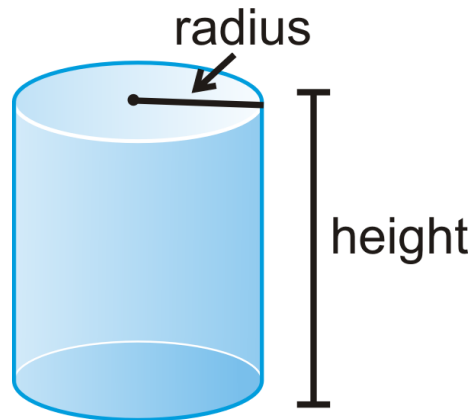


Partial differentiation

Introduction: In this section we concentrate on the mathematical term partial differentiation, so to understand this term we should have a knowledge about function of several variables. Now I am trying to clear the term function of several variables by choosing the term volume of a cylinder.



Volume of a Cylinder is $V = \pi r^2 h$ where r is the radius of the Cylinder and h is the height of the Cylinder. We observe that if r changes then no change of h in the above figure besides of this if h changes then no change of r in the above figure. That means r and h are independent variables in $V = \pi r^2 h$. So we call $V = \pi r^2 h = f(r, h)$ is a function of two independent variables r and h it means V is a function of several variables.

Function of Several variables: A function that contains more than one independent variables is called several variables function. For example $u = f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ is a function of three variables x , y and z .

Partial Differentiation: The differentiation of a function $u = f(x, y)$, with respect to x , treating y as constant, is called the partial derivative of u with respect to x , and it is denoted as,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, u_x, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, f_x.$$

Analytically,
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x}$$

when this limit exists.

Similarly, the differentiation of a function $u = f(x, y)$, with respect to y , treating x as constant, is called the partial derivative of u with respect to y , and it is denoted as, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, u_y , $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$, f_y .

Analytically,
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta y}$$

provided this limit exists.

Successive Partial Derivatives: Consider a function $u = f(x, y)$, which has the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ with respect to the independent variables x and y respectively. Also each of them may possess partial derivatives with respect to these two independent variables, and these are called the second order partial derivatives of u , and these are denoted as,

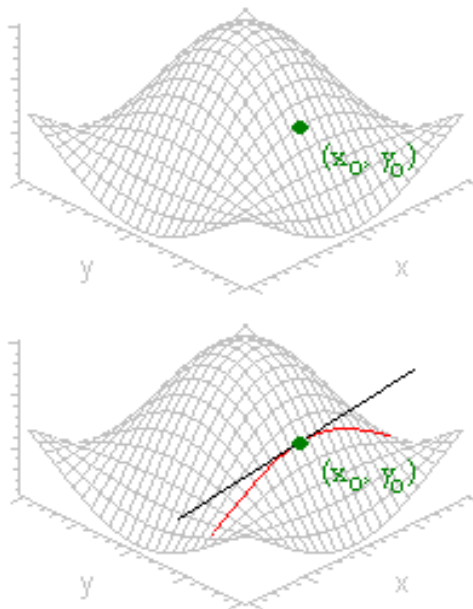
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}.$$

Similarly, the third order partial derivatives of u are denoted as,

$$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}, \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y^3}, \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^2 \partial y}, \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y \partial x^2} \text{ and } \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y^2 \partial x}.$$

and so on for higher order derivatives.

Geometrical Meaning:



Suppose the graph of $z = f(x, y)$ is the surface shown in the above mentioned figure. Consider the partial derivative of $z = f(x, y)$ with respect to x at a point (x_0, y_0) . Holding y as constant and varying x we trace out a curve that intersection of the surface with vertical plane $y = y_0$.

The partial derivative $f_x(x_0, y_0)$ measures the change in z per unit increase in x along this curve. That is, $f_x(x_0, y_0)$ is just the slope of the curve at (x_0, y_0) . The geometrical interpretation $f_y(x_0, y_0)$ is analogous. That is $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ means slope of tangent with x -axis of the function $z = f(x, y)$ at the point (x, y, z) and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ means slope of tangent with y -axis of the function $z = f(x, y)$ at the point (x, y, z) .

Symmetric Function: A function $u = f(x, y)$ is called a symmetric function if it satisfies the condition $f(x, y) = f(y, x)$.

Example: $u = x^2 + y^2$ is a symmetric function.

Problem-01: If $u = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$.

