

Integral Equations, Calculus of Variations and their Applications
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Lecture 49
Variational problems of general type

Hello friends, I welcome you to the lecture on variational problems of general type, so far we consider the variational problems which involved a process which were found by integrating a certain differential expression,

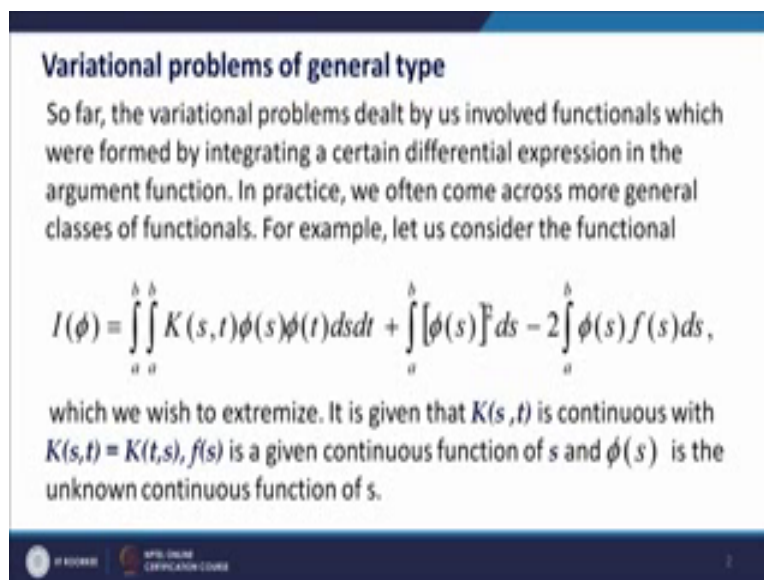
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Variational problems of general type

So far, the variational problems dealt by us involved functionals which were formed by integrating a certain differential expression in the argument function. In practice, we often come across more general classes of functionals. For example, let us consider the functional

$$I(\phi) = \int_a^b \int_a^b K(s, t) \phi(s) \phi(t) ds dt + \int_a^b [\phi(s)]^2 ds - 2 \int_a^b \phi(s) f(s) ds,$$

which we wish to extremize. It is given that $K(s, t)$ is continuous with $K(s, t) = K(t, s)$, $f(s)$ is a given continuous function of s and $\phi(s)$ is the unknown continuous function of s .



If you recall we had considered such type of functionals, now in practice we often come across more than the (cases) classes of (function) functionals, for example let us consider the functional $I(\phi)$ equal to integral a to b .

Integral a to b $k(s, t)$ into $\phi(s) \phi(t)$ $ds dt$ plus integral over a to b , $\phi(s)$ whole square into ds minus two times integral a to b , $\phi(s)$ into $f(s)$ ds which we wish to extremize.

It is given to us that the function $k(s, t)$ is a continuous function with the property of symmetry that is $k(s, t)$ is equal to $k(t, s)$ and $f(s)$ is the given continuous function of s , ϕ is the unknown continuous function of s .

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Replacing ϕ by $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$ and considering $I(\phi + \epsilon \zeta) = \psi(\epsilon)$, we get

$$\delta I = \left(\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=0} = 2 \int_a^b \zeta(t) \left(\int_a^b K(s, t) \phi(s) ds + \phi(t) - f(t) \right) dt.$$

For extremum, putting $\delta I = 0$, we get

$$\int_a^b K(s, t) \phi(s) ds + \phi(t) = f(t), \quad \dots(1)$$

as the Euler equation for the given variational problem.

Now in order to find the variation of this functional, we replace ϕ by $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$

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$$\delta I = \int_a^b \int_a^b \lambda(s, t) \{ J(\phi + \epsilon \zeta) - J(\phi) \} ds dt$$

$$+ 2 \int_a^b \phi(s) \zeta(s) ds$$

$$- 2 \int_a^b J(s) \zeta(s) ds$$

Then, we know that $\delta I = \left(\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=0}$

We have $I[\phi] = \int_a^b \int_a^b K(s, t) \phi(s) \phi(t) ds dt + \int_a^b \phi(s)^2 ds - 2 \int_a^b \phi(s) f(s) ds$

Replacing ϕ by $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$, we have

$$\psi(\epsilon) = \int_a^b \int_a^b K(s, t) (\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s)) (\phi(t) + \epsilon \zeta(t)) ds dt + \int_a^b (\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s))^2 ds - 2 \int_a^b (\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s)) f(s) ds$$

And let us consider i be replaced by $i + \epsilon \zeta$ and let us assume that $I + \epsilon \zeta$ is equal to $\psi(\epsilon)$, (ψ is a function of ϵ), then we know that ΔI is nothing but $\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon}$ at $\epsilon = 0$, so let us apply this formula (al lal) let us see how we get the value of ΔI .

