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WEEK 10 - MODULE 7



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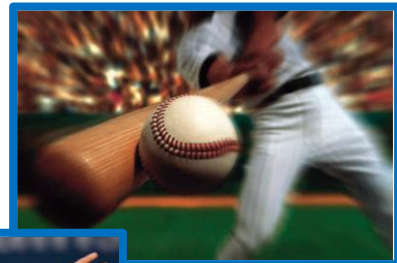
# Module 7

## Linear Momentum & Collisions

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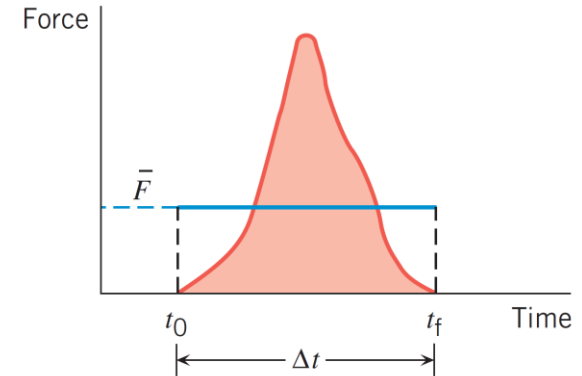
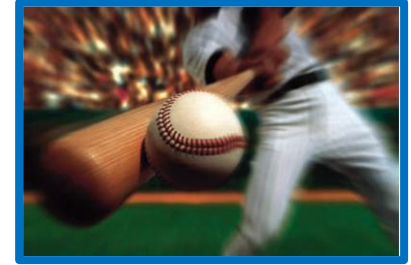
# Introduction

- In many situations the **force** acting on an object is **not constant** but varies with time.
- For example, when a baseball being hit, the force applied to the ball by the bat changes during the time of contact.
- Consider these examples. In each of these situations:
  - The **force** applied to the ball **varies with time**
  - The **time of contact is very short**, less than millisecond
  - The **maximum force is very large**, thousands of newtons
- To describe how a **time-varying force** affects the motion of an object during the collisions, we will introduce two new ideas:
  - **The impulse of a force**
  - **The linear momentum of an object**



# Impulse of a Force

- In the baseball hitting example, the collision time is very short, but the force is quite large.
  - Before collision → The force magnitude is zero
  - At the strike time → The force magnitude rises to a maximum in a short time
  - After collision → The force magnitude returns to zero
- If a baseball is to be hit well, both the **magnitude of the force** and the **time of contact** are important.
- To describe the situation, we define the **impulse of the force** as the **product** of the **average force** and the **time of contact**.



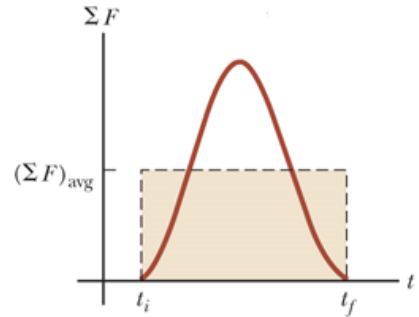
# Impulse of a Force

- The **impulse**  $\vec{I}$  of a force is defined as the product of the average net force  $(\sum \vec{F})_{avg}$  and the time interval  $\Delta t = t_f - t_i$  during the force acts:

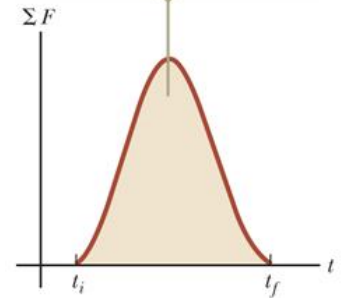
$$\vec{I} \equiv (\sum \vec{F})_{avg} \Delta t$$

- Impulse** is a **vector** quantity that points in the same direction as the net force.
- The **SI unit** of impulse is **newton.second (N.s)**.
- The magnitude of the impulse of a force can also be determined as the **area under the force-time curve**.

$$\vec{I} \equiv \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \sum \vec{F} dt$$



The impulse imparted to the particle by the force is the area under the curve.



# Response to Impulse of a Force

- When a ball is hit, it **responds** to the value of the impulse.
- The response depends on the **mass** and **velocity** of the ball.
  - More **massive** the ball, the **less velocity** it has after leaving the bat.
- Both **mass** and **velocity** play a role in how an object responds to a given impulse.
- Effect of each of them is included in the concept of **linear momentum**.
- The **linear momentum** shows that the effort required to bring a moving object to the rest, depends not only on its mass but also on how fast it is moving



# Linear Momentum

- Consider an object of mass  $m$  that is moving with velocity  $\vec{v}$  with respect to some fixed reference frame.
- The **linear momentum**  $\vec{p}$  of the object is defined as the product of the object's mass  $m$  and velocity  $\vec{v}$ :

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

- Linear momentum is a **vector** quantity that points in the same direction as the velocity.
- The SI unit of linear momentum is kilogram.meter/second ( $kg \cdot m/s$ ).
- Linear momentum is also called the **quantity of motion**.

# Linear Momentum and Impulse

- Newton's second law of motion can be used to show the relation between impulse and linear momentum. Assume that the mass of the object does not change.

$$(\sum \vec{F})_{avg} = m\vec{a}_{avg} = m \left( \frac{\vec{v}_f - \vec{v}_i}{\Delta t} \right) = \frac{m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t}$$

$$(\sum \vec{F})_{avg} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p} \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{\vec{I} = \Delta \vec{p}}$$

- Newton's Second Law can also be rewritten in more general form based on momentum.

$$\vec{F}_{NET} = m\vec{a} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\vec{v})}{dt} \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{\vec{F}_{NET} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}}$$

- The formula can be used even if mass changes with time.



