

Topic #4: Impulse and Momentum

WORK:
$$W_{\text{net}} = \int_{s_i}^{s_f} \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \cdot d\vec{s} = \Delta K$$
 where $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ Scalar

Simplest Definition of Work (for constant force):

Work equals force times parallel distance.

Net work causes object to speed up or slow down.

IMPULSE:
$$\vec{I} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}_{\text{net}} dt = \Delta \vec{p}$$
 where $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$ Vector

Impulse equals force times amount of time.

Net impulse causes object to speed up or slow down and/or turn.

Question #4.1: Momentum and Kinetic Energy #1

If a net force is exerted on an object for a given amount of time, then

- (a) **momentum** may change and **kinetic energy** always changes.
- (b) **momentum** may change and **kinetic energy** may change.
- (c) **momentum** always changes and **kinetic energy** always changes.
- (d) **momentum** always changes **kinetic energy** may change.

Question #4.2: Momentum and Kinetic Energy #2

If a net force is exerted on an object over a distance Δx , then

- (a) **momentum** may change and **kinetic energy** always changes.
- (b) **momentum** may change and **kinetic energy** may change.
- (c) **momentum** always changes and **kinetic energy** always changes.
- (d) **momentum** always changes **kinetic energy** may change.

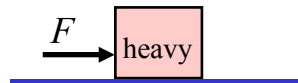
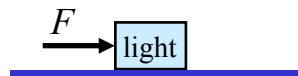
Question #4.3: Two Pushed Boxes #1

A lighter and heavier box are at rest on a frictionless surface.

The same force F pushes on each box for 1 second.

Which box has the larger final MOMENTUM after the force acts?

- (a) lighter
- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient information



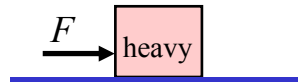
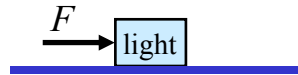
Question #4.4: Two Pushed Boxes #2

A lighter and heavier box are at rest on a frictionless surface.

The same force F pushes on each box for 1 second.

Which box has the larger final KINETIC ENERGY after the force acts?

- (a) lighter
- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient information



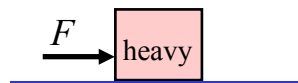
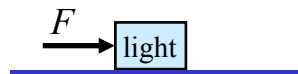
Question #4.5: Two Pushed Boxes #3

A lighter and heavier box are at rest on a frictionless surface.

The same force F pushes on each box for a distance of 1 meter.

Which box has the larger final KINETIC ENERGY after the force acts?

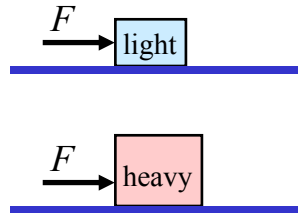
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- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient information



Question #4.6: Two Pushed Boxes #4

A lighter and heavier box are at rest on a frictionless surface. The same force F pushes on each box for a distance of 1 meter. Which box has the larger final MOMENTUM after the force acts?

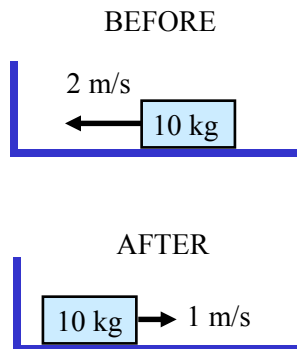
- (a) lighter
- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient information



Question #4.7: Change in Momentum

The cart's change in momentum is:

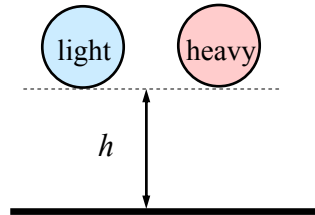
- (a) -30 kg m/s
- (b) -20 kg m/s
- (c) 10 kg m/s
- (d) 20 kg m/s
- (e) 30 kg m/s



Question #4.8: Two Falling Balls #1

A lighter and a heavier ball are both dropped from the same height h at the same time. Which ball has a larger final MOMENTUM when it hits the ground?

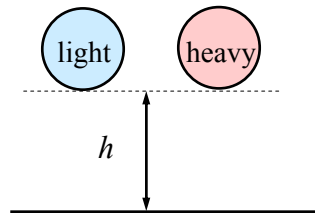
- (a) lighter
- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient info



Question #4.9: Two Falling Balls #2

A lighter and a heavier ball are both dropped from the same height h at the same time. Which ball has a larger final KINETIC ENERGY when it hits the ground?

