

## INCREASING AND DECREASING FUNCTIONS

A function  $f(x)$  is said to be strictly **increasing** function on  $(a, b)$  if

$$x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$$

A function  $f(x)$  is said to be a strictly **decreasing** function on  $(a, b)$  if

$$x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2) \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing on  $(a, b)$  if the values of  $f(x)$  decrease with the increase in the values of  $x$ .

### Remember:

- (i) If  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $D$  (a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ), then,  $f(x)$  is increasing in  $D$ .
- (ii) If  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $D$ , then,  $f(x)$  is decreasing in  $D$ .
- (iii) If  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  in some open interval  $(a, b)$ , then,  $f(x)$  is increasing  $[a, b] \cap D_f$
- (iv) If  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x$  in some open interval  $(a, b)$ , then,  $f(x)$  is decreasing in  $[a, b] \cap D_f$

### EXAMPLES

1. Show that  $f(x) = \log(\sin x)$  is increasing on  $(0, \pi/2)$  and decreasing on  $(\pi/2, \pi)$

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \log \sin x \Rightarrow f'(x) = \cot x$ .

$$\text{Now, } 0 < x < \pi/2 \Rightarrow \cot x > 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0.$$

$$\text{And, } \pi/2 < x < \pi \Rightarrow \cot x < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0.$$

2. Prove that the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 100$  is increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$

**Sol.** We have  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 100$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 3(x-1)^2. \text{ Now, } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) \geq 0. \text{ Thus, } f'(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

3. Which of the following functions are decreasing on  $(0, \pi/2)$ ?

(a)  $\cos x$

(b)  $\cos 2x$

(c)  $\tan x$

(d)  $\cos 3x$

**Sol.** (a) We have  $f(x) = \cos x \therefore f'(x) = -\sin x$ .

$$\text{Now, } x \in (0, \pi/2) \Rightarrow \sin x > 0 \Rightarrow -\sin x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0. \text{ So, } f(x) \text{ is decreasing on } (0, \pi/2).$$

(b) Let  $f(x) = \cos 2x$ . Then  $f'(x) = -2 \sin 2x$ .

Now,  $x \in (0, \pi/2) \Rightarrow 0 < x < \pi/2 \Rightarrow 0 < 2x < \pi \Rightarrow \sin 2x > 0$

$\Rightarrow -2 \sin 2x < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$ .

So,  $f(x)$  is decreasing on  $(0, \pi/2)$ .

- (c) Let  $f(x) = \tan x$ . Then  $f'(x) = \sec^2 x$ .

Now,  $x \in (0, \pi/2) \Rightarrow \sec^2 x > 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$

So,  $f(x)$  is increasing on  $(0, \pi/2)$ .

- (d) Let  $f(x) = \cos 3x$ . Then  $f'(x) = -3 \sin 3x$ .

Now,  $x \in (0, \pi/2) \Rightarrow 0 < x < \pi/2 \Rightarrow 0 < 3x < 3\pi/2$

$\Rightarrow \sin 3x$  can be positive as well as negative

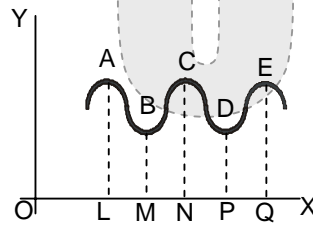
$\Rightarrow f(x) = -3 \sin 3x$  can be positive as well as negative.

So,  $f(x)$  is neither increasing nor decreasing on  $(0, \pi/2)$

## MAXIMA AND MINIMA

**Maximum Value:** A continuous function  $f(x)$  is said to have a maximum value for  $x = a$ , if  $f(a)$  is greater than any other value of  $f(x)$  lying in small neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .

**Minimum Value:** A continuous function  $f(x)$  is said to have a minimum value of  $x = a$ , if  $f(a)$  is smallest of all  $f(x)$  lying in small neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .



The following points shall be very useful

- If the sum of a few quantities is given, their product is maximum when they are equal.
- If the product of a few quantities is given, their sum is minimum when they are equal.
- The arithmetic mean of any number of quantities is greater than or equal to their geometric mean. i.e.  $AM \geq GM$  always
- The point on a curve closest to a given line will be the one at which the tangent is parallel to the line given.

**Extreme Value:** Either a maximum value or a minimum value  $f(a)$  of the function  $f(x)$  is said to be extreme value.

**Note:** The tangent at maximum or minimum point of the curve is parallel to x-axis.

**Stationary Value:** If  $f'(a) = 0$ , then  $f(a)$  is said to be stationary value which need not be an extreme value.

**Note:** Every extreme value is stationary but every stationary value need not be an extreme value.

**Example:** Let  $f(x) = x^5 - 5x^4 + 5x^3 - 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 5x^4 - 20x^3 + 15x^2 \Rightarrow f'(0) = 0$ .

