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Section 4.1 – Finding Distance travelled from the velocity function

1. Given the following position fns, *s*, find the associated velocity functions, *v:*
   1. t = hours since 12:00, s(t) = mile marker,
   2. t = hours since 12:00, s(t) = mile marker,
   3. t = sec, s(t) = height in ft,
   4. t = sec, s(t) = height in ft,
2. If the velocity function is given by where *t = hours since 12:00* and *v(t)* is the velocity at time *t:*

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| A: Find the general form for the position function *s(t)* and verify that *s’(t) = v(t).*  B: Use the position function to find the distance travelled from *t=2* to *t=6*. | C: Draw the graph of *v(t)*  from *t=2* to *t=6 on a t-v axis*.  D: Use the graph in part C to find the distance travelled from *t=2* to *t=6*. |

E: What is the difference between the results of the two approaches?

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| A: Find the general form for the position function *s(t)* and verify that *s’(t) = v(t).*  B: Use the position function to find the distance travelled from *t=3* to *t=5*. | C: Draw the graph of *v(t)* from *t=3* to *t=5 on a t-v axis*.  D: Use the graph in part C to find the distance travelled from *t=3* to *t=5*. |

E: What is the difference between the results of the two approaches?

1. If the velocity function is given by where *t = seconds that have gone by* and *v(t)* is the velocity at time *t:*

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| A: Find the general form for the position function *s(t)* and verify that *s’(t) = v(t).*  B: Use the position function to find the distance travelled from *t=0* to *t=3*. | C: Draw the graph of *v(t)*  from *t=0* to *t=3 on a t-v axis*.  D: Use the graph in part C to find the distance travelled from *t=0* to *t=3*. |

E: What is the difference between the results of the two approaches?

1. If the velocity function is given by where *t = seconds that have gone by* and *v(t)* is the velocity at time *t (only one approach below will work):*

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| A: Find the general form for the position function *s(t)* and verify that *s’(t) = v(t).*  B: Use the position function to find the precise distance travelled from *t=0* to *t=2*. | C: Draw the graph of *v(t)*  from *t=0* to *t=2 on a t-v axis*.  D: Can you use the graph in part C to find the precise distance travelled from *t=0* to *t=2*. Why or why not? |

E: Why does only one approach work to find the precise distance?

1. If the velocity function is given by the table below where *t = hours that have gone by* and *v(t)* is the velocity at time *t* in miles per hour *(only one approach below will work):*

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| *t* | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| *v(t)* | 1 | 5 | 3 |

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| A: Can you find the general form for the position function *s(t)* so that *s’(t) = v(t)? Why or why not?*  B: Can you use the position function to find the distance travelled from *t=2* to *t=6? Why or why not?* | C: Plot the known points *(t,v(t))*  from *t=2* to *t=6 on a t-v axis*.  D: Use the graph in part C and whatever geometric approach makes sense to you, approximate the distance travelled from *t=2* to *t=6*. |

E: Why does only one approach allow us to find an approximation?