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# LEIBNIZ' S RULE OF DIFFERENTIATION

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**Leibniz Theorem**

If  $y = u(x)v(x)$  then

$$y_n = \sum_{r=1}^n \binom{n}{r} u_r v_{n-r} = u_n + nu_{n-1}v_1 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}u_{n-2}v_2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}u_{n-3}v_3 + \dots,$$

where  $u_m = \frac{d^m u}{dx^m}$  and  $v_m = \frac{d^m v}{dx^m}$ .

 **$n^{\text{th}}$  order differential coefficients**

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^a) = y_n = \frac{a!}{(a-n)!}a^{a-n}$$

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(e^{ax}) = y_n = a^n e^{ax}$$

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(\sin ax) = y_n = a^n \sin \left[ ax + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(\cos ax) = y_n = a^n \cos \left[ ax + \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(\sinh ax) = y_n = \frac{1}{2}a^n \left[ \left[ 1 - (-1)^n \right] \sinh ax + \left[ 1 + (-1)^n \right] \cosh ax \right]$$

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Question 1 (\*\*\*)

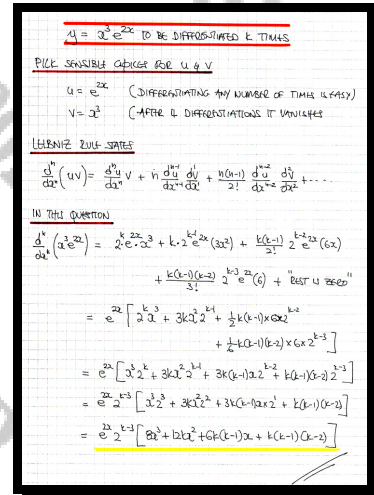
$$y = x^3 e^{2x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Use the Leibniz rule to show that

$$\frac{d^k y}{dx^k} = e^{2x} 2^{k-3} f(x, k), \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $f(x, k)$  is a function to be found.

$$\boxed{\phantom{0000}}, \quad \frac{d^k y}{dx^k} = e^{2x} 2^{k-3} \left[ 8x^3 + 12kx^2 + 6k(k-1)x + k(k-1)(k-2) \right]$$



Question 2 (\*\*\*)

$$y = x^4 \cos x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Use the Leibniz rule to find a simplified expression for  $\frac{d^6 y}{dx^6}$ .

$\frac{d^6 y}{dx^6} = 24x(20 - x^2) \sin x - (x^4 - 180x^2 + 360) \cos x$

USING LEIBNIZ RULE FOR PRODUCTS

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(uv) = \frac{d^n u}{dx^n} v + n \frac{d^{n-1} u}{dx^{n-1}} \frac{d^1 v}{dx^1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \frac{d^{n-2} u}{dx^{n-2}} \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \frac{d^{n-3} u}{dx^{n-3}} \frac{d^3 v}{dx^3} + \dots$$

Here  $y = x^4 \cos x$

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$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(x)) = -\sin(x)$

USING THE RULE VICE VERSA

$$\frac{d^6}{dx^6}(x^4 \cos x) = \frac{d^6}{dx^6}(x^4) \cos x + \frac{d^5}{dx^5}(x^4) \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) + \frac{d^4}{dx^4}(x^4) \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\cos x) + \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(x^4) \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(\cos x) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(x^4) \frac{d^4}{dx^4}(\cos x) + \frac{d}{dx}(x^4) \frac{d^5}{dx^5}(\cos x) + x^4 \frac{d^6}{dx^6}(\cos x)$$

$$= 24x^2(2+3!) + 6(x^4) \frac{d^5}{dx^5}(\cos x) + \frac{d^4}{dx^4}(x^4) \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\cos x) + \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(x^4) \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(\cos x) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(x^4) \frac{d^4}{dx^4}(\cos x) + \frac{d}{dx}(x^4) \frac{d^5}{dx^5}(\cos x) + x^4 \frac{d^6}{dx^6}(\cos x)$$

$$= 24x^2(2+3!) + 6(x^4) \frac{d^5}{dx^5}(\cos x) + 15(x^4) \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\cos x) + 12x^3 \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(\cos x) + 20(x^4) \frac{d^4}{dx^4}(\cos x) + 15(x^4) \frac{d^5}{dx^5}(\cos x) + x^4 \frac{d^6}{dx^6}(\cos x)$$

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$$= 24x^2(2+3!) + 24x^2 \cos(x) + 180x^2 \cos(x) + 480x \sin(x) + 360 \cos(x)$$

$$= 24x^2(20 - x^2) \sin x - (x^4 - 180x^2 + 360) \cos x$$

**Question 3** (\*\*\*)

The function with equation  $y = f(x)$  is differentiable  $n$  times,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and satisfies the following relationship.

$$(1+x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0.$$

Use the Leibniz rule to show that at  $x = 0$

$$\frac{d^{n+2} y}{dx^{n+2}} = (4-n^2) \frac{d^n y}{dx^n}.$$

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