# Problem 1.

The equation of a closed curve is  $(x + 2y)^2 + 3(x - y)^2 = 27$ .

- (a) Show, by differentiation, that the gradient at the point (x, y) on the curve may be expressed in the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y 4x}{7y x}$ .
- (b) Find the equations of the tangents to the curve that are parallel to
  - (i) the x-axis,
  - (ii) the y-axis.

### Solution

## Part (a)

Implicitly differentiating the given equation,

$$2(x + 2y) (1 + 2y') + 6(x - y)(1 - y') = 0$$

$$(x + 2y) (1 + 2y') + 3(x - y)(1 - y') = 0$$

$$\implies x + 2xy' + 2y + 4y \cdot y' + 3x - 3x \cdot y' - 3y + 3y \cdot y' = 0$$

$$\implies (-x + 7y)y' + 4x - y = 0$$

$$\implies y' = \frac{y - 4x}{7y - x}$$

#### Part (b)

#### Subpart (i)

When the tangent to the curve is parallel to the x-axis, y' = 0.

$$y' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y - 4x}{7y - x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 4x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4x$$

Substituting y = 4x into the given equation,

$$(x+2\cdot 4x)^{2} + 3(x-4x)^{2} = 27$$

$$(9x)^{2} + 3(-3x)^{2} = 27$$

$$81x^{2} + 27x^{2} = 27$$

$$108x^{2} = 27$$

$$x^{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

Hence,  $y = \pm 2$ . Since the tangents to the curve is parallel to the x-axis, the equation of the tangents is  $y = \pm 2$ .

$$y = \pm 2$$

## Subpart (ii)

When the tangent to the curve is parallel to the y-axis, y' is undefined. Hence,  $7y-x=0 \implies x=7y$ . Substituting x=7y into the given equation,

$$(7y + 2y)^{2} + 3(7y - y)^{2} = 27$$

$$(9y)^{2} + 3(6y)^{2} = 27$$

$$81y^{2} + 108y^{2} = 27$$

$$189y^{2} = 27$$

$$y^{2} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$y = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$$

Hence,  $x = \pm \frac{7}{\sqrt{7}} = \pm \sqrt{7}$ . Since the tangents to the curve is parallel to the y-axis, the equation of the tangents is  $x = \pm \sqrt{7}$ .

$$x = \pm \sqrt{7}$$

## Problem 2.

A piece of wire of length 8 cm is cut into two piece, one of length x cm, the other of length (8-x) cm. The piece of length x cm is bent to form a circle with circumference x cm. The other piece is bent to form a square with perimeter (8-x) cm. Show that, as x varies, the sum of the areas enclosed by these two pieces of wire is a minimum when the radius of the circle is  $\frac{4}{4+\pi}$  cm.

## Solution

Let the radius of the circle be r cm. Then we have  $x=2\pi r \implies r=\frac{x}{2\pi}$ . Let the side length of the square be s cm. Then we have  $8-x=4s \implies s=2-\frac{x}{4}$ .

Let the total area enclosed by the circle and the square be A(x).

$$A(x) = \pi r^2 + s^2$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{x}{2\pi}\right)^2 + \left(2 - \frac{x}{4}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi}x^2 + \left(4 - x + \frac{1}{16}x^2\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} + \frac{1}{16}\right)x^2 - x + 4$$

Consider the stationary points of A(x). For stationary points, A'(x) = 0.

$$A'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{4\pi} + \frac{1}{16}\right) \cdot 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{8}\right) x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{8}}$$

$$= \frac{16\pi}{8 + 2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi}{4 + \pi}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
x & \left(\frac{8\pi}{4+\pi}\right)^{-} & \frac{8\pi}{4+\pi} & \left(\frac{8\pi}{4+\pi}\right)^{+} \\
\hline
\frac{dA}{dx} & -ve & 0 & +ve
\end{array}$$

Hence, the minimum value of A(x) is achieved when  $x = \frac{8\pi}{4+\pi}$ , whence  $r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{8\pi}{4+\pi} = \frac{4}{4+\pi}$  cm.

# Problem 3.

A spherical balloon is being inflated in such a way that its volume is increasing at a constant rate of 150 cm<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. At time t seconds, the radius of the balloon is r cm.

