

AP Calculus

Formulas for related rates

1. Ladder and other triangle problems:
Pythagorean theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

2. Sphere problems:

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

$$SA = 4\pi r^2$$

3. Circle problems:

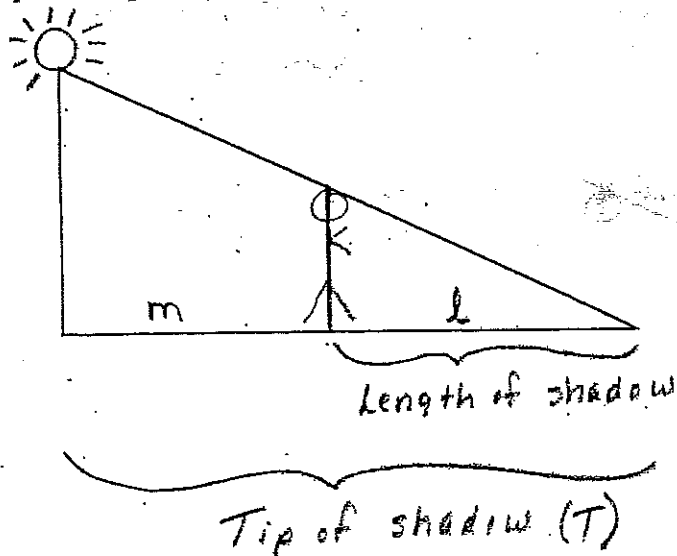
$$A = \pi r^2$$

4. Cone Problems:

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

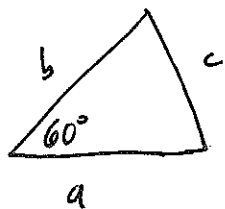
5. Shadow Problems:

$\frac{\text{height of lamp post}}{\text{distance from lamp post to tip of shadow}} = \frac{\text{height of man}}{\text{distance from man to tip of shadow}}$



$$T = m + l$$
$$l = T - m$$

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$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos 60^\circ$$

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } -2ab \cos 60^\circ = -ab$$

$$2c \cdot \frac{dc}{dt} = 2a \cdot \frac{da}{dt} + 2b \cdot \frac{db}{dt} - \frac{da}{dt} \cdot b - \frac{db}{dt} \cdot a$$

$$2\sqrt{73} \cdot \frac{dc}{dt} = 2(9)(3) + 2(8)(4) - (3)(8) - (4)(9)$$

$$2\sqrt{73} \cdot \frac{dc}{dt} = 58$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{58}{2\sqrt{73}}$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{29}{\sqrt{73}} \approx 3.39 \text{ mph}$$

At 4pm

$$c^2 = 9^2 + 8^2 - 2(9)(8) \cos 60$$

$$c^2 = 73$$

$$c = \sqrt{73}$$

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$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h, \quad r = 2h$$

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

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \cdot 4h^3$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi h^3$$

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

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

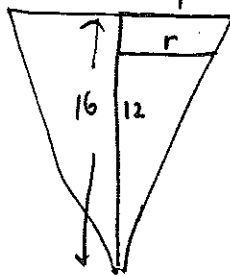
$$20 = 4\pi (2)^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$20 = 16\pi \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{20}{16\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{5}{4\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt} \approx .40 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{sec}}$$

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similar triangles

$$\frac{16}{4} = \frac{r}{r}$$

$$16r = 4h$$

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

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4} h\right)^2 \cdot h$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \cdot \frac{1}{16} h^3$$

$$V = \frac{1}{48} \pi h^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{48} \pi h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$-2 = \frac{1}{16} \pi \cdot (12)^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$-2 = 9\pi \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{-2}{9\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt} \approx -.071 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{sec}}$$

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

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

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

$$2 = 36\pi \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{1}{18\pi} = \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{ft}{sec}$$

$$(b) SA = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 8\pi \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{18\pi}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ ft}^2/\text{sec}$$