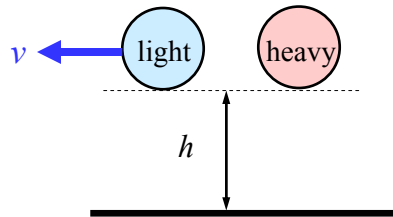
- (a) lighter
- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient info



Question #4.10: Two Falling Balls #3

A **lighter** and a **heavier** ball are both dropped from the **same height h** at the same time. The **lighter** ball has an initial **horizontal velocity**. Which ball has a **larger final MOMENTUM** when it hits the ground?

- (a) lighter
- (b) same
- (c) heavier
- (d) insufficient info



Momentum and Force

Single particle system

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

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v}) = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

Multi-particle System

CM = Center of Mass

$$\vec{p}_{\text{sys}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{p}_i = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{v}_i = M\vec{v}_{CM} \quad \text{where } v_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \sum_i m_i \vec{a}_i = M\vec{a}_{CM} = M \frac{d\vec{v}_{CM}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}_{\text{sys}}}{dt}$$

Only a net EXTERNAL force can change the momentum of a system!

Velocity and Acceleration of SYSTEM of particles

The velocity and acceleration of a system is the **WEIGHTED AVERAGE** of the velocity and acceleration of all the particles in the system >>> CENTER OF MASS variables.

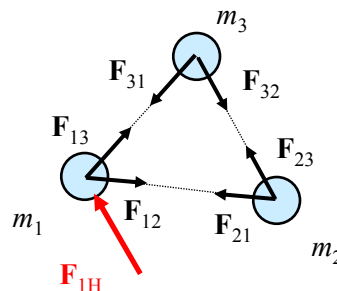
$$\vec{r}_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{r}_i \quad \text{where } M = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i$$

$$\vec{v}_{CM} = \frac{d\vec{r}_{CM}}{dt} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\vec{a}_{CM} = \frac{d\vec{v}_{CM}}{dt} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{a}_i$$

Newton's 2nd Law for System of Particles

- Given a system of three particles, where each particle interacts with every other, and an external force pushes on particle 1.
- All of the “internal” forces cancel !!
Only the “external” force matters !!



$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = (\vec{F}_{13} + \vec{F}_{12} + \vec{F}_{1H}) + (\vec{F}_{21} + \vec{F}_{23}) + (\vec{F}_{31} + \vec{F}_{32})$$

$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_{1H} \quad \text{All 3rd law pairs cancel!}$$

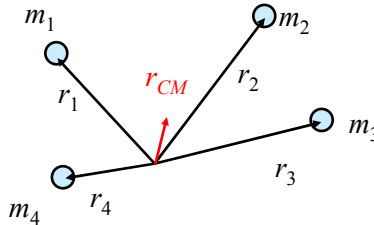
$$\text{In general, } \frac{d\vec{p}_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = \sum_i \vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_{\text{Net, Ext}} = M\vec{a}_{CM}$$

What is the Center of Mass for a System?

How do we describe the “position” of a system made up of many parts?

Define the Center of Mass r_{CM} (ave. position) using a WEIGHTED AVERAGE.

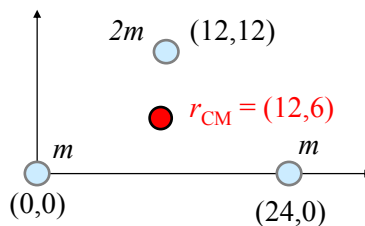
$$\vec{r}_{CM} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N m_i}$$



Cartesian Form: $(x_{CM}, y_{CM}, z_{CM}) = \left(\frac{\sum_i m_i x_i}{M}, \frac{\sum_i m_i y_i}{M}, \frac{\sum_i m_i z_i}{M} \right)$

Problem #4.1: Center of Mass for 3 points

Find the center of mass for the three point masses given below.



