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the volume of the balloon increasing when the radius is 4 cm?

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A = area of circle r = radius t = time

Equation: 
$$A = \pi r^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = 4$  Find:  $\frac{dA}{dt}\Big|_{r=5}$ 

$$\frac{dA}{dt} \bigg|_{r=5} = 2\pi r \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 40\pi \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$$

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$$A = \pi r^2$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dA}{dt} = 9\pi$  Find:  $\frac{dr}{dt}\Big|_{r=10}$ 

$$\frac{dr}{dt}\bigg|_{r=10} = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \cdot \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{9}{20} \text{ m/min}$$

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V = volume of material in cone h = height t = time

Equation: 
$$V = \frac{\pi h^3}{3}$$
 Given rate:  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 2$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt}$   $\Big|_{h=8}$ 

$$\frac{dV}{dt}\bigg|_{h=8} = \pi h^2 \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} = 128\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

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$$V = \text{volume of sphere} \quad r = \text{radius} \quad t = \text{time}$$
Equation:  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$  Given rate:  $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{2}{r}$  Find:  $\frac{dV}{dt} \Big|_{r=4}$ 

$$= 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} = 32\pi \text{ cm}^3/\text{sec}$$

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x = distance from person to lamppost 
$$y = \text{length of shadow}$$
  $t = \text{time}$ 

Equation:  $\frac{x+y}{20} = \frac{y}{7}$  Given rate:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 5$  Find:  $\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{x=16}$ 

$$\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{x=16} = \frac{7}{13} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{35}{13} \text{ ft/sec}$$

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$$a = \text{altitute of rocket}$$
  $z = \text{distance from observer to rocket}$   $t = \text{time}$   
Equation:  $a^2 + 490000 = z^2$  Given rate:  $\frac{da}{dt} = 900$  Find:  $\frac{dz}{dt} \Big|_{a = 2400}$   
 $\frac{dz}{dt} \Big|_{a = 2400}$  = 864 ft/sec