



POLLACHI INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

(Approved by AICTE and affiliated to Anna University, Coimbatore.)

107/1-B, POOSARIPATTI, POLLACHI-642 205.

QUESTION BANK

MATHEMATICS – 1

UNIT IV

FUNCTIONS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES

PART - A

1. If $z = e^{ax+by} f(ax-by)$ show that $b \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + a \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2abz$

Solution:

Given $z = e^{ax+by} f(ax-by)$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^{ax+by} \cdot f'(ax-by) \cdot a + f(ax-by) \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot a$$

$$b \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = ab (e^{ax+by}) [f'(ax-by) + f(ax-by) \cdot e^{ax+by}] \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{ax+by} \cdot f'(ax-by)(-b) + f(ax-by) \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot b$$

$$a \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = ab(e^{ax+by}) [-f'(ax-by) + f(ax-by)] \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

(1)+(2) =>

$$b \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + a \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2ab(e^{ax+by}) f(ax-by) = 2abz$$

2. If $z = yf(x^2 - y^2)$ show that that $y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{xz}{y}$

Solution:

Given $z = yf(x^2 - y^2)$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = y f'(x^2 - y^2) \cdot 2x$$

$$y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2 y^2 x f'(x^2 - y^2) \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

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

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2 x y^2 f'(x^2 - y^2) + x f(x^2 - y^2) \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

(1)+(2) =>

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

3. $u = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$ show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.

Solution:

Here u is a homogeneous function of degree n=0.

$$(x=kx, y=ky, z=kz)$$

$$u = \frac{k}{k} \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right)$$

(Power of k= degree =n=0)

Hence by Euler's theorem,

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

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

Solution:

$$\text{Let } z = \tan u = \left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}} \right)$$

Here z is a homogeneous function of degree n=1/2.

Therefore, z satisfies the Euler's theorem.

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \tag{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sec^2 u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \tag{3}$$

Put (2) & (3) in (1) we get,

$$x \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \sec^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \tan u$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2u$$

5. If $u = \log \left(\frac{x^3+y^3}{x+y} \right)$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } u = \log \left(\frac{x^3+y^3}{x+y} \right)$$

$$z = e^u = \frac{x^3+y^3}{x+y}$$

As z is a homogeneous function of order n=2, it satisfies the Euler's theorem.

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = nz = 2e^u \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = e^u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

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

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

6. If $u = e^{x^2} f(y/x)$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2u \log u$.

Solution:

$$z = \log u = x^2 f(y/x)$$

Here z is a homogeneous function of order $n=2$, it satisfies the Euler's equation.

$$x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = n z = 2 \log u \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \text{(Order: Put } x=kx, y=ky, z=x^2 k^2 f\left(\frac{ky}{kx}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{dz}{du} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad n=2.)$$

Put in (1)

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

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2u \log u.$$

7. If $z = \sin^{-1}(x - y)$, $x=3t, y=4t^3$, find $\frac{dz}{dt}$.

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(x-y)^2}} (3) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(x-y)^2}} (-1) (12t^2) \\ &= \frac{3-12t^2}{\sqrt{1-(3t-4t^3)^2}} \\ &= \frac{3(1-4t^2)}{\sqrt{1-9t^2-16t^6+24t^4}} \\ &= \frac{3(1-4t^2)}{\sqrt{(1-t^2)(1-4t^2)^2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$

8. If $z = f(x,y)$ and $x = e^u + e^{-v}$, $y = e^{-u} - e^v$ show that $\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot e^u + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot e^{-u} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = e^u \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - e^{-u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (e^{-v})(-1) + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (-e^v) \quad \text{----- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

(1) - (2) \Rightarrow

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} (e^u + e^{-v}) - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} (e^{-u} - e^v)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$$

9. If $u = \phi(x,y)$, $x=r \cos\theta$, $y=r \sin\theta$, show that $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)^2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cdot \cos\theta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \cdot \sin\theta \quad \text{-----(1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cdot r(-\sin\theta) + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} (r \cos\theta) \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

$$\text{L.H.S } \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta) + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)^2 (\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)^2$$

10. If $w=f(r)$, $x=r \cos\theta$, $y=r \sin\theta$, show that $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = f''(r) + \frac{1}{r} f'(r)$.

