Velocity and Other Rates of Change

Instantaneous Rate of Change

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

Example-Enlarging Circles

- a) Find the rate of change of the area A of a circle with respect to its radius r.
- b) Evaluate the rate of change of A at r=5 and r=10.

$$A = \pi r^2$$

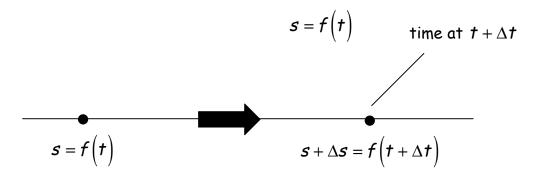
a)
$$\frac{dA}{dr} = \frac{d}{dr}(\pi r^2) = \pi \cdot 2r = 2\pi r$$

b)
$$r = 5 \to 2\pi (5) \approx 31.4$$

$$r = 10 \rightarrow 2\pi \Big(10\Big) \approx 62.8$$

Motion along a line

-Suppose that an object is moving across a line so we know that its position s along the line is a function of time t:



-The <u>displacement</u> of the object over the time interval from t to $t + \Delta t$ is

$$\Delta s = f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)$$

-The average velocity of the object over that time interval is

$$v_{avg} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{travel time}} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}$$

Instantaneous Velocity

-The instantaneous velocity is the derivative of the position function $s=f\left(t\right)$ with respect to time

$$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}$$

Speed

-Speed is the absolute value of velocity

Speed =
$$\left| v(t) \right| = \left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right|$$

Acceleration

-<u>Acceleration</u> is the derivative of velocity with respect to time. If a bodies velocity at time t is $v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt}$, then a bodies acceleration at time t is

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

Example-Modeling a Vertical Motion

-A blast propels a heavy rock straight up with a launch velocity of 160 ft/sec. It reaches a height of

$$s = 160t - 16t^2$$
 feet after t seconds

a) How high does the rock got?

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (160t - 16t^2) = 160 - 32t$$

-a rock has velocity 0 at the top so

$$160 - 32t = 0$$
 or $t = 5$ sec

-so the maximum height of a rock at t = 5 sec is

$$160(5)-16(5)^2=400 \text{ ft}$$

b) What is the velocity and speed of a rock when it is 256ft above the ground on the way up/down.

-To find the velocity when the height is 256ft determine the two values of t which s(t) = 256

$$s(t) = 160t - 16t^2 = 256$$

$$16t^2 - 160t + 256 = 0$$

$$16\left(t^2-10t+16\right)=0$$

$$(t-2)(t-8)=0$$

$$t = 2$$
 sec or $t = 8$ sec

-The velocity at each of these times is

$$v(t) = 160 - 32t$$

$$v(2) = 160 - 32(2) = 96$$
 ft/sec

$$v(8) = 160 - 32(8) = -96$$
 ft/sec

- -At both instances the speed is 96 ft/sec.
- c) What is the acceleration of the rock at any time t during its flight?

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(160 - 32t \right) = -32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$$

- d) When does the rock hit the ground?
 - -The rock hits the ground at the positive time for which s = 0.

$$160t - 16t^2 = 0$$

$$-16t(t-10)=0$$

$$t = 0$$
 or $t = 10$

-It was launched at t = 0 so it hit the ground 10 seconds later.

Example-Marginal Cost and Marginal Revenue

Suppose it costs $c(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 15x$ dollars to produce x radiators when 8 to 10 radiators are produced and that $r(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 12x$ gives the dollar revenue from selling x radiators.

- -You currently produce 10 radiators a day.
- -Find the marginal cost and marginal revenue.
- -The marginal cost of producing one more radiator when you are producing 10 is c'ig(10ig).

$$c'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 6x^2 + 15x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 15$$

$$c'(10) = 3(100) - 120 + 15 = 195$$
 dollars

-Marginal Revenue is:

$$r'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3 - 3x^2 + 12x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 12$$

$$r'(10) = 3(100) - 60 + 12 = 252$$
 dollars

-So it makes sense to produce another radiator!