

4. (10 points) A car initially traveling 80 ft / sec brakes to a stop in 8 seconds. Its velocity is recorded every 2 seconds and is given in the following table:

$t$ (seconds)	0	2	4	6	8
$v(t)$ (ft/sec)	80	52	28	10	0

- (a) Give a good estimate for the distance the car traveled during the course of the 8 seconds. Is your approximation an over or underestimate? How do you know?

Type of sum	Evaluation	Over or underestimate?
Left sum	$(80)(2) + (52)(2) + (28)(2) + (10)(2) = 340$ ft	Over: velocity is decreasing
Right sum	$(52)(2) + (28)(2) + (10)(2) + (0)(2) = 180$ ft	Under: velocity is decreasing
Average	260 ft	Over: velocity is concave up

- (b) To estimate the distance traveled accurate to within 20 feet, how often should the velocity be recorded?

Suppose we record every  $\Delta t$  seconds. Since the velocity is decreasing, the right Riemann sum must be smaller than the distance traveled, which in turn must be smaller than the left Riemann sum. We have

$$L - R = (v(0) - v(8))\Delta t = 80\Delta t.$$

Therefore if we measure the velocity every  $\Delta t = 0.25$  seconds, the left Riemann sum  $L$  will be within 20 ft of the actual distance traveled.

- (c) Approximate the acceleration of the car 4 seconds after the brakes were applied.

We can approximate this as either  $\frac{v(4) - v(2)}{4 - 2} = -12$  ft/s<sup>2</sup>,  $\frac{v(6) - v(4)}{6 - 4} = -9$  ft/s<sup>2</sup>, or as the average of the two ( $-10.5$  ft/s<sup>2</sup>).