We have $I = \int_a^b \int_a^b k(s,t) \phi(s) \phi(t) d(s) dt + \int_a^b \phi(s)^2 d(s)$ and then we have minus two times $\int_a^b \phi(s) d(s)$, so in this functional let us replace ϕ by $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$ ok, so replacing we have $\psi(\epsilon) = \int_a^b \int_a^b k(s,t) (\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s)) (\phi(t) + \epsilon \zeta(t)) d(s) dt + \int_a^b (\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s))^2 d(s)$ we are replacing by $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$.

So $\phi(s)$ will become $\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s)$, $\phi(t)$ will be, $\phi(t) + \epsilon \zeta(t)$ into $d(s) dt$ and here we shall have $\phi(s)$ will become $\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s)$ minus two times $\int_a^b \phi(s) d(s)$ will become into $\int_a^b f(s) ds$, now in order to determine Δe , let us differentiate ψ with respect to ϵ , so then $\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon}$ will be $k(s,t)$ when we differentiate (th th th) this with respect to ϵ we have here product of two functionals.

Which depend on ϵ , so we apply the formula of derivative of a product of two functionals, so first we differentiate this and when we differentiate this with respect to ϵ we get $\zeta(s)$, into $\phi(t) + \epsilon \zeta(t)$ plus, now we differentiate ok second function with respect to ϵ , so $\zeta(t)$ into $\phi(s) + \epsilon \zeta(s)$ $d(s) dt$ and then we come to this one second, so plus $\int_a^b 2\phi(s) \zeta(s) d(s)$.

And then here when we differentiate with respect to ϵ , we get $\zeta(s)$, now when we differentiate here we get minus two times $\int_a^b \phi(s) d(s)$, this will be when we differentiated this (with respect) with respect to ϵ we get $\zeta(s)$ into $\int_a^b f(s) ds$, now Δe is equal to $\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon}$ and when $\epsilon = 0$, so Δe is equal to, let us put $\epsilon = 0$, so what we get $\int_a^b \int_a^b k(s,t) \zeta(s) \phi(t) d(s) dt + \int_a^b 2\phi(s) \zeta(s) d(s)$ into Δe .

So $\phi(t) + \epsilon \zeta(t)$ into $\phi(s) d(s) dt$, and when we get two times $\int_a^b \phi(s) d(s)$ when we put the $\epsilon = 0$ $\phi(s)$ into $\int_a^b \zeta(s) ds$ minus two times $\int_a^b \phi(s) d(s)$ into $\int_a^b f(s) ds$, so this is Δe , when we put $\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon}$ when we find $\frac{d\psi}{d\epsilon}$

at $\delta I = 0$ and $\epsilon = 0$, we get $\delta I = 0$ and now this can be put further in this form, this can be written as now (you can) we can see here that this is $k(s, t) \phi(s) \psi(t)$.

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$$\delta I = \int_a^b \int_a^b \lambda(s, t) \{ J(s) \phi(t) + J(t) \phi(s) \} ds dt$$

$$+ 2 \int_a^b \phi(s) \psi(s) ds$$

$$- 2 \int_a^b J(s) \phi(s) ds$$

since $J(t)$ is arbitrary
 we have

$$\int_a^b \lambda(s, t) \phi(s) ds - \phi(t) - f(t) = 0$$
 or

$$\int_a^b \lambda(s, t) \phi(s) ds - f(t) = \phi(t)$$
 (Fredholm integral equation)

$$\delta I = \int_a^b \int_a^b \lambda(s, t) \phi(s) \phi(t) ds dt$$

for extremum, $\delta I = 0$
 so

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \lambda(s, t) \phi(s) \phi(t) ds dt = 0$$

Here we have $k(s, t) \phi(s) \psi(t)$ in the first (extremum) integral if you interchange s and t the limits will remain the same, we will have integral a to b , integral a to b here we shall get $k(t, s)$ and then here we will get $\phi(t) \psi(s)$ and we will get $ds dt$ when we interchange t and s , now we are assuming that $k(s, t)$ and $k(t, s)$ are same this is first integral, first term in the above expression, so this is nothing but integral a to b integral a to b .

