

Ex. nth differential coefficient (derivative) of

$$(i) \frac{1}{ax+b} \quad \& \quad (ii) \frac{1}{(ax+b)^2}$$

Solution (i) Let $y = \frac{1}{ax+b} = (ax+b)^{-1}$

Differentiating y w.r.t x , successively
We get

$$y_1 = (-1)a(ax+b)^{-2}$$

$$y_2 = (-1)(-2)a^2(ax+b)^{-3}$$

$$y_3 = (-1)(-2)(-3)a^3(ax+b)^{-4}$$

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$$y_n = (-1)(-2)(-3)\dots(-n)a^n(ax+b)^{-(n+1)} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

and Again differentiating E_n ①, we get

$$y_{n+1} = (-1)(-2)(-3)\dots(-n)(-n-1)a^{n+1}(ax+b)^{-(n+2)}$$

Hence, y_{n+1} is of the same form as y_n given by

E_n (1). This is true for $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ so on.

Then by mathematical induction, E_n ① true $\forall n$.

From E_n (1), we can write y_n as:-

$$y_n = (-1)^n [1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n] a^n (ax+b)^{-(n+1)}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y_n = \frac{(-1)^n (n!) a^n}{(ax+b)^{n+1}}}$$

Ex for (ii) Let $y = (ax+b)^{-2}$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t x , we get

$$y_1 = (-2)a(ax+b)^{-3}$$

$$y_2 = (-2)(-3)a^2(ax+b)^{-4}$$

$$y_3 = (-2)(-3)(-4)a^3(ax+b)^{-5}$$

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Now

$$y_n = (-2)(-3)(-4) \dots (-n+1) a^n (ax+b)^{-(n+2)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Again diff. y_n w.r.t x , we get

$$y_{n+1} = (-2)(-3)(-4) \dots [-(n+1)][-(n+2)] a^{n+1} (ax+b)^{-(n+3)}$$

Hence, y_{n+1} is of the same form as y_n , given by Eq (2).

If Eq (2) is true for $n=1, 3, 5, \dots$ & on.

Then by mathematical induction, Eq (2) is true for every even n .

From Eq (2) we can write y_n

$$y_n = (-1)^n (n+1)! a^n (ax+b)^{-(n+2)}$$

$$y_n = \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)! a^n}{(ax+b)^{n+2}}$$

Exp. If $y = \frac{1}{x^2+a^2}$. Find y_n .

Solution Given $y = \frac{1}{x^2+a^2}$ $\because x^2+a^2 = (x+ia)(x-ia)$

$$y = \frac{1}{(x+ia)(x-ia)}$$

$$y = \frac{A}{(x+ia)} + \frac{B}{(x-ia)} = \frac{A(x-ia) + B(x+ia)}{(x+ia)(x-ia)} = \frac{1}{(x^2+a^2)}$$

$$A(x-ia) + B(x+ia) = 1$$

$$\text{Putting } x = ia \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2ia}$$

$$\text{Putting } x = -ia \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2ia}$$

$$\text{Then } y = \frac{-1}{2ia(x+ia)} + \frac{1}{2ia(x-ia)}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2ia} \left[\frac{1}{x-ia} - \frac{1}{x+ia} \right]$$

$$\text{We have } y = \frac{1}{ax+b} \Rightarrow y_n = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(ax+b)^{n+1}}$$

$$\text{Then } y_n = \frac{1}{2ia} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x-ia)^{n+1}} - \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+ia)^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$y_n = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2ia} \left[\frac{1}{(x-ia)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(x+ia)^{n+1}} \right] \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Hence, it is the n th derivative of $\frac{1}{x^2+a^2}$.