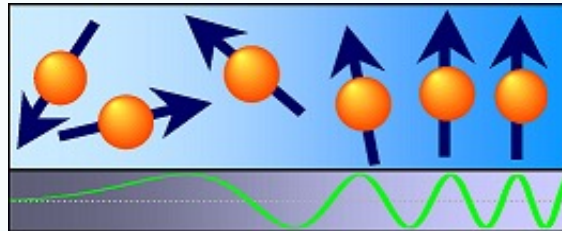


Experimental Physics

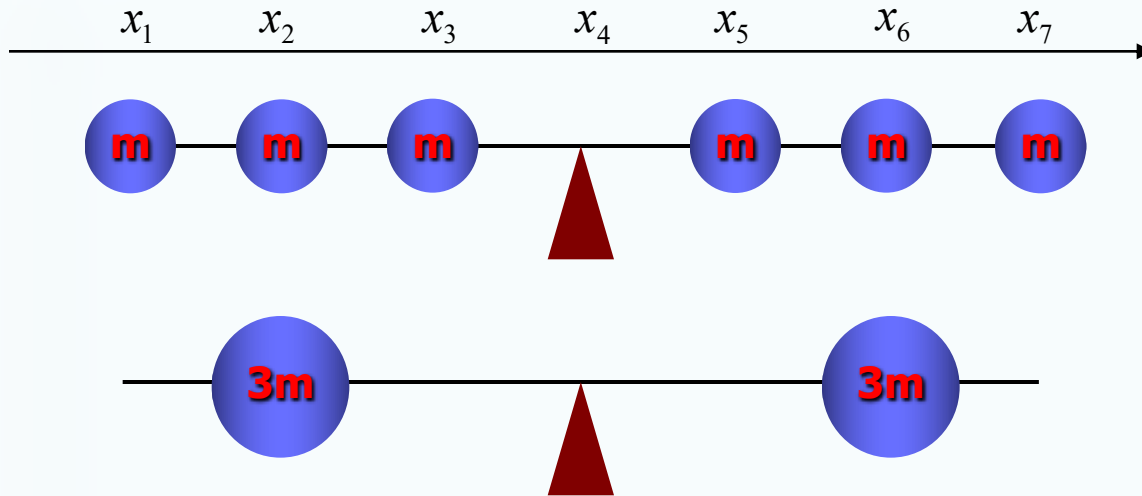
EP1 MECHANICS

- System of Particles -
- Conservation of Momentum -



<https://www.physgeo.uni-leipzig.de/en/fbi/applied-magnetic-resonance>

Center of mass



$$X_{cm} \sum_i m_i = \sum_i m_i x_i$$

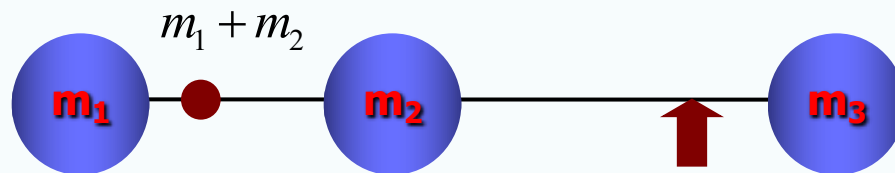
$$X_{cm} = \frac{m \cdot 1 + m \cdot 7}{m + m} = 4$$

$$X_{cm} = \frac{1 + 2 + 6 + 7}{4} = 4$$

$$X_{cm}^1 = \frac{1 + 2 + 3}{3} = 2$$

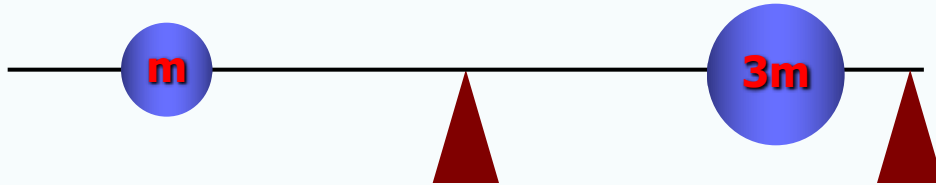
$$X_{cm}^2 = \frac{5 + 6 + 7}{3} = 6$$

$$X_{cm} = \frac{\sum M_i X_{cm,i}}{\sum M_i} = \frac{3m(2 + 6)}{6m} = 4$$



$$\vec{R}_{cm} \sum_i m_i = \sum_i m_i \vec{r}_i$$

Center of mass

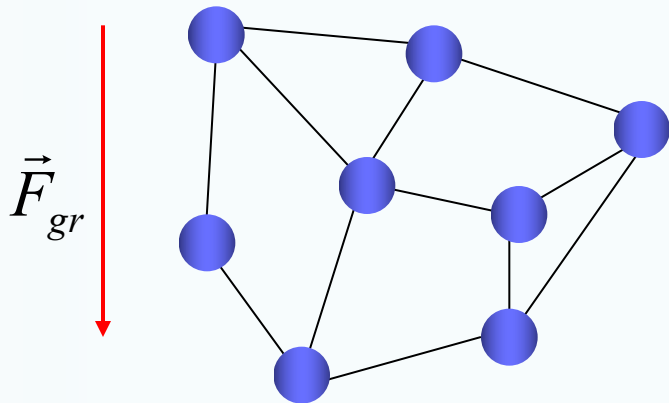


$$U_0 = \sum m_i g h_i$$

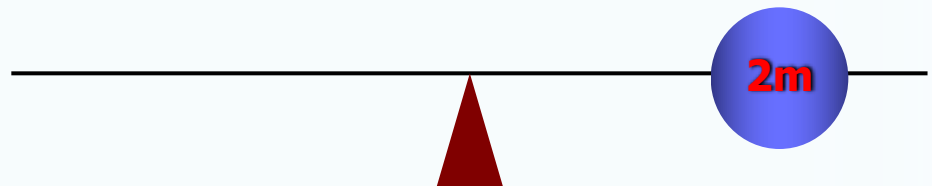
$$U_\theta = U_0 + \sum m_i g \Delta h_i$$

