{23}{8}$$

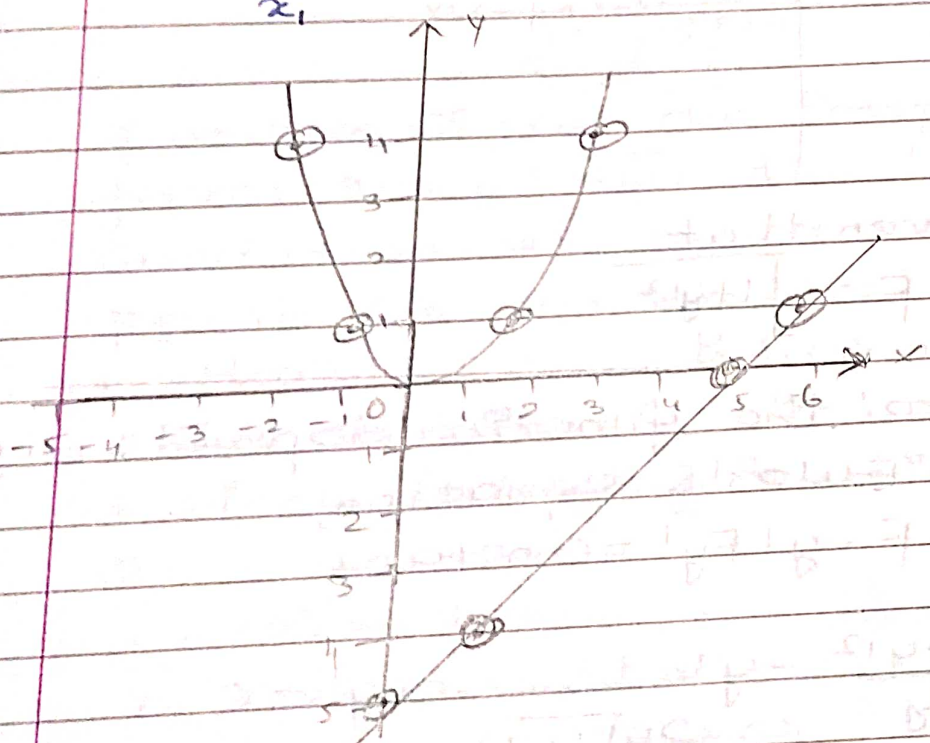
∴ The required extremals,

$$y = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$y = -x + \frac{3}{4}$$

∴ The shortest distance between the given parabola & straightline is,

$$L = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1+y'^2} dx$$



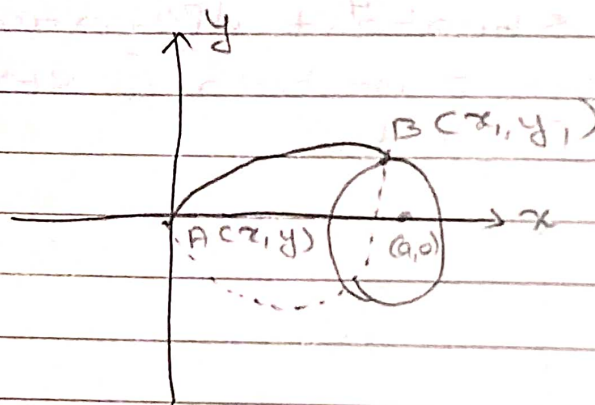
$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{23}{8}} \sqrt{1+(-1)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{23}{8}} \sqrt{2} dx \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \left[ x \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{23}{8}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{23}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$L = \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{19}{8} \right)$$

2. Using only the basic necessary condition  $\delta I = 0$  find the curve on which an extremum of the functional  $I[y(x)] = \int_0^x \frac{\sqrt{1+y'^2}}{y} dx$ ,  $y(0) = 0$

can be achieved if the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  can move along the second curve circumference  $(x-a)^2 + y^2 = a^2$ .  
Solution:-



Given that

$$F = \frac{\sqrt{1+y'^2}}{y}$$

Here the function depends on  $y$  and  $y'$ .

