

## HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTIONS

Defn: A function  $z = f(x, y)$  is said to be homogeneous if for real  $\lambda$ ,  $f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \lambda^k f(x, y)$ . Here  $k$  is the degree of the function

Ex: 1)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

$$f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = (\lambda x)^2 + (\lambda y)^2 = \lambda^2 x^2 + \lambda^2 y^2 = \lambda^2 (x^2 + y^2) = \lambda^2 f(x, y)$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is homogeneous fn with degree 2

2)  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 2$

is not homogeneous fn

Not: If  $f(x, y) = x^n \phi(y/x)$  or  $y^n \phi(x/y)$  Then we can say that  $f(x, y)$  is homogeneous.

consider  $u = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x - y} = \frac{x^2 (1 + (y/x)^2)}{x (1 - y/x)} = x \phi(y/x) \rightarrow$  homogen with deg  $n=1$

Euler's Theorem: If  $u$  is a homogeneous function of degree  $n$  in  $x$  and  $y$  then

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu$$

Proof: Since  $u$  is a homogeneous fn of degree  $n$  in  $x$  &  $y$  we can write  $u(x, y) = x^n \phi(y/x)$

diff  $u$  partially w.r.t.  $x$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = x^n \phi'(y/x) \cdot (-y/x^2) + \phi(y/x) n x^{n-1}$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -x^{n-2+1} y \phi'(y/x) + n x^n \phi(y/x) \quad \therefore \text{multiply by } x$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -x^{n-1} y \phi'(y/x) + nu \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

diff  $u$  partially w.r.t.  $y$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^n \phi'(y/x) \times \frac{1}{x} = x^{n-1} \phi'(y/x)$$

$$\therefore y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = y x^{n-1} \phi'(y/x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding (1) & (2) we get

$$\boxed{x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu}$$

Ex:  $u = \sin^{-1}(\frac{x}{y}) + \tan^{-1}(\frac{y}{x})$  then  $x u_x + y u_y =$

$$= \sin^{-1}(x/y) + \tan^{-1}(1/(x/y))$$

$$= y^0 \phi(x/y), \quad n=0 \Rightarrow u \text{ is homo, of deg } = 0$$

$$\therefore x u_x + y u_y = nu = 0$$



2. If  $u = \ln \left[ \frac{x^4 + y^4}{x+y} \right]$  then find the value of

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Soln:  $u = \ln e \left( \frac{x^4 + y^4}{x+y} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow e^u = \frac{x^4 + y^4}{x+y} = \frac{x^4 \left( 1 + \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^4 \right)}{x \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right)} = x^3 \phi \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow z = e^u$  is a homo fun of deg 3.

$\therefore$  By Euler's theorem  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n z$

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial (e^u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (e^u)}{\partial y} = 3 z$$

$$\cancel{e^u} x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \cancel{e^u} y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3 \cancel{e^u} \quad \frac{\partial (e^u)}{\partial x} = e^u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

3. If  $u = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x+y} \right)$ , p.t  $x u_x + y u_y = \tan u$

Note that  $\sin u = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x+y} = \frac{x^2 \left( 1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2} \right)}{x \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right)} = x \phi \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$

$\Rightarrow z = \sin u$  is homogenous eqn with deg 1

By Euler's theorem  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n z$

$$x \frac{\partial (\sin u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (\sin u)}{\partial y} = n \sin u$$

$$x \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = n \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = n \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} = \underline{\underline{1 \cdot \tan u}}$$



Corollary:- If  $u$  is a homogeneous fn of deg  $n$  in  $x$  &  $y$  then

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

Proof: We have  $u = x^n \phi(y/x)$

By Euler's theorem  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu$  — (1)

Diff (1) w.r.t  $x$  partially.

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

Multiply by  $x$

$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = nx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = (n-1)x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ — (2)}$$

Diff (1) partially w.r.t  $y$

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

Multiply by  $y$

$$xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = ny \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = (n-1)y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \text{ — (3)}$$

Adding (2) & (3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} &= [n-1] \{x u_x + y u_y\} \\ &= \underline{\underline{(n-1)nu}} \text{ from (1)} \end{aligned}$$

Eg: If  $u = x^4 y^6 \cos^{-1}(y/x) - x^3 y^7 \cot^{-1}(x/y)$

Then the value of  $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy}$

$$\begin{aligned} u(tx, ty) &= (tx)^4 (ty)^6 \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{ty}{tx}\right) \\ &\quad - (tx)^3 (ty)^7 \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{tx}{ty}\right) \\ &= t^{10} u(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$n=10$ ,  $u$  is homo.

$$\therefore x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = n(n-1)u = 10 \times 9u = \underline{\underline{90u}}$$



1. If  $u = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2x + 3y} \right)$  then p.T  $x^2 u_{xx} + y^2 u_{yy} + 2xy u_{xy} = \tan^3 u$

Observe that  $\sin u = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2x + 3y} = x \phi(y/x)$  is homo fn of deg 1.

