

Partial differentiation:-

$$u = f(x, y)$$

First order derivation :- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

Second order derivative :- $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$

For example:- $u = x^2 + xy + y^2$

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

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

Now, for second order,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2$$

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = 1$ { by differentiation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ or $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ with respect to ∂y or ∂x }

Third order derivative :- $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}, \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial y^3}, \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial x \partial y}$

OR

$u_{xxx}, u_{xyy}, u_{yxy}, u_{yyx}, u_{yyy}, u_{yxx}, u_{xxy}$

Question-1 Find the first order partial derivative of

$$u(x, y) = x^y$$

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

$$y x^{y-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \cdot x^y \cdot \log_e x \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Question-2 Find the first order partial derivatives of $u = \tan^{-1} \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}$.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}\right)^2} \left[\frac{(x+y)(2x) - (x^2+y^2)(1)}{(x+y)^2} \right] \text{ ans}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y}\right)^2} \left[\frac{(x+y)(2y) - (x^2+y^2)(1)}{(x+y)^2} \right] \text{ ans}$$

OR.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{x^2 + 2xy - y^2}{(x+y)^2 + (x^2+y^2)^2} \quad \{\text{on solving it further more?}\}$$

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

\therefore the given function is symmetrical
 \therefore we can find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ just by exchanging
 y with x and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ with y in
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$.

Ans: