Position, Velocity, Acceleration #s:

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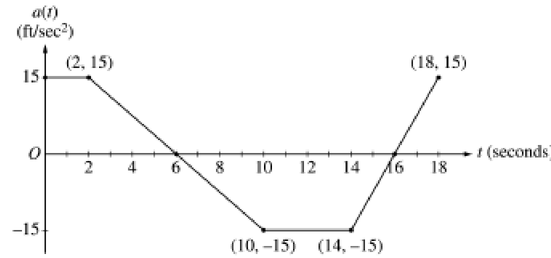
2001 # 3



A car is traveling on a straight road with velocity 55 ft/sec at time $t = 0$. For $0 \le t \le 18$ seconds, the car's acceleration $a(t)$, in ft/sec^2, is the piecewise linear function defined by the graph above.

(a) Is the velocity of the car increasing at $t = 2$ seconds? Why or why not?

(b) At what time in the interval $0 \le t \le 18$, other than $t = 0$, is the velocity of the car 55 ft/sec? Why?

(c) On the time interval $0 \le t \le 18$, what is the car's absolute maximum velocity, in ft/sec, and at what time does it occur? Justify your answer.

(d) At what times in the interval $0 \le t \le 18$, if any, is the car's velocity equal to zero? Justify your answer.

2002 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 3

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity v at any time t, for $0 \le t \le 16$, is given by $v(t) = e^{2\sin t} - 1$. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at the origin.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch the graph of $v(t)$ for $0 \le t \le 16$.

(b) During what intervals of time is the particle moving to the left? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from $t = 0$ to $t = 4$.

(d) Is there any time t, $0 < t \le 16$, at which the particle returns to the origin? Justify your answer.

2003 # 2

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity at time t is given by

$$v(t) = -(t+1)\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right).$$

At time $t = 0$, the particle is at position $x = 1$.

(a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 2$. Is the speed of the particle increasing at $t = 2$? Why or why not?

(b) Find all times t in the open interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

(c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ until time $t = 3$.

(d) During the time interval $0 \le t \le 3$, what is the greatest distance between the particle and the origin? Show the work that leads to your answer.

2003 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 4

A particle moves along the x-axis with velocity at time $t \ge 0$ given by $v(t) = -1 + e^{1-t}$.

(a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 3$.

(b) Is the speed of the particle increasing at time $t = 3$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Find all values of t at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

(d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval $0 \le t \le 3$.

2004 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 3

A particle moves along the y-axis so that its velocity v at time $t \ge 0$ is given by $v(t) = 1 - \tan^{-1}\left(e^t\right)$. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at $y = -1$. (Note: $\tan^{-1} x = \arctan x$)

(a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 2$.

(b) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 2$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Find the time $t \ge 0$ at which the particle reaches its highest point. Justify your answer.

(d) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 2$. Is the particle moving toward the origin or away from the origin at time $t = 2$? Justify your answer.

2004 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 3

t (min)	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
$v(t)$ (mpm)	7.0	9.2	9.5	7.0	4.5	2.4	2.4	4.3	7.3

A test plane flies in a straight line with positive velocity $v(t)$, in miles per minute at time t minutes, where v is a differentiable function of t. Selected values of $v(t)$ for $0 \le t \le 40$ are shown in the table above.

(a) Use a midpoint Riemann sum with four subintervals of equal length and values from the table to approximate $\int_0^{40} v(t)\,dt$. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{40} v(t)\,dt$ in terms of the plane's flight.

(b) Based on the values in the table, what is the smallest number of instances at which the acceleration of the plane could equal zero on the open interval $0 < t < 40$? Justify your answer.

