

## EXAMPLES

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1. If  $u = \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$ , prove that  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) = 0$ .

Soln  $\therefore u = \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$

differentiate  $u$  partially wrt  $x$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$

$$= -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + 0 \right) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$

differentiate  $u$  partially wrt  $y$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$

$$= -\sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \left( 0 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \right) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$

$$\therefore x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x \left( -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \right) + y \left( -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) - \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) [\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}]$$

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) = 0.$$

Hence proved.

2. If  $z(x+y) = x^2 + y^2$ , prove that  $\left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = 4 \left( 1 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v u' - u v'}{v^2}$$

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

differentiating  $z$ , partially wrt  $x$

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

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

differentiating Z partially wrt y

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = \left[ \frac{x^2+2xy-y^2}{(x+y)^2} - \frac{2xy+y^2-x^2}{(x+y)^2} \right]^2 \\ &= \left[ \frac{2(x^2-y^2)}{(x+y)^2} \right]^2 = \left[ \frac{2(x+y)(x-y)}{(x+y)^2} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = 4 \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2}$$

$$\text{RHS} = 4 \left( 1 - \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} \right) = 4 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2+2xy-y^2}{(x+y)^2} - \frac{2xy+y^2-x^2}{(x+y)^2} \right]$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{(x+y)^2 - \cancel{x^2} - 2xy + \cancel{y^2} - 2xy - \cancel{y^2} + \cancel{x^2}}{(x+y)^2} \right]$$

$$\text{RHS} = 4 \left[ \frac{(x+y)^2 - 4xy}{(x+y)^2} \right] = 4 \left[ \frac{x^2+2xy+y^2-4xy}{(x+y)^2} \right]$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{x^2-2xy+y^2}{(x+y)^2} \right] = 4 \left[ \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} \right]$$

$\therefore$  LHS = RHS. Hence proved.

3. If  $u = \log(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ , prove that  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^2 u = -\frac{9}{(x+y+z)^2}$ .

Soln: 
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^2 u = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$u = \log(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz} (3x^2 - 3yz)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz} (3y^2 - 3xz)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz} (3z^2 - 3xy)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= \frac{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 - 3xy - 3xz - 3yz}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz} \\ &= \frac{3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - xz - yz)}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x+y+z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - xz - yz) \right\}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{3}{x+y+z}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \left(\frac{3}{x+y+z}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{3}{x+y+z}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{3}{x+y+z}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{3}{x+y+z}\right)$$

$$= \frac{-3}{(x+y+z)^2} - \frac{3}{(x+y+z)^2} - \frac{3}{(x+y+z)^2}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{-9}{(x+y+z)^2} = \text{RHS}$$

4. If  $\theta = t^n e^{-r^2/4t}$ , find n which will make  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \right)$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u'v + v'u$$

Soln:-  $\theta = f(t, r)$

$$\theta = t^n e^{-r^2/4t}$$

Differentiating  $\theta$  wrt  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (t^n) \cdot e^{-r^2/4t} + t^n \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e^{-r^2/4t}) \\ &= n t^{n-1} e^{-r^2/4t} + t^n \cdot e^{-r^2/4t} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{-r^2}{4t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= n t^{n-1} e^{-r^2/4t} + t^n e^{-r^2/4t} \left( \frac{-r^2}{4} \right) \left( \frac{-1}{t^2} \right)$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = e^{-r^2/4t} \left[ n t^{n-1} + \frac{r^2}{4} t^{n-2} \right]$$

Now  $\theta = t^n e^{-r^2/4t}$

Differentiating wrt  $r$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = t^n \cdot e^{-r^2/4t} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{-r^2}{4t} \right) = t^n e^{-r^2/4t} \left( \frac{-2r}{4t} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} t^{n-1} \cdot r e^{-r^2/4t}$$

$$r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{2} t^{n-1} r^3 e^{-r^2/4t}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} t^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^3) \cdot e^{-r^2/4t} + r^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (e^{-r^2/4t}) \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 y) = 2x y$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} t^{n-1} \left\{ 3x^2 e^{-x^2/4t} + x^3 e^{-x^2/4t} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{-x^2}{4t} \right) \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}) = -\frac{1}{2} t^{n-1} \left\{ 3x^2 e^{-x^2/4t} - \frac{x^4}{2t} e^{-x^2/4t} \right\}$$

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}) = -\frac{1}{2} t^{n-1} \left\{ 3 e^{-x^2/4t} - \frac{x^2}{2t} e^{-x^2/4t} \right\}$$

$$\text{RHS} = e^{-x^2/4t} \left\{ -\frac{3}{2} t^{n-1} + \frac{x^2}{4} t^{n-2} \right\}$$

Comparing LHS & RHS.

$$e^{-x^2/4t} \left\{ n t^{n-1} + \frac{x^2}{4} t^{n-2} \right\} = e^{-x^2/4t} \left\{ -\frac{3}{2} t^{n-1} + \frac{x^2}{4} t^{n-2} \right\}$$

By comparing, we get  $n = -\frac{3}{2}$ .

5. If  $z = x^y + y^x$ , verify that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x}$ .

Soln :-  $z = x^y + y^x$

Differentiating wrt  $y$  first

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^y \log x + x y^{x-1}$$

Differentiating  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  wrt  $x$

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

$$= y x^{y-1} \log x + x^y \cdot \frac{1}{x} + y^{x-1} + x y^{x-1} \log y$$

$$\text{LHS} = y x^{y-1} \log x + x^{y-1} + y^{x-1} + x y^{x-1} \log y$$

$$\frac{d}{dm} (a^m) = a^m \log a$$

$$\frac{d}{dm} (y^m) = m y^{m-1}$$

$$\text{LHS} = yx \log x + x + y + \dots$$

To calculate RHS,  
H.W.  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} =$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} =$$

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6. If  $u = 3(ax + by + cz)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , Prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$ .

