

Practice Problems
University Theory Questions
Unit III – Partial Differentiation

Sr. No.	Partial Differentiation	Year
1	If $u = \log(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2})$ show that $(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right] = 1$	(Dec 2012)
2	Verify $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$ for $u = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{y}{x} \right]$	(Dec 2013)
3	If $u = (x^2 - y^2)f(xy)$ then show that $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = (x^4 - y^4)f''(xy)$	(Dec 2013)
4	If $u = r^m$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ then show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = m(m+1)r^{m-2}$	(May 2013)
5	Find the value of n such that $u = x^n(3\cos^2 y - 1)$ satisfies the partial differential equation $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\sin y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = 0$	(May 2014)
6	$u = \tan(y + ax) + (y - ax)^{\frac{3}{2}}$, where a is constant, then show that, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$	(Dec 2015) (May 2019)
7	Find the value of n for which $z = Ae^{-gx} \sin(nt - gx)$ satisfies the partial differential equation $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$	(May 2015)
8	If $u = \log(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)$ prove that $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^2 u = \frac{-9}{(x+y+z)^2}$	(May 2016)
9	If $u = \log(x^3 + y^3 - x^2y - xy^2)$ prove that $x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = -3$	(Dec 2014)
10	If $u = (x^2 - y^2)f(xy)$ then show that $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = (x^4 - y^4)f''(xy)$	(Dec 2014)
11	If $T = \sin \left(\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \right) + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{x^2 y}{x + y}$, find the value of $x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}$.	(May 2017)
12	Find the value of n for which $z = t^n e^{-r^2/4t}$ satisfies the partial differential equation: $\frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \right) \right] = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$.	(May 2017)
13	If $u = \log(x^3 + y^3 - x^2y - xy^2)$ prove that $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^2 u = \frac{-4}{(x+y)^2}$	(Dec 2018)

Sr. No.	Euler's Theorem on Homogeneous Function	Year
1	If $u = \frac{x^3+y^3}{y\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{x^7} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2+y^2}{2xy}\right)$ then find the value of $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ at point (1,1)	(Dec 2013)
2	Verify Euler's theorem for homogeneous functions $f(x, y, z) = 3x^2yz + 5xy^2z + 4z^4$	(Dec 2013)
3	If $u = \sin(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$ then prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \cos(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})$	(May 2013)
4	If $u = \sin^{-1}\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ then prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \tan^3 u$	(May 2013)
5	If $u = x^8 f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{y^8} \emptyset\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ then prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 64u$	(May 2014)
6	If $u = \cos^{-1}\left[\frac{x^3y^2+4y^3x^2}{\sqrt{x^4+6y^4}}\right]$, find the value of (i) $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ (ii) $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$	(May 2014)
7	If $u = x^3 f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{y^3} \emptyset\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ Prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 9u$	(Dec 2015)
8	If $u = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{x^3+y^3}{x+y}\right]$, then prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \sin 2u [1 - 4 \sin^2 u].$	(Dec 2015)
9	If $u = \frac{x^4+y^4}{x^2y^2} + x^6 \tan^{-1} \frac{x^2+y^2}{x^2+2xy}$ find value of $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ at $x=1, y=2$.	(May 2015)
10	$u = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}\right)$ If $x^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right) + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{4} (\tan^3 u - \tan u)$ Prove that	May 2015)

11	If $z = x^8 f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y^{-8} \phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 64z + 8y^{-8} \phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - 8x^8 f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$	(May 2016)
12	If $u = \sec^{-1} \left[\frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}} \right]$ prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{1}{4} \cot u [3 + \cot^2 u]$	(May 2016)
13	If $u = \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \cos \left(\frac{xy + yz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right)$ then find the value of $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$	(Dec 2012)
14	If $u = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{x^{1/2} + y^{1/2}}{x^{1/3} + y^{1/3}}}$, show that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\tan u}{12} \left(\frac{13}{12} + \frac{\tan^2 u}{12} \right)$	(Dec 2012) (May 2018)
15	If $u = \cos \left[\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} \right] + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{xy^2}{x+y}$ then find the value of $xu_x + yu_y$ at point (3, 4)	(Dec 2014)
16	If $u = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^3 + y^3}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}} \right)$, then show that : $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -2 \sin^3 u \cos u.$	(May 2017)
17	If $u = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x+y} + \frac{1}{x^5} \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 + 2xy} \right]$ Find the value $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ at the point (1, 2).	(May 2018)
18	If $u = \sin^{-1} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x+y}}$ then prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\sin u \cos 2u}{4 \cos^3 u}$	(Dec 2018)
19	If $x = e^u \tan v$ and $y = e^u \sec v$, find the value of $\left[x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] \cdot \left[x \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right]$	(Dec 2018)
20	If $u = \sin^{-1} (x^2 + y^2)^{1/5}$ then prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2}{5} \tan u \left[\frac{2}{5} \tan^2 u - \frac{3}{5} \right]$	(May 2019)
21	If $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{\log x - \log y}{x^2 + y^2}$ then prove that $x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + 2f = 0$	(May 2019)

