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Summary: In frames of the theory of m -Hessian equations there were introduced three types of functionals. Two of them are the basis of the theory of m -Hessian measures developed by *N. S. Trudinger* and *X.-J. Wang* [Topol. Methods Nonlinear Anal. 10, No. 2, 225–239 (1997; [Zbl 0915.35039](#)); Ann. Math. (2) 150, No. 2, 579–604 (1999; [Zbl 0947.35055](#)); J. Funct. Anal. 193, No. 1, 1–23 (2002; [Zbl 1119.35325](#))] in particular in order to obtain some analogs of classic embedding theorems.

On the other hand, the second author has introduced in the beginning of 1990s the m -Hessian analog of the Dirichlet integral in order to obtain variational description of the cone of m -admissible functions, i.e., in terms of local minimizers in C^2 .

In this paper we present a survey of some known properties of these functionals and establish some connection between them. It also contains new results.

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