Solution:

$$w = f(r), \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} = f'(r) \cdot x r^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = x r^{-1} f'' + f' r^{-1} (1) + f'(r) x (-1) r^{-2} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \frac{x^2}{r^2} f'' + \frac{f'}{r} - \frac{x^2}{r^3} f' \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

As r is symmetry in x,y

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = \frac{y^2}{r^2} f'' + \frac{f'}{r} - \frac{y^2}{r^3} f'' \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

(1) + (2) =>

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = f''(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{r} f'(\mathbf{r}) .$$

11. $f(x,y) = 4x^3 + 3xy - 6x^2y^2 + 2y^3 = 2$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Solution:

$$f(x,y) = 4x^3 + 3xy - 6x^2y^2 + 2y^3 - 2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 12x^2 + 3y - 12xy^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3x - 12x^2y + 6y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}} = \frac{-(4x^2 + y - 4xy^2)}{x - 4x^2y + 2y^2}$$

12. If $x^3 + y^3 - 3axy = 0$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

Solution:

$$\text{Let } f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3axy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = p = 3x^2 - 3ay$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = r = 6x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = s = -3a$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = q = 3y^2 - 3ax$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = t = 6y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{p}{q} = -\frac{3x^2 - 3ay}{3y^2 - 3ax}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ay - x^2}{y^2 - ax}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\left(\frac{q^2r - 2pqs + p^2t}{q^3}\right)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{2a^3xy}{(ax - y^2)^3}$$

13. Find the Jacobian $\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)}$ if $x+y=u$ and $y=uv$

Solution:

$$\text{Given: } x+y=u \quad ; \quad y=uv$$

$$x = u - uv = u(1-v)$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -v \\ v & u \end{vmatrix} = u - uv + uv = u$$

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \mathbf{u}$$

14. If $x=r \cos\theta$, $y=r \sin\theta$, prove that the Jacobian $J = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = r$

Solution:

$$\text{Given : } x=r \cos\theta \quad ; \quad y=r \sin\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos\theta \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin\theta \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos\theta$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \cos\theta & -r \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & r \cos\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= r(\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta)$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = \mathbf{r}. \text{ Hence the proof.}$$

15. If $u = \frac{yz}{x}$, $v = \frac{zx}{y}$, $w = \frac{xy}{z}$ find the Jacobian of u,v,w with respect to x, y & z .

Solution:

$$J \left(\frac{u,v,w}{x,y,z} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{yz}{x^2} & \frac{z}{x} & \frac{y}{x} \\ \frac{z}{y} & -\frac{zx}{y^2} & \frac{x}{y} \\ \frac{y}{z} & \frac{x}{z} & -\frac{xy}{z^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{yz}{x^2} \left[\frac{x^2}{yz} - \frac{x^2}{yz} \right] - \frac{z}{x} \left[-\frac{x}{z} - \frac{x}{z} \right] + \frac{y}{x} \left[\frac{x}{y} + \frac{x}{y} \right]$$

$$= 2+2 = 4$$

16. Give the Maclaurins series expansion of $f(x,y) = xy^2$

Solution:

At the origin $f=0$, $f_x=0$, $f_{xx}=0$, $f_{xxx}=0$, $f_y=0$, $f_{yy}=0$, $f_{yyy}=0$, $f_{xy}=0$, $f_{xxy}=0$ & $f_{xyy}=0$.
Therefore the required series is $xy^2 = xy^2$

17. Using the definition of total derivative, find the value of $\frac{du}{dt}$, given $u=y^2 - 4ax$, $x=at^2$, $y=2at$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (-4a)(2at) + (2a)(4at) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0$$

18. Expand $e^x \log(1+y)$ as the Taylors series in the neighbourhood of (0,0).

Solution:

$f(x,y) = e^x \log(1+y)$;	$(a,b) = (0,0)$
$f(x,y) = e^x \log(1+y)$;	$f(a,b) = f(0,0) = 0$
$f_x(x,y) = e^x \log(1+y)$;	$f_x(a,b) = f_x(0,0) = 0$
$f_{xx}(x,y) = e^x \log(1+y)$;	$f_{xx}(a,b) = f_{xx}(0,0) = 0$
$f_{xy}(x,y) = e^x \frac{1}{1+y}$;	$f_{xy}(a,b) = f_{xy}(0,0) = 1$
$f_y(x,y) = e^x \frac{1}{1+y}$;	$f_y(a,b) = f_y(0,0) = 1$
$f_{yy}(x,y) = -e^x \frac{1}{(1+y)^2}$;	$f_{yy}(a,b) = f_{yy}(0,0) = -1$

Taylor's Series is $f(x,y) = y + xy - \frac{y^2}{2} + \dots$

19. Find the Stationary points for $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 12x - 3y + 20$

Solution:

Given: $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 12x - 3y + 20$
 $p = f_x = 3x^2 - 12$; $q = f_y = 3y^2 - 3$
 $r = f_{xx} = 6x$; $s = f_{xy} = 0$, $t = f_{yy} = 6y$

At maximum point minimum point : $f_x=0$, $f_y = 0$.

