

Section 5.3 – RELATED RATES

Ex. 1. Differentiate each of the following formulas with respect to time, t .

CIRCLE

$$C = 2\pi r$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = \frac{dC}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dC}{dt} = 2\pi \frac{dr}{dt}$$

TRIANGLE

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{db}{dt} \cdot h + \frac{dh}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{2}b$$

SPHERE

$$S.A. = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\frac{dS.A.}{dt} = 8\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

CYLINDER

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \cdot h + \frac{dh}{dt} \cdot \pi r^2$$

Ex. 2. A raindrop falls in a puddle and the ripples spread in circles. If the radius is growing at a rate of 2 cm/s, find the rate of increase of the area of such a circle when its area is $36\pi \text{ cm}^2$.

Find: $\frac{dA}{dt}$ when $A = 36\pi \text{ cm}^2$

Given: $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2 \text{ cm/s}$

* Find r if $r^2 = 36$

$$A = 36\pi \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\pi r^2 = 36\pi$$

$$r^2 = 36$$

$$r = 6, r \geq 0$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

diff. w.r.t. t

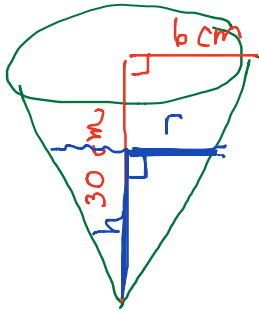
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi(6)(2)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 24\pi$$

\therefore the area of the circle is increasing at an exact rate of $24\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ or an approximate rate of $75.4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

Ex. 3. A conical flower vase is 30 cm high with a radius of 6 cm at the top. If it is being filled with water at a rate of $10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$, find the rate at which the water level is rising when the depth is 20 cm.



Find r in terms of the water level " h ". Using similar Δ s,

$$\frac{r}{h} = \frac{6}{30}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{5}h$$

Given: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

Find: $\frac{dh}{dt}$ when $h = 20 \text{ cm}$

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

$$V_{\text{water}} = \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{1}{5}h\right)^2 \cdot h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi \cdot \frac{1}{25} h^2 \cdot h$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{75} h^3$$

diff. w.r.t. " t "

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{25} h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$10 = \frac{\pi}{25} (20)^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

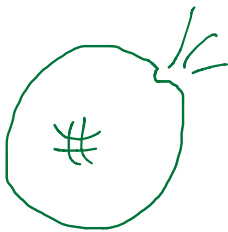
$$10 = 16\pi \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{10}{16\pi}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{5}{8\pi}$$

\therefore the water level is rising at an exact rate of $\frac{5}{8\pi} \text{ cm/s}$ or approximate rate of 0.2 cm/s when the depth is 20 cm.

Ex. 4. A spherical weather balloon with radius 9 m springs a leak losing air at the rate of $171\pi \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$. Find the rate of decrease of the radius after 4 minutes.



$r_0 = 9 \text{ m}$

Given: $\frac{dV}{dt} = -171\pi \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$

Find: $\frac{dr}{dt}$ after 4 min.

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

diff. w.r.t. " t "

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$-171\pi = 4\pi (9)^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{-171}{144} = \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$-\frac{19}{16} = \frac{dr}{dt}$$

\therefore the rate of decrease of the radius is

$$\frac{19}{16} \text{ m/min.}$$

Find r after 4 min.

$$V = V_0 - V_{\text{lost}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}\pi (9)^3 - 171\pi \times 4$$

$$= 972\pi - 684\pi$$

$$= 288\pi$$

Find r

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = 288\pi$$

$$r^3 = 216$$

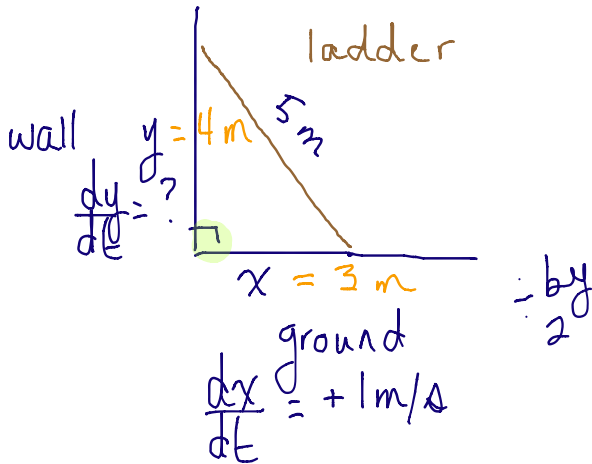
$$r = \sqrt[3]{216}$$

$$r = 6$$

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RELATED RATES - I

Ex. 1. A ladder 5 m long rests against a vertical wall. The base of the ladder begins to slide outwards at a rate of 1 m/s. How fast is the top of the ladder descending when the base is 3 m away from the wall?



Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when $x = 3\text{ m}$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

diff. w.r.t. "t"

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

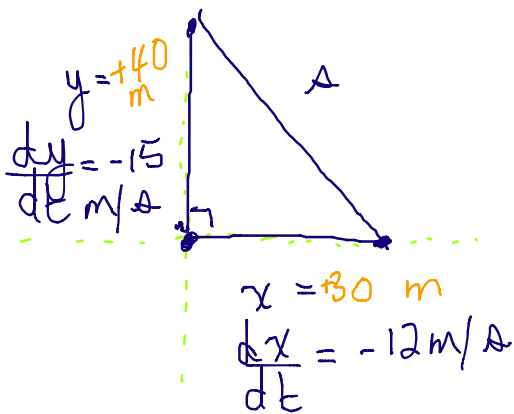
$$x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$(3)(1) + (4) \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

\therefore the top of the ladder is descending at a rate of $\frac{3}{4}\text{ m/s}$.

Ex. 2. Car A approaches an intersection from the east at a rate of 12 m/s and Car B approaches from the north at a rate of 15 m/s. How fast is the distance between the cars decreasing at the instant Car A is 30 m east of the intersection and Car B is 40 m north of the intersection?



Find $\frac{dA}{dt}$ when

$$x = +30\text{ m} \quad ; \quad y = +40\text{ m}$$

$$A^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

diff. w.r.t. "t"

$$2A \frac{dA}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$(50) \frac{dA}{dt} = (+30)(-12) + (+40)(-15)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -19.2$$

* Find A if $x = +30$ & $y = +40$

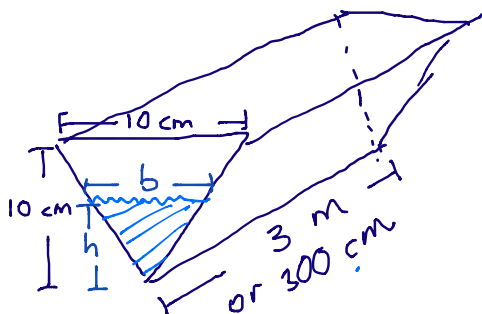
$$A^2 = (30)^2 + (40)^2$$

$$A^2 = 2500$$

$$A = 50$$

\therefore the distance between the cars is decreasing at a rate of 19.2 m/s .

Ex. 3. A horizontal eavestrough 3 m long has a triangular cross-section 10 cm across the top and 10 cm deep. During a rainstorm, the water in the trough is rising at a rate of 1 cm/min. How fast is the volume of water in the trough increasing when the depth of water is 5 cm?



Find b in terms of h using similar Δ 's.

$$\frac{b}{h} = \frac{10}{10}$$

$$b = h$$

Given: $\frac{dh}{dt} = +1 \text{ cm/min}$

Find: $\frac{dV}{dt}$ when $h = 5 \text{ cm}$

$$V_{\text{water in cm}^3} = A_{\text{triangle}} \times 300$$

$$= \frac{bh}{2} \times 300$$

$$V = 150bh$$

$$V = 150(h)(h)$$

$$V = 150h^2$$

diff. w.r.t. "t"

