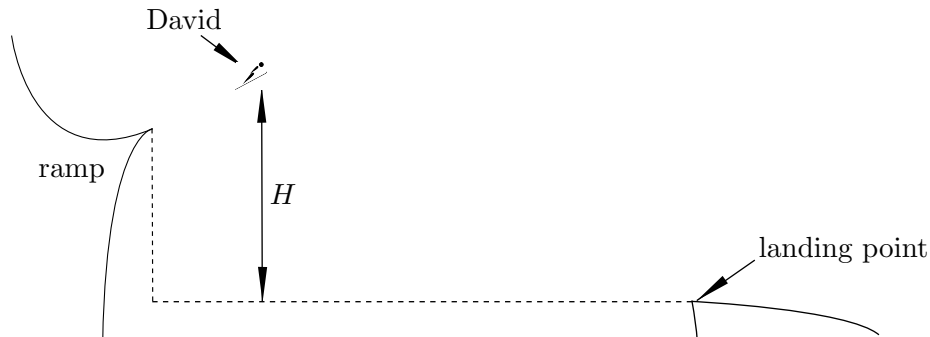


4. [16 points] David is a professional extreme athlete. In one of his stunts, he jumps off a ski ramp. David's height  $H$  (in m) above his landing point, from the moment he leaves the ramp until he lands, is given by the function

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In this formula,  $t$  is the time (in seconds) after David leaves the ramp.



- a. [3 points] Find the exact time it took David to travel from the ramp to his landing point? Include units.

*Solution:* The time it takes for David to reach his landing point has to satisfy  $-5t^2 + 8t + 15 = 0$ . Using the quadratic formula, we have

$$t = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{8^2 + 300}}{-10} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{364}}{10} = 0.8 \pm \sqrt{3.64}.$$

Thus,  $t = 0.8 + \sqrt{3.64}$  seconds.

- b. [5 points] Use the method of completing the square to write the formula for  $f(t)$  in vertex form. Carefully show your algebraic work step-by-step.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= -5t^2 + 8t + 15 = -5\left(t^2 - \frac{8}{5}t\right) + 15 \\ &= -5\left(t^2 - \frac{8}{5}t + \frac{16}{25} - \frac{16}{25}\right) + 15 \\ &= -5\left(t^2 - \frac{8}{5}t + \frac{16}{25}\right) + \frac{16}{5} + 15 \\ &= -5\left(t - \frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + \frac{91}{5} \end{aligned}$$

We rewrote the problem in this page for your convenience

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- c. [2 points] What is the exact value of David's maximum height above his landing point during his jump? Include units.

*Solution:* Since the vertex of the quadratic is at  $(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{91}{5})$ , then the maximum height is at  $\frac{91}{5}$  meters.  
 Answer =  $\frac{91}{5}$  or 18.2 meters

- d. [2 points] How high is the ramp above his landing point? Include units.

*Solution:*  $f(0) = 15$  meters.  
 Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- e. [4 points] What is the domain and range of  $H = f(t)$  in the context of this problem? Express your answer using inequalities or interval notation. Your answer has to be exact.

*Solution:* Domain:  $[0, 0.8 + \sqrt{3.64}]$ , Range:  $[0, \frac{91}{5}]$