

## UNIT - V

## FUNCTION OF CHAIN RULE

$$y \rightarrow u \rightarrow x$$

$$[y = f(x)]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example 18:

Prove that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$  where  $y$  is a function of  $u$  and  $u$  is function of  $x$ .

Soln:

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta u} \cdot \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta u} \cdot \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta u} \cdot \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example :

To find the derivative of  $e^{7x+9}$

Soln

$$\text{let } y = e^{7x+9}$$

$$y = e^u$$

$$\text{where } u = 7x+9$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = e^u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 7(1)+0$$

$$= 7$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

②

$$= e^u \cdot 7$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 7 e^{7x+9}$$

Note:

1. If  $y$  is a function of  $u$ ,  $u$  is a function of  $v$  and  $v$  is a function of  $x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dv} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} \quad [y \rightarrow u \rightarrow v \rightarrow x]$$

2. Corollary to the chain rule:

$$y = x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dx} = \frac{dx}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = 1$$

$$1 = \frac{dx}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\frac{dx}{du}}$$

Example 19:

Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$

$$y = (ax + b)^n$$

Soln:

$$\text{let } y = (ax + b)^n$$

$$y = u^n$$

$$\text{Where } u = ax + b$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = a$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = nu^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= nu^{n-1} \cdot a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = na(ax+b)^{n-1}$$

ii)  $e^{ax+b}$

Soln

let  $y = e^{ax+b}$

$$y = e^u$$

Where  $u = ax+b$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = e^u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= e^u \cdot a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a e^{ax+b}$$

iii)  $\log_e(ax+b)$

Soln

let  $y = \log_e(ax+b)$

$$y = \log_e u$$

Where  $u = ax+b$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{u} \cdot a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a}{ax+b}$$

④ Example 20: Find

i)  $\frac{d}{dx} (\log ax)$

Soln

Let  $y = \log ax$

$y = \log u$

Where  $u = ax$

$\frac{du}{dx} = a$

$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{u}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

$= \frac{1}{u} \cdot a$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a}{ax}$

ii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \log(5x+7)$

Soln

Let  $y = \log(5x+7)$

$y = \log u$

Where  $u = 5x+7$

$\frac{du}{dx} = 5$

$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{u}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$

$= \frac{1}{u} \cdot 5$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{5x+7}$

iii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \log(\sqrt{2x+3})$

Soln.

Let  $y = \log \sqrt{2x+3}$

$$y = \log(2x+3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

(5)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log(2x+3)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log u \quad \text{Where } u = 2x+3$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2x+3} \cdot 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2x+3}$$

Example 21:

Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$

b)  $(3x^2 + 4x - 5)^3$

Soln let  $y = (3x^2 + 4x - 5)^3$

$$y = u^3$$

$$\text{Where } u = 3x^2 + 4x - 5$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 3u^2$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 6x + 4$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 3u^2 \cdot (6x + 4)$$

$$= 3(3x^2 + 4x - 5)^2 (6x + 4)$$

6

$$= 3(3x^2 + 4x - 5)^2 \cdot 2(3x + 2)$$

$$= 6(3x + 2)(3x^2 + 4x - 5)^2$$

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

ii)  $x^x$

Soln

$$\text{Let } y = x^x$$

As  $x$  is in the power, by taking  $\log_e$  on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} \log_e y &= \log_e x^x \\ &= x \log_e x \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t  $x$

$$\log_e y = x \log_e x$$

$$uv = x \log_e x$$

$$uv = uv' + v u' \quad \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log_e x \cdot 1$$

$$\Rightarrow u = x \mid u' = 1 \quad \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \log_e x$$

$$v = \log_e x \mid v' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$uv = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log_e x \cdot 1 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = (1 + \log_e x) y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (x^x) = (1 + \log_e x) x^x$$

Note:

When  $x$  is in power or many factors in a product or quotient, it will be convenient to introduce  $\log_e$  on both sides

