Answer on Question 58026, Physics, Mechanics, Relativity

Question:

A player hits a football which is initially at rest and moves $22 ms^{-1}$.

Find the:

- a) momentum of the football if it has a mass of 0.48 kg
- b) force exerted on it when the time of contact is 0.03 s
- c) impulse in the football

Solution:

a) By definition of the momentum, we have:

$$p = mv = 0.48 \ kg \cdot 22 \ ms^{-1} = 10.56 \ kgms^{-1}$$
.

b) Because the force is the rate of change of momentum, we get:

$$F\Delta t = \Delta p,$$

$$F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{m(v - v_0)}{\Delta t} = \frac{0.48 \ kg \cdot (22 \ ms^{-1} - 0 \ ms^{-1})}{0.03 \ s} = 352 \ N$$

c) By definition of the impulse, we have:

$$J = \Delta p = p - p_0 = mv - mv_0 = m(v - v_0) = 0.48 \ kg \cdot (22 \ ms^{-1} - 0 \ ms^{-1}) = 10.56 \ kgms^{-1}.$$

Answer:

- a) $p = 10.56 \, kgms^{-1}$.
- b) F = 352 N.
- c) $J = 10.56 \ kgms^{-1}$.

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