

4. [10 points] Octavia is now inflating her rear bicycle tire with her new air compressor. Let  $V(t)$  be the total volume of air, in cubic inches, that the compressor has pumped into the tire  $t$  seconds after the compressor has been switched on, and let  $P(s)$  be the air pressure, in pounds per square inch (psi), inside the tire when it has been filled with  $s$  cubic inches of air.

Octavia has learned that increasing the pressure in her tire will reduce the *rolling resistance* of the tire, which is the energy that is lost, per unit of time, while the tire is rolling. Let  $R(p)$  be the rolling resistance, measured in watts, of the tire when the air pressure inside the tire is  $p$  psi.

Assume the functions  $V$ ,  $P$ , and  $R$  are invertible and differentiable.

- a. [2 points] Write a number in the blank below to give a practical interpretation of the equation

$$(R^{-1})'(43) = -19.$$

If Octavia wants to reduce the rolling resistance of her tire from 43 to 41 watts, she should increase her tire pressure by about \_\_\_\_\_ psi.

- b. [2 points] Circle the **one** equation below that best represents the statement: “If Octavia wants the rolling resistance of her rear wheel to be 32 watts, she needs to run the air compressor for 30 seconds.”

(i)  $R^{-1}(P^{-1}(V^{-1}(32))) > 30$

(ii)  $P(V(30)) = R^{-1}(32)$

(iii)  $R'(P'(V'(30))) = 32$

(iv)  $R(32) < P(V(30))$

- c. [2 points] Write a mathematical equation involving a derivative that has the following practical interpretation: “If Octavia increases her tire pressure from 50 psi to 60 psi, she will reduce the tire’s rolling resistance by about a half a watt.”

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

- d. [2 points] Octavia knows that as she increases her tire pressure, the corresponding reduction in rolling resistance decreases as the tire inflates. Therefore the graph of  $R(p)$  is:

(i) increasing and concave up

(ii) increasing and concave down

(iii) decreasing and concave up

(iv) decreasing and concave down

- e. [2 points] After experimenting and doing some research, Octavia concludes that  $V$  and  $P$  are closely modeled by the equations

$$V(t) = \frac{20}{3}t \quad \text{and} \quad P(s) = \frac{3}{10}s + 30,$$

and for values of  $p$  between 40 and 100 psi,  $R'(p)$  is about  $-0.05$ . Given this, estimate the rate at which Octavia is reducing her rolling resistance by inflating her tire, in watts per second, when the compressor has been running for 30 seconds. *Show your work.*

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_