

# Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

If  $x^2 + y^2 = 20$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(x,y)=(2,4)}$  by implicit differentiation.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{d}{dx}(20)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 0$$

$$2x + 2y \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(y) = 0$$

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

$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(x,y)=(2,4)} = -\frac{2}{4}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}$$

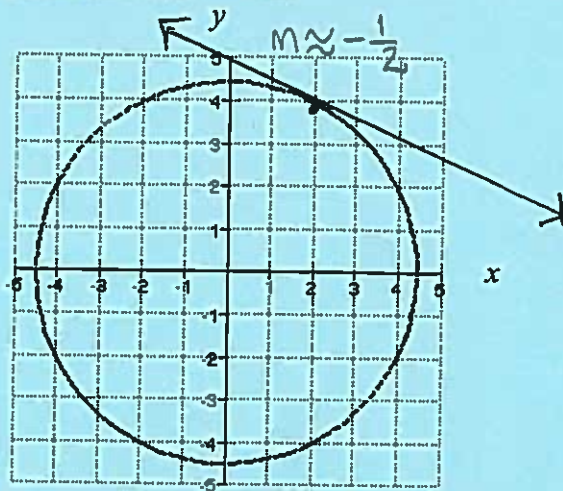


Figure 1:  $x^2 + y^2 = 20$

Treat  $y$  as a function of  $x$  and applying the chain rule

Outside function  
squaring function

inside function  
 $y$

## Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  by implicit differentiation given that  $xy + \cos(y) = y$ . Remember to treat  $y$  as a function of  $x$  and use the chain rule. For example:  $\frac{d}{dx}(y^2) = 2y \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy + \cos(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(y)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xy) + \frac{d}{dx}(\cos(y)) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x)y + x \frac{d}{dx}(y) - \sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y + x \frac{dy}{dx} - \sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y = \frac{dy}{dx} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + \sin(y) \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y = \frac{dy}{dx}(1 - x + \sin(y))$$

$$\frac{y}{1 - x + \sin(y)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

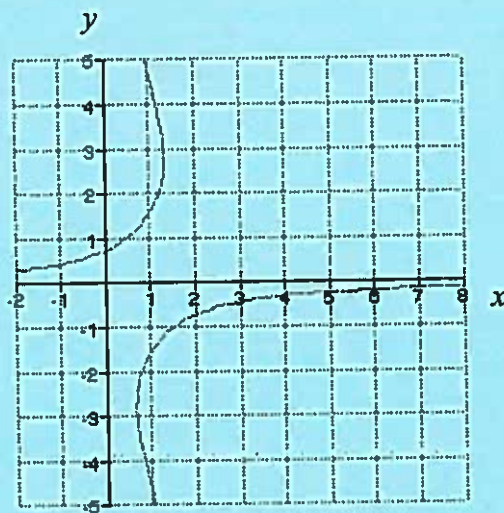


Figure 2:  $xy + \cos(y) = y$

$\cos(y)$

Treat  $y$  as a function of  $x$

outside function  
cosine

inside function  
 $y$

## Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

We have formulas to differentiate things like  $x^3$  and  $3^x$ , but how do you differentiate  $x^x$ ? You will use **logarithmic differentiation** to differentiate  $x^x$  in exercise 7.3.1 in the lab manual. Let's look at the process of logarithmic differentiation for the function  $y = x^{e^x}$ .

$$y = x^{e^x}$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x^{e^x})$$

$$\ln(y) = e^x \ln(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x \ln(x))$$

Take the natural log of both sides.

Apply properties of logarithms.

Use implicit differentiation.