$k(s, t)$ is equal to $k(t, s)$ so we can write $k(s, t)$ into $\phi(t) \psi(s)$ also we can write $ds dt$, now we can write it so thus we can write $\delta I = 0$, so the first term in the above expression can be written like this and hence $\delta I = 0$ is equal to integral over a to b $\phi(t) \psi(s)$ minus integral over a to b , $k(s, t) \phi(s) \psi(t)$ and for maximum $\delta I = 0$ is equal to zero, (so) hence so for a maximum.

So we get integral a to b $\phi(t) \psi(s)$ times integral a to b $k(s, t) \phi(s) \psi(t)$ into minus $\phi(s) \psi(s)$, here it will be $ds dt$ also, now this I am ready to write because this is the definite integral, here when we change the integral (they be) variables (s, t) what do we find $k(s, t)$ as $k(s, t)$ becomes $k(t, s)$ but $k(s, t)$ and $k(t, s)$ (as) $k(t, s)$ are same so we get $k(s, t)$ and then $\phi(t) \psi(s)$ into $ds dt$, here also we get $\phi(t) \psi(s)$ into $ds dt$ so this becomes double.

Therefore we get when we combine first term with the second term we get twice integral a to b integral a to b, $k(s,t) \zeta(t)$ into $\phi(s) ds dt$ and here these are (intra) definite integrals we can change the (variable of) variable of integration from s to t , so this will become two times a to t , k to $b \phi(t) \zeta(t) dt$ and this is minus two times integral a to $b \zeta(t) f(s)$ this was ds , so $\zeta(t) f(t) dt$, so that quantity we have written in this form.

Now for a maximum δe is equal to zero, so we get this since $\delta \zeta(t)$ is added to the, $\zeta(t)$ is arbitrary we have the condition that integral a to $b k(s,t)$ into $\phi(s) ds$ minus $\phi(t)$ minus $f(t)$ equal to zero or integral a to $b k(s,t)$ into $\phi(s) ds$ minus $f(t)$ is equal to $\phi(t)$, which is a Fredholm integral equation of (sec) second kind, now so we notice that we get this Fredholm integral equation which is the either equation for the given variational problem.

Because this equation we are getting by putting δe equal to zero, so this Fredholm integral equation, so what we want to emphasize is that the either equation for the given variational problem is nothing but the Fredholm integral equation where ϕ is the unknown function.

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It is to be noticed that the equation (1) is a Fredholm integral equation.

Example 2. Let us consider the functional

$$J[\phi] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[p(x)(\phi'(x))^2 + 2\phi(x+1)\phi(x-1) - \phi^2(x) - 2\phi(x)f(x) \right] dx$$

which we want to extremize. Let us assume that the argument function is continuous and has a piecewise continuous derivative in the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$.

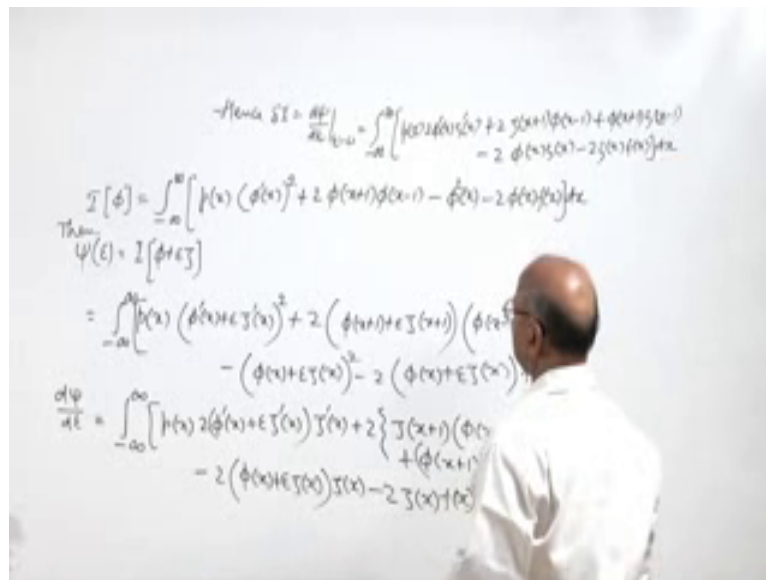
Let us now go to the second example, let us consider this functional $J[\phi]$ equal to integral over minus infinity to infinity $p(x) (\phi'(x))^2 + 2\phi(x+1)\phi(x-1) - \phi^2(x) - 2\phi(x)f(x)$ plus one .