$$U_\theta = U_0 - 2mg \sin \theta$$

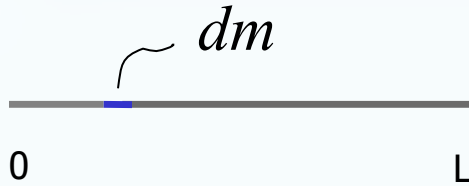
$$\frac{dU}{d\theta} = -2mg \cos \theta = 0$$



$$U = \sum m_i g h_i = g \sum m_i h_i = M g h_{cm}$$

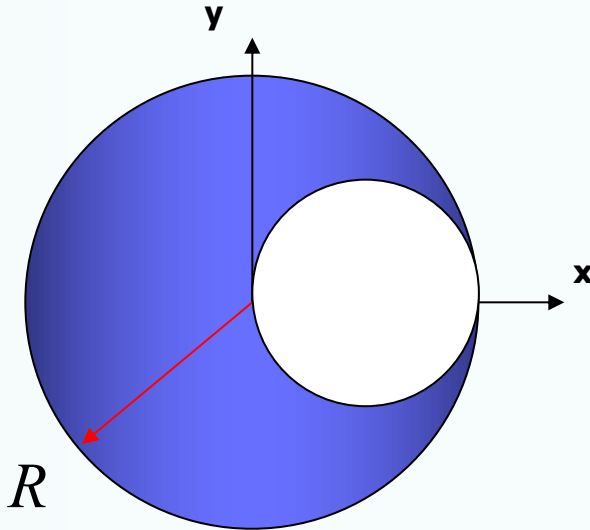


Continuous bodies



$$X_{cm} = \frac{\int_0^L \rho_0 x dx}{\int_0^L \rho_0 dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho_0 L^2}{\rho_0 L} = \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\vec{R}_{cm} = \frac{\int_0^L \vec{r} dm}{\int_0^L dm} = \frac{\int_0^L \vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}}{\int_0^L \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}}$$

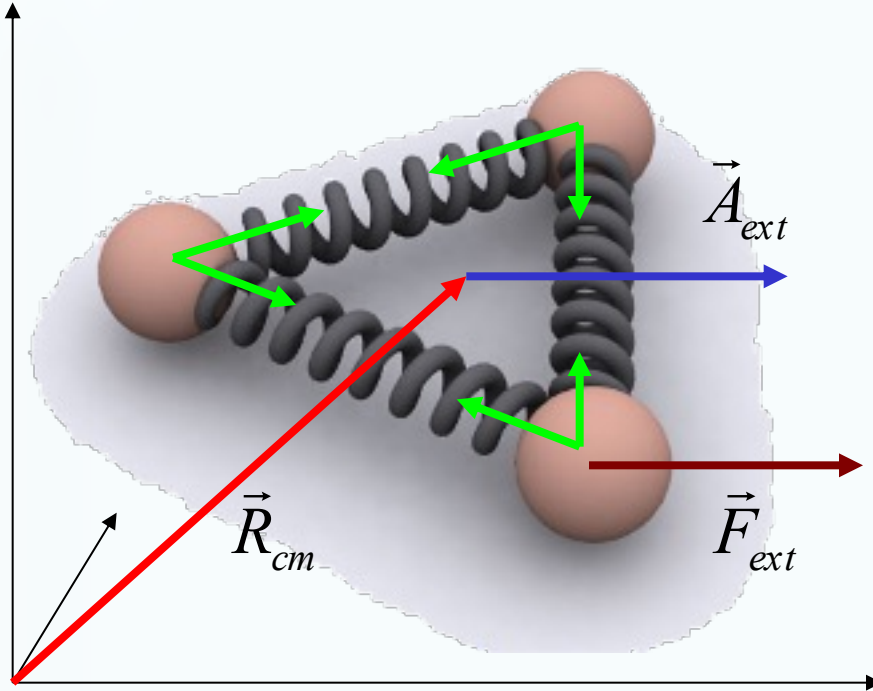


$$X_{cm} = \frac{\int_{-R}^R x dm(x)}{\int_{-R}^R dm(x)} = -\frac{R}{6}$$

Negative mass:

$$X_{cm} = \frac{M \cdot 0 + (-m) \cdot R/2}{M - m} = -\frac{R}{6}$$

Motion of the center of mass



$$\vec{R}_{cm} M = \sum_i m_i \vec{r}_i$$

$$M \frac{d\vec{R}_{cm}}{dt} = \sum_i m_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt}$$

