

# HW8 - Collisions

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- ① Experiment 1 -  $\vec{v}_{cm} = \vec{0}$ , so after fusion  $v_{A \text{ after}} = v_{B \text{ after}} = 0$ , so  $E_{k \text{ before}} - E_{k \text{ after}} = E_{\text{tot}} - \text{released}$ .

Experiment 2 - 1) after fusion move as one, 2) total momentum =  $p_A$  (conserved).

$$\text{Needed release } E_{\text{tot}} = \frac{p_A^2}{2m_A} - \frac{p_A^2}{2(m_A + m_B)} =$$

$$= \frac{p_A^2}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{m_A} - \frac{1}{m_A + m_B} \right] = E_{KA}$$

$$= \left( \frac{p_A^2}{2} \cdot \frac{m_B}{m_A(m_A + m_B)} \right) = E_{KA} \cdot \frac{m_B}{m_A + m_B} = E_{\text{tot}} \Rightarrow E_{KA} = E_{\text{tot}} \left( 1 + \frac{m_A}{m_B} \right)$$

( $m_A, m_B$  depend on particles, cannot be found in this task uniquely)

- ② a) For elastic collisions (these formulas <sup>were</sup> derived in last HWs):

$$v_0' = \frac{(m_0 - m_1)v_0 + 2m_1v_1}{m_0 + m_1}, \quad v_1' = \frac{(m_1 - m_0)v_1 + 2m_0v_0}{m_0 + m_1}$$

Since  $m_1 = 4m_0, v_1 = 0, v_0 = 10 \text{ m/s}$ ,

$$v_0' = \frac{-3m_0v_0 + 0}{5m_0} = -\frac{3}{5}v_0 = -6 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_1' = \frac{3m_0 \cdot 0 + 2m_0v_0}{5m_0} = \frac{2}{5}v_0 = 4 \text{ m/s} \quad (\text{note that mom. is cons.})$$

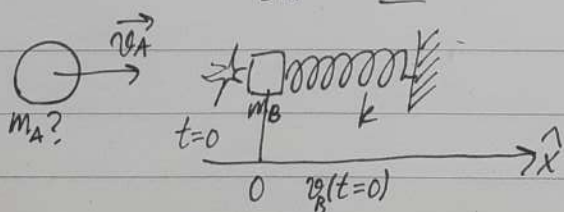
b) Using same reasoning  $v_{i+1}' = \frac{2}{5}v_i'$ , so

$$v_3' = \left( \frac{2}{5} \right)^3 v_0 = \frac{8}{125} v_0 = \frac{16}{25} \text{ m/s}$$

- ③  $v_{cm}$  does not change (momentum conserved):

$$v_{cm} = \frac{m(-2v) + 2mv}{3m} = 0$$

④



2) From equation for elastic collision (see 2.2):

$$v_B(0) = \frac{(m_B - m_A)v_{B \text{ before}} + 2m_A v_{A \text{ before}}}{m_A + m_B} =$$

$$= \frac{0 + 2m_A v_A}{m_A + m_B} = v \Rightarrow \frac{2v_A}{1 + \frac{m_B}{m_A}} = v \Rightarrow \boxed{m_A = \frac{m_B}{-1 + \frac{2v_A}{v}}} = \frac{60g}{-1 + \frac{2 \cdot 50}{20}} = 15g$$

b) EOM:  $m_B \ddot{x} = -kx$

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{k}{m_B} x \Rightarrow \text{solved by } x = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi_0), \text{ find } A, \varphi_0:$$

$$1) x(t=0) = 0 = A \sin \varphi_0 \Rightarrow \varphi_0 = 0$$

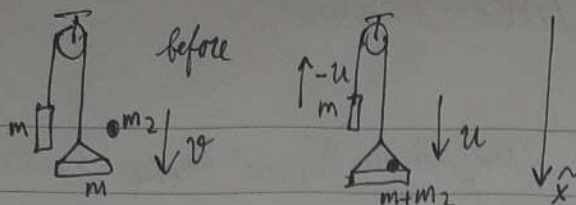
$$2) v = \dot{x} = A\omega \cos(\omega t), \quad v(0) = v = A\omega \Rightarrow A = \frac{v}{\omega}$$

So EOM is:

$$\boxed{x(t) = \frac{v}{\omega} \sin(\omega t)} \quad \text{where } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m_B}} = \sqrt{\frac{10}{60 \cdot 10^{-3}}} \cdot \frac{1}{s} \approx 13 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

In SI units  $x(t) = \frac{20 \cdot 0.01 \text{ m}}{13} \sin(13t \cdot \text{s}^{-1}) \approx 0.015 \text{ m} \cdot \sin(13t \cdot \text{s}^{-1})$

