

Worked Solutions

Pure Maths, Differential Calculus,

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The Power Rule (Derivative Formula) Q. 6

differentiate $y = \frac{3}{4x^3}$

rewriting the equation as: $y = \frac{3}{4}x^{-3}$

applying the Power Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot (-3)x^{-3-1}$$

simplifying $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9}{4}x^{-4}$

answer:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{9}{4x^4}$$