

## **CHAPTER 11 PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION**

### **TOPICS:**

- 1. DEFINITION, FIRST AND SECOND ORDER PARTIAL DERIVATIVES**
- 2.HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTIONS AND EULARS THEOREM.**

## PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION

Let  $u = f(x, y)$  be a function of two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$ .

(i) If  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$  exists then the limit is called the partial derivative of  $u$  with respect to  $x$ . It is denoted by  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  or  $u_x$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  or  $f_x$ .

(ii) If  $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+k) - f(x, y)}{k}$  exists then the limit is called the partial derivative of  $u$  with respect to  $y$ . It is denoted by  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  or  $u_y$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  or  $f_y$ .

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+k) - f(x, y)}{k}$$

**Note :** (i) The partial derivative of  $u$  w.r.t.  $x$  is the ordinary derivative of  $u$  w.r.t.  $x$  treating the other variable  $y$  (and its functions) as constant

(ii) The partial derivative of  $u$  w.r.t.  $y$  is the ordinary derivative of  $u$  w.r.t.  $y$  treating the other variable  $x$  (and its functions) as constant.

## DIFFERENTIATION OF COMPOSITE FUNCTIONS

1. If  $V = g(U)$  and  $U = f(x, y)$  then (i)  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{dV}{dU} \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$ , (ii)  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = \frac{dV}{dU} \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$

2. If  $Z = f(x, y)$  and  $x = g(t)$ ;  $y = h(t)$  then  $\frac{dZ}{dt} = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$  is called the total differential coefficient of  $Z$  w.r.t.  $t$ .

3. If  $f(x, y) = c$  where  $c$  is constant, then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} / \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ .

## PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF SECOND ORDER

**Definition :** If  $U = f(x, y)$  then  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$  are called the partial derivatives of first order and they

are functions of  $x, y$ . The partial derivatives of  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$ , if they exist, are called the second order partial derivatives. They are denoted by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} \equiv U_{xx} \equiv f_{xx}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y \partial x} \equiv U_{yx} \equiv f_{yx}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} \equiv U_{xy} \equiv f_{xy}$$

and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} \equiv U_{yy} \equiv f_{yy}$ .

### HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTION:

A function  $u = f(x, y)$  is said to be a homogeneous function of degree  $n$  in the variables  $x$  and  $y$  if  $f(kx, ky) = k^n f(x, y)$  for all  $k$  or  $f(x, y) = x^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  or  $f(x, y) = y^n f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ .

### EULER'S THEOREM

If  $u = f(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$  in the variables  $x, y$  then  $x \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = nU$

#### Proof:

Since  $u = f(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$ , we have  $U = x^n g(y/x)$  where  $g(y/x)$  is function of  $y/x$ .

$$\therefore \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = x^n \cdot g'(y/x) \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) + nx^{n-1} \cdot g(y/x) \quad \text{-- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = x^n \cdot g'(y/x) \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = x \left( x^n g'(y/x) \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) \right) + nx^n g(y/x) + yx^{n-1} \cdot g'(y/x)$$

$$= n \cdot x^n \cdot g(y/x) = nU.$$

**Note 1:** If  $U = f(x, y, z)$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$  in  $x, y, z$  then

$$x \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = nU$$

### Theorem

If  $U = f(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$  in  $x, y$

then  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)U$ .

#### Proof:

Since  $U = f(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$ , by Euler's theorem, we have

$$x \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = nU \text{ -----(1)}$$

Differentiating (1) partially w.r.t. x we get

$$x \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \right) \cdot 1 + y \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} = n \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + y \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} = (n-1) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \text{ -- (2)}$$

Differentiating (1) w.r.t. y partially we get,

$$x \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y \partial x} + y \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \cdot 1 = n \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y \partial x} + y \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} = (n-1) \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \text{ -----(3)}$$

$$(2) \cdot x + (3) \cdot y \Rightarrow x^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)U .$$

## PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION

### EXERCISE – 11(a)

I.

1. Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  for

i)  $z = 3xe^{y^2} + 4y$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

Sol:  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 3e^{y^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(4y) = 3e^{y^2}$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(3xe^{y^2}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(4y) = 6xye^{y^2} + 4$$

ii)  $z = \log \left( y + \frac{x}{y^2} \right)$

Sol:  $z = \log \left( y + \frac{x}{y^2} \right)$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{y + \frac{x}{y^2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( y + \frac{x}{y^2} \right) = \frac{y^2}{y^3 + x} \left[ \frac{1}{y^2} \right] = \frac{1}{y^3 + x}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\left(y + \frac{x}{y^3}\right)} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(y + \frac{x}{y^2}\right) = \left(\frac{y^2}{y^3 + x}\right) \left(1 + x \left(\frac{-2}{y^3}\right)\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{y^2}{y^3 + x}\right) \left(\frac{y^3 - 2x}{y^3}\right) = \frac{(y^3 - 2x)}{y(y^3 + x)}$$

iii)  $z = \text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{y^2}{x}\right)$

**Sol:** differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y^2}{x}\right)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{y^2}{x}\right] = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^4} \left(\frac{-y^2}{x^2}\right) = \frac{-y^2}{x^2 + y^4}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y^2}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{y^2}{x}\right]$$

iv)  $z = \frac{\cos x}{\sin y}$  **ans:**  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-\sin x}{\sin y}$  &  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-\cos x}{\sin^2 y} (\cos y)$   
 $= -\cos x \cdot \cot y \cdot \text{cosec } y$

v)  $z = xe^y + ye^x$  . **ans.**  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^y + ye^x$ ,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = xe^y + e^x$

vi)  $z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x+y^2}}$

**Sol:** differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-1}{2} (1+x+y^2)^{-3/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (1+x+y^2) = \frac{-1}{2} (1+x+y^2)^{-3/2}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2} (1+x+y^2)^{-3/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (1+x+y^2)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2} (1+x+y^2)^{-3/2} (2y) = \frac{-y}{(1+x+y^2)^{3/2}}$$

vii)  $x = \sin(x^2 - y)$  [ans. =  $2x \cos(x^2 - y), -\cos(x^2 - y)$ ]

2. For the following functions f, show that  $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$ .

i)  $f(x) = x^2 - y^2$

ii)  $e^x \sin y$

Sol:  $f = e^x \sin y$

Differentiate f partially w.r.t x,

$$f_x = e^x \sin y,$$

differentiate  $f_x$  partially w.r.t x,

$$f_{xx} = e^x \sin y$$

$$f = e^x \sin y$$

differentiate f partially w.r.t y,

$$f_y = e^x \cos y,$$

differentiate  $f_y$  partially w.r.t y,

$$\therefore f_{yy} = -e^x \sin y$$

$$\therefore f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$$

iii)  $f = \sin x \cdot \cosh y$

3. If  $v = \pi r^2 h$ , show that  $r v_r + 2h v_h = 4v$

4. If  $z = \sin(x - y) + \log(x + y)$  show that  $z_{xx} = z_{yy}$ .

Sol:  $z = \sin(x - y) + \log(x + y)$

Differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_x = \cos(x - y) + \frac{1}{x + y}$$

Again differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_{xx} = -\sin(x - y) - \frac{1}{(x + y)^2} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

Differentiate z partially w.r.t y,

$$z_y = \cos(x - y) + \frac{1}{x + y}$$

Again differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$z_{yy} = -\sin(x-y) - \frac{1}{(x+y)^2} \quad \text{---(2)}$$

∴ From (1) and (2), we get  $z_{xx} = z_{yy}$

5. If  $u^3(1+a^3) = 8(x+ay+b)^3$  then show that  $u_x^3 + u_y^3 = 8$

Sol:  $u^3 = \frac{8(x+ay+b)^3}{1+a^3}$

$$u = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1+a^3}}(x+ay+b)$$

differentiate partially w.r.t x  $\Rightarrow u_x = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1+a^3}}$

differentiate partially w.r.t y  $\Rightarrow u_y = \frac{2a}{3\sqrt{1+a^3}} \therefore u_x^3 + u_y^3 = \frac{8}{1+a^3} + \frac{8a^3}{1+a^3} = \frac{8(1+a^3)}{1+a^3} = 8$

6. If  $au + b = a^2x + y$ , then show that  $u_x u_y = 1$

7. If  $z = Ae^{-p^2t} \cos px$ , then prove that  $z_{xx} = z_t$

Sol:  $z = Ae^{-p^2t} \cos px$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_x = A.e^{-p^2t} (-p \sin px)$$

$$= -Ap.e^{-p^2t} \sin Px$$

Again differentiate partially w.r.t x

$$z_{xx} = -Ap^2.e^{-p^2t} .\cos px \quad \text{---(1)}$$

differentiate z partially w.r.t t,

$$z_t = A \cos px.e^{-p^2t} (-p^2) = -Ap^2e^{-p^2t} \cos px$$

---(2)

From (1) and (2) we get  $z_{xx} = z_t$

II.

