

Integral Equations, Calculus of Variations and Their Applications.

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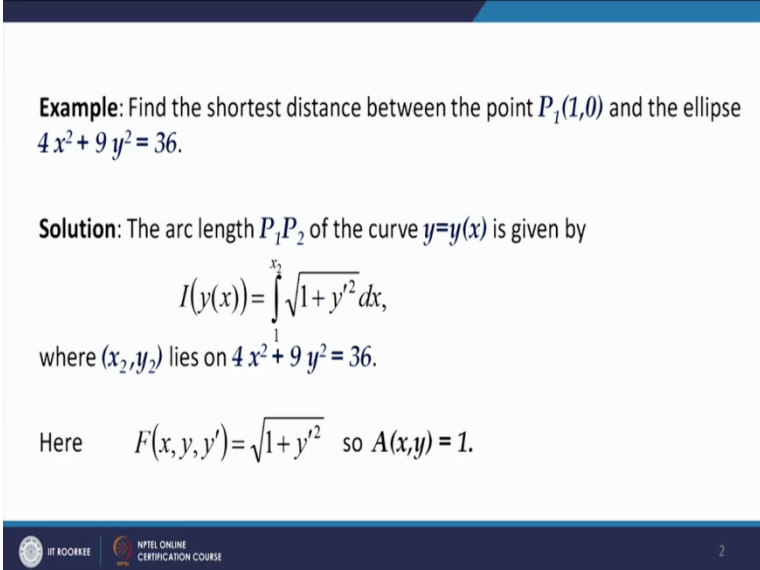
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Lecture-57.

Variational Problems with Moving Boundaries-III.

Hello friends and welcome to the lecture on variational problems with moving boundaries. 1st we will discuss some examples where we will see one endpoint is fixed and the other point moves on a curve and then we will take up a case where the one point is fixed and the other point moves on another curve. So let us see, we start with the example on the finite, find the shortest distance between the point P_1 , that is 1, 0 and ellipse which is given by $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$. We know that they are slim P_1, P_2 of the curve $y = y(x)$ is given by $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + y'^2} dx$.

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Example: Find the shortest distance between the point $P_1(1,0)$ and the ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$.

Solution: The arc length P_1P_2 of the curve $y=y(x)$ is given by

$$I(y(x)) = \int_1^{x_2} \sqrt{1 + y'^2} dx,$$

where (x_2, y_2) lies on $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$.

Here $F(x, y, y') = \sqrt{1 + y'^2}$ so $A(x, y) = 1$.

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Now here x_1, y_1 is the point 1, 0, so we will write 1 for x_1 and therefore we have integral over x_1 to x_2 under root $1 + y'$ dash square dx , where x_2, y_2 will lie on the ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$. Now here this, the function is integral 1 to x_2 under root $1 + y'$ dash square dx . So if you compare it with the standard form of the functional, we can see that $F(x, y, y')$ is under root $1 + y'$ dash square. And so $A(x, y)$ here is equal to 1. Now from Euler's equation which we write as $\frac{\delta F}{\delta y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\delta F}{\delta y'} = 0$. We see that the Euler's equation reduces to $-\frac{d}{dx} \frac{y'}{\sqrt{1 + y'^2}} = 0$.

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From Euler's equation, we have

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

$\Rightarrow y = c_1x + c_2.$

Since it passes through (1,0), we have

$$c_2 = -c_1. \quad \dots(1)$$

Since the point (x_2, y_2) lies on $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$, we have

$$4x_2^2 + 9y_2^2 = 36. \quad \dots(2)$$

Also $y = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9-x^2} = \phi(x)$ (say). $\dots(3)$

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Because here $F(x, y, y')$ is not depending on y , so its partial derivative with respect to y will be 0 and when we differentiate this with respect to y' , we will get y' over under root $1+y'^2$. So Euler's equation reduces to $-\frac{d}{dx}$ of y' over $1+y'^2$ equal to 0. And we have seen in our previous lecture that when we solve this equation, what we get is y equal to $C_1x + C_2$ and so which is the equation of a straight line. Now since this line passes through the point $(1, 0)$, which is x_1, y_1 , we will have C_2 equal to $-C_1$. And since the point x_2, y_2 lies on $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$, we have $4x_2^2 + 9y_2^2 = 36$.

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The image shows a handwritten derivation on a whiteboard. At the top, there is a coordinate system with an ellipse centered at the origin. The ellipse is labeled with the equation $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$. Several points are marked on the ellipse: (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) , $(0, 0)$, $(3, 0)$, and $(-3, 0)$. Below the graph, the equation $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$ is written. To the left, the function $y = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9-x^2}$ is written. To the right, the function is derived from the ellipse equation: $y = \pm \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{36-4x^2} = \pm \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9-x^2}$.

Now if you solve $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$, you can write it as a function, y as a function of x and y will be equal to $\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$. Now here we see that, we have this situation, this is ellipse $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$, so this is $(3, 0)$, here we have $(-3, 0)$ and this is $(0, 2)$ and this is $(0, -2)$. And here is the point let say $(1, 0)$ and (x_2, y_2) is say a point here, so shorter distance occurs along a straight line $y = c_1 x + c_2$ and $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36 - 4x^2$, we write as $y = \frac{36 - 4x^2}{3}$, so \pm , okay.

And this I can write as $\pm \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$. Now we are taking here y equal to positive, y we are taking, we are taking y here, $y = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$. One can take y equal to $-\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ then the other point which is symmetric corresponding to (x_2, y_2) here below this x axis will also be, can be also be taken in (x_2, y_2) . So we are taking $y = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ and we are calling it as $\Phi(x)$. Now from the transversality condition because (x_2, y_2) lies on the curve that is the ellipse, it will satisfy the transversality condition $F + \Phi' - y' = 0$ at $x = x_2$.

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From the transversality condition

$$\left(F + (\Phi' - y') F_{y'} \right)_{x=x_2} = 0.$$



we have

$$\left[(1 + y'^2)^{1/2} + \left\{ -\frac{2}{3} \frac{x}{(9 - x^2)^{1/2}} - y' \right\} \frac{y'}{(1 + y'^2)^{1/2}} \right]_{x=x_2} = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(9 - x_2^2)^{1/2} = 2x_2 c_1. \quad \dots(4)$$

Now,

$$y_2 = c_1 (x_2 - 1)$$



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$y = c_1x + c_2$ passes through $(1,0)$
 $0 = c_1 + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$
 $y = c_1x - c_1 = c_1(x-1)$
 $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$
 $y = \pm \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{36 - 4x^2} = \pm \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$
 $\phi(x) = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9 - x^2}$
 $\phi'(x) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} = -\frac{2x}{3\sqrt{9 - x^2}}$

Now here F is equal to $1 + y^2$ raised to the power half and ϕ dash, this is y equal to ϕx , so when you differentiate, what you get is ϕ dash x is 2 by 3 , 1 by 2 under root $9 - x^2$ square into $-2x$. So this will give you $-2x$ upon 3 under root $9 - x^2$ square. So ϕ dash is $-2x$ upon 3 under root $9 - x^2$ square - y dash and then multiplied by $F y$ dash. $F y$ dash is y dash divided by under root $1 + y^2$ square evaluated at x equal to x^2 equal to 0 . And when we simplify this equation, what we get is 3 types $9 - x^2$ square raised to the power half is equal to $2x^2$ into C_1 .