# Linear Momentum and Impulse

- Impulse-Momentum Theorem:**

The change in the momentum of a particle (or a system) is equal to the impulse of the net external force acting on the particle (or the system)

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{I}$$

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$$\vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i = \vec{I}$$

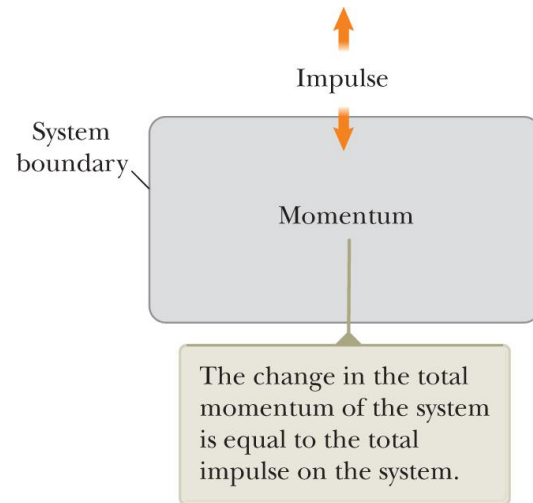
Final  
momentum

Initial  
momentum

Impulse of net  
external force

**Change in momentum = Impulse**

$$m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i = (\sum \vec{F})_{avg} \Delta t$$



# Linear Momentum and Impulse

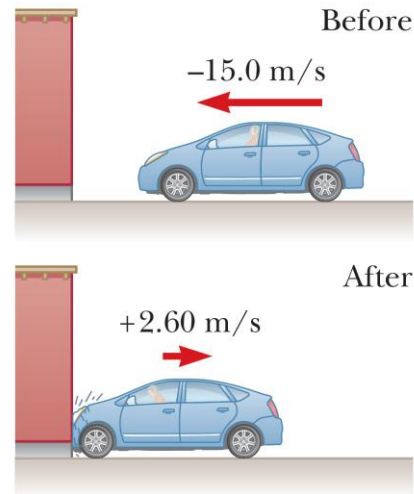
**Example 1 (How Good Are the Bumpers?):** In a particular crash test, a car of mass 1500 kg collides with a wall. The initial velocity of the car is  $v_i = -15.0$  m/s.

**(a)** If the final velocity of the car is  $v_f = +2.60$  m/s, and the collision lasts 0.150 s, find the impulse on the car during the collision and the average net force exerted on the car.

According to the impulse-momentum theorem.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{I} &= \Delta\vec{p} = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i = m(\vec{v}_f - \vec{v}_i) \\ &= (1500 \text{ kg})[2.60 \text{ m/s} - (-15.0 \text{ m/s})] \\ &= \boxed{2.64 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\sum \vec{F}\right)_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\vec{I}}{\Delta t} = \frac{2.64 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{0.150 \text{ s}} = 1.76 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$$



# Linear Momentum and Impulse

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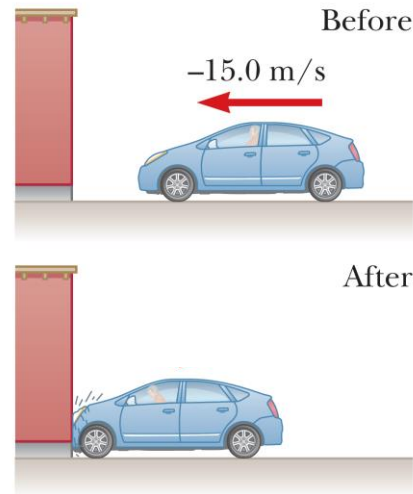
**(b)** Suppose the final velocity of the car is zero and the time interval of the collision remains at 0.150 s. Would that represent a larger or a smaller net force on the car?

According to the impulse-momentum theorem.

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smaller  
net force



# Linear Momentum and Impulse

**Example 2 (A Well-Hit Ball):** A baseball of  $m = 0.14 \text{ kg}$  has an initial velocity of  $-38 \text{ m/s}$  as it approaches a bat. We have chosen the direction of approach as the negative direction. The bat applies an average force  $\vec{F}$  that is much larger than the weight of the ball, and the ball departs from the bat with a final velocity of  $+58 \text{ m/s}$ .

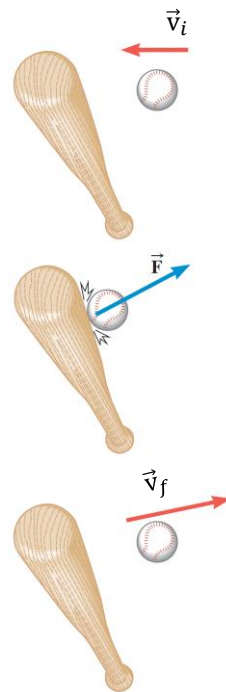
**(a)** Determine the impulse applied to the ball by the bat.

According to the impulse-momentum theorem.

$$\vec{I} = \Delta \vec{p} = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i = (0.14 \text{ kg}) \left( +58 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right) - (0.14 \text{ kg}) \left( -38 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right) = +13.4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

**(b)** Assuming that the time of contact is  $\Delta t = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$ , find the average force exerted on the ball by the bat.

$$\vec{I} = (\sum \vec{F})_{avg} \Delta t \rightarrow (\sum \vec{F})_{avg} = \frac{\vec{I}}{\Delta t} = \frac{+13.4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}} = +8400 \text{ N}$$



# Linear Momentum and Impulse

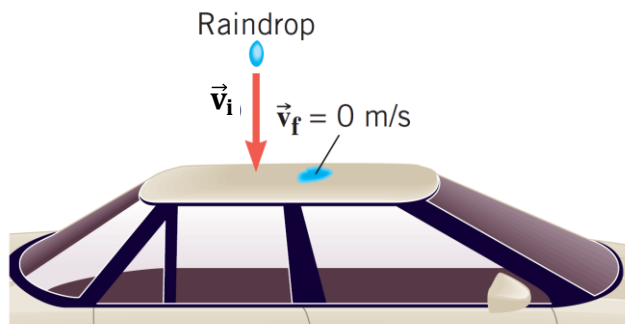
**Example 3 (A Rainstorm):** During a storm, rain comes straight down with a velocity of  $-15 \text{ m/s}$  and hits the roof of a car perpendicularly. The mass of rain per second that strikes the car roof is  $0.060 \text{ kg/s}$ . Assuming that the rain comes to rest upon striking the car, find the average force exerted by the rain on the roof.

The average force needed to reduce the raindrop velocity from  $-15 \text{ m/s}$  to  $0 \text{ m/s}$  is obtained as

$$\left( \sum \vec{F} \right)_{avg} = \frac{\vec{I}}{\Delta t} = \frac{m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i}{\Delta t} = -\frac{m}{\Delta t} \vec{v}_i = -(0.060 \text{ kg/s})(-15 \text{ m/s}) \\ = +0.90 \text{ N}$$

The force is in the positive or upward direction, since the roof exerts upward force on each falling drop to bring it to rest.

