



ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS - I

Problems on Euler's Theorem

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1. Verify Euler's theorem for $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}\right)$

Solution:

$$Z = \cos u = \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}} = x^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(1+\frac{y}{x})}{1+\frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}}} = \sqrt{x} f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Z is a homogeneous function of degree $\frac{1}{2}$

Euler's theorem is given by $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} z$

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{x\sqrt{x} + 2x\sqrt{y} - y\sqrt{x}}{2(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2}$$

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{2y\sqrt{x} + y\sqrt{y} - x\sqrt{y}}{2(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2}$$

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} z$$

2. If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x+2y+3z}{\sqrt{x^8+y^8+z^8}} \right)$, show that $xu_x + yu_y + zu_z + 3\tan u = 0$.

Solution: $\sin u = \left(\frac{x+2y+3z}{\sqrt{x^8+y^8+z^8}} \right) = x^{-3} g\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x}\right)$

$\sin u$ is a homogeneous function of degree -3.

By Euler's theorem,

$$x \frac{\partial(\sin u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial(\sin u)}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial(\sin u)}{\partial z} = -3 \sin u$$

$$x \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -3 \sin u$$

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



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