

General Problem Solving Guide

List given information, define variables, sketch picture:

Name:

KEY

Lab Time:

Date:

Test Code:

Problem #:

PROBLEM 22

$$v_i = 40 \text{ m/s}$$


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$$m = 0.149 \text{ kg}$$




$$\Delta t = 0.031 \text{ second}$$

(to stop)

CATCHER'S MITT

$$v_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

1D
Coordinate
System



Direction

Simplify question, list target quantity:

Find $F_{\text{AVERAGE}} = ?$ Force to stop the ball.
Force you feel will be $-F_{\text{Ave}}$.

List all related quantitative relationships:

Use Impulse \approx Change in momentum

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$$\vec{F} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p}$$

$$\vec{p} = m \vec{v}$$

Assume constant force

Outline approach, sketch diagrams if needed (or sketch next to pictures above):

Find $\Delta \vec{p}$

Find \vec{F} by dividing $\Delta \vec{p}$ by Δt

Check .

Obtain a general solution:

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i$$

$$v_f = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta \vec{p} = -mv$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{AVG}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} = -\frac{mv}{\Delta t}$$

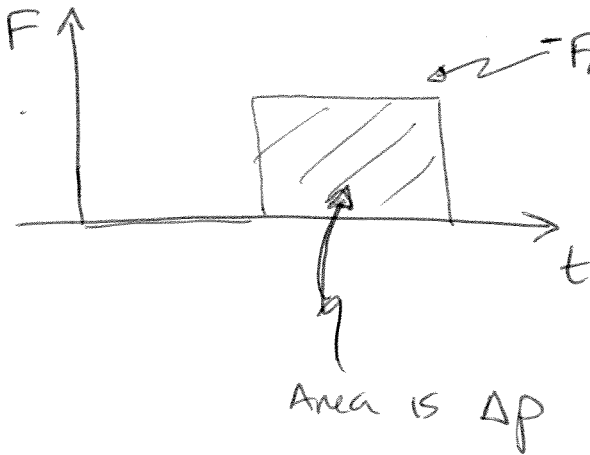
Check Units:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad N = \frac{\text{kg m/s}}{\text{s}} = \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{s}^2} \quad \checkmark$$

Check Limiting Cases:

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|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | $v \uparrow$ | $F \uparrow$ | \checkmark |
| $\textcircled{1}$ | $\Delta t \downarrow$ | $F \uparrow$ | \checkmark |
| | $m \uparrow$ | $F \uparrow$ | \checkmark |

Assume Force is constant



Obtain a numeric solution:
(i.e. plug in the numbers)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{aligned} \text{A: } F_{\text{AVG}} &= -192 \text{ N} \\ \text{B: } F_{\text{AVG}} &= -177 \text{ N} \\ \text{C: } F_{\text{AVG}} &= -197 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Force you feel would be opposite (in + direction)

Why is solution reasonable? Explain.

units check

limiting cases check

$\textcircled{1}$ force is reasonable - you would feel this, but it wouldn't be too large and knock you over

Direction is correct (against ball's direction of motion)

A: $v_i = 40.0 \text{ m/s}$
 $\Delta t = 0.031 \text{ s}$

B: $v_i = 44.0 \text{ m/s}$
 $\Delta t = 0.037 \text{ s}$

C: $v_i = 33.0 \text{ m/s}$
 $\Delta t = 0.025 \text{ s}$