Take  $z = \sin u$

By Euler's theorem.  $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n z$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = n \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} = \tan u \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

diff (1) w.r.t  $x, y$  partially

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

x by x

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

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

m by m obtain

$$y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} (\sec^2 u - 1) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Adding (2) & (3),

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 u_{xx} + y^2 u_{yy} + 2xy u_{xy} &= (\sec^2 u - 1) (xu_x + yu_y) \\ &= (\sec^2 u - 1) \tan u \\ &= \frac{(1 - \cos^2 u)}{\cos^2 u} \cdot \tan u \\ &= \tan^2 u \cdot \tan u \\ &= \underline{\underline{\tan^3 u}} \end{aligned}$$

HW 2) If  $u = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y} \right)$ ,  $x \neq y$  then

S.T (i)  $xu_x + yu_y = \sin 2u$

ii)  $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = (1 - 4 \sin^2 u) \sin 2u$



3. If  $u = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{x^2 + y^2 - z^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^4 - z^4}} \right)$  then

P.T  $x u_x + y u_y + z u_z = -\cot u$   $n=0$

4. If  $u = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/3}$  P.T  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{2u}{9}$

5. If  $u = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y^2}{x} \right)$  P.T  $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\sin 2u}{\sin^2 u}$

### Total derivatives

Let  $z = f(x, y)$  where  $x = \phi(t)$   $y = \psi(t)$   
 Now, we can express  $z$  as a function of  $t$  alone by putting  $x$  and  $y$  in  $f(x, y)$ .

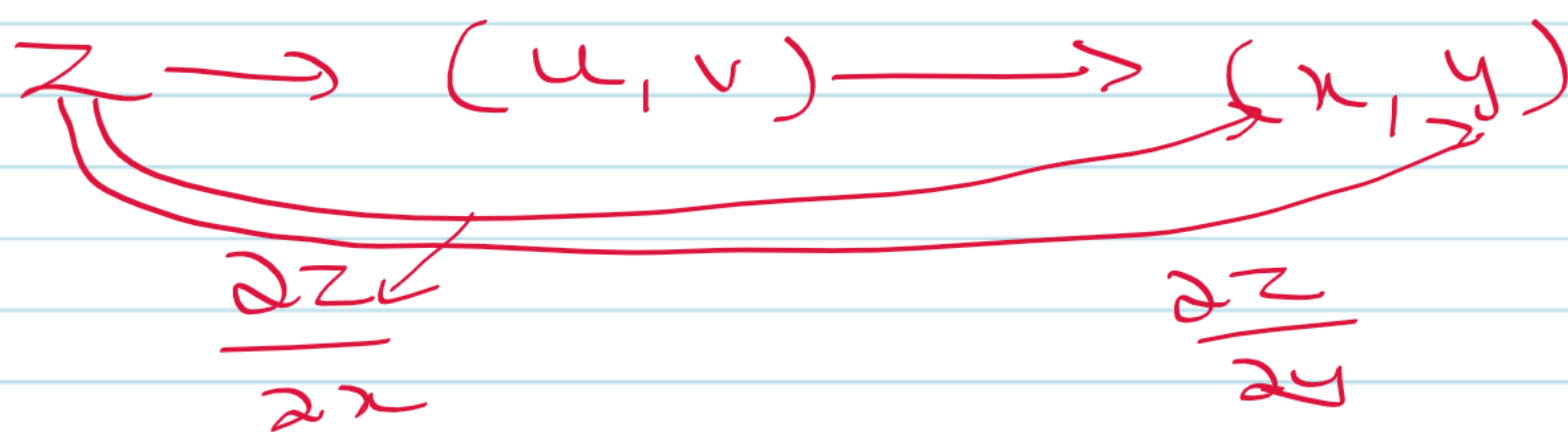
Then  $z$  is a composite function of  $t$ .

Thus, The ordinary derivative  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  is called the total derivative of  $z$  is given by

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

Total partial derivatives :-

If  $z = f(u, v)$  where  $u = \phi(x, y)$   
 $\downarrow$   
composite fn  $v = \psi(x, y)$



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

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



1. Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  if  $z = xy^2 + x^2y$ ,  $x = at^2$ ,  $y = 2at$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

$$z = xy^2 + x^2y$$

$$x = at^2, \quad y = 2at$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y^2 + 2xy, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2xy + x^2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2at, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2a$$

$\therefore$  (\*) becomes

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

2.  $z = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $x = \cos(uv)$ ,  $y = \sin(u+v)$

find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$ . Also find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$

$$z \longrightarrow (x, y) \longrightarrow (u, v)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y$$

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

$$x = \cos(uv)$$

$$y = \sin(u+v)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = -\sin(uv) \cdot v$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = \cos(u+v)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = -\sin(uv) \cdot u$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = \cos(u+v)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = 2x \cdot (-v \sin(uv)) + 2y (\cos(u+v))$$

$$= 2 \{ -v \cos(uv) \sin(uv) + \sin(u+v) \cos(u+v) \}$$

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

$$= 2x \{ -\sin(uv) \cdot u \} + 2y \{ \cos(u+v) \}$$

$$= 2 [ -u \cos(uv) \sin(uv) + \sin(u+v) \cos(u+v) ]$$



$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \sin 2(uv) [u-v]$$

3 If  $H = f(y-z, z-x, x-y)$  find

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial z}$$

$$H = f(u, v, w)$$

$$\text{where } u = y-z, \quad u_x = 0, \quad u_y = 1, \quad u_z = -1$$

$$v = z-x, \quad v_x = -1, \quad v_y = 0, \quad v_z = 1$$

$$w = x-y, \quad w_x = 1, \quad w_y = -1, \quad w_z = 0$$

$$H \rightarrow (u, v, w) \longleftrightarrow (x, y, z)$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0 - \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

$$= \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} + 0 - \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial w} \cdot \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} + 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

(1) + (2) + (3) gives

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

HW

1)  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, \quad x = e^{2t}, \quad y = e^{2t} \cos 3t$

$z = e^{2t} \sin 3t, \quad \text{find } \frac{du}{dt}$

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

find  $\frac{du}{dt}$