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- Assuming no work done against friction or gravity
- Given mass =  $M$ , power =  $P$ , Find speed & position as fcn of time  
 $v_0 = 0$

$$P = \frac{dW_{net}}{dt} \Rightarrow$$

$$dW_{net} = P \cdot dt$$

$$W_{net} = \int P \cdot dt$$

$$W_{net} = P \cdot \int_0^t dt$$

$$W_{net} = P \cdot (t - 0)$$

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but Power is constantly applied by locomotive

$$W_{net} = \Delta K$$

$$\Rightarrow P \cdot t = \frac{1}{2} M v^2 - \frac{1}{2} M v_0^2$$

$$P \cdot t = \frac{1}{2} M v^2$$

$$\frac{2P \cdot t}{M} = v^2$$

$\rightarrow$

$$v(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2Pt}{M}}$$

$$v(t) = \left(\frac{2P}{M}\right)^{1/2} \cdot t^{1/2}$$

Take positive root b/c speed.

(Pull out constants if you like)

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \left(\frac{2P}{M}\right)^{1/2} \cdot t^{1/2}$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_0^t \left(\frac{2P}{M}\right)^{1/2} t^{1/2} dt$$

$$x - x_0 = \left(\frac{2P}{M}\right)^{1/2} \int_0^t t^{1/2} dt$$

$$\text{Position of train} = x - x_0 = \left(\frac{2P}{M}\right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{t^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_0^t = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2P}{M}\right)^{1/2} \cdot t^{3/2}$$