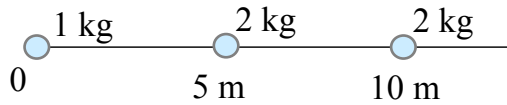
$$x_{CM} = \frac{\sum_i m_i x_i}{M} = \frac{m(0) + (2m)(12) + m(24)}{4m} = 12$$

$$y_{CM} = \frac{\sum_i m_i y_i}{M} = \frac{m(0) + (2m)(12) + m(0)}{4m} = 6$$

Question #4.11: Center of Mass for Multiple Objects

What is the center of mass for the three point masses given below?

- (a) 5 m
- (b) 6 m
- (c) 7 m
- (d) 8 m

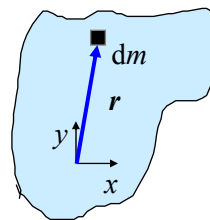


Center of Mass: Continuous Mass Distributions

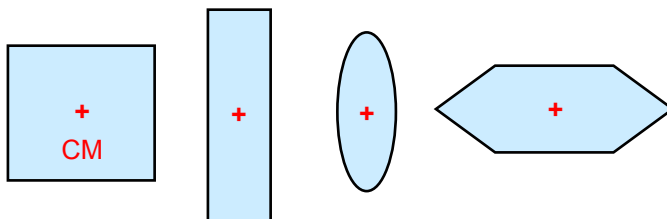
For a continuous solid, CM requires an integral.

$$\vec{r}_{CM} = \frac{\int \vec{r} dm}{\int dm} = \frac{\int \vec{r} dm}{M}$$

(independent of choice for origin)

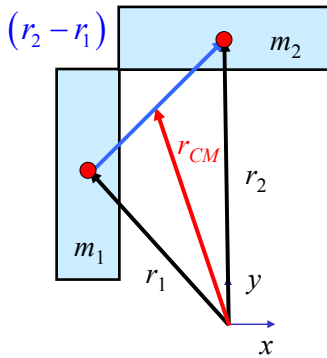


Symmetric objects with uniform density have CM at geometrical center.



Center of Mass: Two Symmetric Distributions

CM for a combination of symmetric objects is the “point-like” combination of the CM for each symmetric object.



$$\vec{r}_{CM} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N m_i} = \vec{r}_1 + \frac{m_2}{M} (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)$$

(same as for point masses)

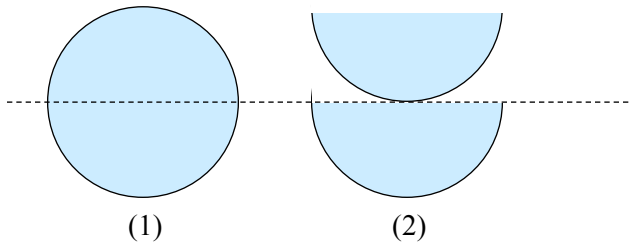
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Question #4.12: Center of Mass

If the disk shown in (1) is cut in half and the pieces arranged as shown in (2), then where is the **CM of (2)** as compared to (1)?

- (a) higher
- (b) lower
- (c) same



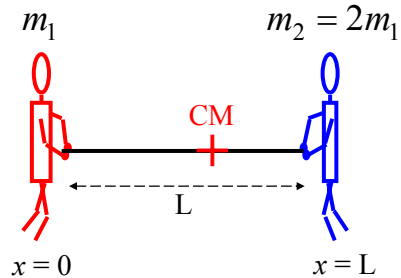
Problem #4.2: Center of Mass for Internal Motion

Two astronauts are at rest in outer space and are connected by a light rope. They begin to pull towards each other. Where do they meet?

They start at rest, so $v_{CM} = 0$.

v_{CM} remains zero because there are no external forces.

So, the CM does not move and they will meet at the CM.

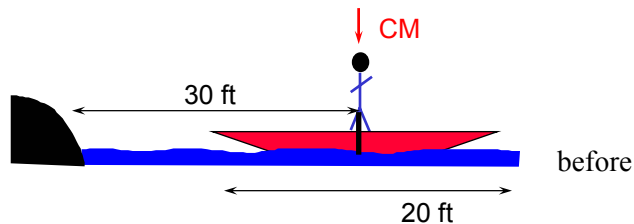


$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum_i m_i x_i}{M} = \frac{m_1(0) + 2m_1(L)}{m_1 + 2m_1} = \frac{2m_1(L)}{3m_1} = \frac{2L}{3}$$

Question #4.13: Center of Mass for Internal Motion

A man weighs the same as his 20-ft canoe. First, he stands in the center of the motionless canoe at a distance 30 ft from shore. Next, he walks left 10 ft toward the shore to the end of the canoe. What is his new distance from the shore? (Hint: CM of man+canoe does not move since $F_{net} = 0$.)

- (a) 15 ft
- (b) 20 ft
- (c) 25 ft
- (d) 30 ft



Conservation of Momentum

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{p}_{\text{sys}}}{dt}$$

For $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = 0$, $\frac{d\vec{p}_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = 0$ or $\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f$

$$m_1\vec{v}_{1i} + m_2\vec{v}_{2i} + \text{etc.} = m_1\vec{v}_{1f} + m_2\vec{v}_{2f} + \text{etc.}$$

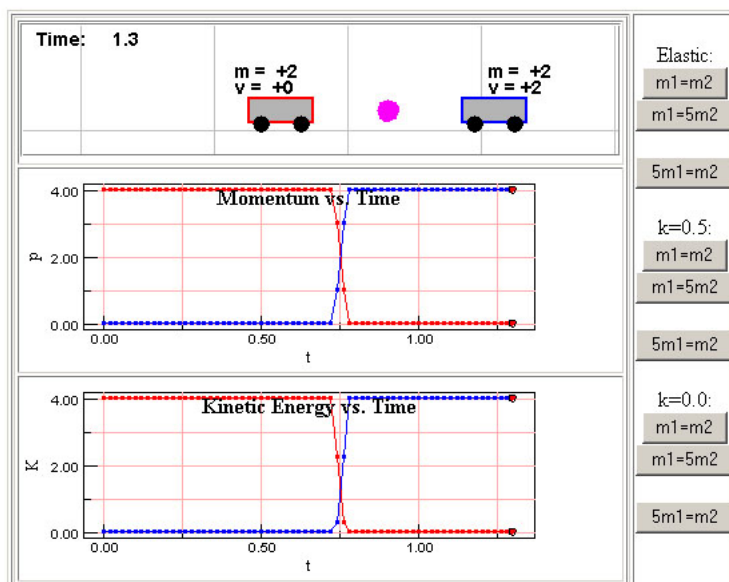
Momentum conservation for NO net external forces.

- Momentum conservation is a fundamental principle in physics.
- Applies to any direction in which no net force is applied, i.e. x-y-z directions are independent of each other.

Conservation of Momentum: Collisions

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Collisions



Problem #4.3: Conservation of Momentum

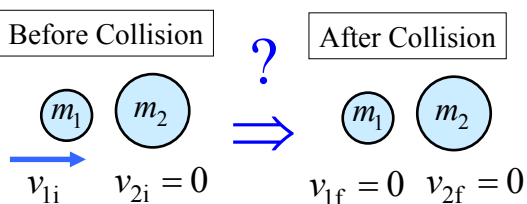
Block #1 collides with a stationary block #2 and no net forces act on the system of blocks. Draw the momentum vectors indicated below with correct magnitude.

	Block #1	Block #2	System of Blocks
p_i			
p_f			
Δp			

Question #4.14: Momentum of Two-body Collision

A ball collides with another stationary ball. Is it possible for both balls to be at rest after the collision? (assume no external forces)

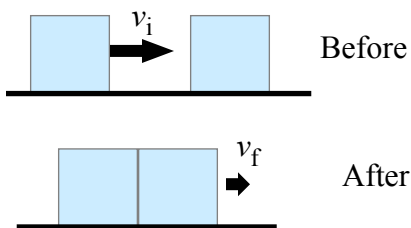
- (a) yes
- (b) no
- (c) depends on v_{1i}



Question #4.15: Perfectly Inelastic Collision

A box slides on a frictionless surface with initial velocity v_i . It then collides with a stationary identical box and the boxes stick together. What is final velocity v_f of the two “stuck” boxes?

