

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
Mathematics: analysis and approaches  
**MAA**

**EXERCISES [MAA 5.15]**

**RELATED RATES**

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**O. Practice questions**

1. [Maximum mark: 12] **[without GDC]**

The quantities  $A$  and  $B$  increase at constant rates  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 3$  and  $\frac{dB}{dt} = 2$  respectively.

- (a) Given that  $C = 2A^3 + 1$ , find the rate of change of  $C$ , at the instant when  $A = 2$ . [3]  
(b) Given that  $\ln D = \frac{3}{A}$ , find the rate of change of  $D$ , at the instant when  $D = e$ . [5]  
(c) Given that  $P = AB$ , find the rate of change of  $P$ , at the instant when  $A = B = 4$ . [4]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{dC}{dt} &= 3A^2 \frac{dA}{dt} \\ \frac{dC}{dt} @ (A=2) &= 3(2)^2(3) \\ &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad e^{\frac{3}{A}} &= D = \sqrt[3]{e^3} \\ \frac{dD}{dt} &= e^{\frac{3}{A}} \cdot \left[ \frac{A - 3 \frac{dA}{dt}}{A^2} \right] = e^{\frac{3}{A}} \cdot \frac{A - 9}{A^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{3}{D} \\ \frac{dD}{dt} &= e^D \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{3}{D}\right) - 9}{\left(\frac{3}{D}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dD}{dt} @ (D=e) = e^e \cdot \frac{\frac{3}{e} - 9}{1} \cdot \frac{e^e}{9}$$

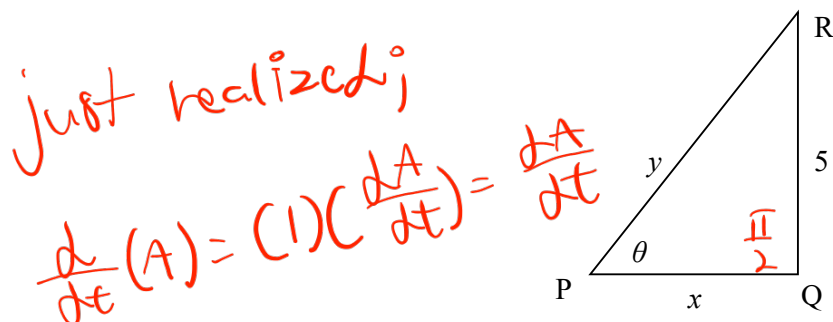
$$= e^e \cdot \frac{3e - 9e}{9} = e^e \cdot \frac{-2e}{3}$$

2. [Maximum mark: 24] **[without GDC]**

The diagram shows a right-angled triangle PQR, with  $\hat{Q} = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and QR = 5 m (constant).

The sides PQ =  $x$  and PR =  $y$  are variable, as P can be moved horizontally on the line (PQ).

**Hence** the angle  $\theta = \hat{RPQ}$ , the area  $A$  and the perimeter  $P$  of the triangle are also variable.



(a) Complete the following table

Variables	Relation between the variables	Relation between the corresponding rates of change
$x$ and $\theta$	$\tan \theta = \frac{5}{x}$	$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{5}{x^2} \frac{dx}{dt}$
$y$ and $\theta$	$\sin \theta = \frac{5}{y}$	$\cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{5}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dt}$
$x$ and $y$	$x^2 + 25 = y^2$	$2x \frac{dx}{dt} = 2y \frac{dy}{dt} / x dx = y dy$
$A$ and $x$	$A = \frac{5}{2}x$	$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{5}{2} \frac{dx}{dt} / dA = \frac{5}{2} dx$
$P, x$ and $y$	$P = 5 + x + y$	$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} / dP = dx + dy$

[12]

(b) At the instant when  $x = 5$  m, write down the values of

- (i)  $\theta$       (ii)  $y$       (iii)  $A$       (iv)  $P$

[4]

(c) Given that P is moving to the left by 0.5 m per second, find the rate of change of the following at the instant when  $x = 5$  m

- (i)  $x$       (ii)  $y$       (iii)  $A$       (iv)  $P$

[8]

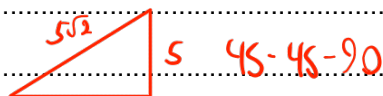
(b) (i)  $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{5}{5}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$       (ii)  $y = \frac{5}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{4})} = \frac{5}{1/\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{1} = 5\sqrt{2}$   
 (iii)  $A = \frac{5}{2}(5) = \frac{25}{2}$       (iv)  $P = 5 + 5 + 5\sqrt{2} = 10 + 5\sqrt{2}$

$$(c)(i) \frac{dx}{dt} = 0.5 \quad (ii) 2(5)(0.5) = 2(5\sqrt{2}) \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{5}{(5)^2}(0.5) \quad 8 = 10\sqrt{2} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{1}{10} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$(iv) \frac{dP}{dt} = 0.5 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{2}}$$



$$\frac{1}{\cos^2(\frac{\pi}{4})} = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$(iii) \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{5}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{5}{4}$$

**A. Exam style questions (SHORT)**

3. [Maximum mark: 5]
- [without GDC]**

The quantities  $A$  and  $B$  increase at constant rates  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 3$  and  $\frac{dB}{dt} = 2$  respectively.

Given that  $F = 2A^2B + 2B^3$ , find the rate of change of  $F$ , when  $A = B = 1$ .

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 4A \frac{dA}{dt} B + 2A^2 \frac{dB}{dt} + 6B^2 \frac{dB}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 4(1)(3)(1) + 2(1)^2(2) + 6(1)^2(2)$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 12 + 4 + 12 = 28$$

4. [Maximum mark: 6]
- [without GDC]**

The quantities  $A$  and  $B$  increase at constant rates  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 3$  and  $\frac{dB}{dt} = 2$  respectively.

Given that  $F^2 = 2A^2B$ , find the rate of change of  $F$ , when  $A = B = 1$ .

5. [Maximum mark: 6] [without GDC]

Air is pumped into a spherical ball which expands at a rate of  $8 \text{ cm}^3$  per second ( $8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

Find the **exact** rate of increase of the radius of the ball when the radius is 2 cm.

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

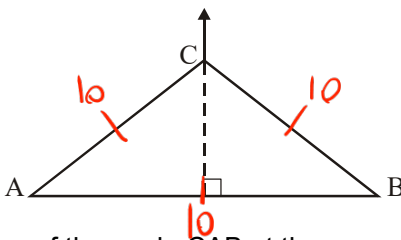
$$8 = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$8 = 4\pi (2)^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{8}{16\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

6. [Maximum mark: 6] [without GDC]

The following diagram shows an isosceles triangle ABC with  $AB = 10 \text{ cm}$  and  $AC = BC$ . The vertex C is moving in a direction perpendicular to (AB) with speed 2 cm per second.



Calculate the rate of increase of the angle CAB at the moment the triangle is equilateral.

$$10^2 = 10^2 + 10^2 - 2(10)(10)\cos \hat{A}$$

$$100 = 200 - 200\cos \hat{A}$$

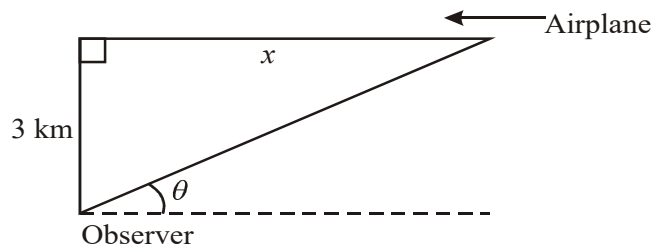
$$-100 = -200\cos \hat{A}$$

$$1 = 2\cos \hat{A}$$

$$\hat{A} = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =$$

7. [Maximum mark: 6] **[without GDC]**

An airplane is flying at a constant speed at a constant altitude of 3 km in a straight line that will take it directly over an observer at ground level. At a given instant the observer notes that the angle  $\theta$  is  $\frac{1}{3}\pi$  radians and is increasing at  $\frac{1}{60}$  radians per second.



Find the speed, in kilometres per hour, at which the airplane is moving towards the observer.

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8. [Maximum mark: 5] **[without GDC]**

In the previous problem, find the rate of change of the distance between the observer and the airplane, at the instant when the angle  $\theta$  is  $\frac{1}{3}\pi$  radians and is increasing at  $\frac{1}{60}$  radians per second.

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A conical tank with vertex down is 8 metres in diameter and 12 meters deep. Water flows into the tank at  $10 \text{ m}^3$  per minute. Find the rate of change of the depth of the water at the instant when the water is 6 meters deep.

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Diagram illustrating the positions of two cars, Car A and Car B, relative to a central point O.

Car A is located on the x-axis at a distance  $x$  km from O, moving left.

Car B is located on the y-axis at a distance  $y$  km from O, moving up.

The distance between Car A and Car B is  $z$  km.

A compass rose indicates the cardinal directions: North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W).

*Diagram not to scale*

[illegible]



11. [Maximum mark: 5] **[with GDC]**

In Ex 10, answer the same question if Car A was travelling in an easterly direction.

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12. [Maximum mark: 6] **[without GDC]**

The volume of a solid is given by  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 + \pi r^2 h$ .

At the time when the radius is 3 cm, the volume is  $81\pi \text{ cm}^3$ , the radius is changing at a rate of 2 cm/min and the volume is changing at a rate of  $204\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ . Find the rate of change of the height at this time.

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The height and the diameter of the base of a cylinder are equal.

- The volume of the cylinder increases at a constant rate of  $6 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$ .

- (e) Find the rate of change of the surface area at the instant when  $r = 12$  cm. [3]

[illegible]