And what we have y equal to, y equal to $C_1 x + C_2$, okay. So y^2 equal to, this implies y^2 equal to $C_1^2 x^2 + C_2$. Now y equal to $C_1 x + C_2$ it passes through, y equal to $C_1 x + C_2$ passes through $1, 0$, so we will get 0 equal to $C_1 + C_2$, which implies that C_2 equal to $-C_1$.

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and hence



$$4x_2^2 + 9c_1^2(x_2 - 1)^2 = 36 \quad \dots(5)$$

equation (4) $\Rightarrow 9(9 - x_2^2) = 4x_2^2 c_1^2$

equation (5) $\Rightarrow 4(9 - x_2^2) = 9c_1^2(x_2 - 1)^2$

Dividing (4) by (5), we get

$$x_2 = \frac{9}{5}$$

So put here C2 equal to - C1 is, so we get C1 times x2 - 1. So we get y2 equal to C1 into x2 - 1 and therefore 4 x2 + 9 y2 square equal to 36 reduces to 4 x2 square + 9 C1 square into x2 - 1 whole square equal to 36. Now the equation 4, if you look at equation 4, the equation 4 on squaring both sides gives you 9 time 9 - x2 square equal to 4 x2 square into C1 square. And equation 5 gives 4 times 9 - x2 square is equal to 9 C1 square into x2 - 1 whole square. So if you divide the equation , divide these 2 equations and simplify, you get x2 equal to 9 by 5.

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From (4), $3(9 - x_2^2)^{1/2} = 2x_2c_1$.

$\Rightarrow c_1 = 2, \text{ so } c_2 = -2.$

Since $y_2 = c_1(x_2 - 1)$

$\Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{8}{5},$

Thus, S. D. is attained along the line
 $y = 2(x - 1).$

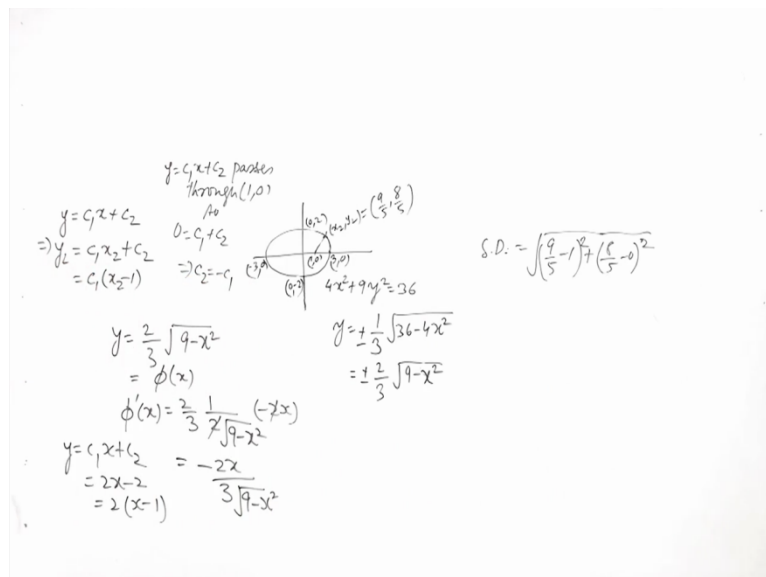


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$y = c_1x + c_2$ passes through $(1, 0)$
 $0 = c_1 + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$
 $y = c_1x - c_1 = c_1(x - 1)$
 $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$

$y = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9 - x^2}$
 $\phi(x) = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9 - x^2}$
 $\phi'(x) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{9 - x^2}} = -\frac{2x}{3\sqrt{9 - x^2}}$
 $y = c_1x + c_2 = 2x - 2 = 2(x - 1)$

$y = \pm \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{36 - 4x^2} = \pm \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{9 - x^2}$

$S.D. = \sqrt{\left(\frac{9}{5} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{8}{5} - 0\right)^2}$



We are taking positive value of x2 here, if you take negative value of x2, the corresponding value of that and y2 you get will not give you the shortest distance, so we are taking x2 equal to 9 by 5. Now from 4, 3 times 9 - x2 square raised to the power half equal to 2 x2 C1. What we get is on putting the value of x2 is 9 by 5, we get C1 equal to 2 and since C2 is - E1, we

get C_2 equal to -2 , C_2 equal to -2 . So since y_2 equal to C_1 times $x_2 - 1$, we can put the value of C_1 as 2 and x_2 9 by 5 to arrive at the value of y_2 which is 8 by 5 .

Thus we can say that the shortest distance is attained along the line y equal to $C_1 x + C_2$ which is, C_1 is 2 , so $2x - 2$ or 2 times $x - 1$. So the shortest distance is attained along the line y equal to 2 times $x - 1$ and the required shortest distance is the point x_2, y_2 is coming out to be 9 by $5, 8$ by 5 , so the shortest distance is under root 9 by $5 - 1$ whole square, 8 by $5 - 0$ whole square. So which is equal to 4 square root 5 divided by 5 . So this is example 1 where we have calculated the shortest distance between the fixed point and the other point which x_2, y_2 which varies along the curve which is an ellipse.

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

Example 2: Find the shortest distance between the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and the circle $(x - 9)^2 + y^2 = 4$.

