

Find the derivative of $f(x)=e^{-2x}$

1) You have to use the chain rule. Copy e^{-2x} exactly, and then multiply by the derivative of $-2x$.

$$f(x) = e^{\boxed{-2x}}$$

1) copy e^{-2x}

2) multiply by the derivative of $-2x$

which is $\frac{d}{dx} -2x = -2$

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

3) Rewrite by placing -2 in front

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