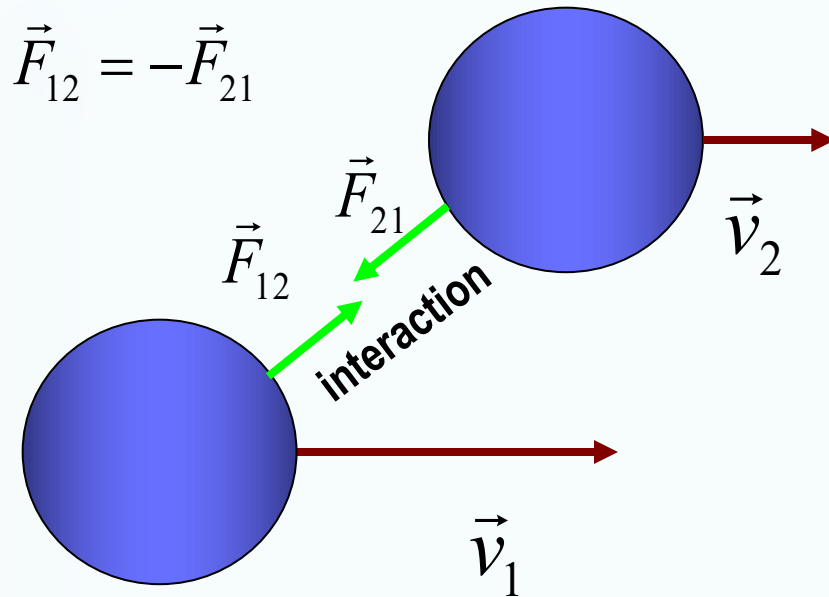
$$M \frac{d^2 \vec{R}_{cm}}{dt^2} = \sum_i m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2}$$

$$M \vec{A}_{cm} = \sum_i \vec{F}_i = \sum_i (\cancel{\vec{F}_{i,int}} + \vec{F}_{i,ext})$$

$$\vec{F}_{net,ext} = M \vec{A}_{cm}$$

Under influence of an external force the center of mass of a system moves like a point particle with a mass equal to the total mass of the system and irrespective of internal forces acting within the system.

Conservation of momentum



$$\vec{F}_{12} = \frac{d(m\vec{v}_2)}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}_2}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{p}_2}{dt} = -\frac{d\vec{p}_1}{dt} \Rightarrow \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \text{const}$$

Linear momentum:

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

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

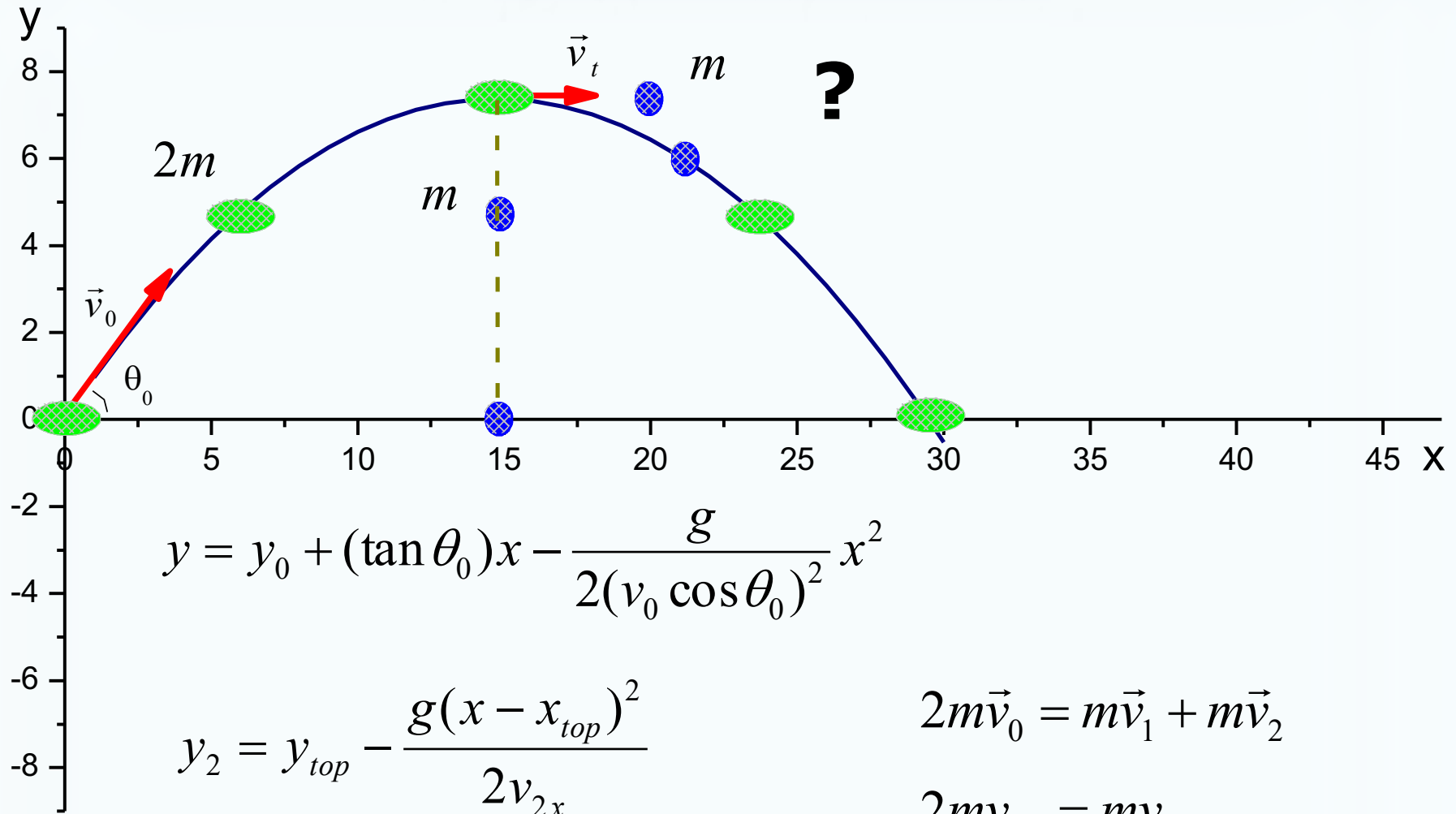
$$\vec{P} = \sum \vec{p}_i = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = M\vec{V}_{cm}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = M \frac{d\vec{V}_{cm}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{\text{net,ext}}$$

