

# Heights and Distances

## Question1

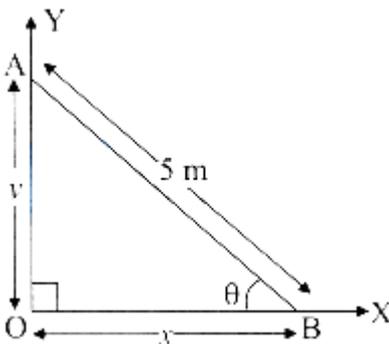
A ladder, 5 meters long; rests against a vertical wall. If its top slides downwards at the rate of 10 cm/s, then the angle between the ladder and the floor is decreasing at the rate of radians/second when it's lower end is 4 m away from the wall. MHT CET 2023 (12 May Shift 2)

Options:

- A.  $-0.1$
- B.  $-0.025$
- C.  $0.1$
- D.  $0.025$

Answer: D

Solution:



According to the figure,  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

Note that  $\cos \theta = \frac{OB}{AB} = \frac{x}{5}$

$$\therefore x = 5 \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore (i) \Rightarrow 25 \cos^2 \theta + y^2 = 25$$

Differentiating w.r.t. 't', we get

$$\begin{aligned} -50 \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} &= 0 \\ 25 \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= y \frac{dy}{dt} \\ \therefore 25 \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= y(-0.1) \\ \dots \left[ \because \frac{dy}{dx} = -10 \text{ cm/s} = -0.1 \text{ m/s} \right] \\ \therefore 25 \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= -(0.1)y \\ \text{at } x = 4, \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}, \sin \theta = \frac{3}{5} \text{ and } y = 3 \\ \therefore (ii) \Rightarrow 25 \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= -0.3 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= -0.025 \end{aligned}$$

i.e., the angle is decreasing at the rate of 0.025rad/s

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## Question2

**A ladder 5 meters long rests against a vertical wall. If its top slides downwards at the rate of 10 cm/s, then the angle between the ladder and the floor is decreasing at the rate of rad./s when it's lower end is 4 m away from the wall. MHT CET 2023 (12 May Shift 1)**

**Options:**

A. -0.1

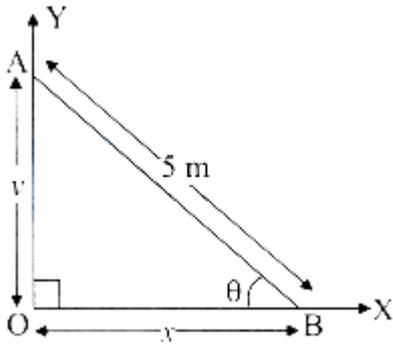
B. -0.025

C. 0.1

D. 0.025

**Answer: D**

**Solution:**



According to the figure,  $x^2 + y^2 = 25 \dots (i)$

Note that  $\cos \theta = \frac{OB}{AB} = \frac{x}{5}$

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## Question3

**A rod AB, 13 feet long moves with its ends A and B on two perpendicular lines OX and OY respectively. When A is 5 feet from O, it is moving away at the rate of 3feet/sec. At this instant, B is moving at the rate MHT CET 2023 (11 May Shift 2)**

**Options:**

A.  $\frac{5}{4}$ ft/sec upwards.

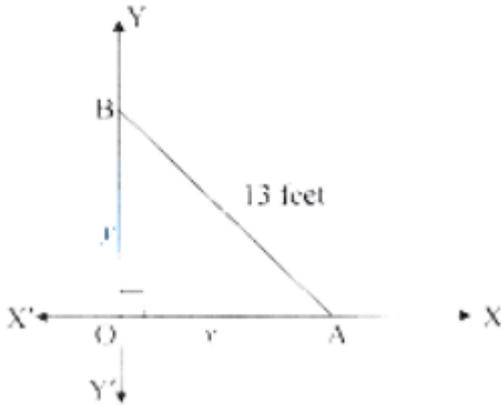
B.  $\frac{4}{5}$ ft/sec upwards.

C.  $\frac{5}{4}$ ft/sec downwards.

D.  $\frac{4}{5}$ ft/sec downwards.

**Answer: C**

**Solution:**



Note that  $\triangle OAB$  is a right angled triangle. Let  $OA = x$ ft and  $OB = y$ ft.

$$\therefore y^2 = 169 - x^2$$

Now, differentiating above function w.r.t. time 't', we get

$$2y \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x \frac{dx}{dt}$$

At  $x = 5$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3$ ft/sec... [Given]

Also, at  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 12$

$$\therefore (i) \Rightarrow 2(12) \frac{dy}{dt} = -2(5)(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{-5}{4}$$

Negative sign indicates that B is moving downwards.

$\therefore$  B is moving at the rate  $\frac{5}{4}$ ft/sec downwards.