

Answer on Question #44018-Physics- Mechanics-Kinematics-Dynamics

A ball is hit at an initial speed of 80 m/s. At what angle should it leave the bat if it has to travel 300 m horizontally?

Solution

The horizontal distance of projectile is

$$d = \frac{v^2}{g} \sin 2\theta,$$

where v is an initial speed of a ball, g is the acceleration of the gravity, θ is an angle.

So,

$$\sin 2\theta = \frac{gd}{v^2} = \frac{9.8 \frac{m}{s^2} \cdot 300 \text{ m}}{\left(80 \frac{m}{s}\right)^2} = 0.459375 \rightarrow \theta = \frac{\sin^{-1} 0.459375}{2} = 13.7^\circ.$$

Answer: 13.7°.