Sol: Given that, $u = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3 \dots \dots (1)$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3) \\ &= 3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2 + 0 \\ \therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2 \dots \dots (2)\end{aligned}$$

Now differentiating (2) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) \\ &= 6x + 6y + 0 \\ &= 6x + 6y \quad \text{(Ans.)}\end{aligned}$$

Again Differentiating (1) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3) \\ &= 0 + 3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2 \dots\dots(3)$$

Now differentiating (3) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) \\ &= 0 + 6x + 6y \\ &= 6x + 6y \quad \text{(Ans.)}\end{aligned}$$

Again Differentiating (3) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) \\ &= 6x + 6y + 0 \\ &= 6x + 6y \quad \text{(Ans.)}\end{aligned}$$

Again Differentiating (2) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2) \\ &= 0 + 6x + 6y \\ &= 6x + 6y \quad \text{(Ans.)}\end{aligned}$$

Problem-02: If $u = x^2 + y^2 \ln x + 2e^{-x}y$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$.

Sol : Given that, $u = x^2 + y^2 \ln x + 2e^{-x}y \dots\dots(1)$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 \ln x + 2e^{-x}y) \\ &= 2x + \frac{y^2}{x} - 2e^{-x}y \dots\dots(2)\end{aligned}$$

Now differentiating (2) partially with respect to x we get,

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

$$= 2 - \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 2e^{-x}y \quad (\text{Ans.})$$

Again Differentiating (1) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 + y^2 \ln x + 2e^{-x}y) \\ &= 0 + 2y \ln x + 2e^{-x} \\ &= 2y \ln x + 2e^{-x} \dots\dots(3)\end{aligned}$$

Now differentiating (3) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2y \ln x + 2e^{-x}) \\ &= 2 \ln x + 0 \\ &= 2 \ln x \quad (\text{Ans.})\end{aligned}$$

Problem-03: If $u = e^x (x \cos y - y \sin y)$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$. Also show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$.

Sol : Given that, $u = e^x (x \cos y - y \sin y)$

$$= xe^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y \dots\dots(1)$$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xe^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y) \\ &= \cos y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xe^x) - y \sin y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^x) \\ &= \cos y (xe^x + e^x) - ye^x \sin y \\ &= xe^x \cos y + e^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y \dots\dots(2)\end{aligned}$$

Now differentiating (2) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xe^x \cos y + e^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y) \\ &= (xe^x + e^x) \cos y + e^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y \\ &= xe^x \cos y + 2e^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y \dots\dots(3) \quad (\text{Ans.})\end{aligned}$$

Again Differentiating (1) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (xe^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y) \\
 &= xe^x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\cos y) - e^x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y \sin y) \\
 &= xe^x (-\sin y) - e^x (y \cos y + \sin y) \\
 &= -xe^x \sin y - ye^x \cos y - e^x \sin y \dots\dots(4)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now differentiating (4) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-xe^x \sin y - ye^x \cos y - e^x \sin y) \\
 &= -xe^x \cos y - e^x (-y \sin y + \cos y) - e^x \cos y \\
 &= -xe^x \cos y + e^x y \sin y - e^x \cos y - e^x \cos y \\
 &= -xe^x \cos y + e^x y \sin y - 2e^x \cos y \dots\dots(5) \quad \text{(Ans.)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, adding (3) and (5) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= (xe^x \cos y + 2e^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y) + (-xe^x \cos y + e^x y \sin y - 2e^x \cos y) \\
 &= xe^x \cos y + 2e^x \cos y - ye^x \sin y - xe^x \cos y + e^x y \sin y - 2e^x \cos y \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{(Showed).}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem-04: If $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$.

Sol : Given that, $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \dots\dots(1)$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot \frac{y}{x^2}$$

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

Now differentiating (2) partially with respect to x we get,

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

$$= -\left\{ -\frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \cdot (2x + 0) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \textbf{(Ans.)}$$

Again Differentiating (1) partially with respect to y we get,

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

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

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

$$= \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \dots\dots(3)$$

Now differentiating (3) partially with respect to y we get,

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

$$= -\frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \cdot (0 + 2y)$$

$$= -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \textbf{(Ans.)}$$

Again Differentiating (2) partially with respect to y we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) \\
 &= - \left\{ \frac{(x^2 + y^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y) - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 + y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right\} \\
 &= - \left\{ \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - y(2x + 0)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right\} \\
 &= - \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad (\text{Ans.})
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem-05: If $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2u$.

Sol : Given that, $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \dots \dots (1)$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\
 &= 2x + 0 + 0 \\
 &= 2x \\
 \therefore x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 2x^2 \dots \dots (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the given function (1) is a symmetric function, so similarly differentiating (1) with respect to y and z we get,

$$y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2y^2 \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\text{and } z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2z^2 \dots \dots (4)$$

Finally adding (2), (3) and (4) we get,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\
&= 2u \quad \text{(Showed.)}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem-06: If $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -u$.

Sol : Given that, $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dots \dots (1)$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot (2x + 0 + 0) \\
&= -x (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\
\therefore x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= -x^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \dots \dots (2)
\end{aligned}$$

Since the given function (1) is a symmetric function, so similarly differentiating (1) with respect to y and z we get,

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

and $z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -z^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \dots \dots (4)$

Finally adding (2), (3) and (4) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= -x^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} - y^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} - z^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\
&= -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\
&= -(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= -u \quad \text{(Showed.)}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem-07: If $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ then show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{2}{u}$.