By Euler's equation,

$$F - y' F_{y'} = \text{constant}$$

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

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

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

$$\frac{1}{y^2 \sqrt{1+y^2}} = C$$

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

$$1+y^2 = \frac{C}{y^2}$$

The solution is the two parameter family of circle,

$$(x-a)^2 + y^2 = c^2 \rightarrow (1)$$

The boundary condition is,

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (0 - c_1)^2 + 0 = c_2^2$$

$$c_1^2 = c_2^2$$

$$c_1 = c_2$$

Further, since the integrals of the form  $\int \frac{1}{y^2 \sqrt{1+y^2}}$ , the transversality condition at the movable boundary point  $(x_1, y_1)$  reduces to the orthogonality condition.

Thus the extremal will be the arc of a circle belonging to which is orthogonal to,

$$(x_1 - a)^2 + y_1^2 = a^2$$

$$x_1^2 + 81 - 18x_1 + y_1^2 = 9$$

$$x_1^2 - 18x_1 + y_1^2 = -72 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (x_1 - c_1)^2 + y_1^2 = c_1^2$$

$$x_1^2 + c_1^2 - 2x_1 c_1 + y_1^2 = c_1^2$$

$$x_1^2 - 2x_1 c_1 + y_1^2 = 0 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$(2) - (3) \Rightarrow$$

$$-18x_1 + 2c_1 x_1 = -72$$

$$2x_1(c_1 - 9) = -72$$

$$x_1 (c_1 - a) = -36$$

$$x_1 (c_1 - c_1) = 36 \rightarrow (4)$$

In the view of the orthogonality of two circles at  $(x_1, y_1)$  the tangent to the circle  $(x - c_1)^2 + y^2 = c_2^2$  at B passes through the centre  $(c_1, 0)$  of the given circle.

This yields,

$$(c_1 - c_1) x_1 = a c_1 \rightarrow (5)$$

from (4) & (5) we have

$$c_1 = 4$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow (c_1 - 4) x_1 = 36$$

$$5x_1 = 36$$

$$x_1 = 36/5$$

So that the required extremal are the arc of the circle,

$$(x - c_1)^2 + y^2 = c_2^2$$

$$(x - 4)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 = 16$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 8x = 0$$

$$y^2 = 8x - x^2$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{8x - x^2}$$

3. Find the extremum of the functional  $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} [y'^2 + z'^2 + 2yz] dx$  with  $y(0) = 0, z(0) = 0$

as the point  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  moves in a fixed point  $x = x_2$ .

Solution:-

Given that  $F = y'^2 + z'^2 + 2yz$

By Euler's eqn,  
 $F_y - \frac{d}{dx} F_y' = 0$

$$2z - \frac{d}{dx} (2y') = 0$$

$$2z - 2y'' = 0$$

$$z - y'' = 0$$

$$z = y''$$

$$F_z - \frac{d}{dz} F_z' = 0$$

$$2y - \frac{d}{dz} (2z') = 0$$

$$2y - 2z'' = 0$$

$$y - z'' = 0$$

$$y = z''$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y^{IV}$$

$$y^{IV} - y = 0$$

$$z = z^{IV}$$

$$z^{IV} - z = 0$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of this equation is,

$$y(x) = C_1 \cosh x + C_2 \sinh x + C_3 \cos x + C_4 \sin x \rightarrow (1)$$

$$z(x) = C_1 \cosh x + C_2 \sinh x - C_3 \cos x - C_4 \sin x \rightarrow (2)$$

Subject to the condition,

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

$$(1) \Rightarrow y(0) = C_1 + C_3$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow z(0) = C_1 - C_3$$

