

$$P(x) = (x-a)^m Q(x)$$

$$P'(x), \text{ using the product rule, } = mQ(x)(x-a)^{m-1} + (x-a)^m Q'(x) \\ = (x-a)^{m-1} (mQ(x) + (x-a)Q'(x))$$

The bit in the second bracket is a polynomial as it's just products and sums of polynomials

There will always be a factor of $(x-a)$ in the derivatives, provided the polynomial is differentiated fewer than 'm' times

$$I = \int_{-1}^1 x^m P_n(x) dx \\ u = x^m \rightarrow u' = mx^{m-1} \\ v = \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^n \leftarrow v' = P_n(x)$$

$$I = [x^m \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^n]_{-1}^1 - m \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^n dx$$

The bit in the square brackets is zero. The first part of the question shows that (x^2-1) will be a factor of all derivatives, and substituting -1 or 1 into that factor gives zero.

$$I = 0 - m \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-1} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^n dx$$

$$u = x^{m-1} \rightarrow u' = (m-1)x^{m-2} \\ v = \frac{d^{n-2}}{dx^{n-2}} (x^2-1)^n \leftarrow v' = \frac{d^{n-1}}{dx^{n-1}} (x^2-1)^n$$

$$I = 0 - m [x^{m-1} \frac{d^{n-2}}{dx^{n-2}} (x^2-1)^n]_{-1}^1 + m(m-1) \int_{-1}^1 x^{m-2} \frac{d^{n-2}}{dx^{n-2}} (x^2-1)^n dx$$

The square bracket is zero again, for the same reason.

Eventually we are left with:

$$\pm m! \int_{-1}^1 \frac{d^{n-m}}{dx^{n-m}} (x^2-1)^n dx = \pm m! [\frac{d^{n-m-1}}{dx^{n-m-1}} (x^2-1)^n]_{-1}^1 = 0$$

By the above logic, or if $n = m+1$ then it's obviously 0 anyway

If we use $n = m$ then we should eventually arrive at:

$$I = (-1)^n n! \int_{-1}^1 (x^2-1)^n dx \quad (\text{If you write the first few by parts things}$$

you see that the sign on the integral alternates each time)

$$\text{Let us investigate } \int_{-1}^1 (x^2-1)^n dx$$

$$\text{It's even: } = 2 \int_0^1 (x^2-1)^n dx$$

Use $x = \sin t$

$$dx = \cos t dt \\ x^2 - 1 = -\cos^2 t$$

Limits: $\arcsin 1 = \pi/2, \arcsin 0 = 0$

$$\text{Integral becomes } 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} (-1)^n \cos^{(2n+1)} t dt = 2(-1)^n \frac{(2^n)(n!)^2}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\text{So } I = \frac{(2^{2n+1})(n!)^3}{(2n+1)!} ??$$