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# PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION

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MODULE-4

# Partial Derivatives of the first order

- ❖ Let  $z = f(x, y)$  be a function of two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$ .
- ❖ If we keep  $y$  constant and allow only  $x$  to vary then derivative, if it exists, so obtained is called the **partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $x$**  and it is denoted by  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  or  $f_x$ .
- ❖ Thus, 
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\delta x}$$
- ❖ Similarly, the derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $y$  keeping  $x$  constant, if it exists is called the **partial derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $y$**  and it is denoted by  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  or  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  or  $f_y$ .
- ❖ Thus, 
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \lim_{\delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+\delta y) - f(x, y)}{\delta y}$$

# Partial Derivatives of Higher Order

- ❖ The partial derivatives of higher order, if they exist, can be obtained from partial derivatives of the first order by using the above definitions again.
- ❖ Thus,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)$  is the second order partial derivative of  $z$  w.r.t.  $x$  and is denoted by  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$  or  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$  or  $f_{xx}$ .
- ❖ Similarly, we have  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = f_{yy}$  ,  
 $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$   
And  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$

## Note

(1) If  $u = f(x, y)$  possesses **continuous** second-order partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$  then  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ .

This is called commutative property

(2) Standard rules for differentiation of sum, difference, product and quotient are also applicable for partial differentiation

## Differentiation of a function of a function

- ❖ Let  $z = f(u)$  and  $u = \Phi(x, y)$  so that  $z$  is function of  $u$  and  $u$  itself is a function of two independent variables  $x$  and  $y$ .
- ❖ The two relations define  $z$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ . In such cases  $z$  may be called a **function of a function of  $x$  and  $y$** .

- ❖ e.g. (i)  $z = \frac{1}{u}$  and  $u = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- (ii)  $z = \tan u$  and  $u = x^2 + y^2$

define  $z$  as a function of a function of  $x$  and  $y$ .

# Differentiation of a function of a function

If  $z = f(u)$  is differentiable function of  $u$  and  $u = \Phi(x, y)$  possesses first order partial derivatives then,

$$\diamond \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f'(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{Similarly} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = f'(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$\diamond \text{ e.g. If } z = (ax + by)^n \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = n(ax + by)^{n-1} \cdot a \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n(ax + by)^{n-1} \cdot b$$

# EXAMPLE-1

❖ If  $u = \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$ , prove that

$$❖ x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} =$$
$$- \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} =$$
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❖ **Solution:** We have  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$   
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) = 0$$



## EXAMPLE-2

❖ If  $z(x + y) = x^2 + y^2$ , prove that  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 = 4 \left(1 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)$

❖ **Solution:** Since  $z = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x + y}$

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

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

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

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

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❖ **Solution:** Since  $z = \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{x^2+2xy-y^2}{(x+y)^2}; \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-x^2+2xy+y^2}{(x+y)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{LHS} &= \left[ \frac{x^2+2xy-y^2+x^2-2xy-y^2}{(x+y)^2} \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{(x^2-y^2)}{(x+y)^2} \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{(x-y)}{(x+y)} \right]^2 = 4 \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Putting the values of  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= 4 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2+2xy-y^2}{(x+y)^2} - \frac{-x^2+2xy+y^2}{(x+y)^2} \right] \\ &= 4 \left[ \frac{x^2-2xy+y^2}{(x+y)^2} \right] = 4 \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

## EXAMPLE-3

❖ If  $u = \log(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ , prove that  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^2 u = -\frac{9}{(x+y+z)^2}$ .

**Solution: LHS**

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) u$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right) \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Now,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz} (3x^2 - 3yz)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{3y^2-3zx}{x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{3z^2-3xy}{x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz}$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 3 \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz} \right) = \frac{3}{(x + y + z)}$$

$$\{\because (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)(x + y + z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz\}$$

Hence from (1), LHS

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{(x+y+z)}$$

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

$$= -\frac{9}{(x+y+z)^2} = \text{RHS}$$

## EXAMPLE-4

❖ If  $z = x^y + y^x$ , verify that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$ .

**Solution:** Differentiating  $z$  partially w.r.t.  $y$  we get,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^y \log x + xy^{x-1}$$

Differentiating this partially w.r.t.  $x$  we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} &= yx^{y-1} \cdot \log x + x^y \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 1 \cdot y^{x-1} + xy^{x-1} \log y \\ &= yx^{y-1} \cdot \log x + x^{y-1} + y^{x-1} + xy^{x-1} \log y \end{aligned}$$

Now, differentiating  $z$  partially w.r.t.  $x$ , we get,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = yx^{y-1} + y^x \log y$$

Differentiating this again partially w.r.t.  $y$ , we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} &= x^{y-1} + y \cdot x^{y-1} \log x + \frac{y^x}{y} + xy^{x-1} \log y \\ &= yx^{y-1} \log x + x^{y-1} + y^{x-1} + xy^{x-1} \log y \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLE-5

❖ If  $u = e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = 8xyz u$ .

