

Calculus of Variations

solved problems

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1 Solving the Euler equation

Theorem.(Euler) Suppose $f(x, y, y')$ has continuous partial derivatives of the second order on the interval $[a, b]$. If a functional $F(y) = \int_a^b f(x, y, y')dx$ attains a weak relative extrema at y_0 , then y_0 is a solution of the following equation

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

It is called the *Euler equation*.

1.1 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 12x y(x) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 12x y(x) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 12xy + z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 12x$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$12x - 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = x^3 + C_1 x + C_2$$

Info.

cubic_polynomial

Comment.

no_comment

1.2 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 3x + \sqrt{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)} dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 3x + \sqrt{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)}$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 3x + \sqrt{z}$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)}{(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x))^{(3/2)}}$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)}{(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x))^{(3/2)}} = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -C1 x + -C2$$

Info.

linear_function

Comment.

no_comment

1.3 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b x + y(x)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x + y(x)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = x + y^2 + 3z$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 3$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = 0$$

Info.

constant_solution

Comment.

no_comment

1.4 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = 0$$

Info.

zero

Comment.

no_comment

1.5 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 + x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 + x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 + x^2 z$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2x$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) - 2x = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = x$$

Info.

linear

Comment.

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1.6 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x) + x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) + x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y + x z$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$0 = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = Y(x)$$

Info.

all_functions

Comment.

no_comment

1.7 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) dx$$

Hint:

elementary

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = z$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$0 = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = Y(x)$$

Info.

all_functions

Comment.

no_comment

1.8 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

missing_x

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 - z^2$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) + 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = _C1 \cos(x) + _C2 \sin(x)$$

Info.

trig_functions

Comment.

no_comment

1.9 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2} dx$$

Hint:

missing_x_y

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}$$

in the form

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

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)^2}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -\frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} + \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}}$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} - \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}} = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = _C1 x + _C2$$

Info.

linear_function

Comment.

no_comment

1.10 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

missing_y

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = xz + z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1 + 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-1 - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{4} x^2 + C_1 x + C_2$$

Info.

quadratic_function

Comment.

no_comment

1.11 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b (1+x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = (1+x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = (1+x) z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2(1+x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) + 2(1+x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) - 2(1+x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -C1 + -C2 \ln(1+x)$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.12 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 2y(x) e^x + y(x)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y(x) e^x + y(x)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 2y e^x + y^2 + z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2e^x + 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2e^x + 2y(x) - 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cosh(x)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cosh(x) \sinh(x) + \frac{1}{2} x\right) \sinh(x) \\ + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cosh(x) \sinh(x) + \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} \cosh(x)^2\right) \cosh(x) + _C1 \sinh(x) + _C2 \cosh(x)$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.13 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 2y(x) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y(x) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 2y + z^2$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2 - 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C_1 x + C_2$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.14 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^3 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^3$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 2z^3$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 6 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 12 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-12 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -C1$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.15 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 4x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 4xz + z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4x + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4 + 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-4 - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -x^2 + C_1 x + C_2$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.16 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 7 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^3 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 7 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^3$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 7 z^3$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 21 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 42 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-42 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -C1$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.17 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \sqrt{y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)} dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \sqrt{y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)}$$

in the form

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

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)^2}{\sqrt{y(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)^2)}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{y \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)}{\sqrt{y(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)^2)}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = & \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right) + 2y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)\right)}{\left(y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)\right)^{(3/2)}} \\ & + \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}{\sqrt{y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)}} + \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\sqrt{y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)}} \end{aligned}$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y(x)}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right) + 2y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)\right)}{\left(y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)\right)^{(3/2)}} \\ - \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}{\sqrt{y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)}} - \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\sqrt{y(x) \left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{4 + C_1^2 x^2 + 2 C_1^2 x C_2 + C_2^2 - C_1^2}{C_1}$$

Info.

quadratic_function

Comment.

no_comment

1.18 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b x y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = x y z$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) + x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-y(x) - x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = 0$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.19 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b x y(x) + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x y(x) + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = x y + 2 z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$x - 4 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{24} x^3 + _C1 x + _C2$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.20 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b x y(x) + y(x)^2 - 2y(x)^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x y(x) + y(x)^2 - 2y(x)^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = x y + y^2 - 2y^2 z$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = x + 2y - 4y \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -2y^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -4y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$x + 2y(x) + 4y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{2} x$$

Info.

no_extremal

Comment.