According to the Newton's third law (action-reaction law) the force exerted on the roof by the rain is  $-0.90 \text{ N}$ .



# Quick Quiz 1



- Two objects have equal kinetic energies. How do the magnitudes of their momenta compare?
  - a)  $p_1 < p_2$
  - b)  $p_1 = p_2$
  - c)  $p_1 > p_2$
  - d) not enough information to tell

# Quick Quiz 2



- Your physical education teacher throws a baseball to you at a certain speed, and you catch it. The teacher is next going to throw you a medicine ball whose mass is ten times the mass of the baseball. You are given the following choices:

You can have the medicine ball thrown with ..... as the baseball.

- Rank these choices from easiest to hardest to catch.
  - a) the same speed
  - b) the same momentum
  - c) the same kinetic energy

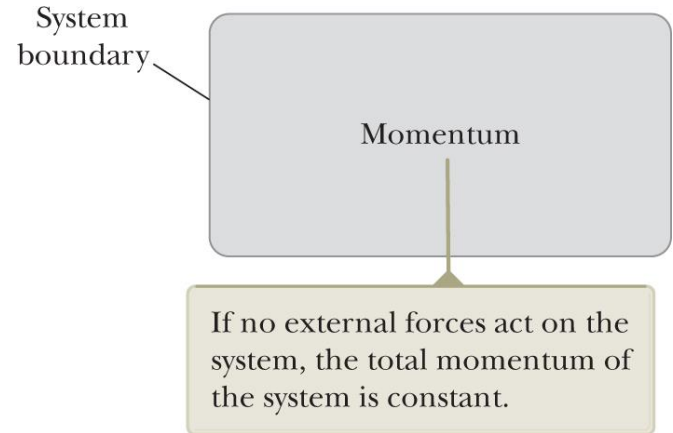
# Conservation of Linear Momentum

- Principle of Conservation of Linear Momentum:**

Whenever two or more particles in an **isolated system** interact, the total momentum of the system does not change.

$$\Delta \vec{p}_{\text{tot}} = 0 \rightarrow \vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i$$

- For energy:** The system is isolated if there are no transfers of energy across boundary of the system
- For momentum:** There must be no external forces applied on the system





# Conservation of Linear Momentum

- Consider an **isolated system** of two particles with masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  approaching each other with velocities  $\vec{v}_{1i}$  and  $\vec{v}_{2i}$  at instant of time.
- They interact during the collision and then depart with the final velocities  $\vec{v}_{1f}$  and  $\vec{v}_{2f}$ .
- Applying the **impulse-momentum theorem** to each ball:

$$\boxed{\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{I}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{Ball 1} \rightarrow & m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} - m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} = \vec{F}_{1\text{NET}} \Delta t \\ \text{Ball 2} \rightarrow & m_2 \vec{v}_{2f} - m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = \vec{F}_{2\text{NET}} \Delta t \end{array}$$

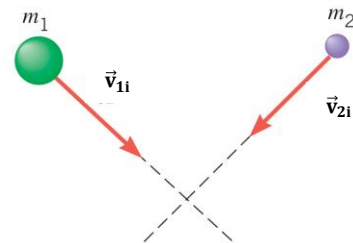
- Since system is **isolated**, sum of the external forces is zero. The only force on one particle during the collision is the action-reaction forces.

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

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

$$\vec{p}_{1i} + \vec{p}_{2i} = \vec{p}_{1f} + \vec{p}_{2f}$$

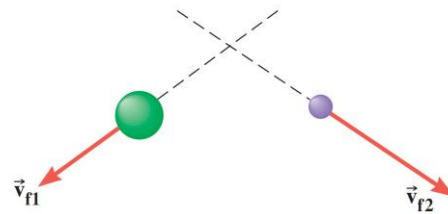
$$\boxed{\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f}$$



(a) Before collision



(b) During collision



(c) After collision

# Conservation of Linear Momentum

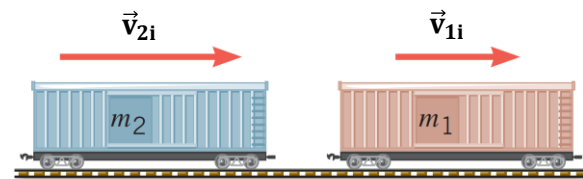
**Example 4 (Assembling a Freight Train):** A freight train is being assembled in a switching yard. Car 1 has a mass of  $m_1 = 65 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$  and moves at a velocity of  $v_{1i} = +0.80 \text{ m/s}$ . Car 2, with a mass of  $m_2 = 92 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$  and a velocity of  $v_{2i} = +1.3 \text{ m/s}$ , overtakes car 1 and couples to it. Neglecting friction, find the common velocity  $v_f$  of the cars after they become coupled.

The principle of conservation of momentum:

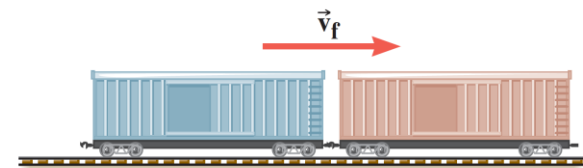
$$\boxed{\vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i} \rightarrow \underbrace{m_1 \vec{v}_f + m_2 \vec{v}_f}_{\text{Total momentum after collision}} = \underbrace{m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i}}_{\text{Total momentum before collision}}$$

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

$$\vec{v}_f = \frac{(65 \times 10^3 \text{ kg})(0.80 \text{ m/s}) + (92 \times 10^3 \text{ kg})(1.3 \text{ m/s})}{65 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} + 92 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}} = +1.1 \text{ m/s}$$



