

Advanced Higher Maths  
SQA 2025 Paper 2  
Question 5

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A curve is defined by  $y = x^{\cot x}$ .

Use logarithmic differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

Write your answer in terms of  $x$ .

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Answer:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{\cot x} \left( -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x \ln x + \frac{\cot x}{x} \right)$$