

- A car is travelling at a constant speed of ~~80~~ 70 km/hr.  
Over the next <sup>150</sup> ~~100~~ km, the car constantly accelerates and reaches a speed of 80 km/hr. Find the acceleration.

Soln: Let  $a$  be the acceleration,  $v(t)$  be the velocity at time  $t$ ,  $s(t)$  be the distance travelled in time  $t$ , where ~~time starts~~ time starts when acceleration starts.

$$\text{So, } s(0) = 0; v(0) = 70.$$

$$v(t) = \int a \, dt = at + C.$$

$$70 = v(0) = C.$$

$$\text{Thus, } v(t) = at + 70.$$

$$s(t) = \int v(t) \, dt = \frac{at^2}{2} + 70t + D.$$

$$0 = s(0) = D.$$

At what time is  $v(t) = 80$ ?  
: ~~100~~

~~$$s(t) = \frac{at^2}{2} + 70t$$~~

$$80 = at + 70$$

$$s(t) = \frac{at^2}{2} + 70t.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{a} = t.$$

At this time,  $v(t) = 80$ .

$$150 = \frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{100}{a^2} + 70 \cdot \frac{10}{a} = \frac{50}{a} + \frac{700}{a} = \frac{750}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{750}{150} = 5.$$