Soln.  $\therefore u = 3(ax + by + cz)^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$

differentiating wrt  $x$  twice partially

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 6(ax + by + cz) \cdot (a) - 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 6a(a) - 2 = 6a^2 - 2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

differentiating wrt  $y$  twice

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 6(ax + by + cz) \cdot (b) - 2y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 6(b) \cdot (b) - 2 = 6b^2 - 2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

differentiating  $u$  wrt  $z$  twice

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 6(ax + by + cz) \cdot (c) - 2z$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6c(c) - 2 = 6c^2 - 2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{(1)} + \text{(2)} + \text{(3)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 6$$

$$\text{Now } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6(1) - 6 = 0 \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

Now

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 6(1) - 6 = 0$$

Hence proved.

7. If  $u = f(r)$ ,  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f''(r) + \frac{2}{r} f'(r)$ .

Soln :-  $u = f(r)$  and  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$   
differentiating  $u$  wrt  $x$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f'(r) \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = f'(r) \cdot \frac{x}{r} = \frac{f'(r) \cdot x}{r}$$

differentiating wrt  $x$  again

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

$$= \frac{x \cdot [f'(r) \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f'(r))] - f'(r) \cdot x \cdot \left(\frac{x}{r}\right)}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{x \left[ f'(r) (1) + f''(r) \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} \cdot x \right] - f'(r) \cdot \frac{x^2}{r}}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{x \left[ f'(r) + f''(r) \cdot \frac{x^2}{r} \right] - f'(r) \cdot \frac{x^2}{r}}{r^2}$$

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

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

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

diff wrt  $x$

$$2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$$

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Similarly

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r}$$

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

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

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$= \frac{[3r^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)] f'(r) + r f''(r) (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{r^3}$$

$$= \frac{(3r^2 - r^2) f'(r) + r f''(r) \cdot r^2}{r^3}$$

$$= \frac{2r^2}{r^3} f'(r) + \frac{r^3}{r^3} f''(r)$$

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

8. If  $u = e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial z} = 8xyz u$ .

Soln :-

$$u = e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial z} = 2z \cdot \left[ e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2+y^2+z^2) \right]$$

$$= 2z \left[ e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2y \right]$$

$$x^2 u$$

$$x^2+y^2+z^2$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = 4yz e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial x} = 4yz \left[ e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2+y^2+z^2) \right]$$

$$= 4yz \left[ e^{x^2+y^2+z^2} \cdot 2x \right]$$

$$= 8xyz e^{x^2+y^2+z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x \partial y \partial x} = 8xyz u$$

9. If  $z = u(x, y) e^{ax+by}$  where  $u(x, y)$  is such that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$ , find the constants  $a, b$  such

that  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z = 0$ .

Soln:  $z = u(x, y) e^{ax+by}$

differentiating wrt  $x$  partially

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = u(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{ax+by}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u(x, y)) e^{ax+by}$$

$$= u(x, y) \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot (a) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} e^{ax+by}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = e^{ax+by} \left( au + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

differentiating  $z$  wrt  $y$

$$z = u(x, y) e^{ax+by}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = u(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{ax+by}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u(x, y)) \cdot e^{ax+by}$$

$$= u(x, y) \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot (b) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} e^{ax+by}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = e^{ax+by} \left[ bu + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

differentiating  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  partially wrt  $x$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{ax+by} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ bu + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] + \left[ bu + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{ax+by})$$

$$= e^{ax+by} \cdot \left[ b \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right] + \left[ bu + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] \cdot e^{ax+by} \cdot (a)$$

$$= e^{ax+by} \left[ abu + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \right]$$

$$\text{but } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} = e^{ax+by} \left[ abu + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now we are given that

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + z = 0$$

using (1), (2), (3)

$$e^{ax+by} \left[ abu + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] - e^{ax+by} \left[ au + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] - e^{ax+by} \left[ bu + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] + e^{ax+by} \cdot u = 0$$

$$e^{ax+by} \left[ abu + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - au - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - bu - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u \right] = 0$$

$$e^{ax+by} \left[ (a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (a-1)(b-1)u \right] = 0$$

$$e^{ax+by} \left[ (a-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + (b-1) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (a-1)(b-1)u \right] = 0$$

$$e^{ax+by} \neq 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \neq 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \neq 0, \quad u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a-1=0, \quad b-1=0 \Rightarrow a=1, \quad b=1.$$

10. If  $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 = c^2z^2$ , evaluate  $\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$

Soln:-  $c^2z^2 = a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 \Rightarrow z^2 = \frac{a^2}{c^2}x^2 + \frac{b^2}{c^2}y^2$

differentiating wrt  $x$

$$2z \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} (2x) + 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cdot \frac{x}{z}$$

Differentiating  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  wrt  $x$  partially

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} \frac{z \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x) - x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(z)}{z^2}$$

$$= \frac{a^2}{c^2} \cdot \frac{z \cdot (1) - x \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}}{z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} \left[ \frac{z - x \cdot \frac{a^2}{c^2} \left( \frac{x}{z} \right)}{z^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} \left[ \frac{c^2z^2 - a^2x^2}{c^2z^3} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^4} \left[ \frac{c^2 z^2 - a^2 x^2}{z^3} \right] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^4} \left[ \frac{c^2 z^2 - b^2 y^2}{z^3} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

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$$\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^4} \left[ \frac{2c^2 z^2 - (a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2)}{z^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{c^4} \left[ \frac{2c^2 z^2 - c^2 z^2}{z^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{c^4} \left[ \frac{c^2 z^2}{z^3} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 z}$$