

For this kind of problem, all you can do is guess, then verify.
We have

$$f(x) = (2-x)^{-1}$$

So, by the chain rule, and with $u = 2-x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 0-1$,

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{du}[u^{-1}] \frac{du}{dx} = (-1)u^{-2} \cdot (-1)$$

$$= (2-x)^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[f'(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}(u^{-2})$$

$$= \frac{d}{du}(u^{-2}) \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= -2u^{-3}(-1)$$

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

$$f'''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[f''(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}(2u^{-3})$$

$$= 2 \frac{d}{du}(u^{-3}) \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 2(-3)u^{-4}(-1)$$

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

and similarly

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 (2-x)^{-5}$$

$$f^{(5)}(x) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 (2-x)^{-6}, \text{ etc.}$$

So it appears that

$$f^{(n)}(x) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \dots n (2-x)^{-(n+1)}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(2-x)^{n+1}} \quad (\text{☺})$$

and you can verify by mathematical induction (see p. 81)

that this guess is correct (in essence, show that $(\text{☺}) \Rightarrow$

$$f^{(n+1)}(x) = \frac{(n+1)!}{(2-x)^{(n+1)+1}} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(2-x)^{(n+2)}} \quad \left. \vphantom{f^{(n+1)}(x)} \right)$$