

Example 25 If $f(x) = \frac{1}{4x^2 + 2x + 1}$, then its maximum value is _____.

Solution For f to be maximum, $4x^2 + 2x + 1$ should be minimum i.e.

$$4x^2 + 2x + 1 = 4\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \text{ giving the minimum value of } 4x^2 + 2x + 1 = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Hence maximum value of $f = \frac{4}{3}$.