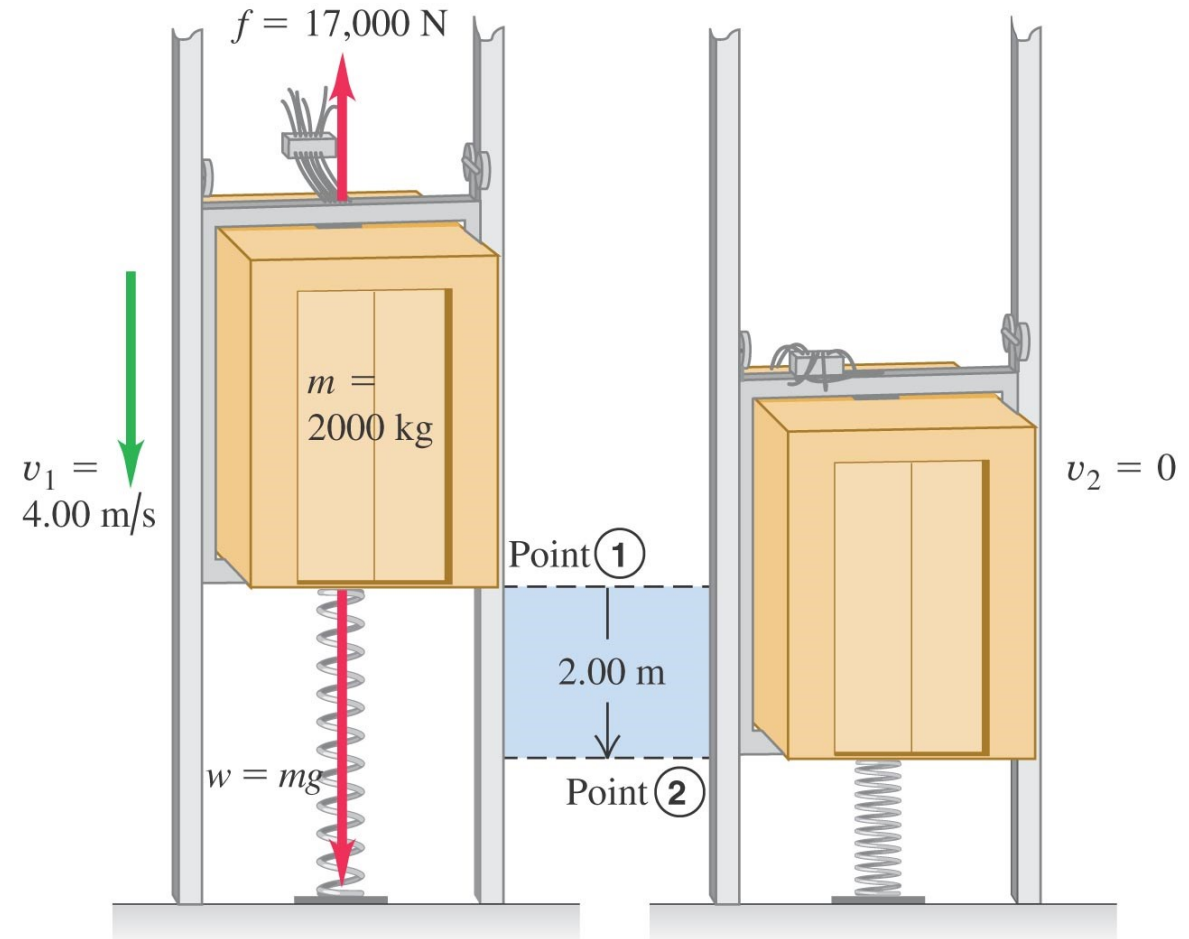
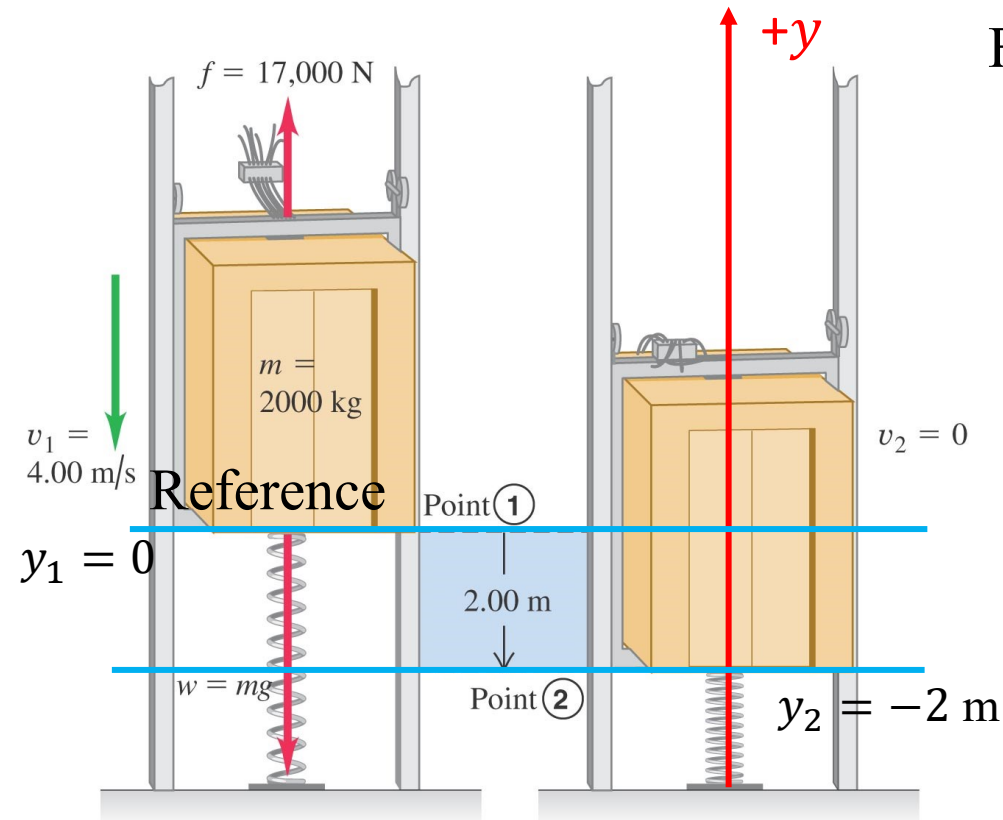


