

PROBLEM SOLVING COMPLETE SOLUTION

QUESTION

1. A 0.05 kg tennis ball approaches a racket at 25 m/s. If it is not in contact with the racket's strings for 0.005 s, then rebounds at 25 m/s, what is the average contact force between the ball and the racket? Ignore air resistance.
2. A 5.0 kg crate initially at rest on a smooth surface is acted upon by two opposing forces: 50 N to the right and 30 N to the left. Find the acceleration of the block and the distance it moves in 10 s.

ANSWER

1. **$F = 500 \text{ N}$**
2. **$a = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$**
 $d = 400 \text{ m}$

Explanation

Problem Solving

$$\begin{aligned} 1. F &= m\Delta v / t \\ &= 0.05(25 - (-25)) / 0.005 \\ &= 2.5 / 0.005 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{F = 500 \text{ N}}$$

$$2. F_1 = 50 \text{ N}$$

$$F_2 = 30 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = F_1 - F_2$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = 50 - 30$$

$$F_{\text{net}} = 20 \text{ N}$$

$$a = F_{\text{net}} / m$$

$$= 20 / 5$$

$$\mathbf{a = 4 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$v = at$$

$$= 4(10)$$

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

$$d = vt$$

$$= 40(10)$$

$$\mathbf{d = 400 \text{ m}}$$