

Answer to Question#51068 – Physics - Mechanics - Kinematics - Dynamics

To find time, we will use the falling of the coconut using the equation $\nabla S = \frac{1}{2}at^2 = -20m$; $a = \pm 10$ or ± 9.8 , depending on the acceleration of gravity. In this case, we will use -10 for simplicity. Now let's plug in.

$$-20 = \frac{1}{2}(-10)t^2;$$
$$t = 2;$$

Therefore, it takes two seconds for the coconut to hit the ground (and two seconds for the zookeeper to run, because these actions are happening simultaneously).

Now

$$S = V \cdot t;$$
$$S = (1.5)2;$$
$$S = 3;$$

Therefore, the zookeeper had run a total of 3m.

Answer is: 3 m.