

## Module 3

### Partial Differentiation and Application

#### Unit 3.1

#### Partial derivatives of first and higher order

❖ **Partial Derivatives of the First Order:**

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

- The derivative of  $z$  with respect to  $x$  keeping  $y$  constant, if it exists 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  $f_x$ .

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\delta x}$$

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$$\text{Thus, } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \lim_{\delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+\delta y) - f(x, y)}{\delta y}$$

❖ **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  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = f_{yy}$

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = f_{yx}$

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = f_{xy}$

**Note:**

- 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.
- 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  $u = x^2 + y^2$

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

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

Similarly,

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

#### Examples:

1. If  $z = (ax + by)^n$  then

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

2. If  $z = \sin(ax + by)$  then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \cos(ax + by) \cdot a \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \cos(ax + by) \cdot b$$

3. If  $z = \cos(ax + by)$  then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\sin(ax + by) \cdot a \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\sin(ax + by) \cdot b$$

4. If  $z = e^{(ax+by)}$  then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^{(ax+by)} \cdot a \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{(ax+by)} \cdot b$$

5. If  $z = x^y$  then

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y \cdot x^{y-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^y \cdot \log x$$

## SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES

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

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

**Solution:**

We have,

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

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

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

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

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:**

$$\text{Since } z = \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$$

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

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

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \left[ \frac{x^2+2xy-y^2+x^2-2xy-y^2}{(x+y)^2} \right]^2$$

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

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

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

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

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

3. If  $u = \log(\tan x + \tan y)$ , prove that

$$\sin 2x \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin 2y \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2.$$

**Solution:**

We have,  $u = \log(\tan x + \tan y)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\tan x + \tan y} \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$\sin 2x \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\tan x + \tan y} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{2 \tan x}{\tan x + \tan y}$$

Similarly,

$$\sin 2y \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{2 \tan y}{\tan x + \tan y}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sin 2x \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin 2y \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{2 \tan x}{\tan x + \tan y} + \frac{2 \tan y}{\tan x + \tan y} = \frac{2(\tan x + \tan y)}{\tan x + \tan y} = 2$$

4. If  $u = (1 - 2xy + y^2)^{-1/2}$ , prove that  $\left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = y^2 u^3$

**Solution:**

Since,  $u = (1 - 2xy + y^2)^{-1/2}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{2}(1 - 2xy + y^2)^{-3/2}(-2y) = y \left[ (1 - 2xy + y^2)^{-1/2} \right]^3 = yu^3$$

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

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = xyu^3 - y(x - y)u^3 = xyu^3 - xyu^3 + y^2u^3 = y^2u^3$$

5. 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:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) u \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

Hence from (i),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHS} &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \frac{3}{(x+y+z)} \\
 &= 3 \left[ \frac{-1}{(x+y+z)^2} + \frac{-1}{(x+y+z)^2} + \frac{-1}{(x+y+z)^2} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{9}{(x+y+z)^2} = \text{RHS}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. 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,

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

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,

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

From (i) and (ii)  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$

7. If  $u = x^3y + e^{xy^2}$ , verify that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ .

**Solution:**

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

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 3x^2y + e^{xy^2}y^2$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = 3x^2 + e^{xy^2} \cdot 2y + y^2 e^{xy^2} \cdot 2xy \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

Now, differentiating  $u$  partially w.r.t.  $y$ , we get,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^3 + e^{xy^2} \cdot 2xy$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = 3x^2 + e^{xy^2} 2y + 2xy e^{xy^2} y^2 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$

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

**Solution:**

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

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

$$= 2z \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2y$$

$$= 4yz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} \right) = 4yz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2x$$

$$= 8xyz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$$

$$= 8xyzu$$

9. 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:**

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

$$= \frac{n}{t} \theta + \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \theta = \left( \frac{n}{t} + \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \right) \theta \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore \text{Equating (i) and (ii), we get, } \frac{n}{t} = -\frac{3}{2t} \quad \therefore n = -\frac{3}{2}$$

10. 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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 6$$

$$= 6(1) - 6 \quad [\because a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1]$$

$$= 0$$

11. 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:**

$$u = f(r)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(r) = \frac{d}{dr} f(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \\ &= f'(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

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

Differentiating  $r^2$  partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right] \\ &= f''(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{x}{r} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} + x f'(r) \left( -\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \\ &= f''(r) \frac{x}{r} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{x}{r^2} f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} \\ &= f''(r) \frac{x^2}{r^2} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{x^2}{r^3} f'(r) \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Adding Equations (ii), (iii) and (iv),

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} &= \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)}{r^3} f'(r) \\ &= \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} \cdot r^2 + \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{r^2}{r^3} f'(r) \\ &= f''(r) + \frac{2f'(r)}{r}\end{aligned}$$

12. If  $x = \cos\theta - rsin\theta$ ,  $y = \sin\theta + r\cos\theta$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$ .

