

Steps to solve:

1. Identify the known variables and rates of change.

$$x = 15 m$$
;  $y = 20 m$ ;  $x' = 2 \frac{m}{s}$ ;  $y' = ?$ 

2. Construct an equation relating these quantities.  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ 3. Differentiate both sides of the equation. 2xx' + 2yy' = 0

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4. Solve for the desired rate of change.

$$y' = -\frac{x}{y} x'$$

5. Substitute the known rates of change and quantities into the equation.

$$y' = -\frac{15}{20} \cdot 2 = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{s}$$