\Rightarrow The points (2,1), (2,-1), (-2,1), (-2,-1) are the stationary points.

20. A flat circular plate is heated so that the temperature at any point (x,y) is $u(x,y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - x$.
Find the coldest point on the plate.

Solution:

Given : $u(x,y) = x^2 + 2y^2 - x$. -----(1)

$p = u_x = 2x - 1$; $q = u_y = 4y$

$r = u_{xx} = 2$; $t = u_{yy} = 4$

$s = u_{xy} = 0$

$p = q = 0 \Rightarrow$ The point is (1/2, 0)

At $(1/2, 0) \Rightarrow rt-s^2 = 8 > 0$

Therefore the point $(1/2, 0)$ is a minimum point.

Hence the point $(1/2, 0)$ is the coldest point.

21. Find the shortest distance from the origin to the curve $x^2 + 8xy + 7y^2 = 225$.

Solution:

$$f = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\phi = x^2 + 8xy + 7y^2 - 225$$

$$f + \lambda\phi \Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2) + \lambda(x^2 + 8xy + 7y^2 - 225)$$

$$f_x + \lambda\phi_x = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda+1)x + 4\lambda y = 0 \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

$$f_y + \lambda\phi_y = 0 \Rightarrow 4\lambda x + (1+7\lambda)y = 0 \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

Solving (1) & (2), we get $\lambda=1, \lambda=-1/9$

If $\lambda=1 \Rightarrow x=-2y$ and $-5y^2=225$

(No real value of y)

If $\lambda=-1/9 \Rightarrow y=2x \Rightarrow x=\sqrt{5}, y=\sqrt{20}$

Therefore shortest distance $= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{5 + 20} = \sqrt{25} = 5$ units.

shortest distance = 5 units.

PART -B

1. If $z=f(x,y)$, where $x=u^2 - v^2, y=2uv$, prove that $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial v^2} = 4(u^2 + v^2) \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right)$.
2. Find the Taylor's series expansion of $x^2 y^2 + 2x^2 y + 3xy^2$ in powers of $(x+2)$ and $(y-1)$ up to 3rd degree terms.
3. If $x+y+z=u, y+z=uv, z=uvw$, prove that $\frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(u,v,w)} = u^2 v$.
4. Find the extreme values of the function $f(x,y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3x - 12y + 20$.
5. Expand $e^x \cos y$ in powers of x and y as far as the terms of the 3rd degree.
6. A rectangular box open at the top is to have a volume of $32cc$. Find the dimensions of the box, that requires the least material for its construction.
7. If $u = f(x^2 + 2yz, y^2 + 2zx)$, prove that $(y^2 - zx) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (x^2 - yz) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (z^2 - yx) \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$.
8. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$, where $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$.
9. Examine $u(x,y) = x^4 - y^4 - 2x^2 + 4xy - 2y^2$ for extreme values.
10. A rectangular box without a top is to be made from $12m^2$ of cardboard. Find the maximum volume of a such box.
11. Expand $f(x,y) = e^y \log(1+x)$ in powers of x and y and verify the result by direct expansion.

12. Given the transformation $u = e^x \cos y$ and $v = e^x \sin y$ and that f is a function of u and v and also of x and y , prove that $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = e^{2x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v^2} \right)$.
13. Using Taylor's series, expand $e^{x+y} e^{xy}$ in powers of x and y up to third degree terms.
14. Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, when $xyz = a^3$.
15. If $w = f(y-z, z-x, x-y)$, prove that $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$.
16. If $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2}$. Prove that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$.
17. Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, when $x+y+z=3a$
18. If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} \right)$, show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2u$.
19. The temperature T at any point (x,y,z) in space is $T = cxyz^2$, where c is constant. Find the highest temperature on the surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.
20. Discuss the maxima and minima of $f(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$.