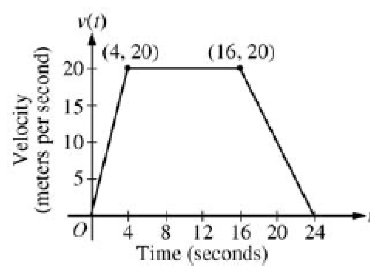
(c) The function f, defined by $f(t) = 6 + \cos\left(\frac{t}{10}\right) + 3\sin\left(\frac{7t}{40}\right)$, is used to model the velocity of the plane, in miles per minute, for $0 \le t \le 40$. According to this model, what is the acceleration of the plane at $t = 23$? Indicates units of measure.

(d) According to the model f, given in part (c), what is the average velocity of the plane, in miles per minute, over the time interval $0 \le t \le 40$?

2005 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

A car is traveling on a straight road. For $0 \le t \le 24$ seconds, the car's velocity $v(t)$, in meters per second, is modeled by the piecewise-linear function defined by the graph above.



(a) Find $\int_0^{24} v(t)\,dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{24} v(t)\,dt$.

(b) For each of $v'(4)$ and $v'(20)$, find the value or explain why it does not exist. Indicate units of measure.

(c) Let $a(t)$ be the car's acceleration at time t, in meters per second per second. For $0 < t < 24$, write a piecewise-defined function for $a(t)$.

(d) Find the average rate of change of v over the interval $8 \le t \le 20$. Does the Mean Value Theorem guarantee a value of c, for $8 < c < 20$, such that $v'(c)$ is equal to this average rate of change? Why or why not?

2005 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 3

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity v at time t, for $0 \le t \le 5$, is given by $v(t) = \ln\left(t^2 - 3t + 3\right)$. The particle is at position $x = 8$ at time $t = 0$.

(a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 4$.

(b) Find all times t in the open interval $0 < t < 5$ at which the particle changes direction. During which time intervals, for $0 \le t \le 5$, does the particle travel to the left?

(c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 2$.

(d) Find the average speed of the particle over the interval $0 \le t \le 2$.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 4

t (seconds)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
$v(t)$ (feet per second)	5	14	22	29	35	40	44	47	49

Rocket A has positive velocity $v(t)$ after being launched upward from an initial height of 0 feet at time $t = 0$ seconds. The velocity of the rocket is recorded for selected values of t over the interval $0 \le t \le 80$ seconds, as shown in the table above.

(a) Find the average acceleration of rocket A over the time interval $0 \le t \le 80$ seconds. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_{10}^{70} v(t)\,dt$ in terms of the rocket's flight. Use a midpoint Riemann sum with 3 subintervals of equal length to approximate $\int_{10}^{70} v(t)\,dt$.

(c) Rocket B is launched upward with an acceleration of $a(t) = \dfrac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}}$ feet per second per second. At time $t = 0$ seconds, the initial height of the rocket is 0 feet, and the initial velocity is 2 feet per second. Which of the two rockets is traveling faster at time $t = 80$ seconds? Explain your answer.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

t (sec)	0	15	25	30	35	50	60
$v(t)$ (ft/sec)	−20	−30	−20	−14	−10	0	10
$a(t)$ $\left(\text{ft}/\text{sec}^2\right)$	1	5	2	1	2	4	2

A car travels on a straight track. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 60$ seconds, the car's velocity v, measured in feet per second, and acceleration a, measured in feet per second per second, are continuous functions. The table above shows selected values of these functions.

(a) Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of $\int_{30}^{60} |v(t)|\, dt$ in terms of the car's motion. Approximate $\int_{30}^{60} |v(t)|\, dt$ using a trapezoidal approximation with the three subintervals determined by the table.

(b) Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of $\int_{0}^{30} a(t)\, dt$ in terms of the car's motion. Find the exact value of $\int_{0}^{30} a(t)\, dt$.

(c) For $0 < t < 60$, must there be a time t when $v(t) = -5$? Justify your answer.

(d) For $0 < t < 60$, must there be a time t when $a(t) = 0$? Justify your answer.

2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 2

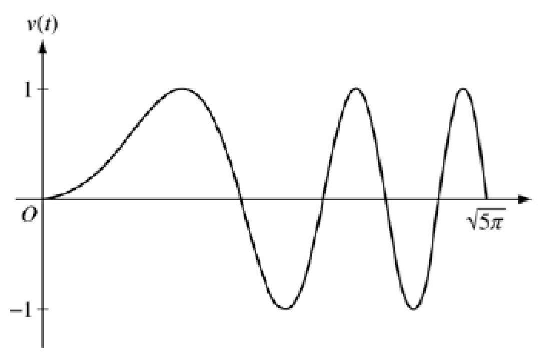
A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity v at time $t \ge 0$ is given by $v(t) = \sin\left(t^2\right)$. The graph of v is shown above for $0 \le t \le \sqrt{5\pi}$. The position of the particle at time t is $x(t)$ and its position at time $t = 0$ is $x(0) = 5$.

(a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 3$.

(b) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to $t = 3$.

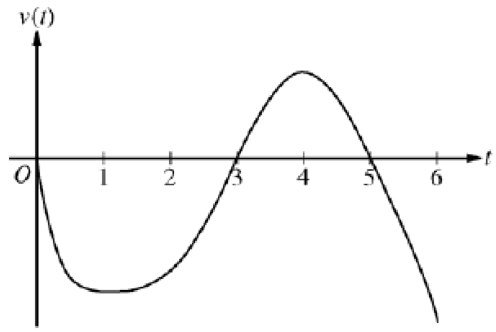
(c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 3$.

(d) For $0 \le t \le \sqrt{5\pi}$, find the time t at which the particle is farthest to the right. Explain your answer.



2008 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 4



Graph of v

A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity at time t, for $0 \le t \le 6$, is given by a differentiable function v whose graph is shown above. The velocity is 0 at $t = 0$, $t = 3$, and $t = 5$, and the graph has horizontal tangents at $t = 1$ and $t = 4$. The areas of the regions bounded by the t-axis and the graph of v on the intervals $[0, 3]$, $[3, 5]$, and $[5, 6]$ are 8, 3, and 2, respectively. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at $x = -2$.

(a) For $0 \le t \le 6$, find both the time and the position of the particle when the particle is farthest to the left. Justify your answer.

(b) For how many values of t, where $0 \le t \le 6$, is the particle at $x = -8$? Explain your reasoning.

(c) On the interval $2 < t < 3$, is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing? Give a reason for your answer.

(d) During what time intervals, if any, is the acceleration of the particle negative? Justify your answer.

2008 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 2

For time $t \ge 0$ hours, let $r(t) = 120\left(1 - e^{-10t^2}\right)$ represent the speed, in kilometers per hour, at which a car travels along a straight road. The number of liters of gasoline used by the car to travel x kilometers is modeled by $g(x) = 0.05x\left(1 - e^{-x/2}\right)$.

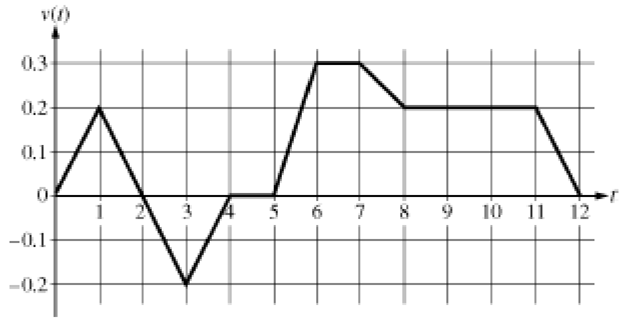
(a) How many kilometers does the car travel during the first 2 hours?

(b) Find the rate of change with respect to time of the number of liters of gasoline used by the car when $t = 2$ hours. Indicate units of measure.

(c) How many liters of gasoline have been used by the car when it reaches a speed of 80 kilometers per hour?

2009 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 1



Caren rides her bicycle along a straight road from home to school, starting at home at time $t = 0$ minutes and arriving at school at time $t = 12$ minutes. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 12$ minutes, her velocity $v(t)$, in miles per minute, is modeled by the piecewise-linear function whose graph is shown above.

(a) Find the acceleration of Caren's bicycle at time $t = 7.5$ minutes. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{12} |v(t)|\, dt$ in terms of Caren's trip. Find the value of $\int_0^{12} |v(t)|\, dt$.

(c) Shortly after leaving home, Caren realizes she left her calculus homework at home, and she returns to get it. At what time does she turn around to go back home? Give a reason for your answer.

(d) Larry also rides his bicycle along a straight road from home to school in 12 minutes. His velocity is modeled by the function w given by $w(t) = \frac{\pi}{15}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}t\right)$, where $w(t)$ is in miles per minute for $0 \le t \le 12$ minutes. Who lives closer to school: Caren or Larry? Show the work that leads to your answer.

2009 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

t (seconds)	0	8	20	25	32	40
$v(t)$ (meters per second)	3	5	−10	−8	−4	7

The velocity of a particle moving along the x-axis is modeled by a differentiable function v, where the position x is measured in meters, and time t is measured in seconds. Selected values of $v(t)$ are given in the table above. The particle is at position $x = 7$ meters when $t = 0$ seconds.

(a) Estimate the acceleration of the particle at $t = 36$ seconds. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.

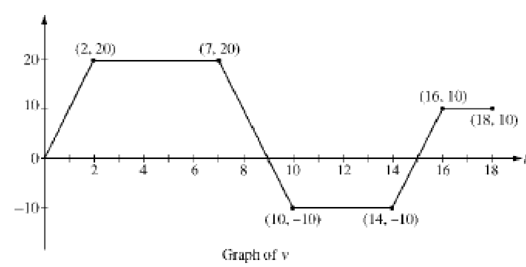
(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_{20}^{40} v(t)\,dt$ in the context of this problem. Use a trapezoidal sum with the three subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate $\int_{20}^{40} v(t)\,dt$.

(c) For $0 \le t \le 40$, must the particle change direction in any of the subintervals indicated by the data in the table? If so, identify the subintervals and explain your reasoning. If not, explain why not.

(d) Suppose that the acceleration of the particle is positive for $0 < t < 8$ seconds. Explain why the position of the particle at $t = 8$ seconds must be greater than $x = 30$ meters.

2010 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 4



Graph of v

A squirrel starts at building A at time $t = 0$ and travels along a straight wire connected to building B. For $0 \le t \le 18$, the squirrel's velocity is modeled by the piecewise-linear function defined by the graph above.

(a) At what times in the interval $0 < t < 18$, if any, does the squirrel change direction? Give a reason for your answer.

(b) At what time in the interval $0 \le t \le 18$ is the squirrel farthest from building A? How far from building A is the squirrel at this time?

(c) Find the total distance the squirrel travels during the time interval $0 \le t \le 18$.

(d) Write expressions for the squirrel's acceleration $a(t)$, velocity $v(t)$, and distance $x(t)$ from building A that are valid for the time interval $7 < t < 10$.

2010 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

Two particles move along the x-axis. For $0 \le t \le 6$, the position of particle P at time t is given by $p(t) = 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)$, while the position of particle R at time t is given by $r(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t + 3$.

(a) For $0 \le t \le 6$, find all times t during which particle R is moving to the right.

(b) For $0 \le t \le 6$, find all times t during which the two particles travel in opposite directions.

(c) Find the acceleration of particle P at time $t = 3$. Is particle P speeding up, slowing down, or doing neither at time $t = 3$? Explain your reasoning.

(d) Write, but do not evaluate, an expression for the average distance between the two particles on the interval $1 \le t \le 3$.

2011 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 1

For $0 \le t \le 6$, a particle is moving along the x-axis. The particle's position, $x(t)$, is not explicitly given. The velocity of the particle is given by $v(t) = 2\sin\left(e^{t/4}\right) + 1$. The acceleration of the particle is given by $a(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{t/4}\cos\left(e^{t/4}\right)$ and $x(0) = 2$.

(a) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5.5$? Give a reason for your answer.

(b) Find the average velocity of the particle for the time period $0 \le t \le 6$.

(c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to $t = 6$.

(d) For $0 \le t \le 6$, the particle changes direction exactly once. Find the position of the particle at that time.

2011 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

t (seconds)	0	10	40	60
$B(t)$ (meters)	100	136	9	49
$v(t)$ (meters per second)	2.0	2.3	2.5	4.6

Ben rides a unicycle back and forth along a straight east-west track. The twice-differentiable function B models Ben's position on the track, measured in meters from the western end of the track, at time t, measured in seconds from the start of the ride. The table above gives values for $B(t)$ and Ben's velocity, $v(t)$, measured in meters per second, at selected times t.

(a) Use the data in the table to approximate Ben's acceleration at time $t = 5$ seconds. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $\int_0^{60} |v(t)|\, dt$ in the context of this problem. Approximate $\int_0^{60} |v(t)|\, dt$ using a left Riemann sum with the subintervals indicated by the data in the table.

(c) For $40 \le t \le 60$, must there be a time t when Ben's velocity is 2 meters per second? Justify your answer.

(d) A light is directly above the western end of the track. Ben rides so that at time t, the distance $L(t)$ between Ben and the light satisfies $(L(t))^2 = 12^2 + (B(t))^2$. At what rate is the distance between Ben and the light changing at time $t = 40$?

2012 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 6

For $0 \le t \le 12$, a particle moves along the x-axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by $v(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t\right)$. The particle is at position $x = -2$ at time $t = 0$.

(a) For $0 \le t \le 12$, when is the particle moving to the left?

(b) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 6$.

(c) Find the acceleration of the particle at time t. Is the speed of the particle increasing, decreasing, or neither at time $t = 4$? Explain your reasoning.

(d) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 4$.

2013 AB

2. A particle moves along a straight line. For $0 \le t \le 5$, the velocity of the particle is given by $v(t) = -2 + \left(t^2 + 3t\right)^{6/5} - t^3$, and the position of the particle is given by $s(t)$. It is known that $s(0) = 10$.

   (a) Find all values of t in the interval $2 \le t \le 4$ for which the speed of the particle is 2.

   (b) Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position $s(t)$. Use this expression to find the position of the particle at time $t = 5$.

   (c) Find all times t in the interval $0 \le t \le 5$ at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

   (d) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 4$? Give a reason for your answer.

2014 AB #4

t (minutes)	0	2	5	8	12
$v_A(t)$ (meters/minute)	0	100	40	-120	-150

4. Train A runs back and forth on an east-west section of railroad track. Train A's velocity, measured in meters per minute, is given by a differentiable function $v_A(t)$, where time t is measured in minutes. Selected values for $v_A(t)$ are given in the table above.

   (a) Find the average acceleration of train A over the interval $2 \le t \le 8$.

   (b) Do the data in the table support the conclusion that train A's velocity is -100 meters per minute at some time t with $5 < t < 8$? Give a reason for your answer.

   (c) At time $t = 2$, train A's position is 300 meters east of the Origin Station, and the train is moving to the east. Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position of train A, in meters from the Origin Station, at time $t = 12$. Use a trapezoidal sum with three subintervals indicated by the table to approximate the position of the train at time $t = 12$.

   (d) A second train, train B, travels north from the Origin Station. At time t the velocity of train B is given by $v_B(t) = -5t^2 + 60t + 25$, and at time $t = 2$ the train is 400 meters north of the station. Find the rate, in meters per minute, at which the distance between train A and train B is changing at time $t = 2$.