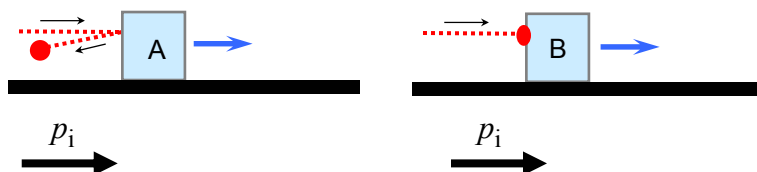
- (a) $v_f = v_i$
- (b) $v_f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_i$
- (c) $v_f = \frac{1}{4} v_i$
- (d) $v_f = \frac{1}{2} v_i$



Question #4.16: Two Types of Collisions

Two balls of equal mass are thrown horizontally with the same initial velocity. They hit identical stationary boxes resting on a frictionless horizontal surface. The ball hitting box A bounces back, while the ball hitting box B gets stuck. Which box moves faster after the collision?

- (a) Box A
- (b) Box B
- (c) same

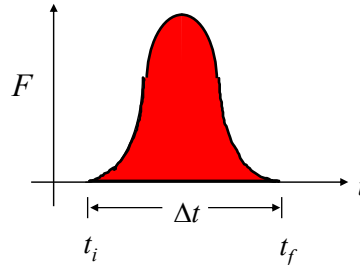


Impulse and Average Force

- **Impulse I** is the area under the force-vs.-time curve. It equals the **change of momentum** during that time period.
- The **average force** during the same time period is the total impulse divided by the time period.

$$\vec{I} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}_{\text{net}} dt = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \right) dt = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i = \Delta\vec{p}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{ave}} = \frac{\vec{I}}{\Delta t}$$



Problem #4.4: Impulse during Car Crash

If a car and **80-kg** dummy drive into a wall at **25 m/s**, estimate the **average force** that the seatbelt exerts on the dummy upon impact. Assume the car **moves 1 m** after impact as a result of its crumple zone.

$$|\vec{I}| = \Delta\vec{p} = m|v_f - v_i| = (80 \text{ kg})(25 \text{ m/s}) = \underline{2000 \text{ Ns}}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta x}{v_{\text{ave}}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\frac{1}{2}(v_f + v_i)} = \frac{1 \text{ m}}{\frac{1}{2}(0 + 25 \text{ m/s})} = \underline{0.08 \text{ s}}$$

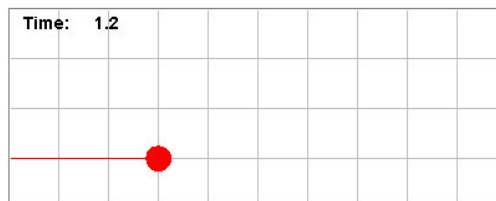
$$\vec{F}_{\text{ave}} = \frac{\vec{I}}{\Delta t} = \frac{2000 \text{ Ns}}{0.08 \text{ s}} = \underline{25,000 \text{ N}} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{\text{ave}} = \frac{F_{\text{ave}}}{m} \approx \underline{300 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

How many g's does the dummy experience during this crash?

Question #4.17: Motion due to Impulse

http://webphysics.davidson.edu/physlet_resources/bu_semester1/index.html Impulse

A mass moving in the x direction at constant speed on a frictionless table is subjected to a force in the y-direction. The force is applied for 0.5 seconds starting at $t=2$ seconds. Which of the following situations corresponds to the motion of the mass?



play pause <<step step>> reset

1 2 3 4

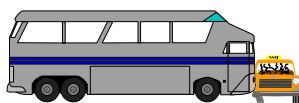
- (a) Path 1 (b) Path 2 (c) Path 3 (d) Path 4

Elastic and Inelastic Collisions

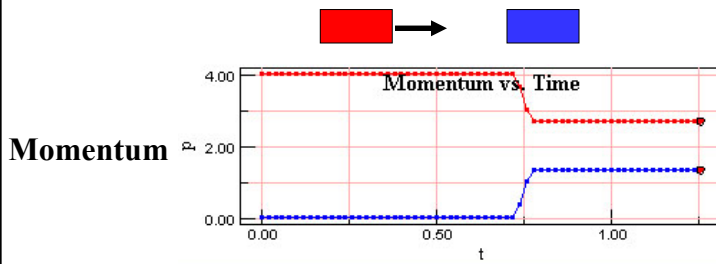
An *elastic* collision occurs when kinetic energy is CONSERVED.
e.g., carts colliding with a spring between them, billiard balls, etc.