**Solution:**

To find  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$ , first express  $r$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= (\cos\theta - rsin\theta)^2 + (\sin\theta + r\cos\theta)^2 \\ &= \cos^2\theta - 2r \cos\theta \sin\theta + r^2 \sin^2\theta + \sin^2\theta + 2r \sin\theta \cos\theta + r^2 \cos^2\theta \\ &= \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta + r^2(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) \\ &= 1 + r^2 \\ \therefore r^2 &= x^2 + y^2 - 1\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} &= 2x \\ \therefore \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} &= \frac{x}{r}\end{aligned}$$

13. 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  $z = u(x, y) e^{ax+by}$  ..... (i)

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

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

Differentiating (iii) partially w.r.t.  $x$ ,

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

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

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

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

Putting the values from (v), (ii), (iii) and (i) in (vi), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{ax+by} \left[ a \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + abu - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - au - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - bu + u \right] = 0 \\ \therefore & e^{ax+by} \left[ (a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + au(b-1) - u(b-1) \right] = 0 \\ \therefore & e^{ax+by} \left[ (a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (b-1) \cdot u(b-1) \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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.,  $a = 1, b = 1$

14. 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.  $x$ ,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{c^2 z} (2 - 1) = \frac{1}{c^2 z}$$

### SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. If  $u = (1 - 2xy + y^2)^{\frac{-1}{2}}$  then prove that  
 $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = y^2 u^3$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ (1 - x^2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ y^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] = 0$
2. If  $u = \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z})$ , prove that  
 $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}) \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z})$
3. If  $u = \log(\tan x + \tan y + \tan z)$ , then show that  $\sin 2x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin 2y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \sin 2z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2$ .
4. If  $u = e^{xyz}$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = (1 + 3xyz + x^2 y^2 z^2) e^{xyz}$ .
5. If  $u = x^3 y + e^{xy^2}$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
6. If  $u = \log(x^2 + y^2)$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
7. If  $u = x^y$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial x}$ .
8. If  $z = x^y + y^x$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$ .
9. If  $z(x+y) = (x-y)$ , Find  $\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2$ .
10.  $u = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$  Find  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ .
11. If  $z = x^2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) - y^2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{y} \right)$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$ .
12. If  $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  [or  $\frac{1}{u^2} = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  or  $u = \frac{1}{r}$  and  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ ],  
then prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .
13. If  $u = f \left( \frac{x^2}{y} \right)$ , prove that  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$  and  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 3xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + 2y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$
14. If  $z = \log(e^x + e^y)$ , prove that  $rt - s^2 = 0$ , where,  $r = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $t = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$ ,  $s = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$ .
15. If  $u = \log(x^3 + y^3 - x^2 y - xy^2)$ , prove that  
 $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{4}{(x+y)^2}$
16. If  $u = f(r)$  &  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) + \frac{1}{r} f'(r)$ .
17. If  $u = f(r^2)$  &  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 4 r^2 f''(r^2) + 6 f'(r^2)$
18. If  $z = \tan(y + ax) + (y - ax)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ , then show that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$ .
19. If  $u = x \log(x+r) - r$ ,  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ , prove that i)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{x+r}$  ii)  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} = -\left( \frac{x}{r^3} \right)$

20. If  $u(x, t) = a e^{-gx} \sin(nt - gx)$  where a, g, n are constants, satisfying the equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \text{ prove that } g = \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}.$$

21. If  $v = r^n(3\cos^2\theta - 1)$  then, find the value of n so that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin\theta \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0$

22. If  $u = e^{xyz} f\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)$ , prove that  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2xyzu, \quad y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2xyzu,$

Hence, show that  $x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z \partial x} = y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z \partial y}$ .

23. If  $z = c t^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4a^2 t}}$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$ .

24. If  $u = \frac{e^{x+y+z}}{e^x + e^y + e^z}$ , show that  $u_x + u_y + u_z = 2u$ .

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

26. If  $x = \cos\theta - r\sin\theta, y = \sin\theta + r\cos\theta$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$ .

27. If  $x = r\cos\theta, y = r\sin\theta$  prove that

$$i) \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \quad ii) \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \quad iii) \left( x \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + y \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \right)^2 = x^2 + y^2.$$

$$iv) \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{r} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \quad v) \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

## Module 3

### Partial Differentiation and Application

#### Unit 3.2

#### Composite Functions

❖  **$z = f(x, y)$  as composite function of one variable :**

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)  $z = x^2y + xy^2$ ,  $x = a\cos t$ ,  $y = b\sin t$

In above examples  $z$  is a composite function of one variable  $t$ .

