2 A ball is thrown vertically downwards to the ground, as illustrated in Fig. 2.1.

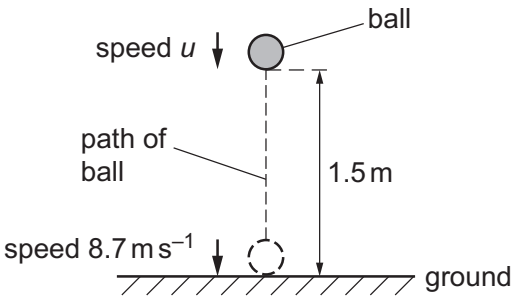

Fig. 2.1

The ball is thrown with speed u from a height of 1.5 m. The ball then hits the ground with speed 8.7 m s^{-1}. Assume that air resistance is negligible.

(a) Calculate speed u.

u = ... m s^{-1} [2]

(b) State how Newton's third law applies to the collision between the ball and the ground.

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(c) The ball is in contact with the ground for a time of 0.091 s. The ball rebounds vertically and leaves the ground with speed 5.4 m s^{-1}. The mass of the ball is 0.059 kg.

(i) Calculate the magnitude of the change in momentum of the ball during the collision.

change in momentum = ... N s [2]

(ii) Determine the magnitude of the average resultant force that acts on the ball during the collision.

average resultant force = ... N [1]

(iii) Use your answer in **(c)(ii)** to calculate the magnitude of the average force exerted by the ground on the ball during the collision.

average force = ... N [2]

(d) The ball was thrown downwards at time $t = 0$ and hits the ground at time $t = T$.

On Fig. 2.2, sketch a graph to show the variation of the speed of the ball with time t from $t = 0$ to $t = T$. Numerical values are not required.

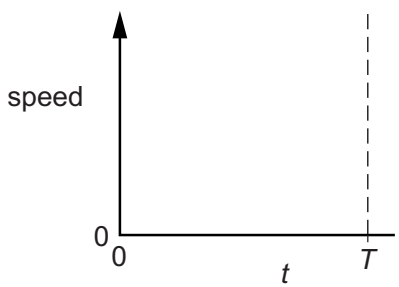

Fig. 2.2

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(e) In practice, air resistance is not negligible.

State and explain the variation, if any, with time t of the gradient of the graph in **(d)** when air resistance is not negligible.

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