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Regularity results for minimizers of some variational integrals

In an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ ($m \geq 2$) let us define the maps $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. Also, let us consider the $p(x)$ -energy functional as follows

$$\mathcal{E}(u; \Omega) := \int_{\Omega} \left(g^{\alpha\beta}(x) G_{ij}(u) D_{\alpha} u^i(x) D_{\beta} u^j(x) \right)^{p(x)/2} dx,$$

being $(g^{\alpha\beta}(x))$ and $(G_{ij}(u))$ symmetric positive definite matrices whose entries are continuous functions defined on Ω and \mathbb{R}^n respectively, and $p(x)$ a continuous function on Ω with $p(x) \geq 2$.

Main focus is the study of regularity properties, interior and up to the boundary, of the minimizers u of \mathcal{E} and developments in this direction. Some open problems concerning qualitative properties are discussed.