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3 % ECE 202 - Fall 2019 - MATLAB Exercise M1
4 % Equation source: http://www.convertalot.com/elastic\_collision\_calculator.html
5 % MATLAB script to determine the final velocities of 2 carts after an
6 % elastic collision.
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9 clear % clears all variables in the workplace; avoids common errors
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11 % ----- given information -----
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13 m1 = 250; % mass of the cart#1 in g
14 m2 = 150; % mass of the cart#2 in g
15 v1i = 40; % initial velocity of cart#1 in cm/s
16 v2i = -30; % initial velocity of cart#2 in cm/s
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18 % ----- calculations -----
19 % (a)
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22 v1f = ((m1 - m2)*v1i + 2*m2*v2i)/(m1 + m2); % final velocity of cart#1 in cm/s
23 % using momentum conservation
24 % and kinetic energy
25 % conservation
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27 v2f = (2*m1*v1i - (m1 - m2)*v2i)/(m1 + m2); % final velocity of cart#2 in cm/s
28 % using momentum conservation
29 % and kinetic energy
30 % conservation
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32 % ----- check answers -----
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34 check_p = (m1*v1f + m2*v2f) - (m1*v1i + m2*v2i); % The change in the total
35 % momentum of the system
36 % before & after the
37 % collision should be
38 % zero.
39 check_Energy = ((0.5*m1*(v1f)^2) + (0.5*m2*(v2f)^2)) - ((0.5*m1*(v1i)^2) + (0.5*m2*(v2i)^2));
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41 % energy of the system
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44 % zero.
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