# Section 2.10 – Related Rates

The problem of finding a rate of change from other known rates of change is called a *related rates problem*.

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr}\frac{dr}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

### Example

Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of  $9 \ ft^3 / min$ . The tank stands point down and has a height of  $10 \ feet$  and a base radius of  $5 \ feet$ . How fast is the water level rising when the water is  $6 \ feet$  deep?

### Solution

 $V = \text{volume } (ft^3)$  of the water in the tank at time t (min)

x = radius (ft) of the surface of the water at time t

y = depth(ft) of the water in the tank at time t.

Given: 
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 9 \frac{ft^3}{min} \quad y = 6 ft$$
$$h = 10 ft \quad r = 5 ft$$

The water forms a cone with volume:

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi x^2 y$$

From the triangles:

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{5}{10} \implies x = \frac{y}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{y^2}{4}\right) y$$

$$= \frac{1}{12}\pi y^3$$

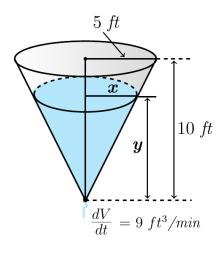
The derivative in function of time:

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{12}\pi \left(3y^2 \frac{dy}{dt}\right)$$

$$9 = \frac{\pi}{4} (6)^2 \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{(9)(4)}{36\pi} = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{\pi} \approx 0.3183$$



The water level is rising at about 0.32 ft/min.

# Related Rates Problem Strategy

- 1. Draw a picture and name the variables and constants. (use *t* for time).
- 2. Write down the given information (numerical).
- 3. Write down what you are asked to find.
- 4. Write an equation that relates the variables.
- 5. Differentiate with respect to *t*.
- 6. Evaluate.

# **Example**

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#### Solution

 $\theta$  = the angle in *rad*.

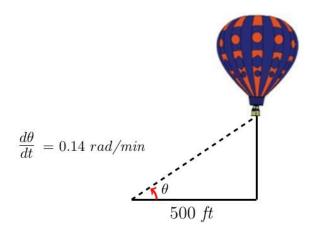
y = the height in *feet* of the balloon

*Given*: 
$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 0.14 \text{ rad / min}$$
 when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$   
 $distance = 500 \text{ ft}$ 

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{500} \implies y = 500 \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 500 \left(\sec^2 \theta\right) \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
$$= 500 \left(\sec^2 \frac{\pi}{4}\right) (0.14)$$
$$= 140$$

The balloon is rising at the rate of 140 ft/min.



A police cruiser, approaching a right-angle intersection from the north, is chasing a speeding car that has turned the corner and is now moving straight east. When the cruiser is 0.6 *mi* north of the intersection and the car is 0.8 *mi* to the east, the police determined with radar that the distance between them and the car is increasing at 20 *mph*. If the cruiser is moving at 60 *mph* at the instant of measurement, what is the speed of the car?

#### **Solution**

x =position of car at time t.

y = position of cruiser at time t.

s = distance between car and cruiser at time t.

Given:  $x = 0.8 \text{ mi} \qquad y = 0.6 \text{ mi}$  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 20 \text{ mph} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -60 \text{ mph}$ 

Using the Pythagorean Theorem to get the distance:

$$s^{2} = x^{2} + y^{2}$$

$$|\underline{s} = \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}} = \sqrt{0.8^{2} + 0.6^{2}} = \underline{1}|$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(s^{2}) = \frac{d}{dt}(x^{2}) + \frac{d}{dt}(y^{2})$$

$$2s\frac{ds}{dt} = 2x\frac{dx}{dt} + 2y\frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$s\frac{ds}{dt} - y\frac{dy}{dt} = x\frac{dx}{dt}$$

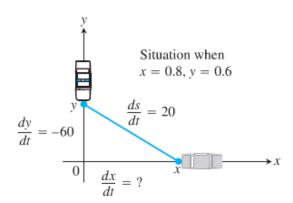
$$x\frac{dx}{dt} = s\frac{ds}{dt} - y\frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$0.8\frac{dx}{dt} = (1)(20) - (0.6)(-60)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{20 + 36}{0.8}$$

$$= 70 \quad mph$$

The car's speed is 70 mph.



A particle moves clockwise at a constant rate along a circle of radius 10 *feet* centered at the origin. The particles initial position is (0, 10) on the *y*-axis and its final destination is the point (10, 0) on the *x*-axis. Once the particle is in motion, the tangent line at *P* intersects the *x*-axis at a point *Q* (which moves over time). If it takes the particle 30 *sec* to travel from start to finish, how fast is the point *Q* moving along the *x*-axis when it is 20 *feet* from the center of the circle?

#### **Solution**

Since the particle travels 30 sec from start to finish of angle  $90^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , the particle is traveling along

the circle at a constant rate of  $\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} rad}{30 \text{ sec}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} = \pi rad / \text{min}$ 

That implies 
$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\pi$$

$$x = 20 \, ft$$
 and  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\pi \, rad \, / \min$ 

$$\cos \theta = \frac{10}{x} \iff x = \frac{10}{\cos \theta} = 10 \sec \theta$$

$$20 = 10 \sec \theta \implies \sec \theta = 2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (10\sec\theta)$$

$$=10\sec\theta\tan\theta\frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$=10\sec\theta\tan\theta(-\pi)$$

$$=-10\pi \sec\theta \tan\theta$$

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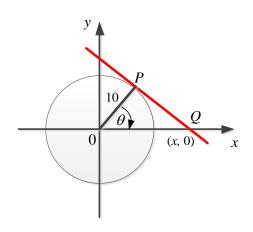
$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \sqrt{4 - 1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -10\pi \sec\theta \tan\theta$$

$$=-10\pi (2)(\sqrt{3})$$

$$= -20\pi\sqrt{3} \ ft / min$$

The point Q is moving towards the origin at the speed of  $20\sqrt{3}\pi \approx 108.8 \, ft / min$ 



A jet airliner is flying at a constant altitude of 12,000 feet above sea level as it approaches a Pacific island. The aircraft comes within the direct line of sight of a radar station located on the island, and the radar indicates the initial angle between sea level and its line of sight to the aircraft is 30°. How fast (in miles per hour) is the aircraft approaching the island when first detected by the radar instrument if it is turning upward (counterclockwise ccw) at the rate of  $\frac{2}{3} deg / sec$  in order to keep the aircraft within its direct line of sight?

