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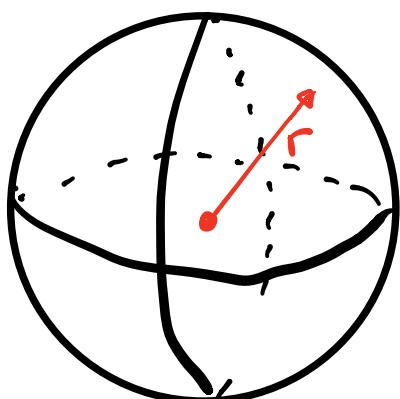
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RELATED RATES

## §2.8 RELATED RATES

Ex. A SPHERICAL BALLOON IS BEING INFLATED SUCH THAT ITS VOLUME IS INCREASING AT A RATE OF  $.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . WHEN THE RADIUS OF THE BALLOON IS 1 m, FIND THE RATE AT WHICH THE RADIUS IS INCREASING.

(1) DRAW A PICTURE AND INTRODUCE NOTATION.

LET VARIABLES REPRESENT ALL QUANTITIES THAT CHANGE OVER TIME, AND ASSUME ALL THESE VARIABLES ARE DIFFERENTIABLE FUNCTIONS OF  $t$ , TIME.



LET  $r$  = RADIUS OF SPHERE

$V$  = VOLUME OF SPHERE

$r(t)$

$V(t)$

(2) IDENTIFY WHAT INFORMATION IS GIVEN &  
WHAT IS BEING ASKED.

GIVEN  $\frac{dV}{dt} = .25$        $V'(t)$

FIND  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  WHEN  $r = 1$        $r'(t)$

(3) WRITE DOWN AN EQUATION THAT RELATES THE VARIABLES.

YOU MAY HAVE TO COMBINE TWO OR MORE EQUATIONS  
TO GET A SINGLE EQUATION RELATING THE VARIABLE  
WHOSE RATE YOU WANT TO THE VARIABLE(S) WHOSE  
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\* DO NOT PLUG IN CONSTANTS FOR VARIABLES YET!

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

(4) DIFFERENTIATE THE EQUATION WITH RESPECT TO  $t$ .

SOLVE FOR THE RATE YOU WANT TO FIND.

$$\text{calc } \frac{d}{dt}[V] = \frac{d}{dt}\left[\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right] = \frac{d}{dr}\left[\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right] \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

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

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

(5) EVALUATE BY PLUGGING IN ALL KNOWN VALUES.

$$\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=1} = \frac{1}{4\pi(1)^2} (.25) = \boxed{\frac{1}{16\pi} \text{ m/s}} \approx .02 \text{ m/s}$$

## In Summary :

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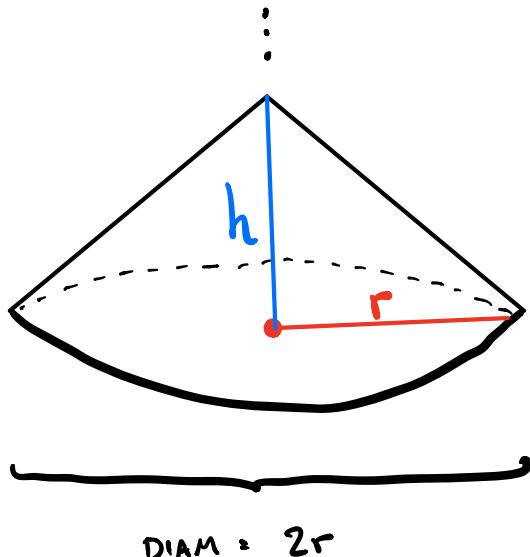
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**A growing sand pile** Sand falls from a conveyor belt at the rate of  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$  onto the top of a conical pile. The height of the pile is always three-eighths of the base diameter. How fast are the (a) height and (b) radius changing when the pile is 4 m high? Answer in centimeters per minute.



$$\text{DIAM} = 2r$$

GIVEN:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 10$

FIND  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  WHEN  $h=4$ .

$$h = \frac{3}{8}(2r) \Rightarrow h = \frac{3}{4}r$$

$$r = \frac{4}{3}h$$

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

$$V = \frac{16\pi}{27} h^3$$

RELATED  
QUANTITIES

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{16\pi}{27} 3h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{27}{48\pi h^2} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

