

ELASTIC COLLISIONS

- ^{KINETIC} ENERGY IS CONSERVED
- MOMENTUM IS CONSERVED

$$mV + MV = mV' + MV'$$

$$\frac{1}{2} mV^2 + \frac{1}{2} MV^2 = \frac{1}{2} mV'^2 + \frac{1}{2} MV'^2$$

Look at a specific case $V = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2} mV_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} mV'^2 + \frac{1}{2} MV'^2 \quad \text{Cons of KE}$$

$$mV_0 = mV + MV \quad \text{Cons of MOM}$$

$$m(V_0^2 - V^2) = MV^2 \quad \text{KE}$$

factor

$$\textcircled{1} \quad m(V_0 + V)(V_0 - V) = MV^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad m(V_0 - V) = MV \quad \text{MOMENTUM}$$

SUBST $\textcircled{2}$ IN $\textcircled{1}$

$$MV(V_0 + V) = MV^2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad V = V_0 + V$$

SUBST IN $\textcircled{2}$ FOR V

$$m(V_0 - V) = M(V_0 + V)$$

Solve for V

$$V = \frac{m - M}{m + M} V_0$$

SUBST FOR V IN $\textcircled{3}$

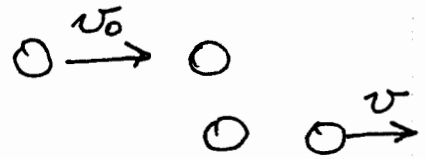
$$V = \frac{2m}{m + M} V_0$$

BILLIARD BALLS

$$M = m$$

$$v = \frac{m - m}{2m} v_0 = 0$$

$$V = \frac{2m}{m + m} v_0 = v_0$$

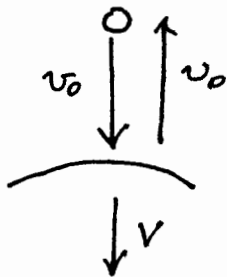


BALL + EARTH $M \gg m$

$$v = \frac{m - M}{m + M} v_0 \approx \frac{-M}{m} v_0$$

$$v \approx -v_0$$

Bounces off

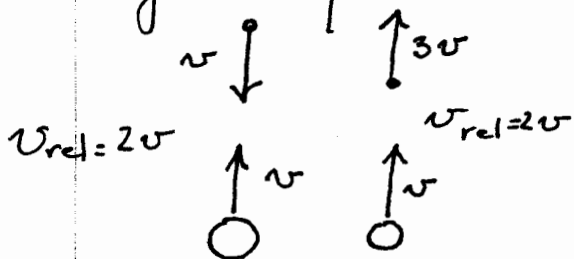


$$V = \frac{2m}{m + M} v_0 \ll v_0 \quad \text{Earth doesn't move much}$$

Finally look back at ③

$$v = V - v_0$$

Generally the relative velocity will remain

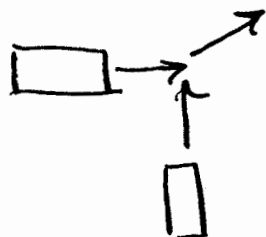


$$v_0 - V_0 = V - v$$

If cars are not in straight line must perform vector sum, e.g.

$$v_c = 20 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ N} \quad v_T = 10 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ E}$$

(which has the greater momentum)



$$\vec{P} = \vec{P}'$$

$$m_c \vec{v}_c + m_T \vec{v}_T = (m_c + m_T) \vec{v}'$$

Must solve by components:

$$\begin{aligned} x \quad m_c v_{cx} + m_T v_{Tx} &= (m_c + m_T) v'_x \\ v'_x &= \frac{m_T}{m_T + m_c} v_{Tx} = 7.5 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y \quad m_c v_{cy} + m_T v_{Ty} &= (m_c + m_T) v'_y \\ v'_y &= \frac{m_c}{m_T + m_c} v_{cx} = 5.0 \text{ m s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$|v'| = [v'^2_x + v'^2_y]^{1/2} = 9.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