#### **Solution**

From the triangle:

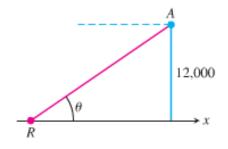
 $\approx -380 \ mi / hr$ 

$$\tan \theta = \frac{12,000}{x} \implies x = \frac{12,000}{\tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{12,000}{5280} \cot \theta \quad mi$$

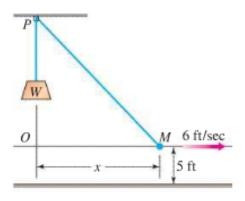
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{12,000}{5280} \csc^2 \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$= -\frac{12,000}{5280} \csc^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \frac{deg}{sec} \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}} \frac{3600sec}{lhr}$$



The negative appears because the distance *x* is decreasing, so the aircraft is approaching the island at a speed of approximately 380 *mi/hr* when first detected by the radar.

A rope is running through a pulley at P and bearing a weight W at one end. The other end is held 5 feet above the ground in the hand M of a worker. Suppose the pulley is 25 feet above ground, the rope is 45 feet long, and the worker is walking rapidly away from the vertical line PW at the rate of 6 ft/sec. How fast is the weight being raised when the worker's hand is 21 feet away from PW?



#### **Solution**

**Given:** when 
$$x = 21 \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 6$$

$$45 = z + 20 - h \implies |\underline{z} = 45 - 20 + h = \underline{25 + h}|$$

$$z^2 = 20^2 + x^2$$

$$(25+h)^2 = 20^2 + x^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\left(25+h\right)^2\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(20^2 + x^2\right)$$

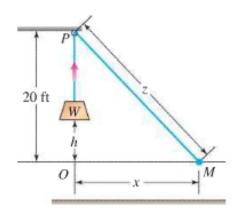
$$2(25+h)\frac{dh}{dt} = 2x\frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{x}{25 + h} \frac{dx}{dt}$$

when 
$$x = 21 \rightarrow (25+h)^2 = 20^2 + x^2 = 20^2 + 21^2 = 841$$
  
 $25+h = \sqrt{841} = 29$ 

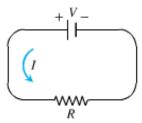
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{21}{29} (6) \approx \frac{4.3 \, ft \, / \sec}{}$$

As the rate 4.3 *ft/sec* at which the weight is being raised when x = 21 *feet*.



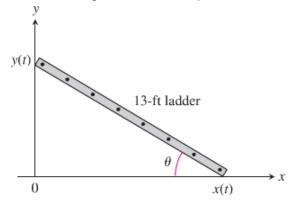
# **Exercises** Section 2.10 – Related Rates

- 1. If  $y = x^2$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3$ , then what is  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  when x = -1
- 2. If  $x = y^3 y$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 5$ , then what is  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  when y = 2
- 3. A cone-shaped icicle is dripping from the roof. The radius of the icicle is decreasing at a rate of 0.2 cm per hour, while the length is increasing at a rate of 0.8 cm per hour. If the icicle is currently 4 cm in radius and 20 cm long, is the volume of the icicle increasing or decreasing and at what rate?
- **4.** A cube's surface area increases at the rate of 72  $in^2$  / sec. At what rate is the cube's volume changing when the edge length is x = 3 in?
- 5. The radius r and height h of a right circular cone are related to the cone's volume V by the equation  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ .
  - a) How is  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  related to  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  if r is constant?
  - b) How is  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  related to  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  if **h** is constant?
  - c) How is  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  related to  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  if neither r nor h is constant?
- 6. The voltage V (volts), current I (amperes), and resistance R (ohms) of an electric circuit like the one shown here are related by the equation V = IR. Suppose that V is increasing at the rate of 1 *volt/sec* while I is decreasing at the rate of  $\frac{1}{3}$  amp / sec. Let t denote time in seconds.



- a) What is the value of  $\frac{dV}{dt}$ ?
- b) What is the value of  $\frac{dI}{dt}$ ?
- c) What equation relates  $\frac{dR}{dt}$  to  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dI}{dt}$ ?
- d) Find the rate at which R is changing when V = 12 volts and I = 2 amp. Is R increasing or decreasing?

- 7. Let x and y be differentiable functions of t and let  $s = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  be the distance between the points (x, 0) and (0, y) in the xy-plane.
  - a) How is  $\frac{ds}{dt}$  related to  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  if y is constant?
  - b) How is  $\frac{ds}{dt}$  related to  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  if neither x nor y is constant?
  - c) How is  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  related to  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  if s is constant?
- **8.** A 13-ft ladder is leaning against a house when its base starts to slide away. By the time the base is 12 ft from the house, the base is moving at the rate of 5 ft/sec.

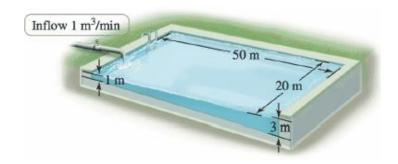


- a) How fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall then?
- b) At what rate is the area of the triangle formed by the ladder, wall, and the ground changing then?
- c) At what rate is the angle  $\theta$  between the ladder and the ground changing then?
- 9. A 13-ft ladder is leaning against a vertical wall when he begins pulling the foot of the ladder away from the wall at a rate of  $0.5 \, ft/s$ . How fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall when the foot of the ladder is  $5 \, ft$  from the wall?