$\therefore f(0)$  is a stationary value but  $f(0)$  is not an extreme value because  $f''(0) = 0, f'''(0) \neq 0$ .

**Greatest Value:** The greatest value of a function in an interval  $(a, b)$  is either a maximum value of  $f(x)$  at a point inside the interval or end value (i.e., at  $x = a$  or  $x = b$ ) of  $f(x)$  which ever is greater.

**Least Value:** The least value of  $f(x)$  in an interval  $(a, b)$  is either a minimum value of  $f(x)$  at a point inside the interval or an end value (i.e., at  $x = a$  or  $x = b$ ) of  $f(x)$  which ever is smaller.

### ALGORITHM FOR DETERMINING EXTREME VALUES OF A FUNCTION

From the above test criteria we obtain the following rule for determining maxima and minima of  $f(x)$

**Step I.** Find  $f'(x)$

**Step II.** Put  $f'(x) = 0$  and solve this equation for  $x$ . Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  be the roots of this equation.  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are stationary values of  $x$  and these are the possible points where the function can attain a local maximum or a local minimum. So we test the function at each one of these points.

**Step III.** Find  $f''(c_1)$

- If  $f''(c_1) < 0$ , then  $x = c_1$  is a point of local maximum.
- If  $f''(c_1) > 0$ , then  $x = c_1$  is a point of local minimum
- If  $f''(c_1) = 0$ , we must find  $f'''(x)$  and substitute in it  $c_1$  for  $x$ .
- If  $f'''(c_1) \neq 0$ , then  $x = c_1$  is neither a point of local maximum nor a point of local minimum and is called the point of inflection.
- If  $f'''(c_1) = 0$ , we must find  $f^{(4)}(x)$  and substitute in it  $c_1$  for  $x$ .
- If  $f^{(4)}(c_1) < 0$ , then  $x = c_1$  is a point of local maximum and if  $f^{(4)}(c_1) > 0$ , then  $c_1$  is a point of local minimum.
- If  $f^{(4)}(c_1) = 0$ , we must find  $f^{(5)}(x)$  and so on.
- Similarly the values of  $c_2, c_3, \dots$  may be tested.

**Point of inflection:** A point of inflection is a point at which a curve is changing concave upward to concave downward or vice-versa.

A curve  $y = f(x)$  has one of its points  $x = c$  as an inflection point, If  $f''(c) = 0$  or is not defined and if  $f''(x)$  changes sign as  $x$  increases through  $x = c$ .

The later condition may be replaced by  $f'''(c) \neq 0$  when  $f'''(c)$  exists.

**Thus  $x = c$  is a point of inflection if  $f''(c) = 0$  and  $f'''(c) \neq 0$ .**

### Properties of Maxima and Minima

- (i) If  $f(x)$  is continuous function in its domain, then at least one maximum and one minimum must lie between two equal values of  $x$ .
- (ii). Maxima and minima occur alternately, that is, between two maxima there is one minimum and vice-versa.

### EXAMPLES

1. Find the maximum and the minimum values of  $f(x) = x + \sin 2x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

**Sol.** We have  $f(x) = x + \sin 2x$ . So,  $f'(x) = 1 + 2 \cos 2x$ .

For stationary points, we have

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + 2 \cos 2x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos 2x = -1/2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2\pi/3, \text{ or } 2x = 4\pi/3 \quad (\text{as } 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi \therefore 0 \leq 2x \leq 4\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pi/3 \text{ or } x = 2\pi/3.$$

$$\text{Now, } f(0) = 0 + \sin 0 = 0,$$

$$f(\pi/3) = \pi/3 + \sin 2\pi/3 = \pi/3 + \sqrt{3}/2,$$

$$f(2\pi/3) = 2\pi/3 + \sin 4\pi/3 = 2\pi/3 - \sqrt{3}/2$$

$$\text{and } f(2\pi) = 2\pi + \sin 4\pi = 2\pi + 0 = 2\pi.$$

Of these values, the maximum value is  $2\pi$  and the minimum value is 0.

Thus the maximum value of  $f(x)$  is  $2\pi$  and the minimum value is 0.

