

## 1 The puddle

The depth of a puddle in millimeters is given by

$$h = \frac{1}{10}(1 + \sin(\pi xy))$$

Your path through the puddle is given by

$$x = 3t \quad y = 4t$$

and your current position is  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 4$ , with  $x$  and  $y$  also in millimeters, and  $t$  in seconds.

- (a) At your current position, how fast is the depth of water through which you are walking changing per unit time?
- (b) At your current position, how fast is the depth of water through which you are walking changing per unit distance?
- (c) **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** (optional)  
There is a walkway over the puddle at  $x = 10$ . At your current position, how fast is the depth of water through which you are walking changing per unit distance *towards the walkway*.

## 2 The Path

You are climbing a hill along the steepest path, whose slope at your current location is  $\frac{1}{5}$ . There is another path branching off at an angle of  $30^\circ$  ( $\frac{\pi}{6}$ ). How steep is it?

## 3 Electric Field of a Point Charge from the Potential

*None*

The electrostatic potential due to a point charge at the origin is given by:

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r}$$

- (a) Find the electric field due to a point charge at the origin as a gradient in rectangular coordinates.
- (b) Find the electric field due to a point charge at the origin as a gradient in spherical coordinates.
- (c) Find the electric field due to a point charge at the origin as a gradient in cylindrical coordinates.