- (a) Find  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  when r = 50.
- (b) Find the rate of increase of the surface area of the baloon when its radius is 50 cm.

## Solution

Let the volume of the balloon be  $V(r) = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$  cm<sup>3</sup>.

## Part (a)

Note that  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 150$  and  $\frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr}{dt} &= \frac{dr}{dV} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \left(\frac{dV}{dr}\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{150} \cdot 4\pi r^2 \\ &= \frac{75}{2\pi r^2} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  at r = 50,

$$\left. \frac{dr}{dt} \right|_{r=50} = \frac{75}{2\pi \cdot 50^2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{200\pi}$$
When  $r = 50$ ,  $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{3}{200\pi}$ 

### Part (b)

Let the surface area of the balloon be  $A(r) = 4\pi r^2$ . Observe that  $\frac{dA}{dr} = 8\pi r$ .

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

$$\frac{dA}{dt} \Big|_{r=50} = \left( \frac{dA}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \right) \Big|_{r=50}$$

$$= 8\pi \cdot 50 \cdot \frac{3}{200\pi}$$

The rate of increase of the surface area of the balloon when its radius is 50 cm is 6 cm/s.

# Problem 4.

A curve has parametric equations  $x = 5 \sec \theta$ ,  $y = 3 \tan \theta$ , where  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve at which the normal is parallel to the line y = x.

## Solution

Observe that  $x^2 = 25 \sec^2 \theta$  and  $\frac{25}{9}y^2 = 25 \tan^2 \theta$ . Using the identity  $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$ ,

$$\frac{25}{9}y^2 + 25 = x^2 \tag{4.1}$$

Implicitly differentiating, we get  $\frac{25}{9} \cdot 2y \cdot y' = 2x \implies \frac{25}{9} \cdot y \cdot y' = x$ .

Since the normal is parallel to y = x, the tangent is perpendicular is perpendicular to y = x. Hence, the tangent is parallel to y = -x, whence y' = -1.

$$\frac{25}{9} \cdot y \cdot -1 = x$$
$$y = -\frac{9}{25}x$$

Substituting  $y = -\frac{9}{25}x$  into Equation 4.1,

$$\frac{25}{9} \left( -\frac{9}{25}x \right)^2 + 25 = x^2$$

$$\implies \frac{9}{25} + 25 = x^2$$

$$\implies \frac{16}{25}x^2 = 25$$

$$\implies \left( \frac{4}{5}x \right)^2 = 5^2$$

$$\implies \frac{4}{5}x = \pm 5$$

$$\implies x = \pm \frac{25}{4}$$

Observe that for  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ ,  $x = 5\sec\theta \ge 5$ . We thus reject  $x = -\frac{25}{4}$ . Hence,  $x = \frac{25}{4}$ , whence  $y = -\frac{9}{25} \cdot \frac{25}{4} = -\frac{9}{4}$ . The coordinate of the required point is thus  $\left(\frac{25}{4}, -\frac{9}{4}\right)$ .

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# Problem 5.

The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = t^2, \ y = \frac{2}{t} \tag{5.1}$$

- (a) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point  $(p^2, \frac{2}{p})$ , simplifying your answer.
- (b) Hence find the coordinates of the points Q and R where this tangent meets the xand y-axes respectively.
- (c) The point F is the mid-point of QR. Find a Cartesian equation of the curve traced by F as p varies.

## Solution

### Part (a)

Observe that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{2}{t^2}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2$$

$$= -\frac{2}{t^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{t^3}$$

At the point  $p^2, \frac{2}{p}$ , t = p, whence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{p^3}$ . Using the point-slope formula, the tangent to the curve is given by the equation

$$y - \frac{2}{p} = -\frac{1}{p^3} (x - p^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^3} (x - p^2)$$

$$= \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{p^3} x + \frac{1}{p}$$

$$= \frac{3}{p} - \frac{1}{p^3} x$$

$$y = \frac{3}{p} - \frac{1}{p^3} x$$

Part (b)

Case 1: y = 0

$$0 = \frac{3}{p} - \frac{1}{p^3}x$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{p^3}x = \frac{3}{p}$$

$$\implies x = 3p^2$$

Hence,  $Q(3p^2, 0)$ . Case 2: x = 0

$$y = \frac{3}{p} - \frac{1}{p^3} \cdot 0$$
$$= \frac{3}{p}$$

Hence,  $R\left(0,\frac{3}{p}\right)$ .

$$Q(3p^2,0), R\left(0,\frac{3}{p}\right)$$

Part (c)

$$F = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3p^2, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{p}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{3}{2}p^2, \frac{3}{2p}\right)$$

As p varies, F traces a curve given by the parametric equations  $x = \frac{3}{2}p^2$ ,  $y = \frac{3}{2p}$ . Observe that  $p = \frac{3}{2u}$ .

