

If we use the velocity at right-hand endpoints instead of left-hand endpoints, our estimate for the total distance becomes

$$f(t_1) \Delta t + f(t_2) \Delta t + \cdots + f(t_n) \Delta t = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i) \Delta t$$

The more frequently we measure the velocity, the more accurate our estimates become, so

$$\boxed{5} \quad d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_{i-1}) \Delta t = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i) \Delta t$$

We will see in Section 5.4 that this is indeed true.

Because Equation 5 has the same form as our expressions for area in Equations 2 and 3, it follows that the distance traveled is equal to the area under the graph of the velocity function. In Chapters 6 and 8 we will see that other quantities of interest in the natural and social sciences—such as the work done by a variable force or the cardiac output of the

(c) Improve your estimates in part (b) by using eight rectangles.

7-8 □ With a programmable calculator (or a computer), it is possible to evaluate the expressions for the sums of areas of approxi-

Use these data to estimate the height above Earth's surface of the space shuttle *Endeavour*, 62 seconds after liftoff.

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The velocity graph of a braking car is shown. Use it to estimate the distance traveled by the car while the brakes are

(b) The following formula for the sum of the cubes of the first

sum and then the limit in Example 3(a). Compare your answer

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