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SHOW YOUR WORK ON ALL OF THE PROBLEMS. YOUR APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM IS AS IMPORTANT AS, IF NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN, YOUR ANSWER. DRAW **CLEAR AND NEAT PICTURES** SHOWING COORDINATE SYSTEMS AND ALL OF THE RELEVANT PROBLEM VARIABLES. ALSO, **EXPLICITLY** SHOW THE **BASIC EQUATIONS** YOU ARE USING. BE NEAT AND THOROUGH. THE EASIER IT IS FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE DOING, THE BETTER YOUR GRADE WILL BE.

- 1) (15pts) Starting with Newton's Second Law for a single particle, derive Newton's Second Law for systems first in terms of total momentum and again in terms of the acceleration of the center of mass.

Single particle:  $\vec{F}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$

System:

$$\sum \vec{F} = \sum \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

$$\sum \vec{F}_{int} + \sum \vec{F}_{ext} = \frac{d\sum \vec{p}_i}{dt} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum \vec{F}_{ext} = \frac{d\sum \vec{p}_i}{dt}}$$

But:  $\sum \vec{p}_i = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = \sum m_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}_{ext} = \frac{d}{dt} \sum m_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \sum m_i \vec{r}_i = \frac{\sum m_i}{\sum m_i} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \sum m_i \vec{r}_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}_{ext} = \sum m_i \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i}, \text{ Let } M_T = \sum m_i \text{ and } \vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}_{ext} = M_T \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_{cm}}{dt^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum \vec{F}_{ext} = M_T \vec{a}_{cm}}$$

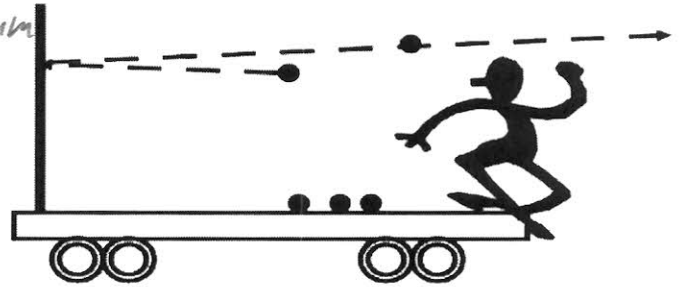
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2) Multiple Choice Questions, 6 points each.

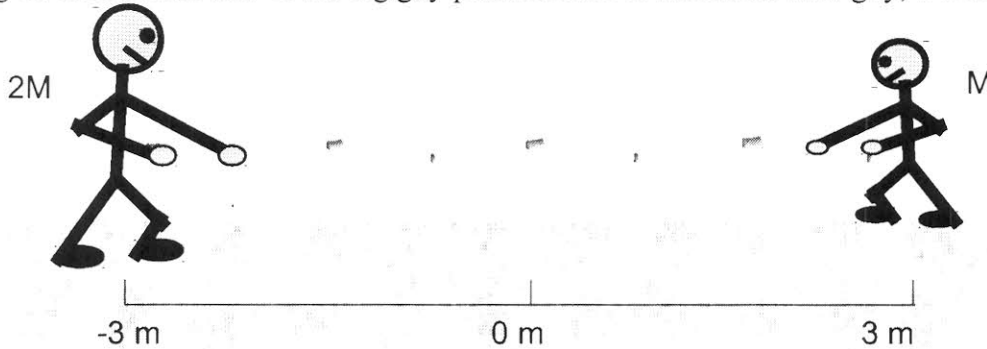
2.1) Suppose you are on a cart that is initially at rest on a frictionless track. You throw a ball at a vertical wall that is firmly attached to the cart. If the ball bounces straight back as shown in the picture, what direction will the cart move after the bounce?

- A) Left
- B) Right
- C) Up
- D) It doesn't move.

*Conserve Momentum*



2.2) A big guy, mass  $2M$ , and a skinny guy, mass  $M$ , are holding opposite ends of a massless pole while standing on frictionless ice. If the big guy pulls himself towards the little guy, where will they meet?