# Review: A system having two potential energies and friction

A 2000-kg (19,600-N) elevator with broken cables in a test rig is falling at 4.00 m/s when it contacts a cushioning spring at the bottom of the shaft. The spring is intended to stop the elevator, compressing 2.0 m as it does so. During the motion a safety clamp applies a constant 17,000-N frictional force to the elevator. What is the necessary force constant  $k$  for the spring?



# Review: A system having two potential energies and friction



$$\text{Friction } K_1 + \cancel{U_1} + W_{\text{other}} = \cancel{K_2} + U_2 \quad U_1 = U_{\text{grav}} + U_{\text{el}} = 0$$

$$K_2 = 0$$

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}(2000 \text{ kg})(4.0 \text{ m/s})^2 = 16,000 \text{ J}$$

$$W_{\text{other}} = W_f = Fd = -(17,000 \text{ N})(2.0 \text{ m}) = -34,000 \text{ J}$$

$$U_2 = mgy_2 + \frac{1}{2}ky_2^2$$

$$mgy_2 = (2000 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(-2.0 \text{ m}) = -39,200 \text{ J}$$

$$16,000 + 0 + (-34,000) = 0 + (-39,200) + \frac{1}{2}k(-2.0 \text{ m})^2$$

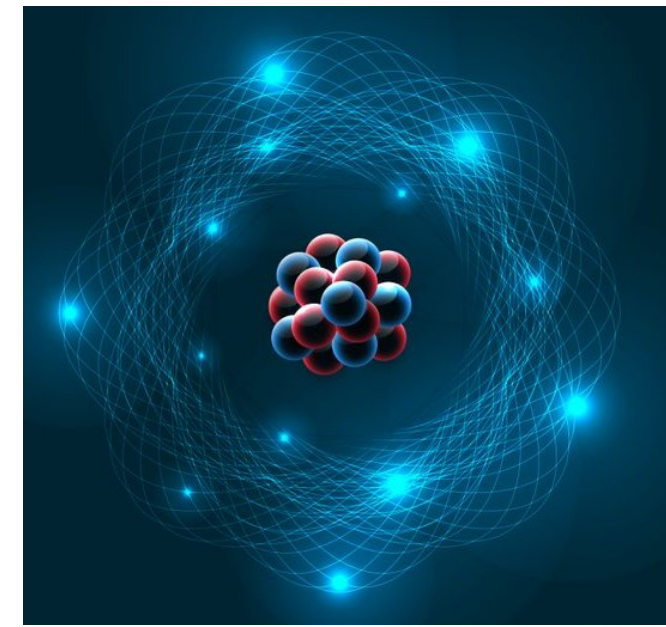
$$k = \frac{2[16,000 \text{ J} + (-34,000 \text{ J}) - (-39,200 \text{ J})]}{(-2.00 \text{ m})^2} = 1.06 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}$$

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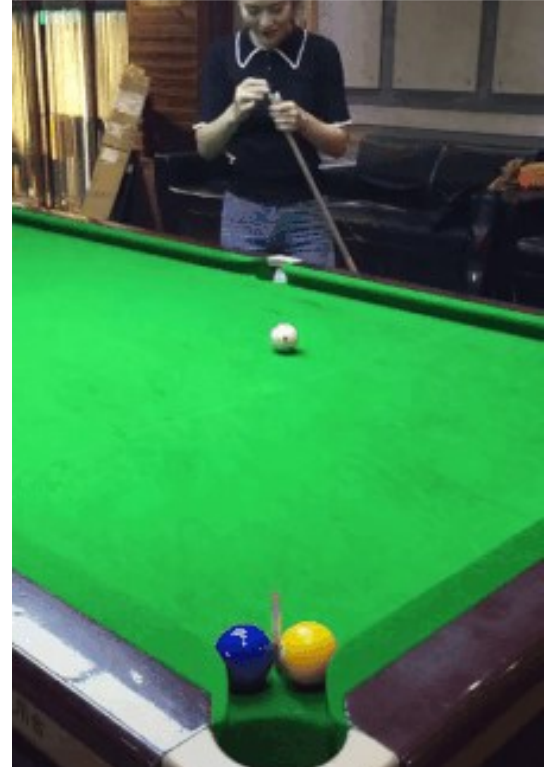
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# Momentum, Impulse, and Collisions

- To learn the meaning of the *momentum* of a particle and how an *impulse* causes it to change
- To learn how to use the *conservation of momentum*
- To learn how to solve problems involving *collisions*
- To learn the definition of the center of mass of a system and what determines how it moves



# Rediscover Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

- Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law:  $\vec{F}_{net} = \sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

$$\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a} = m d\vec{v} / dt = d(m\vec{v}) / dt$$

- Acceleration:  $\vec{a} = d\vec{v} / dt$

- $m\vec{v}$  is called “**momentum**”:  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

Newton's second law

in terms of momentum:

The net external force acting on a particle ...

