Related Rate Problems

Steps:

- a) Identify the variables and what is given
- b) Differentiate with respect to t (time) to get the rate of change equation
- c) Plug in the given values
- d) Solve for the unknown

Examples:

The price-demand equation for DVD players sold is $p = 0.2x^2 + 2x$ where x is the demand for DVD players and p is the price per player. Currently the demand is 150 players per week and is increasing at a rate of 10 players/week. How fast is the price changing at this time?

The price of a product is related to the number of units' available (supply) by the equation px+3p-16x=234 where p is the price in dollars and x is the units. Find the rate at which the price is changing if there are 90 units available and the supply is increasing at a rate of 15units/week.