2. Find the maximum profit that a company can make, if the profit function is given by  $P(x) = 41 + 24x - 18x^2$ .

**Sol.**  $P(x) = 41 + 24x - 18x^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dP(x)}{dx} = 24 - 36x \text{ and } \frac{d^2P(x)}{dx^2} = -36.$$

$$\text{For maximum or minimum, } \frac{dP(x)}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 - 36x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2/3.$$

$$\text{Now, } \left( \frac{d^2P(x)}{dx^2} \right)_{x=2/3} = -36 < 0.$$

Profit is maximum when  $x = 2/3$ .

$$\text{Maximum profit} = (\text{value of } P(x) \text{ at } x = 2/3) = 41 + 24 \times (2/3) - 18 (2/3)^2 = 49.$$

3. Show that the maximum value of  $(1/x)^x$  is  $e^{1/e}$ .

**Sol.** Let  $y = (1/x)^x = x^{-x}$ . Then  $\log y = -x \log x$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = -(1 + \log x) \text{ or } \frac{dy}{dx} = -y(1 + \log x)$$

$$\text{And, } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{dy}{dx}(1 + \log x) - y/x = y(1 + \log x)^2 - \frac{y}{x} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$= x^{-x}(1 + \log x)^2 - x^{-x}/x = x^{-x}(1 + \log x)^2 - x^{-x-1}.$$

$$\text{For maximum and minimum, } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow -y(1 + \log x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \log x = 0 \Rightarrow \log x = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{-1} = 1/e \quad [\text{as } \log_e A = b \Rightarrow A = e^b]$$

$$\text{Also, } \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)_{x=1/e} = -\left( \frac{1}{e} \right)^{-1/e} \left( 1 + \log \frac{1}{e} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1}{e} \right)^{-1/e-1}$$

$$= -(e^{-1})^{-1/e} (1 - \log e)^2 - (e^{-1})^{-1/e-1}$$

$$= -e^{1/e} (1 - 1)^2 - e^{1/e+1} = -e^{1/e+1} < 0$$

So,  $x = 1/e$  is a point of local maximum.

The local maximum value of  $y$  is given by  $y = (e)^{1/e}$

## MEAN VALUE THEOREMS

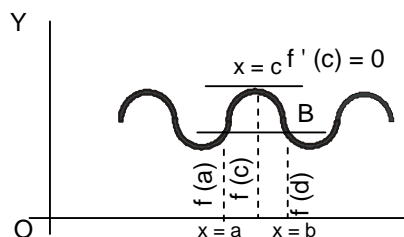
### ROLLE'S THEOREM

Let  $f(x)$  be a function such that

- $f(x)$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$
- $f'(x)$  exists for every point in  $(a, b)$
- $f(a) = f(b)$

Then, there exists at least one point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = 0$$



### Interpretation of Rolle's theorem

**Geometric:** Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined on  $[a, b]$  such that the curve  $y = f(x)$  is continuous between points  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$ ; at every point on the curve, except at the end points, it is possible to draw a unique tangent and ordinates at  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  are equal. Then there exists at least one point on the curve where tangent is parallel to x-axis.

**Algebraic:** Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial with  $a$  and  $b$  as its two zeros. Then  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ . Also a polynomial function is everywhere continuous and differentiable. Therefore by Rolle's Theorem there exists at least one point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0 \rightarrow x = c$  is root of  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $x = c$  is a zero of  $f'(x)$ .

Hence, between two zeros of a polynomial  $f(x)$  there exists at least one zero of  $f'(x)$

## EXAMPLES

1. Let  $f(x) = x(x+3)e^{-x/2}$ , then how many values of  $x$  exist in  $(-3, 0)$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$ ?

- (a) no (b) one (c) two (d) three

**Sol.** The given function is  $f(x) = x(x+3)e^{-x/2}$ .  $f(x)$  is continuous in  $[-3, 0]$ .

$$f'(x) = (2x+3)e^{-x/2} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x/2}(x^2+3x) = \frac{1}{2}(6+x-x^2)e^{-x/2}$$

$\therefore f'(x)$  exists in  $(-3, 0)$ .

$$\therefore f(-3) = (-3)(-3+3)e^{3/2} = 0. f(0) = 0(0+3)e^0 = 0.$$

$$\therefore f(-3) = f(0)$$

$\therefore$  Rolle's Theorem is applicable. At least one  $x \in (-3, 0)$  such that  $f'(x) = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}e^{-x/2}(6+x-x^2) = 0 \rightarrow x = 3, -2. \text{ Only } -2 \in (-3, 0).$$

$\therefore$  The correct answer is (b)

## FIRST MEAN VALUE THEOREM ( LAGRANGE'S MEAN VALUE THEOREM )

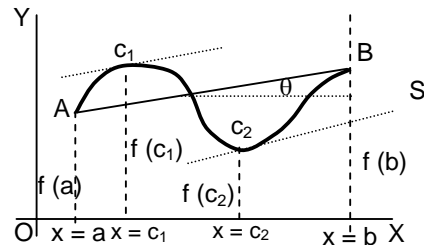
If  $f(x)$  is a function such that

- $f(x)$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$
- $f'(x)$  exists in  $(a, b)$

Then there exists at least one point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}, \text{ or}$$

$$f(b) = f(a) + (b-a)f'(c)$$



**Another Form**  $f(b) = f(a) + (b-a)f'\{a+(b-a)\theta\}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$

Let  $b-a = h$ , then,  $f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a+h\theta)$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$

$$\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} = \text{Slope of AB} = \text{Slope of } S_1 \text{ or } S_2 = f'(c_1) \text{ or } f'(c_2)$$

## Geometrical Interpretation of Lagrange's theorem

If interpreted geometrically, this theorem means that there exists a point  $(c, f(c))$ , on the curve  $y = f(x)$  at which the tangent to curve is parallel to the chord joining  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$ .