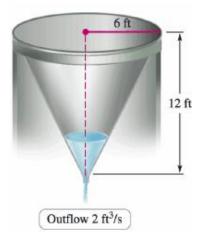


**10.** A 12-ft ladder is leaning against a vertical wall when he begins pulling the foot of the ladder away from the wall at a rate of 0.2 ft/s. What is the configuration of the ladder at the instant that the vertical speed of the top of the ladder equals the horizontal speed of the foot of the ladder?

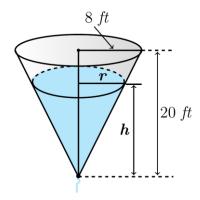
- 11. A swimming pool is 50 m long and 20 m wide. Its length decreases linearly along the length from 3 m to 1 m. It is initially empty and is filed at a rate of 1  $m^3$  / min .
  - a) How fast is the water level rising 250 min after the filling begins?
  - b) How long will it take to fill the pool?



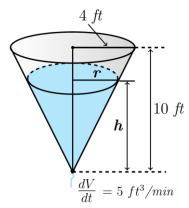
12. An inverted conical water tank with a height of  $12 \, feet$  and a radius of  $6 \, feet$  is drained through a hole in the vertex at a rate of  $2 \, ft^3$  / sec. What is the rate of change of the water depth when the water depth is  $3 \, feet$ ?



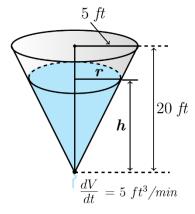
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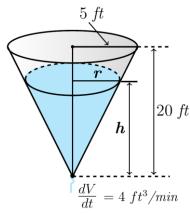
**14.** Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of  $5 ft^3/min$ . The tank stands point down and has a height of 10 feet and a base radius of 4 feet. How fast is the water level rising when the water is 6 feet deep?



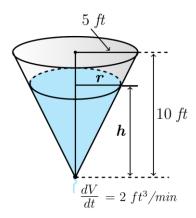
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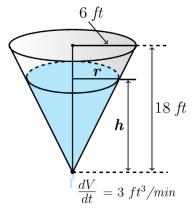
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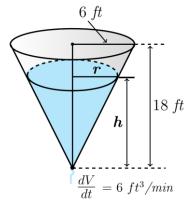
17. Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of  $2 ft^3/min$ . The tank stands point down and has a height of 10 feet and a base radius of 5 feet. How fast is the water level rising when the water is 4 feet deep?



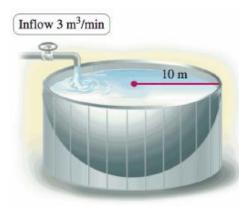
**18.** Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of  $3 ft^3/min$ . The tank stands point down and has a height of 18 feet and a base radius of 6 feet. How fast is the water level rising when the water is 6 feet deep?



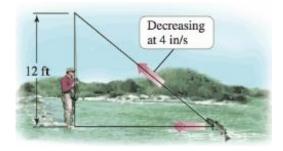
19. Water runs into a conical tank at the rate of  $6 ft^3/min$ . The tank stands point down and has a height of 18 feet and a base radius of 6 feet. How fast is the water level rising when the water is 12 feet deep?



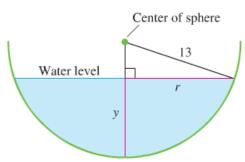
- **20.** A hemispherical tank with a radius of 10 m is filled from an inflow pipe at a rate of  $3 m^3 / \min$ . (Hint: The volume of a cap of thickness h sliced from a sphere of radius r is  $\frac{\pi h^2(3r-h)}{3}$ ).
  - a) How fast is the water level rising when the water level is 5 m from the bottom of the tank?
  - b) What is the rate of change of the surface area of the water when the water is 5 m deep?



**21.** A fisherman hooks a trout and reels in his line at 4 *in/sec*. Assume the trip of the fishing rod is 12 *ft* above the water directly above the fisherman and the fish is pulled horizontally directly towards the fisherman. Find the horizontal speed of the fish when it is 20 *ft* from the fisherman.

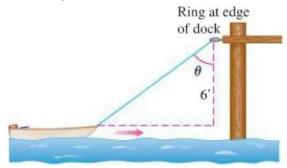


**22.** Water is flowing at the rate of 6  $m^3$  / min from a reservoir shaped like a hemispherical bowl of radius 13 m. Answer the following questions, given that the volume of water in a hemispherical bowl of radius R is  $V = \frac{\pi}{3} y^2 (3R - y)$  when the water is y meters deep.

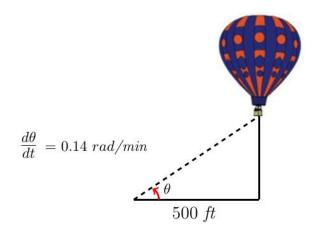


- a) At what rate the water level changing when the water is 8 m deep?
- b) What is the radius r of the water's surface when the water is y m deep?
- c) At what rate is the radius r changing when the water is 8 m deep?

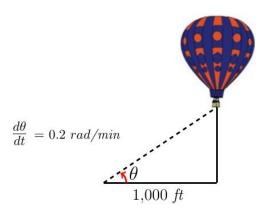
- 23. A spherical balloon is inflated with helium at the rate of  $100\pi$  ft<sup>3</sup> / min . How fast is the balloon's radius increasing at the instant the radius is 5 feet? How fast the surface area increasing?
- 24. An observer stands 300 feet from the launch site of a hot-air balloon. The balloon is launched vertically and maintains a constant upward velocity of  $20 \, ft/sec$ . what is the rate of change of the angle of elevation of the balloon when it is  $400 \, feet$  from the ground? The angle of elevation is the angle  $\theta$  between the observer's line of sight to the balloon and the ground.
- **25.** A dinghy is pulled toward a dock by a rope from the bow through a ring on the dock 6 *feet* above the bow. The rope is hauled in at rate of 2 *ft/sec*.



