

An elevator is moving at 1.1 m/s as it approaches its destination floor from below. When the elevator is a distance  $h$  from its destination, it accelerates with  $a = -0.77 \text{ m/s}^2$ , where the negative sign indicates a downward vertical direction. ("Up" is positive.) Find  $h$ .

Solution:

Let:

$$v = 1.1 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a = -0.77 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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$$h = ?$$

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$$h = \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v = at, t = \frac{v}{a}$$

$$h = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{a}$$

$$h = \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1.1^2}{0.77} = 0.79 \text{ m}$$

**Answer: 0.79 m**