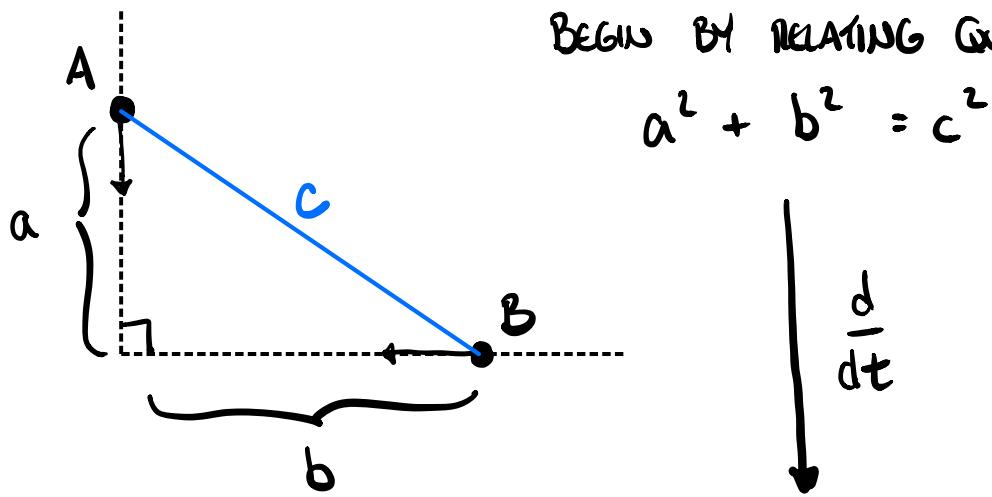
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$$\left. \frac{dh}{dt} \right|_{h=4} = \frac{27}{48\pi (4 \text{ m})^2} \cdot 10 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}} =$$

$$\frac{270}{768\pi} \cdot \frac{m^3}{m^2 \cdot \text{min}} = \frac{270}{768\pi} \text{ m/min}$$

$$= \frac{2.7}{768\pi} \text{ cm/min}$$

**Commercial air traffic** Two commercial airplanes are flying at an altitude of 40,000 ft along straight-line courses that intersect at right angles. Plane A is approaching the intersection point at a speed of 442 knots (nautical miles per hour; a nautical mile is 2000 yd). Plane B is approaching the intersection at 481 knots. At what rate is the distance between the planes changing when A is 5 nautical miles from the intersection point and B is 12 nautical miles from the intersection point?



GIVEN  $\frac{da}{dt} = -442 \text{ knots}$        $2a \frac{da}{dt} + 2b \frac{db}{dt} = 2c \frac{dc}{dt}$

$$\frac{db}{dt} = -481 \text{ knots}$$

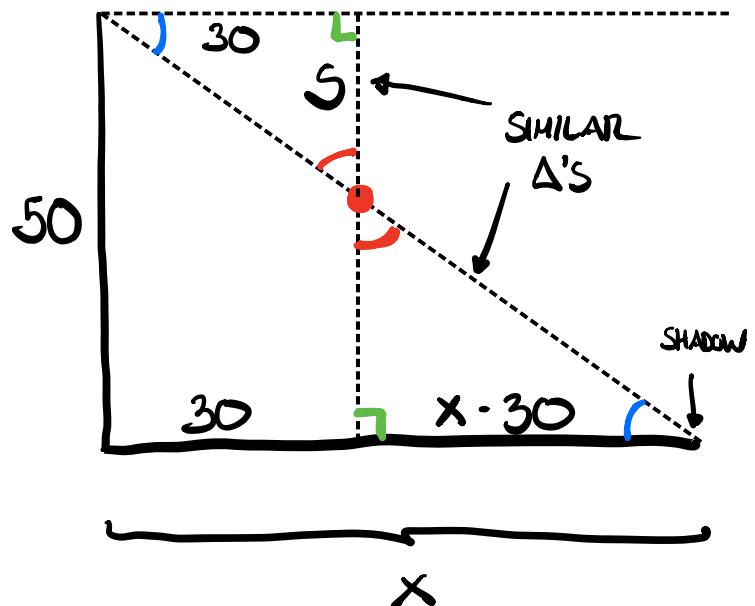
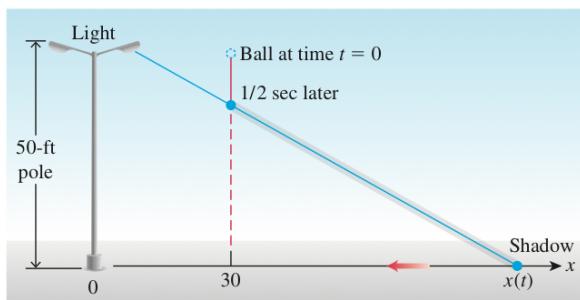
FIND  $\frac{dc}{dt}$  WHEN  $a = 5$   
 $b = 12$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{a \frac{da}{dt} + b \frac{db}{dt}}{c}$$