The law of conservation of momentum:

$$\vec{P} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = M\vec{V}_{cm} = \text{const}$$

Projectile with explosion

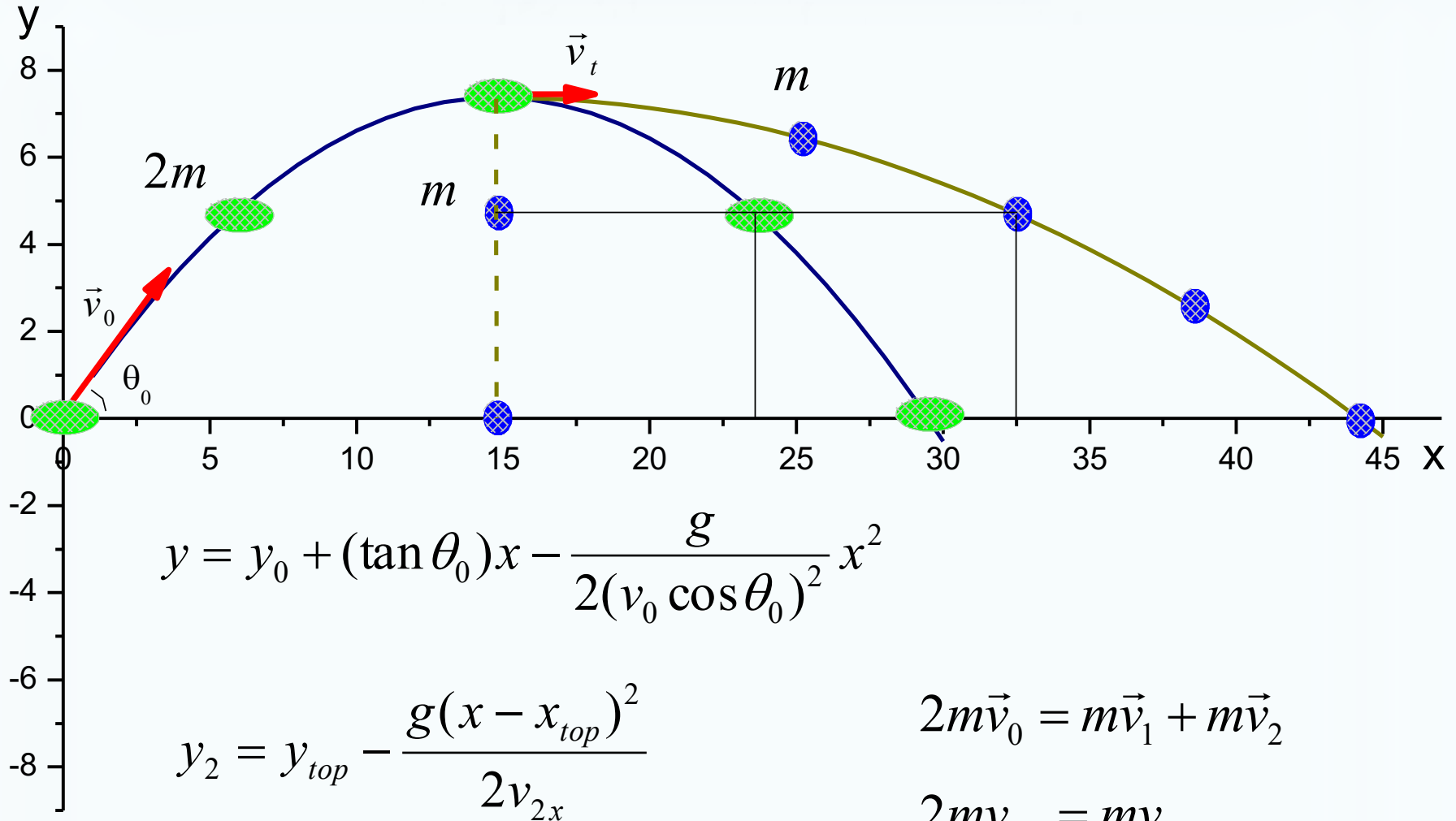


$$2m\vec{v}_0 = m\vec{v}_1 + m\vec{v}_2$$

$$2mv_{0x} = mv_{2x}$$

$$v_{2x} = 2v_{0x}$$

Projectile with explosion

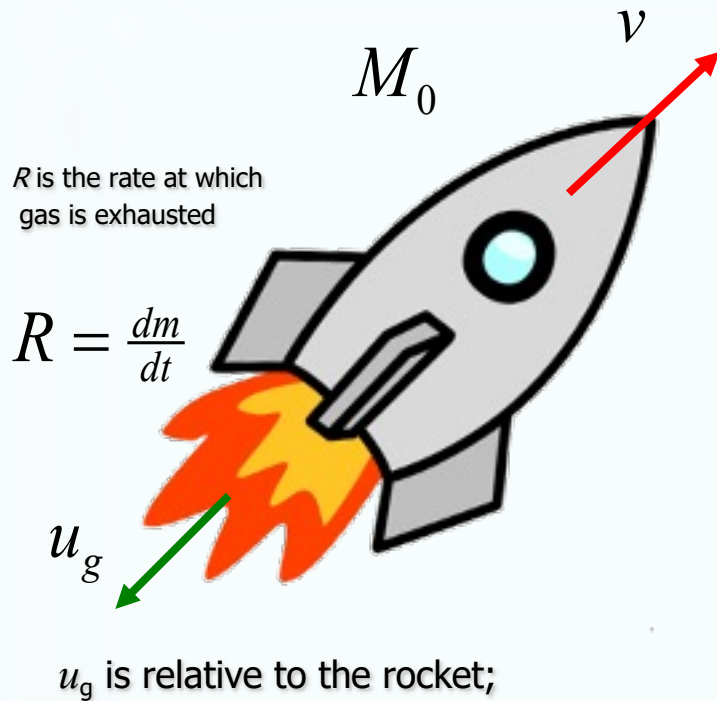


$$2m\vec{v}_0 = m\vec{v}_1 + m\vec{v}_2$$

$$2mv_{0x} = mv_{2x}$$

$$v_{2x} = 2v_{0x}$$

Rocket propulsion



$$\vec{P} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = \text{const}$$

At an arbitrary time t

$$mv = (v - u_g)dm + (m - dm)(v + dv)$$

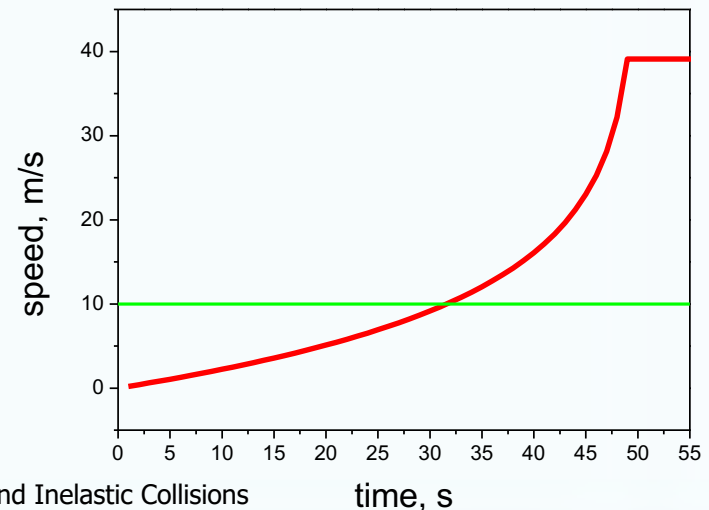
At a time $t+dt$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = u_g \frac{dm}{dt} = Ru_g - \text{the thrust} \quad + \vec{F}_{ext}$$

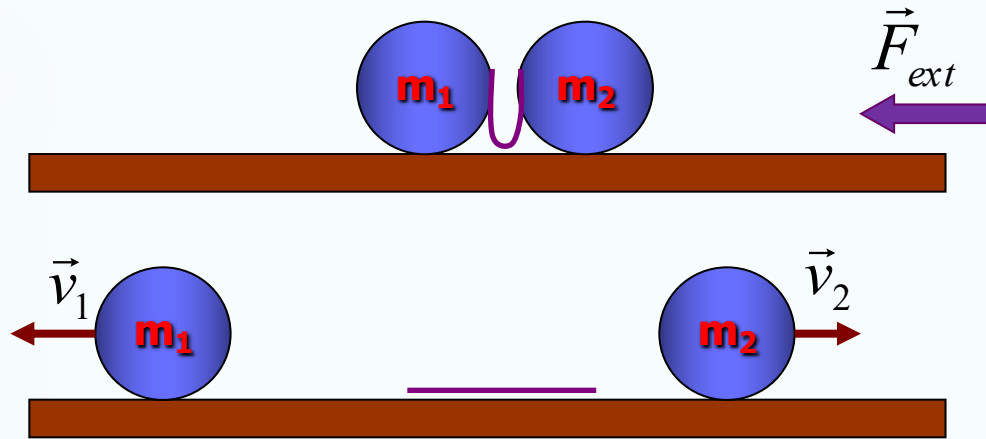