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

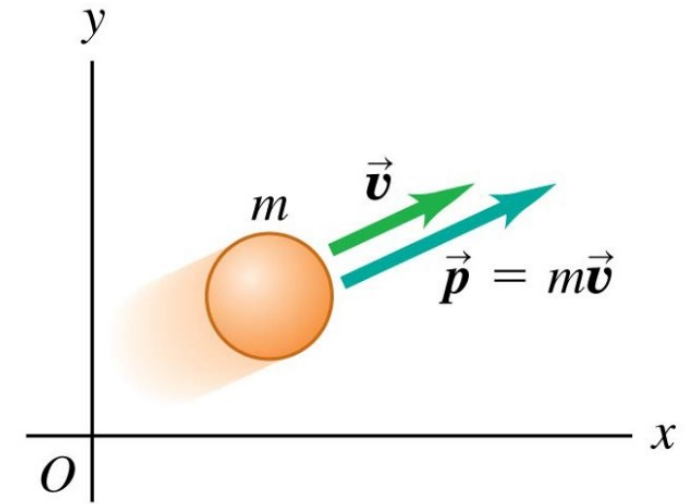
... equals the rate of change of the particle's momentum.

$$\sum \vec{F} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$

- A new **vector**: It depends on the mass and velocity of an object.
- The terms momentum and linear momentum will be used interchangeably in the text.

# Linear Momentum

- Linear momentum:  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$
- What is the direction of momentum?
- Its direction is the same as the direction of the velocity
- Momentum can be expressed in its components  
$$p_x = mv_x, p_y = mv_y, p_z = mv_z$$
- The SI units of momentum are kg. m/s.



**Momentum  $\vec{p}$  is a vector quantity;** a particle's momentum has the same direction as its velocity  $\vec{v}$ .

# Example: Calculate the change in momentum

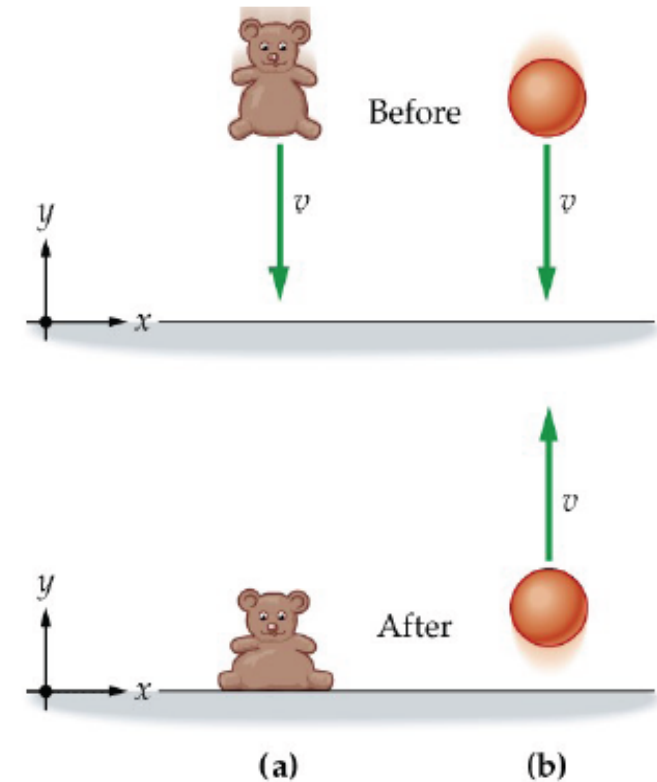
A teddy bear and a ball are both dropped vertically downward with speed  $v$  and hit the ground. The teddy bear stops after hitting the ground, while the ball bounces back upward with the same speed  $v$ . **Q:** What is the change in momentum for the teddy bear and for the bouncing ball?

**Momentum change:**  $\Delta\vec{p} = \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_1 = m\vec{v}_2 - m\vec{v}_1 = m(\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1)$

For the teddy bear  $\Delta p = m[0 - (-v)] = mv$

For the bouncing ball  $\Delta p = m[v - (-v)] = 2mv$

More generally, in 2D or 3D space, we have to consider the vector nature of momentum.



# Momentum is a vector

- Use vector addition to add momenta

$$\vec{P} = \vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B + \dots = m_A \vec{v}_A + m_B \vec{v}_B + \dots$$

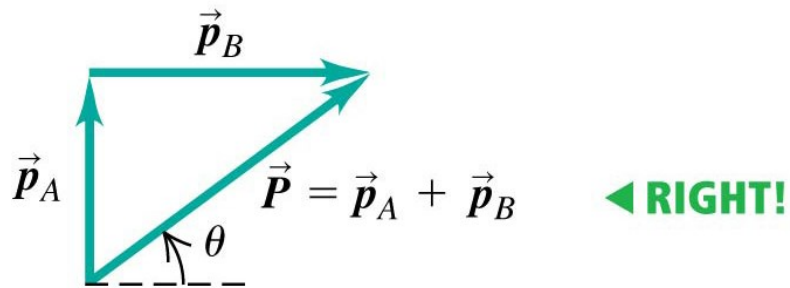
- Components of the momenta are also conserved.

