

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:

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

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

$$h - ?$$

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

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

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

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

Answer: 0.79 m