Into $\phi^2 - \phi^3$ into $f(x)$ dx which we raise to extremize, let us assume that the argument function is continuous and has a piecewise continuous derivative in the interval minus infinity to infinity,

So now see how we get the reification for this version version problem so again we will, what we will do is, we will replace ϕ by $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$ and then we shall call $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$ as ψ .

We will differentiate ψ with respect to ϵ and then put ϵ equal to zero, ϵ equal to zero to get the δ and then for an δ ϵ is equal to zero, so when we put ζ δ equal to zero and you decide that $\zeta(t)$ is an arbitrary function, we shall get the δ equation for the variational problem.

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So let us see are we are given that, $\delta J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx [f(x) (\phi'(x))^2 + 2\phi(x+1)\phi(x-1) - \phi(x)^3 - 2\phi(x)\zeta(x)]$

So let us put $\phi + \epsilon \zeta$ in place of ϕ and call it as ψ , $\psi = \phi + \epsilon \zeta$ then δJ will be $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx [f(x) (\phi'(x) + \epsilon \zeta'(x))^2 + 2(\phi(x+1) + \epsilon \zeta(x+1))(\phi(x-1) + \epsilon \zeta(x-1)) - (\phi(x) + \epsilon \zeta(x))^3 - 2(\phi(x) + \epsilon \zeta(x))\zeta(x)]$

times $\phi(x+1)$ will be $\phi(x+1) + \epsilon \zeta(x+1)$ then $\phi(x-1)$ will be $\phi(x-1) + \epsilon \zeta(x-1)$.

Minus $\phi^2(x)$ will be $\phi(x) + \epsilon \zeta(x)$ whole square and then minus two times $\phi(x) + \epsilon \zeta(x)$ into $f(x) dx$, so let us differentiate $\psi(\epsilon)$, ψ with respect to ϵ , so $d\psi/d\epsilon$ will be equal to minus infinity to infinity $\phi(x)$ derivative here will be two times $\phi'(x) + \epsilon \zeta'(x)$ into $\zeta'(x)$ plus here what we will get that the product of two functions of ϵ we have so two times ϕ .

When we differentiate with respect to ϵ we get $\zeta(x+1)$ into $\phi(x-1) + \epsilon \zeta(x-1)$ and then we differentiate the second one, so $\phi(x+1) + \epsilon \zeta(x+1)$ into $\zeta(x-1)$ and then we come here so minus two times $\phi(x) + \epsilon \zeta(x)$ into $\zeta(x)$ and then we come here so we get what, derivative with respect to ϵ will give you $\zeta(x)$ here.

So to minus two $\zeta(x) f(x)$ into dx , now let us put ϵ equal to zero here in order to get Δ , so then Δ equal to, this equal to what we will put, we will put ϵ equal to zero here, so we get minus infinity to infinity $d(x)$ then here we get two $\phi'(x) \zeta'(x)$, here we will get two times $\zeta(x+1)$ into $\phi(x-1)$ and here we shall have, and $\phi(x+1) \zeta(x-1)$ then we have minus two times ϵ equal to zero $\phi(x) \zeta(x)$. And here we get minus (j) two $\zeta(x) f(x) dx$.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical derivations. At the top, it states:

$$- \text{Hence } \delta I = \frac{\delta J}{\delta u} \delta u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[p(x) \delta \phi(x) + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \delta \phi(x) + q(x) \delta \psi(x) - 2 \phi(x) \psi(x) - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x) \delta \phi(x) \right] dx = 0$$
 Below this, it says "For an extremum, $\delta I = 0$ " and shows:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[p(x) \delta \phi(x) + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x) \delta \phi(x) + q(x) \delta \psi(x) - 2 \phi(x) \psi(x) - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x) \delta \phi(x) \right] dx = 0$$
 Then it says "we have" and shows:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \delta \phi(x) dx = \left[p(x) \phi(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(x) \phi(x))' \psi(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(x) \phi(x))' \psi(x) dx$$
 Finally, it says "Then $\delta I = 0 \Rightarrow$ " and shows:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ (p(x) \phi(x))' - \phi(x-1) - \phi(x+1) + \phi(x) + f(x) \right\} \psi(x) dx = 0$$
 A note below says "Since $\psi(x)$ is arbitrary $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ".

