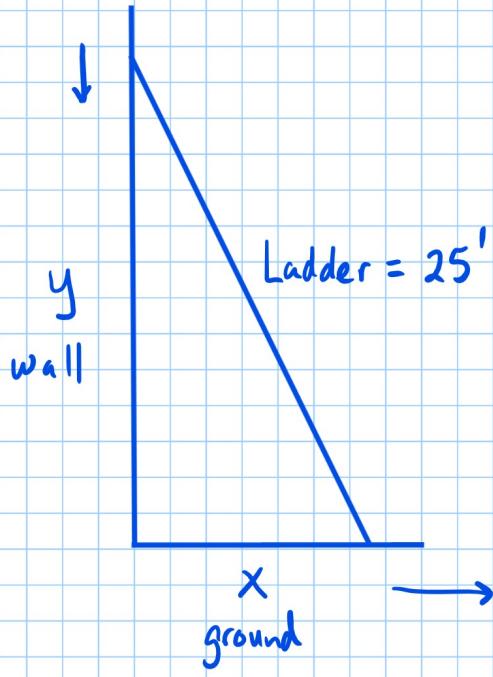


WARMUP

Read pages 153-154 in Larson book

RELATED RATES

When 2 or more variables are related by an equation and their rates vary with time, they are related rates.



x and y are changing as the ladder slides down the wall.

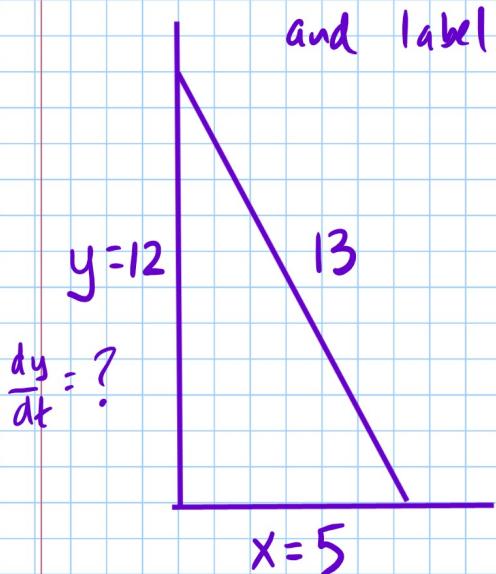
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{rate of change of } x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \text{rate of change of } y$$

Ex: A 13-foot ladder is leaning against a wall and sliding down the wall. If the foot of the ladder is pulled away from the wall at 1.5 ft/sec, how fast is the top of the ladder sliding down the wall when the top of the ladder is 12 feet above the ground?

STEP 1: Draw picture (if applicable)

and label it.



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1.5 \text{ ft/sec}$$

STEP 2: Write an equation relating the variables.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 13^2$$

STEP 3: Write the related rate equation by using the derivative.

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

↑ ↑
have to have these because
 x and y are functions of
time

STEP 4: Sub in what we know and solve for what we do not know.

$$y = 12 \\ x^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$$

$$x^2 + 144 = 169$$

$$x^2 = 25$$

$$x = 5$$

$$2 \cdot 5 \cdot 1.5 + 2 \cdot 12 \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$15 + 24 \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$24 \frac{dy}{dt} = -15$$

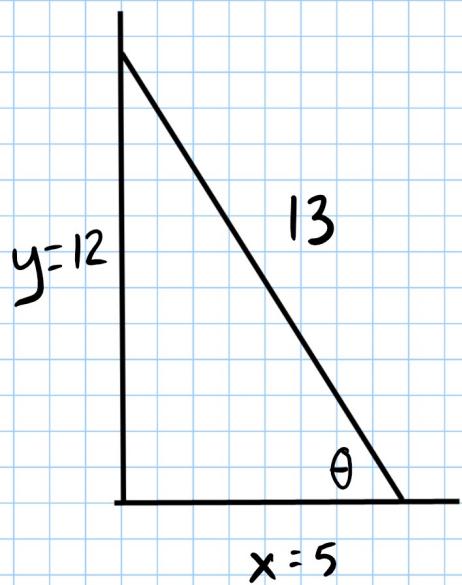
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{15}{24}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{5}{8}$$

STEP 5: Answer the question

$-\frac{5}{8} \text{ ft/sec}$ ← negative because y is getting smaller

ex: Same scenario. How fast is the angle formed by the ladder and the ground changing?



$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
quotient rule
so more complicated

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{13} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{x}{13}$$

either one of these is less complicated.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

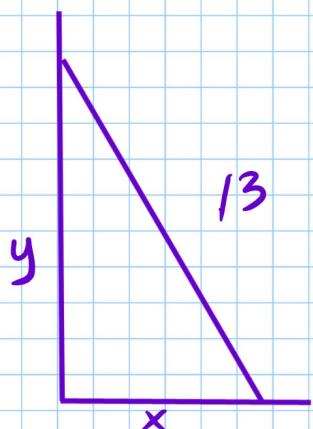
$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{13} y$$

$$\cos \theta \cdot \underbrace{\frac{d\theta}{dt}}_{\substack{\text{rate of} \\ \text{change of angle}}} = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

~~$$\frac{12}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{13} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{13} \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{8}\right) \cdot \frac{12}{5}$$~~

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -\frac{1}{8} \text{ rad/sec}$$

ex: Same scenario. At what rate is the area of the Δ formed by the wall, the ground, and ladder changing?



$$A = \frac{1}{2} x y$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} x \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + y \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{8}\right) + 12 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1.5$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -\frac{25}{16} + 9$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -\frac{25}{16} + \frac{144}{16} = \frac{119}{16} \text{ ft}^2/\text{sec}$$

p159 #23 just the 7-ft case