Example 22:

If  $y = x^{x^x}$  find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Soln

Let  $y = x^{x^x}$

Taking  $\log_e$  on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}\log_e y &= \log_e (x^{x^x}) \\ &= x^x \log_e x\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate with respect to  $x$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = x^x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \log_e x (1 + \log_e x) x^x$$

[from example 21]

$$= x^x \left[ \frac{1}{x} + (1 + \log_e x) \log_e x \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^x \left[ \frac{1}{x} + (1 + \log_e x) \log_e x \right] y$$

$$= x^x \left[ \frac{1}{x} + (1 + \log_e x) \log_e x \right] x^{x^x}$$

Example 23:

Find the derivative of  $a^x$  where  $a$  is a constant.

Soln

Let  $y = a^x$

Take  $\log_e$  on both sides

$$\log_e y = \log_e a^x$$

$\log_e y = x \log_e a$   
Differentiating with respect to  $x$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \log_e a$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\log_e a) y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\log_e a) a^x$$

Example 24:

Find the derivative of  $5^x x^5 \Rightarrow UV = UV' + VU'$

$$u = 5^x \quad v = x^5$$

Soln.

$$\text{Let } y = 5^x x^5$$

$$y = 5^x \quad v' = 5x^4$$

$$\log_e y = x \log_e 5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5^x (5x^4) + x^5 (\log_e 5) 5^x \quad \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \log_e 5$$

$$= 5^x x^4 (5 + x \log_e 5) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = (\log_e 5) y$$

$$u' = \frac{dy}{dx} = (\log_e 5) 5^x$$

Example 25:

Differentiate the following w.r.t to  $x$

$$y = \frac{x^{1/2} (1+x)^{1/3}}{(1+2x)^{1/4} (1+3x)^{1/5}}$$

Soln.

Taking  $\log_e$  on both sides

$$\log_e y = \log_e \left[ \frac{x^{1/2} (1+x)^{1/3}}{(1+2x)^{1/4} (1+3x)^{1/5}} \right]$$

$$\log_e [x^{1/2} (1+x)^{1/3}]$$

$$\log_e [(1+2x)^{1/4} (1+3x)^{1/5}]$$

$$\log_e x^{1/2} + \log (1+x)^{1/3}$$

$$\log_e (1+2x)^{1/4} + \log (1+3x)^{1/5}$$

$$= \log x^{1/2} + \log (1+x)^{1/3} - \log (x+2x)^{1/4} - \log (1+3x)^{1/5}$$

$$\log_e y = \frac{1}{2} \log x + \frac{1}{3} \log (1+x) - \frac{1}{4} \log (x+2x) - \frac{1}{5} \log (1+3x)$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t  $x$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{x+2x} - \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{1+3x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{3(1+x)} - \frac{1}{2(x+2x)} - \frac{3}{5(1+3x)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left[ \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{3(1+x)} - \frac{1}{2(x+2x)} - \frac{3}{5(1+3x)} \right] y$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{3(1+x)} - \frac{1}{2(x+2x)} - \frac{3}{5(1+3x)} \right] \frac{x^{1/2} (1+x)^{1/3}}{(1+2x)^{1/4} (1+3x)^{1/5}}$$

Note:

$\frac{dy}{dx}$  can be found out without taking  $\log_e$  on both sides of the equation.

Example 26:

Differentiate  $x^2 \log_a x$  with respect to  $x$

Soln

Let  $y = x^2 \log_a x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} (\log_a x) + \log_a x \frac{d}{dx} (x^2)$$

$$= x^2 \frac{d}{dx} (\log_e x \cdot \log_a e) + \log_a x \frac{d}{dx} (x^2)$$

$$= x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \log_a e + \log_a x \cdot 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x (\log_a e + 2 \log_a x)$$

Example 27:

Find  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \log_e \left( \frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1} \right) \right]$

Soln.