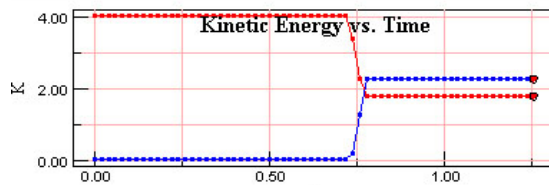
An *inelastic* collision occurs when kinetic energy is NOT CONSERVED.
A *perfectly inelastic* collision occurs when both objects STICK together and have the same final velocity.



Question #4.18: Type of Collision I



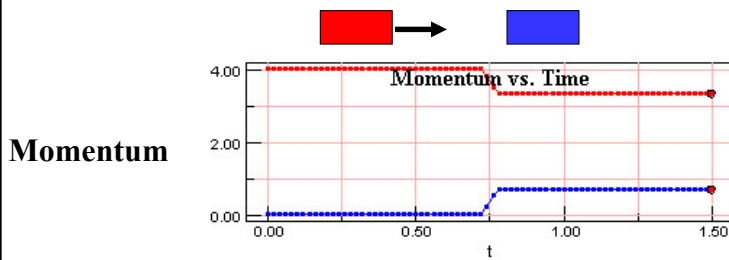
Kinetic Energy



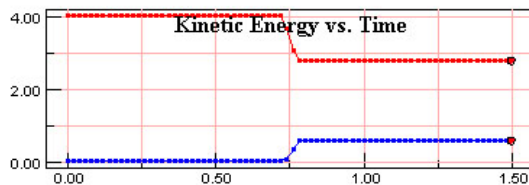
- (a) Inelastic, Red heavier
- (b) Inelastic, Red lighter
- (c) Elastic, Red heavier
- (d) Elastic, Red lighter

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Question #4.19: Type of Collision II



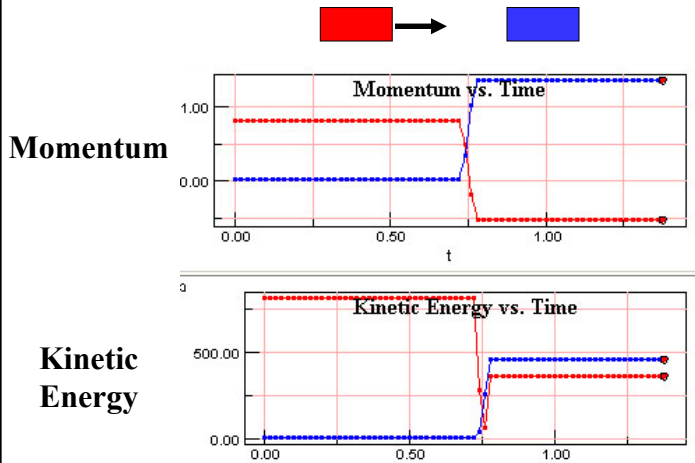
Kinetic Energy



- (a) Inelastic, Red heavier
- (b) Inelastic, Red lighter
- (c) Elastic, Red heavier
- (d) Elastic, Red lighter

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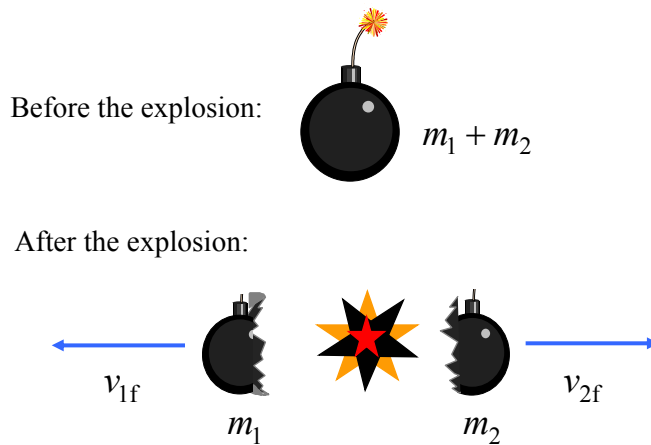
Question #4.20: Type of Collision III



- (a) Inelastic, Red heavier
- (b) Inelastic, Red lighter
- (c) Elastic, Red heavier
- (d) Elastic, Red lighter

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Inelastic "Explosion" (or collision)

