

Given that $y = x \sin x$, find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4}$, simplifying your results as far as possible, and show that

$$\frac{d^6y}{dx^6} = -x \sin x + 6 \cos x.$$

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$$y = x \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cos x + \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -x \sin x + \cos x + \cos x \\ &= -x \sin x + 2 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= -x \cos x - \sin x - 2 \sin x \\ &= -x \cos x - 3 \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} &= x \sin x - \cos x - 3 \cos x \\ &= x \sin x - 4 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^5y}{dx^5} = x \cos x + \sin x + 4 \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^6y}{dx^6} &= -x \sin x + \cos x + 5 \cos x \\ &= -x \sin x + 6 \cos x \end{aligned}$$

let P_n be the statement that for some positive integer n ,

$$\frac{d^{2n}y}{dx^{2n}} = (-1)^n (x \sin x - 2n \cos x)$$

For the base case $n=1$,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -x \sin x + 2 \cos x$$

$$= (-1)^1 (x \sin x - 2 \cos x) \therefore P_1 \text{ is true}$$

Assume that for some positive integer $n=k$,

$$\frac{d^{2k}y}{dx^{2k}} = (-1)^k (x \sin x - 2k \cos x)$$

Then, for $n=k+1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^{2k+2}y}{dx^{2k+2}} &= (-1)^k (x \cos x + \sin x + 2k \sin x) \\ &= (-1)^k (x \cos x + (2k+1) \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^{2(k+1)}y}{dx^{2(k+1)}} &= (-1)^k (-x \sin x + \cos x + (2k+1) \cos x) \\ &= (-1)^{k+1} (x \sin x - (2(k+1)) \cos x) \\ \therefore P_k &\Rightarrow P_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore As P_1 is true, and $P_k \Rightarrow P_{k+1}$, by mathematical induction for all positive integers n , $\frac{d^{2n}y}{dx^{2n}} = (-1)^n (x \sin x - 2n \cos x)$