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**Assignment-3 (Functions of several variables)**

**Subject: MAL-102**

1. If  $u = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{m/2}$  find  $m \neq 0$  such that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .
2. Find  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ , where  $u(x, y) = x^2 \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y\psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  and  $\phi, \psi$  are arbitrary functions.
3. Let  $u = F(x - y, y - z, z - x)$ , then show that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .
4. If  $f(x, y) = \phi(u, v)$  and  $u = x^2 - y^2, v = 2xy$  then prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 4(x^2 + y^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial v^2} \right)$ .
5. If  $u = f\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}, \frac{z}{x}\right)$  then find  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$ .
6. If  $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y}\right)$  then show that  
(i)  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin(2u)$  and (ii)  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \sin(4u) - \sin(2u)$
7. If  $u = \csc^{-1}\left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} + y^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x^{\frac{1}{3}} + y^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  then show that  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\tan u}{12} \left( \frac{13}{12} + \frac{\tan^2 u}{12} \right)$ .
8. If  $u = f(x, y)$  where  $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$ . Show that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$ .
9. If  $z = e^x \sin y$ , where  $x = st^2$  and  $y = s^2 t$ . Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$ .
10. If  $z = f(x, y)$  where  $f$  is differentiable,  $x = g(t)$  and  $y = h(t)$ . Given  $g(3) = 2, g'(3) = 5, h(3) = 7, h'(3) = -4, f_x(2, 7) = 6$  and  $f_y(2, 7) = -8$ , then find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  when  $t = 3$ .
11. If  $u = f(x, y)$  where  $x = e^s \cos t$  and  $y = e^s \sin t$ , show that  
(i)  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 = e^{-2s} \left[ \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)^2 \right]$ , (ii)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = e^{-2s} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right]$
12. Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surfaces at the specified points  
(i)  $z = 9x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 3y + 5, (1, 2, 18)$  (ii)  $z = y \cos(x - y), (2, 2, 2)$ .
13. Find the equation of the tangent plane and normal line, (i) at the point  $(-2, 1, -3)$  to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 + \frac{z^2}{9} = 3$  and (ii) at the point  $(1, 0, 0)$  to surface  $z + 1 = xe^y \cos(z)$ .
14. Find the total differential of the functions  
(i)  $z = x^2 + 3xy - y^2$  (ii)  $v = y \cos(xy)$  (iii)  $u = e^{-t} \sin(s + 2t)$