1. Find all the first and second order partial derivatives of the following functions f.

i)  $\sin(xy)$

ii)  $\tan(\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y)$

iii)  $e^x \cos y$

iv)  $e^{x^y}$

i)  $z = \sin(xy)$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_x = \cos(xy) \cdot y = xy \cos(xy)$$

Again differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_{xx} = -y \sin(xy) \cdot y = -y^2 \sin(xy)$$

Differentiate z partially w.r.t y,

$$z_y = (\cos xy) \cdot x = x \cos xy$$

Again differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_{xy} = (z_y)_x = x(-\sin xy \cdot y) + \cos xy$$

$$= -xy \sin(xy) + \cos(xy)$$

Differentiate  $z_y$  partially w.r.t y,

$$z_{yy} = -x \sin(xy) \cdot x = -x^2 \sin(xy)$$

$$(z_x)_y = (y \cos xy)_y$$

$$= y(\sin(xy))x + \cos xy$$

$$= \cos xy - x \cdot y \cdot \sin(xy)$$

ii)  $z = \tan(\tan^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}y)$

iii)  $e^x \cos y$

Sol:  $z = e^x \cos y$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_x = e^x \cos y, \text{ again diff. partially w.r.t x,}$$

$$z_{xx} = e^x \cos y$$

differentiate z partially w.r.t y,



$$z_y = -e^x \sin y,$$

again diff. partially w.r.t y,

$$z_{yy} = -e^x \cos y$$

Differentiate  $z_y$  partially w.r.t x,

$$z_{yx} = (z_y)_x = -e^x \cdot \sin y$$

$$z_x = e^x \cos y$$

$$z_y = z_{xy} = z_{yx} = -e^x \cdot \sin y$$

iv)  $z = e^{x^y}$

2. For the following functions f, show that  $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$ .

i)  $\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$

Sol:  $f = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$  differentiate partially w.r.t x,  $f_x = \frac{-y(2x)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$

Again differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{xx} &= \frac{-2y(x^2 + y^2)^2 + 2xy \cdot 2(x^2 + y^2) \cdot 2x}{[x^2 + y^2]^4} = \frac{2y(x^2 + y^2)[-x^2 - y^2 + 4x^2]}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} \\ &= \frac{2(-x^2 - y^2 + 4x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} = \frac{2y(3x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiate f partially w.r.t y,

$$f_y = \frac{1(x^2 + y^2) - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{yy} &= \frac{-2y(x^2 + y^2)^2 - 2(x^2 + y^2)(x^2 - y^2)(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} = \frac{2y(x^2 + y^2)[-x^2 - y^2 - 2x^2 + 2y^2]}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} \\ &= \frac{2y(y^2 - 3x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} \quad \therefore f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

ii)  $\text{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

Sol:  $f = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$f_x = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \left[ \frac{-y}{x} \right] = \frac{-x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$f_{xx} = \frac{+y(2x)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

differentiate f partially w.r.t y,

$$f_y = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$f_{yy} = \frac{-2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \therefore f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$$

iii)  $f = \log(x^2 + y^2)$

iv)  $e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y)$

Sol:  $f = e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y)$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$f(x) = e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y)$$

$$f_x = e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y) + e^{-x}(\sin y)$$

differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$f_{xx} = e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y) - e^{-x} \cdot \sin y - e^{-x} \cdot \sin y = e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y - 2 \sin y)$$

differentiate f partially w.r.t y,

$$f_y = e^{-x}(x \cos y - \cos y + y \sin y)$$

differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$f_{yy} = e^{-x}(-x \sin y + \sin y + \sin y + y \cos y) = e^{-x}(-x \sin y + y \cos y + 2 \sin y)$$

