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PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION

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MODULE-4

Partial Derivatives of the first order

- ❖ Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a function of two independent variables x and y .
- ❖ If we keep y constant and allow only x to vary then derivative, if it exists, so obtained 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 .
- ❖ Thus,
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\delta x}$$
- ❖ Similarly, the derivative of z with respect to y keeping x constant, if it exists is called the **partial derivative of z with respect to y** and it is denoted by $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ or $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ or f_y .
- ❖ 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 $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = f_{yy}$,
- ❖ $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = f_{yx}$
- ❖ And $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = f_{xy}$

Note

- ❖ **(1)** 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
- ❖ **(2)** 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 $u = x^2 + y^2$
- define z as a function of a function of x and y .

Differentiation of a function of a function

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

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

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

$$\diamond \quad \text{e.g. If } z = (ax + by)^n \text{ then}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE-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:** 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 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

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

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

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

EXAMPLE-3

❖ 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,

❖
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} &= yx^{y-1} \cdot \log x + x^y \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 1 \cdot y^{x-1} + xy^{x-1} \log y \\ &= yx^{y-1} \cdot \log x + x^{y-1} + y^{x-1} + xy^{x-1} \log y \end{aligned}$$

❖ 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,

❖
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} &= x^{y-1} + y \cdot x^{y-1} \log x + \frac{y^x}{y} + xy^{x-1} \log y \\ &= yx^{y-1} \log x + x^{y-1} + y^{x-1} + xy^{x-1} \log y \end{aligned}$$

❖ Hence, the result

EXAMPLE-4

❖ 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:** LHS $= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) u$

❖ $= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right) \dots\dots\dots(i)$

❖ Now, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz} (3x^2 - 3yz)$ since u is symmetric

❖ Similarly, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{3y^2-2zx}{x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{3z^2-3xy}{x^3+y^3+z^3-3xyz}$

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

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

❖ Hence from (1), LHS $= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{(x+y+z)}$

❖ $= 3 \left[\frac{-1}{(x+y+z)^2} + \frac{-1}{(x+y+z)^2} + \frac{-1}{(x+y+z)^2} \right]$

❖ $= -\frac{9}{(x+y+z)^2} = \text{RHS}$

EXAMPLE-5

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

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

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

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

❖ $= 4yz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$

❖ $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} \right)$

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

❖ $= 8xyz \cdot e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$

❖ $= 8xyz u$

EXAMPLE-6

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

❖
$$= \frac{n}{t} \theta + \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \theta = \left(\frac{n}{t} + \frac{r^2}{4t^2} \right) \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

❖
$$\therefore \text{Equating (1) and (2), we get, } \frac{n}{t} = -\frac{3}{2t} \quad \therefore n = -\frac{3}{2}$$

EXAMPLE-7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

❖ $= 0$

EXAMPLE-8

❖ 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 , $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(r) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} f(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$
 $= f'(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$ (1)

❖ But $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

❖ Differentiating r^2 partially w.r.t. x , $2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x \Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$

❖ 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 , $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} \right]$
 $= f''(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{x}{r} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} + x f'(r) \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$
 $= f''(r) \frac{x}{r} \cdot \frac{x}{r} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{x}{r^2} f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r}$
 $= f''(r) \frac{x^2}{r^2} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{x^2}{r^3} f'(r)$ (2)

EXAMPLE-8

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

❖ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f''(r) \frac{z^2}{r^2} + \frac{f'(r)}{r} - \frac{z^2}{r^3} f'(r) \dots\dots\dots (4)$

❖ Adding Eqs (2), (3) and (4),

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

❖ $= \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{r^3} f'(r)$

❖ $= \frac{f''(r)}{r^2} \cdot r^2 + \frac{3f'(r)}{r} - \frac{r^2}{r^3} f'(r)$

❖ $= f''(r) + \frac{2f'(r)}{r}$

EXAMPLE-9

- ❖ 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 $z = u(x, y) e^{ax+by}$ (1)

❖ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{ax+by} + u \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot a = e^{ax+by} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + au \right)$ (2)

❖ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot e^{ax+by} + u \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot b = e^{ax+by} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + bu \right)$ (3)

❖ Differentiating (3) partially w.r.t. x ,

❖ $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{ax+by} \cdot a \cdot \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + bu \right) + e^{ax+by} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$ (4)

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

❖ $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{ax+by} \left(a \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + abu \right)$ (5)

EXAMPLE-9

Further by data $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z = 0$ (6)

❖ Putting the values from (1), (2), (3) and (5) in (6), we get,

❖

$$e^{ax+by} \left[a \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + abu - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - au - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - bu + u \right] = 0$$

❖ $\therefore e^{ax+by} \left[(a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + au(b-1) - u(b-1) \right] = 0$

