

1. The position of a particle moving along a coordinate axis is given by  $s(t) = t^3 - 9t^2 + 24t + 4$ , where  $t$  is time, in seconds.

(a) Find the velocity of the particle,  $v(t)$ .

**Solution**

The derivative of the position function is the velocity function.

$$s'(t) = v(t) = 3t^2 - 18t + 24$$

(b) At what time(s) is the particle at rest?

**Solution**

The particle is at rest when the velocity is 0.

$$0 = 3t^2 - 18t + 24$$

$$0 = t^2 - 6t + 8$$

$$0 = (t - 2)(t - 4)$$

$$t = \{2, 4\}$$

The particle is at rest at 2 and 4 seconds.

(c) On what time intervals is the particle moving from left to right? From right to left?

**Solution**

The particle is moving left to right (forward) when the velocity is positive, and moving right to left when the velocity is negative. Since  $v(1), v(5) > 0$  and  $v(3) < 0$  then the particle is moving left to right on  $[0, 2) \cup (4, \infty)$ , and it is moving right to left on  $(2, 4)$ .

(d) When is the item speeding up? When is it slowing down?

**Solution**

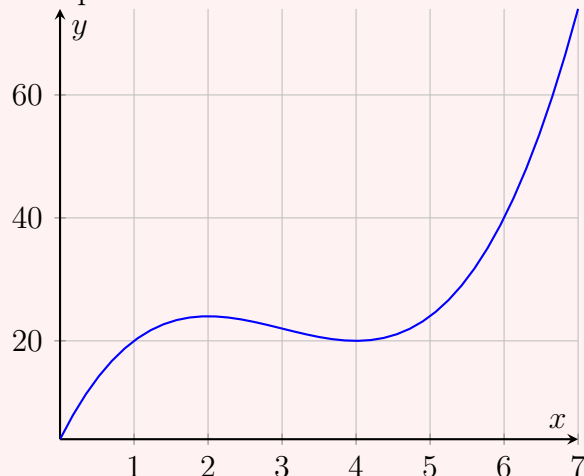
The particle is speeding up when the sign of the velocity matches the sign of the acceleration, and it is slowing down when the velocity and acceleration have different signs.

$a(t) = v'(t) = 6t - 18$ , which is positive on  $(3, \infty)$  and negative on  $(0, 3)$ . This implies that the particle is speeding up on  $(2, 3) \cup (4, \infty)$  and slowing down on  $(0, 2) \cup (3, 4)$ .

- (e) Use the information obtained to sketch the path of the particle along a coordinate axis.

### Solution

Your picture should be a sketch that should have the same general shape.



2. The radius of a sphere is increasing at a rate of  $2 \text{ cm}/\text{min}$ . At what rate is the surface area increasing when the radius is  $10 \text{ cm}$ ?

### Solution

Let  $r$  denote the radius and  $A$  denote the surface area. Then we know that  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2$ , and we are interested in  $\frac{dA}{dt}$  when  $r = 10$ . We have that  $A = 4\pi r^2$ . Differentiating both sides with respect to  $t$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dA}{dt} &= 4\pi\left(2r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}\right) \\ &= 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

when  $r = 10$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dA}{dt} &= 8\pi(10)(2) \\ &= 160\pi\end{aligned}$$

So the surface area increases at a rate of  $160\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$  when the radius is  $10 \text{ cm}$ .

3. Water is poured into a conical container at the rate of  $10 \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$ . The cone points directly down, and it has a height of  $30\text{cm}$  and a base radius of  $10\text{cm}$ . How fast is the water level rising when the water is  $4\text{cm}$  deep (at its deepest point)?

**Solution**

Let  $V$  represent the volume of the water in the container. Then  $V = \frac{\pi}{3}r^2 * h$  where  $h$  is the height of the water at the deepest point, and  $r$  is the radius of the container at that height. Using similar triangles and the size of the container,  $\frac{h}{r} = \frac{30}{10}$ , so  $\frac{1}{3}h = r$ . We can substitute this into the equation for the volume of the water in the container to get

$$V = \frac{\pi}{27}h^3$$

We are looking for  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  when  $h = 4$  and we know that  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 10$ . We will differentiate the volume formula with respect to  $t$ .

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{27}(3h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt})$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{9}h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$10 = \frac{\pi}{9}(4)^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$10 = \frac{16\pi}{9} \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{90}{16\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{45}{8\pi} = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

The water level is rising at a rate of  $\frac{45}{8\pi}$  cm/sec when the water is 4 feet deep.

4. A kite 100 ft above the ground moves horizontally at a speed of 8 ft/s. At what rate is the angle between the string and the horizontal decreasing when 200 ft of string have been let out?

### Solution

Let  $\theta$  represent the angle between the ground (horizontal) and the string,  $h$  represent the horizontal length, and  $s$  represent the length of the string. We know that  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 8$  and we are looking for  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$  when  $s = 200$ . Using what we know about trig,  $\sin(\theta) = \frac{100}{s}$  and  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{h}{s}$ . Let us choose to differentiate  $\sin(\theta)$  with respect to  $t$ . (Note: This is not the only option.)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(\sin(\theta)) &= \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{100}{s}\right) \\ \cos(\theta)\frac{d\theta}{dt} &= -\frac{100}{s^2} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} \\ \frac{h}{s}\frac{d\theta}{dt} &= -\frac{100}{s^2} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt} \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= -\frac{100}{sh} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

We need to determine  $\frac{ds}{dt}$ . By Pythagorean Theorem  $s^2 = h^2 + 100^2$ . Differentiate with respect to  $t$  to determine  $\frac{ds}{dt}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}2s\frac{ds}{dt} &= 2h\frac{dh}{dt} \\ \frac{ds}{dt} &= \frac{h}{s}\frac{dh}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

Putting this together with  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$ , we have

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{100}{sh} \cdot \frac{h}{s}\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{100}{s^2}\frac{dh}{dt}$$

Using the fact that  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 8$ , and evaluating when  $s = 200$ , we have

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{100}{(200)^2} \cdot 8 = -0.02$$

So the angle is decreasing at a rate of  $-0.02$  rad/sec.

5. Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . If  $a = 1$  and  $dx = \Delta x = \frac{1}{10}$ , what are  $\Delta y$  and  $dy$ ?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta y &= f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) \\ &= \sqrt{1.1} - \sqrt{1} \\ &\approx 0.0488088\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}dy &= f'(x)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{10} \\ &= \frac{1}{20} \\ &= 0.05\end{aligned}$$

6. Find the differential  $dy$  and evaluate  $dy$  when  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $dx = -0.1$ .

$$y = \tan x$$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}dy &= \sec^2(x)dx \\ dy &= \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 0.1 \\ dy &= \sqrt{2}^2(-0.1) \\ dy &= -0.2\end{aligned}$$