

Read the statements A and B given below in the view of non-contemporaneous variation of a functional, $\text{Min}_{y(x)} J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(y(x), y'(x), y''(x)) dx$, and answer questions from 1- 4.

A. The Euler-Lagrange equation is

$$F_y - (F_{y'})' + (F_{y''})'' = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

B. Boundary conditions are

$$(F_{y''} \delta y') \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2} = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

$$\left\{ \left(F_{y'} - (F_{y''})' \right) \delta y \right\} \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2} = 0 \quad (1.3)$$

$$\left\{ \left(F - F_{y'} y' + (F_{y''})' y' - F_{y''} y'' \right) \delta x \right\} \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2} = 0 \quad (1.4)$$

1. Derive the Euler-Lagrange equation and boundary conditions for general variations starting from the minimization statement and compare your solution with statements A and B, and then select the appropriate option given below.

- Statement A is correct but not B.
- Statement B is correct but not A.
- Both statements A and B are correct.
- Both statements A and B are wrong.

2. While deriving the necessary conditions in Question 1, you would have accounted for h , the difference between the perturbed and original curves at the end points. Which of the following captures the end-point variations?

- $\delta y_1 = h_1 + y_1' \delta x_1$ and $\delta y_2 = h_2 + y_2' \delta x_2$
- $\delta y_1 = h_1 = y_1' \delta x_1$ and $\delta y_2 = h_2 = y_2' \delta x_2$
- $\delta y_1 = h_1 - y_1' \delta x_1$ and $\delta y_2 = h_2 + y_2' \delta x_2$
- $\delta y_1 = h_1 + y_1' \delta x_1$ and $\delta y_2 = h_2 - y_2' \delta x_2$

3. Boundary conditions for the minimizing statement, $\text{Min}_{y(x)} J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(y(x), y'(x)) dx$, can be obtained from Statement B by setting ... (Note : Use correct statements A and B from Question 1)

- a) $\delta y = 0$ and $\delta y' = 0$
- b) $\delta y'' = 0$ and $y'' = 0$
- c) $F_{y'} = 0$ and $\delta y' = 0$
- d) $F_{y''} = 0$ and $y'' = 0$

4. Which of the following statement is false?

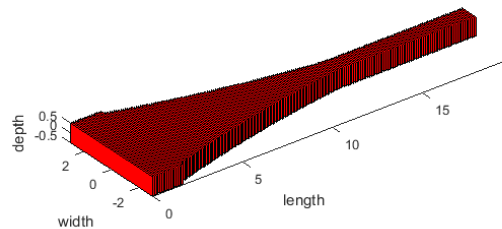
- a) Euler-Lagrange equations does not change for non-contemporaneous variations.
- b) The only change in necessary conditions for a non-contemporaneous variation is Equation 1.4 given at the beginning.
- c) Transversality conditions for an optimal solution with end points constrained on two curves can be obtained from Statement 2.
- d) The guided-beam problem cannot be solved using Statements A and B.

5. Earlier in the course, we had derived Snell's law using finite-variable optimization. Which of the following conditions is required if we want to derive Snell's law using calculus of variations?

- a) Noether's theorem
- b) Transversality conditions
- c) Complimentarity conditions
- d) Weierstrass-Erdmann corner conditions

Study the Matlab code provided, beamOpt.m, and answer questions from 6-10.

6. Given below is a final area profile from optimization code for a stiffest beam under uniform loading. Can you guess the boundary conditions of the beam?



- a) Fixed-free
- b) Fixed-fixed
- c) Fixed-guided
- d) None of the above

7. Which of the following Matlab statements checks for area and set it to the upper limit of the area.

- a)

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if (A(j)>Amax)
    A(j)=Amax;
end
```
- b)

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if A(j)~=Amax && A(j)~=Amin
    A(j)=A(j)*(alpha*E(j)*uDashDash(j)^2/lambda)^eta;
end
```
- c)

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if (A(j)<Amin)
    A(j)=Amin;
End
```
- d)

```
updatePlot(A,d,nx,n,Amax,Amin);
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8. If you were to modify BarOpt2.m to a code equivalent to beamOpt.m, then which of the following changes are necessary?

- A. feambeam() has to be used instead of feambar().
- B. All the variables needs to be renamed.
- C. Both first and second derivatives of displacement have to obtained using finite-difference instead of just the first derivative.
- D. Optimality criterion for a stiff-beam is different from that of a stiff-bar, so the Matlab statement to update area has to be changed accordingly.
- E. Inner loop that checks for upper and lower bounds on areas has to be modified.

- a) A,B,C,D,E
- b) A,C,D
- c) A,B,C,D
- d) A,C,E

9. Which of the following Matlab statements update area using the optimality criterion?

- a) $\lambda = \lambda + A(j) \cdot l(j) \cdot (\alpha \cdot E(j) \cdot u_{DD}(j)^2)^\eta$;
- b)

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if (A(j)>Amax)
    A(j)=Amax;
end
```
- c) $A(j) = A(j) \cdot (\alpha \cdot E(j) \cdot u_{DD}(j)^2 / \lambda)^\eta$
- d) `updatePlot(A,d,nx,n,Amax,Amin)`

10. Find the number of outer-loop iterations beamOpt.m takes to converge when $\eta = .2$, $\text{tol} = 1e-3$, $n = 200$ for fixed-free boundary conditions. (Note: Do not change anything other than the specified in the provided code to get the correct answer)

- a) 50
- b) 34
- c) 19
- d) 4