

10/02/2020

2.8 Related Rates

Keyword: "rate of change of y with respect to x "

$$\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Example 1. Air is being pumped into a spherical balloon. Volume increases at a "rate" of $100 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$. How "fast" is the radius of the balloon increasing when the diameter is 50 cm ?

let V : volume of the balloon.

r : radius of the balloon

formula of sphere volume :

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

we want to know $\frac{dr}{dt}$ when $r = 50/2 = 25 \text{ cm}$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(V) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3\right)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot 3r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

Chain Rule.

$$425 = 100 = 4\pi \cdot (25)^2 \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{25\pi}$$

Example 2. (sliding ladder problem) Bottom of the ladder slides away from the wall at a rate of 1 ft/sec. How fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall when the bottom of the ladder is 6 ft from the wall.

x, y are functions of t

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 \text{ ft/sec}$$

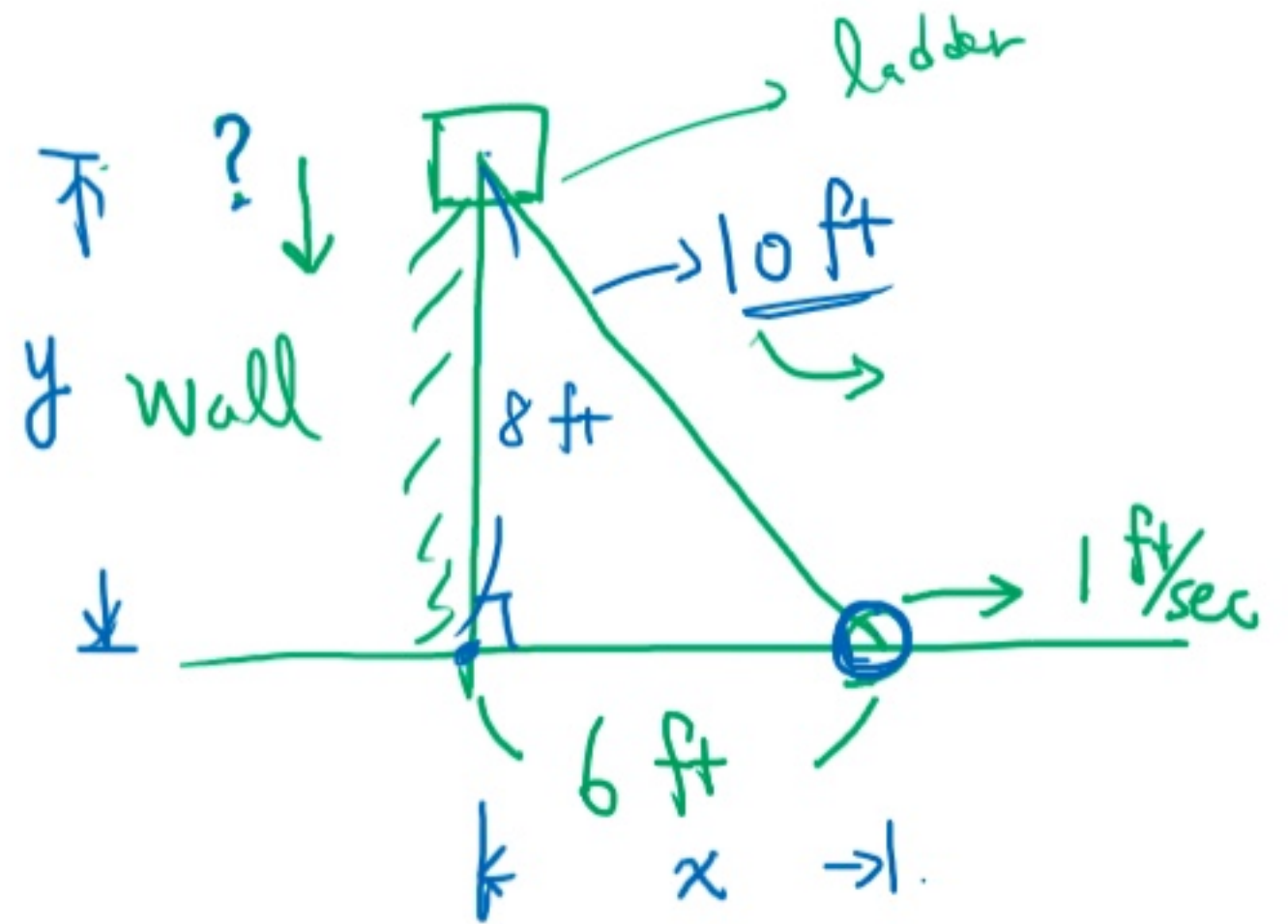
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ?$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dt}(100)$$