$$\therefore f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$$

v)  $e^x(x \cos y - y \sin y)$

vi)  $e^{2xy} \cos(y^2 - x^2)$

vii)  $e^{2x} (A \sin 2y + B \cos 2y)$

Sol:  $f = e^{2x} (A \sin 2y + B \cos 2y)$

Diff.  $f$  partially w.r.t  $x$ ,  $f_x = 2e^{2x} (A \sin 2y + B \cos 2y)$

Again diff. partially w.r.t  $x$ ,  $f_{xx} = 4e^{2x} (A \sin 2y + B \cos 2y)$

Diff.  $f$  partially w.r.t  $y$ ,  $f_y = e^{2x} (2A \cos 2y - 2B \sin 2y)$

Again diff. partially w.r.t  $y$ ,  $f_{yy} = e^{2x} (-4A \sin 2y - 4B \cos 2y)$

$= -4e^{2x} (A \sin 2y + B \cos 2y) = -f_{xx}$

$\Rightarrow f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$

viii)  $f = e^{-2xy} \sin(x^2 - y^2)$

3. If  $r$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by the equations  $r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$ ;  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ . find

$r_x, r_y, \theta_x$  and  $\theta_y$ . Also verify that  $r_y \theta_y + r_x \theta_x = 0$ .

Sol:  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

differentiate partially w.r.t  $x$ ,

$$r_x = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 2x = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

differentiate  $r$  partially w.r.t  $y$ ,

$$r_y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot 2y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

differentiate partially w.r.t  $x$ ,

$$\theta_x = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{y}{x^2 \frac{(x^2 + y^2)}{x^2}} = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

differentiate partially w.r.t  $y$ ,

$$\theta_y = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$r_y \cdot \theta_x + r_x \cdot \theta_y = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \left( -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{xy - xy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = 0$$

4. If  $z = \tan(y + ax) + (y - ax)^{1/2}$ , find  $z_{xx} - a^2 z_{yy}$ .

Sol:  $z = \tan(y + ax) + (y - ax)^{1/2}$

Differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_x = a \sec^2(y + ax) + \frac{1}{2}(-a)(y - ax)^{-1/2}$$

Differentiate partially w.r.t x,

$$z_{xx} = 2a^2 \sec^2(y + ax) \cdot \tan(y + ax) - \frac{a^2}{4}(y - ax)^{-3/2}$$

Differentiate z partially w.r.t y,

$$z_y = \sec^2(y + ax) + \frac{1}{2}(y - ax)^{-1/2}$$

Differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$z_{yy} = 2 \sec^2(y + ax) \tan(y + ax) - \frac{1}{4}(y - ax)^{-3/2}$$

$$\therefore z_{xx} - a^2 z_{yy} = 2a^2 \sec^2(y + ax) \tan(y + ax) - \frac{a^2}{4}(y - ax)^{-3/2}$$

$$-2a^2 \sec^2(y + ax) \tan(y + ax) + \frac{a^2}{4}(y - ax)^{-3/2} = 0$$

$$\therefore z_{xx} - a^2 z_{yy} = 0$$

5. If  $(2z - ay^2 - 2b^2) = 16ax$ , show that  $z_y = xyz_x^2$

6. If  $(z + a)e^{x+ay} = b$ , then show that  $z_x(z + z_x) = -z_y$

7. If  $u^2 = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ , then show that  $\sum \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$ .

Exercise – 11(b)

I.

1. Which of the following are homogeneous functions?

i)  $f(x, y) = x^{1/3} \cdot y^{3/4}, \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

Sol:  $f(x, y) = x^{1/3} \cdot y^{3/4}, \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$   
 $f(kx, ky) = (kx)^{1/3} (ky)^{3/4} \cdot \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{ky}{kx}\right)$   
 $= k^{1/3} \cdot x^{1/3} \cdot k^{3/4} \cdot y^{3/4} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

$$= k^{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{4}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot y^{\frac{3}{4}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$= k^{\frac{13}{12}} f(x, y)$$

$f(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function.

ii)  $f(x, y) = \frac{3x}{y} + \log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

Ans ;  $f(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function.

iii)  $f(x, y) = \log y + 2 \log x$

Sol:  $f(kx, ky) = \log ky + 2 \log kx$   
 $= \log k + \log y + 2(\log k + \log x)$   
 $= 3 \log k + (\log y + 2 \log x)$   
 $= 3 \log k + f(x, y)$

$f(x, y)$  is not a homogeneous function.

iv)  $u(x, y) = x f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y \cdot g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$

Ans : homogeneous function.

