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MATH 582 Midterm Exam

Carefully Read and Follow Directions Clearly label your work and attach it to this sheet. No credit will be given for unsubstantiated answers. Answer 3 of the 4 questions.

1. Let w be a continuous function, and let V consist of continuous functions on the interval $[0,1]$ for which the derivative $v'(x)$ is piecewise continuous and bounded on $[0,1]$ and $v(0) = v(1) = 0$. Show that if

$$\int_0^1 w(x)v(x)dx = 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in V,$$

then $w = 0$.

2. Let $V = \{v \in C^2[0,1]\colon v(0) = \alpha\}$

$$f(u) = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{1}{2}p(x)(u')^2 + \frac{1}{2}q(x)(u)^2 - r(x)u\right] dx \quad \forall\, u \in V,$$

where $p \in C^1[0,1]$, $p(x) > 0$ for all $x \in [0,1]$, $q, r \in C[0,1]$ and $q(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [0,1]$. Derive the Euler-Lagrange D. E. Be sure to clearly identify the natural as well as the essential boundary conditions. Also clearly identify the linear space of test functions given by $\tilde{V}$.

3. Problem 0.x.6 in Brenner & Scott handout, page 20. Note, the norm indicated is the L^2-norm. That is, the inequality is given by

$$\|u - u_I\|_2 \leq Ch^2\|u''\|_2, \quad \text{where}\|z\|_2 = \left[\int_0^1 [z(x)]^2 dx\right]^{1/2}.$$

NOTE: Answering the question addressing how small you can make $\tilde{c}$ is a BONUS question. It is worth 5 points.

4. The first-order directional derivative of the functional

$$f(u) = \int_a^b F(x, u, u')dx, \quad u \in V$$

is given by

$$f^{(1)}(u;\eta) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial F}{\partial u'}\eta' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}\eta dx,$$

for all $\eta \in \tilde{V}$ with $\|\eta\| = 1$. Give the corresponding expression for the second-order directional derivative $f^{(2)}(u;\eta)$. Assume that the function F is sufficiently smooth for all of the partial derivatives that you use.