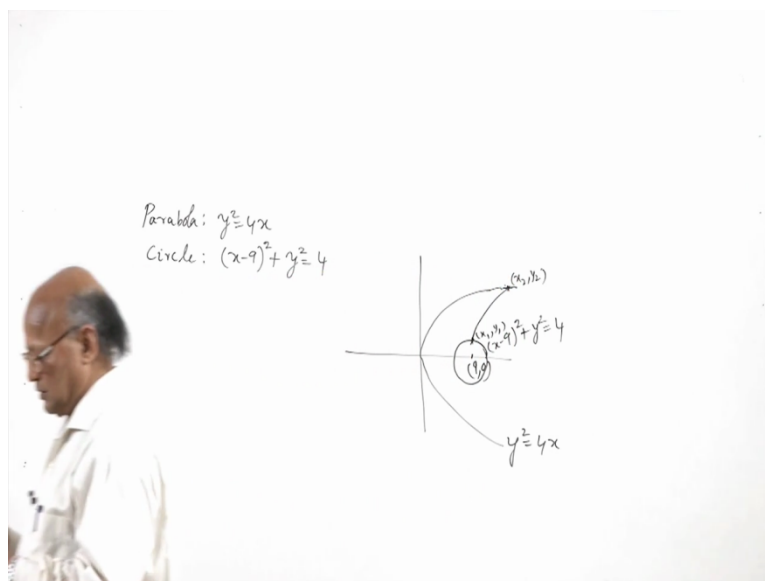
Solution: We have to find the shortest distance between the point $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ lying on the circle $(x - 9)^2 + y^2 = 4$

$$\text{or } y = \left\{4 - (x - 9)^2\right\}^{1/2} = \phi(x), \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(1)$$

and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ lying on the parabola

$$y^2 = 4x \text{ or } y = 2\sqrt{x} = \psi(x), \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(2)$$



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Now let us take another problem where we are going to find out the shortest distance between the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and the circle $(x-9)^2 + y^2 = 4$. So here both the points x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 will be unique, such that the distance between the 2 points is, the distance between the 2 curves is the shortest distance. So let us see, draw the figure 1st. We have to find the shortest distance between the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and the circle. So parabola here is $y^2 = 4x$ and circle is $(x-9)^2 + y^2 = 4$. So let us draw the figure, let us say this is your parabola $y^2 = 4x$, the circle has Centre at 9, 0, sorry 3, 0, circle has Centre at 3, 0 and radius is 2.

So let us say this is your circle and radius is 2. So this is your circle $(x-3)^2 + y^2 = 4$. Let us say x_1, y_1 is a point here on the circle and x_2, y_2 is a point here on the parabola and we are finding the shortest distance between the 2 points between the 2 curves. So, so we have to find the shortest distance between a point x_1, y_1 which lies on the circle $(x-3)^2 + y^2 = 4$ and x_2, y_2 which lies on the parabola $y^2 = 4x$. Now the equation of the circle can be put as $y = \sqrt{4 - (x-3)^2}$, we are taking positive value of y here.


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The arc length P_1P_2 of the extremizing curve $y = y(x)$ is given by

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

Here both the boundary points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) move on the curves (1) and (2) respectively.

Further, we have $F(x, y, y') = \sqrt{1 + y'^2}$ hence from Euler's theorem, we get

$$y = c_1x + c_2. \quad \dots(3)$$


And similarly $y = \sqrt{4 - (x-3)^2}$, which we are writing as $y = 2\sqrt{1 - (x-3)^2}$, we are finding the distance, shortest distance in the positive quadrant. So now say $y = \sqrt{4 - (x-3)^2}$ we write as $\phi(x)$ and $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ we write as $\psi(x)$. Then the arc length P_1, P_2 of the extremizing curve, this is extremizing curve. So the arc length $P_1 P_2$ of the extremizing curve will be given by integral x_1 to x_2 under root $1 + y'$ dash square, under root $1 + y'$ dash square dx .

Here we note that both the endpoints x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 are moving, x_1, y_1 is moving on the circle while x_2, y_2 is moving on the parabola. Now here again F of x, y , y dash is under root $1 + y$ dash square and therefore from the Euler's theorem we get that y equal to $C_1 x + C_2$.

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Since P_1 and P_2 lie on (3), we obtain

$$y_1 = c_1 x_1 + c_2 \text{ and } y_2 = c_1 x_2 + c_2 \quad \dots(4)$$

Again, since P_1 and P_2 lie on (1) and (2), we have



$$y_1 = \{4 - (x_1 - 9)^2\}^{1/2} \text{ and } y_2 = 2\sqrt{x_2}. \quad \dots(5)$$

