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$$T[x+\epsilon h] - T[x] = \int_0^A dz \sqrt{\frac{1+x'^2 + 2x'h'\epsilon + \epsilon^2 h'^2}{z}} - \sqrt{\frac{1+x'^2}{z}}$$

$$= \int_0^A dz \sqrt{\frac{1+x'^2}{z}} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{2x'h'\epsilon + \epsilon^2 h'^2}{1+x'^2}} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \int_0^A dz \sqrt{\frac{1+x'^2}{z}} \left(\frac{2x'h'\epsilon + \epsilon^2 h'^2}{2(1+x'^2)} - \frac{4x'^2 h'^2 \epsilon^2}{8(1+x'^2)^2} + O(\epsilon^3) \right)$$

$$= \int_0^A dz \sqrt{\frac{1+x'^2}{z}} \left(\frac{(2x'h'\epsilon + \epsilon^2 h'^2)(1+x'^2) - x'^2 h'^2 \epsilon^2}{2(1+x'^2)^2} + O(\epsilon^3) \right)$$

and on a stationary path

$$= \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \int_0^A dz \frac{h'^2}{\sqrt{z} (1+x'^2)^{3/2}} + O(\epsilon^3)$$

$$z = c^2 \sin^2 \phi$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} c^2 (2\phi - \sin 2\phi)$$

$$\frac{dz}{d\phi} = 2c^2 \sin\phi \cos\phi = c^2 \sin 2\phi$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\phi} = c^2 - c^2 \cos 2\phi$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \int_0^{\phi_A} d\phi \frac{dz}{d\phi} \frac{h'(z)^2}{\sqrt{z} \left(1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dz}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{E^2}{2} \int_0^{\phi_n} d\phi \quad c^2 \sin 2\phi \frac{h'(z)^2}{c \sin \phi \left(1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dz}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= E^2 c \int_0^{\phi_n} d\phi \frac{\cos \phi h'(z)^2}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dz}\right)^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dz} = \frac{1 - \cos 2\phi}{\sin 2\phi}$$

$$\frac{1 - 2c + c^2 + s^2}{s^2}$$

$$= E^2 c \int_0^{\phi_n} d\phi h'(z)^2 \frac{\cos \phi}{\left(\frac{2 - 2\cos 2\phi}{\sin^2 2\phi}\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= E^2 c \int_0^{\phi_n} d\phi h'(z)^2 \frac{\cos \phi \sin^3 2\phi}{(2 - 2\cos 2\phi)^{3/2}}$$

$$= E^2 c \int_0^{\phi_n} d\phi h'(z)^2 \frac{\cos \phi \cdot 8 \cos^3 \phi \sin^3 \phi}{(4 \sin^2 \phi)^{3/2}}$$

$$= E^2 c \int_0^{\phi_n} d\phi h'(z)^2 \cos^4 \phi > 0$$

$$T[x + \epsilon h] - T[x] > 0$$

$$T[x + \epsilon h] > T[x]$$

it's a global minimum.