

Problem 1 (25 marks)

What is the smallest value that you can get for

$$\int_0^{\infty} dx \left(\left[\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right]^2 + [y(x)]^3 \right)$$

if the permissible $y(x)$ are such that $y(0) = 1$ and $y(x) \rightarrow 0$ for $x \rightarrow \infty$?

Problem 2 (30 marks)

Mass m is moving without friction on the surface specified by $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + a^2}$ with $a > 0$, while the gravitational force $m\mathbf{g} = -mg\mathbf{e}_3 \hat{=} (0, 0, -mg)$ is acting. Find the Lagrange function $L(\zeta, \varphi, \dot{\zeta}, \dot{\varphi})$ where x and y are related to the coordinates ζ, φ by

$$x = a \sinh \zeta \cos \varphi, \quad y = a \sinh \zeta \sin \varphi$$

with $\zeta \geq 0$. Then determine the corresponding Hamilton function and state the Hamilton equations of motion.

Problem 3 (15 marks)

The phase space density $\rho(x, p, t)$ obeys the Liouville equation to a certain Hamilton function $H(x, p, t)$. Show that

$$\int dx dp \rho(x, p, t)$$

does not depend on time t , whereby the integration covers the whole phase space.

Problem 4 (30 marks)

Function $z(x, y)$ obeys the quasi-linear partial differential equation (qIPDE)

$$\left[(x + z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] z = 0.$$

Determine the solution of this qIPDE for $z(x, 0) = x$.