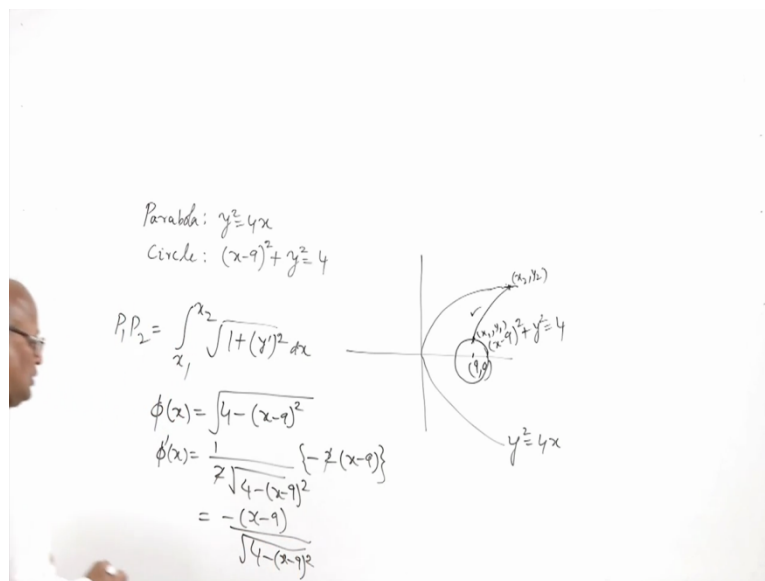
From (4) and (5), we have

$$c_1 x_1 + c_2 = \{4 - (x_1 - 9)^2\}^{1/2} \quad \dots(6)$$

and

$$c_1 x_2 + c_2 = 2\sqrt{x_2}. \quad \dots(7)$$



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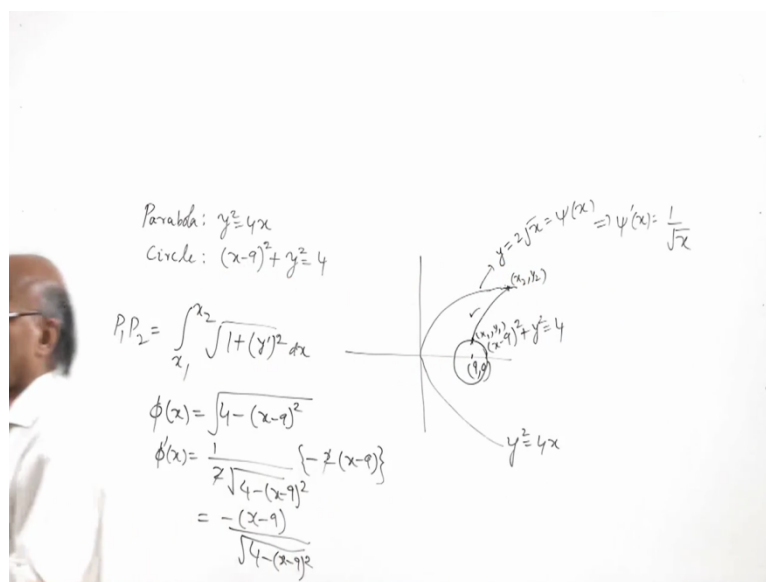
Now since P_1 and P_2 lie on the circle, P_1 and P_2 lie on the circle which is the equation of a straight line, we get y_1 equal to $C_1 x_1 + C_2$ and y_2 equal to $C_1 x_2 + C_2$. And moreover P_1 and P_2 lie on the circle and parabola respectively, so x_1, y_1 lie on the circle, therefore y_1 equal to $4 - (x_1 - 9)^2$ raised to the power half. And x_2, y_2 lie on the parabola, so y_2 is equal to $2\sqrt{x_2}$. So now from the equations 4 and 5 we have $C_1 x_1 + C_2$ equal to y_1 , y_1 is equal to $4 - (x_1 - 9)^2$ raised to the power half and similarly $C_1 x_2 + C_2$ which is y_2 is equal to $2\sqrt{x_2}$. Now since P_1 and P_2 are both moving, we will have the,

will have to use the transversality conditions at P1 and P2 for the curve y equal to Φx and for the curves y equal to ψx .

So at the transversality condition at the point P1 will be F last Φ dash - y dash into $F y$ dash at x equal to x_1 equal to 0. And the transversality condition at the point P2 will be $F + \psi$ dash - y dash into $F y$ dash at x equal to x_2 equal to 0. Now F is under root $1 + y$ dash square, so $1 + y$ dash square to the power half + and Φ dash, Φ is equal to, Φx is equal to, we are writing Φx equal to $4 - x^2$, Φx equal to $4 - x^2$ - the whole square under root. So when you find Φ dash x here, what you get is 1 by 2 times under root $4 - x^2$ - 9 whole square into -2 times $x - 9$.

So this 2 will cancel and we get $-x - 9$ divided by under root $4 - x^2 - 9$ whole square. So, so let us put the value of Φ dash as $-x - 9$ over $4 - x^2 - 9$ whole square and square root. And then $-y$ dash into $F y$ dash, $F y$ dash is the partial derivative of F x, y, y dash which is under root $1 + y$ dash square with respect to y dash, so it is y dash over $1 + y$ dash square to the power half at x equal to x_1 equal to 0. And similarly let us write the transversality condition at the point P2, so we have F equal to $1 + y$ dash square to the power half divided, $+1$ by ψ dash is, ψx is equal to, at, this curve, this curve are writing y equal 2 root x is equal to ψx .

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Since $y = c_1 x + c_2$ so $y' = c_1$, thus from (8), we have

$$(1 + c_1^2)^{1/2} + \left\{ -\frac{(x_1 - 9)}{\{4 - (x_1 - 9)^2\}^{1/2}} - c_1 \right\} \frac{c_1}{(1 + c_1^2)^{1/2}} = 0$$

or $c_1(x_1 - 9) = \{4 - (x_1 - 9)^2\}^{1/2}$... (10)

Similarly, (9) yields us $c_1 = -\sqrt{x_2}$, ... (11)

From (6) and (10), $c_2 = -9c_1$ (12)



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So ψ dash x is equal to 1 by root x . So let us put the value of ψ dash as one by root $x - y$ dash multiplied by y dash over under root $1 + y$ dash square at the point x equal to x_2 equal to 0 . Now y is equal to $C_1 x + C_2$ and therefore if you differentiate y with respect to x , you get y dash equal to C_1 . So let us put C_1 , y dash equal to C_1 in equation 8 and then the equation 8 becomes $1 + C_1$ square to the power half + inside the curly bracket we have $-x_1 - 9$ over $4 - x_1$ in -9 the whole square to the power half - C_1 into C_1 upon $1 + C_1$ square to the power half equal to 0 .

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and hence $c_2 = 9\sqrt{7}$.



Thus, from (10)

$$c_1(x_1 - 9) = \{4 - (x_1 - 9)^2\}^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{1_c} = 9 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus $y - \{4 - (x_1 - 9)^2\}^{1/2} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$.

The required extremal is $y = -x\sqrt{7} + 9\sqrt{7}$.



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On simplifying this gives you C_1 times $x_1 - 9$ equal to $4 - x_1 -$ whole square to the power half. Similarly if you put y dash equal to C_1 in equation, in equation 9, and then simplify, what you get is C_1 equal to $-\sqrt{x_2}$. And from the equation 6 and 10 and let us look at the

equation 6, equation 6 is $C_1 x_1 + C_2$, $C_1 x_1 + C_2$ equal to $4 - x_1 - 9$ whole square under root , this is 6 and what is 10, 10 is C_1 times $x_1 - 9$. So this is equal to C_1 times $x_1 - 9$. So C_1 times $x_1 -$ equal to $4 - x_1 - 9$ square to the power half. So what we will get, $C_1 x_1$ will cancel and we will get $C_1 x_1$, $C_1 x_1$ will cancel, we will get C_2 equal to $-9 C_1$.


So we get C_2 equal to $- C_1$ and from 11 and 12, let us look at 11 and 12, 11th equation is C_1 equal to $-\sqrt{x_2}$, 12th equation is C_2 equal to $-9 C_1$. So C_2 is equal to $-9 \sqrt{x_2}$ we get. And putting the values of C_1 and C_2 in equation 3, so we have got the value of C_1 as $-\sqrt{x_2}$ and C_2 as $9 \sqrt{x_2}$, let us put them in equation 7 , 7 is this one, $C_1 x_2 + C_2$ equal to $2 \sqrt{x_2}$. We put the values of C_1 , C_2 in terms of x_2 and simplify this equation, we will get the value of x_2 as 7. And hence from 5, from 5 we get y_2 equal to $2 \sqrt{x_2}$, so we get y_2 equal to $2 \sqrt{7}$.

And thus the coordinates of the point P_2 are, P_2 , this is P_2 , this is P_2 point, so it is $\sqrt{7}$, $2 \sqrt{7}$. So x_2 , y_2 point is $\sqrt{7}$, x_2 , y_2 point is 7, sorry, 7, 7, $2 \sqrt{7}$ and since x_2 is equal to 7, C_1 is equal to , C_1 was equal to $-\sqrt{x_2}$, so we get $-\sqrt{7}$. So C_1 is $-\sqrt{7}$ and C_2 is $9 \sqrt{7}$. C_2 is $9 \sqrt{7}$, so now let us simplify this equation, C_1 times $x_1 - 9$, C_1 times $x_1 -$ is equal to $4 - x_1 - 9$ the whole square to the power half, we get x_1 equal to $9 + - 1$ by root 2. So $9 x_1$, x_1 here, x_1 comes out to be $9 + - 1$ by root 2. Okay, so $9 + - 1$ by root 2 and the corresponding value of y comes out to be $+ - \sqrt{7}$ by 2.