**Solution:**  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2z$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= 2z \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2y \\ &= 4yz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} \right) \\ &= 4yz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2x \\ &= 8xyz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\ &= 8xyz u\end{aligned}$$

# EXAMPLE-6

❖ If  $\theta = t^n e^{-r^2/4t}$ , find n which will make  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \right)$ .

❖ **Solution:**  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = nt^{n-1} \cdot e^{-r^2/4t} + t^n e^{-r^2/4t} \cdot \left( \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \right)$

❖  $= \frac{n}{t} \theta + \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \theta = \left( \frac{n}{t} + \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \right) \theta$  .....(1)

❖ Also,  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = t^n e^{-r^2/4t} \cdot \left( -\frac{2r}{4t} \right) = -\frac{r\theta}{2t}$

❖  $\therefore r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = -\frac{r^3 \theta}{2t}$

❖  $\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( -\frac{r^3 \theta}{2t} \right) = -\frac{1}{2t} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^3 \theta)$

❖  $= -\frac{1}{2t} \left[ r^3 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} + 3r^2 \theta \right]$

❖  $= -\frac{1}{2t} \left[ r^3 \frac{r\theta}{2t} + 3r^2 \theta \right]$

❖  $= -\frac{1}{2t} \left[ \frac{r^4 \theta}{2t} + 3r^2 \theta \right]$

❖  $\therefore \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \right) = -\frac{1}{2t} \left[ -\frac{r^2 \theta}{2t} + 3\theta \right]$  .....(2)

❖  $\therefore$  Equating (1) and (2), we get,  $\frac{n}{t} = -\frac{3}{2t} \therefore n = -\frac{3}{2}$

## EXAMPLE-7

❖ If  $u = 3(ax + by + cz)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , Prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .

❖ **Solution:**  $u = 3(ax + by + cz)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$

Differentiating  $u$  partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 6(ax + by + cz)a - 2x$

Differentiating  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 6a \cdot a - 2 = 6a^2 - 2$

Differentiating  $u$  partially w.r.t.  $y$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 6(ax + by + cz)b - 2y$

Differentiating  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  partially w.r.t.  $y$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 6b \cdot b - 2 = 6b^2 - 2$

Differentiating  $u$  partially w.r.t.  $z$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 6(ax + by + cz)c - 2z$

Differentiating  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$  partially w.r.t.  $z$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6c \cdot c - 2 = 6c^2 - 2$

Hence,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 6$   
 $= 6(1) - 6$  [ $\because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ ]  
 $= 0$

# EXAMPLE-8

❖ If  $u = f(r), r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f''(r) + \frac{2}{r} f'(r)$ .

❖ **Solution:**  $u = f(r)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Differentiating } u \text{ partially w.r.t. } x, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(r) = \frac{d}{dr} f(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \\ &= f'(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{Differentiating } r^2 \text{ partially w.r.t. } x, \quad 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\text{Substituting in Eq. (1),} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Differentiating } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ partially w.r.t. } x, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right] \\ &= f''(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{x}{r} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} + x f'(r) \left( -\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \\ &= f''(r) \frac{x}{r} \cdot \frac{x}{r} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{x}{r^2} f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} \\ &= f''(r) \frac{x^2}{r^2} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{x^2}{r^3} f'(r) \quad \dots\dots\dots (2) \end{aligned}$$



## EXAMPLE-8

❖ Similarly,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) \frac{y^2}{r^2} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{y^2}{r^3} f'(r) \dots\dots\dots (3)$

❖ and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f''(r) \frac{z^2}{r^2} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{z^2}{r^3} f'(r) \dots\dots\dots (4)$

❖ Adding Eqs (2), (3) and (4),

❖  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$

❖  $= \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{r^3} f'(r)$

❖  $= \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} \cdot r^2 + \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{r^2}{r^3} f'(r)$

❖  $= f''(r) + \frac{2f'(r)}{r}$

# EXAMPLE-9

- ❖ If  $z = u(x, y) e^{ax+by}$  where  $u(x, y)$  is such that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$ , find the constants  $a, b$
- ❖ such that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z = 0$ .