Let  $y = \log_e \left( \frac{x^2+1}{x^2-1} \right)$

$$y = \log_e (x^2+1) - \log_e (x^2-1)$$

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

$$= \frac{2x}{x^2+1} - \frac{2x}{x^2-1}$$

$$= 2x \left( \frac{1}{x^2+1} - \frac{1}{x^2-1} \right)$$

$$= 2x \left[ \frac{(x^2-1) - (x^2+1)}{(x^2+1)(x^2-1)} \right]$$

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

Differentiation of Implicit Functions:

Example 28: Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of

i)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Soln

Differentiating with respect to  $x$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2y} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

$$\text{ii) } xy = c^2$$

Soln Differentiating with respect to  $x$

$$xy = c^2$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = -y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{x}$$

Example 29 :

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $x^3 - 8xy + 3y^2 = 14$

Soln

Differentiating both sides w.r. to  $x$

$$x^3 - 8xy + 3y^2 = 14$$

$$3x^2 - 8\left(x \frac{dy}{dx} + y\right) + 6y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 8x \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y + 6y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 8y + (6y - 8x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$(6y - 8x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 8y - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8y - 3x^2}{6y - 8x}$$

Parametric Form :

If  $x$  is a function of  $t$  and  $y$  is another function of  $t$ . both the variable  $x$  and  $y$  are function of a third variable

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

Example 30:

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $x = 4t$  and  $y = 2t^2$

Soln.

Given  $x = 4t$  and  $y = 2t^2$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 4 \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 4t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4t}{4} = t$$

Given function  $x = 4t$  and  $y = 2t^2$

$$\frac{2y}{x} = \frac{2(2t^2)}{4t} = \frac{4t^2}{4t}$$

$$t = \frac{2y}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y}{x}$$

Value of a Derivative at specified

Values of  $x$

Example 31:

If  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 50}{x^2}$  find  $f(5)$  and  $f(10)$

Soln.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2} - \frac{2x^2}{x^2} + \frac{50}{x^2}$$

$$= x - 2 + \frac{50}{x^2}$$

Differentiating both sides,

$$f(x) = 1 + 50 \left( \frac{-2}{x^3} \right)$$

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{100}{x^3}$$

When  $x=5$

$$f(5) = 1 - \frac{100}{(5)^3} = 1 - \frac{100}{125}$$

$$= 1 - 0.8$$

$$f(5) = 0.2$$

When  $x=10$

$$f(10) = 1 - \frac{100}{(10)^3} = 1 - \frac{100}{1000}$$

$$= 1 - 0.1$$

$$f(10) = 0.9$$

## Successive Differentiation

If  $y$  is a function of  $x$ , its derivative

$\frac{dy}{dx}$  is some other function of  $x$ .  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

is called first derivative. The derivative

of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is second derivative.  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

Example 32:

If  $y = ae^{mx} + be^{-mx}$  show that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = m^2y$$

Soln

$$y = ae^{mx} + be^{-mx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a \cdot me^{mx} + b(-m)e^{-mx}$$

$$= m(ae^{mx} - be^{-mx})$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = m(ae^{mx} - be^{-mx})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= m [a \cdot m e^{mx} - b (-m) e^{-mx}] \\ &= m [a m e^{mx} + b m e^{-mx}] \\ &= m^2 (a e^{mx} + b e^{-mx}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = m^2 y$$

Example 33:

Find the second derivative of  $(2x-7)^4$  and its value when  $x=5$

Soln.

$$\text{Let } y = (2x-7)^4$$

$$y = u^4$$

$$\text{where } u = 2x-7$$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = 4u^3$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 4(2x-7)^3 \cdot 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8(2x-7)^3$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 8 [3(2x-7)^2 \cdot (2)]$$

$$= 8 [6(2x-7)^2]$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 48(2x-7)^2$$