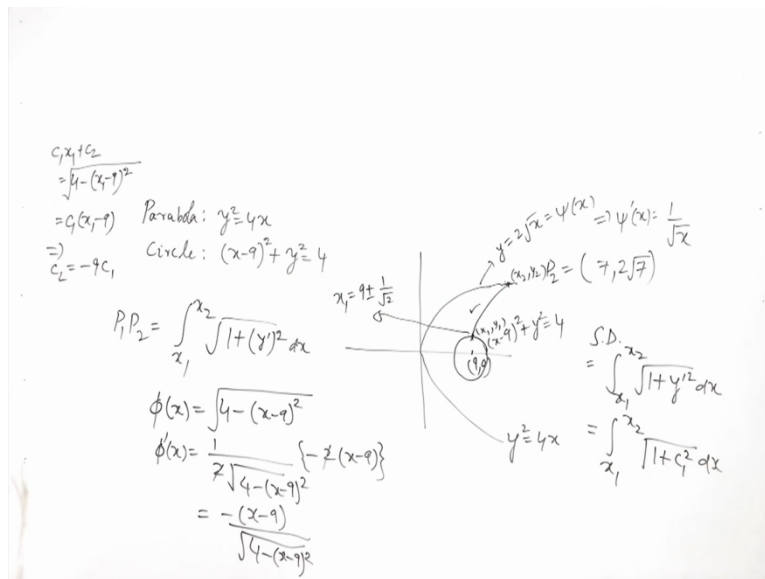
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And the required S. D. is

$$S.D. = \int_7^{9 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} (1 + y'^2)^{1/2} dx$$

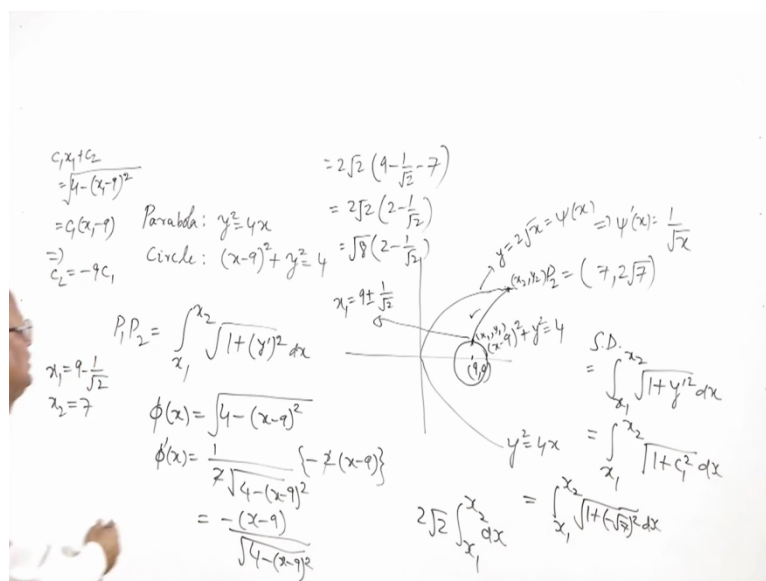
$$= \sqrt{8} \left(2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right).$$


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And so the required extremal is y equal to $C_1 x + C_2$ that is $-x \sqrt{7} + 9 \sqrt{7}$ and the required SD is, so here we will see that x_1 is equal to 7, sorry x_1 is equal to, this is 7 and then here we have $9 - \sqrt{2}$, okay. So, x_2, y_2 was equal to 7 and $2\sqrt{7}$ and here we have x_1 equal to $9 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and we have y_2, y_1 equal to $\pm \sqrt{7}$ by 2. So here we get SD as integral of $7 - 9 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $1 + y^2$ square, y^2 is $1 + C_1^2$ square to the power half. And this is, shorter distance is equal to integral under x_1 to x_2 , under root $1 + y^2$ square dx . y^2 is equal to C_1^2 , so integral x_1 to x_2 under root $1 + C_1^2$ square dx . And C_1 is equal to $-\sqrt{7}$.

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So this is x_1 to x_2 under root $1 + \sqrt{7}$ whole square dx . So $7 + 1$ means 8, so root 8, that means $2\sqrt{2}$ and then $x_1 - x_2$ dx . And $x_1 - x_2$ means we are getting x_2 equal to 7. So, so

this will be equal to $2\sqrt{2}$, x_2 is equal to $7 - x_1$ is equal to $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$ we are getting. This will be coming out to be negative, so that is why we are writing $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$, okay, so $2\sqrt{2}$, $7 - x_1$, y_1 to x_2 , y_2 . Okay. So this will be, this will be $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$ -, here we are seeing that we have to take x_2 equal to, we have to take x_1 as $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$ - this upper limit we have to take as $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$, lower limit will have to be taken as 7 because this is how much, this is $2\sqrt{2}$ into $2 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$.

So that means we have to take the modulus here because it turns out that if we take x_1 as 7 and x_2 as $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$, then, okay, x_1 is $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$, yes, so here x_1 actually x_1 is $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$ and x_2 is 7 . So $x_2 - x_1$ comes out to be negative, so we will have to, because the distance is always positive, so we have to take $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2} - 7$ and this will give you $2\sqrt{2}$ into $2 - 1$ by 8 or you can say $\sqrt{8}$ into $2 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$. This is, this is because x_2 is 7 and x_1 is $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$. So $7 - 9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2}$ comes out to be negative, so we have to consider, and distance is always positive, so we have to consider $9 - 1$ by $\sqrt{2} - 7$, so that will give us the shortest distance.

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One sided variation

Let us consider the functional

$$I[y(x)] = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx. \quad \dots(1)$$

and assume that a restriction is imposed on the class of permissible curves in such a way that the curves cannot pass through points of a certain region R bounded by the curve

$$\psi(x, y) = 0.$$



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Now, now we will consider the one-sided variation, let us consider the functional $I[y(x)]$ is equal to integral x_1 to x_2 $F(x, y, y')$ dx . And let us assume that a restriction is imposed on the class of permissible curves in such a way that the curves cannot pass through points of a certain region R bounded by the curve $\psi(x, y) = 0$. So let us say we have this situation. Let say we have this situation, we have a region R , we have a point A here and another point P here. This curve R , this region R is bounded by the curve $\psi(x, y) = 0$.

