

0.1) Given that $Z = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 y^2}$, show that $x \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = -Z$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = \frac{x^2 y^2 (3x^2) - [(x^3 - y^3) 2xy^2]}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3x^4 y^2 - 2x^4 y^2 + 2x y^5}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = \frac{x^4 y^2 + 2x y^5}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2 y^2 (-3y^2) - [(x^3 - y^3) 2x^2 y]}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-3x^2 y^4 - 2x^5 y + 2x^2 y^4}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-x^2 y^4 - 2x^5 y}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$x \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = -Z$$

$$x \left[\frac{x^4 y^2 + 2x y^5}{(x^2 y^2)^2} \right] + y \left[\frac{-x^2 y^4 - 2x^5 y}{(x^2 y^2)^2} \right] = \frac{x^5 y^2 + 2x^2 y^5 - x^2 y^5 - 2x^5 y^2}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 y^5 - x^5 y^2}{(x^2 y^2)^2}$$

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

$$-Z = \frac{y^3 - x^3}{(x^2 y^2)} \quad \#$$

0.2) Given that $Z = \frac{x-y}{x+y}$, use the total differential and calculate the change in Z when $x=1$ and $y=1$. What would happen to Z if X increases by 2 units while Y decreases by 2 units?

$$Z < \frac{x}{y}$$

$$dz = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} dy$$

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

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

$$\text{when } dx = 2 \quad dy = -2 \quad x=1 \quad y=1$$

$$\text{so, } \frac{2(1)}{(1+1)^2} (2) - \frac{2(1)}{(1+1)^2} (-2) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Hence, when x increase by 2 units and y decrease by 2 units, Z will increase by 2 units.

0.3) If $z = 2x^2y + 3xy + y^2$ where $x = r^2 + 2rs$ and $y = 2r - 4s$, then by means of the chain rule, (0.3a) find $\partial z / \partial s$ and $\partial z / \partial r$; (0.3b) evaluate when $r = 1$ and $s = 0$

$$z \begin{cases} \swarrow x \\ \searrow y \end{cases} \begin{cases} \swarrow r \\ \searrow s \end{cases}$$

$$(0.3a) \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$= (4xy + 3y)(2r) + (2x^2 + 3x + 2y)(-4)$$

$$x = 1 \quad y = 2$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

$$= (4xy + 3y)(2r + 2s) + (2x^2 + 3x + 2y)(2)$$

(0.3b) when $r=1$ and $s=0$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = (4xy + 3y)(2r) + (2x^2 + 3x + 2y)(-4)$$

$$= (4(1)(2) + 3(2))(2(1)) + ((2)(1)^2 + 3(1) + 2(2))(-4)$$

$$= (8 + 6)(2) + (2 + 3 + 4)(-4)$$

$$= 28 - 36 = -8$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial r} = (4xy + 3y)(2r + 2s) + (2x^2 + 3x + 2y)(2)$$

$$= [4(1)(2) + 3(2)][2(1)] + [2(1) + 3 + 4](2)$$

$$= (8 + 6)(2) + 18$$

$$= 46$$

0.4) For $2x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2 = 16$, evaluate $\partial z / \partial y$ when $x = 1$, $y = 2$, $z = -1$.

$$F(x, y, z) = 2x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2 - 16$$

$$F_x = 4x$$

$$F_y = 6y$$

$$F_z = 4z$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{F_y}{F_z}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{6y}{4z}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{y}{z}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{-1} = 3$$

0.5) Given that $\ln(x+y+z) + xyz = ze^{x+y+z}$, evaluate $\partial z / \partial x$ when $x=0$, $y=1$, $z=0$.

$$\ln(x+y+z) + xyz - ze^{x+y+z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-F_x}{F_z} = - \frac{\frac{1}{(x+y+z)} + yz - ze^{x+y+z}}{\frac{1}{(x+y+z)} + xy - e^{x+y+z}}$$

$$\text{when } x=0, y=1, z=0$$

$$- \frac{\frac{1}{(0+1+0)} + 1(0) - (0)e^{0+1+0}}{\frac{1}{(0+1+0)} + (0)1 - e^{0+1+0}}$$

$$- \frac{1+0-0}{1+0-2.7183}$$

$$\frac{1}{1.7183}, \text{ when } x \uparrow, z \uparrow *$$

Question 2 Given the production function $Q = f(K, L) = A[K^n + L^n]$ where A is the level of technology, K is capital and L is labor. Suppose that $n > 0$. Consider the following problem.

2.1) To ensure that the above production function exhibits a *decreasing return to scale* technology, what additional restrictions do one need to place on n?

$$\text{decreasing return to scale: } \alpha + \beta < 1$$

$$: n < 1$$

2.2) Under the assumption used in (2.1), show that the production function satisfies the law of diminishing returns.

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial K} = MPK = AnK^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial MPK}{\partial K} = An(n-1)K^{n-2}$$

when $n < 1: n-1 < 0 \rightarrow MPK \downarrow K \uparrow = \text{Law of Diminishing}$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial L} = MPL = AnL^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial MPL}{\partial L} = An(n-1)L^{n-2}$$

when $n < 1: n-1 < 0 \rightarrow MPL \downarrow L \uparrow = \text{Law of Diminishing}$

$$Q = f(K, L) = A[K^n + L^n] = AK^n + AL^n \quad n > 0$$

$$2.3 \quad MP_K = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial K} = AK^{n-1} + AL^n = nAK^{n-1}$$

$$MP_L = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial L} = AK^n + nAL^{n-1} = nAL^{n-1}$$

$$MRTS = \frac{MP_K}{MP_L} = \frac{\cancel{nA}K^{n-1}}{\cancel{nA}L^{n-1}} = \frac{K^{n-1}}{L^{n-1}} \quad \times$$

2.4 As MRTS is fraction $\frac{K}{L}$, when we fixed K and L is increasing, MRTS will decrease.

$$2.5 \quad K(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \quad \text{and} \quad L(t) = e^t + 3, \quad \text{where } t \geq 0$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial K} \cdot \frac{\partial K}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial L} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = 0 + nAK^{n-1} \cdot (t+2) + nAL^{n-1} \cdot (e^t)$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = t nAK^{n-1} + 2 nAK^{n-1} + e^t nAL^{n-1} \quad \times$$

$$2.6 \quad \frac{\frac{dQ}{dt}}{Q} = \frac{t nAK^{n-1} + 2 nAK^{n-1} + e^t nAL^{n-1}}{AK^n + AL^n} \quad \times$$

Question 4: Suppose that a firm produces $Q = f(L) = L^{1/2}$ units of commodity using L units of labor. If the firm gets P baht per unit produced and pays w baht for a unit of labor, write down the profit function, and find the first-order condition for profit maximization at $L^* > 0$. Solve for

L^* and calculate $\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial w}$ and $\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial P}$.

$$\pi = P \cdot Q - w \cdot L$$

$$= P \cdot (L^{1/2}) - w \cdot L$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = \frac{1}{2} P \cdot L^{-1/2} - w = 0$$

$$\frac{P}{2\sqrt{L}} = w$$

$$\sqrt{L} = \frac{P}{2w}$$

$$L^* = \frac{P^2}{4w^2} > 0$$

$$P > 0$$

$$w > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial w} = \frac{P^2}{4} (-2) w^{-3} = -\frac{P^2}{2w^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial P} = \frac{2P}{4w^2} = \frac{P}{2w^2}$$