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 300h \frac{dh}{dt}$$

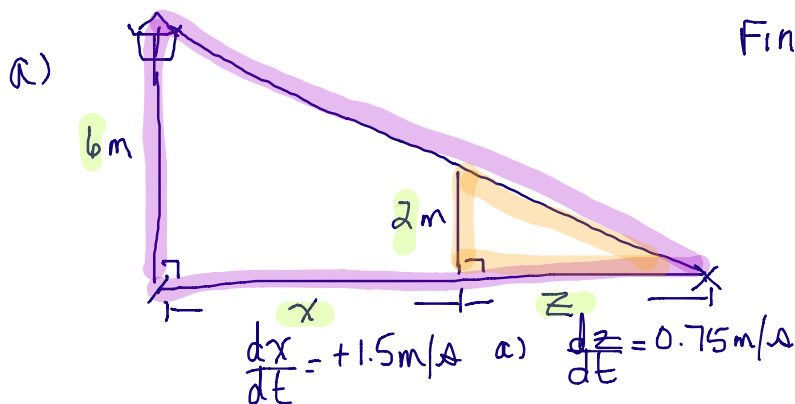
$$= 300(5)(1)$$

$$= 1500$$

\therefore the volume of water in the trough is increasing at a rate of $1500 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$. or $0.0015 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$.

Ex. 4. A woman 2 m tall walks away from a streetlight that is 6 m high at a rate of 1.5 m/s.

- At what rate is her shadow lengthening when she is 3 m from the base of the light?
- At what rate is the tip of her shadow moving when she is 3 m from the base of the light?



Find $\frac{dz}{dt}$ when $x = 3 \text{ m}$

Using similar Δ 's

$$\frac{6}{2} = \frac{x+z}{z}$$

$$3 = \frac{x+z}{z}$$

$$3z = x+z$$

$$2z = x$$

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

diff. w.r.t. t

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

\therefore her shadow is lengthening at a rate of $\frac{3}{4} \text{ m/s}$ when she is 3 m from the base of the light.

b) $\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dz}{dt}$ \therefore the tip of her shadow is moving at a rate of 2.25 m/s .

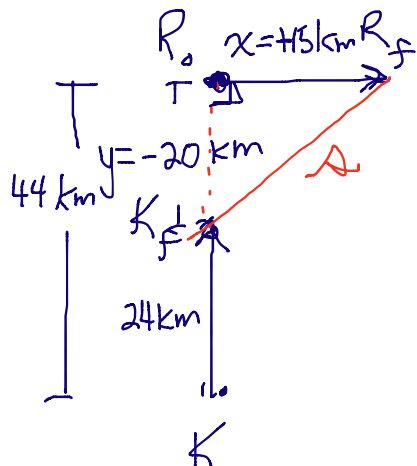
$$= 1.5 + 0.75$$

$$= 2.25$$

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RELATED RATES - II

Ex. 1. A ship *K* is sailing due north at 16 km/h, and a second ship *R*, which is 44 km north of *K*, is sailing due east at 10 km/h. At what rate is the distance between ships *K* and *R* changing 90 minutes later? Are they approaching one another or separating at this time?



* Find Δ if
 $x = 15$; $y = -20$
 $\Delta^2 = (15)^2 + (-20)^2$
 $\Delta^2 = 625$
 $\Delta = \sqrt{625} \rightarrow \Delta = 25$

Given $\frac{dy}{dt} = +16 \text{ km/h}$; $\frac{dx}{dt} = +10 \text{ km/h}$

Find $\frac{ds}{dt}$ after 90 min.

After 90 min, ship *K* sails 24 km N.
 ; ship *R* sails 15 km E.

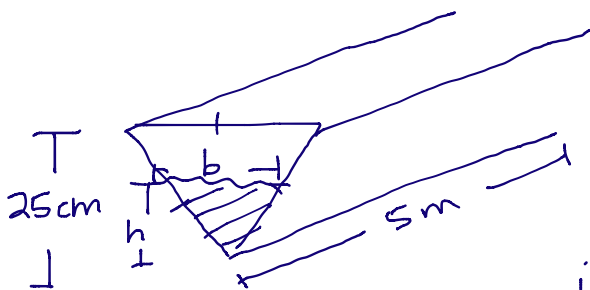
$\Delta^2 = x^2 + y^2$
 diff. w.r.t. t

* $2\Delta \frac{ds}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt}$

$(25) \frac{ds}{dt} = (15)(10) + (-20)(16)$

$\frac{ds}{dt} = -6.8$ \therefore the distance between the ships is changing at a rate of -6.8 km/h . They are approaching one another at this time.

Ex. 2. The cross-section of a water trough is an equilateral triangle with a horizontal top edge. If the trough is 5 m long and 25 cm deep, and water is flowing in at a rate of $0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$, how fast is the water level rising when the water is 10 cm deep at the deepest point?