$$C_1 + C_3 = 0$$

$$C_1 - C_3 = 0$$

$$C_3 = 0$$

$$\therefore y(x) = C_2 \sinh x + C_4 \sin x \rightarrow (3)$$

$$z(x) = C_2 \sinh x - C_4 \sin x \rightarrow (4)$$

Further the condition of the fixed point at  $x_2$  given,

$$y'(x_2) = 0, \quad z'(x_2) = 0$$

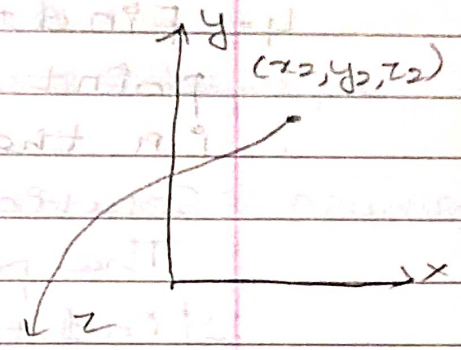
$$y'(x_2) = C_2 \cosh x_2 + C_4 \cos x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 \cosh x_2 + C_4 \cos x_2 = 0$$

$$z'(x_2) = C_2 \cosh x_2 - C_4 \cos x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 \cosh x_2 - C_4 \cos x_2 = 0$$

If  $\cos x_2 \neq 0$ , then  $C_2 = 0$  and  $C_4 = 0$



$\therefore$  The extremum is attained at  $y=0$  and  $z=0$

If  $\cos x_2 = 0$

Then  $c_2 = 0$ ,  $c_4$  remains arbitrary in this case the extremum is,

$$y = c_4 \sin x$$

$$z = -c_4 \sin x$$

4. Find the shortest path from the point  $A(-2, 3)$  to the point  $B(2, 3)$  in the region  $y \leq x^2$ .

Solution:-

The problem is to find the extremum of the function

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{-2}^2 \sqrt{1+y'^2} dx$$

Subject to the

Condition  $y \leq x^2$

Clearly, the extremals of  $I[y(x)]$  are straight line.

i.e)  $y = c_1 + c_2 x$

If  $F$  is the integrand in  $I[y(x)]$  then,

$$F_{y'} y' \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{one side variation.}$$

Let  $F = \sqrt{1+y'^2}$

$$F_{y'} = \frac{y'}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}}$$

$$F_{y'} y' = \frac{y'}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} = \frac{y'}{(1+y'^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{(1+y')^2 - y'^2}{(1+y'^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$F_y y' = \frac{1}{(1+y'^2)^{3/2}} \neq 0$$

Hence by the result of one sides variation it desired extremal with conspct of the straight line A and B. Both tangent to the parabola  $y = x^2$  and of the portion PQ.

Let the abscissa of P and Q be  $-\bar{x}, \bar{x}$  respectively.

The condition of the tangent of A and B, at P and Q.

$$c_1 + c_2 \bar{x} = \bar{x} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$c_2 = 2\bar{x}$$

Since the tangent Q passes through the point  $(-2, 3)$

$$c_1 + 2c_2 = 3 \rightarrow (2)$$

Solving (1) & (2)

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow c_2(\bar{x} - 2) = \bar{x}^2 - 3$$

$$2\bar{x}(\bar{x} - 2) = \bar{x}^2 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = 1, 3$$

$$\therefore \bar{x}_1 = 1, \bar{x}_2 = 3$$

The second value is clearly admissible.

$$\therefore \bar{x} = 1, c_2 = 2\bar{x} \Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow c_1 + 4 = 3$$