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(6) \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 8 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$



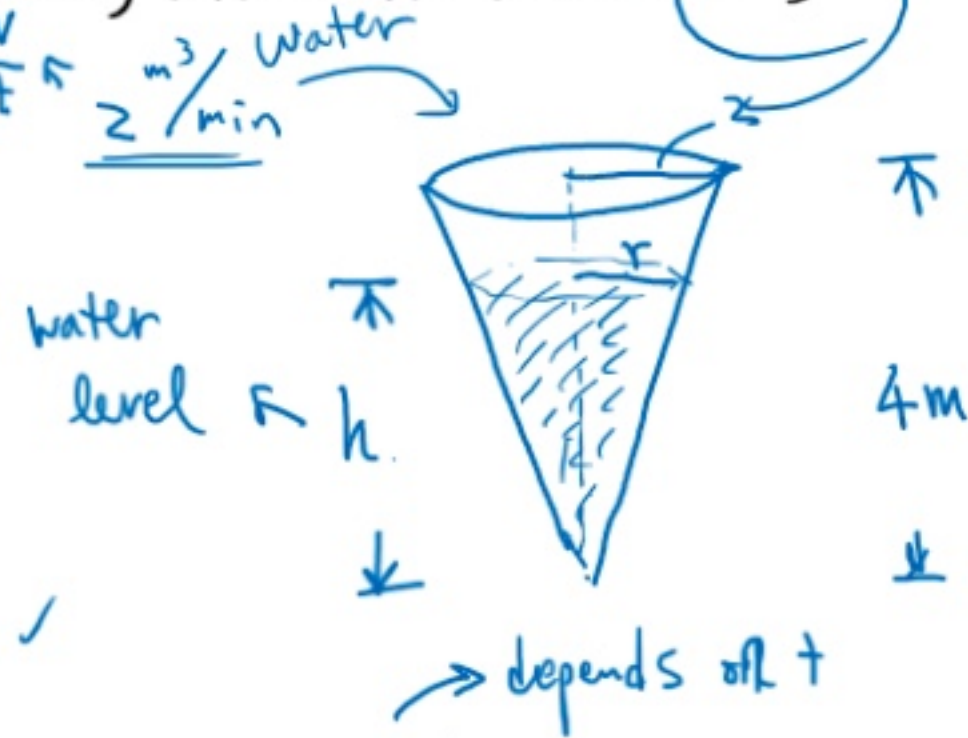
$$\Rightarrow 12 + 16 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{12}{16} = -\frac{3}{4} \text{ ft/sec}$$

Example 3. (Water tank problem) A water tank has cone shape with base radius = 2 meter and height 4 meter. Water is being pumped into the tank at a rate of $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$. Find the rate at which the water level is rising when the water is 3 meter deep.

We want to know $\frac{dh}{dt}$ $\frac{dV}{dt} \uparrow 2 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}}$ water

let V : volume of water
 h : height of water level
 $\frac{dV}{dt}$: $2 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}}$

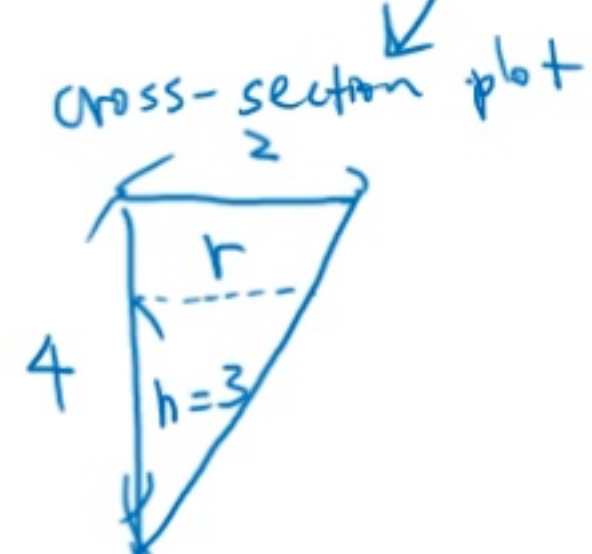


Formula of cone volume : $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$

From the similar triangle

$$\frac{h}{r} = \frac{4}{2} = \frac{2}{1} \Rightarrow h = 2r$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{h}{2}$$



$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left(\frac{h}{2}\right)^2 h = \frac{1}{12} \pi h^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{12} \pi h^3 \right) = \frac{1}{4} \pi h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \pi h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{1}{4} \pi \cdot 3^2 \frac{dh}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{8}{9\pi} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{min}}$$