

The Formula of Faà di Bruno: Old and New

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Abstract: The famous formula of F. Faà di Bruno, concerning higher order derivatives of compound functions, is introduced. Using this formula, a new formula for higher order derivative of inverse functions is introduced. This last formula is used in order to obtain another formula for higher order derivatives of functions depending on other functions. This type of formula can be used, e.g. for studying parametric representations.

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