$$m = M_0 - \int_0^t dm = M_0 - Rt$$

$$\int_{v_i}^{v_f} dv = Ru_g \int_0^t (M_0 - Rt)^{-1} dt$$

$$v_f = v_i + u_g \ln \left(\frac{M_0}{M_0 - Rt} \right)$$



Skaters on ice



$$\sum m \vec{v}_i = 0$$

$$m_1 v_1 = m_2 v_2$$

$$m_1 \frac{x_1}{t} = m_2 \frac{x_2}{t}$$

$$\vec{F}_{ext} = m \vec{A}_{cm} \Rightarrow V_{cm} \quad m_1(-v_1 - V_{cm}) + m_2(v_2 - V_{cm}) = -(m_1 + m_2)V_{cm}$$

$$\vec{u} = \vec{v} + \vec{V}_{cm} \quad -m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 = 0$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i u_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i (v_i + V_{cm})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i V_{cm}^2 + V_{cm} \sum m_i v_i$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} M V_{cm}^2 + E_{k,rel}$$

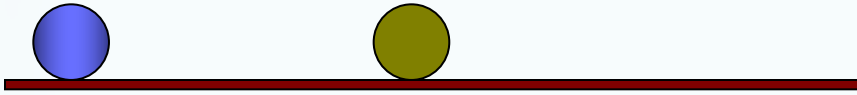
$E_{k,rel}$ is reference-independent

To remember!

