

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

Note $f(x) = u(x) \cdot v(x)$

where $u(x) = x$

$$v(x) = e^{2x} \Rightarrow v'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} e^u$$

$\therefore$ use product rule to find derivative of $f(x)$

where $u = 2x$

$$\therefore v'(x) = 2 e^{2x}$$

$$f'(x) = u'(x) v(x) + u(x) v'(x)$$

$$= (1) e^{2x} + x (2 e^{2x})$$

$$= (2x+1) e^{2x}$$

shown

find the smallest, largest

$\therefore$ ① find critical point $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$

$$(2x+1) e^{2x} = 0$$

$$\therefore 2x+1 = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Note that e^{2x}
will never be zero
(see clearly from
graph shape)

② find $f(x)$ when x are at the critical point and both ends of domain

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$$f(-1) = (-1) e^{-2} = -0.135$$

$$f(-\frac{1}{2}) = (-\frac{1}{2}) e^{-(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2)} = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-1} = -0.184 \Rightarrow \text{minimum} = \text{smallest}$$

$$f(1) = (1) e^2 = 7.39 \Rightarrow \text{maximum (although not a critical point)} = \text{largest in the given range}$$