$$c_1 = -1$$

The required extremal is

$$AP \Rightarrow y = -1 - 2x \quad \therefore -2 \leq x \leq -1$$

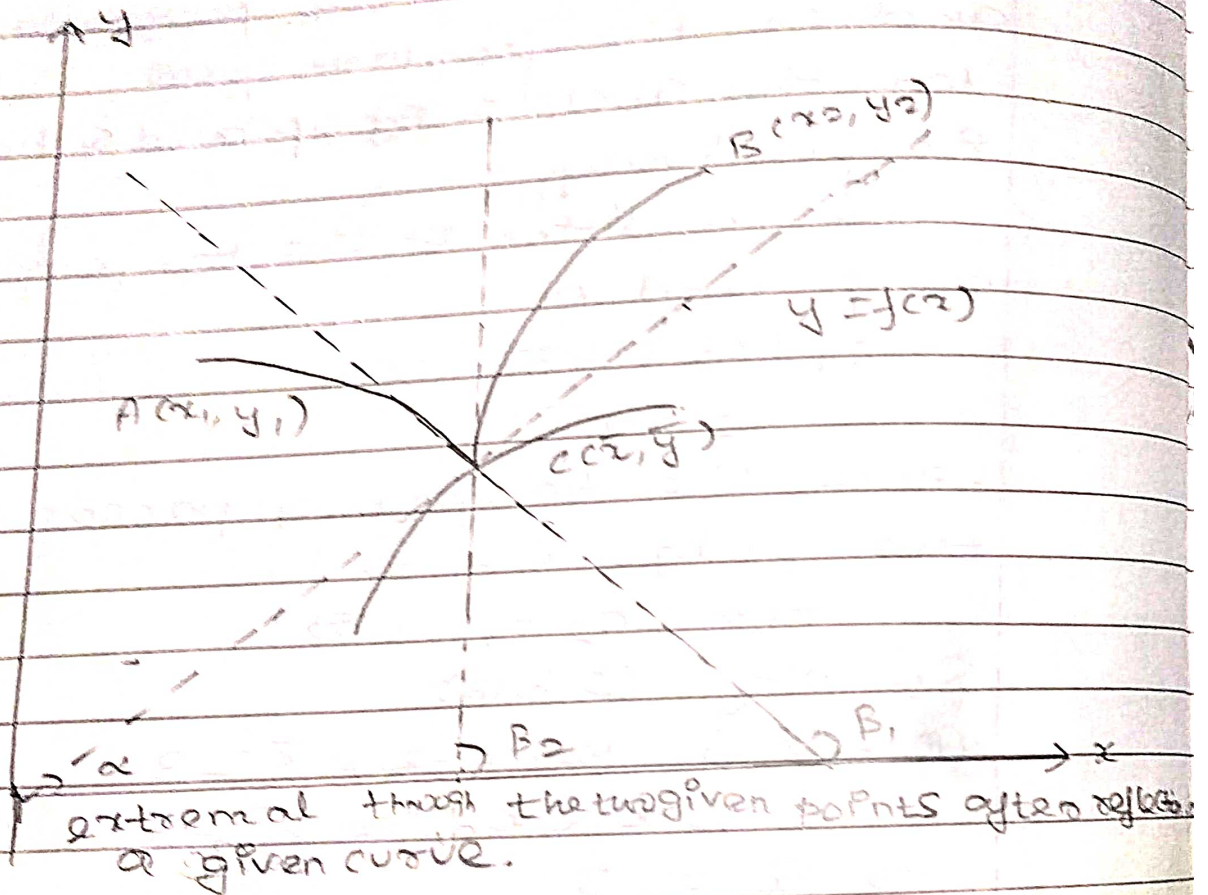
$$PQ \Rightarrow y = x^2 \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$QB \Rightarrow y = -1 + 2x \quad -1 \leq x \leq 2$$

Reflection of extremals:

To find the curve that extremizes the functional  $I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$

and passes through  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  the curve must at  $B$  only after reflection from a given curve  $y = f(x)$ .



It is conceivable that at the point of reflection  $C(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , the desired extremal may have a corner point so that  $y'(\bar{x}-0)$  and  $y'(\bar{x}+0)$  are  $n$  distinct.