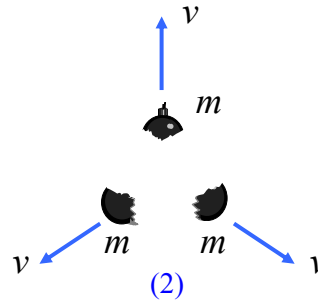
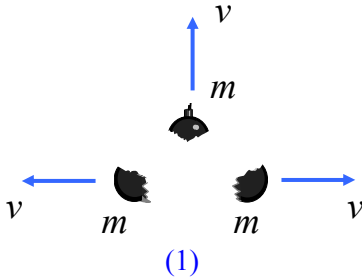


$$p = 0 = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} \Rightarrow m_1 v_{1f} = -m_2 v_{2f}$$

Question #4.21: Inelastic Explosions

A bomb explodes into 3 identical pieces. Which of the following configurations of velocities is possible?

- (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) both (d) insufficient info.



Problem #4.5: Perfectly Inelastic Collision

A block of mass m_2 is initially at rest on a frictionless horizontal surface. A bullet of mass m_1 is fired at the block with an initial velocity v_{1i} . If the bullet lodges in the block, find the final speed v_f of the block and bullet and its final kinetic energy (in terms of initial K_i).



$$\boxed{p_i = p_f}$$

$$m_1 v_{1i} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$$

$$\boxed{v_f} = \frac{m_1}{(m_1 + m_2)} v_{1i}$$

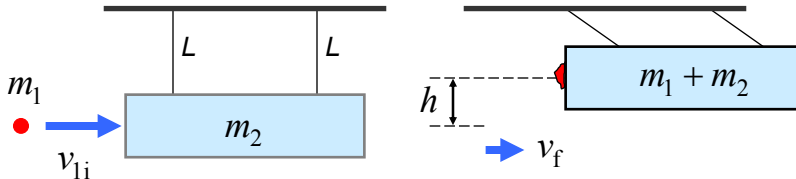
$$\boxed{K_f} = \frac{m_1}{(m_1 + m_2)} \left(\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 \right) = \frac{m_1}{(m_1 + m_2)} K_i$$

$$K_f = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v_f^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) m_1^2 v_{1i}^2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$$

Under what circumstances could the final K_f approach the initial K_i ?

Problem #4.6: Perfectly Inelastic Ballistic Pendulum

A projectile of mass m_1 moves horizontally with speed v_1 and strikes a stationary, suspended mass m_2 . The combined masses rise to a height of h . What is the **initial speed** v_{1i} of the projectile?



Use momentum conservation in x -direction for collision:

$$m_1 v_{1i} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f \Rightarrow \boxed{v_{1i}} = \left(1 + \frac{m_2}{m_1}\right) v_f = \boxed{\left(1 + \frac{m_2}{m_1}\right) \sqrt{2gh}}$$

where v_f is given by energy conservation **AFTER** collision.

$$\frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_f^2 = (m_1 + m_2)gh \Rightarrow \boxed{v_f = \sqrt{2gh}}$$

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Question #4.22: Perfectly Inelastic Collision

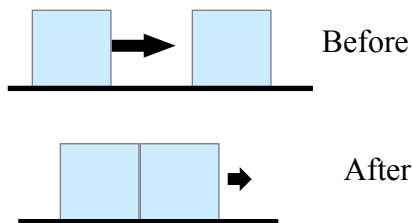
A box sliding on a frictionless surface collides and **sticks** to a second identical box which is initially at rest. What is the **final kinetic energy** K_f of the stuck boxes?

(a) $E_f = E_i$

(b) $E_f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} E_i$

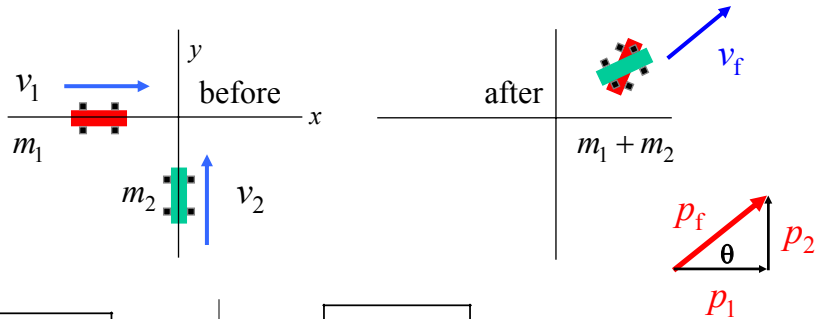
(c) $E_f = \frac{1}{4} E_i$

(d) $E_f = \frac{1}{2} E_i$



Problem #4.7: Perfectly Inelastic Collision in 2D

If car 1 heads east and crashes into car 2 heading north, what is their resultant direction if the cars “stick” together and never use their brakes?