v)  $f(x, y) = (x^3 + y^3)^{3/2}$

Ans.  $f$  is a homogeneous function.

vi)  $f(x, y) = x^{1/3} y^{1/3} + x^{2/3} \cdot y^{1/3}$

Sol:  $f(kx, ky) = (kx)^{1/3} (ky)^{1/3} + (kx)^{2/3} \cdot (ky)^{1/3}$

$$= k^{2/3} \cdot x^{1/3} \cdot y^{1/3} + k \cdot x^{2/3} \cdot y^{1/3}$$

$$= k^{2/3} (x^{1/3} \cdot y^{1/3} + k^{1/3} \cdot x^{2/3} \cdot y^{1/3})$$

$$\neq k^n f(x, y)$$

$f(x, y)$  is not a homogeneous function.

**II.**

**1. Verify Euler's theorem for the following.**

i)  $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$

**Sol.**  $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$

Differentiate partially w.r.t

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(x)^{-1/2}[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}] - \frac{1}{2}(x)^{-1/2}(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(x)^{-1/2}[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{(x)^{-1/2}(y)^{1/2}}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2}$$

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{(xy)^{1/2}}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2}$$

Differentiate partially w.r.t y,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}(y)^{-1/2}[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}] - \frac{1}{2}(y)^{-1/2}\{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}\}}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}(y)^{-1/2}[2\sqrt{x}]}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2}$$

$$y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{-(xy)^{1/2}}{[\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]^2}$$

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

Degree of the given function is 0.

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = nf = 0. f = 0$$

Hence  $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$  holds Euler's theorem.

ii)  $f(x, y) = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$

iii)  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y}{x^3 + y^3}$

Sol.  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y}{x^3 + y^3} \rightarrow f(kx, ky) = \frac{k^3 \frac{x^2 y}{x^3 + y^3}}{k^3 \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 + y^3}} = k^0 \frac{x^2 y}{x^3 + y^3}$   
 $= k^0 f$

f is a homogeneous function of degree 0.

$\therefore x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \cdot f = 0$

differentiate f partially w.r.t x,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy(x^3 + y^3) - 3x^2 \cdot x^2 y}{(x^3 + y^3)^2} \quad x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{2x^2 y(x^3 + y^3) - 3x^5 \cdot y}{(x^3 + y^3)^2}$$

differentiate f partially w.r.t y,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2(x^3 + y^3) - 3y \cdot 2 \cdot x^2 y}{(x^3 + y^3)^2}$$

$$y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{yx^5 + y^4 x^2 - 3y^4 x^2}{(x^3 + y^3)^2}$$

$\therefore x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \cdot f = 0$

Hence eulers theorem verified.

iv)  $f(x, y) = x \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + x e^{x/y}$

2) If  $u = x \phi \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + y \psi \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$  then show that  $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = 0$

3) If  $u = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 + y^3} \right)$  then show that  $xu_x + yu_y = 0$  (May.'06)

Sol.  $u = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 + y^3} \right)$

$$\tan u = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^3 + y^3}$$

$$\text{let } \tan u = z(x, y) = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^3 + y^3} \rightarrow f(kx, ky) = \frac{k^3 x^3 - y^3}{k^3 x^3 + y^3}$$

$$= k^0 \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^3 + y^3} = k^0 z$$

$\tan u$  is a homogeneous function degree Zero in  $x$  and  $y$

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = nz$$

$$x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\tan u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\tan u) = 0 \cdot \tan u.$$

$$x \cdot \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cdot \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\sec^2 u \left( x \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow x \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } x \cdot u_x + y \cdot u_y = 0$$

### PROBLEMS FOR PRACTICE

1. If  $z = e^{ax} \sin by$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real Constants, find  $Z_z, Z_y, Z_{xx}, Z_{xy}, Z_{yy}$  and  $Z_{yz}$ .
2. Find all the first and second order partial Derivatives for  $f(x, y) = e^{x-2y}$
3. Find all the first and second order partial derivatives for  $f(x, y) = \sin(ax + by)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants.
4. If  $u(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y}{x^3 + y^3}$ , show that  $xu_x + yu_y = 0$
5. If  $z = \log(\tan x + \tan y)$ , show that  $(\sin 2x)z_x + (\sin 2y)z_y = 2$
6. If  $u = e^{xy}$ , show that  $u(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) = (u_x^2 + u_y^2)$
7. If  $z = f(x^2 + y^2)$ , show that  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$ .
8. If  $u = 3xy - y^3 + (y^2 - 2x)^{3/2}$ , then show that  $u_{xx} \cdot u_{yy} - (u_{xy})^2 = 0$
9. If  $f(x, y) = x^2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - y^2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ ;  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ , show that  $f_{xy} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ .



