Variational Calculus

1) Consider the optimization problem below that aims to maximize the thermal conductivity of a bar subject to a distributed heat source, and boundary conditions shown in the figure.

Derive the optimality equation for the optimization problem, as well as the thermal equilibrium equation for the bar. For that:

a) Write the Lagrangian function (L) of the problem;

b) Variate the Lagrangian function and impose the stationarity condition ($\delta L = 0$);

c) Isolate the terms referring to the variationals of the design variable functions ($\delta A e \delta u$) and determine the required equations

2) Consider the optimization problem below that aims to minimize the flexibility of a bar subjected to a force as shown in the figure.



Derive the optimality equation from the optimization problem as well as the bar equilibrium equation. For that:

a) Write the Lagrangian function (L) of the problem;

b) Variate the Lagrangian function and impose the stationarity condition ($\delta L = 0$);

c) Isolate the terms referring to the variationals of the design variable functions ($\delta A e \delta u$)) and determine the required equations