

**PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h, y) - F(x, y)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x, y+k) - F(x, y)}{k}$$

**GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATION**

$$z = F(x, y)$$

represents a surface in 3D space

The intersection of the surface  $z = F(x, y)$  with the plane  $y = y_1$  gives a plane curve.

- Any point on the curve  $\rightarrow (x, y_1, F(x, y_1))$  where  $y_1 \rightarrow \text{constant}$

Thus,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  (where  $y = \text{constant}$ ) represents the slope of the tangent to the curve of intersection of the surface  $z = F(x, y)$  and the plane  $y = y_1$ .

**RULES OF DIFFERENTIATION**

Let  $u, v, w$  be functions of  $x, y, z$ .

**① Partial differentiation of sum/difference**

let  $t = u \pm v \pm w$

$$\frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u \pm v \pm w) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \pm \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \pm \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

**② Partial differentiation of product / Product rule**

let  $t = u \times v \times w$

$$\frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = u \times v \times \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + u \times \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \times w + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \times v \times w$$

**③ Quotient rule**

let  $t = \frac{u}{v}$

$$\frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = \frac{v \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) - u \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)}{v^2}$$

**④ Chain rule**

$t = f(u)$  where  $u = F(x, y, z)$

$$\frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = \left( \frac{dt}{du} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

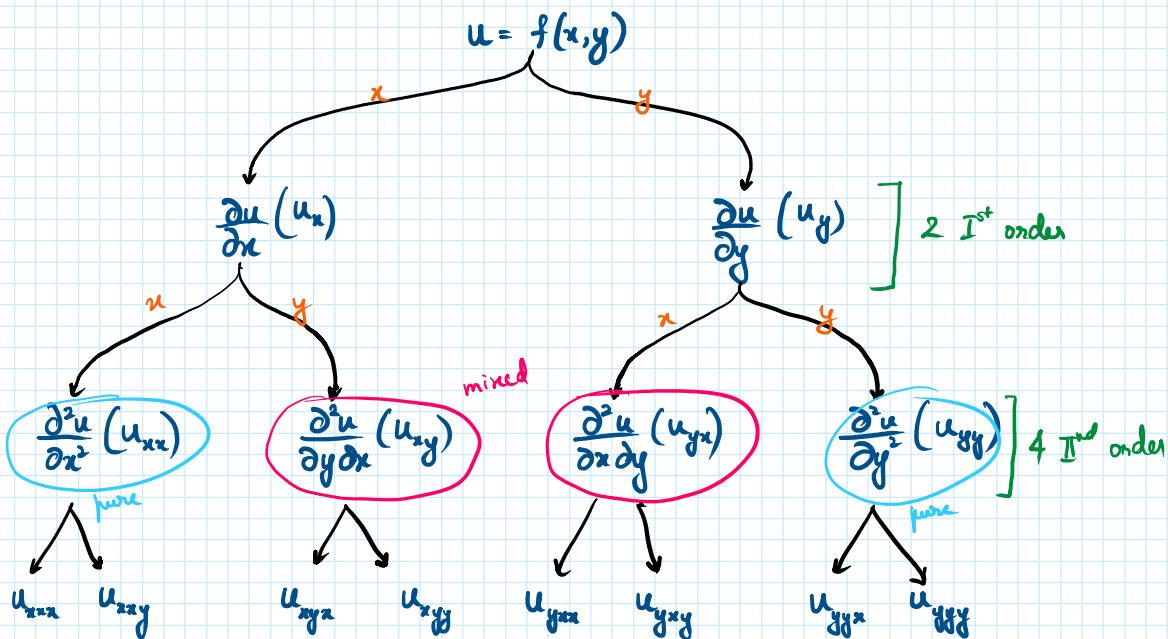
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## MIXED PARTIAL DERIVATIVE

NOTE:

- $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \implies$  Derivatives are continuous
- For higher order derivatives, the order of operators in the denominators from right to left show the order of variables w.r.t. which the function was differentiated.



In general:

A function with m independent variables has  $m^n$   $n^{th}$  order derivatives.

