

Homogeneous Function

An expression of the type

$$f(x, y) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} y + a_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x y^{n-1} + a_n y^n,$$

in which every term is of degree n , is called a homogeneous function of degree n in x and y .

$$\text{or } x^n \left[a_0 + a_1 \frac{y}{x} + a_2 \frac{y^2}{x^2} + \dots + a_n \frac{y^n}{x^n} \right]$$

$$= x^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \text{ (say)}$$

is also a homogeneous function of degree n in x and y .

Euler's theorem on Homogeneous functions

If u is a homogeneous function of degree n in x and y ; then

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

Proof Let us consider $u = x^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ a homogeneous function of degree n . Then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = x^n f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) + f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \cdot nx^{n-1}$$

(treating y as constant)

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -y x^{n-1} f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + nx^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{Again; } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^n \cdot f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^{n-1} y \cdot f'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\text{Adding (i) \& (ii); we get } x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nx^n f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = nu.$$

This theorem is hold good also in case if f is a homogeneous function of degree n in a finite number of variables x, y, z, \dots, ω .

Then the function $n^n f\left(\frac{x}{n}, \frac{y}{n}, \dots, \frac{\omega}{n}\right)$ and the theorem gives the result

$$n \frac{\partial y}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} + \dots + \omega \frac{\partial y}{\partial \omega} = ny.$$

Corollary of $f(x, y, z, \dots)$ is a homogeneous function of degree n , then we have shown that which can be put in the form

$$\left(n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) f = nf \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

i.e. when the operator $n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ is applied to the function f , then produces a function which is just the function f multiplied by n .

If the operator applied to (1) again, we get

$$\left(n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) \left(n \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) = n \left\{ n \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(n \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(n \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) = n \cdot nf$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial n^2} + n \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} + ny \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial n \partial y} + ny \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial n} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n^2 f$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial n^2} + 2ny \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial n \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = n^2 f - nf = n(n-1)f$$

Similarly, if the operator $n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ is applied (1), we get

$$n^3 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial n^3} + 3ny \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial n^2 \partial y} + 3ny^2 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial n \partial y^2} + y^3 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y^3} = n(n-1)(n-2)f \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

The general form can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & n^m \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^m} + m C_1 n^{m-1} y \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^{m-1} \partial y} + m C_2 n^{m-2} y^2 \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^{m-2} \partial y^2} + \dots \\
 & \dots + m C_r n^{m-r} y^r \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^{m-r} \partial y^r} + \dots + y^m \frac{\partial^m f}{\partial y^m} \\
 & = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-m+1) f \quad \text{--- (iv)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example (1) — Verify Euler's theorem when

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

Solution — The degree of function is one.

So, we have to show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u$.

Now; $\log u = \log x + \log(x^3 - y^3) - \log(x^3 + y^3)$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{3x^2}{x^3 - y^3} - \frac{3x^2}{x^3 + y^3}$$

$$\text{f } \frac{1}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{3y^2}{x^3 - y^3} - \frac{3y^2}{x^3 + y^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1 + \frac{3x^3}{x^3 - y^3} - \frac{3x^3}{x^3 + y^3}$$

$$\text{f } \frac{y}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{3y^3}{x^3 - y^3} - \frac{3y^3}{x^3 + y^3}$$

Adding them

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{x}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{y}{u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 1 + \frac{3(x^3 - y^3)}{x^3 - y^3} - \frac{3(x^3 + y^3)}{x^3 + y^3} = 1 + 3 - 3 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence the theorem is verified.

Example 2 If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} \right)$; show that

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

Solution It is given that $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} \right)$

$$\text{So } \sin u = \frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} = f(x, y) \text{ (say)}$$

From above, we find that $f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree 1. Therefore, by Euler's theorem we have

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

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sin u) + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\sin u) = \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \cos u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin u$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\sin u}{\cos u} = \tan u. \quad (\text{Hence proved})$$

Exercise 1 Verify Euler's theorem when
 $u = x^3 + y^3 + 3xyz$

Exercise 2 If $u = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right)$; show that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$

Exercise 3 If $u = \log \left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{x+y} \right)$; show by Euler's theorem that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 1$.

To change the single independent variable into the dependent variable & in given, let y be dependent variable, where x is independent variable; now we want to change the independent variable into dependent variable i.e.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)} = \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{dx}{dy} \right]^{-1} = - \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-2} \cdot \frac{d^2x}{dy^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{\frac{d^2x}{dy^2}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^3}$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{d^2x}{dy^2}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^3} \right] = \frac{\frac{d^3x}{dy^3} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^3 - 3 \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{d^2x}{dy^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^6}$$

$$= \left[\frac{d^3x}{dy^3} \cdot \frac{dx}{dy} - 3 \left(\frac{d^2x}{dy^2}\right)^2 \right] / \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^5$$

Example 5 Change independent variable x into y when

$$e = \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \right\}^{3/2} / \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

Solution Here $e = \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \right\}^{3/2} / \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

$$e = \left\{ \left[1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-2} \right] \right\}^{3/2} / \left(\frac{d^2x}{dy^2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-2} \right\}^{3/2} / \left\{ - \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{d^2x}{dy^2} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-2} \right\}^{3/2} / - \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-3} \cdot \frac{d^2x}{dy^2}$$

$$e = \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^{-2} \right\}^{3/2} / \left\{ - \frac{d^2x}{dy^2} \right\} \text{ which is required.}$$

To change the independent variable x into another variable t , where $x = f(t)$:

We know; $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$

The operator $\frac{d}{dx}$ is therefore equivalent to the operator $\frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} \cdot \frac{d}{dt}$.

Therefore $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} \right]$

$$= \frac{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^3} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^3}$$

and $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^3} \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} \cdot \left\{ \left(\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right) - \left(\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right) \right\} \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^3$$

$$- 3 \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \left\{ \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \right\} \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^{-6}$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{\frac{d^3y}{dt^3} \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 - 3 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + 3 \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right)^2 \frac{dy}{dt} - \frac{d^3x}{dt^3} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{d^3x}{dt^3}}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^5}$$

and similar other higher order differential coefficients can be written.

Example 8 - change the independent variable from x to θ

in the equation $(1-x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

Having given $x = \cos \theta$

Solution - We have, $x = \cos \theta$

then $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\sin \theta$; $\frac{dx}{dx} = 1 = -\cos \theta = -x$

Now, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = -\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta}$,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{d\theta} \right) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta} \right)} \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \left\{ \frac{-\sin \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} + \cos \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\sin^2 \theta} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin^3 \theta} \left\{ \sin \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} - \cos \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right\}$$

Putting these values in given eqn becomes,

$$(1-\cos^2 \theta) \left\{ \frac{\sin \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta} - \cos \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\sin^3 \theta} \right\} + \frac{\cos \theta \cdot \frac{dy}{d\theta}}{\sin \theta} + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} - \frac{\cos \theta \cdot dy}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta \cdot dy}{\sin \theta} + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} + y = 0 \text{ which is required eqn.}$$

Exercise 8 Transform the differential eqn

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \cos x + \frac{dy}{dx} - \sin x - 2y \cos x = 2 \cos^2 x$$

into one having z as independent variable, where $z = \sin x$.

Example 8 If $x^2 + z^2 = 1$, show that the equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ (1-x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} \right\} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

becomes $z(z^2-1) \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + (2z^2-1) \frac{dy}{dz} - n(n+1)y = 0$.

Solution Here $x^2 + z^2 = 1$ so that $2x + 2z \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{x}{z}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{x}{z} \cdot \frac{dy}{dz}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -\frac{x}{z} \cdot \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} - \left(\frac{1}{z} - \frac{x}{z^2} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \\ &= \frac{x^2}{z^2} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{x^2}{z^3} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the given eqn becomes;

$$(1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-x^2) \left[\frac{x^2}{z^2} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \frac{x^2+z^2}{z^3} \frac{dy}{dz} \right] - 2x \left(-\frac{x}{z} \frac{dy}{dz} \right) + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 \left[\frac{1-z^2}{z^2} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} \frac{dy}{dz} \right] + 2 \frac{(1-z^2)}{z} \frac{dy}{dz} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z(1-z^2) \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + (1-2z^2) \frac{dy}{dz} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z(z^2-1) \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + (2z^2-1) \frac{dy}{dz} - n(n+1)y = 0 \quad (\text{Hence proved})$$

Exercise 9 Show that the equation $\frac{d^2x}{dx^2} = 9$ may be written in the form $\frac{d^2y}{dy^2} + 9 \left(\frac{dy}{dy} \right)^3 = 0$.

