

SUCCESSIVE DIFFERENTIATION

❖ **Introduction to topic :**

It is extension of differentiation of one variable function.
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❖ **Definition of Successive differentiation:**



Consider,

A one variable function,

$y = f(x)$ (x is independent variable and y depends on x.)

Here if we make any change in x there will be a related change in y.

This change is called derivative of y w.r.t. x. denoted by $f'(x)$ or y_1 or y' or $\frac{dy}{dx}$ called first order derivative of y w.r.t. x.

$f''(x) = (f'(x))' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y_2 = y_2''$ is called second order derivative of y w.r.t. x.

It gives rate of change in y_1 w.r.t. rate of change in x.



Similarly,

Third derivative of y is denoted by y_3 or $f'''(x)$ or $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$ or y''' and

So on.....

(Above derivatives exist because, If $y = f(x)$, then $y_1 = g(x)$, where $g(x)$ is some function of x depends on $f(x)$)

for e.g. if $y = \sin x$ then $y_1 = \cos x$, hence $y_2 = -\sin x$ and so on.....)

Thus,

Derivatives of $f(x)$ (or f) w.r.t. x are denoted by, $f'(x)$, $f''(x)$, $f'''(x)$,
 , $f^{(n)}(x)$,.....

Above process is called successive differentiation of $f(x)$ w.r.t. x and f' , f'' , f''' ,....., $f^{(n)}$ are called successive derivatives of f .



$f^{(n)}(x)$ denotes n^{th} derivative of f.



Notations:

Successive derivatives of y w.r.t. x are also denoted by,

1. $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n, \dots$ or
2. $\frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \dots, \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}, \dots$ or
3. $f'(x), f''(x), f'''(x), \dots, f^{(n)}(x), \dots$ or
4. $y', y'', y''', \dots, y^{(n)}, \dots$ or
5. $Dy, D^2y, D^3y, \dots, D^ny, \dots$

Where **D** denotes $\frac{d}{dx}$.

➤ Value of nth derivative of $y = f(x)$ at $x = a$ is denoted by ,

$$f^n(a), y_n(a), \text{ or } \left(\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \right)_{x=a}$$

(i.e. value can be obtained by just replacing x with a in $f^n(x)$.)

❖ **List of formulas (01) :**

Sr no.	Function	n^{th} derivative
01	$y = e^{ax}$	$y_n = a^n e^{ax}$
02	$y = b^{ax}$	$y_n = a^n b^{ax} (\log_e b)^n$
03	$y = (ax + b)^m$	(i) if m is integer greater than n or less than (-1) then, $y_n = m(m-1)(m-2)\dots(m-n+1) a^n (ax + b)^{m-n}$
		(ii) if m is less than n then, $y_n = 0$
		(iii) if $m = n$ then, $y_n = a^n n!$
		(iv) if $m = -1$ then, $y_n = \frac{(-1)^n n! a^n}{(ax + b)^{n+1}}$
		(v) if $m = -2$ then, $y_n = \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)! a^n}{(ax + b)^{n+1}}$
04	$y = \log(ax + b)$	$y_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)! a^n}{(ax + b)^n}$

❖ **Problems Based On Above Formulas :**

1. Obtain 5th derivative of e^{2x} .
2. Obtain 3rd derivative of 3^{5x} .
3. Obtain 4th derivative of $(2x + 3)^5$
4. Obtain 4th derivative of $(2x + 3)^3$
5. Obtain 4th derivative of $(2x + 3)^4$
6. Obtain 4th derivative of $\frac{1}{(2x + 3)}$

❖ **n^{th} derivatives of reciprocal of polynomials (n^{th} derivatives of functions which contain polynomials in denominators) :**

Consider

$$y = \frac{ax + b}{cx^2 + dx + e} \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{1}{cx^2 + dx + e}$$

To find nth derivative of above kind function first obtain partial fractions of $f(x)$ or y .

To get partial fractions:

If $y = \frac{1}{cx^2 + dx + e}$ then first factorize $cx^2 + dx + e$.

Let $(fx + g)$, $(hx + i)$ be factors then $y = \frac{1}{(fx + g)(hx + i)}$

Find A & B such that $y = \frac{A}{fx + g} + \frac{B}{hx + i}$

obtain n^{th} derivatives of above fractions separately and add them, answer will give n^{th} derivative of y .

❖ **Note:**

If polynomial in denominator is of higher Degree then we will have more factors .(Do the same process for all the factors).

➤ If $y = \frac{1}{(fx+g)^2 \cdot (hx+i)}$ then use factors $y = \frac{A}{(fx+g)^2} + \frac{B}{hx+i} + \frac{C}{fx+g}$

❖ **Problems Based On Above Formulas & notes :**

Obtain n^{th} derivatives of followings:

(1) $\frac{1}{a^2 - x^2}$ (2) $\frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ (3) $\frac{x}{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}$ (4) $\frac{x^2}{(x+2)(2x+3)}$ (5) $\frac{8x}{(x+2)(x-2)^2}$
 (6) $x \log \frac{(x-1)}{(x+1)}$ (7) $\frac{1}{x^2+a^2}$ (8) $\frac{1}{x^2+x+1}$.