When  $x=5$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 48(2(5)-7)^2$$

$$= 48(10-7)^2$$

$$= 48(3)^2 = 48(9)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 432$$

Example 34:

Find the fourth derivative of  $\log_e \sqrt{3x+4}$

Soln

$$y = \log_e \sqrt{3x+4}$$

$$= \log_e (3x+4)^{1/2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log_e (3x+4)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log_e u$$

where  $u = 3x+4$

$$\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(3x+4)} \cdot 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2(3x+4)}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{(3x+4)}$$

Let  $v = (3x+4)^{-1}$  where  $u = 3x+4$

$$v = u^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dv}{du} = -u^{-2}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= -(3x+4)^{-2} \cdot 3$$

$$= \frac{-3}{(3x+4)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left( \frac{3}{2} \right) \left( \frac{-3}{(3x+4)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-9}{2} \frac{1}{(3x+4)^2}$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = \frac{-9}{2} (-2) (3x+4)^{-3} (3)$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 27(3x+4)^{-3}$$

$$\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = (27)(-3)(3x+4)^{-4}(3)$$
$$= -243(3x+4)^{-4}$$

$$\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = \frac{-243}{(3x+4)^4}$$

Example 35:

If  $y = x e^{x^2}$  find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}$

Soln Let  $v = e^{x^2}$

$$v = e^u$$

where  $u = e^{x^2}$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = e^u$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= e^u \cdot 2x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2}) = 2x e^{x^2}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2}) + e^{x^2} \frac{d}{dx}(x)$$

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

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

$$= (2x^2 + 1) e^{x^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = (2x^2 + 1) \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2}) + e^{x^2} \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2 + 1)$$

$$= (2x^2 + 1)(2x e^{x^2}) + e^{x^2}(4x)$$

$$= (4x^3 + 2x) e^{x^2} + 4x e^{x^2}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= (4x^3+6x) \frac{d}{dx} (e^{x^2}) + e^{x^2} \frac{d}{dx} (4x^3+6x) \\ &= (4x^3+6x)(2xe^{x^2}) + e^{x^2}(12x^2+6) \\ &= (8x^4+12x^2+12x^2+6)e^{x^2} \\ \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} &= (8x^4+12x^2+6)e^{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 36:

If  $y = x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2}$  where show that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2}} \text{ at } x=a.$$

Soln

$$y = x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2+a^2}}(2x) \\ &= \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2}}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2+a^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = y$$

$$\sqrt{x^2+a^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2+a^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(1 - \frac{x}{x^2+a^2}\right) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+a^2} - x}{(x^2+a^2)(x^2+a^2)} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

When  $x=a$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{\sqrt{a^2+a^2} - a}{2a^2} \cdot \frac{a + \sqrt{2a}}{\sqrt{2a}} \\ &= \frac{2a^2 - a^2}{2\sqrt{2}a^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a^2 \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a^3}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}a} + \frac{axb}{x^2b(1-x^2)}$$

Example 37:

If  $y = ax^2 + bx$  Show that  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$

Soln

$$y = ax^2 + bx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a(2x) + b(1) = 2ax + b$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 2a(1) = 2a$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x^2(2a) - 2x(2ax + b) + (2(ax^2 + bx))$$

$$= 2ax^2 - 4ax^2 - 2bx + 2ax^2 + 2bx$$

$$= 0$$

Example 38:

If  $y = (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m$  Prove that

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

Soln.

$$y = (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = m(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{m-1} \frac{d}{dx} (x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$$

$$= m(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{m-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \right)$$

$$= m(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^{m-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1} + x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{m(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m}{x^2 - 1}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 1} \frac{dy}{dx} = m(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^m$$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t.  $x$

$$\sqrt{x^2-1} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2-1}} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^m}{x^b}$$

$$m \cdot m (x + \sqrt{x^2-1})^{m-1} \left( 1 + \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{x^2-1}} \right)$$

Multiply both side by  $\sqrt{x^2-1}$

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

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