

Section A

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 A ball of mass 0.059 kg is thrown vertically downwards to the ground, as illustrated in Fig. 1.1.

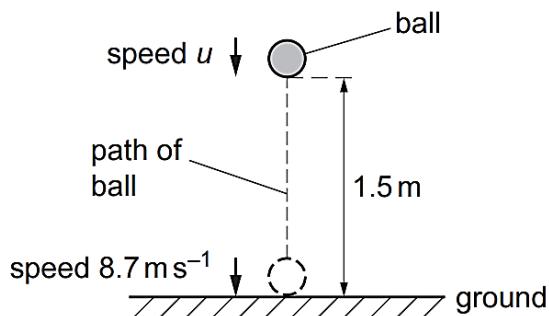


Fig. 1.1

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 .

$$u = \dots \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

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

On Fig. 1.2, sketch a graph to show the variation of the speed of the ball with time t , from time $t = 0$ to when it hits the ground at time $t = T$. Numerical values are not required.

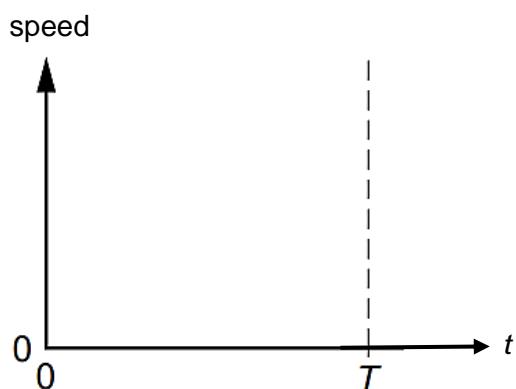


Fig. 1.2

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- (c) State how Newton's third law applies to the forces between the ball and the ground during the collision.

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- (d) 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} .

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

$$\text{change in momentum} = \dots \text{ N s} \quad [2]$$

- (ii) Calculate the magnitude of the average force exerted by the ground on the ball during collision.

$$\text{average force} = \dots \text{ N} \quad [3]$$

- (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 (b).

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