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2y}\right)^2$$

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

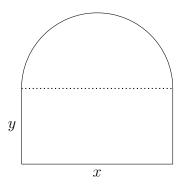
$$\implies y^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\implies y = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 \frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\implies y = \pm \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

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# Problem 6.



A new flower-bed is being designed for a large garden. The flower-bed will occupy a rectangle x m by y m together with a semicircle of diameter x m, as shown in the diagram. A low wall will be built around the flowerbed. The time needed to build the wall will be 3 hours per metre for the straight parts and 9 hours per metre for the semicircular part. Given that a total time of 180 hours is taken to build the wall, find, using differentiation, the values of x and y which give a flower-bed of maximum area.

## Solution

Observe that the length of the straight parts is (2y + x) m, while the length of the semicicular part is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\pi x$  m. Since a total time of 180 hours is taken to build the wall,

$$3(2y+x) + 9\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi x\right) = 180$$

$$\implies (2y+x) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi x\right) = 60$$

$$\implies 2y + x + \frac{3}{2}\pi x = 60$$

$$\implies 4y + 2x + 3\pi x = 120$$

$$\implies (2+3\pi)x = 120 - 4y$$

$$\implies x = \frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi}$$

Let A(y) be the total area enclosed by the garden, in m<sup>2</sup>. Observe that  $A(y) = xy + \frac{1}{2}\pi \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = xy + \frac{1}{8}\pi x^2$ . Also note that  $x' = -\frac{4}{2+3\pi}$ . Now, consider the stationary points of A(y). For stationary points, A'(y) = 0.

$$A'(y) = 0$$

$$\implies (x'y + x) + \frac{1}{8}\pi(2x \cdot x') = 0$$

$$\implies x'y + x + \frac{1}{4}\pi(x \cdot x') = 0$$

Substituting 
$$x = \frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi}$$
 and  $x' = -\frac{4}{2 + 3\pi}$ ,
$$-\frac{4}{2 + 3\pi} \cdot y + \frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi} + \frac{1}{4}\pi \left(\frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi} \cdot -\frac{4}{2 + 3\pi}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad -4 \cdot y + (120 - 4y) + \frac{1}{4}\pi \left(\frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi} \cdot -4\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 120 - 8y - \pi \left(\frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 120(2 + 3\pi) - 8(2 + 3\pi)y - \pi(120 - 4y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 240 + 360\pi - 16y - 24\pi y - 120\pi + 4\pi y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 240 + 240\pi - 16y - 20\pi y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 60 + 60\pi - 4y - 5\pi y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 4y + 5\pi y = 60 + 60\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 4y + 5\pi y = 60 + 60\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad (4 + 5\pi)y = 60 + 60\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \frac{60 + 60\pi}{4 + 5\pi}$$

Using the equation 
$$x = \frac{120 - 4y}{2 + 3\pi}$$
,

$$x = \frac{120 - 4 \cdot \frac{60 + 60\pi}{4 + 5\pi}}{2 + 3\pi}$$

$$= \frac{120(4 + 5\pi) - 4(60 + 60\pi)}{(2 + 3\pi)(4 + 5\pi)}$$

$$= \frac{480 + 600\pi - 240 - 240\pi}{(2 + 3\pi)(4 + 5\pi)}$$

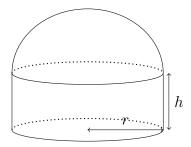
$$= \frac{240 + 360\pi}{(2 + 3\pi)(4 + 5\pi)}$$

$$= \frac{120(2 + 3\pi)}{(2 + 3\pi)(4 + 5\pi)}$$

$$= \frac{120}{4 + 5\pi}$$

$$x = \frac{120}{4+5\pi}, \ y = \frac{60+60\pi}{4+5\pi}$$

# Problem 7.



A model of a concert hall is made up of three parts.