❖ **ASSIGNMENT (01) :**

Obtain n^{th} derivatives of followings:

(1) $\frac{a-x}{a+x}$ (2) $\frac{1}{(x-1)^2(x-2)}$ (3) $\frac{x^4}{(x-1)(x-2)}$ (4) $\frac{x}{a^2+x^2}$

❖ **List of formulas (02) :**

Sr no.	Function	n^{th} derivative
01	$y = \sin(ax + b)$	(i) $y_n = a^n \sin(ax + b + n\pi/2)$ (ii) if $b=0, a=1$ then $y = \sin x$ & $y_n = \sin(x + n\pi/2)$
02	$y = \cos(ax + b)$	(i) $y_n = a^n \cos(ax + b + n\pi/2)$ (ii) if $b=0, a=1$ then $y = \cos x$ & $y_n = \cos(x + n\pi/2)$
03	$y = e^{ax} \sin(bx + c)$	(i) $y_n = r^n e^{ax} \sin(bx + c + n\Theta)$ where $r = (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}$ $\Theta = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$
04	$y = e^{ax} \cos(bx + c)$	(i) $y_n = r^n e^{ax} \cos(bx + c + n\Theta)$ where $r = (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2}$ $\Theta = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$

❖ **Problems Based On Above Formulas :**

1. Obtain 4th derivative of $\sin(3x+5)$.
2. Obtain 3rd derivative of $e^{2x} \cos 3x$

❖ **Problems Based On Above Formulas :**

Obtain nth derivatives of followings:

- (1) $\sin x \sin 2x$ (2) $\sin^2 x \cos^3 x$ (3) $\cos^4 x$ (4) $e^{2x} \cos x \sin^2 2x$

❖ **ASSIGNMENT (02) :**

Obtain nth derivatives of followings:

- (1) $\cos x \cos 2x \cos 3x$ (2) $\sin^4 x$ (3) $e^{-x} \cos^2 x \sin x$

❖ **Some Problems (Problems Of Special Type) Based On Above All (01& 02) formulas:**

- (1) For $y = \frac{x^3}{x^2-1}$,

Show that, $\left(\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}\right)_{x=0} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ (-n) & \text{if } n \text{ is odd integer greater than } 1 \end{cases}$

- (2) If $y = \cosh 2x$, show that
 $y_n = 2^n \sinh 2x$, when n is odd.
 $= 2^n \cosh 2x$, when n is even.

- (3) Find nth derivative of following:

(i) $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)$ (ii) $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$ (iii) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$ (iv) $\tan^{-1}x$

- (4) If $u = \sin nx + \cos nx$, show that

$$u_r = n^r \left[1 + (-1)^r \sin 2nx\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where u_r denotes the rth derivative of u with respect to x .

- (5) If $I_n = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^n \log x)$,

Prove that $I_n = n I_{n-1} + (n-1)!$,
Hence show that

$$I_n = n! \left(\log x + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

❖ **Leibnitz's theorem(only statement):**

If $y = u \cdot v$,
 where u & v are functions of x possessing derivatives of n th order then,
 $y_n = nC_0 u_n v + nC_1 u_{n-1} v_1 + nC_2 u_{n-2} v_2 + \dots + nC_r u_{n-r} v_r + \dots + nC_n u v_n$

where, $nCr = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

Properties:

- 1) $nCr = nC_{n-r}$
- 2) $nC_0 = 1 = nC_n$
- 3) $nC_1 = n = nC_{n-1}$

❖ **Note:**

Generally we can take any function as u and any as v . (If $y = u \cdot v$)
 But take v as the function whose derivative becomes zero after some order.

❖ **Problems Based On Leibnitz's theorem:**

Obtain n^{th} derivatives of followings:

- (1) $x^3 \log x$ (2) $\frac{x^n}{x+1}$ (3) $x^2 e^x \cos x$

❖ **ASSIGNMENT (03) :**

Obtain n^{th} derivatives of followings (using Leibnitz's theorem):

- (1) $x^2 \log x$ (2) $x^2 e^x$ (3) $x \tan^{-1} x$.

❖ **Solved Problems (Problems Of Special Type) Based On Leibnitz's theorem:**

(1) If $y = \sin(m \sin^{-1} x)$
 Then prove, $(1-x^2)y_{n+2} - (2n+1)xy_{n+1} + (m^2 - n^2)y_n = 0$

(2) If $y = \cot^{-1} x$,
 Then prove, $(1+x^2)y_{n+2} + 2(n+1)xy_{n+1} + n(n+1)y_n = 0$

(3) If $y^{1/m} + y^{-1/m} = 2x$
 Then prove, $(x^2-1)y_{n+2} + (2n+1)xy_{n+1} + (n^2 - m^2)y_n = 0$

❖ **ASSIGNMENT (04) :**

(1) If $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{b}\right) = \log\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^n$ then prove, $x^2 y_{n+2} + (2n+1)xy_{n+1} + 2n^2 y_n = 0$

(2) If $y = (x^2-1)^n$ then prove, $(x^2-1)y_{n+2} + 2xy_{n+1} - n(n+1)y_n = 0$

(3) If $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a+x}{a-x}\right)$ then prove, $(a^2+x^2)y_{n+2} + 2(n+1)xy_{n+1} + n(n+1)y_n = 0$