Thus the functional can be written as,

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F[x, y, y'] dx + \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F[x, y, y'] dx$$

So that the necessary condition for an extremal is given by,

$$\delta I = 0$$

Then the above equation reduced to

$$\delta \int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F(x, y, y') dx + \delta \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

Evidently the curves AC and CB are both extremal because if we assume that one of the curve is already found and us vary the other one done.

Then the problem reduces to finding the extremals of  $\int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F dx$  (or)  $\int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F dx$  with fixed bounded

point.

Thus for calculating the variation of the functional (1)

we will assume that the functionals are considered only on extremal with corner points.

Thus,

$$\delta \int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F(x, y, y') dx = [F + (f' - y') F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}-0} \delta x$$

$$\delta \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx = -[F + (f' - y') F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}+0} \delta x$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow [F + (f' - y') F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}-0} = [F + (f' - y') F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}+0}$$

↳ (2)

This rotation assumes a particular sample form for a functional of the form.

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} A(x, y) \sqrt{1+y'^2} dx$$

In this case eqn (2) becomes,

$$A(x, y) \left[ \sqrt{1+y'^2} + \frac{(f' - y')y'}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} \right]_{x=\bar{x}=0}$$

$$= A(x, y) \left[ \sqrt{1+y'^2} + \frac{(f' - y')y'}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} \right]_{x=\bar{x}+0}$$

Assuming  $A(x, y) \neq 0$ , the above relation reduces to,

$$\left[ \frac{1+f'y'}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} \right]_{x=\bar{x}=0} = \left[ \frac{1+f'y'}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} \right]_{x=\bar{x}+0}$$

We find that,

$$y'(\bar{x}=0) = \tan \beta_1$$

$$y'(\bar{x}+0) = \tan \beta_2$$

$$f'(\bar{x}) = \tan \alpha$$

The above equation reduced to,

$$\frac{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta_1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \beta_1}} = \frac{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta_2}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \beta_2}}$$

$$\frac{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta_1}{\sec \beta_1} = \frac{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta_2}{\sec \beta_2}$$

$$1 + \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \frac{\sin \beta_1}{\cos \beta_1} = 1 + \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \frac{\sin \beta_2}{\cos \beta_2}$$

$$\sec \beta_1 = \sec \beta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\cos \alpha \cos \beta_1 + \sin \alpha \sin \beta_1)}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta_1 \sec \beta_1}$$

$$= \frac{\cos \alpha \cos \beta_2 + \sin \alpha \sin \beta_2}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta_2 \sec \beta_2}$$

$$= [\cos(\alpha - \beta_2)] = \cos(\alpha - \beta_2)$$

which express the equality of the angle of reflection.

### Refraction of extremals:-

The consider the specific problem of Refraction of light as follows.  
The velocity of light in medium is  $v_1$ , while in medium 2 it is  $v_2$ .

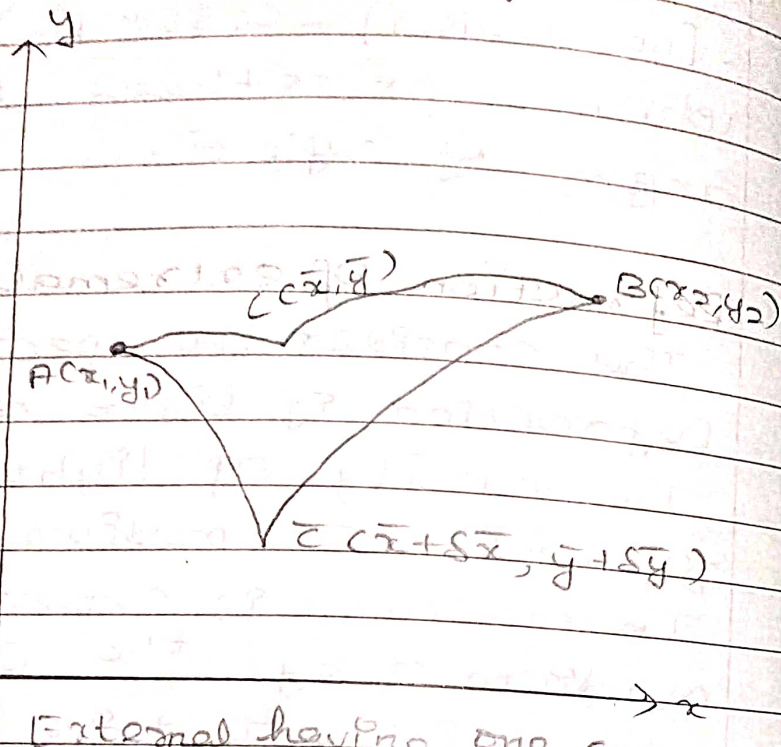
In medium 1 is separated from medium 2 by the curve  $y = \phi(x)$   
We wish to derive the law of refraction of light ray travelling from a point A in medium 1 to a point B in medium 2 subject to the condition that the light ray traverses distance in the shortest time interval in accordance with Fermat's principle.  
Clearly the problem reduces to finding the minimum of the functional