$$P_x = p_{Ax} + p_{Bx} + \dots$$

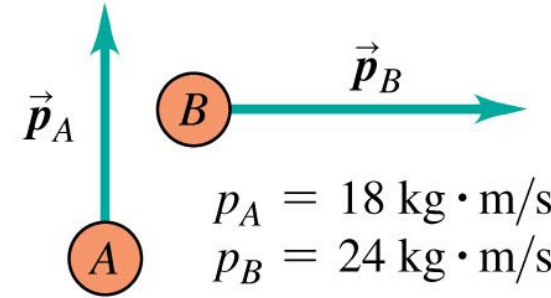
$$P_y = p_{Ay} + p_{By} + \dots$$

$$P_z = p_{Az} + p_{Bz} + \dots$$

Instead, use vector addition:



$$P = |\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B| = 30 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s at } \theta = 37^\circ$$



A system of two particles with momenta in different directions

What is the total momenta?

$$p_A + p_B = 18 + 24 = 42?$$

You CANNOT find the magnitude of the total momentum by adding the magnitudes of the individual momenta!

$$P = p_A + p_B = 42 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \quad \text{◀ WRONG}$$

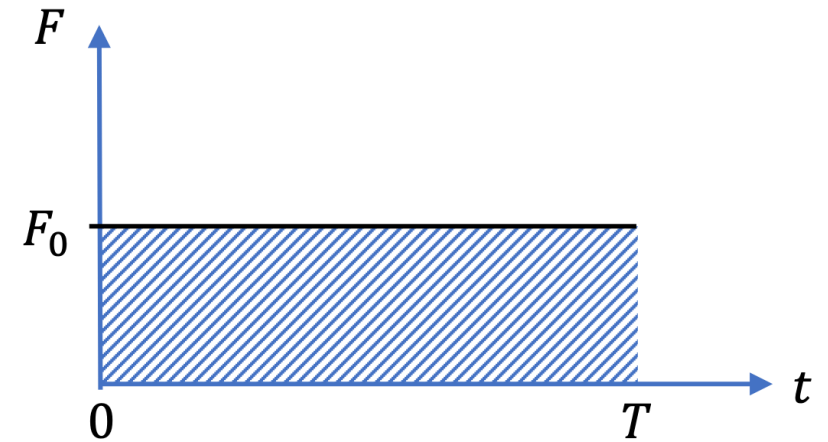
# Impulse

$$\sum \vec{F} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} \quad \Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F} \Delta t = \vec{F} (t_2 - t_1) = \vec{J} \quad \Rightarrow \vec{J} = \Delta \vec{p}$$

- The *impulse* of a force is the product of the force and the time interval during which it acts.

Impulse of a constant net external force  $\vec{J} = \sum \vec{F} (t_2 - t_1) = \sum \vec{F} \Delta t$  Constant net external force  
Time interval over which net external force acts

On a graph of  $\Sigma F_x$  versus time, the impulse is equal to the area under the curve, as shown in Figure below.



**The effect of impulse is changing the momentum of an object.**

# Impulse-Momentum Theorem

- The *theorem* states that the impulse acting on a system is equal to the change in the momentum of the system

$$\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{p} = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i$$

Component form

$$J_x = p_{fx} - p_{ix} = mv_{fx} - mv_{ix}$$

$$J_y = p_{fy} - p_{iy} = mv_{fy} - mv_{iy}$$

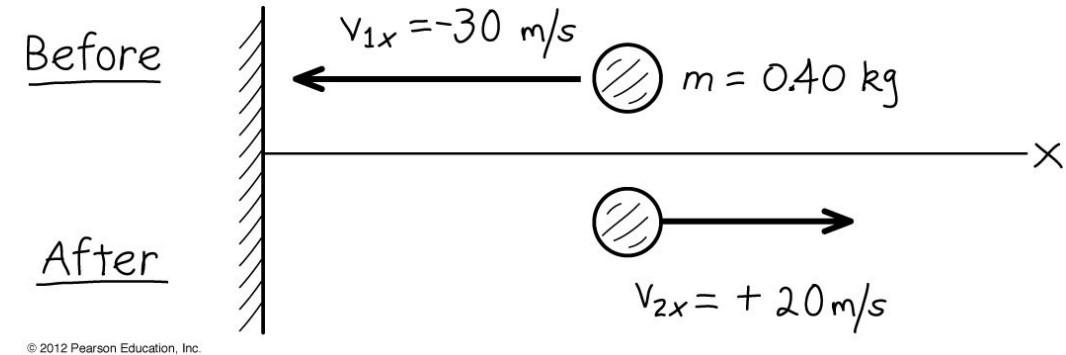


# Example:

A ball (mass **0.40 kg**) is initially moving to the left at **30 m/s**. After hitting the wall, the ball is moving to the right at **20 m/s**. What is the **impulse of the net force** on the ball?

$$\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{p} = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\vec{p} &= (0.4 \text{ kg}) \cdot [+20 \text{ m/s} - (-30 \text{ m/s})] \\ &= (0.4 \text{ kg}) \cdot (+50 \text{ m/s}) = 20 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}\end{aligned}$$

