

Suppose  $L(p, z, u) = |p|^3$  and  $U$  is the unit ball in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

#1. Find the Euler-Lagrange equation satisfied by a minimizer of  $\int_U |Du|^3 dx$

#2. Show that  $p \mapsto L(p, z, x)$  is convex for each  $z \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $x \in U$ .

#3. Suppose that  $g$  is a smooth function on  $\partial U$ . Show that

$$\mathcal{A}_g = \{w \in W^{1,3}(U) : w = g \text{ on } \partial U\} \neq \emptyset .$$

That is, construct one function  $w$  such that  $w = g$  on  $\partial U$  and  $\int_U (|u|^3 + |Du|^3) dx < \infty$ .

#4. Prove that  $\mathcal{A}_g$  contains a minimizer  $u \in W^{1,3}(U)$ .

#5. Is this minimizer unique? Why or why not?