10. If  $r^2 = (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2$ , find the value of  $r_{xx} + r_{yy}$

Sol: Given  $r^2 = (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2$  ---(1)

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x, we get  $2r.r_x = 2(x-a) \Rightarrow r.r_x = x-a$

Differentiating again partially with respect to x, we get  $r.r_{xx} + r_x^2 = 1$  ---(2)

Similarly differentiating (1) partially with respect to y

$2r.r_y = 2(y-b) \Rightarrow r.r_y = y-b$  ---(3)

Differentiating (3) partially with respect to y, we get  $r.r_{yy} + r_y^2 = 1$  ---(4)

Adding equation (2) and (4), we obtain

$$r(r_{xx} + r_{yy}) = r_x^2 + r_y^2 = 2$$

$$r(r_{xx} + r_{yy}) = 2 - r_x^2 - r_y^2 = 2 - \frac{(x-a)^2}{r^2} - \frac{(y-b)^2}{r^2} = 2 - \frac{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}{r^2}$$

$$2 - \frac{r^2}{r^2} = 2 - 1 = 1 \therefore r_{xx} + r_{yy} = \frac{1}{r}$$

11. If  $z = \frac{y}{x} f(x+y)$ , then show that  $xz_x + yz_y = \frac{y}{x}(x+y)f'(x+y)$  Where

$$f'(x+y) = \frac{df}{du} \text{ and } u = x+y$$

12. If  $z = e^{x+y} + f(x) + g(y)$ , show that  $z_{xy} = e^{x+y}$ .

13. If  $z = xf(y) + yg(x)$ , show that  $z + xy z_{xy} = xz_x + yz_y$ .

14. If  $u(x,y) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ , then show that  $xu_x + yu_y = 0$ .

15. Verify Euler's theorem for the function  $f(x,y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x+y}$ .

16. Using Euler's theorem show that  $xu_x + yu_y = \frac{1}{2} \tan u$  for the function

$$u = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}\right)$$

17. If  $u = \sec^{-1}\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x+y}\right)$  then  $x \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \cot u$

18. If  $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x + y}\right)$ , show that  $xu_x + yu_y = \sin 2u$ .

Sol: Given that  $\tan u = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x + y}$

Write  $z = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x + y}$ . Then  $z$  is a homogeneous function of degree 2 and  $z = \tan u$ .

By Euler's theorem,  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2z$  ---(1)

But  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  ---(2)

Form (1) and (2),  $x(\sec^2 u)u_x + y(\sec^2 u)u_y = 2 \tan u$

i.e.,  $xu_x + yu_y = 2 \tan u \cdot \cos^2 u$   
 $= (2 \sin u \cos u) = \sin 2u$

19. If  $u = \log v$  and  $v(x, y)$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$ , then prove that  $xu_x + yu_y = n$ .

Sol: Given  $u = \log v \Rightarrow v = e^u$

Then by Euler's theorem,

$x \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = nv$  ---(1)

Now from  $u = \log v$ ,  $v = v(x, y)$

We get

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  ---(2)

and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  ---(3)

Substituting the value of

we get  $x \cdot v \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cdot v \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nv$

i.e.,  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = n$

(or)  $xu_x + yu_y = n$ .

20. If  $x^x \cdot y^y \cdot Z^Z = C$ , then prove that  $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = -\frac{(1 + \log x)}{(1 + \log Z)}$

**Sol:** Given  $x^x \cdot y^y \cdot Z^Z = c$

$$\log (x^x \cdot y^y \cdot Z^Z) = \log c$$

$$x \log x + y \log y + X \log Z = \log c$$

Differentiating partially w. r. t. x

$$\left( x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log x \right) + \left( Z \frac{1}{Z} + \log Z \cdot 1 \right) \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(1 + \log Z) \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = -(1 + \log x)$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = -\frac{(1 + \log x)}{(1 + \log Z)}$$

www.sakshieducation.com