

Partial Differentiation

1. Determine the following limits if they exist.

$$(a) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} (1-x-y)/(x^2+y^2) \quad (b) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} xy/|xy| \quad (c) \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right)$$

$$2. \text{ Show that the function } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2+y^2}{|x|+|y|}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

is **continuous** at  $(0,0)$  but its partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  **do not exist** at  $(0,0)$ .

$$3. \text{ Show that the function } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2+5y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

is **not continuous** at  $(0,0)$  but its partial derivatives  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  **exist** at  $(0,0)$ .

$$4. \text{ Compute } f_{xy}(0,0) \text{ and } f_{yx}(0,0) \text{ for the function } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3y}{x^2+y}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}.$$

Also discuss the continuity of  $f_{xy}$  and  $f_{yx}$  at  $(0,0)$ .

5. If  $x^y y^x z^z = c$ , then find  $\partial^2 z / \partial x \partial y$  at  $x = y = z$ .

$$6. \text{ If } u(x, y) = \tan^{-1} \left( xy / \sqrt{1+x^2+y^2} \right), \text{ show that } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{1}{(1+x^2+y^2)^{3/2}}.$$

7. If  $u = \tan^{-1} \{ (x^3 + y^3) / (x - y) \}$ , prove that

$$(i) x \partial u / \partial x + y \partial u / \partial y = \sin 2u, \quad (ii) x^2 \partial^2 u / \partial x^2 + 2xy \partial^2 u / \partial x \partial y + y^2 \partial^2 u / \partial y^2 = (2 \cos 2u - 1) \sin 2u$$

8. If  $u = x^2 - y^2 + \sin yz$ , where  $y = e^x$ , and  $z = \log x$ , find  $\frac{du}{dx}$ .

9. If  $u = F(x - y, y - z, z - x)$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$ .

10. If  $z = uv$ , and  $u^2 + v^2 - x - y = 0$ ,  $u^2 - v^2 + 3x + y = 0$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ .

11. Transform the equation  $\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 = 0$  into polar coordinates.

12. If  $u = x^2 - y^2$ ,  $v = 2xy$  and  $f(x, y) = \phi(u, v)$ , show that  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 4(x^2 + y^2) \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial v^2} \right)$

**Answers: 1.** (a) Limit exists and unbounded (b) Limit DNE (c) limit=0. **(3)**  $f_x$  &  $f_y = 0$ . **(4)**  $f_{xy}(0,0)=1$ ,  $f_{yx}(0,0)=0$ . **(5)**  $-3/z(1+\log z)$ . **(8)**  $2x + (-2y + z \cos yz)e^x + (y \cos yz)/x$ . **(10)**  $(2u^2 - v^2)/2uv$ .

$$(11) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 = \frac{2 \tan 2\theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}.$$