- The roof is modelled by the curved surface of a hemisphere of radius r cm.
- The walls are modelled by the curved surface of a cylinder of radius r cm and height h cm.
- The floor is modelled by a circular disc of radius r cm.

The three parts are joined together as shown in the diagram. The model is made of material of negligible thickness.

- (a) It is given that the volume of the model is a fixed value  $k \text{ cm}^3$ , and the external surface area is a minimum. Use differentiation to find the values of r and h in terms of k. Simplify your answers.
- (b) It is given instead that the volume of the model is  $200 \text{ cm}^3$  and its external surface area is  $180 \text{ cm}^2$ . Show that there are two possible values of r. Given also that r < h, find the value of r and the value of h.

#### Solution

#### Part (a)

Let the volume of the model be  $V \text{ cm}^3$ . Then

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 + \pi r^2 h = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{2}{3}r + h = \frac{k}{\pi r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad h = \frac{k}{\pi r^2} - \frac{2}{3}r$$

$$(7.1)$$

Let the external surface area of the model be  $A \text{ cm}^2$ . Then

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h + \pi r^2$$

$$= 3\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h$$

$$= 3\pi r^2 + 2\pi r \left(\frac{k}{\pi r^2} - \frac{2}{3}r\right)$$

$$= 3\pi r^2 + \frac{2k}{r} - \frac{4}{3}\pi r^2$$

$$= \frac{5}{3}\pi r^2 + \frac{2k}{r}$$
(7.3)

Consider the stationary points of A. For stationary points,  $\frac{dA}{dr} = 0$ .

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{5}{3}\pi \cdot 2r - \frac{2k}{r^2} = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{5}{3}\pi r^3 - k = 0$$

$$\implies r^3 = \frac{3k}{5\pi}$$

$$\implies r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$$

r	$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$	$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$	$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}^+$
$\frac{dA}{dr}$	-ve	0	+ve

Hence, A is at a minimum when  $r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$ .

Substituting  $r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$  into Equation 7.1,

$$\frac{2}{3}\pi \left(\frac{3k}{5\pi}\right) + \pi r^2 h = k$$

$$\implies \frac{2}{5}k + \pi r^2 h = k$$

$$\implies \pi r^2 h = \frac{3}{5}k$$

$$\implies r^2 h = \frac{3k}{5\pi}$$

$$\implies r^2 h = r^3$$

$$\implies h = r$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}, h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3k}{5\pi}}$$

#### Part (b)

From Equation 7.3, we have

$$\frac{5}{3}\pi r^2 + \frac{2 \cdot 200}{r} = 180$$

$$\implies \frac{5}{3}\pi r^2 + \frac{400}{r} - 180 = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{5}{3}\pi r^3 - 180r + 400 = 0$$

$$\implies \pi r^3 - 108r + 240 = 0$$

Let  $f(r) = \pi r^3 - 108r + 240$ . Consider the stationary points of f(r). For stationary points, f'(r) = 0.

$$f'(r) = 0$$

$$\implies 3\pi r^2 - 108 = 0$$

$$\implies r^2 = \frac{36}{\pi}$$

Hence,  $r = \pm \sqrt{\frac{36}{\pi}} = \pm \frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ . Consider the case when  $r = \frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ .

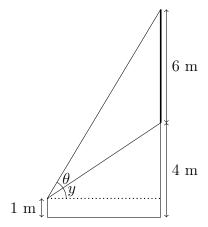
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r	${\sqrt{\pi}}$	$\sqrt{\pi}$	${\sqrt{\pi}}$
f'(r)	-ve	0	+ve

Hence, f(r) attains a minimum when  $r = \frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ . Since  $f\left(\frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right) < 0$  and f(0) > 0, there exist positive  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  such that  $r_1 < r_2$  and  $f(r_1) = f(r_2) = 0$ . There are hence two possible values of r, which are 3.04 and 3.72 respectively.

