

Homogeneous Function

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A function is called homogeneous function if the degree of each term is same.

$$\text{Let, } f(x, y) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} y + a_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + a_3 x^{n-3} y^3 + \dots + a_n y^n$$

be a function of x & y . $f(y/x) = F(y/x)$

Euler's Theorem on Homogeneous Function

If $f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of x & y of degree (n) then theorem states that

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f$$

Proof: $\because f(x, y) = x^n F(y/x) \dots (i)$

Partially Diff. w.r.t (x) ,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = x^n \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + f(n x^{n-1})$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = x^n \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} +$$

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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = x^n f' \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \left(\frac{-y}{x^2} \right) + f \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) n x^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -x^{n-2} y f' \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) + n x^{n-1} f \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$x \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = -x^{n-1} y f' \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) + n x^n f \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \dots (ii)$$

Now,

partially diff. eqⁿ (ii) w.r.t (y) ,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^n f' \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^{n-1} y f' \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \dots (iii)$$

By adding eqⁿ (ii) & (iii), we get,

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n \left[x^n f \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \right]$$

$$\boxed{x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f}$$

Hence proved

* If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x+y} \right)$, then show that

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

Solve 1* $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x+y} \right)$

$$\sin u = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x+y}$$

$$\sin u = \frac{x^2}{x} \left(\frac{1 + y^2/x^2}{1 + y/x} \right) \quad \nearrow f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

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

$$\sin u = f(x, y)$$

By Euler's theorem,

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial (\sin u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (\sin u)}{\partial y} = 1 (\sin u)$$

$$\Rightarrow x (\cos u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y (\cos u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin u$$

$$F(x, y) = x^n f(y/x)$$

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{x \cos u} (\cancel{x+y}) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\tan u = x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}$$

Hence Proved

2* If $u = \log \left(\frac{x^4 + y^4}{x+y} \right)$, then prove that

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

3* If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x+y} \right)$, then prove that

$$(i) \quad x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u$$

$$(ii) \quad x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \sin^4 u - \sin^2 u$$

$$= 2 \cos 3u \sin u$$

Solve 2* $u = \log_e \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x+y} \right)$

$$e^u = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x+y}$$

$$e^u = \frac{x^3}{x} \cdot \left[\frac{1 + y(y/x)^2}{1 + (y/x)} \right]$$

$$e^u = x^2 \cdot f \left(\frac{1 + (y/x)^2}{1 + (y/x)} \right)$$

$$e^u = x^2 \cdot f(x, y)$$

By Euler's theorem,

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial (e^u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (e^u)}{\partial y} = 3(e^u)$$

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

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

Hence proved

Solve 3* $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x-y} \right)$

$$\tan u = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x-y}$$

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

$$\tan u = x^2 \cdot f(x, y)$$

i) By Euler's theorem,

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial (\tan u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (\tan u)}{\partial y} = 2 (\tan u)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \tan u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \left(\frac{\tan u}{\sec^2 u} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Hence proved

$p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$	$q = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$	$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$	Page No.
$r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$	$t = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$		Page No.

ii) Now, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ Partially diff. eqⁿ (i) w.r.t x ,

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

(Multiplying by x both side)

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

Similarly,

on partially diff. eqⁿ (i) w.r.t y ,

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

Adding eqⁿ (2) & (3),

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = (2 \cos 2u - 1) \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} &= (2 \cos 2u - 1) \sin 2u \\ &= 2 \cos 2u \sin 2u - \sin 2u \\ &= \sin 4u - \sin 2u \\ &= 2 \sin u \cdot \cos 3u \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved