

Pre study:

At first, we have need to study about more than one dependent variables depending upon more than one independent variables and their partial derivatives i.e. partial derivatives of dependent variables with respect to independent variables. We have also need to study about determinant and its properties.

Definition :- Let $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ are dependent variables depending upon independent variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n so that

$$\begin{aligned}u_1 &= u_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\u_2 &= u_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\&\vdots \\u_i &= u_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\&\vdots \\u_n &= u_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).\end{aligned}$$

and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be n differentiable functions of n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , then the Functional Determinant of the functions u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n w.r.to x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is called the Jacobian, denoted by $J \left(\frac{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n}{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n} \right)$ or

$$J \text{ simply or } \frac{\partial(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} \text{ and}$$

defined as $J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_n} \end{vmatrix}$

where $1 \leq i \leq n$. i.e. $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

It is also denoted by $J(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)$ sometimes.

Now, let us discuss some examples as follows:

Example No: ① If $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, then find

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)}$$

Solution: We have $x = r \cos \theta$ — (i) & $y = r \sin \theta$ — (ii)

Differentiating (i) and (ii) partially w.r.t. r , we have

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin \theta \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Again partially differentiating (i) and (ii) w.r.t. θ , we have

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta$$

(Since $\frac{\partial \cos \theta}{\partial \theta} = -\sin \theta$
 $\frac{\partial \sin \theta}{\partial \theta} = \cos \theta$) — (iv)

We know that

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \quad \left(\text{Using (iii) \& (iv)} \right)$$

$$= \cos \theta \cdot r \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cdot (-r \sin \theta)$$

$$= r(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = r$$

Hence $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = r$

Example No.: ② If $u_1 = \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}$, $u_2 = \frac{x_3 x_1}{x_2}$ and $u_3 = \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}$,
then prove that $J(u_1, u_2, u_3) = 4$

Solution: Given that

$$u_1 = \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}, \quad u_2 = \frac{x_3 x_1}{x_2} \quad \& \quad u_3 = \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Partially differentiating (i) w.r.to x_1, x_2 & x_3 respectively,
we have

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} = -\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} = \frac{x_3}{x_2}, \quad \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} = \frac{x_2}{x_3} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} = \frac{x_3}{x_1}, \quad \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} = -\frac{x_3 x_1}{x_2^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} = \frac{x_1}{x_3} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$\& \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_3} = \frac{x_2}{x_1}, \quad \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_3} = \frac{x_1}{x_2}, \quad \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} = -\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3^2} \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

respectively.

We know that

$$J(u_1, u_2, u_3) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1^2} & \frac{x_3}{x_2} & \frac{x_2}{x_3} \\ \frac{x_3}{x_2} & -\frac{x_3 x_1}{x_2^2} & \frac{x_1}{x_3} \\ \frac{x_2}{x_3} & \frac{x_1}{x_2} & -\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

(using eqns (ii), (iii), (iv))

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1^2} & \frac{x_3 x_1}{x_2^2} & \frac{x_2 x_1}{x_3^2} \\ \frac{x_3 x_2}{x_2^2} & -\frac{x_3 x_1}{x_2^2} & \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_2^2} \\ \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_3^2} & \frac{x_1 x_3}{x_3^2} & -\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking $\frac{1}{x_1^2}, \frac{1}{x_2^2}, \frac{1}{x_3^2}$ common out from rows R_1, R_2, R_3 respectively, we have

$$J(u_1, u_2, u_3) = \begin{vmatrix} -x_2 x_3 & x_3 x_1 & x_1 x_2 \\ x_2 x_3 & -x_3 x_1 & x_1 x_2 \\ x_2 x_3 & x_3 x_1 & -x_1 x_2 \end{vmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3^2}$$

Taking $x_2 x_3, x_3 x_1, x_1 x_2$ common out from columns C_1, C_2, C_3 respectively, we have

$$J(u_1, u_2, u_3) = \frac{(x_2 x_3)(x_3 x_1)(x_1 x_2)}{x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3^2} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2)$$

$$= 0 - 0 + 2 \cdot (1+1) = 2 \times 2 = 4 \quad (\text{Expanding w.r.t. } R_1)$$

$$J(u_1, u_2, u_3) = 4 \quad (\text{Hence proved})$$

Exercise :-

① If $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, then prove that $J(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{r}$
 i.e. prove that $\frac{\partial(x, \theta)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{1}{r}$.

② If $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$, $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$, $z = r \cos \theta$, then find $J(x, y, z)$.

③ If $y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = x_1$, $y_1 + y_3 + \dots + y_n = x_2$, \dots ,
 $y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n$, \dots , $y_n = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$, then show that

$$\frac{\partial(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)}{\partial(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)} = x_1^{n-1} x_2^{n-2} \dots x_{n-2}^2 x_{n-1}$$