

*Calculus of Variations, singular  
case: viscosity solutions*

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# $V_2(\cdot)$ and $T_2(\cdot)$

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where  $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is continuous nondecreasing with  $F(0) = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in (a, b)$  and  $p \in R$ .

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