As we know for an extremum delta I equal to zero, so what we will get minus infinity to infinity we can write it as d(x) we can divide the whole equation, this is equal to zero and after that we can divide the whole equation by two so p(x) phi dash(x) into zeta dash (x) dx plus now integral over minus infinity to infinity zeta(x plus 1) phi (x minus 1).

We can put as replacing (x plus 1) by x, what we will get the limits determine minus infinity to infinity, so we will get zeta (x) phi in place of x we are putting (x minus 1) so (x minus two) plus in the second one we are putting(x minus 1) in place of x, so (phi) no in place of (x minus 1) we are putting x, so x is replaced by (x minus) (x plus 1) so phi (x plus 2) zeta (x) and then here we get minus two phi(x) zeta(x) sorry not 2, 2 is divided phi(x) zeta (x).

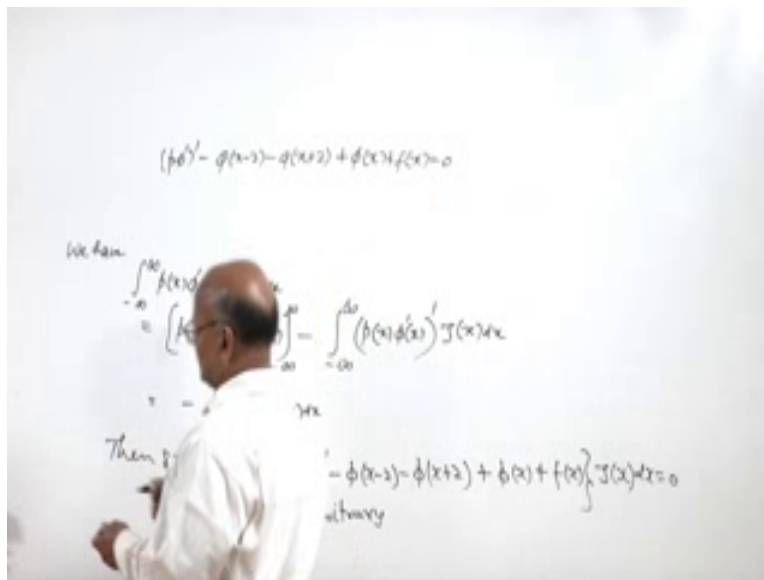
And then we get minus zeta(x) f(x) dx equal to zero, now we do the following , let us look at the first integral here, integrating by powers p(x) into phi dash(x) into zeta dash (x) mean we write this is equal to integration by powers, so this I call as one function, this as second function, so (minus) sorry so we have integration with first function into integral of zeta dash (x) which is zeta (x), derivative of first function so p phi dash x.

p(x) into phi dash (x) is dash, derivative of the first function into zeta(x) dx, this is equal to minus integral minus infinity to infinity p phi dash dash into zeta(x) dx, where we assume that p(x) tends to zero as x tends plus minus infinity, so this quantity goes to zero as x goes to plus

minus infinity, now (let let) putting this value here ok, so so then delta e equal to zero, we imply that first term will be replaced by this ok.

So what we will have minus infinity to infinity p phi dash dash ok, we will take zeta(x) coming from all the terms so minus phi(x) minus 2 minus phi (x) plus 2 ok, plus phi(x) plus f(x) into zeta(x) we get this when we substitute this value here ok, multiply the whole equation by minus 1 we get this,

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Now see zeta(x) is again, since zeta(x) is arbitrary we get p phi dash dash minus phi(x) minus 2. This equation which is the Euler equation for this problem and we noticed that this equation is nothing but the (differential) difference equation for the argument function phi(x).

