

AP Test Question  
2006  
No Calculator Allowed

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$t$ (seconds)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
$v(t)$ (ft / sec)	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  $0 \leq t \leq 80$  seconds, as shown in the table above.

- a) Find the average acceleration of rocket  $A$  over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 80$  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  $a(t) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}}$  feet per second per second. At time  $t = 0$  seconds, the initial height of the rocket is 0 ft, and the initial velocity is 2 ft/sec. Which of the two rockets is traveling faster at time  $t = 80$  seconds? Explain your answer.