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**Do Now:** Find the derivative of the following equation with respect to  $t$ ,  $(d/dt)$  if  $v$ ,  $r$  and  $h$  are variables

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

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

**Related Rates**

Many things change with time. Our goal is to find the rate at which some quantity is changing by relating the quantity to other quantities whose rates of change are known

**Mr. C's steps to solving related rate problems:**

- 1) Draw a picture if applicable
- 2) Identify what quantity you are looking for
- 3) Identify the given information: the rates  $\frac{d(\text{variable})}{dt}$  can often be identified by the problem stating changing, increasing or decreasing. If the rate is decreasing be sure to make the quantity negative.
- 4) Take the derivative of the equation that relates the variables with respect to " $t$ " (remember to make use of the derivative rules) before you plug the given information in
- 5) Substitute the given rates and values into the derivative equation
- 6) Use the original equation before you took the derivative to solve for any other variables necessary to find the desired quantity you were originally looking for.
- 7) Solve for the desired quantity

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**General**

The power  $P$  (watts) of an electric circuit is related to the circuit's resistance  $R$  (ohms) and current  $I$  (amperes) by the equation  $P = I^2 R$ .

Given:  $R = 5$  ohms,  $P = 45$  watts,  $I$  is decreasing at  $\frac{1}{3}$  amperes/sec.  $R$  is increasing at 2 ohms/sec. Find  $\frac{dP}{dt}$ .

1. Given information:  
 $R = 5$   
 $P = 45$   
 $\frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{1}{3}$   
 $\frac{dR}{dt} = 2$

2. Looking for:  
 $\frac{dP}{dt}$

3. Equation to be used:  
 $P = I^2 R$

4. Derivative of the equation:  
 $\frac{dP}{dt} = I^2 \frac{dR}{dt} + 2IR \frac{dI}{dt}$

5. What is " $I$ " equal to:  
 $P = I^2 R$   
 $45 = I^2 (5)$   
 $9 = I^2$   
 $I = 3$

6. Solve:  
 $\frac{dP}{dt} = 3^2(2) + 2(3)(5)(-\frac{1}{3})$   
 $\frac{dP}{dt} = 6 - 10 = -4$   
 $\frac{dP}{dt} = -4 \text{ watts/sec}$

**Circle**

When a circular shield of bronze is heated over a fire its radius increases at the rate of  $\frac{1}{5}$  cm/sec. At what rate is the shield's area increasing when the radius is 50 cm?

1. Given information:  
 $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{5}$   
 $r = 50$

2. Looking for:  
 $\frac{dA}{dt}$


3. Equation to be used:  
 $A = \pi r^2$

4. Derivative of the equation:  
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi(50)(\frac{1}{5})$   
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = 20\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$

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**Sphere**

	The <b>volume</b> of a sphere is given by the equation: $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$	The <b>surface area</b> of a sphere is given by the equation: $S = 4\pi r^2$
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Question: A spherical snowball with an outer layer of ice melts so that the volume of the snowball decreases at a rate of  $2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ .

(a) How fast is the radius changing when diameter of the snowball is 10 cm?

1. Given information:  
 $\frac{dV}{dt} = -2$   
 $d = 10$

2. Looking for:  
 $\frac{dr}{dt}$

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

4. Derivative of the equation:  
 $\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $-2 = 4\pi (5)^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $-\frac{2}{100\pi} = \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $\frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{1}{50\pi} \text{ cm/sec}$

(b) How fast is surface area of the snowball decreasing at this time?

1. Given information:  
 $\frac{dV}{dt} = -2$   
 $d = 10$

2. Looking for:  
 $\frac{dS}{dt}$

3. Equation:  
 $S = 4\pi r^2$

4. Derivative of the equation:  
 $\frac{dS}{dt} = 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$   
 $\frac{dS}{dt} = 8\pi (5)(-\frac{1}{50\pi})$   
 $\frac{dS}{dt} = -\frac{40}{50} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec} = -\frac{4}{5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$

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