

TUTORIAL 4: Partial Differentiation,
Euler's Theorem, & Modified Euler's Theorem

1. Euler's Theorem states that -

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu \quad \text{--- (1)} \quad [u \text{- homogeneous } f \text{ in } x \text{ & } y \text{ of degree } n]$$

Proof :Let - $u = f(x, y)$ - a homogeneous f^n - diff u wrt x $\left[u = x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right]$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = n x^{n-1} \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x^n \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left[-\frac{y}{x^2} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

- diff u wrt y - slope

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^n \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad \text{using (2) & (3)}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} \rightarrow x \left[n x^{n-1} \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - x^{n-2} y \cdot \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right] \\ + y \left[x^{n-1} \phi'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow n x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \Rightarrow nu = \text{RHS} \therefore \text{PROVED}$$

- To Prove : $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)u$

→ diff (1) wrt x

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = n \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

→ diff (1) wrt y

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = n \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{Given } \textcircled{4} x \frac{du}{dx} + \textcircled{5} y \frac{du}{dy} = n(n-1) u$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2u}{dxdy} + y^2 \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = n(n-1) u$$

∴ Proved

2. Modified Euler's Theorem states :

$$\frac{x du}{dx} + y du = n f(u) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where z is a homogeneous f^n in x & y of deg n

Proof: using Euler's theorem -

$$x \frac{dz}{dx} + y \frac{dz}{dy} = nz$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = f'(u) \frac{du}{dx} \quad \frac{dz}{dy} = f'(u) \frac{du}{dy} \quad \therefore x \frac{dz}{dx} + y \frac{dz}{dy} = n f(u)$$

To Prove :

$$\frac{x^2 d^2u}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2u}{dxdy} + y^2 \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = g(u) [g'(u)-1]$$

where $g(u) = n f(u)$

→ diff ① wrt x

$$\frac{du}{dx} + x \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + y \frac{du}{dy} = g'(u) \frac{du}{dx} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

→ diff ① wrt y

$$x \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{du}{dy} + y \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = g'(u) \frac{du}{dy} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{2} x + \textcircled{3} y$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2u}{dxdy} + y^2 \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = g(u) [g'(u)-1]$$

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$$3. u = f(r) \quad r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{To show that } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) + \frac{1}{r} f'(r)$$

$$\rightarrow r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{diff wrt } x \text{ & } y$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = 2y}$$

↓
diff again
wrt x

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} = 2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} = 2}$$

↓
diff again wrt
y

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} = [1 - \frac{x^2}{r^2}] \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} = [1 - \frac{y^2}{r^2}] \frac{1}{r}$$

$$u = f(r)$$

- diff wrt x

$$\frac{du}{dx} = f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$$

diff wrt y

$$\frac{du}{dy} = f'(r) \frac{\partial r}{\partial y}$$

- diff wrt x

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f''(r) \left[\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right]^2 + f'(r) \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) \left[\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right]^2 + f'(r) \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2}$$

① -

②

add ① & ②

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) \left[\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] + f'(r) \left[\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) \left[\frac{1}{r^2} (x^2 + y^2) \right] + f'(r) \left[\frac{2}{r} \right]}$$

$$4. z(x+y) = x^2 + y^2 \text{ To show that:-}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right]^2 = 4 \left[1 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow xz + yz = x^2 + y^2$$

diff wrt $x \rightarrow z + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{2x-z}{x+y}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2y-z}{x+y}$$

$$\therefore \text{RHS} \rightarrow 4 \left[1 - \left[\frac{2x+2y-2z}{x+y} \right] \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \left[\frac{x+y-2x-2y+2(x^2+y^2)}{x+y} \right] = 0$$

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

$$\text{LHS} \rightarrow \left[\frac{2x-z}{x+y} - \frac{2y-z}{x+y} \right]^2 = 4 \left[\frac{x-y}{x+y} \right]^2$$

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

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$$5. \text{ If } z = x f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \text{ prove that -}$$

$$\frac{x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}}{x^2} = 0$$

\rightarrow From Euler's diff z wrt x

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left[-\frac{y}{x^2}\right] + g'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left[-\frac{y}{x^2}\right]$$

diff z wrt y

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = xf'(y/x) \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] + g'(y/x) \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] \quad - (2)$$

