

Collisions on an Air Track

Speed of left hand cart = **0.1765**

Speed of right hand cart = **1.1765**

Initial speed of the left hand cart = 1.0

Initial speed of the right hand cart = 0.0

Spring bumper

Velcro bumpers

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Type of collision: **Elastic**

Mass of the right hand cart: **0.7**

Paused

BEFORE

$P_a = +1.0 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

$P_b = 0 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

$P_{\text{TOT}} = +1.0 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

AFTER

$P_a = +0.1765 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

$P_b = +0.82355 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

$P_{\text{TOT}} = +1.000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

§7-3 Conservation of Momentum

Recall Newton's 3rd Law:

$$\vec{F}_A = -\vec{F}_B$$

$$\vec{F}_A \Delta t = -\vec{F}_B \Delta t$$

$$\Delta \vec{p}_A = -\Delta \vec{p}_B$$

in terms of
change in
momentum

$$\vec{p}'_A - \vec{p}_A = -(\vec{p}'_B - \vec{p}_B)$$

$$\vec{p}'_A - \vec{p}_A = -\vec{p}'_B + \vec{p}_B$$

$$\vec{p}'_A + \vec{p}'_B = \vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B$$

Law of Conservation of Momentum

- In an isolated
system (i.e. no friction)

the total momentum before a collision is equal to
the total momentum after.

$$\vec{p}_{TOTAL} = \vec{p}'_{TOTAL}$$

* Remember that momentum is a vector quantity
and direction matters!!

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(+ east)

$p = mv \rightarrow$ (P)

	BEFORE		AFTER
	CAR 1	CAR 2	CAR (1+2)
m	$1.75 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$	$2.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$	$3.75 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$
v	$+ 5.45 \text{ m/s}$	0	v
	$+ 95375 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$	0	$(3.75 \times 10^4 \text{ kg})v$
	\vec{P}_{TOTAL}		\vec{P}'_{TOTAL}

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

$$95375 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s} + 0 = (3.75 \times 10^4 \text{ kg})v$$

$$95375 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s} = (3.75 \times 10^4 \text{ kg})v$$

$$v = + 2.54 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v} = 2.54 \text{ m/s } [\text{E}]$$

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+ forward

	BEFORE	AFTER	
	you+canoe	you	canoe
M	180kg	65kg	115kg
v	0	+0.75m/s	v
P	0	+48.75 kg·m/s	(115kg)v

\vec{P}_{TOTAL} \vec{P}'_{TOTAL}

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

$$0 = 48.75 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s} + (115 \text{ kg})v$$

$$-48.75 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s} = (115 \text{ kg})v$$

$$v = \frac{-48.75 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}}{115 \text{ kg}}$$

$$v = -0.424 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v} = 0.424 \text{ m/s (backwards)}$$

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