

2D Collisions

Recall the Conservation of Momentum:

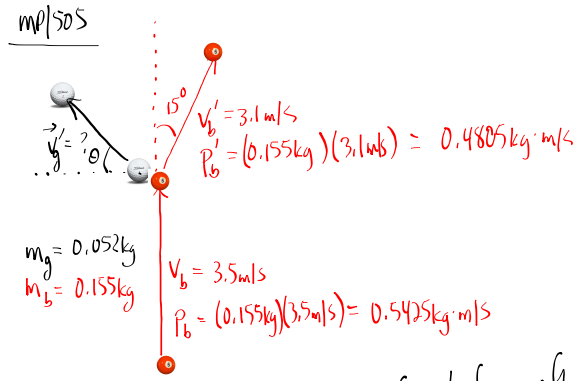
$$\vec{P}_{\text{total}} = \vec{P}'_{\text{total}}$$

← neglecting friction

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} P_{x\text{total}} = P'_{x\text{total}} \\ P_{y\text{total}} = P'_{y\text{total}} \end{array} \right]$$

(in an isolated system)



Method 1 -> use an x-y chart for before + after

| | BEFORE | | AFTER | |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | x | y | x | y |
| P_g | 0 | 0 | x | y |
| P_b | 0 | +0.5425 | $+0.4805 \sin 15^\circ$ | $+0.4805 \cos 15^\circ$ |
| P_{total} | 0 | +0.5425 kg·m/s | 0 | +0.5425 kg·m/s |

Along the x-axis:

$$x + 0.4805 \sin 15^\circ = 0$$

$$x = -0.4805 \sin 15^\circ$$

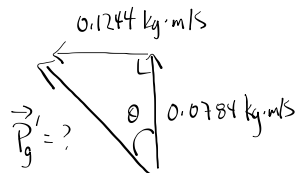
$$x = -0.1244 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

Along the y-axis:

$$y + 0.4805 \cos 15^\circ = 0.5425$$

$$y = 0.5425 - 0.4805 \cos 15^\circ$$

$$y = 0.0784 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$



$$C^2 = (0.0784)^2 + (0.1244)^2$$

$$C = 0.1470 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{0.1244}{0.0784}$$

$$\theta = 58^\circ$$

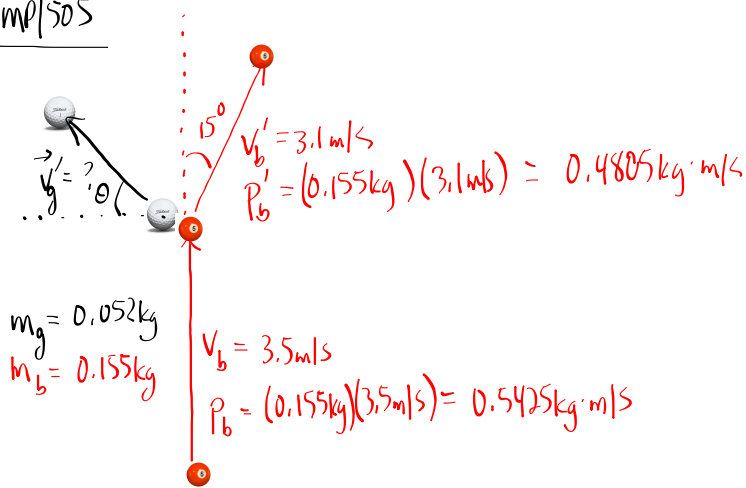
$$\vec{V} = \frac{\vec{P}}{m}$$

$$\vec{V} = \frac{0.1470 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}}{0.052 \text{ kg}} \quad [58^\circ \text{ CCW from the original dir of bill. ball}]$$

$$\vec{V} = 2.8 \text{ m/s} \quad [58^\circ \text{ CCW from the original dir of bill ball}]$$

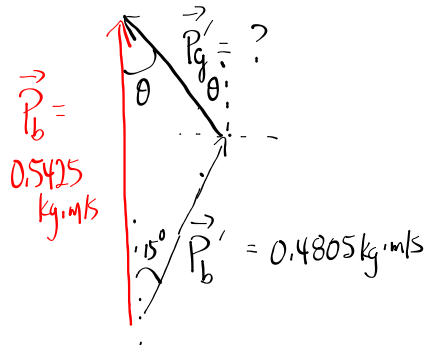
The velocity of the gold ball after the collision

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Method 2 → momentum vector addition diagram

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{P}_{\text{total}} &= \vec{P}_{\text{total}} \\
 \cancel{0} \vec{P}_g + \vec{P}_b &= \vec{P}_g' + \vec{P}_b' \\
 \vec{P}_b &= \vec{P}_g' + \vec{P}_b'
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \\
 c^2 &= 0.4805^2 + 0.5425^2 - \\
 &\quad 2(0.4805)(0.5425) \cos 15^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$

$C = 0.147 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

÷ mass
to get \vec{v}

$$\frac{0.4805}{\sin \theta} = \frac{0.147}{\sin 15}$$

$\theta = 58^\circ$

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