

(3) **Jacobian of Implicit functions.** If  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  instead of being given explicitly in terms of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ , be connected with them by equations such as

$f_1(u_1, u_2, u_3, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0, f_2(u_1, u_2, u_3, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0, f_3(u_1, u_2, u_3, x_1, x_2, x_3) = 0$ , then

$$\frac{\partial(u_1, u_2, u_3)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, x_3)} = (-1)^3 \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, f_3)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, x_3)} + \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, f_3)}{\partial(u_1, u_2, u_3)}$$

**Obs.** This result can be easily generalised. It bears analogy to the result  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\partial f / \partial x}{\partial f / \partial y}$ , where  $x, y$  are connected by the relation  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

**Example 5.29** If  $u = xyz, v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, w = x + y + z$ , find  $\partial(x, y, z) / \partial(u, v, w)$

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**Sol.** Let  $f_1 = u - xyz, f_2 = v - x^2 - y^2 - z^2, f_3 = w - x - y - z$ .

We have  $\frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(u, v, w)} = (-1)^3 \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, f_3)}{\partial(u, v, w)} + \frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, f_3)}{\partial(x, y, z)}$

Now 
$$\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, f_3)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = \begin{vmatrix} \partial f_1 / \partial x & \partial f_1 / \partial y & \partial f_1 / \partial z \\ \partial f_2 / \partial x & \partial f_2 / \partial y & \partial f_2 / \partial z \\ \partial f_3 / \partial x & \partial f_3 / \partial y & \partial f_3 / \partial z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -yz & -xz & -xy \\ -2x & -2y & -2z \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$$

and 
$$\frac{\partial(f_1, f_2, f_3)}{\partial(u, v, w)} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

Substituting values from (ii) and (iii) in (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(u, v, w)} &= (-1) \times 1 / [-2(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)] \\ &= 1 / 2(x-y)(y-z)(z-x). \end{aligned}$$