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) \ln(x) + e^x \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x))$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \ln(x) + e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y \left( \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \left( e^x \ln(x) + \frac{e^x}{x} \right) y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left( e^x \ln(x) + \frac{e^x}{x} \right) x^{e^x}$$

Factor or distribute

$$= \left( \ln(x) + \frac{1}{x} \right) e^x x^{e^x}$$

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Use logarithmic differentiation to differentiate  $y = x\sqrt[3]{1+x^2}$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x\sqrt[3]{1+x^2})$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x) + \ln(\sqrt[3]{1+x^2})$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x) + \ln((1+x^2)^{1/3})$$

$$\ln(y) = \ln(x) + \frac{1}{3} \ln(1+x^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(y)) = \frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x) + \frac{1}{3} \ln(1+x^2))$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(1+x^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{x\sqrt[3]{1+x^2}} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2} \cdot 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{x\sqrt[3]{1+x^2}} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2x}{3(1+x^2)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt[3]{1+x^2} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2x}{3(1+x^2)} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt[3]{1+x^2} + \frac{2x^2 \sqrt[3]{1+x^2}}{3(1+x^2)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt[3]{1+x^2} + \frac{2x^2}{3\sqrt[3]{(1+x^2)^2}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{u}}{u} = \frac{u^{1/3}}{u}$$

$$= u^{1/3-1}$$

$$= u^{-2/3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{u^{2/3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{u^2}}$$

## Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

Assume that oil spilled from a ruptured tanker spreads in a circular pattern whose radius increases at a constant rate of 2 m/s. How fast is the area of the spill increasing when the radius of the spill is 60 m?

Let  $r$  represent the radius (in m) of the oil spill at time  $t$  (in seconds).

Let  $A$  represent the area (in  $m^2$ ) of the oil spill at time  $t$ .

Given  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2 \frac{m}{s}$ , find  $\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right|_{r=60}$ .

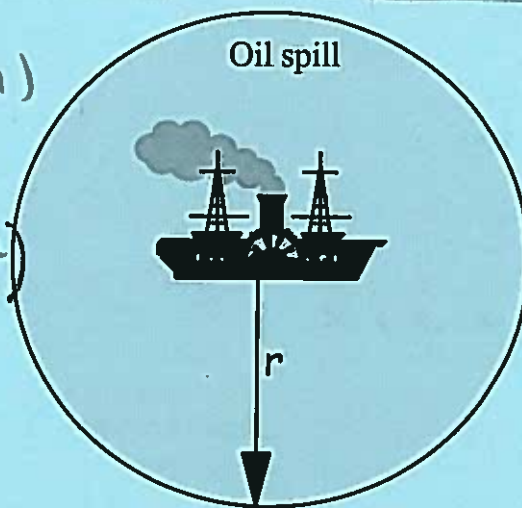


Figure 3: Variable Diagram

From Geometry we know  $A = \pi r^2$ .

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt}(A) = \frac{d}{dt}(\pi r^2)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi \frac{d}{dt}(r^2)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi \cdot 2r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

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

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right|_{r=60} = 2\pi (60m) \left( 2 \frac{m}{s} \right)$$

$$= 240\pi \frac{m^2}{s}$$

The area of the spill is increasing at a rate of  $240\pi \frac{m^2}{s}$  when the radius of the spill is 60m.

### Related Rates Algorithm

The following algorithm - when executed correctly - will lead to success with related rates problems.

1. Draw a picture of the described situation.
2. Label any piece of the picture for which you are given the rate of change with a variable name.
3. Label the piece of the picture for which you are asked to find the rate of change with a variable name.
4. Label any piece that does not change with respect to time and for which you are given the constant value with that constant value.
5. Explicitly define your variables.
6. Your related rates equation contains variables and rates. Somewhere in the problem you are given values for each of the variables at a certain point in time and you are given values for each of the rates except the one you are trying to find. Make a list stating each of the values and rates. If you assign a value of zero to any rate, that piece of the picture should not have been assigned a variable name. If there are two or more pieces of the picture for which you were not told the rate of change you have labeled a piece of the picture that should not have been labeled! (See footnote).
7. Find the related rates equation without introducing any additional variables.
8. Plug the information from step 6 into your rate equation and solve for the unknown rate. You may need a "snapshot" in time diagram to find values of one or more of the variables at the point in time you are interested in.
9. State your conclusion using a complete sentence and proper units.

