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2015 11 f Differentiate $y = (x + 4)\ln x$.

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Using the product rule,

$$\text{Let } u = x + 4 \quad u' = 1$$

$$\text{Let } v = \ln x \quad v' = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u'v + v'u$$

$$= 1 \cdot \ln x + \frac{1}{x}(x + 4)$$

$$= \ln x + \frac{x + 4}{x}$$

State Mean:
1.63

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(f) This part was generally done well. In better responses, candidates often listed u , u' , v and v' before they substituted into the product rule.

Common problems were:

- stating the product rule as $u'v - v'u$ or $v'u - u'v$
- incorrectly differentiating u and/or v .