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PHY2610 - Thermal Physics

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Quiz 0

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(a) Two cups of coffee are initially at different temperatures T_1 and T_2 . They are left in a room where the ambient temperature is T_0 , such that $T_0 < T_1 < T_2$. On the same graph, draw qualitative sketches of each of their temperatures as a function of time. On this sketch, indicate when thermal equilibrium has (roughly) been reached. [3]

(b) Describe what extensive and intensive variables are. Classify the following quantities as extensive or intensive using your definition: internal energy *U*, volume *V*, number of particles *N*, temperature *T*, and pressure *P*.
[3]

(c) Compute the partial derivatives $(\partial f/\partial y)_x$ and $(\partial f/\partial x)_y$ for the following functions:

(i)
$$f(x, y) = x^3 y^2$$

(ii)
$$f(x, y) = 2y \log x + (y - 1)^2$$
 [2]