#### footnote

Occasionally a "scratch work" picture must be drawn to eliminate an unwanted variable. This

occurs when you are using "textbook" formulas like volume of a cone ( $V = \frac{\pi}{3} r^2 h$ ). If you are told

to find the rate of change in volume given the rate of change in height you will need to use additional information in the problem to eliminate  $r$  from the volume equation.

### Common Errors!!

- Error 1 - labeling pieces that change over time with a constant value
- Error 2 - labeling pieces that are changing but which are irrelevant to the problem. Variable names are assigned to pieces that are changing if and only if you are given their rate of change or you are explicitly asked to find their rate of change.
- Error 3- assigning positive derivative values to pieces that are *decreasing* over time

## Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

A 13-ft ladder is leaning against a wall. If the top of the ladder slips down the wall at a rate of 2 ft/sec, how fast will the foot of the ladder be moving away from the wall when the top is 5 ft above the ground?

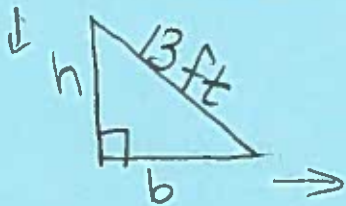


Figure 4: Variable diagram

Let  $h$  represent the distance (in feet) from the top of the ladder to the ground at time  $t$  (in seconds).

Let  $b$  represent the distance (in feet) from the foot of the ladder to the wall at time  $t$ .

Given  $\frac{dh}{dt} = -2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$ , find  $\frac{db}{dt} \Big|_{h=5}$ .

The Pythagorean Theorem tells us  $h^2 + b^2 = 13^2$ .

So  $\frac{d}{dt}(h^2 + b^2) = \frac{d}{dt}(13^2)$

$$2h \frac{dh}{dt} + 2b \frac{db}{dt} = 0$$

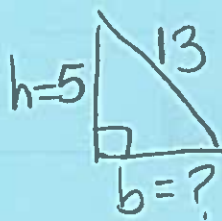
$$2b \frac{db}{dt} = -2h \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{db}{dt} = \frac{-2h \frac{dh}{dt}}{2b}$$

$$\frac{db}{dt} = -\frac{h}{b} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{db}{dt} \Big|_{h=5} &= -\frac{5 \text{ ft}}{12 \text{ ft}} \left( -2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \right) \\ &= \frac{5 \text{ ft}}{6 \text{ sec}} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 4b: Snapshot in time when  $h=5$



Pythagorean  
triples

3, 4, 5

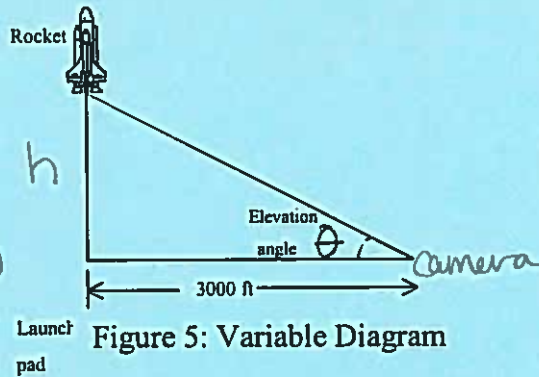
5, 12, 13

$b=12$  (you can use  $h^2 + b^2 = 13^2$  to find  $b$ )

The foot of the ladder will be moving away from the wall at a rate of  $\frac{5 \text{ ft}}{6 \text{ sec}}$  when the top is 5 ft above ground.

# Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

If the rocket shown in Figure 5 is rising vertically at 880 ft/sec when it is 4000 ft up, how fast must the camera elevation angle change at that instant to keep the rocket in sight?



Let  $h$  represent the height (in feet) of the rocket at time  $t$  (in seconds) and  $\theta$  represent the camera elevation angle (in radians) at time  $t$ .

Given  $\left. \frac{dh}{dt} \right|_{h=4000} = 880 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$ , find  $\left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{h=4000}$ .

From trig we know that  $\tan(\theta) = \frac{h}{3000}$ .