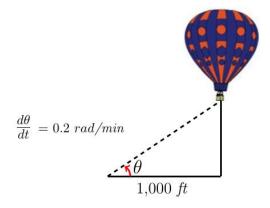
- a) How fast is the boat approaching the dock when 10 feet of rope are out?
- b) At what rate is the angle  $\theta$  changing at this instant?
- 26. A hot air balloon rising straight up from a level filed is tracked by a range finder 500 *feet* from the liftoff point. At the moment the range finder's elevation angle is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , the angle is increasing at the rate of 0.14 *rad/min*. How fast is the balloon rising at that moment?



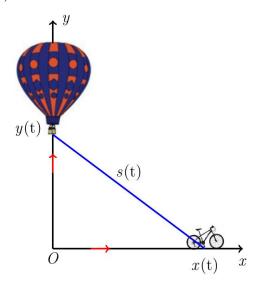
27. A hot air balloon rising straight up from a level filed is tracked by a range finder 1,000 *feet* from the liftoff point. At the moment the range finder's elevation angle is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , the angle is increasing at the rate of 0.2 rad/min. How fast is the balloon rising at that moment?



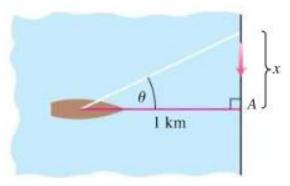
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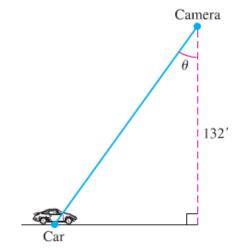
**29.** A balloon rising vertically above a level, straight road at a constant rate of 1 ft/sec. Just when the balloon is 65 feet above the ground, a bicycle moving at a constant rate of 17 ft/sec passes under it. How fast is the distance s(t) between the bicycle and the balloon increasing 3 sec later?



**30.** The figure shows a boat 1 km offshore, sweeping the shore with a searchlight. The light turns at a constant rate,  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -0.6 \ rad \ / \sec$ .

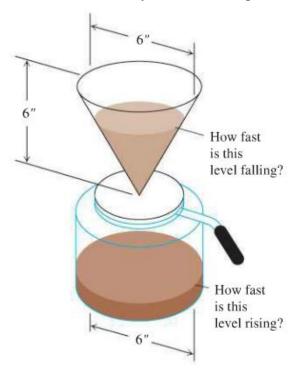


- a) How fast is the light moving along the shore when it reaches point A?
- b) How many revolutions per minute is 0.3 rad/sec?
- 31. You are videotaping a race from a stand 132 *feet* from the track, following a car that is moving at  $180 \, mi/h \, (264 \, ft/sec)$ . How fast will your camera angle  $\theta$  be changing when the car is right in front of you? A half second later?



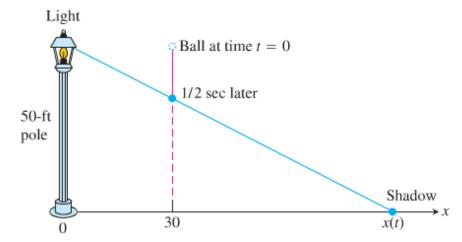
- 32. The coordinates of a particle in the metric xy-plane are differentiable functions of time t with  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -1 \, m$  / sec and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -5 \, m$  / sec. How fast is the particle's distance from the origin changing as it passes through the point (5, 12)?
- **33.** A particle moves along the parabola  $y = x^2$  in the first quadrant in such a way that its *x*-coordinate (measure in meters) increases at a steady 10 m/sec. How fast is the angle of inclination  $\theta$  of the line joining the particle to the origin changing when x = 3m?

**34.** Coffee is draining from a conical filter into a cylindrical coffeepot at the rate of  $10 in^3 / min$ .

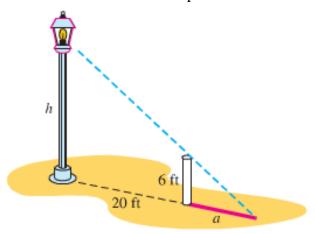


- a) How fast is the level in the pot rising when the coffee in the cone is 5 in. deep?
- b) How fast is the level in the cone falling then?

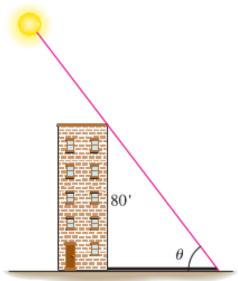
**35.** A light shines from the top of a pole 50 *feet* high. A ball is dropped from the same height from a point 30 *feet* away from the light. How fast is the shadow of the ball moving along the ground  $\frac{1}{2}$  *sec* later? (Assume the ball falls a distance  $s = 16t^2$  *foot* in t sec.)



**36.** To find the height of a lamppost, you stand a 6 *feet* pole 20 *feet* from the lamp and measure the length a of its shadow, finding it to be 15 *feet*, give or take an inch. Calculate the height of the lamppost using the value of a = 15 and estimate the possible error in the result.



37. On a morning of a day when the sun will pass directly overhead, the shadow of an 80–feet building on level ground is 60 feet long. At the moment in question, the angle  $\theta$  the sun makes with the ground is increasing at the rate of  $0.27^{\circ}$  / min. At what rate is the shadow decreasing?

