

**Answer on Question #47918, Physics, Mechanics | Kinematics | Dynamics**

**Question:**

A baseball fan sitting in the cheap seats is 136 m away from homeplate. How much time elapses between the instant that the fan sees a batter hit the ball and the moment the fan hears the crack of the bat?

**Answer:**

Speed of sound in air equals  $c = 340 \text{ m/s}$ . Therefore time elapses between the instant that the fan sees a batter hit the ball and the moment the fan hears the crack of the bat:

$$t = \frac{d}{c}$$

where  $d$  is distance to the homeplate.

$$t = \frac{136 \text{ m}}{340 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} = 0.4 \text{ s}$$

Answer: 0.4 s