## TANGENTS AND NORMALS

**A. Rule to find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the given point  $P(x_1, y_1)$ .**

- (i) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  from the given equation  $y = f(x)$
- (ii) Find the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at the given point  $P(x_1, y_1)$ , let  $m = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\text{at}(x_1, y_1)}$
- (iii) The equation of the required tangent is  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ .

**Remark:** If  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\text{at}(x_1, y_1)} = 0$  then, the tangent is parallel to Y-axis and its equation is  $x = x_1$

**B. Rule to find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the given point  $P(x_1, y_1)$**

- (i) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  from the given equation  $y = f(x)$ .
- (ii) Find the value of  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$  at the given point  $P(x_1, y_1)$ .
- (iii) If  $m$  is the slope of the normal at the point P, then  $\frac{1}{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\substack{x=x_1 \\ y=y_1}}}$
- (iv) The equation of required normal is  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

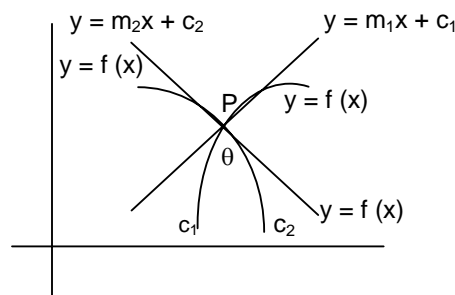
**Remark:** If  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\text{at}(x_1, y_1)} = 0$ , then the equation of the normal at P is  $x = x_1$  and  
if  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\text{at}(x_1, y_1)} = \infty$ , then the equation of the normal at P is  $y = y_1$

**Angle of intersection of two curves:** By the angle of intersection of two curves, we mean angle between the tangents at their common point of intersection.

Let P be any point of intersection of two curves  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  and the equation of tangents at P are  $y = m_1 x + C_1$  and  $y = m_2 x + C_2$ .

Then angle between these lines is

$$\tan \theta = \pm \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2}$$



The positive value of  $\tan \theta$  would give the acute angle whereas, the negative value of  $\tan \theta$  would give the obtuse angle between the curves.

**Note:**

1. If the curves touch each other, then  $m_1 = m_2$ ,  $\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = 0$ .
2. If the curves cut orthogonally, then  $m_1 m_2 = -1$ ,  $\theta = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \pi/2$

**EXAMPLES**

1. Show that the condition that the curves  $ax^2 + by^2 = 1$  ... (i) and  $a'x^2 + b'y^2 = 1$ ... (ii) should intersect orthogonally is that  $1/a - 1/b = 1/a' - 1/b'$ .

**Sol.** Let  $(x_1, y_1)$  be the point of intersection of the curves.

Then  $ax_1^2 + by_1^2 = 1$ ... (iii) and  $a'x_1^2 + b'y_1^2 = 1$ ... (iv).

Differentiating (i) w.r.t. x, we get,

$$2ax + 2by \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{ax}{by} \Rightarrow m_1 = \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{(x_1, y_1)} = -\frac{ax_1}{by_1} \dots (v).$$

Differentiating (ii) w.r.t. x, we get

$$2a'x + 2b'y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{a'x}{b'y} \Rightarrow m_2 = \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{(x_1, y_1)} = -\frac{a'x_1}{b'y_1} \dots (vi).$$

The two curves will intersect orthogonally, if  $m_1 m_2 = -1$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{ax_1}{by_1} \times -\frac{a'x_1}{b'y_1} = -1 \Rightarrow aa'x_1^2 = -bb'y_1^2 \dots (vii).$$

Subtracting (iv) from (iii), we get,

$$(a - a') x_1^2 = -(b - b') y_1^2 \dots (viii).$$

Dividing (viii) by (vii), we get,

$$(a - a') / aa' = (b - b')/bb'$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/a - 1/b = 1/a' - 1/b'$$

