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1. A girl flies a kite at a height of 300 ft, the wind carrying the kite horizontally away from her at a rate of 25 ft/sec. How fast must she let out the string when the kite is 500 ft away from her?

Draw a picture. The girl, the kite and its string and ground form a right triangle with the string as hypotenuse and the line from the kite straight down to its shadow as one side. We let z be the length of the string that is out because we want to know z'(t). Let x be the distance from the girl to the kite's shadow, because we know that x'(t) = 25.

Relate x and z: By the Pythagorean Theorem $x^2 + 300^2 = z^2$. because the height of the kite is a constant 300 feet. Differentiate in time. 2xx' + 0 = 2zz'. We know when x' = 25 and z = 500 at some instant and we want to know z' then. What is x then? From the relation $x^2 + 300^2 = 500^2$ we see that x = 400. Substituting into the equation for the derivatives gives 2(400)(25) = 2(500)z' so that z' = 20. The girl must let out 20 feet of string per second when 500 feet are already out.



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2. Find the linearization L(x) of $f(x) = \tan x$ at $a = \pi$.

Recall L(x) is L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) which has graph, the tangent line to y = f(x) at (a, f(a)). Compute $f(a) = f(\pi) = \tan \pi = 0$ and

$$f'(x) = (\sec x)^2$$

and $f'(\pi) = 1$ so that

$$L(x) = 0 + 1(x - \pi) = x - \pi$$

3. Find the differential dy if

(a) $y = x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ Differentiate: Apply the product rule to $y = x(1-x^2)^{1/2}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x\frac{1}{2}(1-x^2)^{-1/2}(-2x) + (1-x^2)^{1/2}$$
$$= \frac{-x^2}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}} + (1-x^2)^{1/2} = \frac{-x^2+1-x^2}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{1-2x^2}{(1-x^2)^{1/2}}$$

The differential is therefore

$$dy = \frac{1 - 2x^2}{(1 - x^2)^{1/2}} \, dx$$

(b) $y = 4\tan(x^3/3)$

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Differentiate: Apply the chain rule. The derivative of $f(u) = \tan u$ is $f'(u) = (\sec u)^2$. Therefore

$$y' = 4(\sec(x^3/3))^2 3x^2/3 = 4x^2(\sec(x^3/3))^2$$

But we were asked for the differential dy and it is

$$dy = 4x^2(\sec(x^3/3))^2 dx$$