① xx + ② xy

$$\rightarrow x \frac{dz}{dx} + y \frac{dz}{dy} = xf(y/x) + f'(y/x) \left[-\frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{x} \right] + g'(y/x) \left[-\frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{x} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x \frac{dz}{dx} + y \frac{dz}{dy} = xf(y/x)} \quad - (3)$$

diff ③ wrt x

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} + x \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + y \frac{d^2z}{dxdy} = f(y/x) + xf'(y/x) \left[-\frac{y}{x^2} \right] \quad - (4)$$

diff ③ wrt y

$$\rightarrow \frac{dz}{dy} + y \frac{d^2z}{dy^2} + x \frac{d^2z}{dydx} = xf'(y/x) \left[\frac{1}{x} \right] \quad - (5)$$

④ xx + ⑤ xy

$$\rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2z}{dydx} + y^2 \frac{d^2z}{dy^2} + \left(x \frac{dz}{dx} + y \frac{dz}{dy} \right) = xf(y/x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2z}{dydx} + y^2 \frac{d^2z}{dy^2} = 0} \quad - (6)$$

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- $(x-a)^2$ prove that

$$6. f(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-4y}, \text{ then } f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-4y} \left[\frac{-2(x-a)}{4y} \right] = -\frac{(x-a)}{2y^{3/2}} e^{-4y}$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{+(x-a)(+3)}{2} \frac{1}{y^{5/2}} e^{-4y} = -\frac{(x-a)}{2y^{3/2}} e^{-4y} \left(\frac{(x-a)^2}{4y^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{xy} = \frac{e^{-4y}(x-a)}{4y^{3/2}} \left[\frac{3}{y} - \frac{(x-a)^2}{2y^2} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-4y} + \frac{e^{-4y}}{4y^2} ((x-a)^2)$$

$$f_{yx} = \frac{+1}{4y^{3/2}} e^{-4y} \left[\frac{+2(x-a)}{4y} \right] + \frac{2(x-a)}{4y^2 \sqrt{y}} e^{-4y}$$

$$+ \frac{(x-a)^2}{4y^2 \sqrt{y}} e^{-4y} \left[\frac{-2(x-a)}{4y} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{yx} = \frac{e^{-4y}(x-a)}{4y^{3/2}} \left[\frac{3}{y} - \frac{(x-a)^2}{2y^2} \right]$$

f_{xy} = f_{yx}

7. If $x = e^{r\cos\theta} \cos(r\sin\theta)$, $y = e^{r\cos\theta} \sin(r\sin\theta)$ then prove that $\frac{dx}{dr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{dy}{d\theta}$, $\frac{dy}{dr} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{dx}{d\theta}$

$$dx = \cos\theta e^{r\cos\theta} \cos(r\sin\theta) + e^{r\cos\theta} (-\sin\theta \sin(r\sin\theta))$$

$$\frac{dx}{dr} = e^{r\cos\theta} [\cos\theta (\alpha + r\sin\theta)]$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -r \sin \theta e^{r \cos \theta} \sin(r \sin \theta) + e^{r \cos \theta} r \cos \theta \cos(r \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = r [e^{r \cos \theta}] [\cos(\theta + r \sin \theta)]$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{dy}{d\theta} \quad \underline{\text{Proved}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dr} = \cos \theta e^{r \cos \theta} \sin(r \sin \theta) + e^{r \cos \theta} \cancel{\sin \theta} \cos(r \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dr} = e^{r \cos \theta} [\cos \sin(\theta + r \sin \theta)]$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -r \sin \theta e^{r \cos \theta} \cos(r \sin \theta) - r \cos \theta e^{r \cos \theta} \sin(r \sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -r [e^{r \cos \theta}] [\sin(\theta + r \sin \theta)]$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dr} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{dx}{d\theta} \quad \underline{\text{Proved}}$$

$$8. r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad V = r^m \quad \text{then Prove that}$$

$$V_{xx} + V_{yy} + V_{zz} = m(m+1) r^{m-2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dV}{dx} = m r^{m-1} \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \boxed{\frac{dV}{di} = 2i \quad \text{where } i=x, y, z}$$

$$\therefore V_{xx} = m(m+1) r^{m-2} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + m r^{m-1} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{di} + 2r \frac{d^2 y}{di^2} = 2 \quad \text{where } i=x, y, z}$$

$$\therefore V_{xx} = m(m+1) r^{m-2} \left(\frac{x^2}{r^2} \right) + m r^{m-1} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\therefore V_{xx} + V_{yy} + V_{zz} = m(m+1) \frac{r^{m-2}}{r^2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + m(r^{m-1}) \frac{1}{r}$$

