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1. A spherical balloon is being filled at a rate of $50 \text{ in}^3/\text{sec}$, at what rate does the radius increase when the radius is 5 in ?

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad r = 5 \text{ in} \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 50 \frac{\text{in}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi 3r^2 \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right) \quad 50 = 4\pi (5)^2 \frac{dr}{dt} \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{50}{20\pi} = \frac{5}{2\pi} \frac{\text{in}}{\text{s}}$$

2. The area of a circle is increasing at a rate of $20 \text{ in}^2/\text{min}$. Find the rate at which the radius is increasing when the radius is 4 in .

$$A = \pi r^2 \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = 20 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{min}} \quad r = 4 \text{ in} \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = \pi 2r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$20 = \pi 2(4) \frac{dr}{dt} \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{5}{2\pi} \frac{\text{in}}{\text{min}}$$

3. A stone is thrown into a lake and a circular ripple moves out at a constant rate of 0.5 meters/sec . Find the rate at which the circle's area is increasing at $r = 0.4 \text{ meters}$.

$$A = \pi r^2 \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = \pi (2r) (0.5)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi (2)(0.4)(0.5) \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{2}{5\pi} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

4. Air is being pumped into a spherical balloon making the radius change at a constant rate of 0.5 cm/sec . Find the rate of change of the volume and the rate of change of the surface area when the radius is 10 cm ($V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$, $A = 4\pi r^2$)

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

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi (10)^2 (0.5) \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = 4\pi 2(10)(0.5)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 0.5 \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 200\pi \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{SEC}} \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = 40\pi \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

5. A cone is increasing in size as time goes by in such a way that the volume is changing at a constant rate of $75 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$. The height is twice the radius. Determine the rate of change of the height, when the height is 5 cm . ($V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$)

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 75 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{min}} \quad V = \frac{\pi}{3} \left(\frac{h}{2} \right)^2 h \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = 3.82 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{min}}$$

$$h = 2r \Rightarrow r = \frac{h}{2} \quad V = \frac{\pi h^3}{12} \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{12} 3h^2 \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{\pi h^2}{4} \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$h = 5 \text{ cm}$$

6. A farmer has a water reservoir that has the shape of a cylinder of 5ft in diameter and 14 ft in height. Water is pumped from it at a constant rate of $0.25 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$. Find the rate at which the water level is lowering, when the water already has a level of 10ft.

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 0.25 \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = ? \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = \pi(2.5)^2(1) \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$v = \pi r^2 h \quad v = \pi(2.5)^2 h$$

7. A cube is increasing its size at a rate of $3 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$. Determine the rate of change of the volume and the rate of change of the surface area when the edge measures 6 cm.

$$v = a^3 \quad A = 6a^2 \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = 3a^2 \frac{da}{dt} = 324 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 12a \frac{da}{dt} = 216 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$$

8. A spherical balloon is being filled with air in such a way that the radius is increasing at a constant rate of change $0.2 \text{ cm}/\text{sec}$. Find the rate of change of the volume when the radius is 12cm

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = 0.2 \text{ cm}/\text{sec} \quad v = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} = 4\pi(12)^2(0.2) = 361.9 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

9. A cone is increasing in such a manner that its height is always three times its radius. Find the rate at which the radius is changing, at the moment when radius measures 6 cm, knowing that its volume is incrementing at a rate of $60 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ (Hint: $v = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$)

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 60 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min} \quad v = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 (3r) \rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = \pi r^3$$

$$r = 6 \text{ cm} \quad \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{5}{9\pi} \text{ cm}/\text{min}$$

$$h = 3r \quad \frac{60}{\pi(6)^3} = \frac{dr}{dt} \leftarrow 60 = \pi r^3 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

10. A triangle is increasing in such a way that its height is always half of its base. Find the rate at which the area is changing, when the base measures 12 cm, if the base is incrementing at a rate of $3 \text{ cm}/\text{min}$.

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = ? \quad \frac{db}{dt} = 3 \text{ cm}/\text{min}$$

$$h = \frac{b}{2} \quad A = \frac{bh}{2} \quad \frac{dA}{dt} = 18 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{min}}$$

$$b = 12 \text{ cm} \quad A = b\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)$$

ANSWERS

1. $\frac{1}{2\pi} \approx 0.159 \text{ in}/\text{sec}$ 2. $\frac{5}{2\pi} \approx 0.796 \text{ in}/\text{min}$ 3. $0.4\pi \approx 1.257 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
4. $\frac{dV}{dt} = 200\pi \approx 628.32 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$, $\frac{dA}{dt} = 40\pi \approx 125.66 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$ 5. $\frac{12}{\pi} \approx 3.82 \text{ cm}/\text{min}$
6. $-\frac{1}{25\pi} \approx -0.013 \text{ ft}/\text{min}$ 7. $\frac{dV}{dt} = 324 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$, $\frac{dA}{dt} = 216 \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$
8. $115.2\pi \approx 361.9 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$ 9. $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{5}{9\pi} \left| \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}} \right| = 0.177 \left| \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}} \right|$ 10. $\frac{dA}{dt} = 18 \left| \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{min}} \right|$