$$\left. \frac{dc}{dt} \right|_{\begin{array}{l} a=5 \\ b=12 \\ c=\sqrt{s^2+12^2}=13 \end{array}} = \frac{5(-442) + 12(-481)}{13} = -614 \text{ knots}$$

-614 nautical miles / hr

**A moving shadow** A light shines from the top of a pole 50 ft high. A ball is dropped from the same height from a point 30 ft away from the light. (See accompanying figure.) How fast is the shadow of the ball moving along the ground 1/2 sec later? (Assume the ball falls a distance  $s = 16t^2$  ft in  $t$  sec.)



GIVEN:  $s = 16t^2$  ft  $\rightarrow \frac{ds}{dt} = 32t$

FIND:  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  WHEN  $t = \frac{1}{2}$   $\rightarrow \left. \frac{ds}{dt} \right|_{t=\frac{1}{2}} = 16$

IN ORDER TO RELATE  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  TO  $\frac{ds}{dt}$

LET'S FIRST RELATE  $x$  TO  $s$ .

SIMILAR Δ's:

$$\frac{\text{HEIGHT}_1}{\text{BASE}_1} = \frac{\text{HEIGHT}_2}{\text{BASE}_2}$$

$$\frac{s}{30} = \frac{50-s}{x-30}$$

$$s(x-30) = 30(50-s)$$

$$sx - 30s = 1500 - 30s \Rightarrow sx = 1500$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[sx] = \frac{d}{dt}[1500]$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt}x + s \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

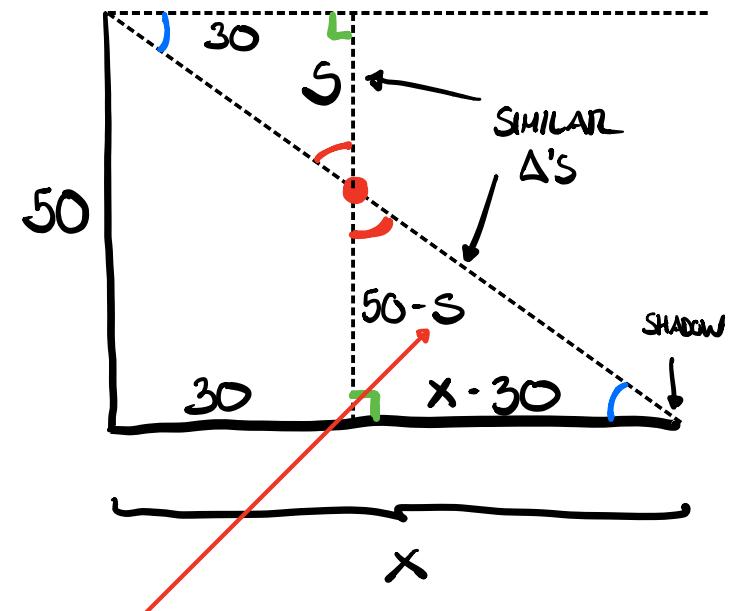
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -x \frac{\frac{ds}{dt}}{s}$$

$$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t=\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-375(16)}{4} = -1500 \text{ ft/s}$$

$s = 16\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 4$

$x = \frac{1500}{4} = 375$

$\frac{ds}{dt} = 32\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 16$



Note: In class I accidentally wrote  
50-x instead of 50-s.