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Goal: find  $y(x)$  to minimize  $\int_a^b F(x, y, y') dx$  for some continuous  $F$ .

Thm: Min/Max occur when  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'}$  (Euler's Eqn.)

PF: Let  $y(x) \rightarrow y(x) + \epsilon \eta(x)$ , so  $C(\epsilon) = \int_a^b F(x, y + \epsilon \eta, y' + \epsilon \eta') dx$   
 where  $\eta(a) = \eta(b) = 0 \in \text{endpt B}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } C'(0) = 0 &= \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \left( \int_a^b F(x, y + \epsilon \eta, y' + \epsilon \eta') dx \right) \Big|_{\epsilon=0} = \int_a^b \frac{\partial F}{\partial \epsilon} dx = \int_a^b \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \epsilon} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \eta + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \eta' dx \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \eta - \left( \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \eta dx = \int_a^b \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \eta dx \end{aligned}$$

Holds for smooth  $\eta$ , hence  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = 0$ .  $\square$

Ex: ① Maximize  $\int_1^2 \frac{y'}{x} dx$  w/  $y(1) = 1, y(2) = 2$ .

$$F = \frac{y'}{x} \quad F_y = 0, \quad F_{y'} = \frac{1}{x}, \quad \text{so } -\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{impossible} \Leftrightarrow \text{no local extreme}$$

② Maximize  $\int_1^2 \frac{y'^2}{x} dx$ .

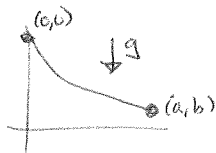
$$F = \frac{y'^2}{x} \quad F_y = 0 \quad F_{y'} = \frac{2y'}{x} = C \quad y' = Cx \quad y = Cx^2 + B \Leftrightarrow y = \frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{2}{3}$$

27/ Thm: ① If  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$ , so  $\int_a^b F(x, y') dx$ , then max/min when  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = C$ . PF:  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = 0$ .  $\square$

② If  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$ , so  $\int_a^b F(y, y') dx$ , then  $F - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} y' = C$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PF: } \frac{d}{dx} \left( F - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} y' \right) &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \frac{dy'}{dx} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \frac{dy'}{dx} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} y' \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) y' = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Brachistochrone:



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} m v^2 &= m g y \\ \Downarrow \\ v &= \sqrt{2gy} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $S = \text{arc length}$ ,  $t = \text{time} \Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dt} = v = \sqrt{2gy}$ ,  $ds = \sqrt{1+y'^2} dx$ , so  $dt = \sqrt{\frac{1+y'^2}{2gy}} dx$

So  $T = \text{time to fall} = \int_0^a \sqrt{\frac{1+y'^2}{2gy}} dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Integrd: } \sqrt{\frac{1+y'^2}{2gy}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1+y'^2}{2gy} \right)^{-1/2} \frac{2y'y'}{2gy} &= C \Leftrightarrow \frac{1+y'^2}{2gy} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1+y'^2}{gy} \right) = C \Leftrightarrow \frac{1+y'^2}{2gy} - \frac{1+y'^2}{2gy} = C \\ &\Leftrightarrow y'^2 = \frac{c}{y} - 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{c-y}{y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } y' = \sqrt{\frac{c-y}{y}}, \text{ let } y = c \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow y' &= \frac{c(1-\sin^2 \theta)}{c \sin^2 \theta} = 2c \cos \theta \csc^2 \theta \\ &= \frac{c \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \Leftrightarrow \theta' = \frac{c}{\sin^2 \theta} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = c(\theta - \sin \theta), y = c(1 - \cos \theta)} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{cycloid} \end{aligned}$$

Isoperimetric Ineq:

Thm: For  $\gamma$  simple closed curve,  $A(\text{int}(\gamma)) \leq \frac{1}{4\pi} l(\gamma)^2$ , w/ ~~eq.~~ only for circles

Pressley Pf:

Lemma:  $F: [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth,  $F(0)=F(\pi)=0$ , then  $\int_0^\pi (\dot{F})^2 dt \geq \int_0^\pi F^2 dt$ , w/ eq. only for  $F = A \sin t$ .

