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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} &= \frac{x^2 y^2 (3x^2) - (x^3 - y^3) (2xy^2)}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{3x^4 y^2 - (2x^4 y^2 - 2xy^5)}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{x^4 y^2 + 2xy^5}{x^4 y^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} &= \frac{x^2 y^2 (-3y^2) - (x^3 - y^3) (2x^2 y)}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{-3x^2 y^4 - (2x^5 y - 2x^2 y^4)}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{-x^2 y^4 - 2x^5 y}{x^4 y^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} &= x \left(\frac{x^4 y^2 + 2xy^5}{x^4 y^4} \right) + y \left(\frac{-x^2 y^4 - 2x^5 y}{x^4 y^4} \right) \\ &= \frac{x^5 y^2 + 2x^2 y^5 - x^2 y^5 - 2x^5 y^2}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{x^2 y^5 - x^5 y^2}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{x^2 y^2 (y^3 - x^3)}{x^4 y^4} \\ &= \frac{y^3 - x^3}{x^2 y^2} \\ &= - \left(\frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 y^2} \right) = -Z \quad \text{✓} \end{aligned}$$

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?

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

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} &= \frac{(x+y) - (x-y)}{(x+y)^2} \\ &= \frac{2y}{(x+y)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} &= \frac{(x+y)(-1) - (x-y)}{(x+y)^2} \\ &= \frac{-x-y-x+y}{(x+y)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2x}{(x+y)^2}\end{aligned}$$

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

Find Z when $dx = 2$, $dy = -2$

$$\begin{aligned}dz \Big|_{x=1, y=1} &= \frac{2(1)}{(1+1)^2} (2) - \frac{2(1)}{(1+1)^2} (-2) \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2 \quad \text{✗}\end{aligned}$$

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 $s = 0$

$$x = 1^2 + 2(1)(0) = 1$$

$$y = 2(1) - 4(0) = 2$$

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

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

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

$$= 26 + 9(-4)$$

$$= -6 \quad \text{X}$$

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

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

$$= [4(1)(2) + 3(2)][2(1) + 2(0)] + [2(1)^2 + 3(1) + 2(2)](2)$$

$$= (14)(2) + (9)(2)$$

$$= 46 \quad \text{X}$$

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

$$2x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2 - 16 = 0$$

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

$$F_y = 6y$$

$$F_z = 4z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \Big|_{x=1, y=2, z=-1} &= \frac{-F_y}{F_z} = \frac{-6y}{4z} \\ &= \frac{-6(2)}{4(-1)} \\ &= \frac{-12}{-4} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{-F_x}{F_z}$$

$$F_x = \frac{1}{x+y+z} + yz - ze^{x+y+z}$$

$$F_z = \frac{1}{x+y+z} + xy - [ze^{x+y+z} + e^{x+y+z}]$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0, y=1, z=0} = \frac{-F_x}{F_z} = \frac{-\left[\frac{1}{0+1+0} + (1)(0) - (0)(e^1)\right]}{\left[\frac{1}{0+1+0} + (0)(1) - [(0)(e^1) + e^1]\right]}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{1-e} \quad \times$$

- 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 ?

According to the proposition, suppose $n > 0$ the restriction that need to add is $0 < n < 1$ because production function exhibits a decreasing return to scale, so $\alpha + \beta < 1$ from the degree of homogeneity.

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

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

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

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial L^2} = (n-1)AnL^{n-2}; n < 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial K^2} = (n-1)AnK^{n-2}; n < 1$$

$\therefore$ if 1 more unit of labor is added, MP_L will decrease by $(n-1)AnL^{n-2}$ ~~✗~~ $\therefore$ if 1 more unit of capital is added, MP_K will decrease by $(n-1)AnK^{n-2}$ ~~✗~~

- 2.3) Calculate the marginal rate of technical substitution (MRTS) of labor (L) for capital (K).

$$Q = f(K, L) = A[K^n + L^n]$$

$$= AK^n + AL^n; n > 0$$

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

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

$$MRTS = \frac{MP_L}{MP_K} = \frac{nAL^{n-1}}{nAK^{n-1}} = \frac{L^{n-1}}{K^{n-1}} \quad \text{✗}$$

- 2.4) how that MRTS is a decreasing function in L. That is, as labor increases, the value of MRTS decreases.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial MRTS}{\partial L} &= \frac{1}{K^{n-1}} (n-1)L^{n-2} \\ &= \frac{(n-1)L^{n-2}}{K^{n-1}}; n < 1 \quad \text{✗} \end{aligned}$$

- 2.5) Show that Q is increasing over time.

$$Q = A[u^n + L^n]$$

$$= A \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \right)^n + (e^t + 3)^n \right]$$

$$= A \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \right)^n + A(e^t + 3)^n$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = An \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \right)^{n-1} (t+2) + An(e^t + 3)^{n-1} (e^t)$$

$$= An \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \right)^{n-1} (t+2) + (e^t + 3)^{n-1} (e^t) \right]$$

2.6) Compute $\frac{dQ}{dt}$ when $t = 0$, i.e. growth of output in the initial period.

$$Q = A[u^n + L^n]$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dA} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{dQ}{dA} \cdot \frac{1}{A}$$

$$= An \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \right)^{n-1} (t+2) + (e^t + 3)^{n-1} (e^t) \right] \cdot \frac{1}{A} \text{ from 2.5}$$

$$= \cancel{An} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2t + 3 \right)^{n-1} (t+2) + (e^t + 3)^{n-1} (e^t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{A} \left[\left(\frac{0}{2} \right)^2 + 2(0) + 3 \right)^{n-1} (0+2) + (e^0 + 3)^{n-1} (e^0) \right]}{u^n + L^n}$$

$$= \frac{2n(3)^{n-1} + 4^{n-1}}{u^n + L^n}$$

$$= \left[\frac{2n(3)^n}{3} + \frac{4^n}{4} \right] \frac{1}{u^n + L^n}$$

$$= \left[\frac{8n(3)^n}{12} + 3(4)^n \right] \frac{1}{u^n + L^n}$$

$$t=0; \quad \begin{matrix} L(0)=4 \\ u(0)=3 \end{matrix} \quad = \left[\frac{8n(3)^n}{12} + 3(4)^n \right] \frac{1}{3^n + 4^n} = \frac{8n(3)^n + 3(4)^n}{12(3^n + 4^n)} \quad \text{X}$$

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 $\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial P}$.

$$\text{Profit function} = TR - TC$$

$$\pi = PQ - wL$$

$$= PL^{\frac{1}{2}} - wL$$

Profit maximization at $L^* > 0$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dL} = P\left(\frac{1}{2}L^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) - w$$

$$0 = \frac{P}{2\sqrt{L}} - w$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{P^2 w^{-2}}{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial w} = \frac{1}{4} P^2 (-2w^{-3})$$

$$= \frac{-P^2}{2w^3} \quad \text{✗}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial P} = \frac{1}{4} (2P) w^{-2}$$

$$= \frac{P}{2w^2} \quad \text{✗}$$