

1. If F is a differentiable function of two variables, and

$$u = F(s^2 - t^2, t^2 - s^2),$$

show that

$$t \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + s \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0.$$

2. If

$$u = x^3 F\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x}\right),$$

show that

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

3. Consider the four variables V, S, r, h connected by the two equations

$$V = \pi r^2 h, \quad S = 2\pi r h + 2\pi r^2.$$

These formulae arise if we consider a right circular cylinder of height h , radius of base r , volume V , and total surface area S . Of the four variables, just two are independent. Ordinarily we most naturally think of r and h as independent, but other choices are legitimate. We may choose r and S as independent. Then

$$h = \frac{S}{2\pi r} - r, \quad V = \frac{1}{2}rS - \pi r^3.$$

In view of what has been said, it is evident that the notation $\partial V/\partial r$ is ambiguous, for if we calculate from the first pair of equations we have $\partial V/\partial r = 2\pi r h$, while from the second pair $\partial V/\partial r = \frac{1}{2}S - 3\pi r^2$, and these two results are not in agreement. A customary resolution is to employ subscripts. According to this practice,

$$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}\right)_h$$

indicates that we are regarding V as a function of the two independent variables r, h with h held constant in the differentiation.

(a) Compute the derivatives

$$\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial h}\right)_r, \quad \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_r, \quad \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial h}\right)_r.$$

(b) Also compute the derivatives

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V}\right)_h, \quad \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial V}\right)_r, \quad \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial S}\right)_h.$$