$$I[y(x)] = \int_a^c \frac{c}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} dx + \int_c^b \frac{b}{\sqrt{1+y'^2}} dx$$

$$I[y(x)] = \int_a^b F_1(y') dx + \int_c^b F_2(y') dx \rightarrow (1)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the abscissae  $A$  and  $B$  and  $c$  is the abscissa of a point.

where the extremal from  $A$  to  $B$  meets the curve  $y = y(x)$ .



Extremal having one corner point

It is conceivable that the extremum suffers a jump in  $S$  at the point  $C$ . The necessary condition for an extremum is  $\delta Z = 0$ .

$$\text{Then } [F_1 + (\phi' - y')F_{y'}]_{x=c} = 0 = [F_2 - (\phi' - y')F_{y'}]_{x=c}$$

Since in the present problem  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  given by eqn (1) are functions of  $y'$  only, the extremals are straight line s.t.

$$y = y_1(x) = l_1x + m_1$$

$l_1$  is the extremal in medium 1 and

$y = y_2(x) = l_2x + m_2$  is the extremal in medium 2.

Substituting for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the above equation we get,

$$\frac{\sqrt{1+y_1'^2}}{r_1} + \frac{(\phi(y_1'))}{r_1 \sqrt{1+y_1'^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+y_2'^2}}{r_2} + \frac{(\phi(y_2'))}{r_2 \sqrt{1+y_2'^2}}$$

$$\frac{(1+y_1'^2) + \phi(y_1')^2}{r_1 \sqrt{1+y_1'^2}} = \frac{(1+y_2'^2) + \phi(y_2')^2}{r_2 \sqrt{1+y_2'^2}}$$

$$\frac{1 + \phi(y_1')^2}{r_1 \sqrt{1+y_1'^2}} = \frac{1 + \phi(y_2')^2}{r_2 \sqrt{1+y_2'^2}} \rightarrow (3)$$

Let  $\theta$  be the angle from with  $x$  axis by the tangent to the boundary of the curve  $y = \phi(x)$  at the point C

Let  $\alpha$  be the angle to the left hand ray with the  $x$  axis and  $\beta$  be the angle of the right hand ray with the  $x$  axis.

$$\therefore \phi' = \tan \theta$$

$$y_1' = \tan \alpha, y_2' = \tan \beta$$

(3)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta}{r_1 \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}} = \frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta}{r_2 \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \theta}}$$

$$\frac{1 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}{r_1 \sec \theta} = \frac{1 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta}}{r_2 \sec \theta}$$

$$\frac{\cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha}{\cos \theta \cos \alpha} = \frac{\cos \theta \cos \beta + \sin \theta \sin \beta}{\cos \theta \cos \beta}$$

$$\cos(\theta - \alpha) = \cos(\theta - \beta)$$

$$\frac{\cos(\theta - \alpha)}{r_1} = \frac{\cos(\theta - \beta)}{r_2}$$

where  $\gamma - \alpha$  and  $\gamma - \beta$  are the angles b/w the ray and the tangent to the boundary curve.

