

Answer on Question# 37556 – Math - Other

If $y = e^{ax} \cos^3 x \sin^2 x$ find dy/dx

Solution. Using twice the product rule of differentiation $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} = y' &= (e^{ax} \cos^3 x \sin^2 x)' = (e^{ax} \cos^3 x)' \sin^2 x + e^{ax} \cos^3 x (\sin^2 x)' = \\ &= [(e^{ax})' \cos^3 x + e^{ax}(\cos^3 x)'] \sin^2 x + e^{ax} \cos^3 x (\sin^2 x)'.\end{aligned}$$

Finally, by the chain rule $h'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= [ae^{ax} \cos^3 x + 3e^{ax} \cos^2 x (-\sin x)] \sin^2 x + 2e^{ax} \cos^3 x \sin x \cos x = ae^{ax} \cos^3 x \sin^2 x \\ &\quad + e^{ax}(2 \cos^4 x \sin x - 3 \cos^2 x \sin^3 x).\end{aligned}$$

Answer. $ae^{ax} \cos^3 x \sin^2 x + e^{ax}(2 \cos^4 x \sin x - 3 \cos^2 x \sin^3 x)$.