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082a(ii) Differentiate with respect to x: $x^2 \log_e x$ **2**Using the product rule:As y = u.v, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}.v + \frac{dv}{dx}.u$ $u = x^2$ $v = \log_e x$ $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$ $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 \log_e x) = 2x.\log_e x + \frac{1}{x}.x^2$ $\frac{dv}{dx} = 2x$

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In better responses to this part, candidates either wrote down the product rule and explicitly identified the components or used setting out that mirrored the formula. The most common errors in this part were thinking that the derivative of log(x) is log(x) and not recognising that the product rule was needed.

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