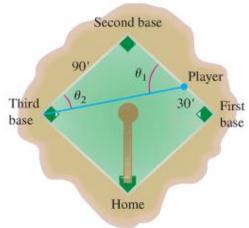


- **38.** A spherical iron ball 8 *in*. in diameter is coated with a layer of ice of uniform thickness. If the ice melts at the rate of  $10 in^3 / \min$ , how fast is the thickness of the ice decreasing when it is 2 in. thick? How fast is the outer surface area of ice decreasing?
- **39.** Runners stand at first and second base in a baseball game. At the moment a ball is hit the runner at first base runs to second base at 18 ft/s; simultaneously the runner on second runs to third base at 20 ft/s. How fast is the distance between the runners changing 1 sec after the ball is hit?



(*Hint*: The distance between consecutive bases I 90 *feet* and the bases lie at the corners of a square.)

**40.** A baseball diamond is a square 90 *feet* on a side. A player runs from first base to second at a rate of 16 *ft/sec*.

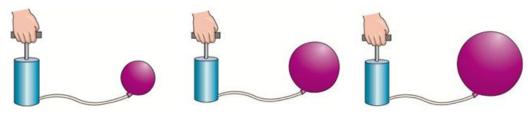


- a) At what rate is the player's distance from third base changing when the player is 30 ft from first base?
- b) At what rates are angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  changing at that time?
- c) The player slides into second base at the rate of 15 ft/sec. At what rates are angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  changing as the player touches base?
- **41.** A pebble is dropped into a calm pond, causing ripples in the form of concentric circles. The radius *r* of the outer ripple is increasing at a constant rate of 1 *foot* per *second*.



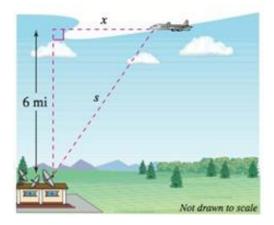
When the radius is 4 feet, at what rate is the total area A of the disturbed water changing?

- **42.** The variables x and y are both differentiable functions of t and are related by the equation  $y = x^2 + 3$ . Find  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  when x = 1, given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$  when x = 1.
- **43.** Air is being pumped into a spherical balloon at a rate of 4.5  $ft^3 / min$ .

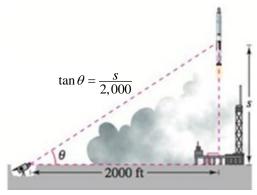


Find the rate of change of the radius when the radius is 2 feet.

**44.** An Airplane is flying on a flight path that will take it directly over a radar tracking station. The distance s is decreasing at a rate of 400 mph when s = 10 mi. What is the speed of the plane?

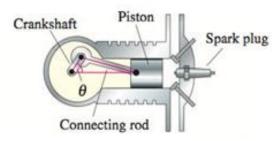


**45.** Find the rate of change in the angle of elevation of the camera at 10 seconds after lift-off.



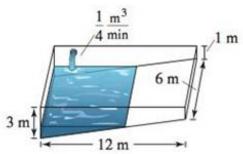
**46.** In the engine, a 7–inch connecting rod is fastened to a crank of radius 3 *inches*, the crankshaft rotates counterclockwise at a constant rate of 200 *revolutions per minute*.

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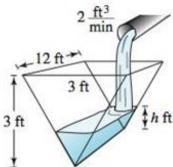


Find the velocity of the piston when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

47. A swimming pool is 12 *meters* long, 6 *meters* wide, 1 *meter* deep at the shallow end, and 3 *meters* deep at the deep end. Water is being pumped into the pool at  $\frac{1}{4} m^3 / \text{min}$ , and there is 1 *meter* of water at the deep end.

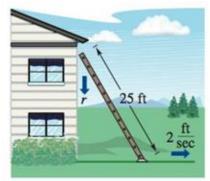


- a) What percent of the pool is filled?
- b) At what rate is the water level rising?
- **48.** A trough is 12 *feet* long and 3 *feet* across the top. Its ends are isosceles triangles with altitudes of 3 *feet*.

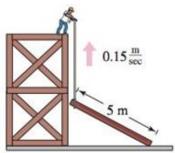


- a) Water is being pumped into the trough at  $2 ft^3 / \min$ . How fast is the water level rising when the depth h is 1 foot?
- b) The water is rising at a rate of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in / min when h = 2. Determine the rate at which water is being pumped into the trough.

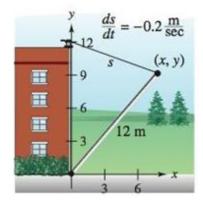
**49.** A ladder 25 *feet* long is leaning against the wall of a house. The base of the ladder is pulled away from the wall at a rate of 2 *feet* per *second*.



- *a)* How fast is the top of the ladder moving down the wall when its base is 7 *feet*, 15 *feet*, and 24 *feet* from the wall?
- b) Consider the triangle formed by the side of the house, the ladder, and the ground. Find the rate at which the area of the triangle is changing when the base of the ladder is 7 *feet* from the wall.
- c) Find the rate at which the angle between the ladder and the wall of the house is changing when the base of the ladder is 7 *feet* from the wall.
- **50.** A construction worker pulls a five-*meter* plank up the side of a building under construction by means of a rope tied to one end of the plank. Assume the opposite end of the plank follows a path perpendicular to the wall of the building and the worker pulls the rope at a rate of  $0.15 \, m/\sec$ . How fast is the end of the plank sliding along the ground when it is  $2.5 \, m$  from the wall of the building?



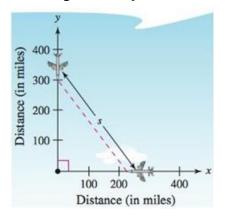
**51.** A winch at the top of a 12-*meter* building pulls a pipe of the same length to a vertical position. The winch pulls in rope at a rate of  $-0.2 \, m \, / \sec$ . Find the rate of vertical change and the rate of horizontal change at the end of the pipe when y = 6



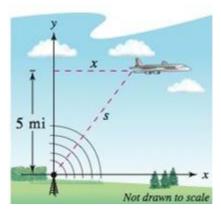
**52.** A boat is pulled into a dock by means of a winch 12 *feet* above the deck of the boat.