From Equation 7.2, we know that  $h = \frac{200}{\pi r^2} - \frac{2}{3}r$ . When r = 3.04, h = 4.88 > r. When r = 3.72, h = 2.12 < r. Thus, given that r < h, r = 3.04 and h = 4.88.

$$r = 3.04, h = 4.88$$

## Problem 8.



A movie screen on a vertical wall is 6 m high and 4 m above the horizontal floor. A boy who is standing at x m away from the wall has eye level at 1 m above the floor as shown in the diagram.

The viewing angle of the boy at that position is  $\theta$  and the angle of elevation of the bottom of the screen is y.

- (a) Express y in terms of x.
- (b) By expressing  $\theta$  in terms of x or otherwise, find the stationary value of  $\theta$ , giving your answers in exact form. Determine if the value is a maximum or minimum value, showing your working clearly.

### Solution

### Part (a)

Observe that  $\tan y = \frac{3}{x}$ , whence  $y = \arctan \frac{3}{x}$ .

$$y = \arctan \frac{3}{x}$$

## Part (b)

Observe that  $tan(y + \theta) = \frac{9}{x}$ .

$$\tan(y+\theta) = \frac{9}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan y + \tan \theta}{1 - \tan y \tan \theta} = \frac{9}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{3}{x} + \tan \theta}{1 - \frac{3}{x} \tan \theta} = \frac{9}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3 + x \tan \theta}{x - 3 \tan \theta} = \frac{9}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(3 + x \tan \theta) = 9(x - 3 \tan \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + x^{2} \tan \theta = 9x - 27 \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2} \tan \theta + 27 \tan \theta = 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^{2} + 27) \tan \theta = 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{6x}{x^{2} + 27}$$

Implicitly differentiating,

$$\sec^{2}(\theta) \cdot \theta' = \frac{(x^{2} + 27) \cdot 6 - 6x \cdot 2x}{(x^{2} + 27)^{2}}$$

$$\implies \theta' = \frac{-6x^{2} + 162}{(x^{2} + 27)^{2} \sec^{2} \theta}$$

Using the identity  $\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$ , we have  $\sec^2 \theta = \left(\frac{6x}{x^2 + 27}\right)^2 + 1$ .

$$\theta' = \frac{-6x^2 + 162}{(x^2 + 27)^2 \left( \left( \frac{6x}{x^2 + 27} \right)^2 + 1 \right)}$$

$$= \frac{-6x^2 + 162}{(6x)^2 + (x^2 + 27)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-6x^2 + 162}{36x^2 + (x^2 + 27)^2}$$

For stationary points,  $\theta' = 0$ . Hence,

$$-6x^{2} + 162 = 0$$

$$\implies x^{2} = 27$$

$$\implies x = \pm \sqrt{27}$$

Since x > 0, we only take  $x = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$ . Thus,  $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , whence  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

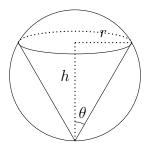
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} x & \sqrt{27}^{-} & \sqrt{27} & \sqrt{27}^{+} \\ \hline \theta' & +ve & 0 & -ve \\ \end{array}$$

Thus, by the First Derivative Test,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$  is a maximum value.

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 is a maximum value.

# Problem 9.



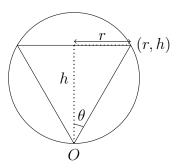
The diagram shows a right inverted cone of radius r, height h and semi-vertical angle  $\theta$ , which is inscribed in a sphere of radius 1 unit.

Prove that  $r^2 = 2h - h^2$ .

- (a) As r and h varies, determine the exact maximum volume of the cone.
- (b) Show that  $h = 2\cos^2\theta$ . The volume of the cone is increasing at a rate of 6 unit<sup>3</sup>/s when  $h = \frac{3}{2}$ . Determine the rate of change of  $\theta$  at this instant, leaving your answer in an exact form.

### Solution

Consider the following diagram of the cone and sphere.



