# Math 102

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### Announcements

### Review Sessions for Thursday 10/25 Midterm

- Monday 10/22 in Buchanan A201, 3-7pm
- Tuesday 10/23 in CHBE 101, 3-7pm
- Bring questions if you have them!
- Midterm covers material up to and including Optimization.
- See the 'Midterm' tab on Canvas.



### ▶ The Chain Rule Applied: Related Rates

### Implicit Functions and Differentiation

# Related Rates: Sliding Ladder

A ladder of length Lmeters is propped against a wall. The base of the ladder is pulled away from the wall at a constant speed of 0.2 meters per second.



Goal: When the top of the ladder is at height h, calculate  $\frac{dh}{dt}$ , as a function of h.

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 $= -\frac{\sqrt{L^2 - h^2}}{h} \cdot (0.2)$   
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Since  $x = \sqrt{L^2 - h^2}$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.2$ , we find

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -0.2 \frac{\sqrt{L^2 - h^2}}{h}$$

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Suppose that option 1 is true. Then as  $h \to 0$ ,  $\frac{dh}{dt} \to -\infty$ . In other words, the top of the ladder will have an infinite velocity as it hits the ground. This is physically impossible - gravity cannot accelerate an object to an infinite velocity in finite time!

# Related Rates: Water Trough

Water flows out of the triangular trough shown at a constant rate of 2  $dm^3/s$ . All numbers shown are measured in dm. Let h denote the height of the water in the trough.



Exercise: Calculate  $\frac{dh}{dt}$ , as a function of h.

### Bonus slide - solution

Let V be the volume of water in the trough. Let x denote the width of the water in the trough. By similar triangles, x = h/2, so

$$V = 14 \cdot \frac{hx}{2} = 14 \cdot \frac{h^2}{4} = \frac{7}{2}h^2$$

Thus,  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 7h\frac{dh}{dt}$ . We are given that  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 2$ , and so  $\boxed{\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{2}{7h}}$ .

# Explicit vs. Implicit Functions

Explicit	Implicit
$y = \sqrt{x}$	$x^2 + y^2 - 25 = 0$
$y = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$	$x^2 + 3y^2 - xy - 11 = 0$
y = f(x)	g(x,y) = 0

- Every explicit function can be written as an implicit function, but not vice versa!
- For example, implicit functions usually do not pass the vertical line test.

$$x^{2} + y^{2} - 25 = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^{2}) + \frac{d}{dx}(y^{2}) - \frac{d}{dx}(25) = 0$$

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

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

$$dy/dx = -x/y$$

Question: Calculate the slope of the tangent lines to the graph of  $x^2 + y^2 - 25 = 0$  at the points (0, 5), (3, 4), and (5, 0).



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$$x^{2} + 3y^{2} - xy - 11 = 0$$
$$2x + 6y\frac{dy}{dx} - (x\frac{dy}{dx} + y) = 0$$
$$(6y - x)\frac{dy}{dx} + (2x - y) = 0$$
$$\boxed{\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - 2x}{6y - x}}$$

 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-2x}{6y-x} = 0 \implies y = 2x$ . Plug this back into our original equation  $x^2 + 3y^2 - xy - 11 = 0$ :

$$x^{2} + 3(2x)^{2} - x(2x) - 11 = 0$$

 $11x^2 - 11 = 0 \implies x = 1, y = 2 \text{ or } x = -1, y = -2$ 





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#### Implicit Functions and Differentiation

A conical cup with radius 3cm and height 10cm is leaking water at a rate of 1ml/sec. When the water is at height h, calculate  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  in terms of h. (The volume of a cone with height h and radius r is  $\frac{\pi r^2 h}{3}$ .)