**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,

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

❖  **$z = f(x, y)$  as composite function of two variables :**

Let  $z = f(x, y)$  and  $x = \Phi(u, v)$ ,  $y = \Psi(u, v)$  so that  $z$  is function of  $x, y$  and  $x, y$  are function of  $u, v$ .

The three relations define  $z$  as a function of  $u, v$ . In such cases  $z$  is called a **composite function of  $u, v$** .

e.g. (i)  $z = xy$ ,  $x = e^u + e^{-v}$ ,  $y = e^{-u} + e^v$

(ii)  $z = x^2 - y^2$ ,  $x = 2u - 3v$ ,  $y = 3u + 2v$

In above examples  $z$  is a composite function of two variables  $u$  and  $v$

**Differentiation:** Let  $z = f(x, y)$  possess continuous first order partial derivatives and  $x = \Phi(u, v)$ ,  $y = \Psi(u, v)$  possess continuous first order partial derivatives then,

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

## SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES

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

**Solution:**

$$u = x^2y^3, x = \log t, y = e^t$$

$\therefore u$  is Composite Function of one variable  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (2xy^3) \frac{1}{t} + (3x^2y^2)e^t\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x$  and  $y$ ,

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

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

**Solution:**

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

$\therefore u$  is Composite Function of one variable  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt} \\ &= (y + z) \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) + (x + z)e^t + (y + x)(-e^{-t})\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{t^2}(e^t + e^{-t}) + \left(\frac{1}{t} + e^{-t}\right)e^t - \left(e^t + \frac{1}{t}\right)e^{-t} \\ &= -\frac{1}{t^2}(e^t + e^{-t}) + \frac{1}{t}(e^t - e^{-t})\end{aligned}$$

3. If  $z = x^2y + y^2x$ ,  $x = at^2$ ,  $y = 2at$  find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$

**Solution:**

$$z = x^2y + y^2x, x = at^2, y = 2at$$

$\therefore z$  is Composite Function of one variable  $t$ .

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

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = (2xy + y^2)(2at) + (x^2 + 2yx)(2a)$$

Substituting  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= (2at^2 \cdot 2at + (2at)^2)2at + ((at^2)^2 + 2(2at)at^2)2a \\ &= (4a^2t^3 + 4a^2t^2)2at + (a^2t^4 + 4a^2t^3)2a \\ &= 8a^3t^4 + 8a^3t^3 + 2a^3t^4 + 8a^3t^3 \\ &= 10a^3t^4 + 16a^3t^3\end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$z = e^{xy}, x = t \cos t, y = t \sin t$$

$\therefore z$  is Composite Function of one variable  $t$ .

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

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

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

5. If  $z = \sin^{-1}(x - y)$ ,  $x = 3t$ ,  $y = 4t^3$  find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$

**Solution:**

$$z = \sin^{-1}(x - y), x = 3t, y = 4t^3$$

$\therefore z$  is Composite Function of one variable  $t$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(x-y)^2}} 3 + \frac{(-1)}{\sqrt{1-(x-y)^2}} 12t^2 \\ &= \frac{3-12t^2}{\sqrt{1-(x-y)^2}}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{3-12t^2}{\sqrt{1-(3t-4t^3)^2}}$$

6. If  $x^2 = au + bv$ ,  $y^2 = au - bv$  and  $z = f(x, y)$ ,

$$\text{Prove that } x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2 \left( u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right).$$

**Solution:**

$$z = f(x, y), \quad x^2 = au + bv, \quad y^2 = au - bv$$

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

$$u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{au}{2x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{au}{2y} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{b}{2x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{b}{2y} \right)$$

$$v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{bv}{2x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{bv}{2y} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Adding Equations (i) and (ii),

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

7. If  $z = f(u, v)$  and  $u = \log(x^2 + y^2)$ ,  $v = \frac{y}{x}$ , prove that  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = (1 + v^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$

**Solution:**

$$z = f(u, v), \quad u = \log(x^2 + y^2), \quad v = \frac{y}{x}$$

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

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy}{x^2+y^2} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{y^2}{x^2} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{2y}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2xy}{x^2+y^2} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(2)}$$

Subtracting Eq. (1) from Eq. (2),

$$\text{Hence, } x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} + \frac{y^2}{x^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = (1 + v^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$$

8. If  $u = f(x^2 - y^2, y^2 - z^2, z^2 - x^2)$ , prove that  $\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $l = x^2 - y^2, m = y^2 - z^2, n = z^2 - x^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial l}{\partial x} &= 2x, & \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} &= 0, & \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} &= -2x \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} &= -2y, & \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} &= 2y, & \frac{\partial n}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} &= 0, & \frac{\partial m}{\partial z} &= -2z, & \frac{\partial n}{\partial z} &= 2z\end{aligned}$$