$$p_{xi} = p_{xf}$$

$$m_1 v_1 = (m_1 + m_2) v_{xf}$$

$$v_{xf} = \frac{m_1}{(m_1 + m_2)} v_1$$

$$p_{yi} = p_{yf}$$

$$m_2 v_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v_{yf}$$

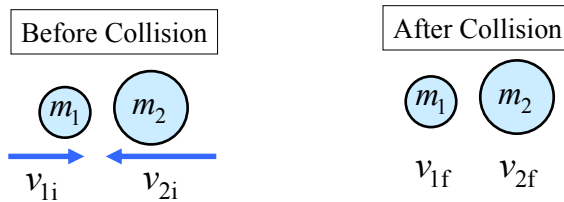
$$v_{yf} = \frac{m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)} v_2$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{v_{yf}}{v_{xf}} \right)$$

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Problem #4.8a: Elastic Collision

Two blocks with masses m_1 and m_2 and initial velocities v_{1i} and v_{2i} collide elastically with each other. How do their relative velocities change before and after the collision?



$$p_i = p_f \Rightarrow m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$

$$m_1 (v_{1i} - v_{1f}) = m_2 (v_{2f} - v_{2i}) \quad \text{Eqn \#1}$$

Problem #4.8b: Elastic Collision

Before

After

Kinetic Energy is CONSERVED in ELASTIC collisions.

$$\boxed{K_i = K_f} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2i}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2$$

$$m_1 (v_{1i}^2 - v_{1f}^2) = m_2 (v_{2f}^2 - v_{2i}^2)$$

$$m_1 (v_{1i} - v_{1f})(v_{1i} + v_{1f}) = m_2 (v_{2f} - v_{2i})(v_{2f} + v_{2i}) \quad \text{Eqn \#2}$$

Divide Eqn #2 by Eqn #1: $m_1 (v_{1i} - v_{1f}) = m_2 (v_{2f} - v_{2i})$

$(v_{1i} + v_{1f}) = (v_{2f} + v_{2i})$ or $v_{2f} - v_{1f} = -(v_{2i} - v_{1i})$

The speed of recession equals the speed of approach.

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Question #4.23: Elastic Collision

Two elastic collisions are shown. In collision #1, a golf ball with speed v hits a stationary bowling ball head on. In collision #2, a bowling ball with the same speed v hits a stationary golf ball. In which collision does the golf ball have the greater speed after the collision?

(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) same (d) insufficient info.

Collision #1

Collision #2

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Problem #4.9: Elastic Collision - One Mass at Rest

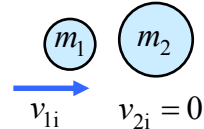
For m_2 initially at rest ($v_{2i} = 0$), relate final velocities to v_{1i} .

Momentum Conservation: $m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$

$$m_1 v_{1i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} \quad \text{Eqn \#1}$$

Energy Conservation: $v_{2f} - v_{1f} = -(v_{2i} - v_{1i})$

$$v_{2f} - v_{1f} = v_{1i} \quad \text{for } v_{2i} = 0 \quad \text{Eqn \#2}$$



Combine Eqns #1 and #2 to solve for v_{1f} and v_{2f}

$$v_{1f} = \left(\frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i}$$

$$v_{2f} = \left(\frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i}$$

What happens for collisions where $m_1 = m_2$, $m_1 \gg m_2$, and $m_1 \ll m_2$?

Question #4.24: Elastic Collision

A small **rubber ball** is placed on top of a big **basketball**. They are dropped and have **speed v** just before hitting the ground. What is the **speed of the rubber ball** after the balls hit the ground and come back up?

(Assume that the collision is elastic and that the basketball does not change speed, i.e. it has a very large mass compared to the rubber ball.)

- (a) v (b) $2v$ (c) $3v$ (d) $4v$