So such variational problems are often encountered in practice where we in the first case we have seen that we get the Euler equation as the Fredholm integral equation of the (ff) second kind and in the second case we get a differential difference equation for the unknown function phi(x),

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Variational principle for the equation $y''(x) = f(x, y, y')$:
It turns out that any equation of the above type is a Euler equation for some functional

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx. \quad \dots(3)$$

We know that the necessary condition for an extremum of equation (3) is

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

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Now let us also consider, next we consider variational principle for the equation by double dash x equal to f(x) y by dash ok, so let's consider the variational principle for the equation by double dash equal to f(x) by by dash,

What we (see) noticed here is that any equation of this type is a either equation for some functional i by x equal to integral x one to x two f(x) by by dash d(x) how we will show this.

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

Let us (let us notice) let us remember that the necessary condition for an extremum of the equation is by x equal to integral x one to x two f(x) by y dash is delta four delta y minus d over d(x) of,

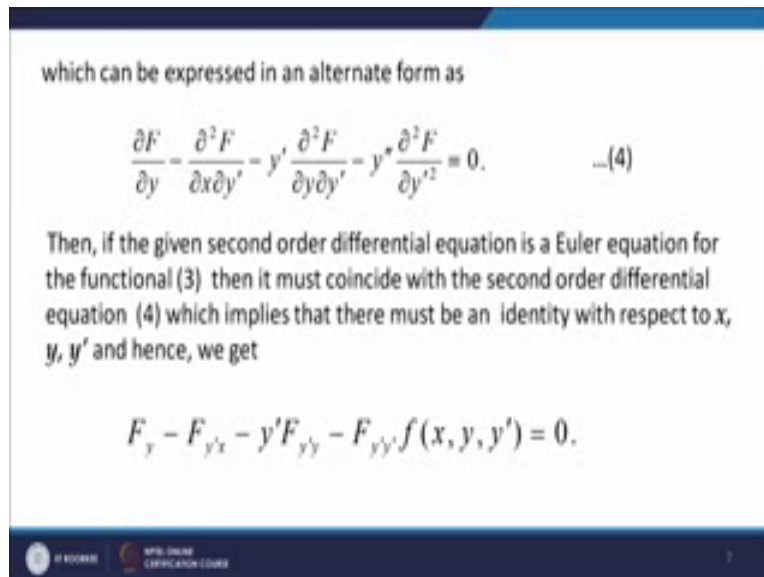
This we know already that if we have a functional like this then in necessary condition for an extremum of this equation is this,

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which can be expressed in an alternate form as

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y'} - y' \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial y'} - y'' \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y'^2} = 0. \quad \dots(4)$$

Then, if the given second order differential equation is a Euler equation for the functional (3) then it must coincide with the second order differential equation (4) which implies that there must be an identity with respect to x, y, y' and hence, we get

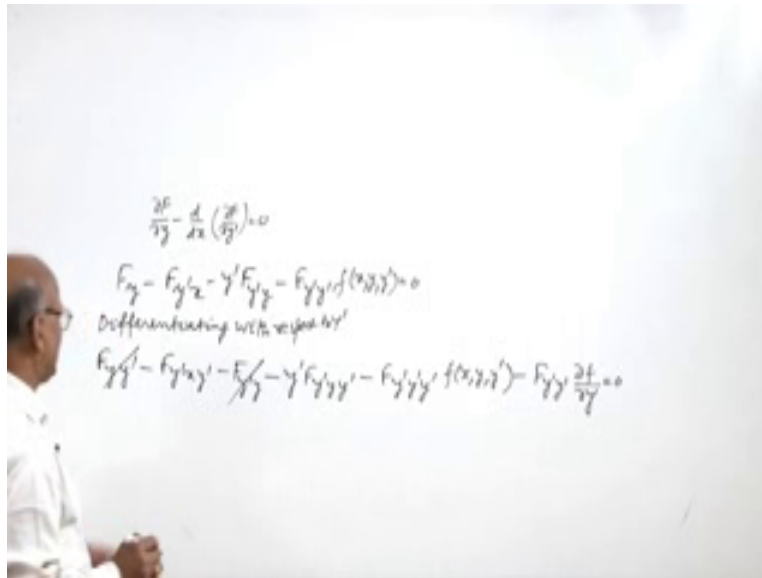
$$F_y - F_{yx} - y' F_{yy} - F_{yy'} f(x, y, y') = 0.$$


Now if this (will) either equation can be pretend in a alternate form as delta f over delta y minus delta square f over delta x delta y dash minus y dash into delta square f by delta y delta y dash minus y double dash into delta square f over delta y dash square equal to zero.