Consider,  $u = f(x^2 - y^2, y^2 - z^2, z^2 - x^2) = f(l, m, n)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} \cdot \frac{\partial l}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} \cdot 2x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} \cdot 0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot (-2x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} - 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} \cdot \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} (-2y) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} (2y) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} (0)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} \cdot \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} \cdot 0 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} (-2z) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} (2z)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \quad \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Adding Eqs (1), (2) and (3),

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$$

9. If  $x = \sqrt{vw}, y = \sqrt{wu}, z = \sqrt{uv}$  and  $\varphi$  is function of  $x, y, z$  then prove that

$$x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} = u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial w}$$

**Solution:**

$\varphi$  is function of  $x, y, z$  and  $x = \sqrt{vw}, y = \sqrt{wu}, z = \sqrt{uv}$

Hence  $\varphi$  is composite function of three variables  $u, v, w$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \\ &= \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} (0) + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \frac{\sqrt{w}}{2\sqrt{u}} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \frac{\sqrt{v}}{2\sqrt{u}}\end{aligned}$$

$$u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u} = \frac{u\sqrt{w}}{2\sqrt{u}} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + \frac{u\sqrt{v}}{2\sqrt{u}} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} = \frac{\sqrt{uw}}{2} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + \frac{\sqrt{uv}}{2} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}$$

As,  $y = \sqrt{wu}$ ,  $z = \sqrt{uv}$

$$u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u} = \frac{1}{2} \left( y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right) \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

Similarly,

$$v \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + z \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \right) \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$w \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial w} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Adding (i), (ii) and (iii)

$$\begin{aligned} u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial w} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} + x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + z \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} + x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

10. If  $x = e^u \operatorname{cosec} v$ ,  $y = e^u \cot v$  and  $z$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$ , prove that

$$\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = e^{-2u} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 - \sin^2 v \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$z = f(x, y), x = e^u \operatorname{cosec} v, y = e^u \cot v$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} e^u \operatorname{cosec} v + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^u \cot v$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (-e^u \operatorname{cosec} v \cot v) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (-e^u \operatorname{cosec} v)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S.} &= e^{-2u} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 - \sin^2 v \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= e^{-2u} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^2 v + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 e^{2u} \cot^2 v + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec} v \cot v + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (-\sin^2 v) \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 (e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^2 v \cot^2 v) + (-\sin^2 v) \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^4 v + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (-\sin^2 v) 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^3 v \cot v \right] \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 (\operatorname{cosec}^2 v - \cot^2 v) + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 (\cot^2 v - \operatorname{cosec}^2 v) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 \\ &= \text{L.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

11. If  $x + y = 2e^\theta \cos \Phi$ ,  $x - y = 2i e^\theta \sin \Phi$ , show that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \Phi^2} = 4xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$

where  $u$  is a  $f(x, y)$ .

**Solution:**

Adding  $x + y = 2e^\theta \cos \Phi$ ,  $x - y = 2i e^\theta \sin \Phi$ ,

$$2x = 2e^\theta (\cos \Phi + i \sin \Phi)$$

$$\therefore x = e^\theta \cdot e^{i\Phi} = e^{\theta+i\Phi}$$

Subtracting results,  $x + y = 2e^\theta \cos \Phi$ ,  $x - y = 2i e^\theta \sin \Phi$

$$2y = 2e^\theta (\cos \Phi - i \sin \Phi)$$

$$\therefore y = e^{\theta-i\Phi}$$

Now,  $u$  is a function of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $x$ ,  $y$  are functions of  $\theta$  and  $\Phi$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{\theta+i\Phi} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot e^{\theta-i\Phi} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot y \end{aligned} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \equiv x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad \dots \text{[From (i)]}$$

$$= \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad \dots \text{[From (ii)]}$$

$$= x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

$$\text{Also, } \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \Phi} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \Phi} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \Phi} \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{\theta+i\Phi} \cdot i + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot e^{\theta-i\Phi} \cdot (-i) \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot ix - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot y \end{aligned} \quad \dots \text{(iv)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \equiv i \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \quad \dots \text{(v)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \Phi^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \Phi} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \left[ i \left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad \dots \text{[From (iv)]}$$

$$= i \left[ i \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad \dots \text{[From (v)]}$$

$$= - \left[ x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right]$$

$$= -x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} - y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \dots \text{(vi)}$$

$\therefore$  Adding the two results, (v) and (vi) we get,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \Phi^2} = 4xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$$

### SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. If  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , where,  $x = e^t, y = e^t \sin t, z = e^t \cos t$

prove that  $\frac{du}{dt} = 4e^{2t}$ .