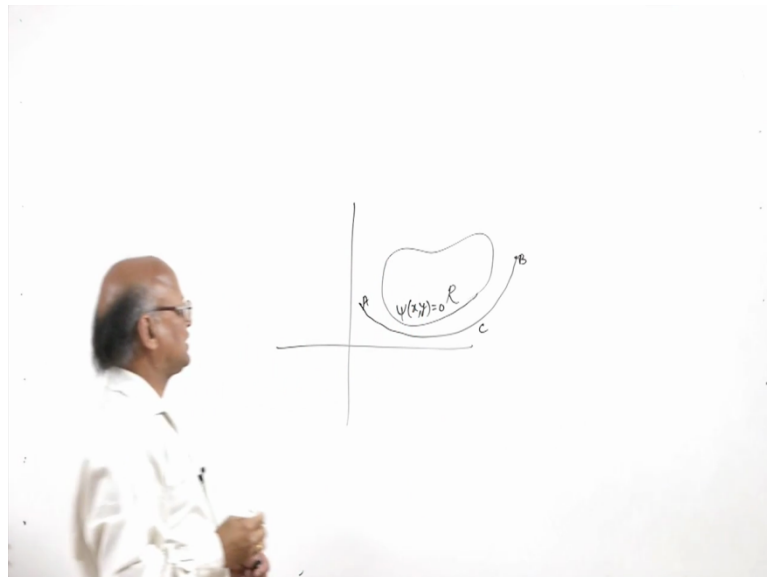
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In such a problem one of the following two situations may arise:

Situation (i):

When the extremizing curve C passes through a region which is completely outside R .

In this case, the presence of the prohibited region R does not at all affect the properties of the functional and its variation in the neighborhood of C and so the extremizing curve must be an extremal.



So the region R is bounded by the curve $\psi(x, y) = 0$ and we want that function or that extremal on which the restriction is imposed that it cannot pass through the points of the region R . So what we will have, in such a problem one of the following 2 situations may arise. 1st situation is when the extremizing curve C passes through a region which is completely outside R , for example like this. So this curve C completely lies outside the region R , okay. So when the extremizing curve C passes through origin which is completely outside R , in this case the presence of the prohibited region R , prohibited region is R , does not at all affect the properties of the functional and its variation in the neighbourhood of C . And so the extremizing curve must be an extremal.

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Situation (ii):

When the extremizing curve C consists of arcs lying outside the boundary of R and also consists of parts of the boundary of the region R .

In this situation only one sided variations of the curve are possible on parts of the boundary of the region R since the permissible curves are prohibited from entering R . Parts of the curve C that lie outside the boundary of R must therefore be extremals since on these parts two sided variations (unaffected by the region R) are possible. Therefore, in order to construct the required extremizing curve we must derive conditions at the points of transition M, N, P and Q .

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Now let us see the situation 2. In the 2nd situation the extremizing curve C consists of arcs lying outside the boundary of R and also consists of parts of the boundary of the region R . So we may have a situation like this. So we may have a situation like this where the extremizing curve C consists of arcs which lie outside the boundary of the region R , that is M and then, then M and q B and also consists of the parts of the boundary of the region R , that is M, N and P and Pq . In this situation only one-sided variations of the curve are possible on parts the boundary of the region R . Because the region, this region is prohibited, this region is prohibited, okay, so only one-sided variations are possible on the parts of the boundary of the region R .

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In what follows, we shall derive condition at the point M . In exactly analogous manner, the necessary conditions at the other points N, P and Q can be derived. While computing the variation δI of the functional

$$I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, \bar{y}) dx = \int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F(x, y, y') dx + \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx = I_1 + I_2, \dots (2)$$

we assume that the variation is caused solely by the displacement of the point $M(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ on the curve $\psi(x, y) = 0$ i.e., for any position of the point M on the curve, AM is an extremal and the segment $MNPQB$ does not vary. In the functional I_1 , the upper boundary point \bar{x} moves along the boundary of the region R and so $y = \phi(x)$ is the equation of the boundary (as deduced from $\psi(x, y) = 0$)

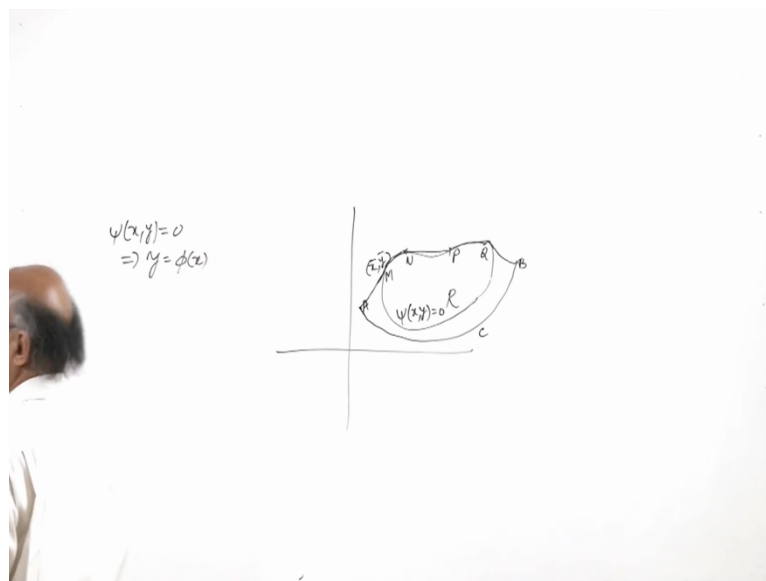
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Now since the permissible curves are prohibited from entering R, parts of the curve C that lies outside the boundary of R must therefore be extremal. M, the parts of the curve that lie outside the boundary, so that is M and qb, therefore they must be extremal. And since on these parts 2 sided variations are possible and therefore in order to construct the required extremizing curve we must derive the conditions at the point, point of transition M, N, P and q. And what follows, we shall derived the condition at the point M in exactly analogous manner, the necessary conditions at the other points N, P and q can be derived. While computing the variations, δI of the functional, $I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(x, y, y' dx)$.

We assume that the variation is caused only by the displacement of the point M. The point M is having coordinates \bar{x}, \bar{y} . So by the displacement of the point M \bar{x}, \bar{y} on the curve $\psi(x, y) = 0$, that is for any position of the point M on the curve, M is an extremal and the segment mnpqb does not vary. So in the functional I_1 , that is $\int_{x_1}^{\bar{x}} F(x, y, y' dx)$, I_1 , the upper boundary point \bar{x} moves along the boundary of the region R and so y is equal to $\Phi(x)$ is the equation of the boundary as deduce from $\psi(x, y) = 0$.