9. $\log u = \frac{x^2 y^2}{x+y}$ then show that $xu_x + yu_y = 3u \log u$

→ Let $z = \log u$ ∵ z is a homogeneous function in x, y of degree 3

∴ From modified Euler's Theorem

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n z \quad n - \text{degree of } z$$

$$\therefore xu_x + yu_y = 3z \quad (z = \log u)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow xu_x + yu_y = 3u \log u$$

10. If $u = F(x-y, y-z, z-x)$, Show that $u_x + u_y + u_z = 0$

$$\rightarrow u_x + u_y + u_z$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial (x-y)} \left[\frac{\partial (x-y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (x-y)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (x-y)}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore u_x + u_y + u_z = 0$$

11. $x^x y^y z^z = c$, then show that $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = -(x \log x)^{-1}$

Take log on both sides

$$x \log x + y \log y + z \log z = \log c$$

$$\therefore z \log z = \log x - x \log x - y \log y$$

diff wrt x -

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \log z + z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\log z) = -\log x - 1 - x \log x - y$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (\log z + 1) = -(\log x + 1) \quad \therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-\log x}{\log z}$$

diff wrt y -

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} (\log z + 1) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right) \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) (\log z + 1)$$

$$\text{if } x = y = z$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = -\frac{1}{x} \left(-\frac{\log x}{\log x} \right) \left(-\frac{\log y}{\log y} \right) \frac{1}{\log x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = (-x \log x)^{-1} \quad \text{PROVED}$$

$$12. u = \log(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz), \text{ then prove that}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right]^2 u = \frac{-9xyz + (x+y+z)^3}{(x+y+z)^2}$$

$$\therefore (x+y+z)^2 u = R^3$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{R} (3x^2 - 3yz) \quad [R = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz]$$

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

$$\cdot \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right]^2 u = \left(\frac{3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - xy - zx)}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{(x+y+z)^2}$$

13. $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y^{x^y} = \sin x$ (Taking log)

$$\rightarrow x^y \log y = \log \sin x \quad (\text{Taking log again})$$

$$\rightarrow y \log x + \log \log y = \log \log \sin x$$

diff wrt x

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \cancel{\frac{dy}{dx}} \left(\frac{1}{x} y + \log x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{y \log y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{\log \sin x} \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} - \frac{y \log x}{\sin x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left[\log x + \frac{\log y}{y \log y} \right] = \frac{\cot x}{\log \sin x} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cot x}{\log \sin x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \log y \left[\cot x - y^{-1} \cdot x^y \log y \right] + \frac{1}{y \log y \cdot x^y} \quad (\log x \cdot \log y + \frac{1}{y})$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \left[\frac{y x^{y-1} \log y - \cot x}{\log x \cdot \log y + \frac{1}{y}} \right]$$

14. $z = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$

Prove that $\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = c^2 \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2}$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{df(x+ct)}{dx} + \frac{dg(x-ct)}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = f'(x+ct) + g'(x-ct)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} = f''(x+ct) + g''(x-ct) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$-\frac{dz}{dt} = c f'(x+ct) - c g'(x-ct)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = c^2 [f''(x+ct) + g''(x-ct)] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$c^2 \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}$$

15. $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y} \right); x \neq y$ Prove that

$$\frac{x^2 d^2 u}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2 u}{dxdy} + y^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = \sin 4u - \sin 2u \\ = 2 \sin u \cos 3u$$

→ Let $Z = \tan u = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y}$ ∵ Z is a homogeneous fn of deg 2 in x & y

∴ Using Collo corollary 3 -

$$\frac{x^2 d^2 u}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2 u}{dxdy} + y^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = g(u) [g'(u) - 1]$$

$$\text{where } g(u) = 2 \frac{f(u)}{f'(u)} = 2 \frac{\tan u}{\sec^2 u} = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\therefore g(u) = \sin 2u \quad \& \quad g'(u) = 2 \sin 2u \quad 2 \cos 2u$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2 d^2 u}{dx^2} + 2xy \frac{d^2 u}{dxdy} + y^2 \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = \sin 2u [2 \cos 2u - 1]$$

$$= \cancel{-} \sin 4u - \sin 2u$$

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