2. If  $z = \sin^{-1}(x - y)$ ,  $x = 3t$ ,  $y = 4t^3$ , prove that  $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$ .

3. If  $z = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ ,  $x = 2t$ ,  $y = 1 - t^2$ , prove that  $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{2}{1+t^2}$ .

4. If  $u = f[e^{y-z}, e^{z-x}, e^{x-y}]$ , then show that  $u_x + u_y + u_z = 0$ .

5. If  $u = f\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}, \frac{z}{x}\right)$ , prove that  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .

6. If  $u = f\left(\frac{y-x}{xy}, \frac{z-x}{xz}\right)$ , show that  $x^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .

7. If  $u = f(x^n - y^n, y^n - z^n, z^n - x^n)$ ,

prove that  $\frac{1}{x^{n-1}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{y^{n-1}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{z^{n-1}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .

8. If  $u = f(x - y, y - z, z - x)$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .

9. If  $u = f(2x - 3y, 3y - 4z, 4z - 2x)$ , prove that  $6 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$

10. If  $x = u + v + w, y = uv + vw + wu, z = uvw$ , and  $\phi$  is a function of  $x, y$  &  $z$ ,

then prove that  $x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + 3z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial w}$ .

11. If  $x = \sqrt{vw}, y = \sqrt{wu}, z = \sqrt{uv}$  and  $\phi$  is a function of  $x, y$  &  $z$  then prove that,

$x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial w}$ .

12. If  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = r\cos\theta, y = r\sin\theta$ , prove that  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta}\right)^2$ .

13. If  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = e^u + e^{-v}, y = e^{-u} - e^v$ , then show that

$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ .

14. If  $w = \phi(u, v)$ ,  $u = x^2 - y^2 - 2xy, v = y$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial v} = 0$  is equivalent

to  $(x + y) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + (x - y) \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 0$ .

15. If  $z = f(x, y), x = ucoshv, y = usinhv$ , prove that,  $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{u^2} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\right)^2$ .

16. If  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = e^u \cos v$ ,  $y = e^u \sin v$ , prove that

$$(i) x \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = e^{2u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad (ii) \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = e^{-2u} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right]$$

17. If  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = e^u \sec v$ ,  $y = e^u \tan v$ ,

$$\text{prove that } \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = e^{-2u} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 - \cos^2 v \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right]$$

18. If  $z = f(u, v)$ ,  $u = e^x$ ,  $v = e^y$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = uv \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial u \partial v}$ .

19. If  $z = f(u, v)$ ,  $u = lx + my$ ,  $v = ly - mx$ ,

$$\text{prove that } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = (l^2 + m^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial v^2} \right).$$

20. If  $z = f(u, v)$ ,  $u = x^2 - y^2 - 2xy$ ,  $v = y$ ,

$$\text{prove that } \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 4\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial v^2} \right)$$



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## Module 3

### Partial Differentiation and Application

#### Unit 3.3

#### Maxima and Minima of Function of Two Independent Variables

❖ **Maxima:**

A function of two variable,  $f(x, y)$  is said to be maximum at point  $(a, b)$  if  $f(a, b) > f(a + h, b + k)$  for some  $h, k$ .

❖ **Maxima:**

A function of two variable,  $f(x, y)$  is said to be minimum at point  $(a, b)$  if  $f(a, b) < f(a + h, b + k)$  for some  $h, k$ .

❖ **Method To find maxima or minima of a function of two variables**

- 1) Given  $f(x, y)$ , solve  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$  for  $x$  and  $y$  simultaneously.
- 2) Suppose  $(a, b)$  is solution of above equations then it is called as **Stationary Point**.
- 3) Calculate the values of  $r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,  $t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$  at  $(a, b)$ .
- 4) DECISION:

For point  $(a, b)$ ,

- a. If  $r t - s^2 > 0$  and  $r < 0$  or  $t < 0$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is **maximum** at  $(a, b)$ .
- b. If  $r t - s^2 > 0$  and  $r > 0$  or  $t > 0$ ,  $f(x, y)$  is **minimum** at  $(a, b)$ .
- c. If  $r t - s^2 < 0$  then  $f(x, y)$  is **neither maximum nor minimum** at  $(a, b)$ .

Such point is known as a saddle point.

- d. If  $r t - s^2 = 0$ , **test fails**.

### SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES

1. Discuss the maxima and minima  $x^3 + xy^2 - 12x^2 - 2y^2 + 21x + 10$ .

**Solution:**

We have  $f(x, y) = x^3 + xy^2 - 12x^2 - 2y^2 + 21x + 10$ .

$$f_x = 3x^2 + y^2 - 24x + 21$$

$$f_y = 2xy - 4y$$

We now solve the equations  $f_x = 0, f_y = 0$

$$3x^2 + y^2 - 24x + 21 = 0 \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

$$\text{and } 2xy - 4y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y(x - 2) \Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ or } y = 0.$$

When  $x = 2$ , (i) gives

$$12 + y^2 - 48 + 21 = 0$$

$$\therefore y^2 - 15 = 0 \quad \therefore y^2 = 15 \quad \therefore y = \pm\sqrt{15}.$$

$\therefore$  The possible stationary points are  $(2, \sqrt{15}), (2, -\sqrt{15})$

When  $y = 0$ , (1) gives

$$3x^2 - 24x + 21 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 7 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x - 7)(x - 1) = 0 \quad \therefore x = 7, 1.$$

The other possible stationary points are  $(7, 0), (1, 0)$ .

Now,

$$r = f_{xx} = 6x - 24,$$

$$s = f_{xy} = 2y,$$

$$t = f_{yy} = 2x - 4$$

Hence, all stationary points of  $f(x, y)$  are  $(7, 0), (1, 0), (2, \sqrt{15}), (2, -\sqrt{15})$

We write a tabular form and find Maxima and Minima

Sr. No.	Point	r	t	s	$rt - s^2$	Conclusion
1	$(7, 0)$	$18 > 0$	10	0	$180 > 0$	$(7, 0)$ is minima.
2	$(1, 0)$	$-18 < 0$	-2	0	$36 > 0$	$(1, 0)$ is maxima.
3	$(2, \sqrt{15})$	$-12 < 0$	0	$2\sqrt{15}$	$-60 < 0$	Neither maxima nor minima
4	$(2, -\sqrt{15})$	$-12 < 0$	0	$-2\sqrt{15}$	$-60 < 0$	Neither maxima nor minima

Maximum Value at  $(1, 0)$  is  $f(1, 0) = 1 + 0 - 12 - 0 + 21 + 10 = 20$

Minimum Value at  $(7, 0)$  is  $f(7, 0) = 343 + 0 - 588 - 0 + 147 + 10 = -88$ .

2. Discuss the maxima & minima of  $x^4 + y^4 - 2x^2 + 4xy - 2y^2$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 2x^2 + 4xy - 2y^2$$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 4x^3 - 4x + 4y$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4y^3 + 4x - 4y$$

We now solve the equations  $f_x = 0, f_y = 0$  simultaneously,

$$4x^3 - 4x + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 - x + y = 0 \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

$$4y^3 + 4x - 4y = 0 \Rightarrow y^3 + x - y = 0 \dots \dots \dots \quad (ii)$$

On adding (i) & (ii), we get

$$x^3 + y^3 = 0$$

$$\therefore (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -y$$

Substituting  $x = -y$  in eq (i),

$$x^3 - x - x = 0$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 2x = 0$$

$$\therefore x(x^2 - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

Since  $x = -y$ ,

$$\text{For } x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\text{For } x = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow y = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{For } x = -\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore$  Stationary points are  $(0,0), (\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}) \& (-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$ .

$$r = f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 12x^2 - 4$$

$$s = f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 4$$

$$t = f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 12y^2 - 4$$

We write a tabular form and find Maxima and Minima

Sr. No.	Point	r	t	s	$rt - s^2$	Conclusion
1	$(0,0)$	$-4 < 0$	-4	4	0	Test fails.
2	$(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$	$20 > 0$	20	4	$384 > 0$	$(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$ is minima.
3	$(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$	$20 > 0$	20	4	$384 > 0$	$(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$ is minima.

Minimum Value at  $(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2})$  and  $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$  is

$$f(\sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}) = f(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}) = 4 + 4 - 4 - 8 - 4 = -8$$

3. Find the stationary values of  $x^3 + y^3 - 3ax^2y$ ,  $a > 0$

**Solution:**

We have  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3ax^2y$

$$f_x = 3x^2 - 3ay,$$

$$f_y = 3y^2 - 3ax^2$$

We now solve,  $f_x = 0$ , &  $f_y = 0$ .

$$x^2 - ay = 0 \Rightarrow y = x^2/a$$

$$\text{and } y^2 - ax^2 = 0$$

To eliminate y, we put  $y = x^2/a$  in this equation.

$$\therefore x^4 - a^3x = 0 \quad \therefore x(x^3 - a^3) = 0$$

Hence,  $x = 0$  or  $x = a$ .

When  $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$  and when  $x = a \Rightarrow y = a$ .

