

Math 1003

Section 3.9

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Outline

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Related Rates: Guideline

- **Draw a picture, introduce notation:** If possible, draw a schematic picture with all the relevant information, introduce variables/labels.
- **Identify:** Identify quantities whose rates of change are either given or are required.
- **Find an equation:** Find an equation that relates only the quantities with rates that are given or required.
- **Differentiate the equation with respect to t (time):** This will often involve implicit differentiation.
- **Evaluate the appropriate equation at the desired values:** The known/given values should allow you solve for the required rate.

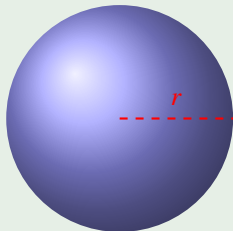
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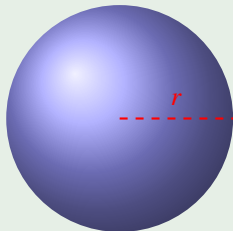
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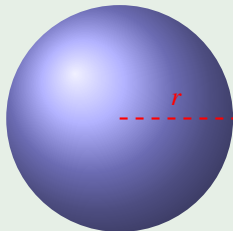
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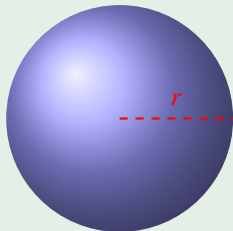
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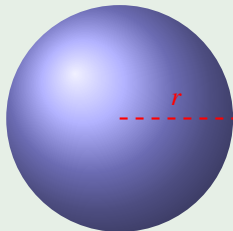
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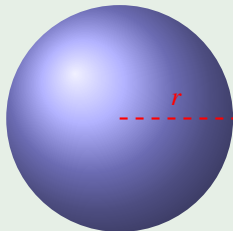
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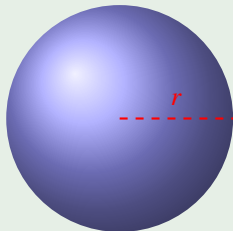
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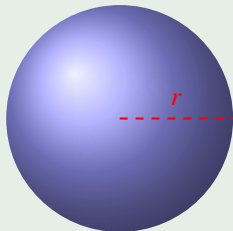
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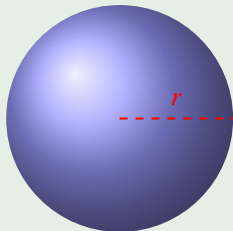
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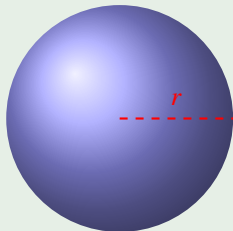


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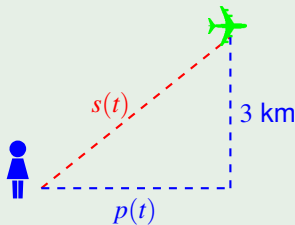
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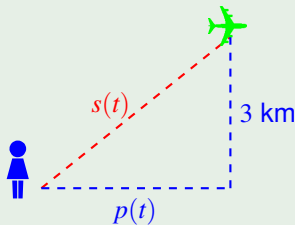
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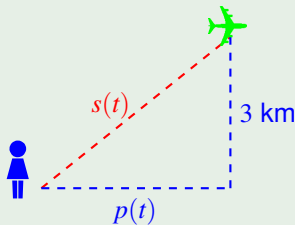
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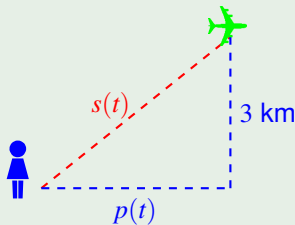
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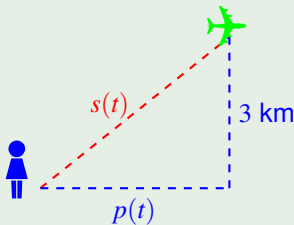
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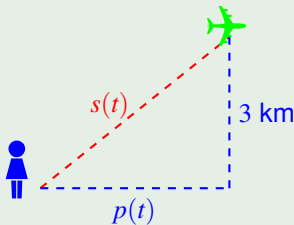
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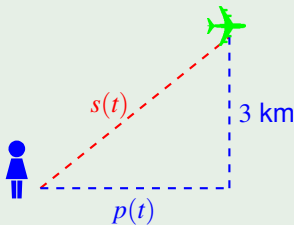
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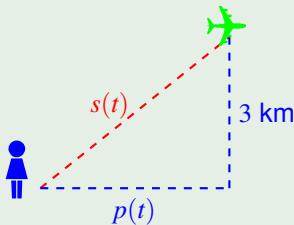
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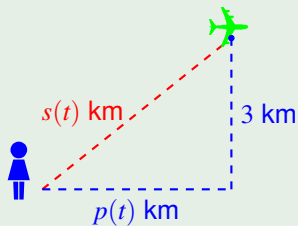
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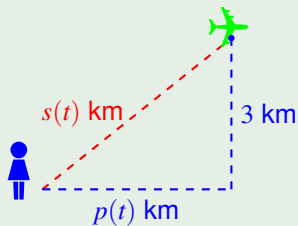
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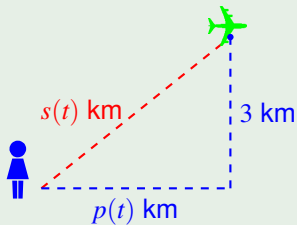


