

4. PARTIAL DERIVATIVE

If $u = f(x, y)$ is a function of x and y then,

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$
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Homogeneous Function:

If degree of each term in the function is same, function is said to be Homogeneous Function.

If $f(kx, ky) = K^n f(x, y)$, f is Homogeneous function with degree “ n ”.

1) Euler’s Theorem:

If $u = f(x, y)$ is Homogeneous function with degree “ n ” in x and y ,

$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu$	$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)u$
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2) Euler’s Theorem:

If $u = f(x, y)$ is not Homogeneous function but function of u (let’s say $F(u)$) is Homogeneous function with degree “ n ” in x and y ,

$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = n \frac{F(u)}{F'(u)} = G(u)$	$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = G(u)[G'(u) - 1]$
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3) Euler’s Theorem:

If $u = f(x, y) + g(x, y) + h(x, y)$, where f, g and h are homogenous functions of degree m, n, p respectively,

$xu_x + yu_y = mf + ng + ph$	$x^2 u_{xx} + y^2 u_{yy} + 2xy u_{xy} = m(m-1)f + n(n-1)g + p(p-1)h$
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Total Derivative:

If $u = f(x, y)$ where x and y are functions of t , the total derivative of u with respect to t is given by,

$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$	$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} \text{ for } u = f(x, y, z)$
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Total Differential:

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz \text{ for } u = f(x, y, z)$$

Here, “ x ”, “ y ”, “ z ” are intermediate variables. “ t ” is independent variable. “ u ” is dependent variable.

Chain rule for Partial differentiation:

If $u = f(x, y)$ where $x = g(r, s), y = h(r, s)$,

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$
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Here, “ x ”, “ y ” are intermediate variables. “ r ” and “ s ” are independent variable. “ u ” is dependent variable.

If $u = f(x, y, z)$ where $x = g(r, s, t), y = h(r, s, t), z = i(r, s, t)$,

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial r}$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$
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