Answer on Question 73798, Physics, Other

Question:

A marble rolls off horizontally from the edge of tabletop 1.50 m above the floor. It strikes the floor 2.0 m from the base of the table.

a) how long it takes marble to reach the floor?

b) what is it initial velocity?

Solution:

a) We can find the time that the marble takes to reach the floor from the kinematic equation:

$$y = v_{0y}t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2,$$

here, y = 1.50 m is the height of the tabletop, $v_{0y} = 0$ is the initial vertical velocity of the marble, $g = 9.8 m/s^2$ is the acceleration due to gravity(we choose the downwards as the positive direction, therefore, the acceleration due to gravity will be positive).

Then, we get:

$$y = \frac{1}{2}gt^{2},$$
$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2y}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 1.50 \, m}{9.8 \, \frac{m}{s^{2}}}} = 0.55 \, s.$$

b) We can find the initial velocity of the marble from the formula:

$$x = v_{0x}t,$$

here, x = 2.0 m is the distance from the base of the table, v_{0x} is the initial horizontal velocity of the marble, t is time that the marble takes to reach the floor.

Then, we get:

$$v_{0x} = \frac{x}{t} = \frac{2.0 \ m}{0.55 \ s} = 3.64 \ \frac{m}{s}.$$

Answer:

a) t = 0.55 s. b) $v_{0x} = 3.64 \frac{m}{s}$.