

\*See the HiHW grading rubric posted on Carmen under modules/course documents\*

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While warming up before the match, Serena Williams is gently bouncing a tennis ball up and down on her racket. She then gives it a powerful upward hit from an initial height of 0.80 m and sends it traveling perfectly vertically. After rising to its maximum height, the ball falls back down to the court. Given that the ball was in the air for a total of 1.9s, determine its velocity upon hitting the court.

Representation:	0	1	2
Physics Concept(s):	0	1	2
Initial Equation(s):	0	0.5	1
Symbolic Answer:	0	1	
Units Check:	0	0.5	1
Neatness:	-2	-1	0
Total:			
Correct Answer:	Y	N	

## Translate the word problem into pictures and diagrams

**Representation**

**Coordinate axis**

**Motion Diagram**

*constant downward acceleration*

**initial Event**

Just after leaving racket

$t_i = 0.0\text{s}$

$y_i = 0.80\text{m}$

$v_i = + \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

**final event**

Just before hitting ground

$t_f = 1.9\text{s}$

$y_f = 0.00\text{m}$

$v_f = - \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

valid between events →  $a = -9.8\text{ m/s}^2$

*This is the desired quantity.*

Physics Concept(s) (Refer to the list of concepts on Carmen under modules/course documents.)

- (1) One-dimensional kinematics (with constant acceleration)

Initial Equation(s)

$$\text{Eq. ①: } (\Delta y) = v_i \cdot (\Delta t) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot a \cdot (\Delta t)^2$$

always true  
"Δ" = final - initial

$$\text{Eq. ②: } v_f = v_i + a \cdot (\Delta t)$$

Algebra Work (Symbols only. Don't plug in any numbers yet.)

$$\text{Eq. ①: } (\Delta y) = v_i \cdot (\Delta t) + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t)^2$$

not known, solve for it

$$(\Delta y) - \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t)^2 = v_i \cdot (\Delta t)$$

subtract  $\frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2$

$$v_i = \left\{ \frac{(\Delta y)}{(\Delta t)} - \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t) \right\}$$

Divide by  $(\Delta t)$

Substitute that into Eq. 2:

$$\text{Eq. ②: } v_f = v_i + a \cdot (\Delta t)$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{(\Delta y)}{(\Delta t)} - \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t) \right\} + a \cdot (\Delta t)$$

use:  $-\frac{1}{2} + 1 = +\frac{1}{2}$

$$= \frac{(\Delta y)}{(\Delta t)} + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t)$$

you can make notes indicating what you do at each step.

Reminder of the given values  
 $y_i = 0.80 \text{ m}$   
 $y_f = 0.00 \text{ m}$   
 $t_i = 0.0 \text{ s}$   
 $t_f = 1.9 \text{ s}$   
 $a = -9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

Symbolic Answer:

$$v_f = \frac{(\Delta y)}{(\Delta t)} + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t) = \frac{(\Delta y) + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot (\Delta t)^2}{(\Delta t)}$$

Units Check

$[x] = \text{units of } x$   
 Example:  $[(\Delta t)] = \text{second}$

$$[v_f] = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \stackrel{?}{=} \left[ \frac{(\Delta y)}{(\Delta t)} \right] = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \stackrel{?}{=} [a(\Delta t)] = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot \text{s} = \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad \checkmark$$

Note that all three terms have the same units.

Numerical Answer (Obtain this by plugging numbers into your symbolic answer.)

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta t) &= t_f - t_i = (1.9) - (0) = 1.9 \text{ s} \\ (\Delta y) &= y_f - y_i = (0) - (0.8) = -0.80 \text{ m} \\ (\Delta v) &= v_f - v_i = \boxed{-9.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \text{ unknown.} \end{aligned}$$

$$v_f = \frac{(-0.8)}{(1.9)} + \frac{1}{2} (-9.8)(1.9)$$

$$v_f = -9.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Pay attention to the signs  
 Note use of parentheses