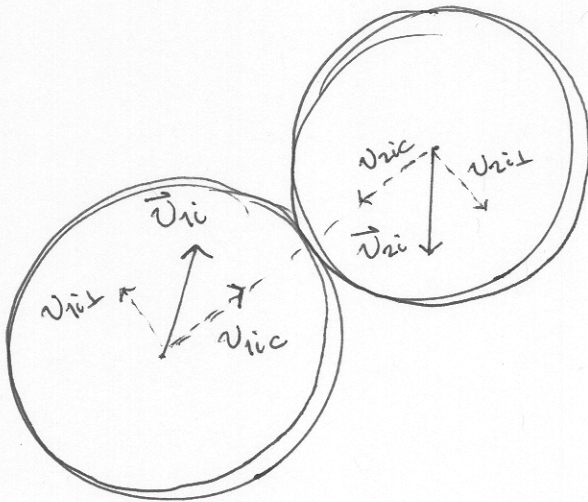


Elastic collisions in two dimensions:



The forces act along the center line, so in the perpendicular direction the velocities don't change:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{f1\perp} &= v_{i1\perp} \\ v_{f2\perp} &= v_{i2\perp} \end{aligned}$$

In the centerline direction:

conservation of momentum: $v_{1fc} - v_{1ic} = -v_{2fc} + v_{2ic}$ (1)

conservation of energy: $\frac{1}{2} m v_{1fc}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_{1ic}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} m v_{2fc}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_{2ic}^2$ (2)

dividing (2)/(1):

$$\frac{v_{1fc}^2 - v_{1ic}^2}{v_{1fc} - v_{1ic}} = \frac{v_{2ic}^2 - v_{2fc}^2}{v_{2ic} - v_{2fc}}$$

$$\frac{(v_{1fc} - v_{1ic})(v_{1fc} + v_{1ic})}{\cancel{v_{1fc} - v_{1ic}}} = \frac{(v_{2ic} - v_{2fc})(v_{2ic} + v_{2fc})}{\cancel{v_{2ic} - v_{2fc}}}$$

$$v_{1fc} + v_{1ic} = v_{2ic} + v_{2fc} \Rightarrow v_{2fc} = v_{1fc} + v_{1ic} - v_{2ic} \quad (3)$$

(3) into (1):

$$v_{1fc} - v_{1ic} = -v_{1fc} - v_{1ic} + v_{2ic} + v_{2ic}$$

$$2v_{1fc} = 2v_{2ic} \Rightarrow \boxed{v_{1fc} = v_{2ic}}$$

and from (3):

$$v_{2fc} = v_{1fc} + v_{1ic} - v_{2ic} \Rightarrow \boxed{v_{2fc} = v_{1ic}}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{v}_{1f} = \vec{v}_{1fc} + \vec{v}_{1f\perp} = \vec{v}_{2ic} + \vec{v}_{1i\perp}$$

$$\vec{v}_{2f} = \vec{v}_{2fc} + \vec{v}_{2f\perp} = \vec{v}_{1ic} + \vec{v}_{2i\perp}$$

the unit vector along the centerline is $\hat{d}_{12} = \frac{(x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1)}{\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}} = \frac{\vec{d}_{12}}{\|\vec{d}_{12}\|}$

so the components of the initial velocities are:

$$\vec{v}_{1ic} = (\vec{v}_{1i} \cdot \hat{d}_{12}) \hat{d}_{12} \quad \vec{v}_{2ic} = (\vec{v}_{2i} \cdot \hat{d}_{12}) \hat{d}_{12}$$

$$\vec{v}_{1i\perp} = \vec{v}_{1i} - \vec{v}_{1ic} \quad \vec{v}_{2i\perp} = \vec{v}_{2i} - \vec{v}_{2ic}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{1f} &= (\vec{v}_{2i} \cdot \hat{d}_{12}) \hat{d}_{12} + \vec{v}_{1i} - (\vec{v}_{1i} \cdot \hat{d}_{12}) \hat{d}_{12} = \\ &= [(\vec{v}_{2i} - \vec{v}_{1i}) \cdot \hat{d}_{12}] \hat{d}_{12} + \vec{v}_{1i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{2f} &= (\vec{v}_{1i} \cdot \hat{d}_{12}) \hat{d}_{12} + \vec{v}_{2i} - (\vec{v}_{2i} \cdot \hat{d}_{12}) \hat{d}_{12} = \\ &= [(\vec{v}_{1i} - \vec{v}_{2i}) \cdot \hat{d}_{12}] \hat{d}_{12} + \vec{v}_{2i} \end{aligned}$$