Learning outcomes

After completing this section, you will inshaAllah be able to

- 1. know what are related rates problems
- 2. solve related rates problems

What are related rates problems?

• Given a situation where

one quantity 'A' is related to other quantity or quantities

& a change is occurring

• And the question is

To find the rate of change of quantity 'A', using known rates of change of other quantities on which it is depending.

- For example:
 - Volume 'V' of a cube depends on the length of the side 'h'.
 - If 'h' is changing and dh/dt is known.
 - Then the question to find rate of change of volume dV/dt is a question of related rate problem.

Strategy for solving related rates problems

- 1. Understand the situation
 - draw a figure (if possible)
- 2. Set up the problem
 - List given information/data and the rate of change to be found.
 - Mathematical model.

Express the above information in the form of mathematical equations.

3. Solve using differentiation

See examples done in class

End of 3.10