So if the given second order differential equation is a either equation for the functional given by three then it must coincide with the second order differential equation which is the equation number four, which implies that there must be an identity with respect to x y n y dash.

So what we will get, the equation four will then become f y minus f y dash x minus y dash times f y dash y minus f y dash y dash and then this , y double dash we shall replace by f(x,y,y dash) this is given to us y double dash x equal to f(x) by y dash,

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So this will be replaced here and then what we will do is let us differentiate this equation with respect to y' , so we have f_y minus $f_y' x$ minus f_y' times $f_y' y$ and then we have $f_{yy} y' y' y'$ into $f(x) y'$ y' dash equal to zero F_y minus $f_y' (x)$ minus y' times $f_{yy} y'$ minus $f_y' y'$ $f(x) y'$ equal to zero,

Now this equation we differentiate with respect to y' , so what we will get, now differentiating with respect to y' , what we get $f_{yy} y'$ minus $f_y' x y'$ minus derivative with respect to y' will give you the derivative of y' with respect to y' is one.

So $f_y' y'$ minus y' minus y' times $f_y' y'$ and then we get $f_y' y'$ y' dash $f(x) y'$ y' dash minus $f_y' y'$ y' dash into $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} y'$ equal to zero, now $f_y' y'$ is same as $f_y' y'$ assuming the continuity of second order with partial derivative here, so this will cancel with this and then what we get ,

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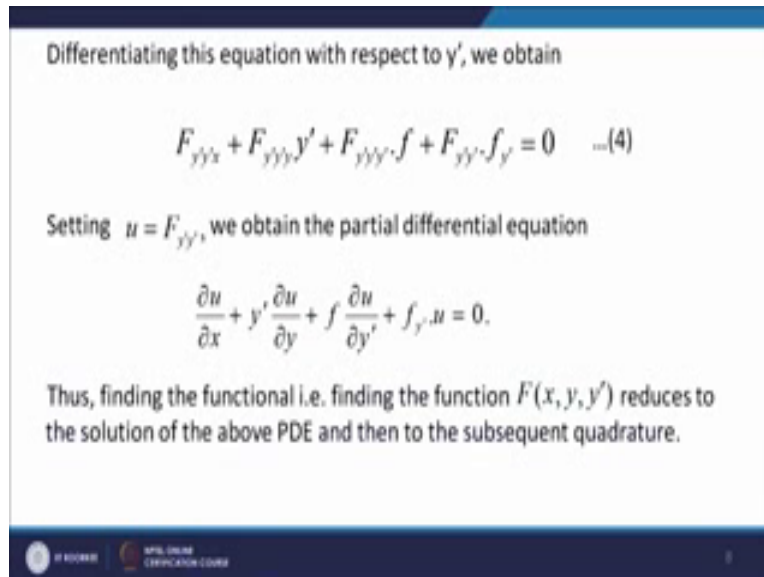
Differentiating this equation with respect to y' , we obtain

$$F_{y'yx} + F_{y'yy}y' + F_{y'yy'}f + F_{y'y'}f_{y'} = 0 \quad \dots(4)$$

Setting $u = F_{y'y}$, we obtain the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y' \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + f \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} + f_{y'}u = 0.$$

Thus, finding the functional i.e. finding the function $F(x, y, y')$ reduces to the solution of the above PDE and then to the subsequent quadrature.



We will get the equation as $f_{y'yx} + f_{y'yy}y' + f_{y'yy'}f + f_{y'y'}f_{y'} = 0$.
Into $f_{y'yx} + f_{y'yy}y' + f_{y'yy'}f + f_{y'y'}f_{y'} = 0$ with respect to y' , we arrive at the equation this which is nothing but $f_{y'yy}y' + f_{y'yy'}f + f_{y'y'}f_{y'} = 0$.

Now let us set $f_{y'yy}$ to be equal to u then this equation will give you partial derivative of u , first term will give partial derivative of u with respect to x .

Plus y' times partial derivative of u with respect to y plus f times partial derivative of u with respect to y' plus $f_{y'}u = 0$, so thus in order to find the functional that is the function $f(x, y, y')$ we have to solve the above PDE for the function u and then we have to do the subsequent quadrature because once u is known the functional f can be found from the equation $u = f_{y'yy}$.

With that I would like to conclude this lecture thank you very much for your attention.