**Length of Cartesian Tangent, Normal, Sub-tangent and Sub-normal**

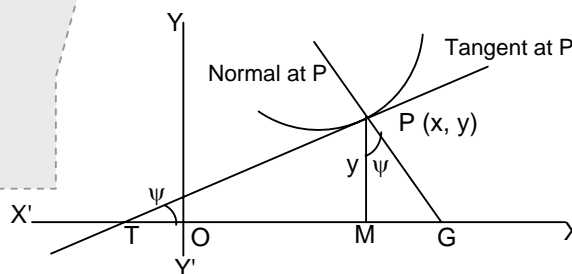
Let  $(x, y)$  be any point P on the curve  $y = f(x)$

$$\text{Tangent} = PT = MP \operatorname{cosec} \psi = MP \sqrt{1 + \cos^2 \psi}$$

$$\text{Tangent, } PT = y \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{dx}{dy} \right)^2}$$

$$\text{Sub tangent } TM = PM \cot \psi = y \frac{dx}{dy}.$$

$$\text{Sub normal} = MG = PM \tan \psi = y \frac{dy}{dx}$$





LENGTH OF	VALUE
Tangent	$\frac{y}{y'} \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$
Normal	$y \sqrt{1+(y')^2}$
sub tangent	$\frac{y}{y'}$
sub normal	$y y'$

## ASYMPTOTES

A Straight line, at a finite distance from origin, is said to be an asymptote of the curve  $y = f(x)$  if the perpendicular distance of the point P on the curve from the line tends to zero when x or y or both tends to infinity.

### Working Rule

To find the asymptotes of the curve which is -

☛ **parallel to x-axis -**

Equate the coefficient of highest power of the x to zero.

If this coefficient is constant, then there is no asymptotes parallel to x-axis (horizontal).

☛ **parallel to y-axis -**

Equate the coefficient of highest power of y to zero.

If this coefficient is constant, then there is no asymptotes parallel to y-axis (vertical).

### EXAMPLES

1. For the curve  $y = \frac{2x^2 - 5x + 8}{5x^2 + 3x - 2}$  which of the following is false?

- (a)  $y = 2/5$  is a horizontal asymptote      (b)  $x = 2/5$  is a vertical asymptote  
(c)  $x = 1$  is a vertical asymptote      (d)  $x = -1$  is a vertical asymptote

**Sol.** The given curve is  $(5x^2 + 3x - 2) = 2x^2 - 5x + 8$  or,  $x^2(5y - 2) + \dots = 0$

Equating to zero the coefficient of  $x^2$ , we get

$$5y - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 2/5$$

$\therefore y = 2/5$  is a horizontal asymptote.

Now from the given equation  $y(5x - 2)(x + 1) - (2x^2 - 5x + 8) = 0$

Equating to zero the coefficient of y, we get,

$$5x - 2 = 0, x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = 2/5, x = -1$$

$\therefore$  Vertical asymptotes are  $x = 2/5, x = -1$ .

Hence (1), (2) and (3) are correct and (4) is false. Ans. (b)

## ASYMPTOTES OF ALGEBRAIC CURVES

An asymptote which is not parallel to y-axis is called an **oblique asymptote**.

Let  $y = mx + c$  be an asymptote curve of  $y = f(x)$ , then

$$m = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{or } y \rightarrow \infty}} \frac{y}{x} \text{ and } c = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{or } y \rightarrow \infty}} (y - mx)$$

### Working Rule

Suppose  $y = mx + c$  is an asymptote of the curve.

Put  $y = mx + c$  in the equation of the curve and arrange it in descending of two highest degree terms.

Solve these two equation find  $m$  and  $c$ .

Put them in the equation  $y = mx + c$  to get asymptotes.

2. The asymptotes of  $x^3 + 2x^2y - xy^2 - 2y^3 + 2xy + y - 1 = 0$  are given by

(a)  $x - y + 1 = 0$ ,  $x + y - 1 = 0$ ,  $x + 2y = 0$

(b)  $x - y - 1 = 0$ ,  $x + y + 1 = 0$ ,  $x + 2y = 0$

(c)  $x - y + 2 = 0$ ,  $x + y - 4 = 0$ ,  $x + 2y = 0$

(d) none of these

**Sol.** Put  $y = mx + c$  in the equation of the curve, we get

$$x^3 + 2x^2(mx + c) - x(mx + c)^2 - 2(mx + c)^3 + 4(mx + c)^2 + 2x(mx + c) + (mx + c) - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } x^3(1 + 2m - m^2 - 2m^3) + x^2(2c - 2mc - 6m^2c + 4m^2 + 2m) + \dots = 0$$

Equating to zero the coefficient of two highest degree terms in  $x$ , we have

$$1 + 2m - m^2 - 2m^3 = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } c(1 - m - 3m^2) + 2m^2 + m = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$(1) \text{ gives } m = 1, -1, -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } c = 1, 1, 0$$

Hence the asymptotes are

$$y = x + 1, y = -x + 1, y = -\frac{1}{2}x \quad \text{Answer: (a)}$$

## EXPANSION OF FUNCTIONS (INFINITE SERIES)

Some functions of  $x$  can be expanded in ascending powers of  $x$  in the form of infinite series.

Maclaurin's series and Taylor's series are generally used for the same.