- The center of mass of a system moves like a point-like object having the total system mass.
- If there is no net force acting upon the system, then the linear momentum is conserved.
- The total kinetic energy of the system can be written as the sum of the kinetic energy associated with the center of mass plus the kinetic energy associated with the particle movements in the center-of-mass reference system.



Elastic collision



$$E_{k,total} = const$$

$$P_{total} = const$$

$$E_{k,total} = const$$

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

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

$$P_{total} = const$$

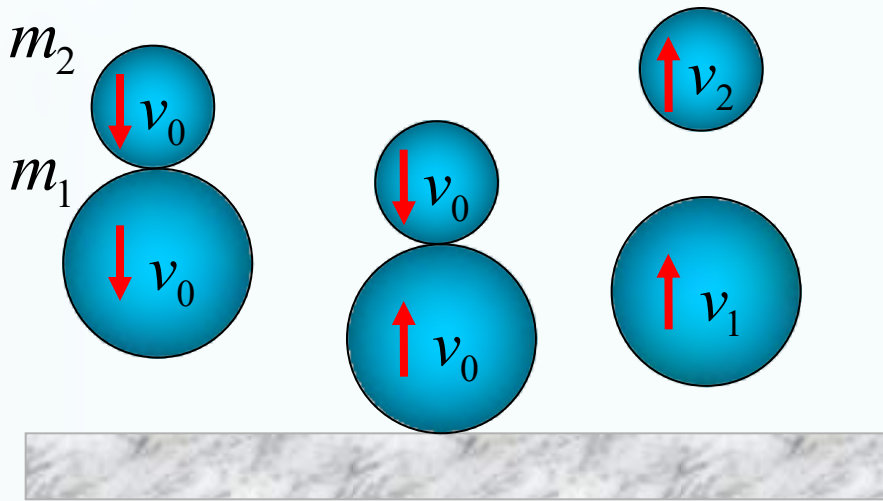
$$m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} = m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i}$$

$$m_2 (v_{2f} - v_{2i}) = m_1 (v_{1i} - v_{1f})$$

$$v_{2f} + v_{2i} = v_{1i} + v_{1f} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_{2f} - v_{1f} = -(v_{2i} - v_{1i})$$

Relative speed of approach is equal to relative speed of recession.

Astroblaster



$$m_1 v_0 - m_2 v_0 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2$$

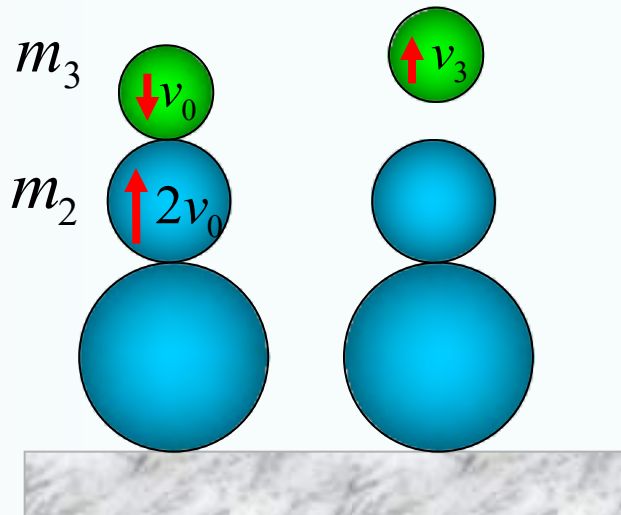
$$v_{2f} - v_{1f} = -(v_{2i} - v_{1i})$$

$$v_2 - v_1 = -(-v_0 - v_0) = 2v_0$$

$$v_1 = \frac{m_1 - 3m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_0$$

$$m_1 = 3m_2$$

$$v_1 = 0; v_2 = 2v_0$$



$$2m_2 v_0 - m_3 v_0 = m_2 v_2 + m_3 v_3$$

$$v_3 - v_2 = -(-v_0 - 2v_0) = 3v_0$$

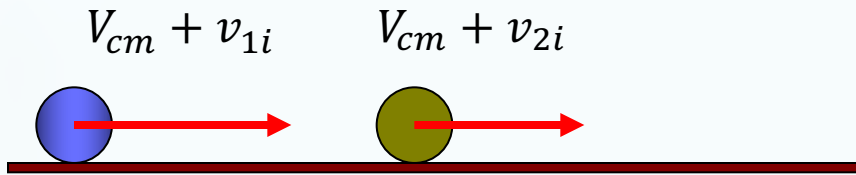
$$v_2 = 2v_0 \frac{m_2 - 2m_3}{m_2 + m_3}$$

$$m_2 = 2m_3$$

$$v_2 = 0; v_3 = 3v_0$$

$$h_3/h_0 = (v_3/v_0)^2 = 9$$

Center-of-mass reference frame



$$\vec{P} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = M \vec{V}_{cm} = \text{const}$$

$$p_{1i} = -p_{2i}$$

$$E_{k,i} = \frac{m_1 v_{1i}^2}{2} + \frac{m_2 v_{2i}^2}{2} = \frac{p_{1i}^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_{2i}^2}{2m_2} = p_{1i}^2 \left(\frac{1}{2m_1} + \frac{1}{2m_2} \right)$$

