

3. As you sit on a shore, you notice a duck swimming towards its nest. At that moment, the duck is 7 m away from its nest and swimming with a speed of 2 m/s, and the distance between you and the duck is 8 m and increasing at a rate of 1 m/s. Determine how far you are from the duck's nest.

Let the lengths a, b, c , and the angle A be as shown in the figure.

By the Law of Cosines:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\Downarrow \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$a \frac{da}{dt} = b \frac{db}{dt} - \frac{db}{dt} c \cos A$$

$$a = 8 \text{ m}, \frac{da}{dt} = 1 \text{ m/s}, b = 7 \text{ m}, \frac{db}{dt} = -2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$8^2 = 7^2 + c^2 - 2 \cdot 7 \cdot c \cos A$$

$$8 \cdot 1 = 7 \cdot (-2) - (-2) \cdot c \cos A \Rightarrow c \cos A = 11$$

$$c^2 = 169$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$c = 13 \text{ m}$$

\Rightarrow You are 13 m away from the duck's nest.