Introducing in the place the angle  $\phi$  b/w the normal to the boundary curve and the incident ray.

We obtain a well known law of refraction of light.  
(Snell's law)

$$AS \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \phi} = \frac{\gamma_1}{\gamma_2} = \text{constant}$$

From the foregoing discussion it should not. However be though that a corner point on an extremal occurs only in the problem involving deflection and refraction of extremal. Such a point can exist on an extremal of the functional.

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} F[x, y, y'] dx \text{ where } F \text{ is three times}$$

differentiable and the admissible curve passes through the point  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$ .

Let us now determine the condition must be satisfied the solution of the extremal problem of the above function. We assume that extremal this problem as a corner point at  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  as shown in the figure.

Now AC and CB are the integral curves of Euler's equation for the functional.

If C moves in any function, we get

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F[x, y, y'] dx + \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F[x, y, y'] dx$$

The necessary condition for an extremum is  $\delta I = 0$

$$\therefore [F - y' F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}=0} \delta \bar{x} + [F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}=0} \delta y =$$

$$[F - y' F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}+0} \delta \bar{x} - [F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}+0} \delta y = 0$$

Since  $\delta \bar{x}$  &  $\delta y$  are independent, we get

$$[F - y' F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}=0} = [F - y' F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}+0}$$

$$[F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}=0} = [F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}+0}$$

These conditions are known as Weierstrass-Erdmann corner condition.

5. Find the extremals with the corner points of the function

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} y'^2 [1 - y']^2 dx$$

Solution:-

Given,

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} y'^2 [1 - y']^2 dx$$

where,

$$F = y'^2 [1 - y']^2$$

Here the function depends upon only the extremals are straight line.

i, e)  $y = c_1 x + c_2$

Now at the corner point Condition  
By weierstrass Brachmann Corner  
point condition is,

$$[F - y' F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}_0} = [F - y' F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}_0}$$

$$[F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}_0} = [F_{y'}]_{x=\bar{x}_0}$$

$$F_{y'} = y'^2 [1 - y']^2$$

$$= y'^2 - 2(1 - y')(-1) + (1 - y')^2 2y'$$

$$= -2y'^2(1 - y') + 2y'(1 - y')^2$$

$$= 2y'(1 - y')[1 - y' + (1 - y)']$$

$$F_{y'} = 2y'(1 - y')(1 - 2y')$$

$$F - y' F_{y'} = y'^2 [1 - y']^2 - 2y'^2(1 - y')(1 - 2y')$$

$$= y'^2(1 - y')[1 - y' - 2(1 - 2y)']$$

$$= y'^2(1 - y')(1 - y' - 2 + 4y')$$

$$F - y' F_{y'} = y'^2(1 - y')(3y' - 1)$$

$$-y' F_{y'} = -y'^2(1 - y')(1 - 3y')$$

The condition of the corner points becomes,

$$[-y'^2(1 - y')(1 - 3y')]_{x=\bar{x}_0} = [-y'^2(1 - y')(1 - 3y')]_{x=\bar{x}_0}$$

$$[y'^2(1 - y')(1 - 3y')]_{x=\bar{x}_0} = [y'^2(1 - y')(1 - 3y')]_{x=\bar{x}_0}$$

and

$$[2y'(1 - y')(1 - 2y')]_{x=\bar{x}_0} = [2y'(1 - y')(1 - 2y')]_{x=\bar{x}_0}$$

$$[y'(1-y)(1-2y)]_{x=\bar{x}-0}^{x=\bar{x}+0} = [y'(1-y)(1-2y)]_{x=\bar{x}-0}^{x=\bar{x}+0}$$

