

b) x^{2x}

- First, let's write b) as:

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

- Second, let's take logs of both sides to get:

$$\ln(f(x)) = \ln(x^{2x})$$

- Step 1: Note that $\ln(x^a) = a \cdot \ln(x)$. Hence,

$$\ln(f(x)) = 2x \cdot \ln(x)$$

- Step 2: Noting that $\ln(f(x))' = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$, by differentiating both sides

we get:

$$\ln(f(x))' = (2x \cdot \ln(x))' \Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = \underbrace{2 \cdot \ln(x) + 2x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}_{\text{Because } (f(x) \cdot g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)}$$

- Step 3: Isolate $f'(x)$ in your left-hand side to get:

$$f'(x) = f(x) \cdot (2 \ln(x) + 2)$$

- Step 4: Substituting $f(x) = x^{2x}$, we get:

$$f'(x) = x^{2x} \cdot (2 \ln(x) + 2)$$

- Step 5: Taking 2 as a common factor, we can rewrite the previous expression as:

$$f'(x) = x^{2x} \cdot (2 (\ln(x) + 1))$$

→ Hence, the general derivative of $x^{p \cdot x} \Rightarrow (x^{p \cdot x})' = \boxed{x^{p \cdot x} \cdot (p \cdot (\ln(x) + 1))}$