

Answer on Question #38572, Physics, Electric Circuits

For an accelerated motion, velocity as a function of time is $v(t) = v_0 + at$, where v_0 is the initial velocity and a is the acceleration. Knowing that initial velocity is zero, obtain $v(t) = at$. Also,

knowing velocity at $t = 1.25 \text{ s}$, obtain $10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = a \cdot 1.25 \Rightarrow a = \frac{10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{1.25 \text{ s}} = 8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ - this is the acceleration of the Olympic gold medalist.

Knowing the acceleration, it is easy to find distance, covered in 1.25s: $S = \frac{at^2}{2} = \frac{8 \cdot (1.25)^2}{2} = 6.25 \text{ m}$.