(a) Before coupling



(b) After coupling

# Conservation of Linear Momentum

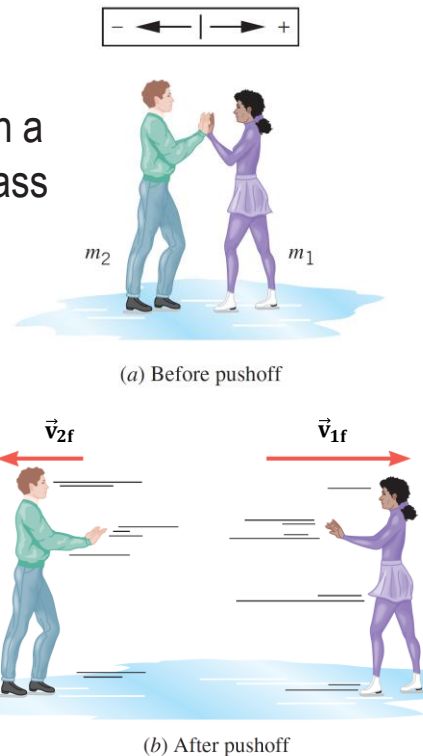
**Example 5 (Ice Skaters):** Starting from rest, two skaters push off against each other on smooth level ice, where friction is negligible. The woman moves away with a velocity of  $v_{1f} = +2.5 \text{ m/s}$ . Find the “recoil” velocity  $v_{2f}$  of the man. (The woman’s mass is  $m_1 = 54 \text{ kg}$ , and the man’s mass is  $m_2 = 88 \text{ kg}$ )

The principle of conservation of momentum:

$$\boxed{\vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i} \rightarrow \underbrace{m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2f}}_{\text{Total momentum after pushing}} = \underbrace{0}_{\text{Total momentum before pushing}}$$

$$\vec{v}_{2f} = \frac{-m_1 \vec{v}_{1f}}{m_2} = \frac{-(54 \text{ kg})(+2.5 \text{ m/s})}{88 \text{ kg}} = -1.5 \text{ m/s}$$

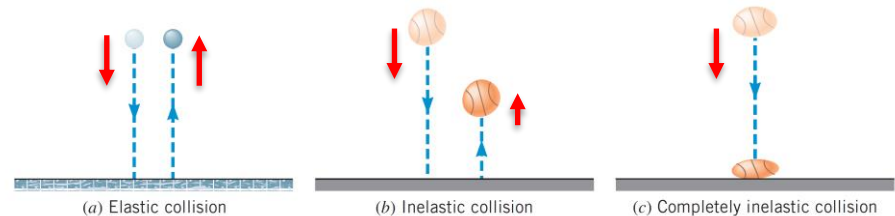
The minus sign indicates that the man moves to the left.



# Types of Collisions

- The **total linear momentum is conserved** when two objects collide in an **isolated** system.
- The **total kinetic energy** of the system is **conserved** only in atomic and subatomic scale collisions.
- In **macroscopic** objects, such as two cars, the **total kinetic energy** of the system is **not conserved**.  
The kinetic energy is lost mainly in two ways:
  - 1) Converted to **heat** because of friction.
  - 2) Spent in **structural change** because of the permanent distortion or damage in the collision
- Collisions are often classified according to whether the **total kinetic energy changes** during the collision:

- **Elastic Collisions**
- **Inelastic Collisions**
- **Perfectly Inelastic Collisions**



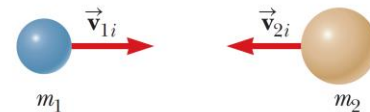
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- In **elastic collisions**, both **momentum** and **kinetic energy** of system are **conserved**.
- The total kinetic energy, as well as the total momentum, of the system is **the same** before and after the collision.
- Two particles, masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving with initial velocities  $\mathbf{v}_{1i}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{2i}$  along the same straight line collide head-on then leave the collision site with different velocities,  $\mathbf{v}_{1f}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{2f}$

$$\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f \rightarrow m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2f}$$

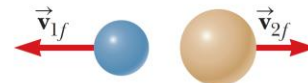
$$K_i = K_f \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2i}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2$$

Before the collision, the particles move separately.



a

After the collision, the particles continue to move separately with new velocities.



b

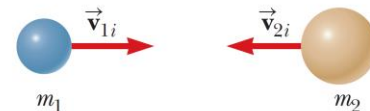
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- In **elastic collisions**, if the **masses** and the **initial velocities** are known, the **final velocities after the collision** can be obtained as below:

$$v_{1f} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i} + \left( \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{2i}$$

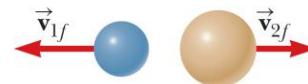
$$v_{2f} = \left( \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i} + \left( \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{2i}$$

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# Inelastic Collisions in One-Dimension

- In **inelastic collisions**, momentum is conserved, but kinetic energy of system is not conserved.

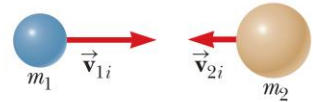
$$\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f \rightarrow m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2f}$$

$$K_i \neq K_f$$

- If the objects stick together after colliding, the collision is called **perfectly inelastic**.
- Two particles, masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving with initial velocities  $\mathbf{v}_{1i}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{2i}$  along the same straight line collide head-on, **stick together**, then move with common velocity  $\mathbf{v}_f$

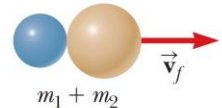
$$\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f \rightarrow m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f$$

Before the collision, the particles move separately.



a

After the collision, the particles move together.



b

**Perfectly Inelastic Collision**

# Collisions in One-Dimension

**Example 6 (A Head-On Collision):** One ball has a mass of  $m_1 = 0.250$  kg and an initial velocity of  $v_{1i} = +5.00$  m/s. The other has a mass of  $m_2 = 0.800$  kg and is initially at rest. No external forces act on the balls. What are the velocities of the balls after the collision?

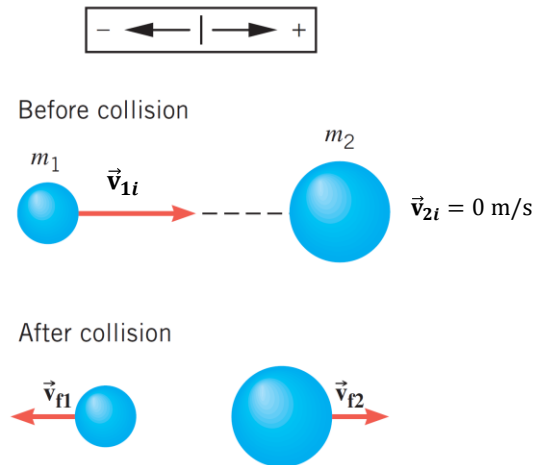
An elastic collision both kinetic energy and momentum are conserved:

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$$v_{1f} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i} + \left( \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{2i}$$