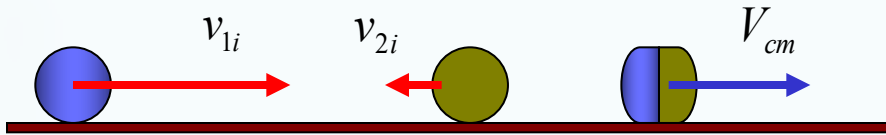
$$E_{k,f} = \frac{m_1 v_{1f}^2}{2} + \frac{m_2 v_{2f}^2}{2} = \frac{p_{1f}^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_{2f}^2}{2m_2} = p_{1f}^2 \left(\frac{1}{2m_1} + \frac{1}{2m_2} \right)$$

No external forces!

$$\text{Elastic collision} \Rightarrow p_{1i}^2 = p_{1f}^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_{1f} = \pm p_{1i} \\ p_{2f} = \pm p_{2i} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} v_{1f} = \pm v_{1i} \\ v_{2f} = \pm v_{2i} \end{cases}$$

In CoM reference frame the velocities of each object are simply reversed by collision.

Perfectly inelastic collision



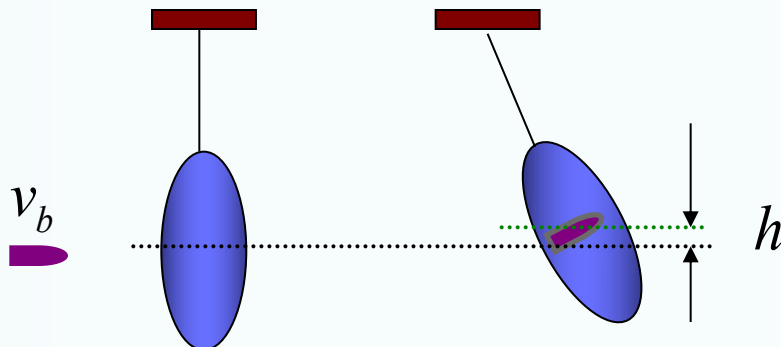
$$\sum m_i v_i = M V_{cm}$$

$$E_{k,i} = \frac{m_1 v_{1i}^2}{2} + \frac{m_2 v_{2i}^2}{2} = \frac{p_{1i}^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_{2i}^2}{2m_2}$$

$$E_{k,f} = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} V_{cm}^2 = \frac{p^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)}$$

$$\boxed{v_{2i} = 0} \quad E_{k,f} = \frac{2m_1 E_{k,i}}{2(m_1 + m_2)} = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \frac{m_1 v_{1i}^2}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} v_{1i} = -v_{2i} \\ m_1 = m_2 \end{matrix}} \quad E_{k,f} = 0$$



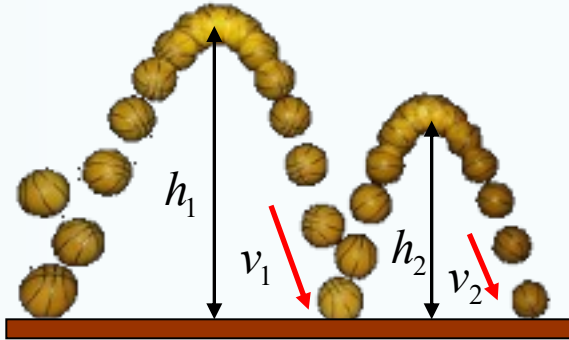
$$E_{k,f} = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \frac{m_1 v_{1i}^2}{2} = (m_1 + m_2) gh$$

Coefficient of restitution

$e = 1$ – elastic collision

$e = 0$ – perfectly inelastic collision

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



$$v_{plate} = 0 \Rightarrow v_2 = ev_1$$

$$e = \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \frac{\sqrt{mgh_1}}{\sqrt{mgh_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{h_1}{h_2}}$$

Table tennis
Stainless table

$e = 0.92$

Bat-bat COR

$e < 0.5$

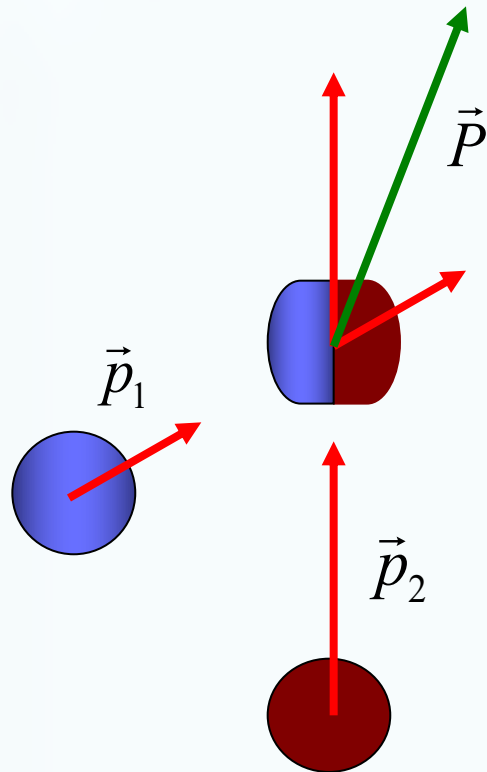
$$\Delta E_k = f(e) - ? \quad E_{k,i} = \frac{p^2}{M} \quad E_{k,f} = \frac{e^2 p^2}{M} \quad \Delta E_k = E_{k,i} (e^2 - 1)$$

$$\vec{I} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F} dt \quad \text{- impulse}$$

