

$$7f(x) + 5f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + 1$$

$$t = 24xf(x)$$

$$\left. \frac{dt}{dx} \right|_{x=-1/7} = ?$$

Solution

We have, $7f(x) + 5f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x + 1 \dots\dots\dots(A)$

Replacing x by $\frac{1}{x}$, $7f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 5f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 1 \dots\dots\dots(B)$

(A) + (B) yields, $12 \left[f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right] = x + \frac{1}{x} + 2$

$$\therefore f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x}{12} + \frac{1}{12x} + \frac{1}{6} \dots\dots\dots(C)$$

(A) - (B) yields, $2 \left[f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right] = x - \frac{1}{x}$

$$\therefore f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2x} \dots\dots\dots(D)$$

(C) + (D) yields, $2f(x) = \frac{7x}{12} - \frac{5}{12x} + \frac{1}{6}$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{7x}{24} - \frac{5}{24x} + \frac{1}{12}$$

Now, $t = 24xf(x) = 7x^2 - 5 + 2x$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dt}{dx} \right|_{x=-1/7} = 14x + 2 \Big|_{x=-1/7} = 0$$