❖ **Solution:** We have, from  $z = u(x, y)e^{ax+by}$  ..... (1)

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{ax+by} + u \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot a = e^{ax+by} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + au \right) \quad \text{..... (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot e^{ax+by} + u \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot b = e^{ax+by} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + bu \right) \quad \text{..... (3)}$$

❖ Differentiating (3) partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{ax+by} \cdot a \cdot \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + bu \right) + e^{ax+by} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \quad \text{..... (4)}$$

❖ But since by data  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$ , we get,

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{ax+by} \left( a \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + abu \right) \quad \text{..... (5)}$$

## EXAMPLE-9

Further by data  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z = 0$  ..... (6)

❖ Putting the values from (5), (2), (3) and (1) in (6), we get,

❖

$$e^{ax+by} \left[ a \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + abu - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - au - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - bu + u \right] = 0$$

❖  $\therefore e^{ax+by} \left[ (a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + au(b-1) - u(b-1) \right] = 0$

❖  $\therefore e^{ax+by} \left[ (a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (b-1) \cdot u(b-1) \right] = 0$

❖ Since  $u \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \neq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \neq 0$

❖ We should have  $a-1=0$ ,  $b-1=0$  i.e.,  $a=1$ ,  $b=1$

# EXAMPLE-10

❖ If  $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 = c^2z^2$ , evaluate  $\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$

**Solution:**  $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 = c^2z^2$

Differentiating partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$2a^2x = 2c^2z \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{a^2x}{c^2z}$$

Differentiating  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{x}{z^2} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{a^2}{c^2z} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{z} \cdot \frac{a^2x}{c^2z} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2z} \left( 1 - \frac{a^2x^2}{c^2z^2} \right)$$

Similarly,  $\frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^2z} \left( 1 - \frac{b^2y^2}{c^2z^2} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{1}{c^2z} \left( 2 - \frac{a^2x^2 + b^2y^2}{c^2z^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2z} \left( 2 - \frac{c^2z^2}{c^2z^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{c^2z} (2 - 1) = \frac{1}{c^2z} \end{aligned}$$

- ❖ **(a)** Let  $z = f(x, y)$  and  $x = \Phi(t)$ ,  $y = \Psi(t)$  so that  $z$  is function of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $x$ ,  $y$  are function of third variable  $t$ .
- ❖ The three relations define  $z$  as a function of  $t$ . In such cases  $z$  is called a **composite function of  $t$** .
- ❖ **e.g. (i)**  $z = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $x = at^2$ ,  $y = 2at$
- ❖ **(ii)**  $z = x^2y + xy^2$ ,  $x = acost$ ,  $y = bsint$  define  $z$  as a composite function of  $t$
- ❖ **Differentiation:** Let  $z = f(x, y)$  posses continuous first order partial derivatives and  $x = \Phi(t)$ ,  $y = \Psi(t)$  posses continuous first order derivatives then,  

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

## EXAMPLE-11

❖ If  $u = x^2 y^3$ ,  $x = \log t$ ,  $y = e^t$ , find  $\frac{du}{dt}$

❖ **Solution:**  $u = x^2 y^3$ ,  $x = \log t$ ,  $y = e^t$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= (2xy^3) \frac{1}{t} + (3x^2 y^2) e^t$$

❖ Substituting  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 2(\log t) e^{3t} \cdot \frac{1}{t} + 3(\log t)^2 e^{2t} \cdot e^t$$

$$= \frac{2}{t} \log t e^{3t} + 3(\log t)^2 e^{3t}$$

# EXAMPLE-12

❖ If  $u = xy + yz + zx$  where  $x = \frac{1}{t}$ ,  $y = e^t$ ,  $z = e^{-t}$ ,  
find  $\frac{du}{dt}$

❖ **Solution:**  $u = xy + yz + zx$ ,  $x = \frac{1}{t}$ ,  $y = e^t$ ,  $z = e^{-t}$

$$❖ \frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$❖ = (y + z) \left( -\frac{1}{t^2} \right) + (x + z)e^t + (y + x)(-e^{-t})$$

❖ Substituting  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ ,

$$❖ \frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{1}{t^2} (e^t + e^{-t}) + \left( \frac{1}{t} + e^{-t} \right) e^t - \left( e^t + \frac{1}{t} \right) e^{-t}$$

$$❖ = \frac{1}{t^2} (e^t + e^{-t}) + \frac{1}{t} (e^t - e^{-t})$$

## EXAMPLE-13

❖ If  $z = e^{xy}$ ,  $x = t \cos t$ ,  $y = t \sin t$ , find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  at  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$

❖ **Solution:**  $z = e^{xy}$ ,  $x = t \cos t$ ,  $y = t \sin t$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= e^{xy} y (\cos t - t \sin t) + e^{xy} x (\sin t + t \cos t)\end{aligned}$$

❖ At  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $x = 0$ ,  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}$

❖ Hence,  $\left. \frac{dz}{dt} \right|_{t=\frac{\pi}{2}} = e^0 \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \left( 0 - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + 0 \right] = -\frac{\pi^2}{4}$