

Math 1300-005 - Spring 2017

Related Rates, Pt. III - 3/3/17

Guidelines: Please work in groups of two or three. This will not be handed in, but is a study resource for Midterm 3. This third worksheet over related rates covers some more intermediate examples now that we are used to the process.

For *each* of the following related rates problems:

- (a) Draw a picture of the situation and assign variables.
 - (b) Write down the known and unknown quantities in terms of the assigned variables.
 - (c) Use your picture to write an equation that relates the variables.
 - (d) Take d/dt of each side of this equation, solve for the unknown quantity, and then plug in the known quantities.
1. Two space ships leave from a docking station at the same time on perpendicular trajectories. One of the space ships travels at a speed of 0.2 light-years per year, and the other at a speed of 2.4 light-years per year. How fast is the distance between the spaceships changing at 5 years of travel?

2. A kite 100 ft above ground moves horizontally at a speed of 8 ft/s. At what rate is the angle between the string and the horizontal decreasing when 200 ft of string has been let out?

3. A spotlight on the ground shines on a wall 12 m away. If a man 2m tall walks from the spotlight toward the building at a speed of 1.6 m/s, how fast is the length of his shadow on the building decreasing when he is 4 m from the building?