Given: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$

Find: $\frac{dh}{dt}$ when $h = 10 \text{ cm}$ or $h = 0.1 \text{ m}$

$V_{\text{water}} = \frac{1}{2} b h \times 5$
 in m^3

$V = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} h \cdot h \cdot 5$

$V = \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} h^2$

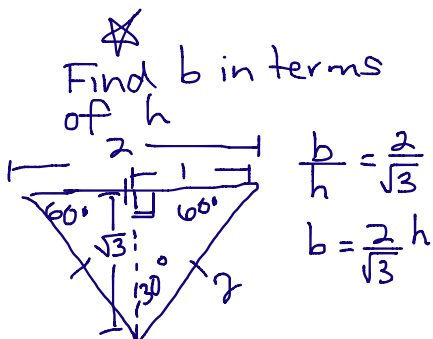
diff. w.r.t. t

$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}} h \frac{dh}{dt}$

$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) \frac{dh}{dt}$

$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{dh}{dt}$

\therefore the water level is rising at an exact rate of $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{ m/min}$ or an approximate rate of 43 cm/min .



Ex. 3. A conveyor belt system at a gravel pit pours washed sand onto the ground at the rate of $180 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$. The sand forms a conical pile with height one-third the diameter of the base. Determine how fast the height of the pile is increasing at the instant the radius of the base is 6 m.



$$h = \frac{1}{3}d$$

* Find r in terms of h

$$h = \frac{2r}{3} \quad \text{Find } h \text{ if } r = 6 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{3h}{2} = r \quad h = \frac{2}{3}(6)$$

$$h = 4$$

Given: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 180 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$; $h = \frac{1}{3}d$

Find: $\frac{dh}{dt}$ when $r = 6 \text{ m}$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left(\frac{3h}{2}\right)^2 h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \cdot \frac{9}{4} h^2 \cdot h$$

$$V = \frac{3}{4} \pi h^3$$

diff. w.r.t. "t"

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{9}{4} \pi h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$180 = \frac{9}{4} \pi (4)^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

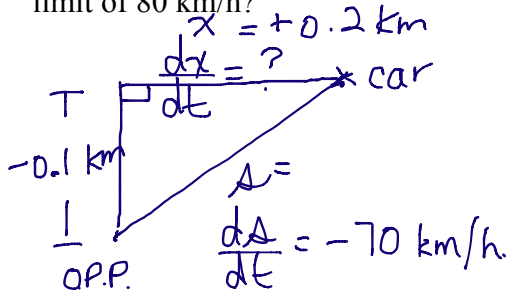
$$180 = 36\pi \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{180}{36\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{5}{\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

\therefore the height is increasing at an exact rate of $\frac{5}{\pi} \text{ m/h}$ or approx. 1.59 m/h

Ex. 4. An OPP officer is operating a radar speed trap on a sideroad 100 m from Highway 86, near Listowel. When a car is 200 m from the intersection, its velocity of approach is measured as 70 km/h. Is the car exceeding the speed limit of 80 km/h?



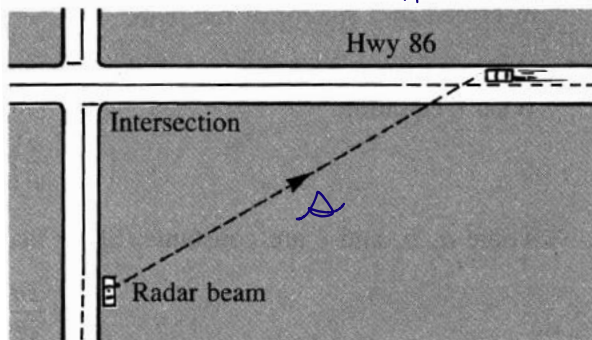
* Find s

$$s^2 = (-0.1)^2 + (0.2)^2$$

$$s^2 = 0.01 + 0.04$$

$$s^2 = 0.05$$

$$s = \sqrt{0.05}$$



Find $\frac{dx}{dt}$

$$x^2 + (-0.1)^2 = s^2$$

$$x^2 + 0.01 = s^2$$

diff. w.r.t. "t"

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} = 2s \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$(+0.2) \frac{dx}{dt} = (\sqrt{0.05})(-70)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -78.3$$

\therefore the car is not exceeding the speed limit.