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Momentum conserved, string not stretching -

$$m_2 v = (m+m_2)u - mu \Rightarrow \boxed{u=v}$$

(oppositely moving equal masses do not contribute to mom.)

just after collision,  
impulse of gravity/tension out of picture

Long way to show the same:

$$m_2(u-v) = \Delta t (m_2 g - N)$$

$$mu = \Delta t (mg - T + N)$$

$$-mu = \Delta t (T - mg)$$

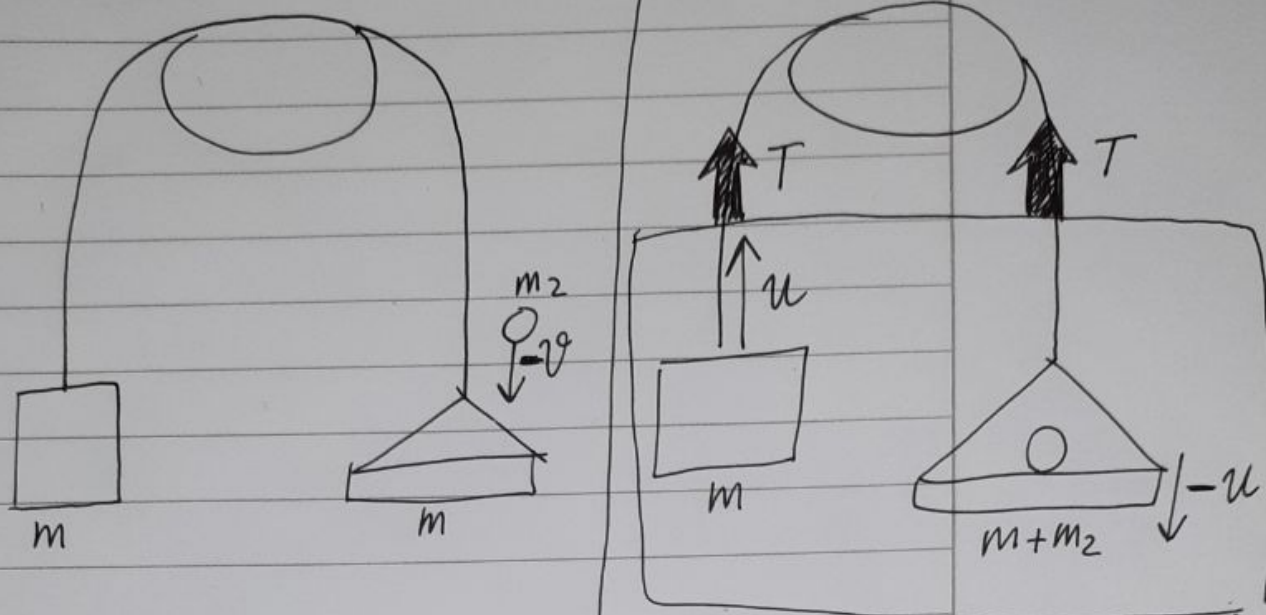
$$\Rightarrow \Delta t N = 0, \quad m_2(u-v) = \Delta t \cdot m_2 g$$

$$\approx 0 [\Delta t \rightarrow 0],$$

$$u \approx v.$$



# Way 1



Why I am wrong —  $p_x(\text{before}) \neq p_x(\text{after})$  — tension increases, is not closed system.

$$1) \Delta p_x = \underbrace{mu + (m+m_2)(-u)}_{p_2} - \underbrace{[-m_2 v]}_{p_1} =$$

$$= 2T\Delta t \Rightarrow m_2(v-u) = 2T\Delta t$$

$$2) mu - 0 = T\Delta t \text{ (for left only)}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 v = (2m+m_2)u$$

$$u = \frac{m_2 v}{m_2 + 2m}$$

## Way 2 — Why we can think about bent "axis" →

So mom. along such "axis" is conserved

$$\rightarrow (2m+m_2)u = m_2 v$$



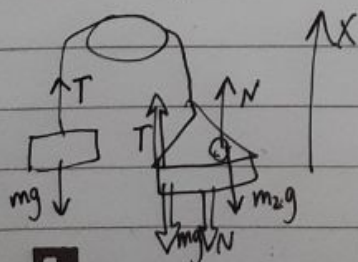
Will vanish  $(T + (-T))$

## Way 3 — Long way to convince everyone

N. laws for all bodies:  $m_2(-u) - m_2(-v) = \Delta t(-m_2 g + N)$  (ball)

$$mu = \Delta t(T - mg) \text{ (left)}$$

$$-mu = \Delta t(-mg + T - N) \text{ (right)}$$



$$\begin{cases} 2mu = \Delta t N \\ m_2 u - m_2 v = m_2 g \cdot \Delta t - \Delta t N \end{cases} \Rightarrow u = \frac{m_2 v}{m_2 + 2m}$$

same