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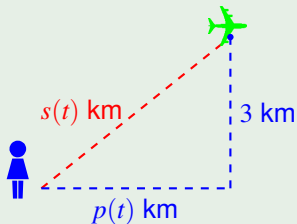
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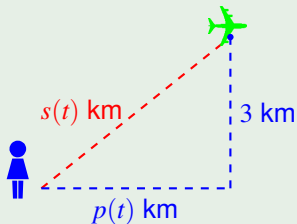
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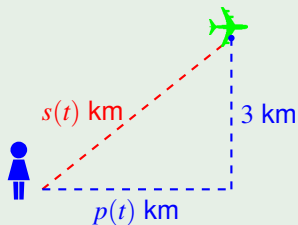
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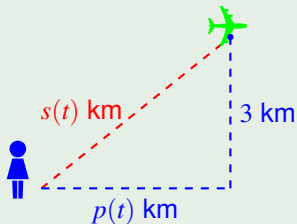
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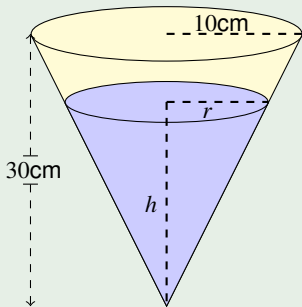
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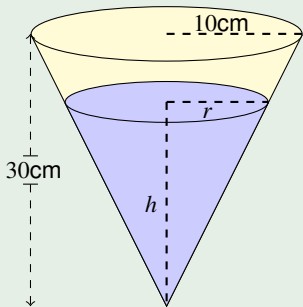
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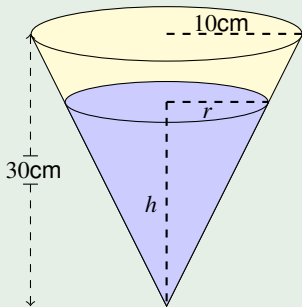
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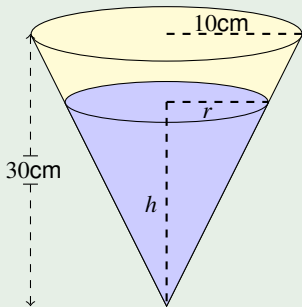
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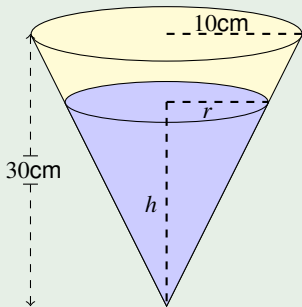
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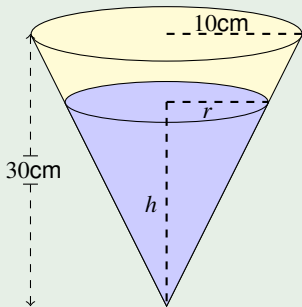
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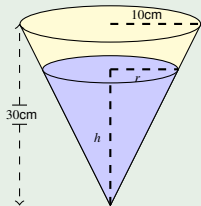
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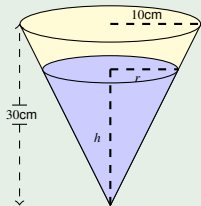
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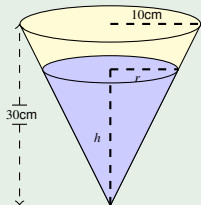


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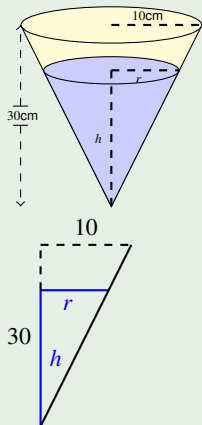
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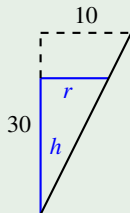
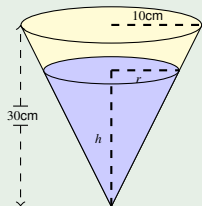
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