Answers to Exercises: Determining distance traveled from velocity

- 1. The area under the graph of r(t) forms a triangle, so the red car's exact distance traveled can be found by geometry: 400 meters.
- 2. $G(t) = \frac{16}{3}t^{3/2}$; green car's exact distance traveled is 168.7 meters (rounded). $R(t) = 4t^2$; red car's exact distance traveled is 400 meters.
- 3. No, not enough information.
- 4. $21\frac{1}{2}$ meters
- 5. The additive constant in your antiderivative may differ (or equal zero):

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c. $H(t) = \frac{2}{3}t^{3/2} + 2t^{1/2}$

d.
$$k(t) = -2t^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 1$$

- 6. Velocity
- 7. If the velocity is not always positive, the net area trapped by the velocity curve over an interval of time tells us the displacement of the object.
- 8. Only when rate is constant.
- 9. Rate is the vertical height of a rectangle that lies under a velocity graph. Time elapsed is the horizontal width of the rectangle. Distance = rate x time, and area of this rectangle equals rate x time. Therefore, area of this rectangle equals distance traveled.

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- a. $2\pi + 5.5$
- b. In the first second (or unit of time) the object moves first in reverse, then in the forward direction. The object's velocity increases until t = 3. The object's velocity decreases, until it comes to a rest (zero velocity) at time t = 8.