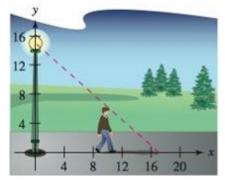
- a) The winch pulls in rope at a rate of 4 *feet* per *second*. Determine the speed of the boat when there is 13 *feet* of rope out. What happens to the speed of the boat as it gets closer to the dock?
- b) Suppose the boat is moving at a constant rate of 4 *feet* per *second*. Determine the speed at which the winch pulls in rope when there is a total of 13 *feet* of rope out. What happens to the speed at which the winch pulls in rope as the boat gets closer to the dock?
- **53.** An air traffic controller spots two planes at the same altitude converging on a point as they fly at right angles to each other. One plane is 225 *miles* from the point moving at 450 *mph*. The other plane is 300 *miles* from the point moving at 600 *mph*.



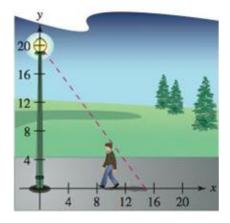
- a) At what rate is the distance between the planes decreasing?
- b) How much time does the air traffic controller have to get one of the planes on a different flight path?
- **54.** An airplane is flying at an altitude of 5 *miles* and passes directly over a radar antenna. When the plane is 10 miles away (s = 10), the radar detects that the distance s is changing at a rate of 240 mph. What is the speed of the plane?



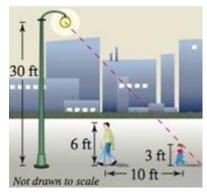
**55.** A man 6 *feet* tall walks at a rate of 5 *feet* per *second* away from a light that is 15 *feet* above the ground.



- a) When he is 10 feet from the base of the light, at what rate is the tip of his shadow moving?
- b) When he is 10 feet from the base of the light, at what rate is the length of his shadow changing?
- **56.** A man 6 feet tall walks at a rate of 5 feet per second toward a light that is 20 feet above the ground.

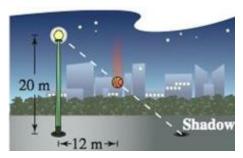


- a) When he is 10 feet from the base of the light, at what rate is the tip of his shadow moving?
- b) When he is 10 feet from the base of the light, at what rate is the length of his shadow changing?
- 57. A man 6 feet tall walks at a rate of 5 ft / sec toward a streetlight that is 30 feet high. The man's 3-foot-tall child follows at the same speed, but 10 feet behind the man. At times, the shadow behind the child is caused by the man, and at other times, by the child.



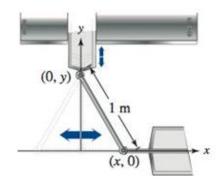
- a) Suppose the man is 90 *feet* from the streetlight. Show that the man's shadow extends beyond the child's shadow.
- b) Suppose the man is 60 *feet* from the streetlight. Show that the child's shadow extends beyond the man's shadow.

- c) Determine the distance d from the man to the streetlight at which the tips of the two shadows are exactly the same distance from the streetlight.
- d) Determine how fast the tip of the man's shadow is moving as a function of x, the distance between the man and the streetlight. Discuss the continuity of this shadow speed function.
- **58.** A ball is dropped from a height of 20 *m*, 12 *m* away from the top of a 20-meter lamppost. The ball's shadow, caused by the light at the top of the lamppost, is moving along the level ground. How fast is the shadow moving 1 *second* after the ball is released?

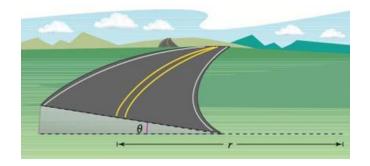


**59.** The endpoints of a movable rod of length 1 *meter* have coordinates (x, 0) and (0, y). The position of the end on the *x-axis* is

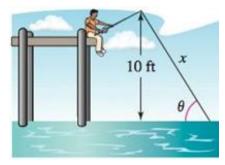
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{\pi t}{6}$$
 where t is the time in seconds.



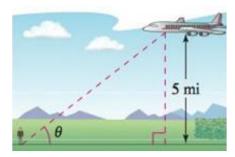
- a) Find the time of one complete cycle of the rod.
- b) What is the lowest point reached by the end of the rod on the y-axis?
- c) Find the speed of the *y-axis* endpoint when the *x-axis* endpoints is  $\left(\frac{1}{4}, 0\right)$
- 60. Cars on a certain roadway travel on a circular arc of radius r. in order not to rely on friction alone to overcome to centrifugal force, the road is banked at an angle of magnitude  $\theta$  from the horizontal. The banking angle must satisfy the equation  $rg \tan \theta = v^2$ , where v is the velocity of the cars and  $g = 32 \, ft / \sec^2$  is the acceleration due to gravity. Find the relationship between the related rates  $\frac{dv}{dt}$  and  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$ .



**61.** A fish is reeled in at a rate of 1 ft / sec from a point 10 feet above the water. At what rate is the angle  $\theta$  between the line and the water changing when there is a total of 25 feet of line from the end of the rod to the water?