$\therefore (0, 0)$  and  $(a, a)$  are stationary points.

Now,

$$r = f_{xx} = 6x,$$

$$s = f_{xy} = -3a$$

$$t = f_{yy} = 6y$$

We write a tabular form and find Maxima and Minima

Sr. No.	Point	$r$	$t$	$s$	$rt - s^2$	Conclusion
1	$(0,0)$	0	$-3a$	0	$-9a^2 < 0$	Neither maxima nor minima
2	$(a, a)$	$6a > 0$ , as $a > 0$	$-3a$	$6a$	$27a^2 > 0$	$(a, a)$ is minima.

Minimum Value at  $(a, a)$  is  $f(a, a) = a^3 + a^3 - 3a^3 = -a^3$

4. Find the stationary values of  $\sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin(x + y)$ .

**Solution:**

We have  $f(x, y) = \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin(x + y)$

$$f_x = \sin y [\cos x \cdot \sin(x + y) + \sin x \cdot \cos(x + y)] = \sin y \cdot \sin(2x + y)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } f_y = \sin x \cdot \sin(x + 2y)$$

Now, we solve  $f_x = 0$  and  $f_y = 0$ .

$$\therefore \sin y \sin (2x + y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}[\cos 2x - \cos(2x + 2y)] = 0 \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

$$\text{and } \sin x \sin (x + 2y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}[\cos 2y - \cos(2x + 2y)] = 0 \dots \dots \dots \quad (ii)$$

Equating (i) & (ii), we get

$$[\cos 2x - \cos(2x + 2y)] = [\cos 2y - \cos(2x + 2y)] \Rightarrow \cos 2x = \cos 2y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

From (i) we get,

$$\frac{1}{2}[\cos 2x - \cos 4x] = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 2x - (2\cos^2 2x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 2x - \cos 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 2x = 1 \text{ or } \cos 2x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 0 \text{ or } 2x = \frac{2\pi}{3} \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

As  $x = y$ ,

$$y = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$\therefore (0, 0)$  and  $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$  are possible stationary points.

$$r = f_{xx} = 2 \sin y \cdot \cos(2x + y)$$

$$s = f_{xy} = \cos y \cdot \sin(2x + y) + \sin y \cdot \cos(2x + y) = \sin(2x + 2y)$$

$$t = f_{yy} = 2 \sin x \cdot \cos(x + 2y)$$

We write a tabular form and find Maxima and Minima

Sr. No.	Point	r	t	s	$rt - s^2$	Conclusion
1	(0,0)	0	0	0	0	Test Fails
2	$\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$	$-\sqrt{3} < 0$	$-\sqrt{3}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{9}{4} > 0$	$\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ is maxima.

Maximum Value at  $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$  is  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

5. Divide 90 into three parts such that the sum of their products taken two at a time is maximum.

**Solution:**

Let three parts of the 90 are  $x, y & z$ .

$$\therefore x + y + z = 90 \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

$$\text{Function to be maximized } f(x, y) = xy + yz + zx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= xy + y(90 - x - y) + x(90 - x - y) \quad \text{from}(i) \\ &= 90x + 90y - xy - x^2 - y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_x = 90 - y - 2x,$$

$$f_y = 90 - x - 2y$$

$$\text{Solving } f_x = 0 \text{ & } f_y = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x + y = 90 \quad \& \quad x + 2y = 90$$

Solving above equations we get,

$$x = 30 \quad \& \quad y = 30$$

Hence (30,30) is stationary point.

$$r = f_{xx} = -2,$$

$$s = f_{xy} = -1,$$

$$t = f_{yy} = -2$$

At (30,30)

$$r = -2 < 0, s = -1, t = -2$$

$$rt - s^2 = 4 > 0$$

Function has maxima at (30,30).

From (i)

$$z = 90 - x - y = 30$$

$\therefore$  Required three parts of the 90 are 30,30 &30.

6. A rectangular box with open top has capacity of 32 cubic cms. Find the dimensions of the box such that the material required is minimum.

**Solution:**

Let the dimensions of the box be  $x, y, z$ .

$$\therefore \text{Volume} = V = xyz = 32 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (i)$$

Minimum material required if surface area is minimum.