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then it follows that

$$\delta I_1 = \left(F + (\phi' - y') F_{y'} \right)_{x=\bar{x}} \delta \bar{x} \quad (\text{in view of the article on variational problem with moving boundaries}). \quad \dots(3)$$

The functional
$$I_2 = \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$$

also has a moving boundary point (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) . But in the neighborhood of this point the curve $y = \phi(x)$ on which an extremum can be achieved does not vary. Thus, it follows that the variation of the functional I_2 in the transition of the point $M(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ to the position $M'(\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}, \bar{y} + \Delta \bar{y})$ only reduces to a change in the lower limit of integration and

So $\psi(x, y) = 0$, we are writing as y is equal to $\phi(x)$. So \bar{x}, \bar{y} point moves on the boundary of the region R and so $y = \phi(x)$, which is the equation of the boundary gives you \bar{y} is equal to that of $\phi(\bar{x})$. Now then it follows that $\delta I_1 = F + \phi' - y' F_{y'}$ at $x = \bar{x}$ into $\delta \bar{x}$ which is, which follows from the article on variational problem with moving boundaries. So δI_1 is this and the functional $I_2 = \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$ also has a moving boundary point which is your \bar{x}, \bar{y} . But in the neighbourhood of the point, neighbourhood of the point \bar{x}, \bar{y} , the curve $y = \phi(x)$ which extremum can be achieved does not vary.

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$$\Delta I_2 = \int_{\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx - \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$$

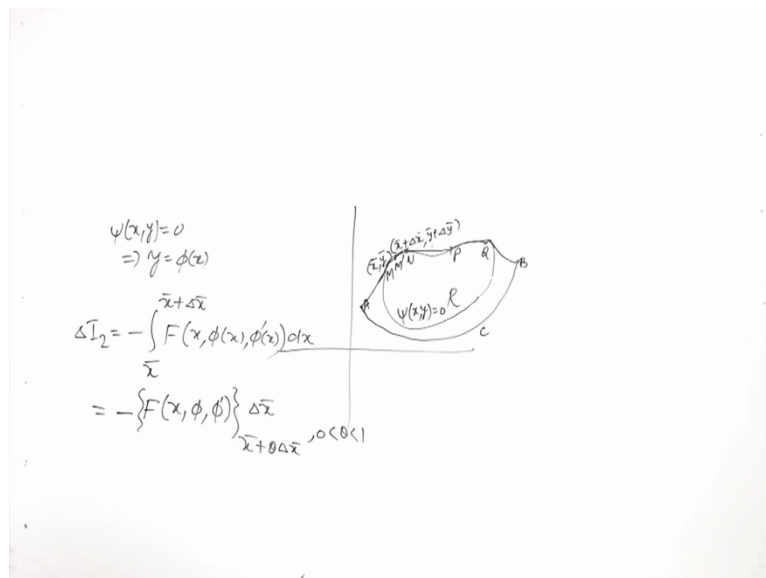
$$= - \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}} F(x, \phi(x), \phi'(x)) dx,$$

since $y = \phi(x)$ on the interval $(\bar{x}, \bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x})$.

Now using the mean value theorem, we have

$$\Delta I_2 = - \left\{ F(x, \phi, \phi') \right\}_{\bar{x} + \theta \Delta \bar{x}} \Delta \bar{x}, \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$



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And so it follows that the very set of the force like to in the transition of the point $M_{\bar{x}, \bar{y}}$ to the position $M_{\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}, \bar{y} + \Delta \bar{y}}$, so let us say M , M dash is here, M dash is $\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}$, $\bar{y} + \Delta \bar{y}$, only reduces to a change in the lower limit of integration. And we have ΔI_2 equal to $\int_{\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx - \int_{\bar{x}}^{x_2} F(x, y, y') dx$. This is the change in the functional, in the value of I_2 , when the point \bar{x}, \bar{y} moves to $\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}, \bar{y} + \Delta \bar{y}$. Now this difference of the 2 integrals is nothing but $-\int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}} F(x, y, \phi, \phi') dx$ but y is equal to $\phi(x)$. So it is $F(x, \phi, \phi')$ dash dx .

Since y equal to $\phi(x)$ lies on by, since y equal to $\phi(x)$ lies on the interval \bar{x} to $\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}$. Okay. Now, now let us use the mean value theorem, so by using the mean

value theorem ΔI_2 which can be written as, see ΔI_2 is $-\bar{x}$ to $\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}$ $F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'} dx$. By mean value theorem we can write it as, this is equal to $-F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$ at $\bar{x} + \Theta \Delta \bar{x}$, where Θ lies between 0 and 1, into $\Delta \bar{x}$. So by mean value theorem we can write it as $-F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$ at $\bar{x} + \Theta \Delta \bar{x}$ into $\Delta \bar{x}$ where Θ lies in the interval of 0, 1. Now by the continuity of $F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$, $F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$ at $\bar{x} + \Theta \Delta \bar{x}$ is equal to $F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$ at \bar{x} - α , where α goes to 0 as $\Delta \bar{x}$ goes to 0.

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By the continuity of



$$F(x, \phi, \phi') \Big|_{\bar{x} + \Theta \Delta \bar{x}} = [F(x, \phi, \phi')]_{x=\bar{x}} - \alpha,$$

where $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, as $\Delta \bar{x} \rightarrow 0$.

Hence $\Delta I_2 = -\{F(x, \phi, \phi')\}_{x=\bar{x}} \Delta \bar{x} + \alpha \Delta \bar{x}$,

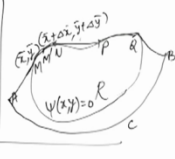
which implies

$$\delta I_2 = -F(x, \phi, \phi') \delta \bar{x}. \quad \dots(4)$$



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$\psi(x, y) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = \phi(x)$



$$\Delta I_2 = - \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x} + \Delta \bar{x}} F(x, \phi(x), \phi'(x)) dx$$

$$= - \{F(x, \phi, \phi')\}_{\bar{x} + \Theta \Delta \bar{x}} \Delta \bar{x}, \quad 0 < \Theta < 1$$

$$\delta I_2 = -F(x, \phi, \phi') \delta \bar{x}$$

And therefore ΔI_2 , ΔI_2 is equal to $-F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$ at \bar{x} into $\Delta \bar{x} + \alpha \Delta \bar{x}$. Now which implies that this ΔI_2 , this ΔI_2 , δI_2 or ΔI_2 , this is equal to $-F_x, \Phi_x, \Phi_{x'}$ into $\Delta \bar{x}$. So this is ΔI_2 and from 3 and 4 we find ΔI_2

I equal to, so let us see, yes, this 3 gives you delta I1 is equal to F + pie dash - y dash Fy dash at x equal to x bar delta x bar and we have just seen the equation for which is delta I2 equal to - F x Phi, Phi dash delta x, let us put these values to get this delta I, variation in I.