### MACLAURIN'S SERIES (OR THEOREM)

**Statement:** Let  $f(x)$  be a function of  $x$  which can be expanded in powers of  $x$  and let the expansion be differentiable term by term any number of times, then

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) + \dots$$

### EXAMPLES

1. Expand  $\sin x$  by Maclaurin's series

**Sol.** Let  $y = \sin x$ , then  $y_n = \sin \left( x + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$ .

Putting  $x = 0$ , we get  $(y)_0 = \sin 0 = 0$  and  $(y_n)_0 = \sin (n\pi/2) \dots (i)$

Putting  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$  in (i) we get,

$(y_1)_0 = \sin \frac{1}{2}(\pi) = 1$ ;  $(y_2)_0 = \sin \pi = 0$ ;  $(y_3)_0 = \sin \frac{3}{2}\pi = -1$ ;  $(y_4)_0 = \sin 2\pi = 0$ , etc.

Now by Maclaurin's Series, we have

$$y = (y)_0 + x (y_1)_0 + \frac{x^2}{2!} (y_2)_0 + \frac{x^3}{3!} (y_3)_0 + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} (y_n)_0 + \dots$$

$$\therefore \sin x = 0 + x(1) + \frac{x^2}{2!}(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}(-1) + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \dots$$

$$= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} (-1)^{(n-1)/2} + \dots, \text{ where } n \text{ is an odd number,}$$

Since  $\sin \frac{1}{2}(n\pi) = 0$ , if  $n$  is even

and  $(-1)^{(n-1)/2}$ , if  $n$  is odd.

2. Expand  $e^{ax}$  by Maclaurin's Theorem.

**Sol.** Let  $y = e^{ax}$ , then  $y_n = a^n e^{ax}$ .

$\therefore$  Putting  $x = 0$  we get,  $(y)_0 = e^0 = 1$ ;  $(y_n)_0 = a^n e^0 = a^n \dots (i)$

Putting  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  in (i), we have

$(y_1)_0 = a$ ;  $(y_2)_0 = a^2$ ;  $(y_3)_0 = a^3$ ;  $(y_4)_0 = a^4$ ; etc

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

$$e^x = (y)_0 + x (y_1)_0 + \frac{x^2}{2!} (y_2)_0 + \frac{x^3}{3!} (y_3)_0 + \frac{x^n}{n!} (y_n)_0 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + xa + \frac{x^2}{2!} a^2 + \frac{x^3}{3!} a^3 + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} a^n + \dots$$

3. Expand  $e^{\sin x}$  by Maclaurin's Theorem.

**Sol.**  $y = e^{\sin x}$  Then,  $y_1 = e^{\sin x} \cos x = y \cos x$ ;

$$\therefore y_2 = y_1 \cos x - y \sin x;$$

$$y_3 = y_2 \cos x - 2y_1 \sin x - y \cos x;$$

$$y_4 = y_3 \cos x - 3y_2 \sin x - 3y_1 \cos x + y \sin x;$$

$$y_5 = y_4 \cos x - 4y_3 \sin x - 6y_2 \cos x + 4y_1 \sin x + y \cos x, \text{ etc.}$$

Putting  $x = 0$ , we get,

$$(y)_0 = e^{\sin 0} = e^0 = 1; (y_1)_0 = (y)_0 = \cos 0 = 1; (y_2)_0 = (y_1)_0 \cos 0 - (y)_0 \sin 0 = 1;$$

$$(y_3)_0 = (y_2)_0 \cos 0 - 2(y_1)_0 \sin 0 - (y)_0 \cos 0 = 0;$$

$$(y_4)_0 = (y_3)_0 \cos 0 - 3(y_2)_0 \sin 0 - 3(y_1)_0 \cos 0 + (y)_0 \sin 0 = -3$$

$$(y_5)_0 = (y_4)_0 \cos 0 - 6(y_2)_0 \cos 0 + (y)_0 \cos 0 = -3 - 6 + 1 = -8$$

$\therefore$  By Maclaurin's theorem we get

$$e^{\sin x} = (y)_0 + x (y_1)_0 + \frac{x^2}{2!} (y_2)_0 + \frac{x^3}{3!} (y_3)_0 + \frac{x^4}{4!} (y_4)_0 + \frac{x^5}{5!} (y_5)_0 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x(1) + \frac{x^2}{2!}(1) + \frac{x^3}{3!}(0) + \frac{x^4}{4!}(-3) + \frac{x^5}{5!}(-8) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^4 - \frac{1}{15}x^5 + \dots$$

### TAYLOR'S SERIES (OR THEOREM)

**Statement** - Let  $f(x+h)$  be a function of  $h$  which can be expanded in powers of  $h$ , and let the expansion be differentiable any number of times with respect to  $h$ , then