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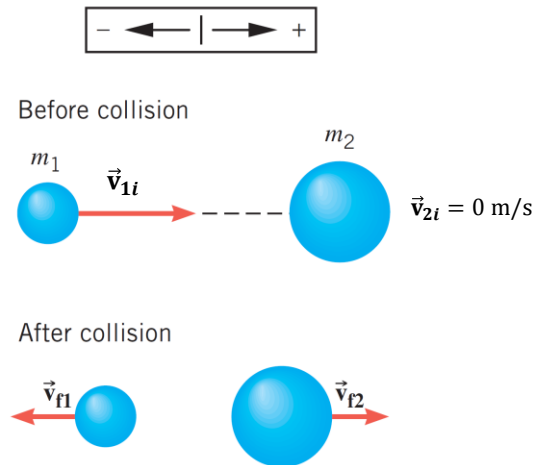
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Solve equations for  $v_{2f}$  and  $v_{1f}$ :

$$v_{1f} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i} = \left( \frac{0.250 \text{ kg} - 0.800 \text{ kg}}{0.250 \text{ kg} + 0.800 \text{ kg}} \right) \left( +5.00 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right) = -2.62 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{2f} = \left( \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) v_{1i} = \left( \frac{2(0.250 \text{ kg})}{0.250 \text{ kg} + 0.800 \text{ kg}} \right) \left( +5.00 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right) = +2.38 \text{ m/s}$$



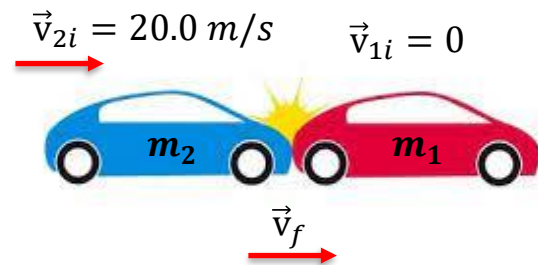
# Collisions in One-Dimension

**Example 7 (Car Collision):** An  $m_1 = 1800$  kg car stopped at a traffic light is struck from the rear by an  $m_2 = 900$  kg car. The two cars become entangled, moving along the same path as that of the originally moving car. If the smaller car were moving at  $20.0$  m/s before the collision, what is the velocity of the entangled cars after the collision?

A perfectly inelastic collision:

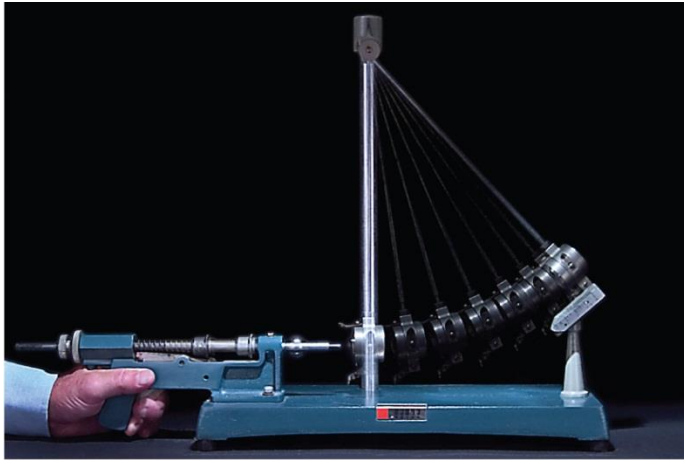
$$\boxed{\vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_f} \rightarrow m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f$$

$$v_f = \frac{m_2 v_{2i}}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(900 \text{ kg})(20.0 \text{ m/s})}{1800 \text{ kg} + 900 \text{ kg}} = \boxed{6.67 \text{ m/s}}$$

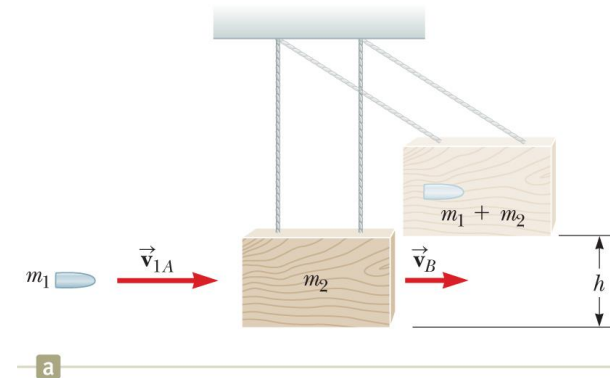


# Collisions in One-Dimension

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A perfectly inelastic collision just after the bullet collides with the block:

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

$$m_1 \vec{v}_{1A} + 0 = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_B \rightarrow v_{1A} = \frac{(m_1 + m_2)v_B}{m_1}$$

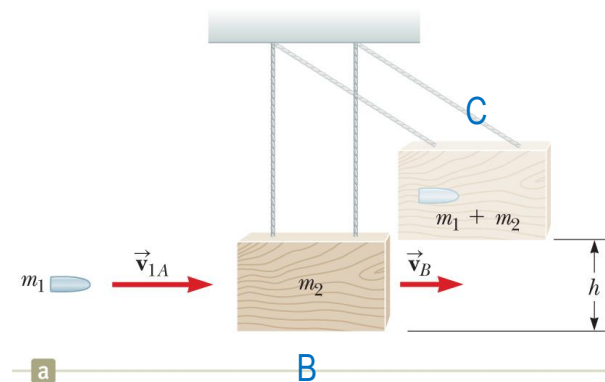
Conservation of mechanical energy in the swing from position B to position C:

$$\boxed{E_{mB} = E_{mC}} \rightarrow K_B + U_B = K_C + U_C$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_B^2 + 0 = 0 + (m_1 + m_2)gh$$

$$v_B = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$\boxed{v_{1A} = \frac{(m_1 + m_2)\sqrt{2gh}}{m_1}}$$