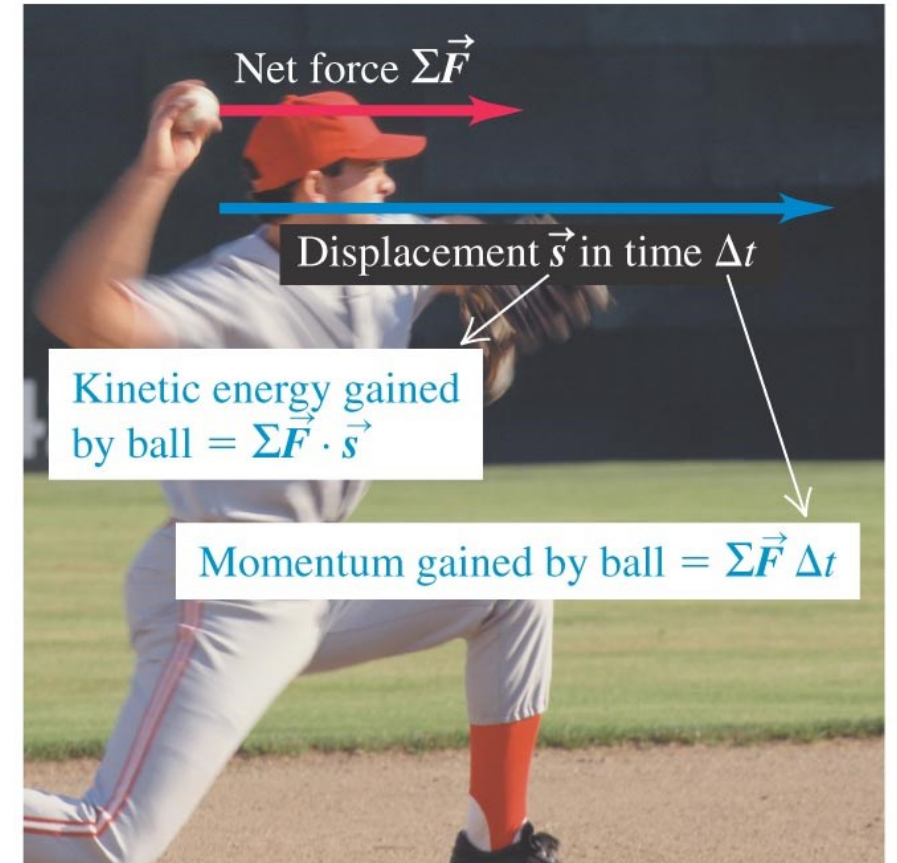


# Compare momentum and kinetic energy

- Changes in **momentum** depend on the **time** over which the net force acts, but changes in **kinetic energy** depend on the **distance** over which the net force acts.

$$\vec{J} = \vec{F} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p} = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i$$

$$W = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F_x dx = W_{\text{tot}} = K_2 - K_1 = \Delta K = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$$



# Impulse and Average Force

- For a constant force, the impulse is equal to the area under the curve, as shown in Figure below.

$$\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{p} = \vec{F}\Delta t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{F} = \frac{\vec{J}}{\Delta t}$$

**Q:** How about a varying force? How to calculate the impulse and how to find out the force?

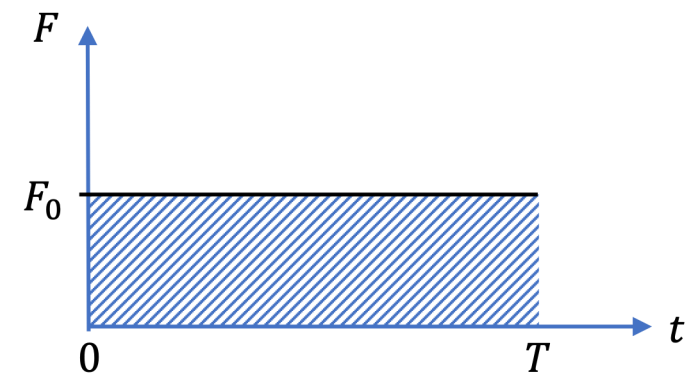
Impulse of a general net external force (either constant or varying)

$$\vec{J} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \Sigma \vec{F} dt$$

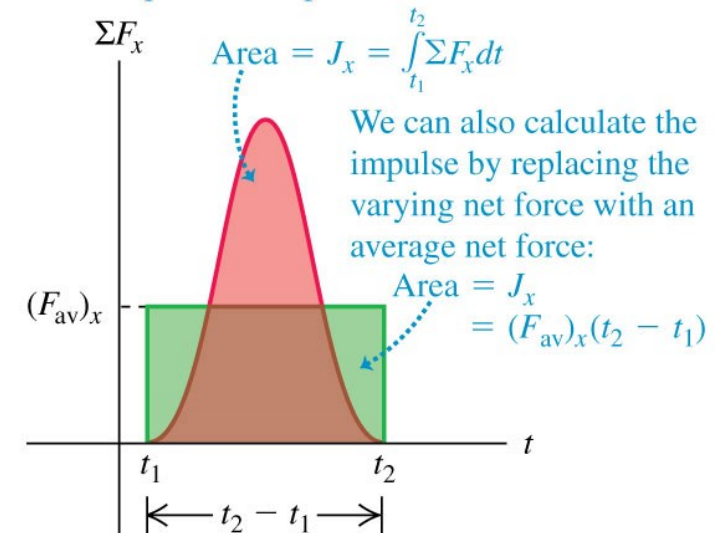
Upper limit = final time  
Lower limit = initial time  
Time integral of net external force

