

A ball of mass 50 g dropped from height of 20 m. a boy on the ground hits the ball vertically upwards with a bat with an average force of 200N so that it attains a vertical height of 45 m .the time for which the ball remains in contact with the bat $g=10 \text{ m/s}^2$

Solution

According to the conservation of energy law potential energy of the ball on height $h_1 = 20 \text{ m}$ is equal to kinetic energy of the ball on the ground:

$$mgh_1 = \frac{mv_1^2}{2} \rightarrow v_1 = \sqrt{2gh_1}.$$

When a boy on the ground hits the ball vertically upwards it have kinetic energy which equal potential energy of the ball on height $h_2 = 45 \text{ m}$:

$$\frac{mv_2^2}{2} = mgh_2 \rightarrow v_2 = \sqrt{2gh_2}.$$

Impulse transmitted to the ball by bat:

$$I = F\Delta t = P_2 - P_1 = mv_2 - (-mv_1) = m(v_1 + v_2) = m(\sqrt{2gh_1} + \sqrt{2gh_2}),$$

P_1 is negative because it is opposite to direction of force F .

A time for which the ball remains in contact with the bat:

$$\Delta t = \frac{m(\sqrt{2gh_1} + \sqrt{2gh_2})}{F} = \frac{50 * 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \left(\sqrt{2 * 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} * 45\text{m}} + \sqrt{2 * 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} * 20\text{m}} \right)}{200\text{N}}$$

$$= 0.0125\text{s}.$$

Answer: 0.0125s.