

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.

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}S &= V \cdot t; \\ S &= (1.5)2; \\ S &= 3;\end{aligned}$$

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

Answer is: 3 m.