We can define “Average force”

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \Sigma \vec{F} dt = \vec{J} = \vec{F}_{avg} (t_2 - t_1) = \Delta\vec{p} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{F}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta\vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$



The area under the curve of net force versus time equals the impulse of the net force:



# Example:

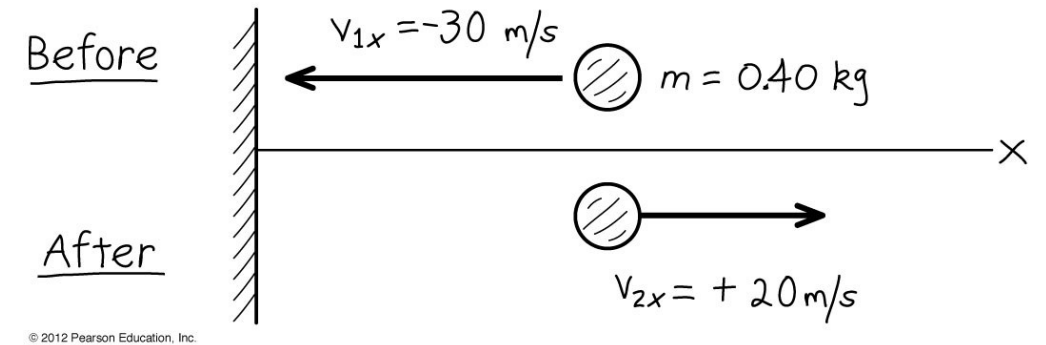
A ball (mass **0.40 kg**) is initially moving to the left at **30 m/s**. After hitting the wall, the ball is moving to the right at **20 m/s**. The collision takes **2.0 s**. What is the **average force** on the ball during its collision with the wall?

$$\vec{F}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\vec{J} = \Delta \vec{p} = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i$$

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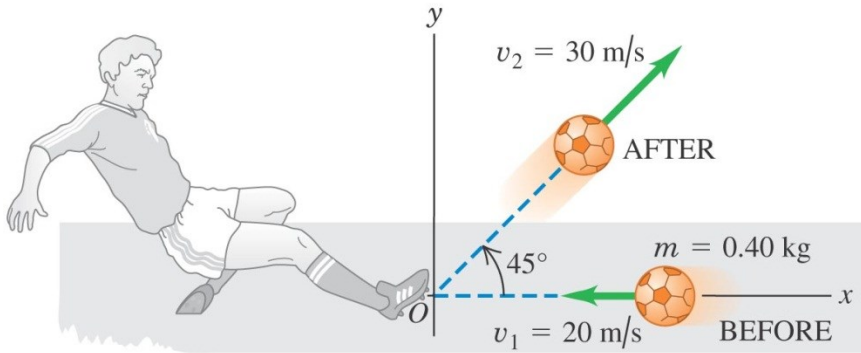
$$\vec{F}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} = \frac{20 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{2 \text{ s}} = 10 \text{ N}$$



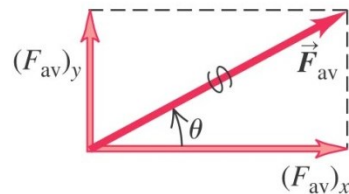
# Example: Impulse and average force in 2D

A soccer ball has a mass of **0.4 kg**. Initially it is moving to the left at **20 m/s**, but then it is kicked. After the kick it is moving at **45°** upward and to the right with speed **30 m/s**. Find the *impulse* of the net force and the *average net force*, assuming a collision time  $\Delta t = 0.01$  s.

(a) Before-and-after diagram



(b) Average force on the ball



$$\vec{F}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$

**Q:** Which quantity do we need to find first?

We need to find  $\Delta \vec{p}$

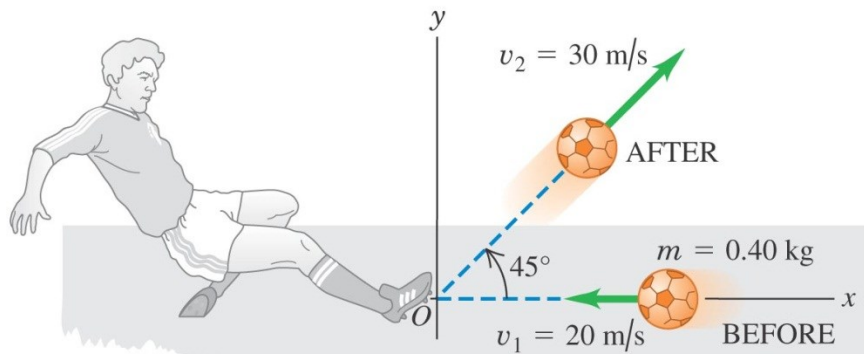
In 2D, we need to find  $\Delta p_x$  and  $\Delta p_y$