Let the origin be the tip of the cone. Since the sphere has radius 1 unit, the circle is given by the equation  $x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 1$ . Since the point (r,h) lies on the circle,

$$r^{2} + (h-1)^{2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{2} + h^{2} - 2h + 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow r^{2} = 2h - h^{2}$$

$$(9.1)$$

#### Part (a)

Implicitly differentiating Equation 9.1,

$$2r = 2h' - 2h \cdot h'$$

$$\implies r = h' - h \cdot h'$$

$$= h'(1 - h)$$

$$\implies h' = \frac{r}{1 - h}$$

Let the volume of the cone be  $V(r) = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ . Differentiating V(r),

$$V'(r) = \frac{1}{3}\pi(r^{2}h' + h \cdot 2r)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}\pi\left((2h - h^{2})\left(\frac{r}{1 - h}\right) + 2hr\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}\pi\left(hr \cdot \frac{2 - h}{1 - h} + 2hr\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}\pi rh\left(\frac{2 - h}{1 - h} + 2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi rh}{1 - h}(2 - h + 2(1 - h))$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi rh}{1 - h}(2 - h + 2 - 2h)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi rh}{1 - h}(4 - 3h)$$

Consider the stationary values of V(r). For stationary values, V'(r) = 0.

$$V'(r) = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi r h}{1 - h} (4 - 3h) = 0$$

$$\implies 4 - 3h = 0$$

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

Substituting  $h = \frac{4}{3}$  into Equation 9.1, we obtain  $r^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{8}{9}$ , whence  $r = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$  (we reject  $r = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$  as r > 0).

	$2\sqrt{2}^-$	$2\sqrt{2}$	$2\sqrt{2}^+$
r	3	3	3
V'(r)	+ve	0	-ve

Hence, the maximum volume is indeed achieved when  $r = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$ .

$$V\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}\pi \cdot \frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{4}{3}$$
$$= \frac{32}{81}\pi$$

The maximum volume of the cone is  $\frac{32}{81}\pi$  units<sup>3</sup>.

#### Part (b)

From the diagram, we see that  $\cos \theta = \frac{h}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}}$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{h}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}}$$

$$\implies \cos^2 \theta = \frac{h^2}{(r^2 + h^2)}$$

$$\implies 2\cos^2 \theta = \frac{2h^2}{r^2 + h^2}$$

$$= \frac{2h^2}{2h - h^2 + h^2}$$

$$= \frac{2h^2}{2h}$$

$$= h$$

$$2\cos^{2}\theta - 1 = h - 1$$

$$\implies \cos 2\theta = h - 1$$

$$\implies \cos^{2}2\theta = (h - 1)^{2}$$

$$\implies \sin^{2}2\theta = 1 - (h - 1)^{2}$$

$$\implies \sin 2\theta = \pm \sqrt{1 - (h - 1)^{2}}$$

Since  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we know  $\sin 2\theta > 0$ . We thus take  $\sin 2\theta = \sqrt{1 - (h-1)^2}$ . Implicitly differentiating  $2\cos^2\theta = h$  with respect to h,

$$2 \cdot 2 \cos \theta \cdot - \sin \theta \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dh} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dh} = \frac{1}{-4 \sin \theta \cos \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-2 \sin 2\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-2\sqrt{1 - (h-1)^2}}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= \frac{d\theta}{dh} \cdot \frac{dh}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dV} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d\theta}{dh} \cdot \frac{dh}{dr} \cdot \left(\frac{dV}{dr}\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{-2\sqrt{1 - (h-1)^2}} \cdot \frac{r}{1-h} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi rh}{1-h}(4-3h)\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{-2\sqrt{1 - (h-1)^2}} \cdot \frac{r}{1-h} \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1-h}{\pi rh(4-3h)} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{3}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{-2\sqrt{1 - (h-1)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{h(4-3h)} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \end{split}$$

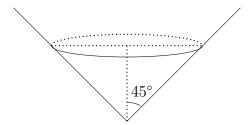
Evaluating  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$  at  $h = \frac{3}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \Big|_{h=\frac{3}{2}} &= \frac{3}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{-2\sqrt{1 - (\frac{3}{2} - 1)^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}(4 - 3 \cdot \frac{3}{2})} \cdot 6 \\ &= \frac{18}{\pi} \cdot -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot -\frac{4}{3} \\ &= \frac{24}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\theta$  is increasing at a rate of  $\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{\pi}$  radians per second when  $h = \frac{3}{2}$ .

$$\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \text{ rad/s}$$

# Problem 10.

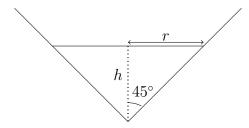


A hollow cone of semi-vertical angle 45° is held with its axis vertical and vertex downwards. At the beginning of an experiment, it is follows with 390 cm<sup>3</sup> of liquid. The liquid runs out thorugh a small hole at the vertex at a constant rate of 2 cm<sup>3</sup>/s.

