

6. [8 points] In this problem, you may use the following facts:

- The surface area  $S$  of a sphere of radius  $r$  is given by  $S = 4\pi r^2$ .
- The volume  $V$  of a sphere of radius  $r$  is given by  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ .

Suppose a spherical snowball is melting so that its surface area decreases at the constant rate of 20  $\text{cm}^2$  per minute. Use this information to answer the following questions, and remember to include appropriate units in your answers.

a. [4 points] How fast is the radius of the snowball changing when the radius is 5 cm?

*Solution:* Let  $r$  be the radius,  $S$  the surface area, and  $V$  the volume of our melting snowball, so each of  $r$ ,  $S$ , and  $V$  is a function of time,  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in minutes and  $r$ ,  $S$ , and  $V$  are measured in cm,  $\text{cm}^2$ , and  $\text{cm}^3$ , respectively.

We want to find  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  when  $r = 5$ . We are given that  $\frac{dS}{dt} = -20$ . Differentiating the equation  $S = 4\pi r^2$  with respect to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = 8\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

Substituting in  $\frac{dS}{dt} = -20$  and  $r = 5$  and solving for  $\frac{dr}{dt}$  gives us

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{8\pi \cdot 5} \cdot (-20) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ cm/min}.$$

**Answer:**  $-\frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ cm/min}$

b. [4 points] How fast is the volume of the snowball changing when the radius is 5 cm?

*Solution:* Now we want to find  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  when  $r = 5$ . Differentiating the equation  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$  with respect to  $t$ , we get

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

Substituting in  $r = 5$  and  $\frac{dr}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2\pi}$  from part (a), we get

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 4\pi(5^2) \cdot \frac{-1}{2\pi} = -50 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}.$$

**Answer:**  $-50 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$