So, we need to find  $m\Delta v_x$  and  $m\Delta v_y$

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(a) Before-and-after diagram



$$v_{1x} = -20 \text{ m/s} \quad v_{1y} = 0$$

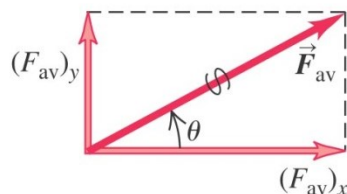
$$\text{Using } \cos 45^\circ = \sin 45^\circ = 0.707.$$

$$v_{2x} = v_{2y} = (30 \text{ m/s})(0.707) = 21.2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_x &= p_{2x} - p_{1x} = m(v_{2x} - v_{1x}) \\ &= (0.40 \text{ kg})[21.2 \text{ m/s} - (-20 \text{ m/s})] = 16.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_y &= p_{2y} - p_{1y} = m(v_{2y} - v_{1y}) \\ &= (0.40 \text{ kg})(21.2 \text{ m/s} - 0) = 8.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Average force on the ball



$$(F_{\text{av}})_x = \frac{J_x}{\Delta t} = 1650 \text{ N} \quad (F_{\text{av}})_y = \frac{J_y}{\Delta t} = 850 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{av}} = \sqrt{(1650 \text{ N})^2 + (850 \text{ N})^2} = 1.9 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \quad \theta = \arctan \frac{850 \text{ N}}{1650 \text{ N}} = 27^\circ$$

# Total Momentum of Colliding Balls

Start from impulse-momentum theorem

$$\vec{F}_{21}\Delta t = m_1\vec{v}_{1f} - m_1\vec{v}_{1i}$$

$$\vec{F}_{12}\Delta t = m_2\vec{v}_{2f} - m_2\vec{v}_{2i}$$

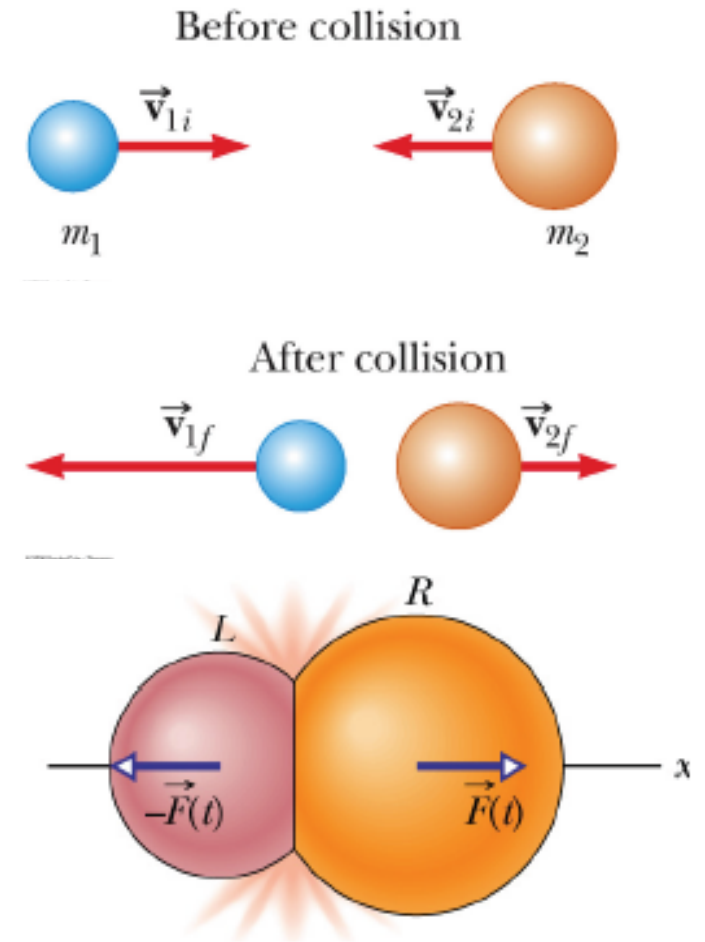
Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law

$$\vec{F}_{21}\Delta t = -\vec{F}_{12}\Delta t$$

$$m_1\vec{v}_{1f} - m_1\vec{v}_{1i} = -(m_2\vec{v}_{2f} - m_2\vec{v}_{2i})$$

$$m_1\vec{v}_{1i} + m_2\vec{v}_{2i} = m_1\vec{v}_{1f} + m_2\vec{v}_{2f}$$

Looks familiar??



# Conservation of Momentum

- The total momentum before the collision equals the total momentum after the collision:

$$m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2f}$$

- Require: **External forces** (such as the normal force and gravity) act on the system is **zero**.

$$\vec{F}_{net} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p} = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i, \vec{F}_{net} = 0, \text{ then } \Delta \vec{p} = 0$$

- Or the system is **isolated** system: no external force.
- **Conservation of momentum**: If the **vector sum of the external forces** on a system is **zero**, the total momentum of the system is constant.

# Types of Collisions

- **Elastic** collisions: billiard ball.  
Both momentum and kinetic energy are conserved
- **Inelastic** collisions: Kinetic energy is not conserved
- Completely **inelastic**: collision occur when the objects **stick together**

Most collisions fall between elastic and completely inelastic collisions.