Sol : Given that, $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \dots \dots (1)$

Differentiating (1) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2x + 0 + 0) \\ &= x (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dots \dots (2)\end{aligned}$$

Again Differentiating (2) partially with respect to x we get,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ x (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \\ &= x \cdot \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot (2x + 0 + 0) \right\} + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= -x^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= -\frac{x^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{-x^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{y^2 + z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \dots \dots (3)\end{aligned}$$

Since the given function (1) is a symmetric function, so similarly differentiating (1) with respect to y and z we get,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{x^2 + z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \dots\dots(4)$$

and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \dots\dots(5)$

Finally adding (3), (4) and (5) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} &= \frac{y^2 + z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{x^2 + z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{y^2 + z^2 + x^2 + z^2 + x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{2}{u} \quad \text{(Showed.)} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise:

Problem-01: If $u = e^{xy} \sin x \cos x$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$.

Problem-02: If $u = x \cos y + y \cos x$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$.

Problem-03: If $u = \ln(x^2 y + xy^2)$ then find $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$.

Problem-04: If $u = \ln(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ then show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{3}{x + y + z}$.

Problem-05: If $u = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.

Problem-06: If $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ then show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$.

Problem-07: If $u = z \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ then show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$.

Problem-08: If $u = \ln \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$ then show that $(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) = 1$.

Homogeneous function: A function $f(x, y)$ is said to be homogeneous of degree n in the variables x and y if it can be expressed in the form $x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ or $y^n \phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$.

Alternatively, a function $f(x, y)$ is said to be homogeneous of degree n in the variables x and y if $f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y)$ for all values of t , where t is independent of x and y .

Example: $f(x, y) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$ is a homogeneous function of degree $\frac{1}{2}$.

Euler's theorem on Homogeneous functions: If $f(x, y)$ be a homogeneous function of x and y of degree n , then

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f(x, y).$$

Problem-01: If $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x + y}\right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u$.

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

$$\Rightarrow \tan u = \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x + y}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan u = \frac{x^3 \left[1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 \right]}{x \left(1 + \frac{y}{x} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan u = x^2 \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \text{ (say)}$$

Here, $\tan u$ is a homogeneous function of degree 2.

By Euler's Theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\tan u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\tan u) &= 2 \tan u \\ \Rightarrow x \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 2 \tan u \\ \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{2 \tan u}{\sec^2 u} \\ \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 2 \sin u \cos u \\ \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \sin 2u \quad \text{(Showed).} \end{aligned}$$

Problem-02: If $u = \ln\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2}\right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1$.

Sol: Given that, $u = \ln\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow e^u &= \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \\ \Rightarrow e^u &= \frac{x^3 \left\{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3\right\}}{x^2 \left\{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2\right\}} \\ \Rightarrow e^u &= x \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \text{ (say)} \end{aligned}$$

Here, e^u is a homogeneous function of degree 1.

By Euler's Theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
& x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^u) = 1 \\
& \Rightarrow x e^u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y e^u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1 \cdot e^u \\
& \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1 \quad \text{(Showed).}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem-03: If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y+z} \right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.

Sol: Given that, $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y+z} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow \sin u = \frac{x}{y+z} \\
& \Rightarrow \sin u = \left(\frac{y+z}{x} \right)^{-1} \\
& \Rightarrow \sin u = \left(\frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{x} \right)^{-1} \\
& \Rightarrow \sin u = x^0 \phi \left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x} \right) \quad (\text{say})
\end{aligned}$$

Here, $\sin u$ is a homogeneous function of degree 0.

By Euler's Theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
& x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin u) + z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\sin u) = 0 \cdot \sin u \\
& \Rightarrow x \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0 \\
& \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{(Showed).}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem-04: If $u = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}} \right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \cot u = 0$.

Sol : Given that, $u = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u = \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u = \frac{x \left(1 + \frac{y}{x} \right)}{\sqrt{x} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right)}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \cos u = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \text{ (say)}$$

Here, $\cos u$ is a homogeneous function of degree $\frac{1}{2}$.

By Euler's Theorem we get,

$$x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\cos u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\cos u) = \frac{1}{2} \cos u$$

$$\Rightarrow -x \sin u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \sin u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \cos u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2} \cot u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \cot u = 0 \quad \text{(Showed).}$$

Exercise:

Problem-01: If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x - y} \right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2u$.

Problem-02: If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$.

Problem-03: If $u = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$.

Problem-04: If $u = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}\right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \tan u$.

Problem-05: If $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}\right)$ then show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2u$.