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From (3) and (4), we find


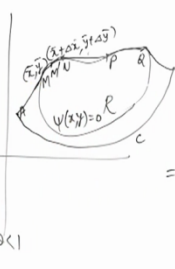
$$\delta I = \left(F(x, y, y') - F(x, y, \phi') - (y' - \phi') F_{y'}(x, y, y') \right)_{x=\bar{x}} \delta \bar{x},$$

with $y(\bar{x}) = \phi(\bar{x})$.

Since $\delta \bar{x}$ is arbitrary, the necessary condition for an extremum $\delta I \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\left(F(x, y, y') - F(x, y, \phi') - (y' - \phi') F_{y'}(x, y, y') \right)_{x=\bar{x}} = 0$$

Applying the mean value theorem

$$\left((y' - \phi') F_{y'}(x, y, q) - F_{y'}(x, y, y') \right)_{x=\bar{x}} = 0$$



$\psi(x, y) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = \phi(x)$

$$\delta I_2 = - \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x} + \delta \bar{x}} F(x, \phi(x), \phi'(x)) dx$$

$$= - \left\{ F(x, \phi, \phi') \right\}_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x} + \delta \bar{x}}$$

$$= - F(x, \phi, \phi') \delta \bar{x}$$

where q lies between $y'(\bar{x})$ and $\phi'(\bar{x})$

So delta is equal to delta I1 + delta I2 and what we get is delta I equal to this quantity, by combining 3 and 4. So yx bar is equal to Phi x bar. So since delta x bar is arbitrary, the necessary condition for an extremum delta I goes to 0 will then imply that F x, y, y dash - F x, y, Phi dash - y dash - Phi dash into Fy dash x, y, y dash at x equal to x bar equal to 0. Now let us apply the mean value theorem here, in the 1st 2 terms F x, y, y dash - F x, y, Phi dash. So by applying mean value theorem we will get this as y dash - Phi dash into Fy dash x, y, q where q lies between y dash x bar and Phi dash x bar.

Now let us apply the mean value theorem $F_x(x, y) - F_x(\bar{x}, \phi(\bar{x})) = F_{xy}(x, y, \eta) (y - \phi(\bar{x}))$. So by mean value theorem this will be equal to $y - \phi(\bar{x})$ into $F_{xy}(x, y, q)$ where q lies between y and $\phi(\bar{x})$. So the 1st 2 terms here, the 1st 2 terms here $F_x(x, y) - F_x(\bar{x}, \phi(\bar{x}))$ can be expressed as $y - \phi(\bar{x})$ into $F_{xy}(x, y, q)$. So we can take $y - \phi(\bar{x})$ common and we have $y - \phi(\bar{x})$ times $F_{xy}(x, y, q)$, this is $F_{xy}(x, y, q) - F_{xy}(x, y, \bar{q})$ at $x = \bar{x}$ is equal to 0.

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where q lies between $y'(\bar{x})$ and $\phi'(\bar{x})$.

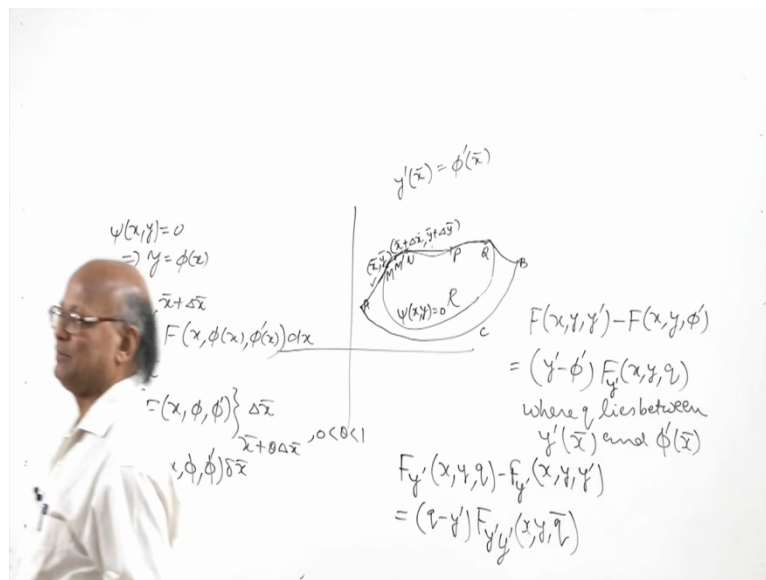
Applying the mean value theorem once more, we get

$$\left((y' - \phi')(q - y') F_{y'y'}(x, y, \bar{q}) \right)_{x=\bar{x}} = 0,$$

where \bar{q} lies between q and $y'(\bar{x})$.

Assuming $F_{y'y'}(x, y, \bar{q}) \neq 0$ (which holds true for many variational problems) we obtain $y'(\bar{x}) = \phi'(\bar{x})$ because $q = y'(\bar{x})$ only when $y'(\bar{x}) = \phi'(\bar{x})$.

Hence at the point $M(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$, the extremal AM meets the boundary MN tangentially.



And applying the mean value theorem again, what we will have, let us see. So $F_y(x, y, q) - F_y(x, y, \phi')$, let us apply mean value theorem again. So this will be $q - \phi'$ into $F_{y'y'}(x, y, \bar{q})$. So we will have this, so we have $y - \phi(\bar{x})$ into $q - \phi'$ into $F_{y'y'}(x, y, \bar{q})$ at $x = \bar{x}$ where \bar{q} lies

between q and $y'(\bar{x})$. Now let us assume that $F_{y'}(y'(\bar{x}), y, \bar{x})$ is not equal to 0 which holds true for many variational problems, then we shall obtain $y'(\bar{x})$ equal to $\Phi'(\bar{x})$.

Because if q equal to $y'(\bar{x})$ will hold only when $y'(\bar{x})$ equal to $\Phi'(\bar{x})$ because q lies between $y'(\bar{x})$ and $\Phi'(\bar{x})$. So q can be equal to $y'(\bar{x})$ only when $y'(\bar{x})$ is equal to $\Phi'(\bar{x})$. But $y'(\bar{x})$ equal to $\Phi'(\bar{x})$ means what? $y'(\bar{x})$ is equal to $\Phi'(\bar{x})$ means that at the point \bar{x}, \bar{y} , the slope of the extremal, okay, slope of the extremal which is $y'(\bar{x})$ is equal to the slope of the curve $y = \Phi(x)$. So this means that the extremal meets the curve tangentially. At the point M which is \bar{x}, \bar{y} , the extremal M meets the boundary MN tangentially. So this is what I have to say in this lecture, thank you very much for your attention.