# Quick Quiz 3



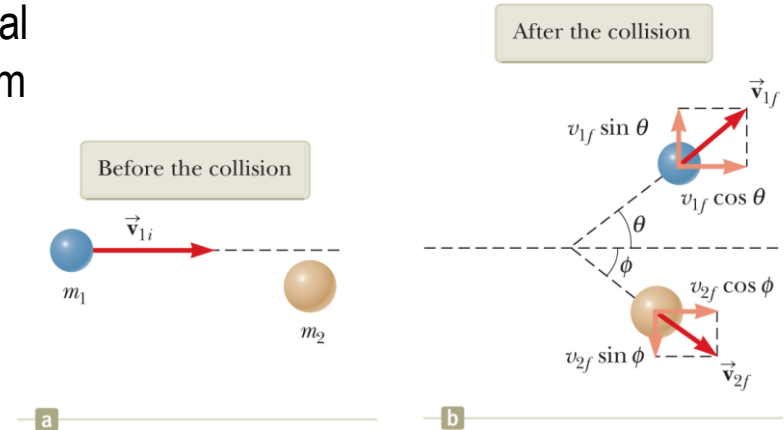
- In a perfectly inelastic one-dimensional collision between two moving objects, what condition alone is necessary so that the final kinetic energy of the system is zero after the collision?
  - a) The objects must have initial momenta with the same magnitude but opposite directions.
  - b) The objects must have the same mass.
  - c) The objects must have the same initial velocity.
  - d) The objects must have the same initial speed, with velocity vectors in opposite directions.

# Collisions in Two-Dimensions

- The collisions discussed so far have been one -dimensional. The velocities of the objects all point along a single line before and after contact.
- However, collisions often occur in **two** or **three** dimensions.
- Assume an **isolated** two-ball system. The total momentum of the system is conserved.
- Since momentum is a **vector** quantity, in two-dimensional collision the  $x$  and  $y$  components of the total momentum are conserved separately.

$$\vec{p}_{xi} = \vec{p}_{xf} \rightarrow m_1 v_{1ix} + m_2 v_{2ix} = m_1 v_{1fx} + m_2 v_{2fx}$$

$$\vec{p}_{yi} = \vec{p}_{yf} \rightarrow m_1 v_{1iy} + m_2 v_{2iy} = m_1 v_{1fy} + m_2 v_{2fy}$$



# Collisions in Two-Dimensions

**Example 9 (Collision at an Intersection):** A 1500 kg car traveling east with a speed of 25.0 m/s collides at an intersection with a 2500 kg truck traveling north at a speed of 20.0 m/s as shown in the figure. Find the direction and magnitude of the velocity of the wreckage after the collision, assuming the vehicles stick together after the collision.

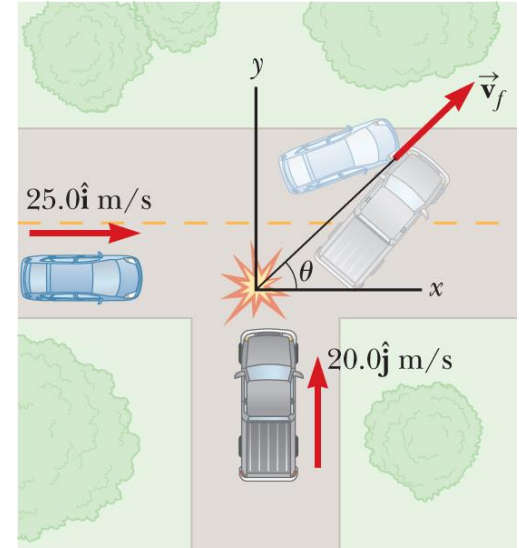
A two-dimensions perfectly inelastic collision, only momentum is conserved:

$$\vec{p}_{xi} = \vec{p}_{xf} \rightarrow m_1 v_{1ix} + m_2 v_{2ix} = (m_1 + m_2) v_{fx}$$

$$m_1 v_{1ix} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{p}_{yi} = \vec{p}_{yf} \rightarrow m_1 v_{1iy} + m_2 v_{2iy} = (m_1 + m_2) v_{fy}$$

$$m_2 v_{2iy} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f \sin \theta$$



# Collisions in Two-Dimensions

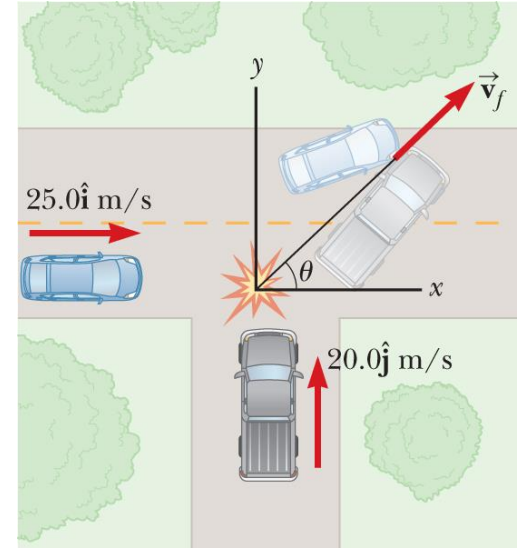
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$$m_2 v_{2iy} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f \sin \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_f = \frac{m_2 v_{2iy}}{(m_1 + m_2) \sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{m_2 v_{2iy}}{m_1 v_{1ix}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta \quad \rightarrow \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{m_2 v_{2iy}}{m_1 v_{1ix}} \right)$$





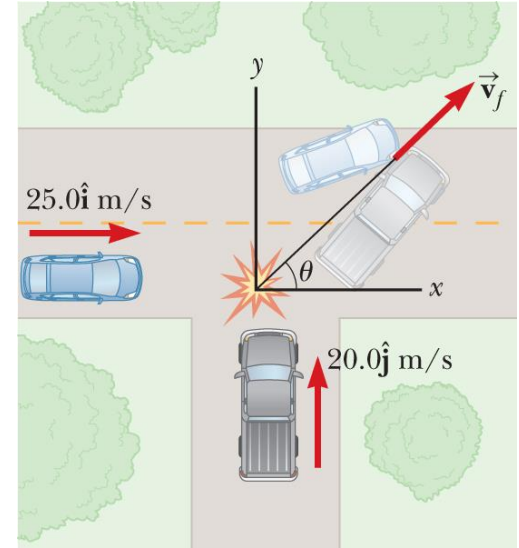
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$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{m_2 v_{2iy}}{m_1 v_{1ix}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{(2500 \text{ kg})(20.0 \text{ m/s})}{(1500 \text{ kg})(25.0 \text{ m/s})} \right] = \boxed{53.1^\circ}$$

$$v_f = \frac{m_2 v_{2iy}}{(m_1 + m_2) \sin \theta} = \frac{(2500 \text{ kg})(20.0 \text{ m/s})}{(1500 \text{ kg} + 2500 \text{ kg}) \sin 53.1^\circ} = \boxed{15.6 \text{ m/s}}$$



# The Center of Mass

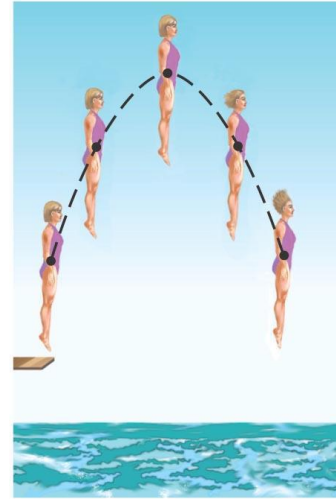
- When a **system** consist of **several objects**, the mass of the system is located in several places, and the various objects move relative to each other before, after, and even during the interaction.
- It is possible, however, to speak of a kind of **average location for the total mass** by introducing a concept known as the **center of mass**.
- Also, when analyzing the motion of an **extended object**, we can treat the entire object as if its mass were contained in a single point, known as the object's **center of mass**.

The **center of mass (CM)** is a point that represents the average location for the total mass of a system or a solid object



# The Center of Mass and Motion

- Until now, we have assumed all objects behave like a **particle** that undergoes only **translational motion**.
- However, real objects also **rotate** and move in other ways that are not just translational – it is called general motion.
- But there is one point in the object that despite the general motion, that one point only has translational motion like a particle.
- The **center of mass** is the point in an object that **behaves like a particle**, and it moves according to the **net force**.



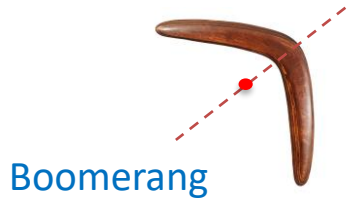
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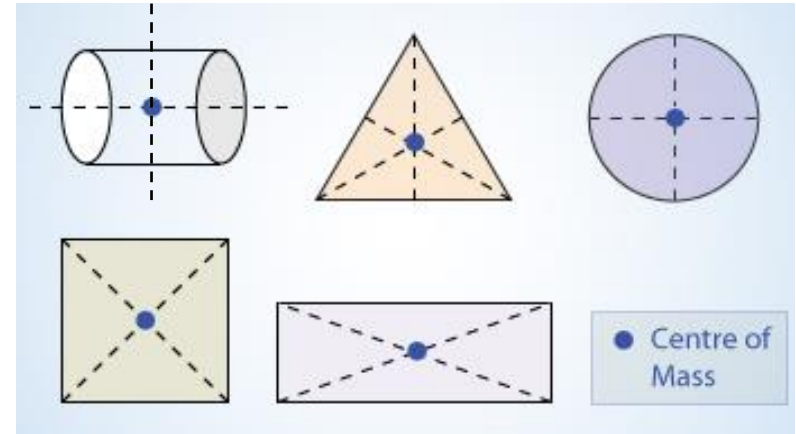
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# The Center of Mass and Symmetry

- If an object has a **point, line** or **plane of symmetry**, the center-of-mass point must lie on that point, on that line or on that plane.
- The center of mass need **not** be within the actual object. It can be **outside** the object.



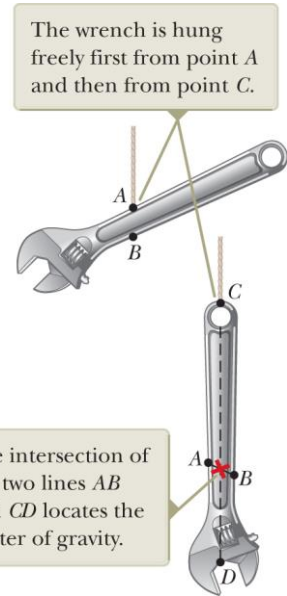
Can you give more examples?



# The Center of Gravity

- The **center of gravity** is the point where the gravitational force can be considered to act.
- It is **same as the center of mass** as long as the gravitational force **does not vary** among different parts of the object.
- The center of gravity can be found **experimentally** by **suspending** an object from different points.
- For example, the wrench is hung freely from different points.
- The intersection of the lines indicates the center of gravity.

How do you find  
the center of  
gravity of a mug?



# The Center of Mass of Two-Particle System

- Assume that two particles of mass  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  that are located on the  $x$  axis at the positions  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , respectively.
- The position  $x_{CM}$  of the **center-of-mass point** from the origin is defined to be

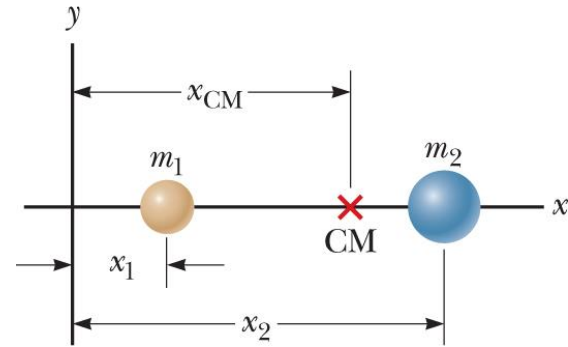
$$x_{CM} \equiv \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

- If the two masses are **equal**, the center-of-mass point is the **midway** between the particles.

$$m_1 = m_2 \rightarrow x_{CM} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

- Suppose that  $m_1 = 5.0 \text{ kg}$  and  $x_1 = 2.0 \text{ m}$ , while  $m_2 = 12 \text{ kg}$ , and  $x_2 = 6.0 \text{ m}$ . Then the center-of-mass point will be closer to particle 2, since it is more massive.

$$x_{CM} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(5.0 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m}) + (12 \text{ kg})(6.0 \text{ m})}{5.0 \text{ kg} + 12 \text{ kg}} = 4.8 \text{ m}$$



# The Center of Mass of Many Particle System

- We can extend this concept to a **system of many particles** with masses  $m_i$  in a two- or three-dimensional space.

$$x_{\text{CM}} \equiv \frac{m_1x_1 + m_2x_2 + \cdots + m_nx_n}{m_1 + m_2 + \cdots + m_n} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i x_i$$

Total mass

- The **y and z coordinates** of the center of mass can be similarly defined.

