

Unit 1: Partial Differentiation Assignment

Class - 3

Total derivative, chain rule, composite functions, problems

1. Given $u=\sin(x/y)$ where $x=e^t$, $y=t^2$, find the total derivative of u w.r.t t.

Ans:
$$\frac{du}{dt} = \left(1 - \frac{2}{t}\right) \frac{e^t}{t^2} \cos\left(\frac{e^t}{t^2}\right)$$

2.If $z = xy^2 + x^2y$ where $x = at^2$ and y = 2at, find $\frac{dz}{dt}$. Verify the result by direct substitution.

3.If $z = 2xy^2 - 3x^2y$ and if x increases at the rate of 2cm. per second and it passes through the value x=3cm, show that if y is passing through the value y=1cm., y must be decreasing at the rate of $2\frac{2}{15}$ cm. per second, in order that z shall remain constant.

4.If z=f(x,y) where $x=e^u cos v$, $y=e^u sin v$, show that

i)
$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = e^{2u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$
 ii) $(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial z}{\partial y})^2 = e^{-2u} \left[(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u})^2 + (\frac{\partial z}{\partial v})^2 \right]$

5. If
$$u = f(r, s, t)$$
 and $r = \frac{x}{y}$, $s = \frac{y}{z}$ and $t = \frac{z}{x}$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$