

NCEA Level 3 Calculus (Integration)

24. Kinematics

Reading

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIaupXkpB00>

Questions

All distances are given in m, and all times in s, unless otherwise stated.

1. A distress flare is fired vertically into the air from a boat at sea. The height in metres of the flare t seconds after firing is given by

$$h = 122.5t - 4.9t^2.$$

- (a) What is the initial velocity of the flare?
 - (b) At the peak of its flight, what is the vertical velocity of the flare?
 - (c) What is the maximum height reached by the flare?
2. Part of the course for an ocean swim runs from bouy A to bouy B . Swimmers must come ashore on the beach at some point P along a long straight beach on the way. Bouy A is 800 m away from the beach, and bouy B is 600 m away from the beach. What is the least distance that a swimmer must swim? (Hint: minimise $PA + PB$.)

