### Related Rates

#### Solve each related rate problem.

- 1) A spherical balloon is deflated so that its radius decreases at a rate of 4 cm/sec. At what rate is the volume of the balloon changing when the radius is 3 cm?
- 2) A spherical balloon is deflated at a rate of  $\frac{256\pi}{3}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec. At what rate is the radius of the balloon changing when the radius is 8 cm?
- 3) Water leaking onto a floor forms a circular pool. The radius of the pool increases at a rate of 9 cm/min. How fast is the area of the pool increasing when the radius is 12 cm?
- 4) A 7 ft tall person is walking towards a 17 ft tall lamppost at a rate of 4 ft/sec. Assume the scenario can be modeled with right triangles. At what rate is the length of the person's shadow changing when the person is 12 ft from the lamppost?
- 5) A conical paper cup is 30 cm tall with a radius of 10 cm. The cup is being filled with water at a rate of  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec. How fast is the water level rising when the water level is 2 cm?
- 6) A 13 ft ladder is leaning against a wall and sliding towards the floor. The top of the ladder is sliding down the wall at a rate of 7 ft/sec. How fast is the base of the ladder sliding away from the wall when the base of the ladder is 12 ft from the wall?
- 7) Oil spilling from a ruptured tanker spreads in a circle on the surface of the ocean. The radius of the spill increases at a rate of 2 m/min. How fast is the area of the spill increasing when the radius is 13 m?

#### Answers

1) V = volume of sphere r = radius t = time

Equation: 
$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = -4$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}\Big|_{r=3}$ 

$$\frac{dV}{dt}\Big|_{r=3} = 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = -144\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

2) V = volume of sphere r = radius t = time

Equation: 
$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{256\pi}{3}$  Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt}\Big|_{r=8}$ 

$$\frac{dr}{dt}\bigg|_{r=8} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ cm/sec}$$

3)  $A = \text{area of circle} \quad r = \text{radius} \quad t = \text{time}$ 

Equation: 
$$A = \pi r^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 9$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt} \Big|_{r=12}$ 

$$\frac{dA}{dt}\Big|_{r=12} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 216\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$$

4) x = distance from person to lamppost y = length of shadow t = time

Equation: 
$$\frac{x+y}{17} = \frac{y}{7}$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -4$  Find:  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ 

$$\frac{dy}{dt}\bigg|_{x=12} = \frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{14}{5} \text{ ft/sec}$$

5) V = volume of material in cone h = height t = time

Equation: 
$$V = \frac{\pi h^3}{27}$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$  Find:  $\frac{dh}{dt}\Big|_{h=1}$ 

$$\frac{dh}{dt}\Big|_{h=2} = \frac{9}{\pi h^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ cm/sec}$$

6) x = horizontal distance from base of ladder to wall y = vertical distance from top of ladder to floor t = time

Equation: 
$$x^2 + y^2 = 13^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -7$  Find:  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ 

$$\frac{dx}{dt}\Big|_{x=12} = -\frac{y}{x} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{91}{12} \text{ ft/sec}$$

7)  $A = \text{area of circle} \quad r = \text{radius} \quad t = \text{time}$ 

Equation: 
$$A = \pi r^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt}$ 

$$\frac{dA}{dt}\bigg|_{r=13} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 52\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{min}$$

- 8) A hypothetical cube shrinks so that the length of its sides are decreasing at a rate of 2 m/min. At what rate is the volume of the cube changing when the sides are 2 m each?
- 9) A conical paper cup is 10 cm tall with a radius of 10 cm. The bottom of the cup is punctured so that the water level goes down at a rate of 2 cm/sec. At what rate is the volume of water in the cup changing when the water level is 9 cm?
- 10) An observer stands 500 ft away from a launch pad to observe a rocket launch. The rocket blasts off and maintains a velocity of 700 ft/sec. Assume the scenario can be modeled as a right triangle. How fast is the observer to rocket distance changing when the rocket is 1200 ft from the ground?
- 11) A spherical snowball melts at a rate of  $36\pi$  in<sup>3</sup>/sec. At what rate is the radius of the snowball changing when the radius is 5 in?
- 12) A hypothetical cube grows at a rate of 8 m³/min. How fast are the sides of the cube increasing when the sides are 2 m each?
- 13) A conical paper cup is 10 cm tall with a radius of 30 cm. The cup is being filled with water so that the water level rises at a rate of 2 cm/sec. At what rate is water being poured into the cup when the water level is 9 cm?
- 14) Water slowly evaporates from a circular shaped puddle. The radius of the puddle decreases at a rate of 8 in/hr. Assuming the puddle retains its circular shape, at what rate is the area of the puddle changing when the radius is 3 in?

#### Answers

- 8) V = volume of cube s = length of sides t = timeEquation:  $V = s^3$  Given rate:  $\frac{ds}{dt} = -2$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt} \Big|_{s=1}^{s=1} \frac{dV}{dt} \Big|_{s=1}^{s=$
- 9)  $V = \text{volume of material in cone} \quad h = \text{height} \quad t = \text{time}$ Equation:  $V = \frac{\pi h^3}{3}$  Given rate:  $\frac{dh}{dt} = -2$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}$   $= \pi h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} = -162\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$
- 10) a = altitute of rocket z = distance from observer to rocket t = timeEquation:  $a^2 + 250000 = z^2$  Given rate:  $\frac{da}{dt} = 700$  Find:  $\frac{dz}{dt}$   $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{dz}{dt} \\ \frac{dz}{dt} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{a}{z} \cdot \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{8400}{13} \text{ ft/sec}$
- 11)  $V = \text{volume of sphere} \quad r = \text{radius} \quad t = \text{time}$ Equation:  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$  Given rate:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -36\pi$  Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=5}$   $\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=5} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{9}{25} \text{ in/s}$
- 12) V = volume of cube s = length of sides t = timeEquation:  $V = s^3$  Given rate:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 8$  Find:  $\frac{ds}{dt} \Big|_{s=2}$   $\frac{ds}{dt} \Big|_{s=2} = \frac{1}{3s^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ m/min}$
- 13)  $V = \text{volume of material in cone} \quad h = \text{height} \quad t = \text{time}$ Equation:  $V = 3\pi h^3$  Given rate:  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 2$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt} \Big|_{h=9}$   $\frac{dV}{dt} \Big|_{h=9} = 9\pi h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} = 1458\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$
- 14) A = area of circle r = radius t = timeEquation:  $A = \pi r^2$  Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = -8$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt} \Big|_{r=3}$   $\frac{dA}{dt} \Big|_{r=3} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = -48\pi \text{ in}^2/\text{hr}$

- 15) A hypothetical square grows so that the length of its diagonals are increasing at a rate of 4 m/min. How fast is the area of the square increasing when the diagonals are 14 m each?
- 16) Water slowly evaporates from a circular shaped puddle. The area of the puddle decreases at a rate of  $16\pi$  in<sup>2</sup>/hr. Assuming the puddle retains its circular shape, at what rate is the radius of the puddle changing when the radius is 12 in?
- 17) A hypothetical cube grows so that the length of its sides are increasing at a rate of 4 m/min. How fast is the volume of the cube increasing when the sides are 7 m each?
- 18) A hypothetical square grows at a rate of 16 m<sup>2</sup>/min. How fast are the sides of the square increasing when the sides are 15 m each?
- 19) A hypothetical cube shrinks at a rate of 8 m³/min. At what rate are the sides of the cube changing when the sides are 3 m each?
- 20) A spherical snowball melts so that its radius decreases at a rate of 4 in/sec. At what rate is the volume of the snowball changing when the radius is 8 in?
- 21) A perfect cube shaped ice cube melts so that the length of its sides are decreasing at a rate of 2 mm/sec. Assume that the block retains its cube shape as it melts. At what rate is the volume of the ice cube changing when the sides are 2 mm each?

