

16. Higher derivatives

4)

$$y = (x+1)^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = n!(-1)^n(x+1)^{-1-n}}$$

0	$(x+1)^{-1}$
1	$-1(x+1)^{-2} \cdot 1$
2	$2(x+1)^{-3} \cdot 1$
3	$-6(x+1)^{-4} \cdot 1$
4	$24(x+1)^{-5} \cdot 1$
5	$-120(x+1)^{-6} \cdot 1$
\vdots	

5b)

$$y = u(x)v(x) = uv$$

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{d^{n-k} u}{dx^{n-k}} \cdot \frac{d^k v}{dx^k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \right) \cdot \frac{d^{n-k} u}{dx^{n-k}} \cdot \frac{d^k v}{dx^k}$$

general Leibniz product rule

$$y = x^p(1+x)^q = u^p v^q$$

$$p+q=n$$

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{d^{n-k} u^p}{dx^{n-k}} \cdot \frac{d^k v^q}{dx^k}$$

evaluates to 0
when $k > q$

evaluates to 0
when $(n-k) > p$

$k=q$ is the only value of k that
results in a nonzero term of the sum

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{p+q} \left(\frac{(p+q)!}{k!(p+q-k)!} \right) \cdot \frac{d^{p+q-k} x^p}{dx^{p+q-k}} \cdot \frac{d^k (1+x)^q}{dx^k}$$

$$= \frac{(p+q)!}{q!p!} \cdot \frac{d^p}{dx^p} x^p \cdot \frac{d^q}{dx^q} (1+x)^q$$

$$= \frac{(p+q)!}{q!p!} p!q!$$

$$= \boxed{(p+q)!}$$