## EULER'S THEOREM (for homogeneous functions)

If  $u(x,y)$  is a homogeneous function of degree n,

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

and so on for any no. of independent variables

## EXTENSION OF EULER'S THEOREM FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER DERIVATIVES

If  $u(x,y)$  is a homogeneous fn. of degree n, then

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

## TOTAL DIFFERENTIAL

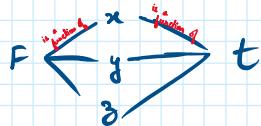
The total or exact differential of a function  $F(x, y, z)$  is given by

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

### COMPOSITE FUNCTIONS

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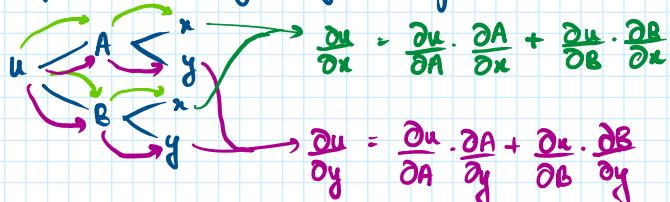
$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{dt}$$



This can be extended to any no. of variables.

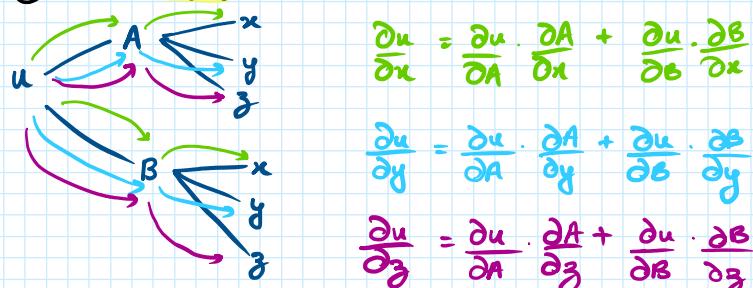
Type ②

If  $u$  is a function of  $A, B$  and  $A, B$  are functions of  $x, y$ , then  $u$  is a composite fn. of  $x, y$  through  $A$  and  $B$ .



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

Type ③: 3 variables



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where  $u$  is a function of  $t$ .

### Derivative of implicit function

Consider an implicit function  $F(x, y) = 0$

Wly, for  $y$  being the independent variable,



$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}$$

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Taylor Series Expansion of  $f(x,y)$  about the point  $(a,b)$

- Expansion in terms of  $(x-a), (y-b)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x,y) &= F(a,b) + \frac{1}{1!} [(x-a)[F_x(a,b)] + (y-b)[F_y(a,b)]] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2!} [(x-a)^2 [F_{xx}(a,b)] + 2(x-a)(y-b)[F_{xy}(a,b)] + (y-b)^2 [F_{yy}(a,b)]] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} [(x-a)^3 [F_{xxx}(a,b)] + 3(x-a)^2(y-b)[F_{xxy}(a,b)] + 3(x-a)(y-b)^2 [F_{xyy}(a,b)] + \\
 &\quad \quad \quad (y-b)^3 [F_{yyy}(a,b)]] \\
 &\quad + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

McLaurin's Series of  $F(x,y)$

$$\text{Put } (a,b) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(0,0) &= F(0,0) + \frac{1}{1!} [x[F_x(0,0)] + y[F_y(0,0)]] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2!} [x^2[F_{xx}(0,0)] + 2xy[F_{xy}(0,0)] + y^2[F_{yy}(0,0)]] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} [x^3[F_{xxx}(0,0)] + 3x^2y[F_{xxy}(0,0)] + 3xy^2[F_{xyy}(0,0)] + y^3[F_{yyy}(0,0)]] \\
 &\quad + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

## MAXIMA AND MINIMA

For some  $F(x,y)$ ,

Condition for  $(a,b)$  to be maxima/minima :

$$\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)_{(a,b)} = 0, \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)_{(a,b)} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } F_{xx} = g, F_{xy} = s, F_{yy} = t$$

if  $-s^2 > 0$  and  $g < 0 \rightarrow (a,b)$  is a maximum point

$gt - s^2 > 0$  and  $g > 0 \longrightarrow (a,b)$  is a minimum point

$gt - s^2 < 0 \longrightarrow (a,b)$  is a saddle point

$gt - s^2 = 0 \longrightarrow$  Insufficient information to draw any conclusion;  
further investigation required.

### LAGRANGE'S METHOD OF UNDETERMINED MULTIPLIERS

- For any number of variables that are not independent; variables are constrained by some equation called constraint equation.

Let  $F(x,y,z)$  be a function whose extreme value is to be determined, subjected to a constraint  $\phi(x,y,z) = c$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \lambda \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + \lambda \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} + \lambda \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

} Lagrange's Equations:  
when solved, give  
critical points

#### Note:

You only get critical points using this; you cannot find the nature of the point

### METHODS OF SOLVING DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

Refer notes