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Differential Calculus

Q.1. State and prove the Euler's Theorem on partial differentiation of homogeneous function of two independent variables.

Soln! Statement: $\rightarrow$ If $f(x, y)$ be a homogeneous function of degree n , then

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

Proof: Let $f(x, y) = A x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} + B x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2} + C x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3} + \dots$ — (I)

Where, $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = \alpha_2 + \beta_2 = \alpha_3 + \beta_3 = \dots = n$ — II

And $A, B, C, \dots$ are constants i.e. independent of x and y .

Differentiating (I) partially with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = A \alpha_1 x^{\alpha_1-1} y^{\beta_1} + B \alpha_2 x^{\alpha_2-1} y^{\beta_2} + C \alpha_3 x^{\alpha_3-1} y^{\beta_3} + \dots$$

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = A \alpha_1 x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} + B \alpha_2 x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2} + C \alpha_3 x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3} + \dots \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

Again, differentiating I partially w.r. to y , we get

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = A \beta_1 x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1-1} + B \beta_2 x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2-1} + C \beta_3 x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3-1} + \dots$$

$$\therefore y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = A \beta_1 x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} + B \beta_2 x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2} + C \beta_3 x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3} + \dots \quad \text{--- (IV)}$$

Adding III and IV, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= A x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) + B x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2} (\alpha_2 + \beta_2) + C x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3} (\alpha_3 + \beta_3) + \dots \\ &= A x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} n + B x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2} n + C x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3} n + \dots \quad \text{--- by II} \\ &= n (A x^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} + B x^{\alpha_2} y^{\beta_2} + C x^{\alpha_3} y^{\beta_3} + \dots) \\ &= n f(x, y) \quad \text{[from I]} \end{aligned}$$

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Q.2. If $x^3 + y^3 - x^3 y^2 z = 0$, find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ when $x=y=z$.

Soln: We have, $x^3 y^2 z = x^3 + y^3$

$$\therefore z = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^3 y^2} = \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{y}{x^3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{3y}{x^4}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{2}{y^3} + \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$\therefore$ When $x=y=1$,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -3, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2+1 = -1.$$

Q.3. If $u = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$, prove that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.

Soln: We have, $u = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow u = x^2(y-z) + y^2(z-x) + z^2(x-y) \text{ --- I}$$

Differentiating partially with respect to x , keeping y and z constants, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x(y-z) + y^2(-1) + z^2(1) = 2xy - 2zx - y^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^2(1) + 2y(z-x) + z^2(-1) = x^2 + 2yz - 2xy - z^2$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = x^2(-1) + y^2(1) + 2z(x-y) = -x^2 + y^2 + 2zx - 2yz$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2xy - 2zx - y^2 + z^2 - x^2 - y^2 + 2yz - 2xy + x^2 + y^2 + 2zx - 2yz = 0$$

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

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