So  $\frac{d}{dt}(\tan(\theta)) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{h}{3000}\right)$

$\sec^2(\theta) \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{3000} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$

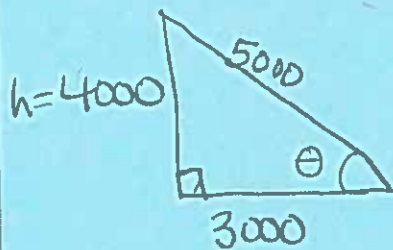
$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{\sec^2(\theta)} \cdot \frac{1}{3000} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$

$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{\cos^2(\theta)}{3000} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$

$\left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{h=4000} = \frac{(3/5)^2 \cdot 880 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}}{3000 \text{ ft}}$

$= 0.1056 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$

Figure 5a: snapshot in time - when  $h=4000$



I can find  $\theta$  or  $\cos(\theta)$  when  $h=4000$

$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$   
 $= \frac{3000}{5000}$   
 $= \frac{3}{5}$

or  $\tan(\theta) = \frac{4000}{3000}$

$= \frac{4}{3}$

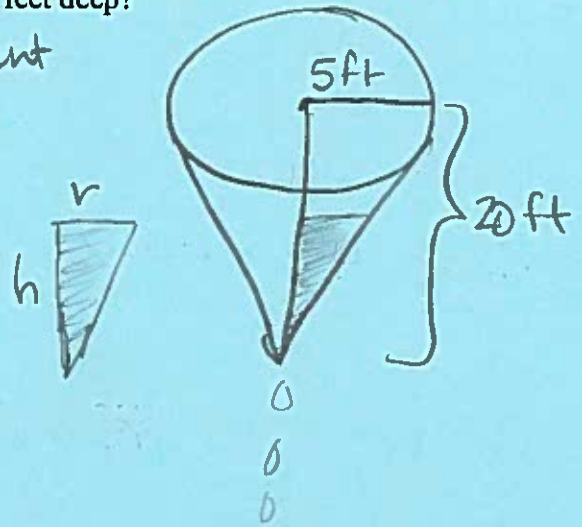
$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$

The camera elevation angle must increase at a rate of  $0.1056 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$  in order to keep the rocket in sight when it is 4000 ft above the launching pad.

## Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

A tank filled with water is in the shape of an inverted cone 20 feet high with a circular base (on top) whose radius is 5 feet. Water is running out the bottom of the tank at the constant rate of  $2 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$ . How fast is the water level falling when the water is 8 feet deep?

Let  $V$  (in  $\text{ft}^3$ ),  $h$  (in  $\text{ft}$ ),  $r$  (in  $\text{ft}$ ) represent the respective volume, height, and radius of water remaining in the tank at time  $t$  (in  $\text{min}$ ).



Given  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -2 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}}$ , find  $\frac{dh}{dt} \Big|_{h=8}$ .

From geometry we know  $V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3}$ .

We need to eliminate  $r$  from this formula.

Similar triangles tell us  $\frac{5}{20} = \frac{r}{h} \Rightarrow \frac{h}{4} = r$

Substituting  $\frac{h}{4}$  for  $r$  in the volume formula gives us

$$V = \frac{\pi}{3} \left(\frac{h}{4}\right)^2 \cdot h$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{48} h^3$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\pi}{48} h^3 \right)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{48} \cdot 3h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{16} h^2 \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{16}{\pi h^2} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} \Big|_{h=8} = \frac{16}{\pi (8\text{ft})^2} \left( -2 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}} \right)$$

$$= - \frac{8 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{8 \cdot 8 \pi} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}}$$

The water level is falling at a rate of  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}}$  when the water is 8 ft deep.

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In Figure 7  $x$  represents the length of the indicated side (cm) and  $\alpha$  represents the measurement of the indicated angle (rad); both variables are changing with respect to time,  $t$ , measured in minutes.