Find the rate at which the depth of the liquid is decreasing 3 minutes after the start of the experiment.

### Solution

Consider the following diagram.



Let the volume of liquid be  $V \text{ cm}^3$ . From the diagram, we have r = h. Thus,

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

Differentiating V with respect to h,

$$\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{1}{3}\pi \cdot 3h^2$$
$$= \pi h^2$$

Let t be time in seconds. Consider  $\frac{dh}{dt}$ .

$$\begin{split} \frac{dh}{dt} &= \frac{dh}{dV} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \left(\frac{dh}{dV}\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi h^2} \cdot -2 \\ &= \frac{-2}{\pi h^2} \end{split}$$

When t = 180, there is  $390 - 180 \cdot 2 = 30 \text{ cm}^3$  of liquid left in the cone.

$$V = 30$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{3}\pi h^3 = 30$$

$$\implies h^3 = \frac{90}{\pi}$$

$$\implies h = \sqrt[3]{\frac{90}{\pi}}$$

Evaluating  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  at t = 180,

$$\frac{dh}{dt}\Big|_{t=180} = \frac{dh}{dt}\Big|_{h=\sqrt[3]{\frac{90}{\pi}}}$$
$$= \frac{-2}{\pi \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{90}{\pi}}\right)^2}$$
$$= -0.0680 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

The depth of the liquid is decreasing at a rate of 0.0680 cm/s 3 minutes after the start of the experiment.

# Problem 11.

A particle is projected from the origin O and it moes freely under gravity in the x-y plane. At time t s after projection, the particle is at the point (x, y) where x = 30t and  $y = 20t - 5t^2$ , with x and y measured in meteres.

- (a) Given that the particle passes through two points A and B which are at a distance 15 m above the x-axis, find the time taken for the particle to travel from A to B. Find also the distance AB.
- (b) It is known that the particle always travels in a direction tangential to its path. Show that, when x = 10, the particle is travelling at an angle of  $\frac{5}{9}$  above the horizontal.

The speed of the particle is given by  $\sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$ . Find the speed of the particle when x = 10.

(c) Show that the equation of trajectory is  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{180}x^2$ .

## Solution

## Part (a)

Consider y = 15.

$$y = 15$$

$$20t - 5t^{2} = 15$$

$$t^{2} - 4t + 3 = 0$$

$$(t - 1)(t - 3) = 0$$

Hence, t = 1 or t = 3. Thus, the particle takes 3 - 1 = 2 seconds to travel from A to B.

Case 1: t = 1 When t = 1,  $x = 30 \cdot 1 = 30$ . Thus, A(30, 15).

Case 2: t = 3 When t = 3,  $x = 30 \cdot 3 = 90$ . Thus, B(90, 15).

The distance AB is thus 90 - 30 = 60 m.

$$AB = 60 \text{ m}$$

Part (b)

Note that 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 30$$
 and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 20 - 10t$ . Thus

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= (20 - 10t) \cdot \frac{1}{30}$$

$$= \frac{2 - t}{3}$$

When x = 10,  $t = \frac{1}{3}$ . Evaluating  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $t = \frac{1}{3}$ ,

$$\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{t=\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2-\frac{1}{3}}{3}$$
$$= \frac{5}{9}$$

Hence, the line tangent to the curve at x=10 has gradient  $\frac{5}{9}$ . Thus, the particle is travelling at an angle of  $\frac{5}{9}$  above the horizontal when x=10.

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^{2}} \bigg|_{t=\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{30^{2} + (20 - \frac{10}{3})^{2}}$$
$$= 34.3 (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

The particle is travelling at a speed of 34.3 m/s when x = 10.

### Part (c)

Note that  $t = \frac{x}{30}$ . Hence,

$$y = 20t - 5t^{2}$$

$$= 20 \cdot \frac{x}{30} - 5\left(\frac{x}{30}\right)^{2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{180}x^{2}$$