Considering that the box is rectangular with open top,

$$\text{Surface Area} = xy + 2yz + 2zx$$

$$f(x, y) = xy + 2yz + 2zx = xy + \frac{64}{x} + \frac{64}{y} \quad \text{from}(i)$$

$$f_x = y - \frac{64}{x^2},$$

$$f_y = x - \frac{64}{y^2}$$

Solving  $f_x = 0$  &  $f_y = 0$

$$y - \frac{64}{x^2} = 0 \quad \therefore 64 = x^2y \quad \therefore y = \frac{64}{x^2} \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (ii)$$

$$x - \frac{64}{y^2} = 0 \quad \therefore 64 = xy^2 \quad \dots \dots \dots \quad (iii)$$

$$\therefore 64 = x \cdot \frac{(64)^2}{x^4}$$

$$\therefore x^3 = 64 \quad \therefore x = 4$$

$$\text{For } x = 4, \quad y = \frac{64}{x^2} = 4$$

Hence, (4,4) is stationary point

$$r = f_{xx} = \frac{64(2)}{x^3},$$

$$s = f_{xy} = 1,$$

$$t = f_{yy} = \frac{64(2)}{y^3}$$

At (4,4),  $r = 2, s = 1$  and  $t = 2$

$rt - s^2 = 4 - 1 = 3 > 0$ , &  $r = 2 > 0$ , So, function has minima at (4,4)

From (i)

$$z = \frac{32}{xy} = 2$$

Hence, surface area is minimum if dimensions of box are  $x = 4, y = 4$  and  $z = 2$ .

7. Divide 24 into three parts such that the product of the first, square of the second and cube of the third is maximum.

**Solution:**

Let three parts of the 24 are  $z, y & x$ .

$$z + y + x = 24 \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

We want product  $zy^2 \cdot x^3$  to be maximum.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= zy^2 \cdot x^3 = (24 - y - x)y^2x^3 \dots \dots \dots \text{from}(i) \quad z = 24 - y - x \\ &= 24y^2x^3 - y^3x^3 - y^2x^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_x = 72y^2x^2 - 3y^3x^2 - 4y^2x^3$$

$$f_y = 48x^3y - 3x^3y^2 - 2x^4y$$

Solving  $f_x = 0$  &  $f_y = 0$

$$f_x = 0 \Rightarrow 72y^2x^2 - 3y^3x^2 - 4y^2x^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2x^2(72 - 3y - 4x) = 0$$

$$f_y = 0 \Rightarrow 48x^3y - 3x^3y^2 - 2x^4y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3y(48 - 3y - 2x) = 0$$

As, we want maximum product  $x, y, z \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow (72 - 3y - 4x) = 0 \text{ and } (48 - 3y - 2x) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4x + 3y = 72 \text{ and } 2x + 3y = 48$$

$$\therefore x = 12, y = 8$$

Hence (12,8) is stationary point.

$$r = f_{xx} = 144y^2x - 6y^3x - 12y^2x^2$$

$$s = f_{xy} = 144yx^2 - 9y^2x^2 - 8yx^3$$

$$t = f_{yy} = 48x^3 - 6x^3y - 2x^4$$

At (12,8),

$$r = 144 \times 64 \times 12 - 6 \times 512 \times 12 - 12 \times 64 \times 144 = -36864$$

$$s = 144 \times 8 \times 144 - 9 \times 64 \times 144 - 8 \times 8 \times 1728 = -27648$$

$$t = 48 \times 1728 - 6 \times 1728 \times 8 - 2 \times 20736 = -41472$$

$$rt - s^2 = 1528823808 - 764411904 > 0, \text{ } \& r < 0$$

So, function has minima at (12,8)

From (i)

$$z = 24 - y - x = 24 - 8 - 12 = 4$$

$$\therefore z = 4, y = 8, x = 12.$$

Hence three parts of 24 are 4, 8 and 12 such that the product of the first, square of the second and cube of the third is maximum.



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## SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Find stationary points of the following functions and discuss the maxima & minima at those points.

- 1)  $x^3 + 3xy^2 - 15x^2 - 15y^2 + 72x$
- 2)  $x^4 + y^4 - 2x^2 + 4xy - 2y^2$
- 3)  $x^3 + xy^2 - 12x^2 - 2y^2 + 21x + 10$
- 4)  $x^3 y^2 (1 - x - y)$
- 5)  $x^2 y^3 (1 - x - y)$
- 6)  $xy(3a - x - y)$
- 7)  $x^2 y - 3x^2 - 2y^2 - 4y + 3$
- 8)  $y^2 + 4xy + 3x^2 + x^3$
- 9)  $xy(3 - x - y)$
- 10)  $x^3 + 3x y^2 - 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 4$
- 11)  $2(x^2 - y^2) - x^4 + y^4$
- 12)  $xy + a^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)$

2. A real number  $k, k > 0$  is divided into 3 parts such that the sum of their products taken two at a time is maximum. Find the numbers.
3. A rectangular box, open at top has volume V. Find dimensions of the box requiring least material for its construction.
4. Find the maximum value of  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$ , where  $A, B, C$  are angles of a triangle.
5. Find the maximum volume of a parallelepiped inscribed in a sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ .