Calculus: Space-Time Diagrams

You are testing a new autonomous vehicle prototype. You outfit the vehicle with a suite of sensors, run an experiment through a city, and collect its velocity data. You then re-run the experiment, but the sensors glitched the velocity data is mildly corrupted. The data are stored in the ME2004_VelocityData.mat file. Upon loading the .mat file, you will see the following variables in the Workspace:

- t: Trial 1 time vector
- v: Trial 1 velocity
- t2: Trial 2 time vector
- v2: Trial 2 velocity

You would like to create the vehicle's space-time (otherwise known as position-time) diagram because the onboard GPS unit was also found to be defective.

- a) Compute and compare the total distance traveled in each trial. Does the second trial's data tend to over or underestimate relative to the first trial's data?
- b) Create the space-time diagrams for each trial. You may find the <u>cumtrapz()</u> function handy. Does your space-time diagram corroborate your results from (a)?