2015 #3 No Calculator Permitted

t (minutes)	0	12	20	24	40
$v(t)$ (meters per minute)	0	200	240	–220	150

3. Johanna jogs along a straight path. For $0 \le t \le 40$, Johanna's velocity is given by a differentiable function v. Selected values of $v(t)$, where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is measured in meters per minute, are given in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate the value of $v'(16)$.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of the definite integral $\int_0^{40} |v(t)|\, dt$ in the context of the problem. Approximate the value of $\int_0^{40} |v(t)|\, dt$ using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated in the table.

(c) Bob is riding his bicycle along the same path. For $0 \le t \le 10$, Bob's velocity is modeled by $B(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 300$, where t is measured in minutes and $B(t)$ is measured in meters per minute. Find Bob's acceleration at time $t = 5$.

(d) Based on the model B from part (c), find Bob's average velocity during the interval $0 \le t \le 10$.

2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 2

For $t \ge 0$, a particle moves along the x-axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by $v(t) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$. The particle is at position $x = 2$ at time $t = 4$.

(a) At time $t = 4$, is the particle speeding up or slowing down?

(b) Find all times t in the interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

(c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 0$.

(d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 3$.

AP Calculus AB 2017 No Calculator Permitted:

5. Two particles move along the x-axis. For $0 \le t \le 8$, the position of particle P at time t is given by $x_P(t) = \ln\left(t^2 - 2t + 10\right)$, while the velocity of particle Q at time t is given by $v_Q(t) = t^2 - 8t + 15$. Particle Q is at position $x = 5$ at time $t = 0$.

   (a) For $0 \le t \le 8$, when is particle P moving to the left?

   (b) For $0 \le t \le 8$, find all times t during which the two particles travel in the same direction.

   (c) Find the acceleration of particle Q at time $t = 2$. Is the speed of particle Q increasing, decreasing, or neither at time $t = 2$? Explain your reasoning.

   (d) Find the position of particle Q the first time it changes direction.

2018 Calculator Required

2. A particle moves along the x-axis with velocity given by $v(t) = \dfrac{10\sin\left(0.4t^2\right)}{t^2 - t + 3}$ for time $0 \le t \le 3.5$.

   The particle is at position $x = -5$ at time $t = 0$.

   (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 3$.

   (b) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 3$.

   (c) Evaluate $\int_0^{3.5} v(t)\,dt$, and evaluate $\int_0^{3.5} \left|v(t)\right|\,dt$. Interpret the meaning of each integral in the context of the problem.

   (d) A second particle moves along the x-axis with position given by $x_2(t) = t^2 - t$ for $0 \le t \le 3.5$. At what time t are the two particles moving with the same velocity?

2019 #2 Calculator Allowed

t (hours)	0	0.3	1.7	2.8	4
$v_P(t)$ (meters per hour)	0	55	–29	55	48

2. The velocity of a particle, P, moving along the x-axis is given by the differentiable function v_P, where $v_P(t)$ is measured in meters per hour and t is measured in hours. Selected values of $v_P(t)$ are shown in the table above. Particle P is at the origin at time $t = 0$.

(a) Justify why there must be at least one time t, for $0.3 \le t \le 2.8$, at which $v_P'(t)$, the acceleration of particle P, equals 0 meters per hour per hour.

(b) Use a trapezoidal sum with the three subintervals [0, 0.3], [0.3, 1.7], and [1.7, 2.8] to approximate the value of $\int_0^{2.8} v_P(t)\,dt$.

(c) A second particle, Q, also moves along the x-axis so that its velocity for $0 \le t \le 4$ is given by $v_Q(t) = 45\sqrt{t}\cos\left(0.063t^2\right)$ meters per hour. Find the time interval during which the velocity of particle Q is at least 60 meters per hour. Find the distance traveled by particle Q during the interval when the velocity of particle Q is at least 60 meters per hour.

(d) At time $t = 0$, particle Q is at position $x = -90$. Using the result from part (b) and the function v_Q from part (c), approximate the distance between particles P and Q at time $t = 2.8$.