

1) If $y = e^{2x+1}$ show that $y'' = y(2x+1) + 2y$ and hence prove that $y^{(n+2)} = (2x+1)y^{(n+1)} + 2^{(n+1)}y$

Soln

$$y = e^{2x+1}$$

$$\text{Let } u = 2x+1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^{2x+1}$$

or

$$y' = 2y$$

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$$= 2x + 1$$

where $u = 2x+1$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = e^{2x+1} \cdot (2x+1) = y'$$

or

$$\text{if } y' = e^{2x+1} (2x+1) = y'$$

$$\text{then } y'' = 2e^{2x} e^{2x+1} (2x+1) + [e^{2x+1} \cdot (2x+1)] (2x+1)$$

$$y'' = 2e^{2x+1} + e^{2x+1} \cdot (2x+1) \cdot (2x+1)$$

$$\text{but } y = e^{2x+1}$$

$$\text{or } y' = e^{2x+1} (2x+1)$$

$$y'' = 2y + y'(2x+1)$$

Applying Leibnitz theorem to the above equation find the n th derivative

$$y^{(n+2)} = 2^{(n+1)}y + y^{(n+1)}(2x+1)$$

2) Using Leibnitz theorem given that

$$y = 2^x e^{4x} \text{ determine } y^{(n)}$$

Soln

Recall that Leibnitz theorem states that

$$y^{(n)} = {}^n P_0 y + {}^n P_1 y' + {}^n P_2 y'' + {}^n P_3 y''' + \dots + {}^n P_n y^{(n)}$$

where $u = e^{4x}$

$v = 2x^3$

$u' = 4e^{4x}$

$v' = 6x^2$

$u^2 = 16e^{8x}$

$v^2 = 36x^4$

$u^3 = 64e^{12x}$

$v^3 = 8x^6$

$u^4 = 256e^{16x}$

$v^4 = 16x^8$

$u^5 = 1024e^{20x}$

Therefore

$$y^5 = 1024e^{20x}(2x^3) + 5(256e^{12x})(6x^4) + 10(64e^{8x})(36x^6) + 10(16e^{4x})(216x^8) + 5(4e^{4x})(81x^9)$$

$$= 1024x^3 \cdot e^{4x} + 2880x^2 e^{4x} + 2880x e^{4x} + 960e^{4x}$$

$$y^5 = e^{4x} (1024x^3 + 2880x^2 + 2880x + 960)$$

ii) If $x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

show that $x^2 y^{(n+2)} + (2n+1)xy^{(n+1)} + (n^2+1)y^n = 0$

soln

The equation can be written as $x^2 y'' + xy' + y = 0$

let $w_1 = x^2 y''$, $w_2 = xy'$ and $w_3 = y$

solving for $w_1 = x^2 y''$

let $u = x^2$, $u' = 2x$, $u'' = 2$, $u''' = 0$

$$w_1 = y^{(n+2)} x^2 + n y^{(n+1)} 2x + n(n-1) y^n \cdot 2 + 0$$

$w_2 = xy'$

let $u = y'$, $u' = y''$

let $v = x$, $v' = 1$ and $v'' = 0$

$$w_2 = y^{(n+1)} \cdot x + n y^n \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$= x y^{n+1} + n y^n$$

$w_3 = y^{(n)}$

combining

$w = w_1 + w_2 + w_3$

$$w = x^2 y^{(n+2)} + n y^{(n+1)} (2x) + n(n-1) y^n \cdot 2 + x y^{n+1} + n y^n + y^{(n)}$$

$+ n y^n + y^n = 0$

$$= x^2 y^{(n+2)} + 2x y^{(n+1)} (2n) + y^n [n(n-1) + n + 1] = 0$$

$$x^2 y^{(n+2)} + (2n+1)xy^{(n+1)} + (n^2+1)y^{(n)} = 0$$