- 62. An airplane flies at an altitude of 5 *miles* toward a point directly over an observer. The speed of the plane is 600 mph. Find the rates at which the angle of elevation  $\theta$  is changing when the angle is
  - a)  $\theta = 30^{\circ}$  b)  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$  c)  $\theta = 75^{\circ}$

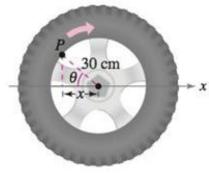


**63.** A patrol car is parked 50 feet from a long warehouse. The revolving light on top of the car turns at a rate of 30 revolutions per minute. How fast is the light beam moving along the wall when the beam makes angles of

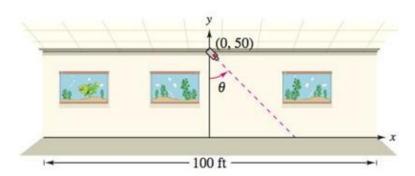
a) 
$$\theta = 30^{\circ}$$
 b)  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$  c)  $\theta = 70^{\circ}$ 

With the perpendicular line from the light to the wall?

**64.** A wheel of radius 30 *cm* revolves at a rate of 10 *revolutions* per *second*. A dot is painted at a point *P* on the rim of the wheel.

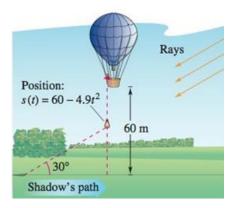


- a) Find  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  as a function of  $\theta$ .
- b) Graph the function.
- c) When is the absolute value of the rate of change of x greatest?
- d) When is it least?
- e) Find  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  when  $\theta = 30^{\circ}$  and  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$
- **65.** A security camera is centered 50 *feet* above a 100-*foot* hallway. It is easiest to design the camera with a constant angular rate of rotation, but this results in recording the images of the surveillance area at a variable rate. So, it is desirable to design a system with a variable rate of rotation and a constant rate of movement of the scanning beam along the hallway. Find a model for the variable rate of rotation when  $\left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right| = 2 \ ft / \sec$



**66.** A rotating beacon is located 1 km off a straight shoreline. The beacon rotates at a rate of 3 rev / min . How fast (in km / hr) does the beam of light appear to be moving to a viewer who is  $\frac{1}{2}$  km down the shoreline?

67. A sandbag is dropped from a balloon at a height of 60 m when the angle of elevation to the sun is 30°. The position of the sandbag is  $s(t) = 60 - 4.9t^2$ 

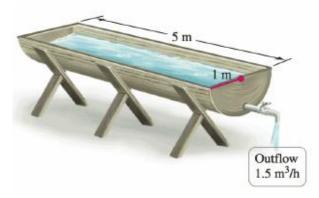


Find the rate at which the shadow of the sandbag is traveling along the ground when the sandbag is at height of 35 m.

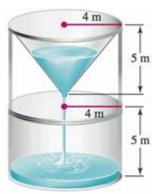
- **68.** The distance between the head of a piston and the end of a cylindrical chamber is given by  $x(t) = \frac{8t}{t+1} cm$ , for  $t \ge 0$  (measured in seconds). The radius of the cylinder is 4 cm.
  - a) Find the volume of the chamber, for  $t \ge 0$ .
  - b) Find the rate of change of the volume V'(t) for  $t \ge 0$ .
  - *c*) Graph the derivative of the volume function. On what intervals is the volume increasing? Decreasing?
- **69.** Two boats leave a dock at the same time. One boat travels south at 30 *mi/hr* and the other travels east at 40 *mi/hr*. after half an hour, how fast is the distance between the boats increasing?
- **70.** A spherical balloon is inflated at a rate of  $10 \text{ cm}^3 / \text{min}$ . At what rate is the diameter of the balloon increasing when the balloon has a diameter of 5 cm.
- **71.** A rope is attached to the bottom of a hot-air balloon that is floating above the flat field. If the angle of the rope to the ground remains  $65^{\circ}$  and the rope is pulled in at  $5 \, ft/s$ , how quickly is the elevation of the balloon changing?
- **72.** Water flows into a conical tank at a rate of 2  $ft^3$  / min. If the radius of the top of the tank is 4 *feet* and the height is 6 *feet*, determine how quickly the water level is rising when the water is 2 *feet* deep in the tank.
- **73.** A jet flies horizontally 500 *feet* directly above a spectator at an air show at 450 *mi/hr*. How quickly is the angle of elevation (between the ground and the line from the spectator to the jet) changing 2 seconds later?
- **74.** A man whose eyelevel is 6 *feet* above the ground walks toward a billboard at a rate of 2 *ft/s*. The bottom of the billboard is 10 *feet* above the ground, and it is 15 *feet* high. The man's viewing angle is the angle formed by the lines between the man's eyes and the top and bottom of the billboard. At what rate is the viewing angle changing when the man is 30 *feet* from the billboard?

- 75. A trough is shaped like a half cylinder with length 5 m and radius 1 m. The trough is full of water when a valve is opened and water flows out of the bottom of the trough at a rate of  $1.5 m^3 / hr$ .

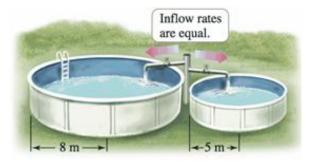
  (*Hint*: Area of the sector =  $\frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$ , r is the radius of a sector of the circle subtended by an angle of  $\theta$ )
  - *a)* How fast is the water level changing when the water level is 0.5 *m* from the bottom of the through?
  - b) What is the rate of change of the surface area of the water when the water is 0.5 m deep?



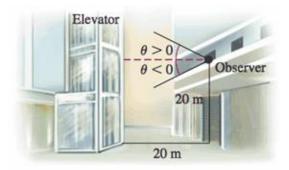
**76.** A conical tank with an upper radius of 4 *m* and a height of 5 *m* drains into a cylindrical tank with a radius of 4 *m* and a height of 5 *m*. If the water level in the conical tank drops at a rate of 0.5 *m/min*, at what rate does the water in the cylindrical tank rise when the water level in the conical tank is 3 *m*? 1 *m*?



