

Related Rates: Expanding Sphere Problem

Please give me a related rates problem for first semester calculus. Do not give a hint or solution.



Related Rates: The Expanding Sphere



A weather balloon is being inflated with helium at a constant rate of **15 cubic feet per minute**.

At the exact instant when the radius of the balloon is **4 feet**, at what rate is the surface area of the balloon increasing?

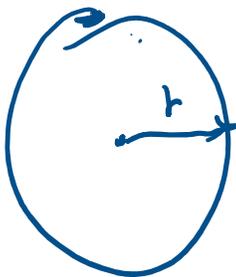
Assume the balloon is a sphere

$$\text{Let } A(r) = \text{surface area} = 4\pi r^2 \quad (\text{supplied})$$

$$r = \text{radius} \quad [\text{ft}^2]$$

$$\text{Let } V(r) = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\pi r^3 \quad (\text{supplied})$$

$$\text{Let } t = \text{time (min)}$$



$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 15 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}}$$

$$\text{Find } \frac{dA}{dt} \text{ when } r = 4 \text{ ft}$$

$$\frac{dA(r(t))}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dr} (4\pi r^2) \frac{dr}{dt}$$

f(a)

f |
x=a

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\left. \frac{dA}{dt} \right|_{r=4ft} = 32\pi \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dr} \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 15 \frac{ft^3}{min}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{4\pi r^3}{3} \right) = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = (4\pi r^2) \frac{dr}{dt} = 15 \frac{ft^3}{min}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{15}{4\pi r^2} \frac{ft^3}{min}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{15}{4\pi (4ft)^2} \frac{ft^3}{min}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{15}{16\pi} \frac{ft}{min}$$

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$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \left(\frac{15}{16\pi} \right) \frac{ft}{min}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 30 \frac{ft^2}{min}$$