

CALCULUS : Successive Differentiation

If $f(x) = \tan x$, show that

$$f^{(4)}(0) = 16$$

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$$f(x) = \tan x. \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x. \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$f''(x) = 0 + 2 \tan x \frac{d}{dx} \tan x$$

$$= 2 \tan x \cdot \sec^2 x$$

$$= 2 \tan x (1 + \tan^2 x)$$

$$= 2 \tan x + 2 \tan^3 x$$

$$f''(x) = 2 f(x) + 2 [f(x)]^3 \text{ --- (iii)}$$

$$f'''(x) = 2 f'(x) + 2 \times 3 (f(x))^{3-1} \frac{d}{dx} f(x)$$

$$= 2 f'(x) + 6 \underbrace{(f(x))^2}_{\text{I}} \underbrace{f'(x)}_{\text{II}} \text{ --- IV}$$

$$f^{\text{IV}}(x) = 2 f''(x) + 6 \left[\underbrace{(f(x))^2}_{\text{I}} \underbrace{f''(x)}_{\text{II}} + \underbrace{f'(x)}_{\text{III}} \underbrace{2 f(x) \frac{d}{dx} f(x)}_{\text{IV}} \right]$$

$$f^{IV}(x) = 2 f''(x) + 6 f''(x)(f(x))^2 + 12 f(x)(f'(x))^2 \quad \text{--- V}$$

$$f^{IV}(x) = 2 f^{IV}(x) + 6 \left[f''(x) 2(f(x))^{2-1} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) + (f(x))^2 f^{IV}(x) \right]$$

$$+ 12 \left[f(x) 2 f'(x) \frac{d}{dx} f'(x) + (f'(x))^2 f''(x) \right]$$



$$= 2 f^{(2)}(x) + 12 f''(x) f(x) f'(x) + 6 (f(x))^2 f'''(x) \\ + 24 f(x) f'(x) f''(x) + 12 (f'(x))^3 \quad \text{--- VI}$$

Put $x=0$ in I to VI.

$$f(0) = 0 \quad f''(0) = 0 \quad f^{IV}(0) = 0$$

$$f'(0) = 1 \quad f'''(0) = 2 \quad f^{V}(0) = 16$$

$$f^{VI}(0) = 16 \quad \text{Hence } \underline{\underline{\text{Proved}}}$$