

Related Rates & Implicit Differentiation Free Response Questions

1978 AB5/BC1

Solution

- (a) Implicit differentiation gives

$$2x - xy' - y + 2yy' = 0$$

$$(2y - x)y' = y - 2x$$

$$y' = \frac{y - 2x}{2y - x}$$

- (b) There is a vertical tangent when $2y - x = 0$, so $x = 2y$. Substituting into the equation of the curve gives $(2y)^2 - (2y)y + y^2 = 9$, or $3y^2 = 9$. Therefore $y = \pm\sqrt{3}$ and the two points on the curve where the tangents are vertical are $(2\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$ and $(-2\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3})$.

(c)
$$y'' = \frac{(2y - x)(y' - 2) - (y - 2x)(2y' - 1)}{(2y - x)^2}$$

At the point $(0, 3)$, $y' = \frac{3 - 0}{6 - 0} = \frac{1}{2}$ and so $y'' = \frac{(6 - 0)\left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\right) - (3 - 0)(1 - 1)}{(6 - 0)^2} = -\frac{1}{4}$

Alternatively, one can use implicit differentiation a second time to get

$$2 - xy'' - y' - y' + 2yy' + 2(y')^2 = 0$$

Substituting $x = 0$, $y = 3$, and $y' = \frac{1}{2}$ gives

$$2 - 0 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + 6y'' + 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow 6y'' = -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow y'' = -\frac{1}{4}$$

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1982 AB4

Solution

(a) $x^2 + y^2 = 15^2$

Implicit: $2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$

$$9 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 12 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

(b) $A = \frac{1}{2}xy$

Implicit: $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \left(x \frac{dy}{dt} + y \frac{dx}{dt} \right)$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \left(9 \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{8} \right) + 12 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{21}{16}$$

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1984 AB5

Solution

(a) $A = \pi r^2$

When $r = 3$, $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt} = 2\pi \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 3\pi$

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

or

$$V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{2}{3}\pi r h \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}A \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{3}h \frac{dA}{dt}$$

$$28\pi = \frac{1}{3}\pi(9) \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{2}{3}\pi(3)(4) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$28\pi = \frac{1}{3}(9\pi) \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{1}{3}4(3\pi)$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = 8$$

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(c) $\frac{dA}{dh} = \frac{\frac{dA}{dr}}{\frac{dh}{dr}} = \frac{3\pi}{8}$

or

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$\frac{dA}{dh} = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dh}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dh} = \frac{\frac{dr}{dt}}{\frac{dh}{dt}} = \frac{1/2}{8} = \frac{1}{16}$$

Therefore $\frac{dA}{dh} = 2\pi(3) \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{8}$

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1985 AB5/BC2

Solution

$$(a) \quad V = \pi r^2 h + \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$144\pi = \pi(3)^2 h + \frac{4}{3} \pi(3)^3$$

$$h = 12$$

At this instant, the height is 12 centimeters.

$$(b) \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = \pi r^2 \frac{dh}{dt} + 2\pi r h \frac{dr}{dt} + 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$261\pi = \pi(3)^2 \frac{dh}{dt} + 2\pi(3)(12)(2) + 4\pi(3)^2(2)$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = 5$$

At this instant, the height is increasing at the rate of 5 centimeters per minute.

Related Rates & Implicit Differentiation Free Response Questions

1992 AB4/BC1

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} - \sin y \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} (1 - \sin y) &= 1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1 - \sin y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &\text{ undefined when } \sin y = 1 \\ y &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} + 0 &= x + 1 \\ x &= \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{1 - \sin y}\right)}{dx} \\ &= \frac{-(-\cos y) \frac{dy}{dx}}{(1 - \sin y)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos y \left(\frac{1}{1 - \sin y}\right)}{(1 - \sin y)^2} \\ &= \frac{\cos y}{(1 - \sin y)^3} \end{aligned}$$