- A) -1 m
- B) 0 m
- C) 1 m
- D) -3 m

*Conserve  $\vec{r}_{cm}$*

$$\frac{(-3)(2M) + 3M}{2M + M} = \frac{(2M + M)(x)}{2M + M}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{3M}{2M} = -1$$

2.3) A compact car and a large truck collide head-on and stick together. Which vehicle undergoes the larger magnitude momentum change?

- a. Car.
- b. Truck.
- c. Same for both.
- d. Can't tell without knowing the final velocity of the wreck.

$$\Delta P = \int \vec{F} dt$$

*same force, same t*

$$\Delta P_T = \Delta P_C$$

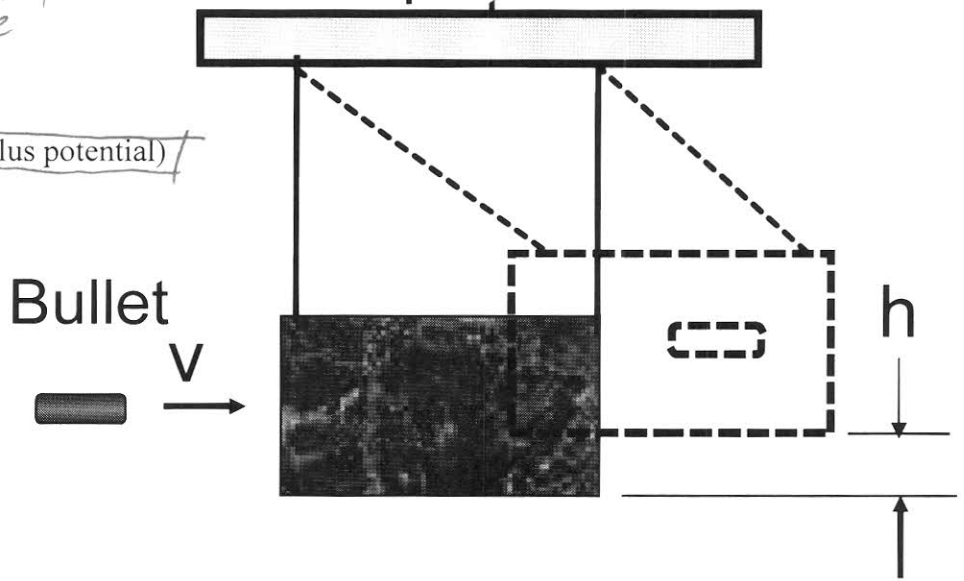
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2.4) A bullet with an initial velocity  $v$  is fired into a block of wood attached to the ceiling as in the picture below. **While the block with the bullet stuck inside of it is swinging upward**, which of the following quantities is conserved?

*It slows down*  
~~A) Momentum~~  
~~B) Kinetic Energy~~  
 C) Total Energy (Kinetic plus potential)  
 D) A and B only  
 E) B and C only

*External Force*

$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh$



2.5) A car accelerates from rest. In doing so, the magnitude of the car's momentum changes by an amount  $\Delta p$ . At the same time, the magnitude of the Earth's momentum changes by:

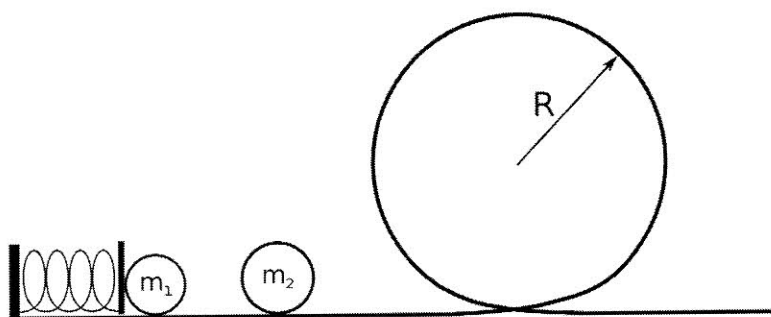
- A) a smaller amount
- B) the same amount
- C) a larger amount
- D) depends on the time of year.

