## Chapter 7

## Impulse and Momentum

continued





Net External Force = 0 
$$0 = \vec{P}_f - \vec{P}_o$$
 No change in momentum sum  
 $\vec{P}_f = \vec{P}_o$  Conservation of Linear Momentum Sum

## PRINCIPLE OF CONSERVATION OF LINEAR MOMENTUM

The total linear momentum of an isolated system is constant (conserved). An isolated system is one for which the sum of the average external forces acting on the system is zero.

In the picture, the net external force on the system is zero.

Sum of Weight force and Normal Force on each mass is zero, and no net external force.



However,

If the cue of a pool player hits one of the balls, the force of the cue on the ball is an external force and in the collision the momentum sum changes from zero to non-zero.

# Why is adding momentum vectors of different masses together useful at all? $\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{o} = m_{1}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{o1} + m_{2}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{o2} + \dots \text{ initial momentum sum}$ $\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{f} = m_{1}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f1} + m_{2}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f2} + \dots \text{ final momentum sum}$ Net External Force on system of two skaters is zero. $\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{f} = \vec{\mathbf{P}}_{o}$ $\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{f} = 0$ $\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{o} = 0$ $\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{o} = 0$ Before

Still not so clear why adding momentum vectors is useful. But,

$$\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{\mathbf{f}} = m_1 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathrm{f1}} + m_2 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathrm{f2}} = 0$$

Momentum vector of mass 2  $m_2 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f2} = -m_1 \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f1}$  is opposite to Momentum vector of mass 1

## **Example 6 Ice Skaters**

Starting from rest, two skaters push off against each other on ice where friction is negligible.

One is a 54-kg woman and one is a 88-kg man. The woman moves away with a speed of +2.5 m/s. Find the recoil velocity of the man.

$$\vec{\mathbf{P}}_{f} = \vec{\mathbf{P}}_{o}$$

$$m_{1}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f1} + m_{2}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f2} = 0 \implies m_{2}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f2} = -m_{1}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f1}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f2} = -\frac{m_{1}}{m_{2}}\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f1} = -\frac{54}{88}(+2.5 \text{ m/s}) = -1.5 \text{ m/s}$$



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$$m_{3}v_{3} + m_{6}v_{6} = 0$$
  

$$v_{3} = -\frac{m_{6}}{m_{3}}v_{6} \text{ speeds } v_{3} = \frac{m_{6}}{m_{3}}v_{6}$$
  

$$v_{3} = 2v_{6} \text{ or } v_{6} = \frac{1}{2}v_{3}$$

## Applying the Principle of Conservation of Linear Momentum

- 1. Decide which objects are included in the system.
- 2. Relative to the system, identify the internal and external forces.
- 3. Verify that the system is isolated.
- 4. Set the final momentum of the system equal to its initial momentum. Remember that momentum is a vector.

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Which statement below is true about this collision?

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- **b)** momentum is conserved in a system containing the earth and puck.
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- **a)** momentum before is -mv, while after it is +mv (not conserved)
- **b)** no external forces are acting in a system containing earth and puck
- c) kinetic energy is the same before and after collision (conserved)
- **d)** total energy is the same before and after the collision (conserved)
- e) a system must be defined before the collision

The total linear momentum is conserved when two objects collide, provided they constitute an isolated system. Isolated system is the ball **and** the earth.

## **Energy considerations in collisions**

*Elastic collision --* One in which the total kinetic energy of the system after the collision is equal to the total kinetic energy before the collision.

**Inelastic collision --** One in which the total kinetic energy of the system after the collision is *not* equal to the total kinetic energy before the collision; if the objects stick together after colliding, the collision is said to be completely inelastic.



(c) Completely inelastic collision

## **Example 8 A Ballistic Pendulim**

The mass of the block of wood is 2.50-kg and the mass of the bullet is 0.0100-kg. The block swings to a maximum height of 0.650 m above the initial position.

Find the initial speed of the Bullet,  $v_{o1}$ .



In the collision of bullet and block, tension force of the string and weight of the mass are external forces, but the net external force is zero. Therefore, momentum is conserved.

But, the bullet is stopped in the block by friction, therefore, energy is not conserved in collision.



After the collision, only gravity (a conservative force) does work. Therefore, total energy is conserved.

Apply conservation of momentum to the collision:

$$m_{1}\vec{v}_{f1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{f2} = m_{1}\vec{v}_{o1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{o2}$$
$$\left(m_{1} + m_{2}\right)\vec{v}_{f} = m_{1}\vec{v}_{o1}$$
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$$KE_{0} + PE_{0} = KE_{f} + PE_{f}$$
  
$$\frac{1}{2}mv_{0}^{2} + 0 = mgh + 0$$
  
$$v_{0} = \sqrt{2gh}, \ \vec{v}_{0} = +\sqrt{2gh}$$



$$\vec{v}_{o1} = \frac{\left(m_1 + m_2\right)}{m_1} \sqrt{2gh} = +896 \,\mathrm{m/s}$$

#### 7.4 Collisions in Two Dimensions



Momentum conserved in each of the two dimensions, x and y.

Use these masses below.

 $m_1 = 0.150 \text{ kg},$  $m_2 = 0.260 \text{ kg}$ 

**x-components:** 
$$m_1 \vec{v}_{f1} + m_2 \vec{v}_{f2} = m_1 \vec{v}_{o1} + m_2 \vec{v}_{o2};$$
  
 $\vec{v}_{o1} = +0.900 \sin 50^\circ \text{ m/s}, \ \vec{v}_{o2} = +0.540 \text{ m/s}, \ \vec{v}_{f2} = +0.700 \cos 35^\circ \text{ m/s}$   
 $y\text{-components:} \ m_1 \vec{v}_{f1} + m_2 \vec{v}_{f2} = m_1 \vec{v}_{o1} + m_2 \vec{v}_{o2};$   
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final  $x : v_{1x} = +0.63 \text{ m/s}$  final  $y : v_{1y} = +0.12 \text{ m/s}$   
 $v_1 = \sqrt{v_{1x}^2 + v_{1y}^2} = +0.64 \text{ m/s}; \ \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( v_{1y} / v_{1x} \right) = 11^\circ$ 

### 7.5 Center of Mass

The center of mass is a point that represents the average location for the total mass of a system.



The center of mass:  $x_{cm} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$ 

The center of mass can move if the objects are moving.

## If masess are moving





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$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

In an isolated system, the total linear momentum does not change, therefore the velocity of the center of mass does not change.

### 7.5 Center of Mass





(a) Before



(b) After

#### **AFTER**

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{(88 \text{ kg})(-1.5 \text{ m/s}) + (54 \text{ kg})(+2.5 \text{ m/s})}{88 \text{ kg} + 54 \text{ kg}} = 0.002 \approx 0$$