

$A = l \cdot w$

$A = 200 m^2$



$\frac{dl}{dt} = 4 m/s$

1. AP 1977 - AB 6

A rectangle has a constant area of 200 square meters and its length  $L$  is increasing at a rate of 4 meters per second.

- a. Find the width  $W$  at the instant the width is decreasing at a rate of 0.5 meters per second.
- b. At what rate is the diagonal  $D$  of the rectangle changing at the instant the width  $W$  is 10 meters?

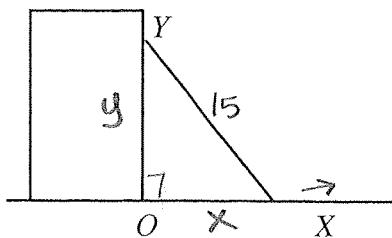
a)  $A = l \cdot w$   
 $200 = l \cdot w \rightarrow w = \frac{200}{l}$   
 $0 = l \cdot \frac{dw}{dt} + w \cdot \frac{dl}{dt}$   
 $0 = l \cdot (-0.5) + \frac{200}{l} \cdot 4$   
 $0 = -0.5l + \frac{800}{l}$   
 $0 = -0.5l^2 + 800$   
 $-800 = -0.5l^2$   
 $1600 = l^2$   
 $l = \sqrt{1600}$   
 $l = 40$   
 $w = \frac{200}{40} = 5m$

$\frac{dw}{dt} = -0.5 m/s$   
 $l = \frac{200}{10} = 20$   
 $d^2 = 20^2 + 10^2$   
 $d = 22.36$   
  
 b)  $\frac{dd}{dt} = ?$   
 $l^2 + w^2 = d^2$   
 $2l \cdot \frac{dl}{dt} + 2w \cdot \frac{dw}{dt} = 2 \cdot d \cdot \frac{dd}{dt}$   
 $2 \cdot 20 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 10 \cdot (-0.5) = 2 \cdot (22.36) \cdot \frac{dd}{dt}$   
 $160 - 10 = 44.72 \cdot \frac{dd}{dt}$   
 $\frac{150}{44.72} = \frac{dd}{dt} = 2.68 m/s$

AP Calculus

2. AP 1982 - AB 4

A ladder 15 feet long is leaning against a building so that end  $X$  is on level ground and end  $Y$  is on the wall of as shown in the figure.  $X$  is moved away from the building at the constant rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  foot per second.



$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} ft/sec$

$y^2 + 9^2 = 15^2$   
 $y = 12$

- a. Find the rate in feet per second at which the length of  $OY$  is changing when  $X$  is 9 feet from the building.
- b. Find the rate of change in square feet per second of the area of the triangle  $XOY$  when  $X$  is 9 feet from the building.

a)  $x^2 + y^2 = 15^2$   
 $2x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$   
 $2 \cdot 9 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot 12 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$   
 $9 + 24 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$   
 $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{-9}{24} = -0.375 ft/sec$

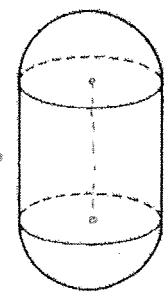
b.  $\frac{dA}{dt} = ?$   
 $A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot x \cdot y$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot y$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9 \cdot (-0.375) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\frac{1}{2}) \cdot (12)$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = -1.59375 + 3 = 1.40625 \frac{ft^2}{sec}$

AP Free Response #5  
Related Rates

3. AP 1985 – AB 5, BC 2

The balloon shown below is in the shape of a cylinder with a hemispherical ends of the same radius as the cylinder. The balloon is being inflated at the rate of  $216\pi$  cubic centimeters per minute. At the instant the radius of the cylinder is 3 centimeters, the volume of the balloon is  $144\pi$  cubic centimeters and the radius of the cylinder is increasing at the rate of 2 centimeters per minute. (The volume of a cylinder with radius  $r$  and height  $h$  is  $\pi r^2 h$ , and the volume of a sphere with radius  $r$  is  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ .)

$\frac{dV}{dt} = 216\pi \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{min}}$   
 $r = 3$   
 $V = 144\pi \text{ cm}^3$   
 $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2 \text{ cm/min}$

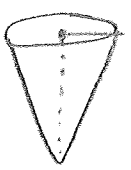


- a. At this instant, what is the height of the cylinder?  $h = ?$   
 b. At this instant, how fast is the height of the cylinder increasing?  $\frac{dh}{dt} = ?$

a)  $144\pi = \pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$   
 $144\pi = \pi \cdot 9h + \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot 27$   
 $144\pi = 9\pi h + 36\pi$   
 $108\pi = 9\pi \cdot h$   
 $\frac{108\pi}{9\pi} = h$   $h = 12 \text{ cm}$

b)  $V = \pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$   
 $\frac{dV}{dt} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \cdot h + \pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot 3r^2 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $216\pi = 2\pi \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 12 + \pi \cdot 9 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} + 4\pi \cdot 9 \cdot 2$   
 $216\pi = 144\pi + 9\pi \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} + 72\pi$   
 $0 = 9\pi \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$   
 $0 = \frac{dh}{dt} = \text{0 cm/min}$

5. AP 1984 – AB 5



The volume  $V$  of a cone ( $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ ) is increasing at the rate of  $28\pi$  cubic units per second.

At the instant when the radius  $r$  of the cone is 3 units, its volume is  $12\pi$  cubic units and the radius is increasing at  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit per second.  $r = 3$ ,  $V = 12\pi$ ,  $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ unit/sec}$ ,  $12\pi = \frac{1}{3}\pi(3)^2 h$ ,  $h = \frac{12\pi}{3\pi} = 4$

- a. At the instant when the radius of the cone is 3 units, what is the rate of change of the area of its base?  
 b. At the instant when the radius of the cone is 3 units, what is the rate of change of its height  $h$ ?  $\frac{dh}{dt} = ?$   
 c. At the instant when the radius of the cone is 3 units, what is the instantaneous rate of change of the area of its base with respect to its height  $h$ ?  $\rightarrow \frac{dA}{dh} = ?$

A)  $A = \pi r^2$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi(3) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= 3\pi \text{ units}^2/\text{sec}$   
 or  $9.4248 \text{ u}^2/\text{sec}$

B)  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$   
 $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}\pi r \cdot h \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$   
 $28\pi = \frac{2}{3}\pi \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\pi \cdot 9 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$   
 $28\pi = 4\pi + 3\pi \frac{dh}{dt}$   
 $\frac{28\pi - 4\pi}{3\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt}$   
 $8 \text{ units/sec} = \frac{dh}{dt}$

C)  $A = \pi r^2$   
 $\frac{dA}{dh} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dh}$   
 $\frac{dr}{dh} = \frac{dr}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dh}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{16}$   
 $\frac{dA}{dh} = 2\pi \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{16}$   
 $= \frac{6\pi}{16} = 1.178 \text{ u}^2/\text{u}$   
 $\text{or } 1.178 \text{ u}$