

not correct. x dA

#3: A company makes square crackers from sheets of cooked cracker stuff. It wants to keep the side length of a cracker very close to 5 cm and it wants to know how the Area $A(x)$ of the cracker changes when the side length x changes.

Find $\frac{d}{dx}A|_{x=6}$, its units, and explain its meaning in this situation

What we know:

no derivative
 $A(x) = x^2$
 $A(x) \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = \frac{dA}{dx}$

maybe meant

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2) = 2x$$

What we need to find:

$$\frac{dA}{dx} \Big|_{x=6}$$

b/c $A(x) = x^2$

note $\frac{dA}{dx} \Big|_{x=6} = 2x \Big|_{x=6}$

Area rate
Area is changing

so...
doesn't make sense

$$= 2 \cdot 6 = 12 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$$

at $x=5$
 ~~$25 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{dA}{dx}$~~

$$25 = 10 \cdot \frac{dA}{dx}$$

$$\frac{25}{10} = \frac{dA}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} \Big|_{x=5} = \frac{5}{2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

at $x=6$
 $36 = 2 \cdot 6 \cdot \frac{dA}{dx}$

$$36 = 12 \cdot \frac{dA}{dx}$$

$$\frac{36}{12} = \frac{dA}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dx} \Big|_{x=6} = 3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

where did time come from? + was distance

The rate of change of the Area with the side length is equal to 6 is 3 cm^2 per second.

The rate of change has increased from when the side length was 5 cm, which had a rate of $\frac{5}{2} \text{ cm}^2$ per second to 3 cm^2 per second with a side length of 6 cm.