no_comment

1.21 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x) \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2} dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}$$

in the form

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

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)^2}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{y \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)^2}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \\ \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}} - \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} + \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$1 - \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}} + \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2\right)^{3/2}} - \frac{y(x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2}} = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1 + \left(e^{\sqrt{-C1}(x+C2)}\right)^2}{e^{\sqrt{-C1}(x+C2)} \sqrt{-C1}}$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.22 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = yz$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = Y(x)$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.23 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 y \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 + 2 y(x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 - 2 y(x) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = 0$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.24 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 + 2x y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 + 2x y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 + 2x y z$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y + 2x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2x y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y(x) + 2x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-2x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = Y(x)$$

Info.

all_functions

Comment.

no_comment

1.25 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 + 4y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 + 4y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 + 4yz + 4z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y + 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4y + 8 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 8 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) - 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 8 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = _C1 \cosh\left(\frac{1}{2} x\right) + _C2 \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2} x\right)$$

Info.

two_exponentials

Comment.

no_comment

1.26 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 + y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 + y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 + yz + z^2$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -C1 \sinh(x) + -C2 \cosh(x)$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.27 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b 2y(x) e^x + y(x)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y(x) e^x + y(x)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = 2y e^x + y^2 + z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2e^x + 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2e^x + 2y(x) - 2\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) = & \left(\frac{1}{2} \cosh(x)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cosh(x) \sinh(x) + \frac{1}{2} x\right) \sinh(x) \\ & + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cosh(x) \sinh(x) + \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} \cosh(x)^2\right) \cosh(x) + _C1 \sinh(x) + _C2 \cosh(x) \end{aligned}$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.28 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 - 2y(x) \sin(x) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)\right)^2 - 2y(x) \sin(x)$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 + z^2 - 2y \sin(x)$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y - 2 \sin(x)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) - 2 \sin(x) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)\right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) = & \left(\frac{1}{4} e^x \cos(x) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(x) e^x + \frac{1}{4} e^{(-x)} \cos(x) + \frac{1}{4} e^{(-x)} \sin(x)\right) \sinh(x) \\ & + \left(-\frac{1}{4} e^x \cos(x) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(x) e^x + \frac{1}{4} e^{(-x)} \cos(x) + \frac{1}{4} e^{(-x)} \sin(x)\right) \cosh(x) \\ & + _C1 \sinh(x) + _C2 \cosh(x) \end{aligned}$$

Info.

exponentials_and_sin

Comment.

no_comment

1.29 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x)^2 - 4y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x)^2 - 4y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y^2 - 4yz + 4z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2y - 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -4y + 8 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 8 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$2y(x) + 4 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 8 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = _C1 \cosh\left(\frac{1}{2} x\right) + _C2 \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2} x\right)$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.30 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x) + y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) + y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y + yz + z + \frac{1}{2} z^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y + 1 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$1 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C_1 x + C_2$$

Info.

quadratic_function

Comment.

no_comment

1.31 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b y(x) - y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = y(x) - y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = y - yz + xz^2$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = -y + 2x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 2x \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$1 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 2x \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} x + .C1 + .C2 \ln(x)$$

Info.

not_supplied

Comment.

no_comment

1.32 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) (1 + x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) (1 + x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right))$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = z (1 + x^2 z)$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 1 + 2x^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 4x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) + 2x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-4x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 2x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = -C1 + \frac{-C2}{x}$$

Info.

hyperbolic_function

Comment.

no_comment

1.33 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \frac{(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x))^2}{x^3} dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \frac{(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x))^2}{x^3}$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{z^2}{x^3}$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y}{x^3}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)}{x^3} - 6 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)}{x^4}$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-2 \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x)}{x^3} + 6 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)}{x^4} = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = _C1 + _C2 x^4$$

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1.34 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 + 2y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 16y(x)^2 dx$$

Hint:

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Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 + 2y(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) - 16y(x)^2$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = z^2 + 2yz - 16y^2$$

Substituting we $x, y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x, y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right) - 32y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right) + 2y$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-32y(x) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = _C1 \cos(4x) + _C2 \sin(4x)$$

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1.35 Problem.

Using the Euler equation find the extremals for the following functional

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 + \cos(y(x)) dx$$

Hint:

no_hint

Solution.

We denote auxiliary function f

$$f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x) \right)^2 + \cos(y(x))$$

in the form

$$f(x, y, z) = z^2 + \cos(y)$$

Substituting we x , $y(x)$ and $y'(x)$ for x , y and z we obtain the integrand in the given functional. We compute partial derivatives

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

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} y \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial z} f(x, y(x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(x)) = 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right)$$

and finally obtain the Euler equation for our functional

$$-\sin(y(x)) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} y(x) \right) = 0$$

We solve it using various tools and obtain the solution

$$y(x) = 0$$

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