

**MATH 100 – WORKSHEET 16**  
**APPLICATIONS**

(1) The position of a particle at time  $t$  is given by  $f(t) = t \sin(\pi t)$ .

(a) Find the velocity at time  $t$ , and specifically at  $t = 3$ .

$v(t) = f'(t) \stackrel{\text{pdt}}{=} \sin(\pi t) + \pi t \cos(\pi t)$ . Now  $\sin(3\pi) = \sin \pi = 0$  and  $\cos(3\pi) = \cos \pi = -1$  so  $v(3) = -3\pi$

(b) When is the particle accelerating? Decelerating? At rest?

$a(t) = v'(t) = 2\pi \cos(\pi t) - \pi^2 t \sin(\pi t)$ .

(c) Find the total distance travelled by  $t = 5$ .  $S =$

(2) A ball is falling from rest in air. Its height at time  $t$  is given by

$$h(t) = H_0 - gt_0 \left( t + t_0 e^{-t/t_0} - t_0 \right)$$

where  $H_0$  is the initial height and  $t_0$  is a constant.

(a) Find the velocity of the ball.  $v(t) = h'(t) = 0 - gt_0 \left( 1 + t_0 e^{-t/t_0} \left( -\frac{1}{t_0} \right) - 0 \right) = -gt_0 (1 - e^{-t/t_0})$ .

(b) Find the acceleration.  $a(t) = v'(t) = -gt_0 \left( 0 - e^{-t/t_0} \left( -\frac{1}{t_0} \right) \right) = -ge^{-t/t_0}$ .

(c) Find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-gt_0 (1 - e^{-t/t_0})) = -gt_0 (1 - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t/t_0}) = -gt_0 (1 - 0) = -gt_0$ .

(3) Water is filling a cylindrical container of radius  $r = 10\text{cm}$ . Suppose that at time  $t$  the height of the water is  $(t + t^2)$  cm. How fast is the volume growing?

**Solution:** At time  $t$  the water forms a cylinder of radius  $r$  and height  $(t + t^2)$  hence volume  $V(t) = \pi r^2(t + t^2)\text{cm}^3$ . It follows that  $V'(t) = \pi r^2(1 + 2t) = 100\pi(1 + 2t)$ .

- (4) A spherical baloon is expanding, so that at the time its radius is 15cm, the radius is growing at the rate of 1cm/sec. How fast is the volume of the baloon growing?

**Solution:**  $V(t) = \frac{4}{3}\pi (r(t))^3$  so  $V'(t) = \frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot 3(r(t))^2 r'(t)$ . At the given time we have  $r = 15$ ,  $r' = 1$  so  $V'(t) = 4\pi \cdot 15^2 \cdot 1 = 900\pi \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{sec}}$ .

- (5) A rocket is flying in space. The momentum of the rocket is given by the formula  $p = mv$ , where  $m$  is the mass and  $v$  is the velocity. At a time where the mass of the rocket is  $m = 1000\text{kg}$  and its velocity is  $v = 5000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}}$  the rocket is accelerating at the rate  $a = 20 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}^2}$  and losing mass at the rate  $10 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{sec}}$ . Find the rate of change of the momentum with time.

**Solution:**  $\frac{dp}{dt} \stackrel{pdt}{=} \frac{dm}{dt}v + m \frac{dv}{dt} = (-10)5000 + 1000 \cdot 20 = 20,000 - 50,000 = -30,000 \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{sec}}$ .

- (6) A metal rod of length 30cm has total mass 800gr. Suppose that the mass of the part of the rod between the left end and a point  $x\text{cm}$  to the right has mass  $\left(x^2 - \frac{x^3}{270}\right)$  gr. Find the density of the rod in its middle.

**Solution:** The density is given by the derivative of the mass. Thus  $d(x) = \left(2x - \frac{x^2}{90}\right) \frac{\text{gr}}{\text{cm}}$ . At  $x = 15$  this gives  $d(15\text{cm}) = 30 - \frac{225}{90} = 30 - 2.5 = 27.5$ .