

2.5 - Related Rates

Idea: 2 quantities. Each quantity is a function of time.

x, y : x, y are related.
 x, y : functions of time t .

We know how one quantity is changing with respect to time; that is, we know the rate of change of one quantity with respect to time. We'd like to calculate how the other quantity is changing.

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$x^2 + y^2 = 25$ ← relationship between x and y .
 Both x and y are functions of time.

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 10$. Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$ when $x = 3$

$x^2 + y^2 = 25$. Take derivative with respect to time of both sides

$$\frac{d}{dt}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dt}(25)$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt}(x^2 + y^2) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dt}(y^2) = 0$$

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

Find $\frac{dy}{dt}$? Given $\frac{dx}{dt} = 10$; $x = 3$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25. \text{ When } x = 3, \quad 9 + y^2 = 25$$

$$y^2 = 16; \quad y = \pm 4$$

$$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 10 + 2 \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$60 + 8 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

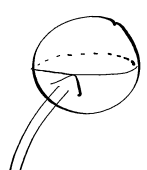
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{15}{2}$$

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$$8 \frac{dy}{dt} = -60$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{-60}{8} = \frac{-15}{2}$$

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balloon
 r : radius of balloon
 $\frac{dr}{dt} = 3$ inches per minute.
 Find how the volume of the balloon is changing as $r = 12$ inches
 V : volume. $\frac{dV}{dt} = ?$
 $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$

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

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

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}; \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = 3; r = 12$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi \cdot (12)^2 \cdot 3 = 4\pi \cdot 144 \cdot 3$$

inch³ per minute.

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2.6.12 (1) Show that the area of this triangle is



$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \text{base} \cdot \text{height} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot s \cdot h$$

$$\frac{h}{s} = \sin \theta \Rightarrow h = \sin \theta \cdot s$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot s \cdot s \cdot \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \sin \theta$$

(2) $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}$ radian per minute. Find $\frac{d\text{Area}}{dt}$ when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$

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$A = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \sin \theta$. Given $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}$. Find $\frac{dA}{dt}$ when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

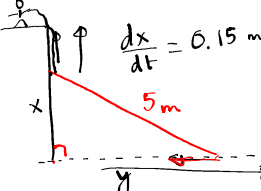
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} s^2 \sin \theta \right)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \frac{d}{dt} (\sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \cos \theta \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} s^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} s^2$$

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$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.15 \text{ m/s}$

$\frac{dy}{dt} = ?$ when $y = 2.5 \text{ m}$ from the building

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

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

$$2(4.33)(0.15) + 2(2.5) \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

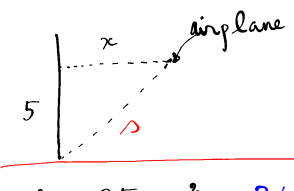
$$x^2 + (2.5)^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 = 25 - (2.5)^2$$

$$x^2 = 18.75;$$

$$x \approx 4.33$$

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$\frac{ds}{dt} = 240 \text{ miles per hour}$

$\frac{dx}{dt} = ?$ when $s = 10 \text{ miles}$.

$$x^2 + 25 = s^2$$

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

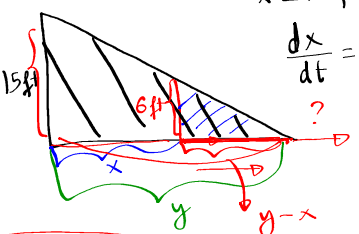
$$2(\sqrt{75}) \frac{dx}{dt} = 2(10)(240)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4800}{2\sqrt{75}}$$

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2.6.29 $x = 10$; what is $\frac{dy}{dt}$?

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 5 \text{ ft/s}$



$$\frac{15}{y} = \frac{6}{y-x} \Rightarrow 15(y-x) = 6y$$

$$15y - 15x = 6y$$

$$9y = 15x$$

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$9y = 15x$

$3y = 5x$

$3 \frac{dy}{dt} = 5 \frac{dx}{dt}$

$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{5}{3} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{25}{3} \text{ ft/s}$

$\frac{dx}{dt} = 5 \text{ ft/s}$

$x = 10$

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Step 1: Identify the quantities that are changing with respect to time.
Step 2: Find a relation between these quantities.
Step 3: Differentiate w.r.t. time. Plug in the given data.

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