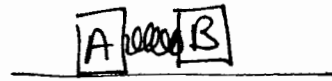
$$\tan \theta = \frac{v'_y}{v'_x} = \frac{\frac{m_c}{m_T + m_c} v_c}{\frac{m_T}{m_T + m_c} v_T}$$

$$= \frac{m_c v_c}{m_T v_T} = 0.667$$

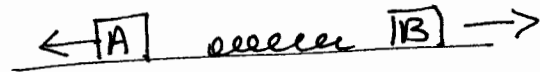
$$\theta = 33.7^\circ$$

Recoil

2 blocks A & B with spring between



let go



(conserve mom)

$$0 = m_A v_A + m_B v_B$$

$$\therefore \frac{v_A}{v_B} = -\frac{m_B}{m_A}$$

ratio of KE

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} m_A v_A^2}{\frac{1}{2} m_B v_B^2} = \frac{m_A}{m_B} \left(\frac{v_A}{v_B} \right)^2 = \frac{m_B}{m_A}$$

i.e. $KE \propto \frac{1}{m}$ small mass - more KE

momenta = l equal to impulse (Ft)

KE = work = F x distance

acce, vel, disp larger for smaller body

$\therefore$ KE larger

eg rifle recoil when bullet fired.

why hold rifle against shoulder?

Cons of energy

$$\frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_A v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B v_B^2$$

Solnt

$$v_B = - \frac{m_A}{m_B} v_A$$

$$kx^2 = m_A v_A^2 + m_B \left(- \frac{m_A}{m_B} v_A \right)^2$$

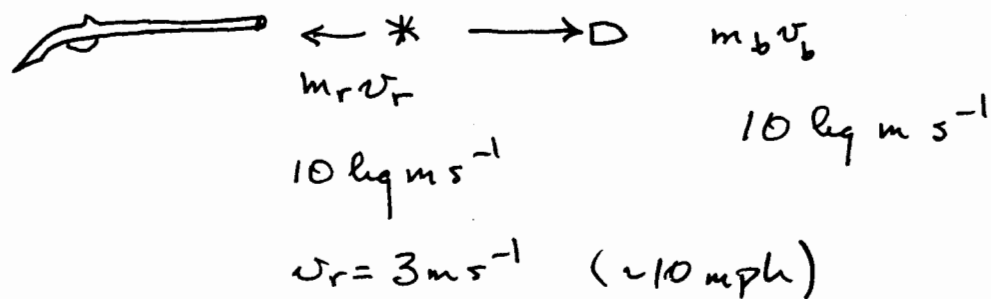
$$= m_A v_A^2 + \frac{m_A^2}{m_B} v_A^2$$

$$= m_A \left(1 + \frac{m_A}{m_B} \right) v_A^2$$

$$v_A = \left[\frac{k}{m_A} \left(1 + \frac{m_A}{m_B} \right)^{-1} \right]^{1/2} x$$

Recoil

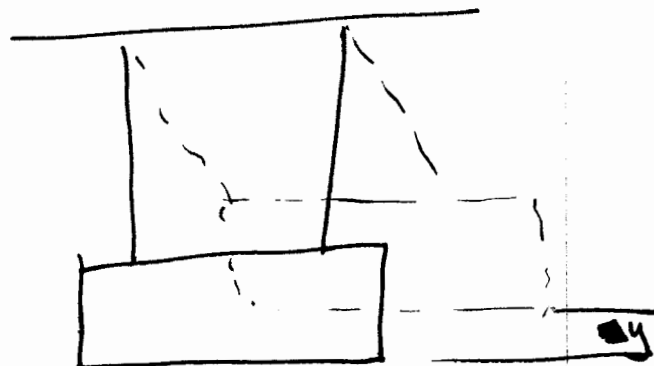
Typical muzzle velocity 1000 m s^{-1}
Bullet $10 \text{ g} = 0.01 \text{ kg}$
Rifle 3 kg



Ballistic pendulum.

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bullet m , u before
pendulum M , $u=0$
after $(m+M)$ at V .



$$\therefore m u = (m+M) V$$

conserv. horiz mom.
($T_{\text{swing}} \ll T_{\text{impact}}$)

$$\text{KE after impact} = K = \frac{1}{2}(m+M) V^2$$

Swings till KE converted to PE

$$\frac{1}{2}(m+M) V^2 = (m+M) g y$$

$$V = \sqrt{2gy}$$

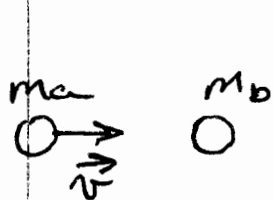
$$\text{but } u = \frac{(m+M)}{m} V = \frac{m+M}{m} \sqrt{2gy}$$

what about KE

$$\frac{K_2}{K_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(m+M) V^2}{\frac{1}{2} m u^2} = \frac{m}{m+M}$$

$$\text{i.e. if } M = 1 \text{ kg } m = 1 \text{ g } \quad \frac{K_2}{K_1} = 0.1\%$$