Sr. No.	Variables to be treated as Constant	Year
1	If $x = utanv, y = usecv$ prove that $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)_y = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_x$	(Dec 2013)
2	If $x = \frac{\cos\theta}{u}, y = \frac{\sin\theta}{u}$ then Evaluate $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\right)_\theta \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}\right)_\theta \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_x$	(May 2013)
3	If $x = r\cos\theta, y = r\sin\theta$ then prove that (i) $\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}\right)_\theta = 1$ (ii) $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta}\right)_r = r^2 \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}\right)_y$	(May 2014)
4	$u = mx + ny, v = nx - my$, where m, n are constants, then find the value of $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y \cdot \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v}\right)_x \cdot \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\right)_v \cdot \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_u$	(Dec 2015)
5	If $x = \frac{\cos\theta}{r}, y = \frac{\sin\theta}{r}$ find the value of $\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}\right)_\theta \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}\right)_y + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}\right)_\theta \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}\right)_x$	(May 2015)
6	If $ux + vy = 0, \frac{u}{x} + \frac{v}{y} = 1$ prove that $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y - \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_x = \frac{y^2 + x^2}{y^2 - x^2}$	(May 16,18) (Dec 12,14)
7	If $x^2 = a\sqrt{u} + b\sqrt{v}$ and $y^2 = a\sqrt{u} - b\sqrt{v}$ where a and b are constants, prove that: $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\right)_v = \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v}\right)_u$	(May 2017)
8	If $z = f(x, y)$, where $x = u \cos\alpha - v \sin\alpha, y = u \sin\alpha - v \cos\alpha$, where α is the constant, show that: $\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\right)^2$.	(May 2017)
9	If $u = 2x + 3y, v = 3x - 2y$ find the value of $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\right)_v \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_u$	(May 2018)
10	If $x^2 = au + bv$ and $y^2 = au - bv$ where a and b are constants, prove that: $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\right)_v = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_x \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v}\right)_u$	(Dec 2018) (May 2019)

Sr. No.	Composite Functions	Year
1	$x = u + v + w, y = uv + uw + vw, z = uwv.$ and F is function of x, y, z then prove that $x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} + 3z \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = u \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial F}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}$	(Dec 2013)
2	If $z = f(x, y)$ where $x = e^u \cos v, y = e^u \sin v$ then prove that $y \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = e^{2u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$	(May 2013) (May 2019)
3	If $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = r \cosh \theta$ and $y = r \sinh \theta$ then show that $(x - y)(z_x - z_y) = rz_r - z_\theta$	(May 2013)
4	If $u = f\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}, \frac{z}{x}\right)$ prove that $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$	(May 2014)
5	If $u = x^2 - y^2, v = 2xy$ and $z = f(u, v)$, then show that $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}$	(Dec 2012)
6	If $u = f(x-y, y-z, z-x)$, then find the value of $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$.	(Dec 2015)
7	$Z = f(x, y), x = \frac{\cos u}{v}, y = \frac{\sin u}{v}.$ Then P.T $v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} = (y - x) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - (y + x) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}.$	(Dec 2015)
8	If $z = f(u, v)$ and $u = \log(x^2 + y^2), v = \frac{y}{x}$ Show that $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = (1 + v^2) \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$	(May 2015)
9	If $z = f(u, v)$ and $u = x \cos t - y \sin t, v = x \sin t + y \cos t$ where t is constant prove that $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$	(May 2015)
10	If $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$, where r and θ are functions of t, Then prove that : $x \frac{dy}{dt} - y \frac{dx}{dt} = r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}$	(Dec 2012)
11	If $u = f(2x - 3y, 3y - 4z, 4z - 2x)$ find the value of $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$	(May 2016)
12	If $\phi = f(x, y, z), x = \sqrt{vw}, y = \sqrt{uw}, z = \sqrt{uv}$ prove that $x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial w}$	(May 2016)

13	If $x = u + v + w$, $y = uv + vw + uw$, $z = uvw$ and ϕ is function of x, y, z . Then prove that $u \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial v} + w \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial w} = x \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + 3z \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$	(Dec 2014)
14	If $x = \frac{\cos \theta}{u}$, $y = \frac{\sin \theta}{u}$ then prove that $u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = (y - x) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - (y + x) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$	(Dec 2014)
15	If $u = x^2 - y^2$, $v = 2xy$ and $z = f(u, v)$, then show that : $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}.$	(May 2017) (May 2018)
16	If $z = f(r)$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ Then Prove that $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f''(r) + \frac{1}{r} f'(r)$	(May 2019)
17	If $z = f(x, y)$ where $x = u + v$, $y = uv$, then prove that $u \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + v \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} = x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$	(May 2018)
18	If $v = f(e^{x-y}, e^{y-z}, e^{z-x})$ then show that $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = 0$	(Dec 2018)