If we ignore the trivial possibility  $y'(\bar{x}-0)$  and  $y'(\bar{x}+0)$

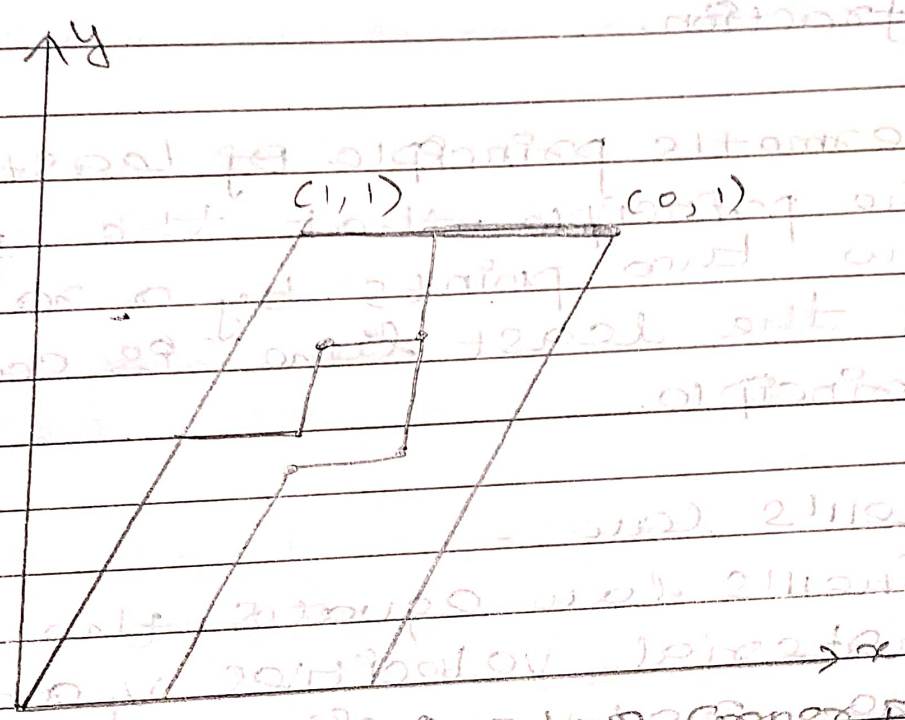
we find the above equation are satisfied for either,

$$y(\bar{x}-0)=0, y(\bar{x}+0)=1$$

$$y(\bar{x}-0)=1, y(\bar{x}+0)=0$$

Thus the broken line extremal

consist of segments of straight line belonging to the family  $y=A$ , and  $y=x+A$ .



extremal having two corner point

If the integral  $I[y(x)]$  is denoted by  $F$  then  $F_y|_y = 2y'(1-y)(1-2y)$  to this is a possible end point of the existence of corner points.

1. Angle of Incident:-

The angle b/w Incident ray and normal to surface is known as Angle of Incident.

2. Angle of reflected,

The angle b/w reflected ray and normal to the surface is known as angle reflected,

3. Angle of Refraction:-

The angle b/w refraction ray and the normal to the surface is Refraction.

4. Fermat's principle of least time:-  
The principle that the path taken b/w two points by a ray of light is the least time is called Fermat's principle.

5. Snell's law:-

Snell's law equates the ratio of material velocities  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  to the ratio of sine of incident angle  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$

$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

### 6. Geodesic:-

A Geodesic on a surface is the curve along with the distance b/w any two point of the surface is minimum.

### 7. Abel's Integral equation:-

The Integral equation

$$\int_0^x \frac{y(x)}{x-t} dx = \alpha(x)$$

$\alpha(x)$  is any given function and  $\alpha$  is a constant.  $0 < \alpha < 1$  is called Abel's Integral equation.

### 8. Integro-differential eqn:-

An Integral equation is which various derivative of the unknown function  $y(x)$  are all present is called Integro-differential equation.

Ex:-

$$y'(x) = y(x) - \cos x \int_0^x \sin(x-t) y(t) dt.$$