

Related Rates Problems

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$s = 260\text{ft}$	$x = 260\text{ft}$
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$ds/dt = 5 \text{ ft/sec}$	$dh/dt = 5 \text{ ft/sec}$
$dx/dt = 5 \text{ ft/sec}$	$dh/dt = ?$
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$x^2 + h^2 = s^2$	$A = \frac{1}{2} xh$

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$SA = 3 \text{ ft}$	$d = 3 \text{ ft}$
$V = 3\pi \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$	$r = 3\pi \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$
$dV/dt = 3\pi \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$	$dSA/dt = 3\pi \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$
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$y = 100 \text{ m}$	$x = 100 \text{ m}$
$y = \pi/15 \text{ radians/sec}$	$\theta = \pi/15 \text{ radians/sec}$
$\theta = \pi/3 \text{ radians}$	$x = \pi/3 \text{ radians}$
$d\theta/dt = \pi/15 \text{ radians/sec}$	$dx/dt = \pi/15 \text{ radians/sec}$
$dy/dt = \pi/15 \text{ radians/sec}$	$dy/dt = ?$
$dx/dt = ?$	$d\theta/dt = ?$
$\tan \theta = y/x$	$\tan \theta = x/y$