

2009 AP[®] CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS (Form B)

CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A
Time—45 minutes
Number of problems—3

A graphing calculator is required for some problems or parts of problems.

1. At a certain height, a tree trunk has a circular cross section. The radius $R(t)$ of that cross section grows at a rate modeled by the function

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{16}(3 + \sin(t^2)) \text{ centimeters per year}$$

for $0 \leq t \leq 3$, where time t is measured in years. At time $t = 0$, the radius is 6 centimeters. The area of the cross section at time t is denoted by $A(t)$.

- (a) Write an expression, involving an integral, for the radius $R(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 3$. Use your expression to find $R(3)$.
- (b) Find the rate at which the cross-sectional area $A(t)$ is increasing at time $t = 3$ years. Indicate units of measure.
- (c) Evaluate $\int_0^3 A'(t) dt$. Using appropriate units, interpret the meaning of that integral in terms of cross-sectional area.

WRITE ALL WORK IN THE EXAM BOOKLET.