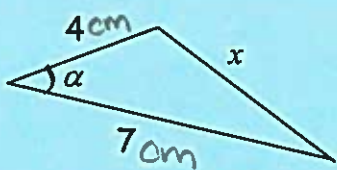


Figure 7: find related rates equation

The lengths of the other two sides are fixed at 4 cm and 7 cm.  $\alpha$  is increasing at a constant rate of 4 deg/min. Find the rate at which  $x$  is changing at the instant  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ . Make sure that you clearly communicate whether  $x$  is increasing or decreasing.

$$\text{Given } \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = 4 \frac{\text{deg}}{\text{min}} \cdot \frac{\pi \text{ rad}}{180 \text{ deg}}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{45} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{min}}, \quad \text{find } \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{\alpha=60^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3}$$

The Law of Cosines:  $x^2 = 4^2 + 7^2 - 2(4)(7)\cos(\alpha)$

$$x^2 = 4^2 + 7^2 - 56\cos(\alpha)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt}(x^2) = \frac{d}{dt}(4^2 + 7^2 - 56\cos(\alpha))$$

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} = -56(-\sin(\alpha)) \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{56 \sin(\alpha)}{2x} \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$$

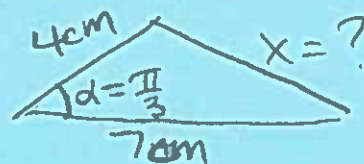
$$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{\alpha=\frac{\pi}{3}} = \frac{56 \text{ cm}^2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{3})}{2\sqrt{37} \text{ cm}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{45} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{min}}$$

$$= \frac{56\pi(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}{90\sqrt{37}} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}}$$

$$\approx 0.278 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}}$$

The side labeled  $x$  is increasing at a rate of about  $0.278 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{min}}$  when  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ .

Figure 7a: Snapshot in time when  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$



$$x = \sqrt{4^2 + 7^2 - 56\cos(\frac{\pi}{3})}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 49 - 56(\frac{1}{2})}$$

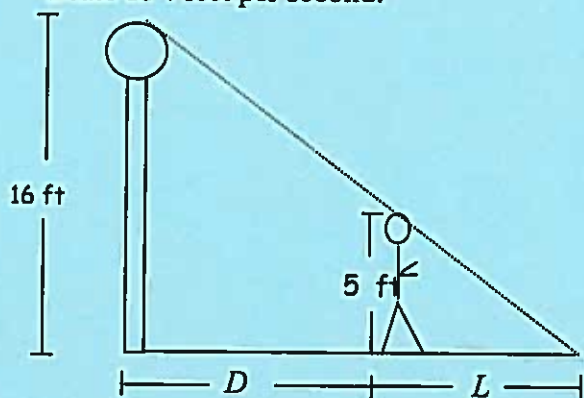
$$= \sqrt{65 - 28}$$

$$= \sqrt{37}$$

## Implicit Differentiation, Logarithmic Differentiation, and Related Rates

**Example:** A light is at the top of a 16-foot pole. A boy 5 feet tall walks away from the pole at a rate of 4 feet per second. At what rate is the length of his shadow increasing?

**Solution:** We are given that the pole is 16 feet tall, that the boy is 5 feet tall, and that he walks at a rate of 4 feet per second.



Let  $L$  represent the length (in feet) of the boy's shadow at time  $t$  (in seconds)

Let  $D$  represent the distance (in feet) from the base of the pole to the boy at time  $t$ , as shown in Figure 8.

Given  $\frac{dD}{dt} = 4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$ , find  $\frac{dL}{dt}$ .

Figure 8: Variable Diagram

Using similar triangles, we know  $\frac{5}{L} = \frac{16}{D+L}$

$$\begin{aligned} 5(D+L) &= 16L \\ 5D + 5L &= 16L \\ 5D &= 11L \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt}(5D) = \frac{d}{dt}(11L)$$

$$5 \frac{dD}{dt} = 11 \frac{dL}{dt}$$

$$\frac{5}{11} \frac{dD}{dt} = \frac{dL}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dL}{dt} &= \frac{5}{11} \left( 4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \right) \\ &= \frac{20}{11} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}} \end{aligned}$$

The length of the boy's shadow is increasing at a rate of  $\frac{20}{11} \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$ .

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