

“What to say in front of the blackboard” – a brief tutorial

Exercise: Calculate the derivative of $(x^2 + 12x + 7) * \ln(x^2 + 12x + 7)$

$$[(x^2 + 12x + 7) * \ln(x^2 + 12x + 7)]' =$$

the derivative of x square plus twelve x
plus seven multiplied by the natural logarithm
of x square plus twelve x plus seven

$$(2x + 12) * \ln(x^2 + 12x + 7)$$

using the product rule we obtain:
two x plus twelve times the natural logarithm
of x square plus twelve x plus seven, plus...

+

$$(x^2 + 12x + 7) * (2x + 12) / (x^2 + 12x + 7)$$

... x square plus twelve x plus seven times two x
plus twelve divided by x square plus twelve x
plus seven

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