

3.9 Relative rates

1. relative rates 相對率

Application of implicit differentiation.

用其他函數的變化率來表示某個函數的變化率.

跑千若飛 — $v_{\text{跑}} = v_{\text{飛}}$

Method: Implicit differentiation 隱微分.

0.1 Relative rates

Example 0.1 Air is being pumped into a spherical balloon so that its volume *increases* at a rate of $100 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$. How fast is the radius of the balloon *increasing* when the diameter is 50 cm ?

灌氣球, 體積(V)以 $100 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ 增加. 半徑(r)在 25 cm 的增加率?

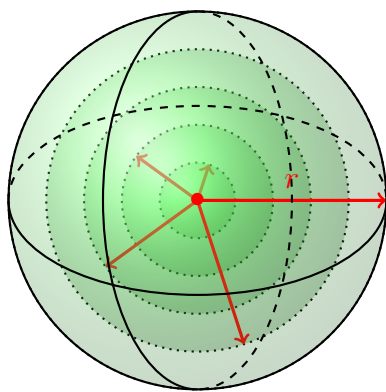
Given: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 100 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$. *Ask:* when $r = 25 \text{ cm}$, $\frac{dr}{dt} = ?$

The formula for the volume of a sphere: $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$.

Use implicit differentiation: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{4\pi(25)^2} \cdot 100 = \frac{1}{25\pi}.$$

Ans: $\frac{1}{25\pi} \text{ cm/s}$. ■



Note: 先微完再代 $f'(a) = \left. \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right|_{x=a} \neq (f(a))' (= 0)$, 答案別忘記單位.

Example 0.2 A ladder 5 m long rests against a vertical wall. If the bottom of the ladder slides *away* from the wall at a rate of 1 m/s, how fast is the top of the ladder sliding *down* the wall when the bottom of the ladder is 3 m from the wall?

一梯長 5 m 依牆而立, 梯底(x)以 1 m/s 滑離, 梯頂(y)在底離 3 m 的下滑率?

Let the bottom of the ladder x m from the wall and the top y m from the ground.

Given: $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$ m/s. *Ask:* when $x = 3$ m, $-\frac{dy}{dt} = ?$
(注意方向, y 往上, 下滑率 = $-$ 增高率.)

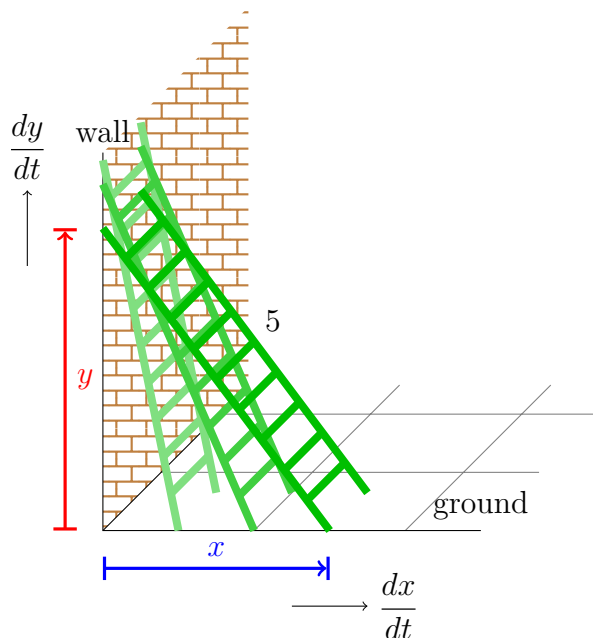
The formula for the relation of x and y :

Pythagorean Theorem 畢氏定理: $x^2 + y^2 = 5^2 = 25$.

Use implicit differentiation: $2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow y = 4 \text{ and } -\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{x}{y} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Ans: $\frac{3}{4}$ m/s. ■



Example 0.3 A water tank has the shape of an inverted circular cone with base radius 2 m and height 4 m. If water is being pumped *into* the tank at a rate of $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$, find the rate at which the water level is *rising* when the water is 3 m deep.

半徑 2 m 的倒圓錐的水塔以 $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ 注入水, 找 3 m 深時的高度(h)變化率.

