

# Related Rates ... Set 4

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Solve each related rate problem.

- 1) Water leaking onto a floor forms a circular pool. The radius of the pool increases at a rate of  $4 \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t} = 4 \text{ cm/min}$  cm/min. How fast is the area of the pool increasing when the radius is 5 cm?

$A$  = area of circle  $r$  = radius  $t$  = time

Equation:  $A = \pi r^2$  Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 4$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt} \Big|_{r=5}$

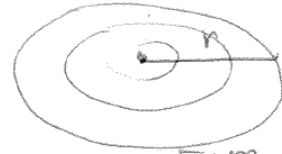
$$\frac{dA}{dt} \Big|_{r=5} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 40\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$$

when the radius is 5cm, the area of the pool increases at a rate of  $40\pi$  or  $\approx 125.66 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \left[ \pi r^2 \right]' = \pi \cdot 2r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

when  $r = 5 \text{ cm}$ ,  
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 =$

$$= 40\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{min} \text{ or } \approx 125.66 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$$



- 2) Oil spilling from a ruptured tanker spreads in a circle on the surface of the ocean. The area of the spill increases at a rate of  $9\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{min}$ . How fast is the radius of the spill increasing when the radius is 10 m?

$A$  = area of circle  $r$  = radius  $t$  = time

Equation:  $A = \pi r^2$  Given rate:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 9\pi$  Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=10}$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=10} = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{9}{20} \text{ m/min}$$

when the radius is 10m, it is increasing at a rate of  $\approx .45 \text{ m/min}$

Given:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 9\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{min}$

Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=10\text{m}}$   $A = \pi r^2$

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

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi \cdot 2r} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{9}{20} \text{ m/min}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi \cdot 2 \cdot 10} \cdot 9\pi = \frac{9}{20} \text{ m/min} \text{ or } \approx .45 \text{ m/min}$$



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- 3) A conical paper cup is 10 cm tall with a radius of 10 cm. The cup is being filled with water so that the water level rises at a rate of 2 cm/sec. At what rate is water being poured into the cup when the water level is 8 cm?

$V$  = volume of material in cone     $h$  = height     $t$  = time

Equation:  $V = \frac{\pi h^3}{3}$     Given rate:  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 2$     Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}$

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{h=8} = \pi h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} = 128\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

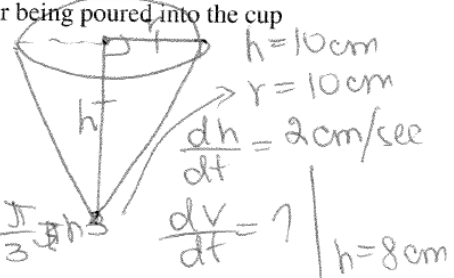
answer:

when the water level is 8 cm, it's being poured into the cup at a rate of  $\approx 128\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$

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

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{3} 3h^2 \frac{dh}{dt} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{3} 3 \cdot 8^2 \cdot 2 = 128\pi \approx 402.12 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$



- 4) A spherical balloon is inflated so that its radius ( $r$ ) increases at a rate of  $\frac{2}{r}$  cm/sec. How fast is the volume of the balloon increasing when the radius is 4 cm?

$V$  = volume of sphere     $r$  = radius     $t$  = time

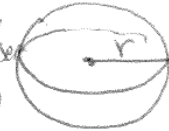
Equation:  $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$     Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{2}{r}$     Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}$

$$\left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_{r=4} = 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 32\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

When the radius of the balloon is 4 cm, its volume increases at a rate of  $\approx 100.53 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 3r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot 3 \cdot 4^2 \cdot \frac{2}{4} = 32\pi \approx 100.53 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$



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- 5) A 7 ft tall person is walking away from a 20 ft tall lamppost at a rate of 5 ft/sec. Assume the scenario can be modeled with right triangles. At what rate is the length of the person's shadow changing when the person is 16 ft from the lamppost?

$x$  = distance from person to lamppost     $y$  = length of shadow     $t$  = time

Equation:  $\frac{x+y}{20} = \frac{y}{7}$     Given rate:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$     Find:  $\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{x=16}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{x=16} = \frac{7}{13} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{35}{13} \text{ ft/sec}$$

Handwritten work for problem 5:

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 5 \text{ ft/sec}$

$\frac{y+x}{20} = \frac{y}{7} \rightarrow 80$

$\frac{dy}{dt} = ? \Big|_{x=16}$

$7(y+x) = 20y$

$7\left(\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{dx}{dt}\right) = 20 \frac{dy}{dt} \Rightarrow 7 \frac{dy}{dt} - 20 \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow 7 \frac{dx}{dt} = 13 \frac{dy}{dt}$

$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{7}{13} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{7}{13} \cdot 5 = \frac{35}{13} \text{ ft/sec}$

Final answer circled:  $\frac{35}{13} \text{ ft/sec}$

- 6) An observer stands 700 ft away from a launch pad to observe a rocket launch. The rocket blasts off and maintains a velocity of 900 ft/sec. Assume the scenario can be modeled as a right triangle. How fast is the observer to rocket distance changing when the rocket is 2400 ft from the ground?

$a$  = altitude of rocket     $z$  = distance from observer to rocket     $t$  = time

Equation:  $a^2 + 490000 = z^2$     Given rate:  $\frac{da}{dt} = 900$     Find:  $\frac{dz}{dt} \Big|_{a=2400}$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} \Big|_{a=2400} = \frac{a}{z} \cdot \frac{da}{dt} = 864 \text{ ft/sec}$$