Pf: ① If  $F = G \sin t$ , then  $\int_0^\pi (\dot{F}^2 - F^2) dt = \int_0^\pi (\dot{G}^2 \sin^2 t + G^2 \cos^2 t + 2G\dot{G} \sin t \cos t - G^2 \sin^2 t) dt$   
 $= \int_0^\pi \dot{G}^2 \sin^2 t dt + \int_0^\pi G^2 (\cos^2 t - \sin^2 t) + 2G\dot{G} (\sin t \cos t) dt$   
 $= \int_0^\pi \dot{G}^2 \sin^2 t dt + \int_0^\pi \frac{d}{dt} [G^2 \sin t \cos t] dt$   
 $= \int_0^\pi (\dot{G} \sin t)^2 dt \geq 0. \checkmark$

② Eq? Zero? Then  $\dot{G} \sin t = 0 \forall t$ , so  $\dot{G} = 0$  for all  $t \in (0, \pi)$   
 so  $G = C$  and  $F = C \sin t. \blacksquare$

Pf: ① Assume  $\gamma$  has period  $\pi$ , param. by  $t = \frac{\pi s}{l(\gamma)}$ , w/  $\gamma(0) = \gamma(\pi) = 0$ .  $A = \iint r dr d\theta$

Then  $\|\dot{r}\|^2 = \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{x}(s)}{\pi}\right)^2 = \frac{l(\gamma)^2}{\pi^2}$ .

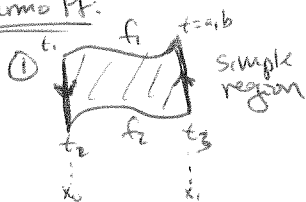
② In polar coords,  $A(\text{int}(\gamma)) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (x\dot{y} - y\dot{x}) dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi r^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi r^2 \dot{\theta} dt$

and  $l(\gamma) = \int_0^\pi (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) dt = \int_0^\pi (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) dt = \frac{l(\gamma)^2}{\pi}$ .

③ Thus,  $\frac{l(\gamma)^2}{4\pi} - A(\text{int}(\gamma)) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\pi (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 - 2r^2 \dot{\theta}) dt = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\pi (\dot{r}^2 (\dot{\theta} - 1)^2 + (r^2 - r^2)) dt \geq 0$

④ Eq? Zero  $\Leftrightarrow r^2 (\dot{\theta} - 1)^2 = 0$ ,  $\dot{r}^2 - r^2 = 0$ , i.e.  $\dot{\theta} = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = t + C$  and  $r = A \sin t$  by above  
 $\Leftrightarrow r = A \sin(\theta - C) \Leftrightarrow$  circle.  $\blacksquare$

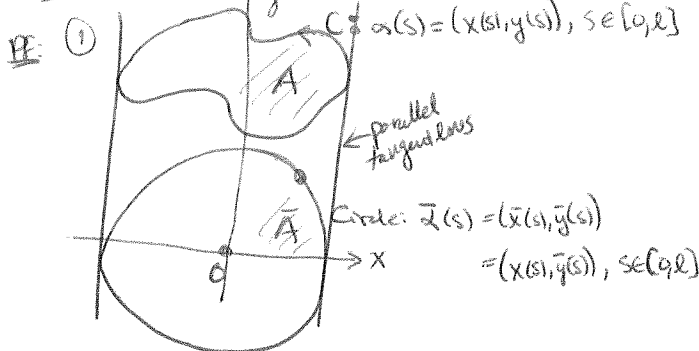
do Carmo Pf:



$A = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (f_1 - f_2) dx = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} x \dot{y} dt - \int_{t_2}^{t_3} x \dot{y} dt = - \int_a^b y \dot{x} dt$

$\Rightarrow$  Green's Thm  $A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (xy' - yx') dt = \int_a^b xy' dt = - \int_a^b yx' dt$

Thm:  $l^2 \geq 4\pi A$



②  $A = \int_0^l xy' ds$ ,  $\bar{A} = \pi r^2 = - \int_0^l \bar{y} \bar{x}' ds$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $A + \pi r^2 = \int_0^l (xy' - \bar{y} \bar{x}') ds$   
 $\leq \int_0^l |xy' - \bar{y} \bar{x}'| ds$   
 $\leq \int_0^l \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)(x'^2 + y'^2)} ds = \int_0^l \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)} ds = \int_0^l r ds = lr$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{A} \sqrt{\pi r^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} (A + \pi r^2) \leq \frac{1}{2} lr$  (AM-GM)  
 $\Leftrightarrow 4\pi A r^2 \leq l^2 r^2 \checkmark$