Transformation from Cartesian to polar and vice-versa: It often happens that a result in Cartesian is much simplified on reduction to polar or vice-versa.

$$\text{Let } x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

Suppose θ to be independent variable, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d\theta}{dx} \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ \frac{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta} \right\}$$

$$= \left[\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta + \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} \sin \theta - r \sin \theta + \frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta \right]$$

$$\times \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \right) - \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta \right) \times$$

$$\left(-\frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta + \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} \cos \theta - r \cos \theta - \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta \right) \div \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \right)^3$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left[2 \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 \cos^2 \theta - 3r \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta \cos \theta + \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{dr}{d\theta} \right.$$

$$\left. - r \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} \sin^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2 \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta + 3r \frac{dr}{d\theta} \sin \theta \cos \theta \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{dr}{d\theta} - r \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2} \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \cos^2 \theta \right] \div \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \right)^3$$

$$= \frac{2 \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 + r^2 - r \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2}}{\left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \right)^3}$$

$$= \frac{r^2 + 2 \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 - r \frac{d^2r}{d\theta^2}}{\left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \right)^3}$$

Example: Transform $p = \frac{x \frac{dy}{dx} - y}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2}}$ into polar.

Solution 1 ⊕ Multiplying numerator & denominator by $\frac{dn}{dt}$

we get

$$p = \frac{\left(x \frac{dy}{dt} - y \frac{dx}{dt} \right)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{dn}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2}{r^4 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^4} \frac{\left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^4} \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2$$

Example 2 ⊕ Transform $\tan \phi = r \frac{d\theta}{dr}$ into Cartesian form.

Solution ⊕ We have $\tan \phi = r \frac{d\theta}{dr} = \frac{r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}}{r \frac{dr}{dt}}$

$$= \frac{r \frac{d\theta}{dt}}{\frac{dr}{dt}} = \frac{x \frac{dy}{dt} - y \frac{dx}{dt}}{x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \phi = \frac{\left\{ x \frac{dy}{dx} - y \right\} \frac{dx}{dt}}{\left\{ x + y \frac{dy}{dx} \right\} \frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{x \frac{dy}{dx} - y}{x + y \frac{dy}{dx}}$$

Exercise 1 ⊕ Transform the formula

into polar coordinates.

$$e = \frac{\left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right\}^{3/2}}{2xy \frac{dy}{dx}}$$

x and y to be expressed in terms of some third variable θ — To show that

$$x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = r \frac{dr}{dt} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dt} - y \frac{dx}{dt} = r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Proof

$$\text{we have } \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

we have $x = r \cos \theta$; $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\text{f } x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Differentiating, we get

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 2r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = r \frac{dr}{dt} \quad \text{this is result 1st.}$$

To prove result (iii) we will find the value of $\left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2$ in two forms

$$\left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{ds}{dr} \right)^2 \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 = \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

Again; $\left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{ds}{d\theta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 = \left\{ r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 \right\} \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2$

$$\left(\frac{ds}{dt} \right)^2 = r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (b)}$$

Equating the two values,

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 = r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 \quad \text{proved.}$$

To prove 2nd relation, multiplying (iii) by r^2 for subtracting the square of relation (i) from it

$$(x^2 + y^2) \left\{ \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 \right\} = r^2 \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 + r^4 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \quad \text{--- (c)}$$

Squaring 1st relation,

$$x^2 \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + 2xy \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = r^2 \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2$$

Subtracting (d) from (c); we have

$$y^2 \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + x^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 - 2xy \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = r^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(y \frac{dx}{dt} - x \frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 = (r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y \frac{dx}{dt} - x \frac{dy}{dt} = r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad \text{result thus proved.}$$

Example 2 - Transform $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ to the new variables u & v taking u as the independent variable, given $x = v^2$; $y = uv^2$.

Solution - From the given relations; we have

$$\frac{dx}{du} = -\frac{1}{2v} \frac{dv}{du} \quad \& \quad \frac{dy}{du} = v + 4v \frac{dv}{du}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/du}{dx/du} = \frac{v + 4v \frac{dv}{du}}{-\frac{1}{2v} \frac{dv}{du}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{dx}{du} \right)^{-3} \cdot \frac{1}{du} \left[\frac{v + 4v \frac{dv}{du}}{-\frac{1}{2v} \frac{dv}{du}} \right] = \left(\frac{dv}{du} \right)^{-3} \cdot \frac{1}{du} \left[\frac{v^2 + 4v^2 \frac{dv}{du}}{\frac{dv}{du}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{v^2}{\left(\frac{dv}{du} \right)^3} \cdot \left[\frac{dv}{du} \left\{ 3v^2 \frac{dv}{du} + v^2 \frac{d^2v}{du^2} + 2v \left(\frac{dv}{du} \right)^2 + 4v^2 \frac{d^2v}{du^2} \right\} - (v^3 + 4v^2 \frac{dv}{du}) \cdot \frac{d^2v}{du^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{v^3}{\left(\frac{dv}{du} \right)^3} \left[4v \left(\frac{dv}{du} \right)^2 + 2v \left(\frac{dv}{du} \right)^3 - v^2 \frac{d^2v}{du^2} \right] \quad \text{Required result}$$