Given: $\frac{dV}{dt} = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$. *Ask:* when $h = 3 \text{ m}$, $\frac{dh}{dt} = ?$

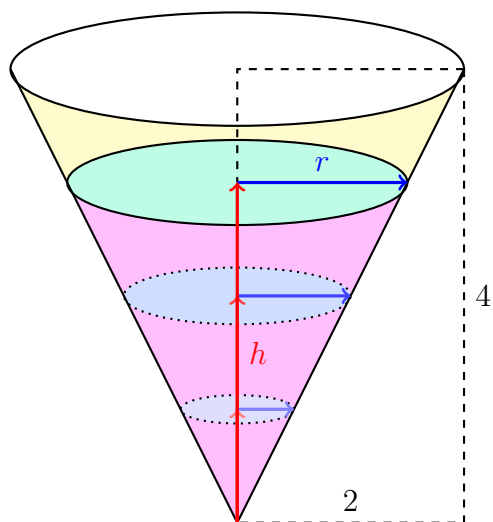
Let h be the height and r be the radius of water, then $h/r = 4/2$, $r = \frac{h}{2}$.

The formula for the volume of a circular cone: $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h = \frac{1}{12}\pi h^3$.

Use implicit differentiation: $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}\pi h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{4}{\pi h^2} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{\pi(3)^2} \cdot 2 = \frac{8}{9\pi}.$$

Ans: $\frac{8}{9\pi} \text{ m/min}$. ■



Example 0.4 Car A is traveling *west* at 90 km/h and car B is traveling *north* at 100 km/h. Both are headed for the intersection of the two roads. At what rate are the cars *approaching* each other when car A is 60 m and car B is 80 m from the intersection?

A車西行 90 km/h, B車北行 100 km/h, 當 A 離交會點 60 m, B 離 80 m, 兩車接近率?

Let x and y be the distance from the intersection to A and B, respectively, and let z be the distance from A to B.

Given: $-\frac{dx}{dt} = 90$ km/h, $-\frac{dy}{dt} = 100$ km/h. (注意方向)

Ask: when $x = 0.06$ km and $y = 0.08$ km, $-\frac{dz}{dt} = ?$ (注意單位)

The formula for the relation of x , y and z :

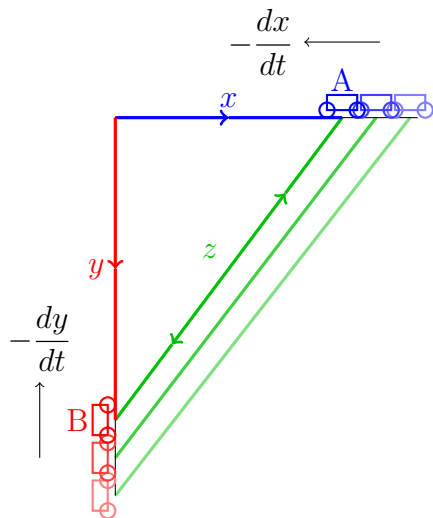
Pythagorean Theorem 畢氏定理: $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$.

Use implicit differentiation: $2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 2z \frac{dz}{dt}$.

When $x = 0.06$ and $y = 0.08$, $z = 0.1$.

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{1}{z} \left(-x \frac{dx}{dt} - y \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{0.1} (0.06 \cdot 90 + 0.08 \cdot 100) = 134.$$

Ans: 134 km/h. ■



Example 0.5 A man walks along a straight path at a *speed* of 1.5 m/s. A searchlight is located on the ground 6 m from the path and is kept focused on the man. At what rate is the searchlight *rotating* when the man is 8 m from the point on the path closest to the searchlight?

一人以 1.5 m/s 行直路, 一燈離路 6 m 追人, 當人離最近點 8 m 的燈轉率?

Let x be the distance from the man to the point on the path closest to the light, and let θ be the angle between the beam and the perpendicular 垂線 to the path.

Given: $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1.5$ m/s. *Ask:* when $x = 8$ m, $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = ?$

From graph: $\tan \theta = \frac{x}{6}$.

[Sol 1] Use implicit differentiation: $\sec^2 \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{6} \frac{dx}{dt}$.

When $x = 8$, $\cos \theta = \frac{6}{\sqrt{8^2 + 6^2}} = \frac{3}{5}$.

$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{6} \cos^2 \theta \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 \cdot 1.5 = 0.09$.

[Sol 2] $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{6}$, $u = \frac{x}{6}$, $\frac{d}{du} \tan^{-1} u = \frac{1}{1+u^2}$.

Use chain rule: $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{1+(x/6)^2} \frac{1}{6} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{1+(8/6)^2} \frac{1}{6} (1.5) = 0.09$.

Ans: 0.09 rad/s. ■

