

Practice problems on Homogeneous functions

Type-1

1. If $u = \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right)^n$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.
2. If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}} \right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$.
3. If $u = (x/y)^{y/x}$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$.
4. Verify Euler's Theorem for

(ii) $u = \frac{x(x^3-y^3)}{(x^3+y^3)}$.

(i) $u = 3x^2yz + 5xy^2z + 4xyz^2$

(iii) $u = \frac{x^{1/4}+y^{1/4}}{x^{1/5}+y^{1/5}}$.
5. If $u = \log(x^2 + y^2) + \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} - 2 \log(x+y)$, find the value of $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$. Ans : $\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$
6. If $z = f(x, y)$ and u, v are homogeneous function of degree n in x, y then show that

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n \left(u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right).$$
7. If $u = \frac{x^2}{y} f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \frac{y^2}{x} g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$, prove that $x^2 \left(y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - x \cdot f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right) + y^2 \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - y \cdot g\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \right) = 0$.
8. If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) + \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{z} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{x} \right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.
9. If $u = xy f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + yz \phi\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2u$.
10. If $u = x^2 \cdot f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y^2 \cdot g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2u$.
11. If $u = x^3 \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{y}+\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{y}-\sqrt{x}} \right]$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3x^3 \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{y}+\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{y}-\sqrt{x}} \right]$.
12. If $u = \frac{x-y-z}{x^2+y^2+z^2}$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + u = 0$.
13. If $u = e^{x+y+z} + \sin \left(\frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{xy+yz+zx} \right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = (x+y+z)e^{x+y+z}$

Type-2

1. If $u = x^3 e^{-x/y}$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 6u$
2. If $y = x \cos u$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$
3. If $u = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{x+y} \right]$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$
4. If $u = \frac{x^2 y + x y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$
5. If $u = x^2 \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{x} - y^2 \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{y}$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2u$
6. If $u = x \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{x} + \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$, find that value of $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$

7. If $u = \frac{(x^2+y^2)^m}{2m(2m-1)} + xf\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \Phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$, find the value of $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$
8. If $u = x^3 \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) + \frac{y}{x} e^{-y/x} \right) + y^{-3} \left(\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{y} + \frac{x}{y} \log \frac{x}{y} \right)$,
Prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 9u$
9. If $u = x^4 \sin^{-1} \frac{y}{x} + x^6 \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$, find the value of $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ at $x = 1, y = 1$.

ANSWERS

6. 0

7. $(x^2 + y^2)^m$

9. 17π

Type-3

1. If $u = \sin^{-1} \left\{ \frac{x^{1/3} + y^{1/3}}{x^{1/2} - y^{1/2}} \right\}^{1/2}$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{12} \tan u$
2. If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y} \right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u$
3. If $u = \log \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x - y} \right)$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1$
4. If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right)$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2u$
5. If $u = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\cot u$
6. If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^4 + y^4}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u$
7. If $u = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \tan u$
8. If $u = \log \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^3 + y^3} \right)$, prove that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 1 = 0$.
9. If $u = \sin^{-1}(x^2 + y^2)^{2/5}$, show that, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{4}{5} \tan u$
10. If $u = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \cot u = 0$
11. If $u = \tan \left(\frac{xy + yz + zx}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) + \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z})$, prove that
$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}) \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z})$$

Type-4

1. If $u = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y} \right]$, prove that
$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2 \sin u \cos 3u = \sin 2u [1 - 4 \sin^2 u] = \sin 4u - \sin 2u$$

2. If $u = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \sqrt{\left(\frac{x^{1/2}+y^{1/2}}{x^{1/3}+y^{1/3}}\right)}$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\tan u}{12} \left[\frac{13}{12} + \frac{1}{12} \tan^2 u \right]$
3. If $u = \sin^{-1}(x^2 + y^2)^{1/5}$, show that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2}{25} \tan u (2 \tan^2 u - 3)$
4. If $u = \sec^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x-y} \right)$, find the value of $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ **Ans :**
 $-\cot u [2 + \cot^2 u]$
5. If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x^{1/4}+y^{1/4}}{x^{1/5}+y^{1/5}} \right)$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{400} \tan u (\tan^2 u - 19)$.
6. If $u = \log \left[\frac{x^3+y^3}{x^2+y^2} \right]$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -1$.
7. If $u = \log \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} + \sin^{-1} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}$, prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\sin w \cos 2w}{4 \cos^3 w}$

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