Math 251
4.6 Notes

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So $\frac{\mathrm{d} r}{\mathrm{~d} t}=30 /(400 \pi) \approx 0.024 \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{sec}$

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\text { So }-0.5=\frac{4 \pi}{25}(8)^{2} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{~d} h}{\mathrm{~d} t} \longrightarrow \frac{\mathrm{~d} h}{\mathrm{~d} t}=-\frac{25}{512 \pi} \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{min} \text {. }
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Or dropping by a little over $\frac{3}{16}^{\prime \prime}$ per minute.

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When he pulls you over he claims that you were actually traveling about 70 mph on the road. Is this possible?!

