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Differential Calculus (partial differentiation)

Q.1. If $u = \cos^{-1} \frac{x-y}{x+y}$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$

Soln: We have $\cos u = \frac{x-y}{x+y}$

It is clear that $\frac{x-y}{x+y}$ is of zero degree and hence $\cos u$ is a homogeneous function of ~~degree~~ zero degree.

$\therefore$ By Euler's theorem,

$$x \frac{\partial (\cos u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (\cos u)}{\partial y} = 0 \times \cos u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -x \sin u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \sin u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

Q.2. If $u = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}$, show that Proved

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

Soln: We have $\sin u = \frac{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}$

Since, $\sin u$ is a homogeneous function of zero degree.

$\therefore$ By Euler's theorem,

$$x \frac{\partial (\sin u)}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial (\sin u)}{\partial y} = 0 \times \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u \left(x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

Proved

Q.3. If $u = \cos^{-1} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}}$, show that

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \cot u = 0$$

Soln: We have, $u = \cos^{-1} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}}$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u = \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u = \frac{x(1+\frac{y}{x})}{\sqrt{x}(1+\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos u = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}(1+\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}})}{1+\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}} = \sqrt{x} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

We find that v is a homogeneous function of two independent variable x and y and of degree $\frac{1}{2}$.
Hence applying Euler's theorem for the function v
We have

$$x \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = n v = \frac{1}{2} v \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

From I, $v = \cos u$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\sin u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\sin u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Substituting these values in II, we get

$$-x \sin u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - y \sin u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \cos u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2} \cot u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \cot u = 0$$

Proved

Q.4. If $u = \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}}\right)$, prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \tan u$.

Soln. Given: $\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}} = v$ (say)

Since v is a homogeneous function of x and y of degree $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\therefore$ By Euler's theorem,

$$x \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = nv$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin v) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin v) = \frac{1}{2} \sin v$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cos v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + y \cos v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \sin v$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \tan u \quad \text{proved.}$$

Q.5. If $u = \sin(\sqrt{x+y})$, prove that

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{x+y}) \cos(\sqrt{x+y})$$

Soln. We have, $u = \sin(\sqrt{x+y}) \Rightarrow \sin u = \sqrt{x+y}$

$$\Rightarrow \sin u = \sqrt{x} \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = V \text{ (say)} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

We find that V is a homogeneous function of two independent variables x and y of degree $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\therefore$ By Euler's theorem, we get

$$x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = nV = \frac{1}{2} V \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

From (I), $V = \sin u$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Substituting these two values in II, we get

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \sin u$$

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

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 Post part of Q.5.

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \sqrt{1-u^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})}$$

Hence, $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$ proved

Q.6. If $u = \sin \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \tan u$

Soln: We have, $u = \sin \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$

$$\Rightarrow \sin u = \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} = \frac{x^2(1+\frac{y^2}{x^2})}{x(1+\frac{y}{x})} = x \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = V, \text{ say}$$

Now, V is a homogeneous function of degree 1

$\therefore$ By Euler's theorem, we get

$$x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = 1 \cdot V$$

But $V = \sin u$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Substituting these values in (1), we get

$$\therefore x \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin u$$

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

Q.7. If $\sin u = \frac{x^3+y^3}{x-y}$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \tan u$

Soln: Since, $\sin u = \frac{x^3+y^3}{x-y}$

Here, we see that $\sin u$ is a homogeneous function of the second degree.

$\therefore$ By Euler's theorem, we get

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

$$\Rightarrow x \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2 \sin u$$

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