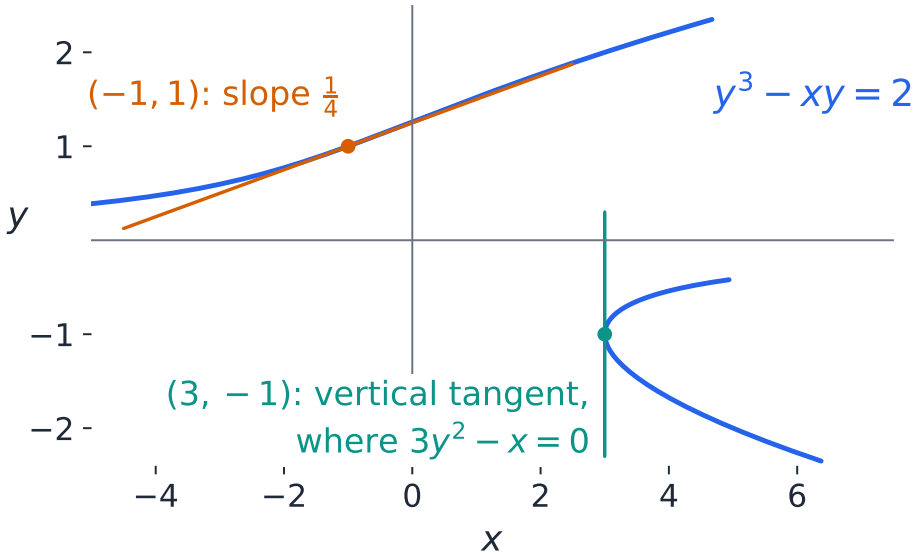
Exercise walk-through

4.4
Implicit differentiation and differential equations

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Figure: Implicit and parametric differentiation



- Where the denominator of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is zero (and the numerator is not), the tangent is vertical
- Read the axes and units first.

Integration: substitution, parts and partial fractions

- **Substitution** (usually given): rewrite the integral in u, adjust dx via $\frac{du}{dx}$, integrate, substitute back. It is the chain rule reversed.
- **Integration by parts** : $\int u\frac{dv}{dx}dx = uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx}dx$ — the product rule reversed. Know $\int \ln x\,dx = x\ln x - x + c$ and repeated parts for $\int x^2 e^x dx$-type integrals.

$$\int e^x \cos x\,dx = e^x \sin x - \int e^x \sin x\,dx$$

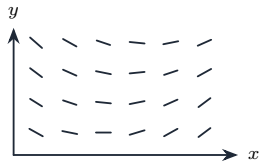
Integration: substitution, parts and partial fractions (2)

- **Partial fractions** turn a **rational** integrand into sums of $\frac{A}{ax+b}$ (integrating to logs) and $\frac{C}{(ax+b)^2}$ (to powers).
- Parts with $u = \mathrm{e}^x$, $\frac{dv}{dx} = \cos x$:
- Parts again on the new integral ($u = \mathrm{e}^x$, $\frac{dv}{dx} = \sin x$):

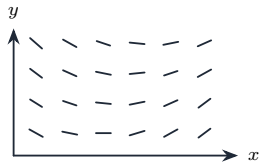
$$= \mathrm{e}^x \sin x + \mathrm{e}^x \cos x - \int \mathrm{e}^x \cos x \, dx$$

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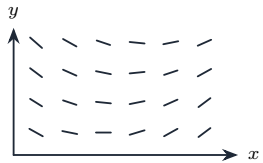


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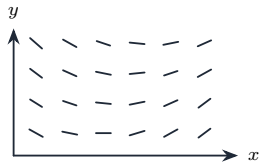
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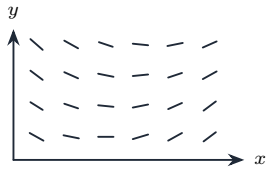
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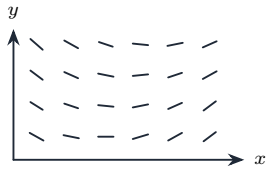
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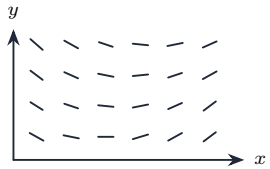


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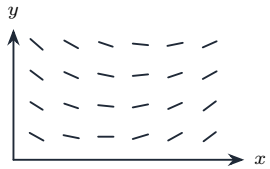
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$$-12 = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} \implies \frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{3}{\pi r^2}$$

The rate of decrease $\dfrac{3}{\pi r^2}$ is a constant multiple of $\dfrac{1}{r^2}$ – inversely proportional to r^2. ■

At $r = 3$:

$$\frac{3}{9\pi} = \frac{1}{3\pi} \approx 0.106 \text{ cm/s (3 s.f.)}$$

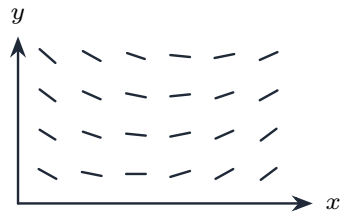
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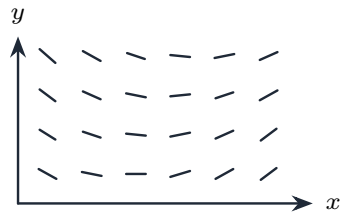


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Condition $y = 2$ at $x = 0$: $4 = 4(1) + C \Rightarrow C = 0$:

$$y^2 = 4\sec 3x$$

Check: $\sqrt{4} = 2$ at $x = 0$ ✓; differentiating back: $2y\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 12\sec 3x\tan 3x \Rightarrow y\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 6\sec 3x\tan 3x$ ✓.

Local review guidance: correct implicit/rate structure; exact derivative or particular solution; condition applied and the solution checked. This is authored classroom guidance.

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- similar triangles: $\dfrac{r}{h} = \dfrac{3}{6}$, so the water surface has radius $r = \frac{1}{2}h$
- volume of a cone, $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$:

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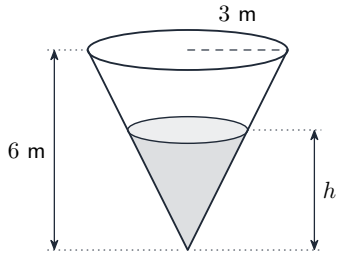
- chain rule, $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh}\frac{dh}{dt}$, with $\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{\pi h^2}{4}$:

$$\frac{\pi h^2}{4}\frac{dh}{dt} = -kh^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow h^{\frac{3}{2}}\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{4k}{\pi}$$

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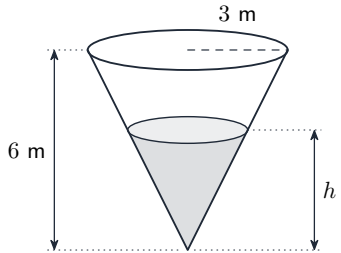
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- separate the variables and integrate:

$$\int h^{\frac{3}{2}}\,dh = \int -\frac{4k}{\pi}\,dt \;\Rightarrow\; \tfrac{2}{5}h^{\frac{5}{2}} = -\frac{4k}{\pi}t + c$$

- $t = 0$, $h = 4$: $c = \frac{2}{5}(32) = 12.8$; $t = 31$, $h = 1$: $\frac{2}{5} = -\frac{4k}{\pi}(31) + 12.8$, so $\frac{4k}{\pi} = 0.4$ and $k = \mathbf{0.1}\pi$
- empty when $h = 0$: $0 = -0.4t + 12.8$, so $t = \mathbf{32}$ minutes

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