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x) + \dots$$

**Note:** If we put  $x = 0$  and  $h = x$  in this result, then we get **Maclaurin's Theorem**.

### Other forms of Taylor's Theorem

$$\checkmark \quad \text{Putting } x = a, \text{ we have } f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) + \dots$$

$$\checkmark \quad \text{Putting } x = h \text{ and } h = a, \text{ we have } f(a+h) = f(h) + af'(h) + \frac{a^2}{2!} f''(h) + \dots + \frac{a^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(h) + \dots$$

$$\checkmark \quad \text{Putting } h = (x-a) \text{ in form (1) above we get } f(x) = f(a) + (x-a)f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots +$$

$$\frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) + \dots$$

### EXAMPLES

1. Show that  $\log (x+h) = \log h + x/h - x^2/2h^2 + x^3/3h^3 - \dots$

**Sol.** Here we are to expand in powers of  $x$ . Thus we are to use the form

$$f(x+h) = f(h) + x f'(h) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(h) + \frac{x^3}{3!} f'''(h) + \dots \quad (i)$$

Here  $f(x+h) = \log (x+h)$

$$\therefore f(h) = \log h; f'(h) = 1/h; f''(h) = -1/h^2; f'''(h) = 2/h^3 \text{ etc.}$$

$\therefore$  Substituting these values in (i) we get

$$\log (x+h) = \log h + x \left( \frac{1}{h} \right) + \frac{x^2}{2!} \left( -\frac{1}{h^2} \right) + \frac{x^3}{3!} \left( \frac{2}{h^3} \right) + \dots = \log h + x/h - x^2/2h^2 + x^3/3h^3 + \dots$$

Hence proved

2. Expand  $e^x$  in powers of  $(x-1)$

**Sol.** Here  $f(x) = e^x = e^{(x-1)+1}$ .

Here we are to use the following form of Taylor's Theorem

$$f(x) = f(a) + (x-a) f'(a) + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \frac{(x-a)^3}{3!} f'''(a) + \dots \quad (i)$$

Here  $f(x) = e^x$

$$\therefore f'(x) = e^x; f''(x) = e^x; f'''(x) = e^x; \text{ etc.}$$

Putting  $x = 1$ , we get  $f(1) = e; f'(1) = e, f''(1) = e, f'''(1) = e$  etc.

$\therefore$  From (i), putting  $a = 1$ ; we get

$$f(x) = f(1) + (x-1) f'(1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} f''(1) + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} f'''(1) + \dots \text{ or}$$

$$e^x = e + (x-1) e + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} e + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} e + \dots,$$

$$= e \left\{ 1 + (x-1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!} + \dots \right\}$$

## PARTIAL DIFFERENTIATION

**Definition:** Let  $u$  be a symbol which has a definite value for every pair of values of  $x$  and  $y$ , then  $u$  is called a **function of two independent variables** and  $y$  and is written  $u = f(x, y)$ .

**Partial Differential Coefficients:** The partial differential coefficients of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  is defined as  $\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\delta x}$ , provided this limit exists and is written as  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  or  $f_x$  or  $D_x f$ .

Therefore the partial differential coefficient of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  is the ordinary differential coefficient of  $f(x, y)$  when  $y$  is regarded as constant.

The partial differential coefficients of  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  are  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  respectively.

The other notations for  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$  are  $f_{xx}$ ,  $f_{xy}$ ,  $f_{yx}$  and  $f_{yy}$  respectively.

**Note:**

1.  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$  means  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  means  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$
2. In all ordinary cases  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$

**EXAMPLES**

1. Verify that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ , when  $u$  is equal to  $x \sin y + y \sin x$ .

**Sol.** Given  $u = x \sin y + y \sin x$  ... (i)

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to  $x$  regarding  $y$  as constant, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sin y + y \sin x \quad \dots (ii)$$

Differentiating (ii) partially with respect to  $y$  regarding  $x$  as constant, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x \cos y + \sin x \quad \dots (iii)$$

Again, differentiating (iii) partially with respect to  $y$  regarding  $x$  as constant, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \cos y + \cos x \quad \dots (iv)$$

And differentiating (iii) partially with respect to  $x$  regarding  $y$  as constant, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \cos y + \cos x \quad \dots (v)$$

From (iv) and (v) we get,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$

Hence Proved

2. Verify that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ , when  $u = \log \left\{ \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy} \right\}$

**Sol.**  $u = \log \left\{ \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy} \right\} = \log (x^2 + y^2) - \log x - \log y \dots (i)$

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

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \cdot 2x - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{1}{x} \dots (ii).$$

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to y, we get

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

Differentiating (ii) partially with respect to y, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = 2x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{-2x}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \cdot 2y = -4xy / (x^2 + y^2)^2 \dots (iv)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{1}{y} \right] = 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = 2y \left[ \frac{-1}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \cdot 2x \right] = -\frac{4xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \dots (v)$$

