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When the raindrops hit the umbrella, they tend to splatter and run off, whereas the hailstones hit the umbrella and bounce back upward. Thus, the change in momentum (impulse) is greater for the hail. Since $\Delta \boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{F}\Delta t$, more force is required in the hailstorm.

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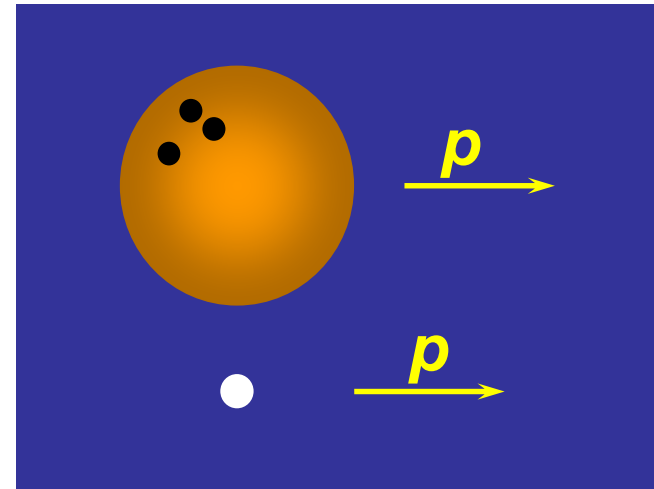
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We know: $\vec{F}_{ave} = \dfrac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$ so $\Delta p = F_{ave} \, \Delta t$

Here, **F** and **Δp** are the *same* for both balls! It will take the *same amount of time* to stop them.

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