

Ex.1-1, Prob.2-71 (HRW,8e) *Sol.*

We denote the required time as t , assuming the light turns green when the clock reads *zero*. By this time, the distances traveled by the two vehicles must be the same.

(a) Denoting the acceleration of the automobile as a and the (constant) speed of the truck as v then

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} a t^2 |_{\text{car}} = v t |_{\text{truck}},$$

which leads to

$$t = \frac{2v}{a} = \frac{2(9.5)}{2.2} = 8.63 \approx 8.6 \text{ (s)}.$$

Therefore, $\Delta x = vt = (9.5)(8.63) = 81.9 \approx 82 \text{ (m)}$.

(b) The speed of the car at that moment is

$$v|_{\text{car}} = at = (2.2)(8.63) = 18.9 \approx 19 \text{ (m/s)}.$$

Ex.2-2, Prob.2-88 (HRW,8e) *Sol.*

We adopt the convention frequently used in the text: that “up” is the positive y direction. (a) At the highest point in the trajectory $v = 0$. Thus, with $t = 1.60$ s, the equation $v = v_0 - gt$ yields $v_0 = 15.7 \text{ m/s}$.

(b) One equation that is *not* dependent on our result from part (a) is $y - y_0 = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$; this readily

gives $y_{\text{max}} - y_0 = 12.5 \text{ m}$ for the *highest* (“max”) point measured *relative to* where it started (the top of the building).

(c) Now we use our result from part (a) and plug into $y - y_0 = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$ with $t = 6.00$ s and $y = 0$

(the ground level). Thus, we have

$$0 - y_0 = (15.68 \text{ m/s})(6.00 \text{ s}) - \frac{1}{2} (9.80 \text{ m/s}^2)(6.00 \text{ s})^2.$$

Therefore, y_0 (the height of the building) is equal to 82.3 m.