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motivating interest in the subject will probably not be answerable at the introductory level of their formulation. In earlier articles,1,2 it was shown through several examples that a complete characterization of the solution of optimization problems may be available by elementary methods, and it is the purpose of this work to explore further the convexity which underlay these individual successes in the context of a full introductory treatment of the theory of the variational calculus. The required convexity is that determined through Gateaux variations, which can be defined in any real linear space and which provide an unambiguous foundation for the theory.

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Aug 09 2020 Provides a thorough understanding of calculus of variations and prepares readers for the study of modern optimal control theory. Selected variational problems and over 400 exercises. Bibliography. 1969 edition.

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variations, and sufficiency conditions. Numerous line drawings clarify the mathematics. Each chapter ends with recommended readings that introduce the student to the relevant scientific literature and with exercises that consolidate understanding.

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equations and functional analysis. The aim is to give a thorough and systematic analysis of various aspects of calculus of variations.
Relaxation in Optimization Theory and Variational Calculus Jul 08 2020 The relaxation method has enjoyed an intensive development during many decades and this new edition of this comprehensive text reflects in particular the main achievements in the past 20 years. Moreover, many further improvements and extensions are included, both in the direction of optimal control and optimal design as well as in numerics and applications in materials science, along with an updated treatment of the abstract parts of the theory.
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Calculus of Variations Jan 14 2021 This concise text offers both professionals and students an introduction to the fundamentals and standard methods of the calculus of variations. In addition to surveys of problems with fixed and movable boundaries, it explores highly practical direct methods for the solution of variational problems. Topics include the method of variation in problems with fixed boundaries; variational problems with movable boundaries and other problems; sufficiency conditions for an extremum; variational problems of constrained extrema; and direct methods of solving variational problems. Each chapter features numerous illustrative problems, and solutions appear at the end.

An Introduction to the Calculus of Variations Oct 23 2021 In this highly regarded text for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, the author develops the calculus of variations both for its intrinsic interest and for its powerful applications to modern mathematical physics. Topics include first and second variations of an integral, generalizations, isoperimetrical problems, least action, special relativity, elasticity, more. 1963 edition.

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Calculus of Variations May 06 2020 First truly up-to-date treatment offers a simple introduction to optimal control, linear-quadratic control design, and more. Broad perspective features numerous exercises, hints, outlines, and appendixes, including a practical discussion of MATLAB. 2005 edition.

Variational Calculus in Science and Engineering Aug 01 2022 Maxima and minima -- Introductory problems of the variational calculus -- Euler-Lagrange development with applications -- Hamilton's principle and Lagrange's equations -- Deformable bodies : theory of elasticity -- Energy principles, methods, and applications -- Rayleigh-Ritz method -- Methods of Galerkin, Kantorovich, and Euler -- Appendix : Summation convention and Cartesian tensors.

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Topics in Calculus of Variations Dec 01 2019 Contents: H. Brezis: Sk-valued Maps with Singularities.- L.A. Caffarelli: Free Boundary Problems. A Survey.- J. Moser: Minimal Foliations on a Torus.- L. Nirenberg: Variational Methods in Nonlinear Problems.- R.M. Schoen: Variational Theory for the Total Scalar Curvature Functional for Riemannian Metrics and Related Topics.- A.J. Tromba: A Classical Variational Approach to Teichmüller Theory.

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(approximate) methods to solve boundary value problems containing ordinary/partial differential equations by variational and residue methods, some of them being of immense importance in the treatment of finite element numerical methods. Variety of disciplines being used in the subject, are given in brief, in respective appendices."--BOOK JACKET.

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The Calculus of Variations Nov 23 2021 Suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students of mathematics, physics, or engineering, this introduction to the calculus of

variations focuses on variational problems involving one independent variable. It also discusses more advanced topics such as the inverse problem, eigenvalue problems, and Noether's theorem. The text includes numerous examples along with problems to help students consolidate the material.

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