$$y_{\text{CM}} \equiv \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i y_i \quad \text{and} \quad z_{\text{CM}} \equiv \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i z_i$$

- The **position vector** of center-of-mass point is obtained as:

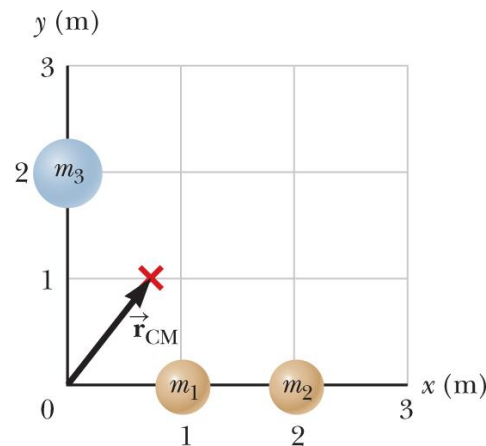
$$\vec{r}_{\text{CM}} = x_{\text{CM}}\hat{i} + y_{\text{CM}}\hat{j} + z_{\text{CM}}\hat{k}$$

# The Center of Mass

**Example 10 (Center of Mass of Three Particles):** A system consists of three particles located as shown in the figure. Find the center of mass of the system. The masses of the particles are  $m_1 = m_2 = 1.0$  kg and  $m_3 = 2.0$  kg.

$$\begin{aligned}x_{\text{CM}} &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i x_i = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + m_3 x_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} \\&= \frac{(1.0 \text{ kg})(1.0 \text{ m}) + (1.0 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m}) + (2.0 \text{ kg})(0)}{1.0 \text{ kg} + 1.0 \text{ kg} + 2.0 \text{ kg}} \\&= \frac{3.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}}{4.0 \text{ kg}} = 0.75 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y_{\text{CM}} &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i y_i = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + m_3 y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} \\&= \frac{(1.0 \text{ kg})(0) + (1.0 \text{ kg})(0) + (2.0 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m})}{1.0 \text{ kg} + 1.0 \text{ kg} + 2.0 \text{ kg}} \\&= \frac{4.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}}{4.0 \text{ kg}} = 1.0 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$



$$\vec{r}_{\text{CM}} \equiv x_{\text{CM}}\hat{i} + y_{\text{CM}}\hat{j} = \boxed{(0.75\hat{i} + 1.0\hat{j}) \text{ m}}$$



# The Center of Mass and Momentum

- The concept of **center of mass** enables us to gain additional insight into the **linear momentum**.
- The **total linear momentum** of a system of particles is equal to the product of the **total mass** and the **velocity of the center of mass**.

$$\vec{p}_{total} = M\vec{v}_{CM}$$

Total mass      Velocity of CM

- The **velocity of the center of mass** of the system is obtained as:

$$\vec{v}_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i$$

velocity of *i*th particle

# The Center of Mass of Solid Objects

- To obtain the **center of mass** for a **solid, continuous object**, we can consider the solid object as a system containing a large number of small mass elements.
- By dividing the object into elements of mass  $\Delta m_i$  with coordinates  $x_i, y_i, z_i$ .
- The x coordinate of the **center of mass** is obtained as

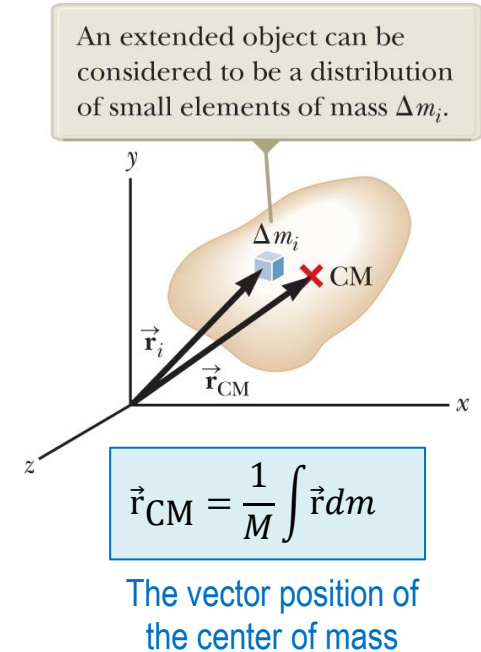
$$x_{CM} \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_i x_i \Delta m_i$$

- If the number of elements approach infinity, the size of each element approaches zero.

$$x_{CM} = \lim_{\Delta m_i \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{M} \sum_i x_i \Delta m_i = \frac{1}{M} \int x dm$$

- Likewise, for  $y_{CM}$  and  $z_{CM}$  we obtain:

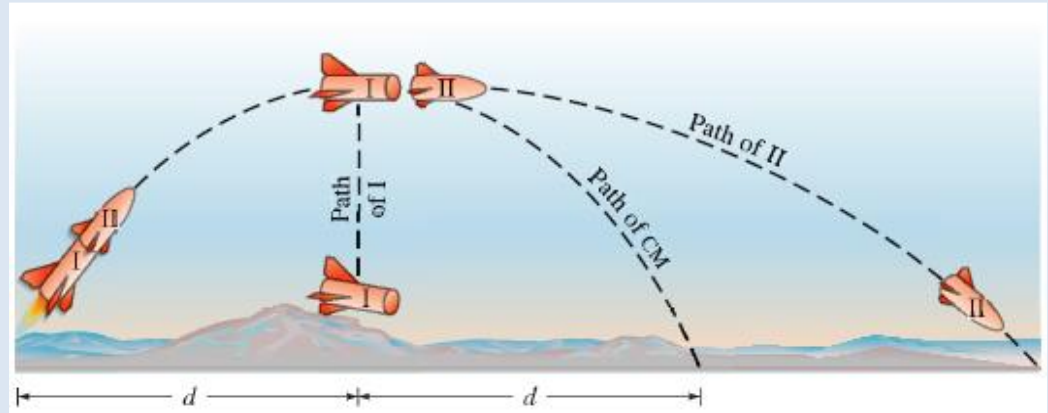
$$y_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \int y dm \quad \text{and} \quad z_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \int z dm$$



# Quick Quiz 4



- A rocket is shot into the air. At the moment the rocket reaches its highest point, a prearranged explosion separates it into two parts of equal mass. Part I is stopped in midair by the explosion and falls vertically to Earth. Where does part II land compared to the starting point?



# THANK YOU