# RELATED RATES 

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1. Gas is escaping a spherical balloon at the rate of $4 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ per minute. How fast is the surface area shrinking when the radius is 24 cm ? For a sphere, $V=\frac{4}{3} \pi r^{3}$ and $S=4 \pi r^{2}$ where $V$ is volume, $S$ is surface area and $r$ is the radius of the balloon.
2. The top of a ladder slides down a vertical wall at a rate of 0.15 meters/second. At the moment when the bottom of the ladder is 3 meters from the wall, it slides away from the wall at a rate of 0.2 meters/second. How long is the ladder?
3. Two cars start moving from the same pont. One travels south at $60 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{h}$ and the other travels west at $25 \mathrm{mi} / \mathrm{h}$. At what rate is the distance between the cars increasing two hours later?
4. A street light is mounted at the top of a 15 - ft -tall pole. A man 6 ft tall walks away from the pole with a speed of $5 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s}$ along a straight path. How fast is the tip of his shadow moving when he is 40 ft from the pole?
(Hint: The length of the shadow is measured from the person to the tip of the shadow; the rate at which the tip of the shadow is moving is measured from the pole to the tip of the shadow.)