❖ $\therefore e^{ax+by} \left[(a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (b-1) \cdot u(a-1) \right] = 0$

❖ 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., $a=1$, $b=1$

- ❖ **(a)** 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)** $z = x^2y + xy^2$, $x = acost$, $y = bsint$ define z as a composite function of 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,

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

EXAMPLE-11

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

❖ **Solution:** $u = x^2 y^3$, $x = \log t$, $y = e^t$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

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

❖ Substituting x and y ,

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

$$= \frac{2}{t} \log t e^{3t} + 3(\log t)^2 e^{3t}$$

EXAMPLE-12

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

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

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

$$❖ = (y + z) \left(-\frac{1}{t^2} \right) + (x + z)e^t + (y + x)(-e^{-t})$$

❖ Substituting x , y and z ,

$$❖ \frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{1}{t^2} (e^t + e^{-t}) + \left(\frac{1}{t} + e^{-t} \right) e^t - \left(e^t + \frac{1}{t} \right) e^{-t}$$

$$❖ = -\frac{1}{t^2} (e^t + e^{-t}) + \frac{1}{t} (e^t - e^{-t})$$

EXAMPLE-13

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

❖ **Solution:** $z = e^{xy}$, $x = t \cos t$, $y = t \sin t$

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

$$= e^{xy} y (\cos t - t \sin t) + e^{xy} x (\sin t + t \cos t)$$

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

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

COMPOSITE FUNCTIONS

- ❖ **(b)** 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)** $z = x^2 - y^2$, $x = 2u - 3v$, $y = 3u + 2v$
- ❖ define z as a composite function of 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,
- ❖
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

EXAMPLE-14

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

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

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

$$❖ u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{au}{2x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{au}{2y} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

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

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

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

EXAMPLE-14

❖ Adding Eqs. (1) and (2),

$$❖ u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$$

$$❖ = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{au}{2x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{av}{2y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{bv}{2x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{bv}{2y}$$

$$❖ = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \left(\frac{au+bv}{2x} \right) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \left(\frac{av-bv}{2y} \right)$$

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

$$❖ = \frac{1}{2} \left(x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$$

EXAMPLE-15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

❖ Subtracting Eq. (1) from Eq. (2),

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

EXAMPLE-16

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

$$❖ \frac{\partial l}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} = -2x$$

$$❖ \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} = -2y, \quad \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} = 2y, \quad \frac{\partial n}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$❖ \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial m}{\partial z} = -2z, \quad \frac{\partial n}{\partial z} = 2z$$

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

$$❖ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} \cdot \frac{\partial l}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial m} \cdot \frac{\partial m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial x}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE-17

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

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

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

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

$$❖ = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (-e^u \operatorname{cosec} v \cot v) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (-e^u \operatorname{cosec}^2 v)$$

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$$\diamond \text{ R.H.S} = e^{-2u} \left[\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 - \sin^2 v \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\diamond =$$

$$e^{-2u} \left[\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^2 v + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 e^{2u} \cot^2 v + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec} v \cot v \right]$$

$$\diamond + (-\sin^2 v) \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 (e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^2 v \cot^2 v) +$$

$$\diamond (-\sin^2 v) \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^4 v + (-\sin^2 v) 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} e^{2u} \operatorname{cosec}^3 v \cot v \Big]$$

$$\diamond = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 (\operatorname{cosec}^2 v - \cot^2 v) + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 (\cot^2 v - \operatorname{cosec}^2 v)$$

$$\diamond = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \text{L.H.S.}$$

EXAMPLE-18

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

❖ **Solution:** Adding the given results, $2x = 2e^{\theta}(\cos \Phi + i \sin \Phi)$

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

❖ and subtracting results, $2y = 2e^{\theta}(\cos \Phi - i \sin \Phi)$

❖ $\therefore y = e^{\theta-i\Phi}$

❖ Now, u is a function of x, y and x, y are functions of θ and Φ

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

❖ $= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{\theta+i\Phi} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot e^{\theta-i\Phi} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot y \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$

❖ $\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \equiv x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$

❖ $\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad \dots\dots\dots [\text{From (1)}]$

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \diamond \text{ Also, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial \Phi} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial \Phi} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial \Phi} \\ \diamond &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot e^{\theta+i\Phi} \cdot i + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot e^{\theta-i\Phi} \cdot (-i) \\ \diamond &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot ix - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot y \quad \dots\dots\dots (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\diamond \therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \equiv i \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \quad \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

$$\diamond \therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \Phi^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \Phi} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi} \left[i \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad \dots\dots\dots [\text{From (4)}]$$

$$\diamond = i \left[i \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad \dots\dots\dots [\text{From (5)}]$$

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

$$\diamond = -x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} - y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

♦ \therefore Adding the two results, (5) and (6) we get,

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