

Leibnitz's Theorem - If  $u$  and  $v$  are two functions of  $x$  such that their  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivatives exist, then the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of their product is given by:-

$$(UV)_n = U_n V + n C_1 U_{n-1} V_1 + n C_2 U_{n-2} V_2 + \dots + n C_r U_{n-r} V_r + \dots + UV_n.$$

Where  $U_r$  &  $V_r$  represent  $r^{\text{th}}$  derivatives of  $u$  &  $v$  respectively.

Proof:- By method of induction

$$\text{Let } y = UV \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $u, v$  are function of  $x$

Eq<sup>n</sup> (1) directly differentiating successively, we get

$$y_1 = u_1 v + v_1 u$$

$$y_2 = (u_2 v + u_1 v_1) + (v_2 u + v_1 u_1)$$

$$y_2 = u_2 v + 2u_1 v_1 + u v_2$$

$$y_2 = u_2 v + 2 C_1 u_1 v_1 + 2 C_2 u v_2 \quad \left( \because 2 C_2 = 1 \right)$$

$$y_3 = u_3 v + u_2 v_1 + 2(u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1) + v_3 u + u_1 v_2$$

$$= u_3 v + 3u_2 v_1 + 3u_1 v_2 + v_3 u$$

$$y_3 = u_3 v + 3 C_1 u_2 v_1 + 3 C_2 u_1 v_2 + 3 C_3 u v_3 \quad \left( \because 3 C_1 = 3 \right)$$

$$\left( \because 3 C_2 = 3 \right)$$

Thus, this theorem is true for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

According to the law of induction, we assume that this theorem is true for  $n=m$  i.e. we shall get the same formal expression for  $y_m$  as-

$$y_m = U_m V + m_0 U_{m-1} V_1 + m_2 U_{m-2} V_2 + \dots +$$

$$\dots + m_{r-1} U_{m-r+1} V_{r-1} + m_r U_{m-r} V_r + \dots +$$

$$\dots + m_{m-1} U_{m-1} V_1 + m_m U V_m \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Differentiating once, we get

$$y_{m-1} = U_{m+1} V + U_m V_1 + m_0 (U_m V_1 + U_{m-1} V_2) +$$

$$m_2 (U_{m-1} V_2 + U_{m-2} V_3) + m_{r-1} (U_{m-r+2} V_{r-1} + U_{m-r+1} V_r)$$

$$+ m_r (U_{m-r+1} V_r + U_{m-r} V_{r+1}) + m_{m-1} (U_1 V_m + U V_{m+1})$$

$$+ m_m (U_1 V_m + U V_{m+1})$$

$$y_{m-1} = U_{m+1} V + U_m V_1 (m_0 + m_1) + U_{m-1} V_2 (m_1 + m_2)$$

$$+ \dots + U_{m-r+1} V_r (m_{r-1} + m_r) + \dots +$$

$$U_1 V_m (m_{m-1} + m_m) + m_m U V_{m+1}$$

We have

$$m_{r-1} + m_r = m_{r+1}$$

Putting  $r=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$m_0 + m_1 = m_2; \quad m_1 + m_2 = m_3 \text{ etc.}$$

Now

$$\Rightarrow y_{m+1} = U_{m+1} V + m_{r+1} U_m V_1 + m_{r+2} U_{m-1} V_2 + \dots$$

$$+ \dots + m_{r+1} U_{m-r+1} V_r + m_{m+1} U V_{m+1}$$

This theorem is also true for the next higher integer  $n = m+1$ . Hence this theorem is true for every value of  $n$ .