

UE25MA141A: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS - I

Unit - 1: Partial Differentiation

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Composite functions-Problem 1

If $u = \sin(x^2 + y^2)$, where $x = r \cos t$, $y = r \sin t$, then find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$.



Solution:

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

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x \cos(x^2 + y^2), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2y \cos(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = -r \sin t, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = r \cos t$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2x \cos(x^2 + y^2)(-r \sin t) + 2y \cos(x^2 + y^2)(r \cos t)$$

Substitute $x = r \cos t$, $y = r \sin t$:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2r \cos(r^2) [-r \cos t \sin t + r \sin t \cos t] = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0}$$

Composite functions-Problem 2

Find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$ where $u = x^2y + yz^3$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $z = \theta$.

Solution:



$$u = x^2y + yz^3, \quad x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = \theta$$

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

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2xy, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^2 + z^3, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 3yz^2$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = (2xy)(-r \sin \theta) + (x^2 + z^3)(r \cos \theta) + (3yz^2)(1)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = r^3 \cos \theta (3 \cos^2 \theta - 2) + r(3\theta^2 \sin \theta + \theta^3 \cos \theta)$$

Composite functions-Problem 3

If $u = f(r)$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$, then express $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ in terms of $f'(r)$.



Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{du}{dr} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}, \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}, \\ \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{x}{r} \\ \therefore \boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= f'(r) \frac{x}{r}}\end{aligned}$$

Composite functions-Problem 4



If $u = e^{x^2+y^2}$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, then find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$.

Solution:

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

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2xe^{x^2+y^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2ye^{x^2+y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 2xe^{x^2+y^2}(-r \sin \theta) + 2ye^{x^2+y^2}(r \cos \theta)$$

Substitute $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 2re^{r^2}(-r \cos \theta \sin \theta + r \sin \theta \cos \theta) = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{du}{d\theta} = 0}$$

Composite functions-Problem 5

If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, then show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 1$.

Solution:

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

$$u_x = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad u_y = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$x_\theta = -r \sin \theta, \quad y_\theta = r \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} (-r \sin \theta) + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} (r \cos \theta)$$

Substitute $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{r^2(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)}{r^2} = 1$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 1}$$



Composite functions-Problem 6

If $u = \sin(xy) + y^3$, $x = e^s$, $y = s + t$, then find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$.

Solution:

$$u_x = y \cos(xy), \quad u_y = x \cos(xy) + 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} = e^s, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 1,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = y \cos(xy)e^s + (x \cos(xy) + 3y^2)(1),$$

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

Substitute $x = e^s$, $y = s + t$:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = (s + t) \cos(e^s(s + t))e^s + e^s \cos(e^s(s + t)) + 3(s + t)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = e^s \cos(e^s(s + t)) + 3(s + t)^2$$



Composite functions-Problem 7



If $u = f(r, \theta)$, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$, then find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$.

Solution:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f_r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + f_\theta \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = f_r \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + f_\theta \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$$

Derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -\frac{y}{r^2}, \quad \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{x}{r^2}$$

Hence:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f_r \frac{x}{r} - f_\theta \frac{y}{r^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = f_r \frac{y}{r} + f_\theta \frac{x}{r^2}}$$

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