

DLN
2.4.1

$$(4.4) \quad \nabla^m \overrightarrow{y}^n = \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k}$$

For $m=1$ the f'la reads

$$\nabla \overrightarrow{y}^n = \overrightarrow{y}^n - \overrightarrow{y}^{n-1}, \text{ obviously true.}$$

Assume (4.3) is true for m & then try to prove for $m+1$. Take ∇ of both sides

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^{m+1} \overrightarrow{y}^n &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} (\overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} - \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k-1}) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} - \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{m!}{(k-1)!(m-k+1)!} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \frac{m!}{k!(m-k)!} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} + \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} (-1)^k \frac{k m!}{k!(m+1-k)!} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \frac{(m+1)!}{k!(m+1-k)!} \frac{m+1-k}{m+1} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} + \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} (-1)^k \frac{(m+1)!}{k!(m+1-k)!} \binom{k}{m+1} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \frac{(m+1)!}{k!(m+1-k)!} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} + (-1)^{m+1} \frac{(m+1)!}{(m+1)! 0!} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \binom{m+1}{k} \overrightarrow{y}^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

↖ $k_{new} = k+1$
↖ the $k=0$ term doesn't contribute.

So the induction is completed.