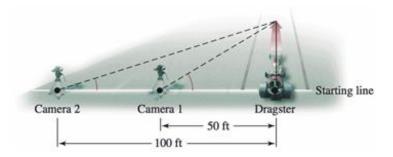
77. Two cylindrical swimming pools are being filled simultaneously at the same rate (in  $m^3/min$ ). The smaller pool has a radius of 5 m, and the water level rises at a rate of 0.5 m/min. The larger pool has a radius of 8 m. How fast is the water level rising in the larger pool?



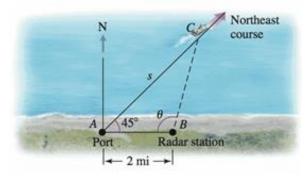
**78.** An observer is 20 m above the ground floor of a large hotel atrium looking at a glass enclosed elevator shaft that is 20 m horizontally from the observer. The angle of elevation of the elevator is the angle that the observer's line of sight makes with the horizontal (it may be positive or negative).



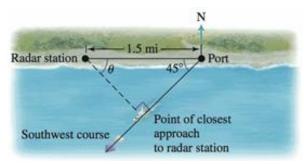
- a) Assuming that the elevator rises at a rate of 5 m/s, what is the rate of change of the angle of the angle of elevation when the elevator is 10 m above the ground?
- b) When the elevator is 40 m above the ground?
- **79.** A camera is set up at the starting line of a drag race 50 ft. from a dragster at the starting line (camera 1). Two seconds after the start race, the dragster has traveled 100 ft. and the camera is turning at 0.75 rad/s while filming the dragster.
  - a) What is the speed of the dragster at this point?
  - b) A second camera (camera 2) filming the dragster is located on the starting line 100 ft. away from the dragster at the start of the race. How fast is this camera turning 2 sec after the start of the race?



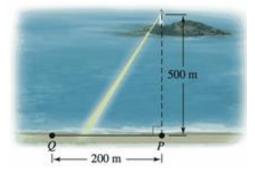
80. A port and a radar station are 2 mi apart on a straight shore running east and west. A ship leaves the port at noon traveling northeast at a rate of 15 mi/hr. If the ship maintains its speed and course, what is the rate of change of the tracking angle  $\theta$  between the shore and the line between the radar station and the ship at 12:30 PM?



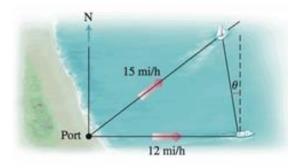
81. A ship leaves port traveling southwest at a rate of  $12 \, mi/hr$ . At noon, the ship reaches its closest approach to a radar station, which is on the shore  $1.5 \, mi$  from the port. If the ship maintains its speed and course, what is the rate of change of the tracking angle  $\theta$  between the radar station and the ship at 1:30 PM?



**82.** A lighthouse stands 500 m off of a straight shore, the focused beam of its light revolving four times each minute. P is the point on shore closest to the lighthouse and Q is a point on the shore 200 m from P.

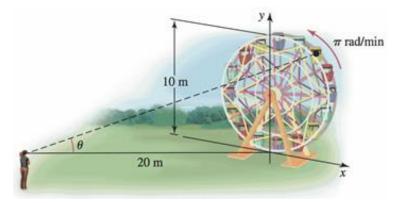


- a) What is the speed of the beam along the shore when it strikes the point Q?
- b) Describe how the speed of the beam along the shore varies with the distance between P and Q. (neglect the height of the lighthouse)
- 83. A boat leaves a port traveling due east at  $12 \, mi/hr$ . At the same time, another boat leaves the same port traveling northeast at  $15 \, mi/hr$ . The angle  $\theta$  of the line between the boats is measured relative to due north. What is the rate of change of this angle  $30 \, min$ . after the boats leave the port?  $2 \, hr$ . after the boats leave the port?

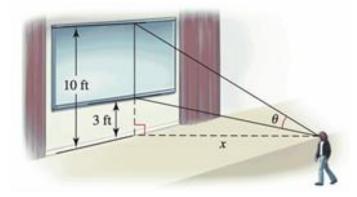


84. An observer stands 20 m from the bottom of a 10-m tall Ferris wheel on a line that is perpendicular to the face of the Ferris wheel. The wheel revolves at a rate of  $\pi$  rad/min and the observer's line of sight with a specific seat on the wheel makes an angle  $\theta$  with the ground. 40 seconds after that seat leaves the lowest point on the wheel, what is the rate of change of  $\theta$ ?

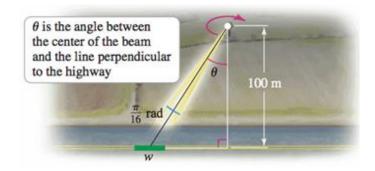
Assume the observer's eyes are level with the bottom of the wheel.



85. The bottom of a large theater screen is 3 ft. above your eye level and the top of the screen is 10 ft. above your eye level. Assume you walk away from the screen (perpendicular to the screen) at a rate of 3 ft/s while looking at the screen. What is the rate of change of the viewing angle  $\theta$  when you are 30 ft. from the wall on which the screen hangs, assuming the floor is flat?



86. A revolving searchlight, 100 m from the nearest point on the center line of a straight highway, casts a horizontal beam along a highway. The beam leaves the spotlight at an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{16}$  rad and revolves at a rate  $\frac{\pi}{16}$  rad/s. Let w be the width of the beam as it sweeps along the highway and  $\theta$  be the angle that the center of the beam makes with the perpendicular to the highway. What is the rate of change of w when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ ? Neglect the height of the lighthouse.



**87.** A piston is seated at the top of a cylindrical chamber with radius 5 *cm* when it starts moving into the chamber at a constant speed of 3 *cm/sec*. What is the rate of change of the volume of the cylinder when the piston is 2 *cm* from the base of the chamber?