Therefore, from (iv) and (v) we get,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ . Hence proved

3. If  $f = \tan^{-1} (y/x)$ , verify that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$

**Sol.**  $f = \tan^{-1} (y/x) \dots (i).$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2} \right) = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \dots (ii)$$

Differentiating (i) partially with respect to y, we get

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \dots (iii)$$

Differentiating (ii) partially with respect to y, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(-1) - (-y)(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \dots (iv)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) = \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(1) - x(2x)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \dots (v)$$

Therefore, from (iv) and (v), we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}.$$

Hence proved

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

**Sol.** Given  $u = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right) \dots (i)$

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

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right)^2}} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})} = \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})(xy)^{1/4}} \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{y}{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{x} \left\{ \frac{-\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{y}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})(xy)^{1/4}} \right\} = \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})(xy)^{1/4}} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x},$$

$$\text{from (ii) or } x \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0.$$

Hence Proved

5. If  $u = \sin^{-1} (x/y) + \tan^{-1} (y/x)$ , then show that  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ .

**Sol.** Given  $u = \sin^{-1} (x/y) + \tan^{-1} (y/x) \dots (i)$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (x/y)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \left( -\frac{y}{x^2} \right) \text{ or therefore } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{(y^2 - x^2)}} = \frac{yx}{x^2 + y^2} \dots (ii),$$

$$\text{and from (i), } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (x/y)^2}} \left( -\frac{x}{y^2} \right) + \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \text{ or } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{(y^2 - x^2)}} + \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \dots (iii)$$

Adding (ii) and (iii), we get

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0. \quad \text{Hence Proved}$$



6. If  $u = \log (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ , find the value of  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z}$

**Sol.** Given  $u = \log (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \cdot 2z = \frac{2z}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}.$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{2z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right] = 2z [-(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-2} \cdot 2y] = \frac{-4yz}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}$$

### HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTIONS

$a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} y + a_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + a_n y^n = x^n$  is an expression in  $x$  and  $y$  in which every term is of degree  $n$ .

Such a function is called **homogeneous function** of  $x$  and  $y$  of degree  $n$ . Also,

$$f(x, y) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} y + a_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + a_n y^n = x^n \left[ a_0 + a_1 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + a_2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2 + \dots + a_n \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^n \right] = x^n f(y/x).$$

Hence every homogeneous function in  $x$  and  $y$  of degree  $n$  can be written as  $x^n f(y/x)$

### EULER'S THEOREM ON HOMOGENEOUS FUNCTIONS

**Statement:** If  $(x, y)$  be a homogeneous function in  $x$  and  $y$  of degree  $n$ , then,

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

In general if  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  of degree  $n$  then  $x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} + x_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} + x_3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} + \dots + x_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} = nf$ .

### EXAMPLES

1. Verify Euler's Theorem for  $y^n \sin(y/x)$ .

**Sol.** Let  $u = y^n \sin(y/x)$ , then  $u$  is a homogeneous function in  $x$  and  $y$  of degree  $n$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y^n \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) x \left( \frac{-y}{x^2} \right) \text{ or } x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = - \frac{y^{n+1}}{x} \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = y^n \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{x} + ny^{n-1} \sin \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \text{ or } y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{y^{n+1}}{x} \cos \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + ny^n \sin \frac{y}{x} \quad \dots (ii).$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = ny^n \sin \frac{y}{x} = nu$ , which verifies Euler's Theorem for the given function.

2. Which of the following is false?

- (A) If  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , then  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2u$
- (B) If  $u = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3xyz$ , then  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 3u$
- (C) If  $u = (y/z) + (z/x) + (x/y)$ , then  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2u$
- (D) If  $u = \frac{x^2}{2y^3} + \frac{y^2 z^2}{x^6}$ , then  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -2u$

**Sol.** (A)  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ . Here  $u$  is a homogeneous function in three variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  of degree 2.

Therefore by Euler's Theorem, we get  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 2u$ . Hence (A) is true.

(B)  $u = x^3 + y^3 + z^3$ . Here  $u$  is a homogeneous function in three variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  of degree 3.

Therefore by Euler's Theorem, we get  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 3u$ . Hence (B) is true.

(C) Given that  $u = (y/z) + (z/x) + (x/y)$ . Here  $u$  is a homogeneous function in variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  of degree zero. Therefore by Euler's theorem, we get  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .  $\therefore$  (C) is not correct.

(D) Given that  $u = \frac{x^2}{2y^3} + \frac{y^2 z^2}{x^6}$ . Here  $u$  is a function in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  of degree  $-2$ .

Therefore by Euler's theorem, we get  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -2u$ .  $\therefore$  (D) is correct.

**Answer: (C)**