ELASTIC COLLISION



$$\vec{P}' = \vec{P}$$

$$KE' = KE$$

$$m_a \vec{v}_a + m_b \vec{v}_b = m_a \vec{v}_a' + m_b \vec{v}_b'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} m_a v_a^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_b v_b^2 \\ = \frac{1}{2} m_a v_a'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_b v_b'^2 \end{aligned}$$

We will look here at a specific case $v_b = 0$
(but the results will turn out to have
wider applicability)

$$m_a v_a = m_a v_a' + m_b v_b' \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_a v_a^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_a v_a'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_b v_b'^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} m_a v_a^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_a v_a'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_b v_b'^2$$

$$m_a (v_a^2 - v_a'^2) = m_b v_b'^2$$

$$m_a (v_a - v_a') (v_a + v_a') = m_b v_b'^2$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad m_b v_b' = m_a (v_a - v_a')$$

Subst $\textcircled{1}$ above

$$m_b v_b' (v_a + v_a') = m_b v_b'^2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad v_b' = v_a + v_a'$$

Subst in ①

$$m_b (v + v_a') = m_a (v - v_a')$$

Solving for $v_a' \Rightarrow$

$$v_a' = \frac{m_a - m_b}{m_a + m_b} v$$

Then subst this for v_a

$$v_b' = \frac{2m_a}{m_a + m_b} v$$

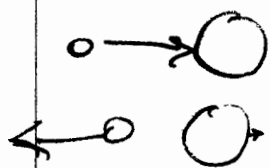
Suppose $m_a = m_b \equiv m$ (Billiard Balls)

$$0 \rightarrow 0 \quad v_a' = \frac{m - m}{2m} v = 0$$

$$0 \xrightarrow{v} \quad v_b' = \frac{2m}{m + m} v = v$$

Suppose $m_b \gg m_a$

$$v_a' = \frac{m_a - m_b}{m_a + m_b} v \approx \frac{-m_b}{m_b} v = -v$$



Bounces off

Finally consider ③

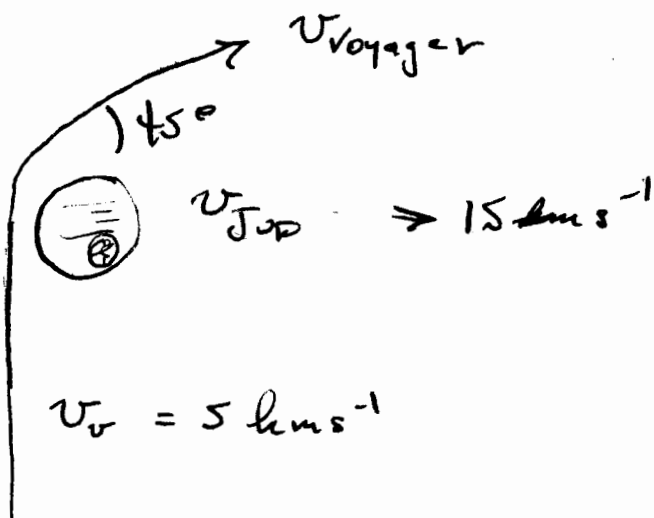
$$v = v_b - v_a$$

Go back to old system more generally

RELATIVE VELOCITY

$$v = v_a - v_b = v_b' - v_a'$$

GRAVITATIONAL "SLINGSHOT"



This is an elastic collision (Gravity is the mediator)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}_{rel} &= \vec{v}_J - \vec{v}_v = (15 \text{ km/s}, 0) - (0, 5 \text{ km/s}) \\ &= (15 \text{ km/s}, -5 \text{ km/s})\end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{v}_{rel}| = 15.81 \text{ km/s}$$

after encounter

$$|\vec{v}'_{rel}| = |(\vec{v}'_v - \vec{v}_J)| = 15.81 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left[(\vec{v}'_v \cos 45^\circ - 15 \text{ km/s})^2 + (\vec{v}'_v \sin 45^\circ)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ = 15.81 \text{ km/s}\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{KE'}{KE} = 3$
when from

$$\begin{aligned}v_v'^2 \cos^2 45^\circ - 30 v_v' \cos 45^\circ + 225 \\ + v_v'^2 \sin^2 45^\circ = 250\end{aligned}$$

$$v_v'^2 - 21.21 v_v' - 25 = 0$$

$$v = 8.65 \text{ km/s}$$