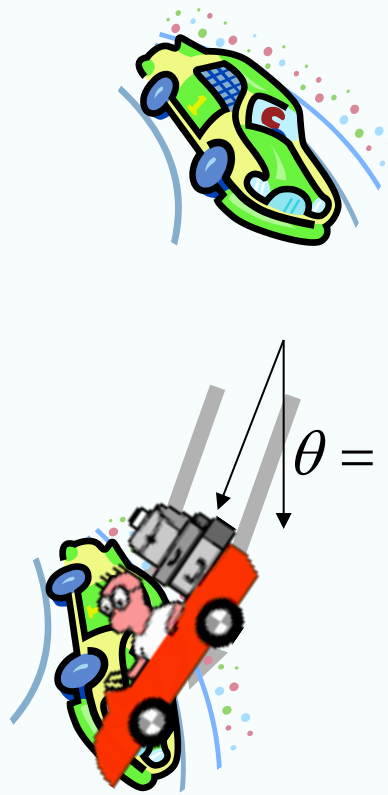
$$\vec{I} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} dt = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i$$

Inelastic collision in 2D

$$\vec{P} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = M \vec{V}_{cm}$$



$$v_2 = \frac{v_1}{\tan \theta} = 70 \text{ km/h}$$

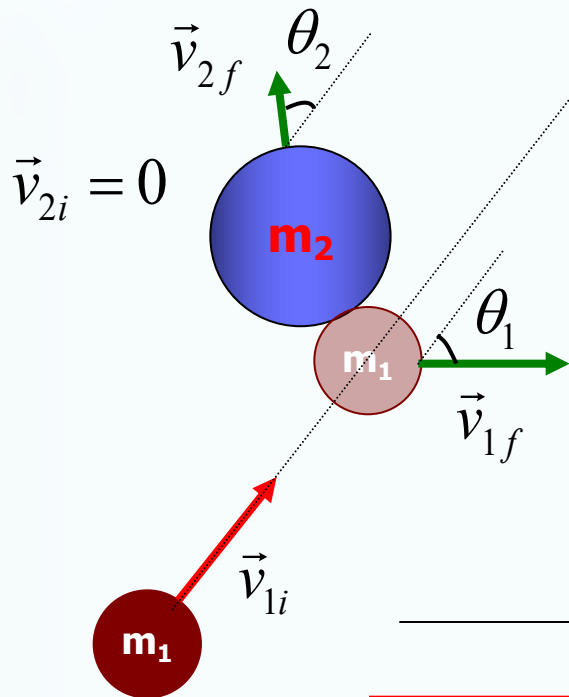


$$v_1 = 40 \text{ km/h}$$



Elastic collisions in 2D

$$\vec{P} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = \text{const}$$

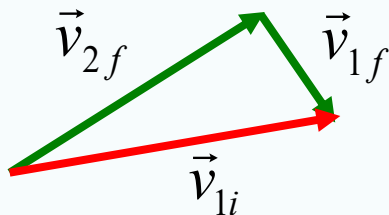


- ① $\begin{cases} P_x = m_1 v_{1x,i} = m_1 v_{1x,f} \cos \theta_1 + m_2 v_{2x,f} \cos \theta_2 \end{cases}$
- ② $\begin{cases} P_y = 0 = m_1 v_{1x,f} \sin \theta_1 + m_2 v_{2x,f} \sin \theta_2 \end{cases}$
- ③ $\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2$

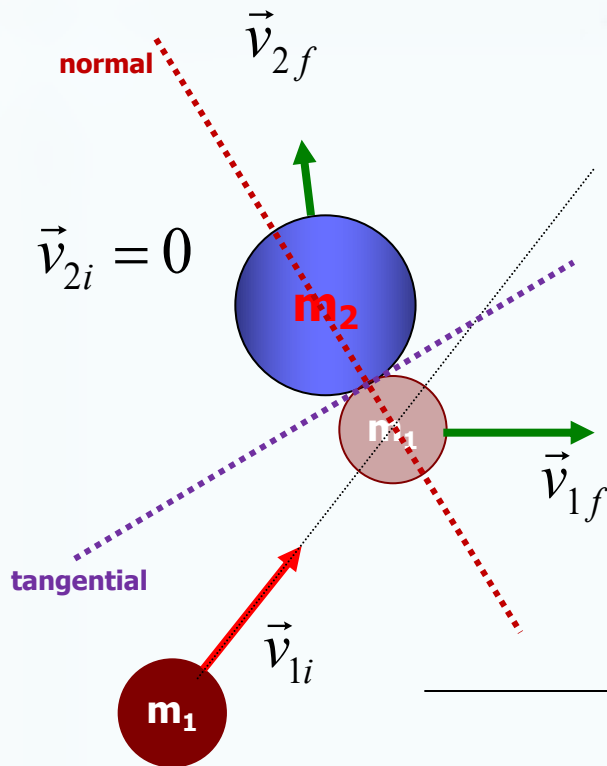
$$m_1 = m_2$$

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

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



Elastic collisions in 2D



$$\vec{P} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i = \text{const}$$

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

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

$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2$$

$$v_{1i,t} = v_{1f,t}$$

$$v_{2i,t} = v_{2f,t}$$

otherwise frictional forces would violate the energy conservation

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

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

To remember!

- During inelastic collisions the total kinetic energy is not conserved. It is conserved during elastic collision.
- In a perfectly inelastic collision the bodies stick together and move with the velocity of COM.
- In the COM reference frame, upon 1D elastic collision the bodies change their velocities to the opposite ones.
- For non-central collisions one has to consider conservation of all components of the linear momentum.

