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The linear equation that represents the distance traveled by the blue car is y = 25(x + 2.5), which is the same as y = 25x + 62.5. The linear equation that represents the distance traveled by the red car is y = 60x. The system of linear equations that represents this situation is



$$\begin{cases} y = 25x + 62.5 \\ y = 60x \end{cases}$$

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The lines intersect at approximately (1.8, 110).

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