*Earth/car system is closed*

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3) In the system below, a ball of mass  $m_1$  is placed against a spring with spring constant  $k$  that has been compressed a distance  $d$ . It is released from rest and collides with a second ball of mass  $m_2$  which then goes around the loop the loop of radius  $R$ .

Find an expression for the minimum spring compression  $d$  in terms of  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $k$ ,  $R$ , and  $g$  such that  $m_2$  makes it around the loop.

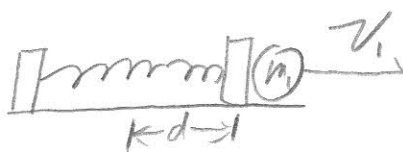


Stage 1: Spring releases



$$U_I = \frac{1}{2}kd^2$$

$$K_I = 0$$

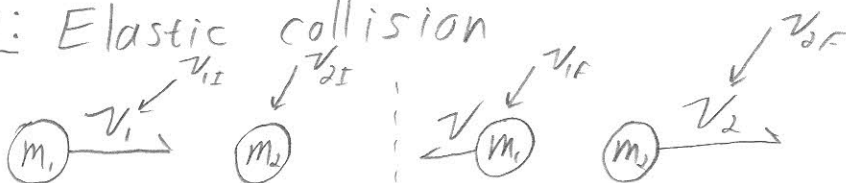


$$U_F = 0$$

$$K_F = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}kd^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 \Rightarrow d = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{k}}v_1 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

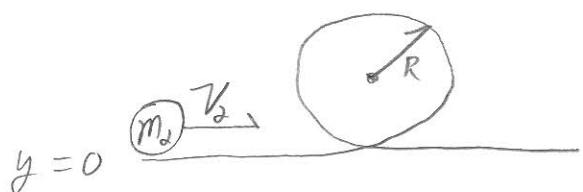
Stage 2: Elastic collision



$$v_{2F} = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2}v_{2I} + \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2}v_{1I}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2}v_1 \Rightarrow v_1 = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2m_1}v_2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Stage 3: Loop the Loop



$$U_I = 0$$

$$K_I = \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$$



$$U_F = m_2 g (2R)$$

$$K_F = \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_3^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = 2 m_2 g R + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_3^2$$

But, what is  $v_3$  so that  $m_2$  loops?



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$$\sum F = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 g + N = m_2 \frac{v_3^2}{R}$$

Uniform circular motion

minimum speed ...  $N \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 g = m_2 \frac{v_3^2}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_3 = \sqrt{gR}}$$

So:  $\frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = 2 m_2 g R + \frac{1}{2} m_2 g R$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_2 = \sqrt{5gR}} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

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Put it all together

$$\text{From ①: } d = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{k}} v_1$$

$$\text{plug in ②: } d = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{k}} \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2m_1} v_2$$

$$\text{plug in ③: } d = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{k}} \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2m_1} \sqrt{5gR}$$

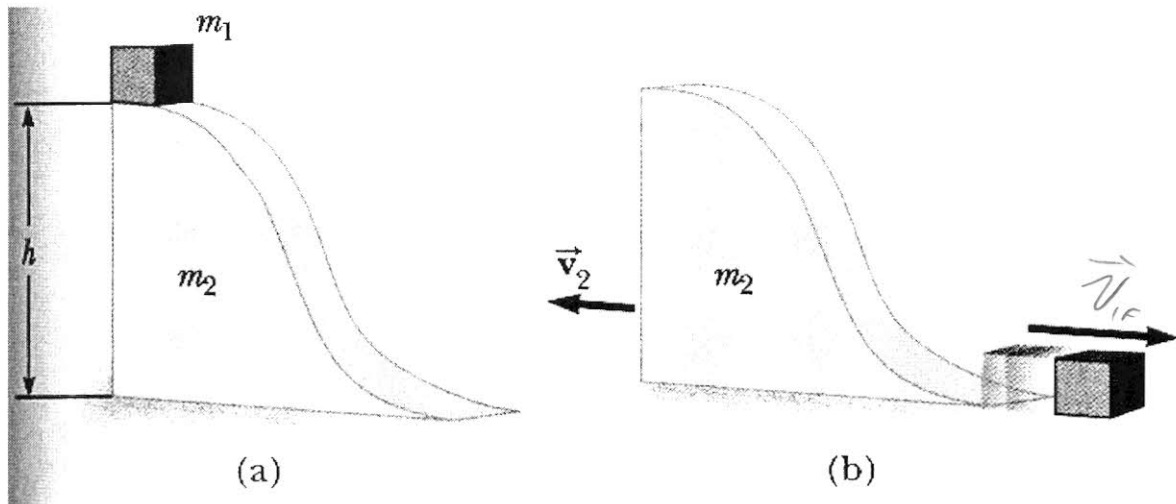
$$\Rightarrow d = \sqrt{\frac{5gR}{k}} \cdot \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2\sqrt{m_1}}$$

