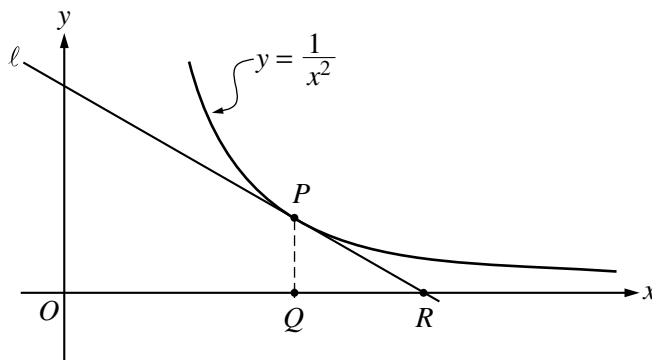


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6. In the figure above, line  $\ell$  is tangent to the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$  at point  $P$ , with coordinates  $\left(w, \frac{1}{w^2}\right)$ , where  $w > 0$ . Point  $Q$  has coordinates  $(w, 0)$ . Line  $\ell$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at point  $R$ , with coordinates  $(k, 0)$ .
- Find the value of  $k$  when  $w = 3$ .
  - For all  $w > 0$ , find  $k$  in terms of  $w$ .
  - Suppose that  $w$  is increasing at the constant rate of 7 units per second. When  $w = 5$ , what is the rate of change of  $k$  with respect to time?
  - Suppose that  $w$  is increasing at the constant rate of 7 units per second. When  $w = 5$ , what is the rate of change of the area of  $\triangle PQR$  with respect to time? Determine whether the area is increasing or decreasing at this instant.

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END OF EXAMINATION