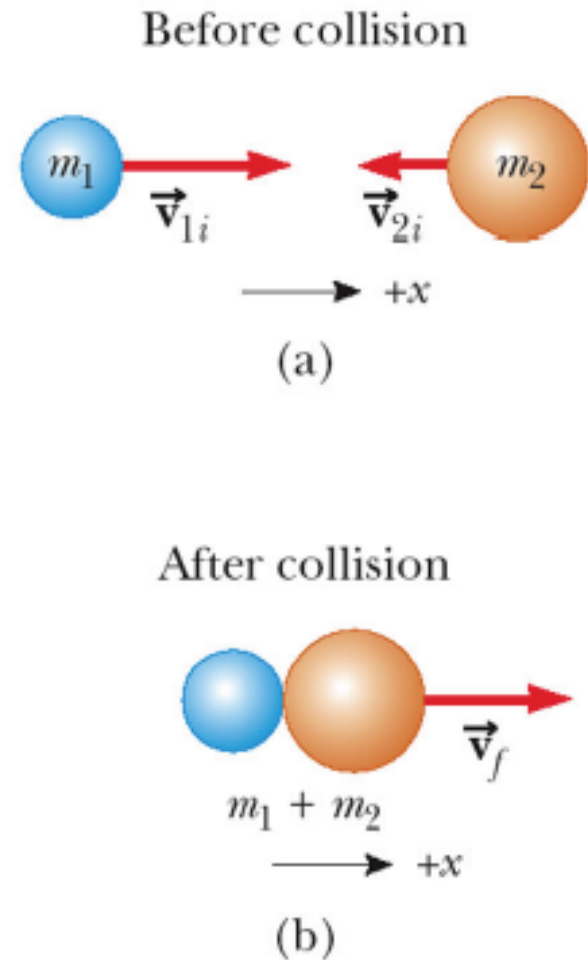
# Completely Inelastic Collisions

- When two objects stick together after the collision, they have undergone a completely inelastic collision
- Conservation of momentum (external net force = 0)

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$$

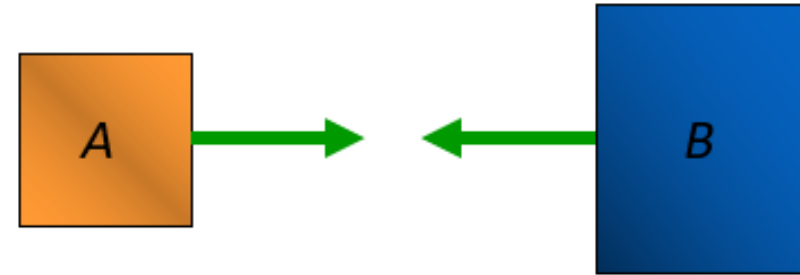
$$v_f = \frac{m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i}}{m_1 + m_2}$$

- Kinetic energy is **NOT** conserved.



# Example:

Two objects with different masses collide and *stick* to each other. Compared to *before* the collision, the system of two objects *after* the collision has



- (A). the same total momentum and the same total kinetic energy.
- (B). the same total momentum but less total kinetic energy.
- (C). less total momentum but the same total kinetic energy.
- (D). less total momentum and less total kinetic energy.
- (E). not enough information given to decide

**Example:** A 10-g bullet with a speed of 402 m/s is fired on a 2-kg duck sitting on an ice lake. Ignore friction.

Find the final speed of the duck and bullet in m/s?

**Q:** If we consider this as a collision problem, which type of collision? Elastic or inelastic?

Total inelastic.

$$m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f$$

$$(0.01 \text{ kg})(402 \text{ m/s}) + (2 \text{ kg})(0) = (0.01 \text{ kg} + 2 \text{ kg}) \vec{v}_f$$

$$\vec{v}_f = 2 \text{ m/s}$$

# Elastic Collisions

- Conservation of momentum and kinetic energy.

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_1(v_{1i} - v_{1f}) = m_2(v_{2f} - v_{2i})$$

$$\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} m_1 v_{1i}^2 + \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} m_2 v_{2i}^2 = \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} m_2 v_{2f}^2$$

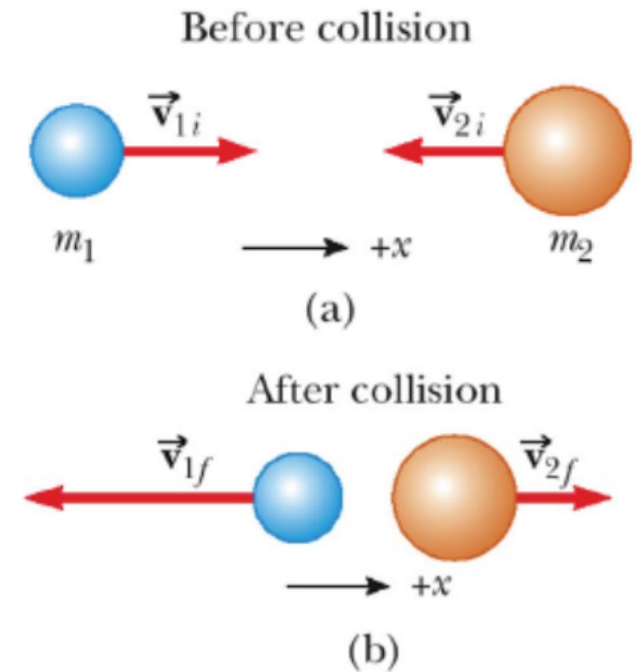
- A simpler equation can be use in place of kinetic energy.

$$m_1(v_{1i}^2 - v_{1f}^2) = m_2(v_{2f}^2 - v_{2i}^2) \quad \cancel{m_1(v_{1i} - v_{1f})(v_{1i} + v_{1f})} = \cancel{m_2(v_{2f} - v_{2i})(v_{2f} + v_{2i})}$$

$$v_{1i} + v_{1f} = v_{2f} + v_{2i}$$

$$v_{1f} - v_{2f} = -(v_{1i} - v_{2i})$$

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$



Momentum is vector: Be sure to have the **correct sign**.