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4. A small block of mass  $m_1$  is released from rest from the top of a curve-shaped frictionless wedge of mass  $m_2$  that sits on a frictionless horizontal surface. After leaving the wedge,  $m_1$  has a velocity  $v_1$ .

Find an expression for the height of the ramp,  $h$ , in terms of  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $v_1$ .



Because there is no friction,  $\sum \vec{F}_{ext} = 0$  and we can conserve momentum:

$$\cancel{m_1 \vec{v}_{1i}^0} + \cancel{m_2 \vec{v}_{2i}^0} = m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2f} \quad (1)$$

We can also conserve Energy:

$$U_i + \cancel{K_i^0} + \cancel{W_{ncf}^0} = U_f + K_f$$

$$m_1 g h + 0 + 0 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2 \quad (2)$$

I will solve (1) for  $v_{2f}$  and sub it into (2):

$$\text{From (1): } v_{2f} = -\frac{m_1}{m_2} v_{1f}$$

$$\text{into (2): } m_1 g h = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \frac{m_1^2}{m_2^2} v_{1f}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{h = \frac{v_{1f}^2}{2g} \left[ 1 + \frac{m_1}{m_2} \right]}$$

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4. In many classic westerns, gunfighters fly backwards several meters after being shot, often crashing through windows or saloon doors. Assume that a typical bullet weights 2 g and that a typical cowboy weights 80 kg.



- a) If the bullet leaves the gun at 200 m/s, what is the velocity of the cowboy/bullet system after the impact?
- b) What velocity does the bullet need for the cowboy to slide 3 meters across the floor after being shot (assuming  $\mu_k = 0.5$ )?

a)



$$P_i = m_B v_{BI} + m_c v_{CI}$$



$$P_f = (m_B + m_c) v_F$$

Given  
 $m_B = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$   
 $m_c = 80 \text{ kg}$   
 $v_{BI} = 200 \text{ m/s}$   
 $v_F = ?$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_F = \frac{m_B}{(m_B + m_c)} v_{BI}}$$

$$v_F = \frac{2 \times 10^{-3}}{80.002} \cdot 200 = \boxed{0.4 \text{ m/s}}$$

b) Slide to a stop in a distance d



$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} (m_c + m_B) v_F^2$$

$$K_f = U_i = U_f = 0$$

$$W_f = -\mu_k (m_c + m_B) g d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (m_c + m_B) v_F^2 = \mu_k (m_c + m_B) g d$$

$$v_F = (2 \mu_k g d)^{1/2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_B}{(m_c + m_B)} v_{BI} = (2\mu_k g d)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_{BI} = \frac{m_c + m_B}{m_B} (2\mu_k g d)^{1/2}}$$

$$v_{BI} = \frac{80.002}{2 \times 10^{-3}} ((2)(0.5)(9.8)(3))^{1/2}$$

$$= \boxed{7.4 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}} = 16,000 \text{ miles/hour}$$

For comparison, the MIG muzzle velocity is approximately 1,000 m/s or 2,200 miles/hour

So... Flying backwards is bogus...