#### Answers

15) A = area of square x = length of diagonals t = time

Equation: 
$$A = \frac{x^2}{2}$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 4$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt}$   $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{dA}{dt} \end{vmatrix} = x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = 56 \text{ m}^2/\text{min}$ 

16) A = area of circle r = radius t = time

Equation: 
$$A = \pi r^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = -16\pi$  Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=12}$ 

$$\frac{dr}{dt} \Big|_{r=12} = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt} = -\frac{2}{3} \text{ in/hr}$$

17) V = volume of cube s = length of sides t = time

Equation: 
$$V = s^3$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 4$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt} \bigg|_{s=7}$ 

$$= 3s^2 \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} = 588 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$$

18) A = area of square s = length of sides t = time

Equation: 
$$A = s^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 16$  Find:  $\frac{ds}{dt}$   $\left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right|_{s=15}$ 

19) V = volume of cube s = length of sides t = time

Equation: 
$$V = s^3$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -8$  Find:  $\frac{ds}{dt} \Big|_{s=3}$ 

$$\frac{ds}{dt} \Big|_{s=3} = \frac{1}{3s^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{8}{27} \text{ m/min}$$

20) 
$$V = \text{volume of sphere} \quad r = \text{radius} \quad t = \text{time}$$

Equation: 
$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = -4$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}\Big|_{r=8}$ 

$$\frac{dV}{dt}\bigg|_{r=8} = 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = -1024\pi \text{ in}^3/\text{sec}$$

21) V = volume of cube s = length of sides t = time

Equation: 
$$V = s^3$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{ds}{dt} = -2$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}\Big|_{s=}$ 

$$\frac{dV}{dt}\bigg|_{s=2} = 3s^2 \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} = -24 \text{ mm}^3/\text{sec}$$

- 22) A conical paper cup is 10 cm tall with a radius of 10 cm. The bottom of the cup is punctured so that the water leaks out at a rate of  $\frac{9\pi}{4}$  cm<sup>3</sup>/sec. At what rate is the water level changing when the water level is 6 cm?
- 23) A hypothetical square shrinks so that the length of its diagonals are changing at a rate of -8 m/min. At what rate is the area of the square changing when the diagonals are 5 m each?
- 24) A hypothetical square shrinks at a rate of 2 m²/min. At what rate are the diagonals of the square changing when the diagonals are 7 m each?
- 25) Water leaking onto a floor forms a circular pool. The area of the pool increases at a rate of  $25\pi$  cm<sup>2</sup>/min. How fast is the radius of the pool increasing when the radius is 6 cm?

### Answers

22)  $V = \text{volume of material in cone} \quad h = \text{height} \quad t = \text{time}$ Equation:  $V = \frac{\pi h^3}{3}$  Given rate:  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{9\pi}{4}$  Find:  $\frac{dh}{dt}\Big|_{h=6}$ 

$$\frac{dh}{dt}\bigg|_{h=6} = \frac{1}{\pi h^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{1}{16} \text{ cm/sec}$$

23) A = area of square x = length of diagonals t = time

Equation: 
$$A = \frac{x^2}{2}$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -8$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt}\Big|_{x=5}$ 

$$\frac{dA}{dt}\Big|_{x=5} = x \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = -40 \text{ m}^2/\text{min}$$

24) A = area of square x = length of diagonals t = time

Equation: 
$$A = \frac{x^2}{2}$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = -2$  Find:  $\frac{dx}{dt} \Big|_{x=7}$ 

$$\frac{dx}{dt}\Big|_{x=7} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt} = -\frac{2}{7} \text{ m/min}$$

25)  $A = \text{area of circle} \quad r = \text{radius} \quad t = \text{time}$ 

Equation: 
$$A = \pi r^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 25\pi$  Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt}\Big|_{r=6}$ 

$$\frac{dr}{dt}\bigg|_{r=6} = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{25}{12} \text{ cm/min}$$