

# CENTRE OF MASS & COLLISIONS

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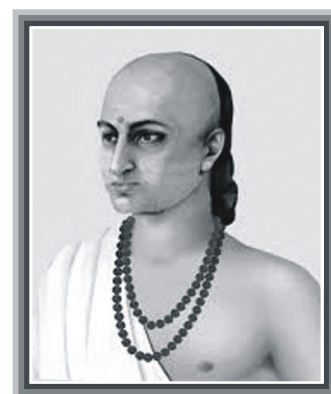
## NEET SYLLABUS

Centre of mass of a two-particle system, momentum conservation and centre of mass motion. Centre of mass of a rigid body; centre of mass of uniform rod.

Law of conservation of linear momentum and its applications. elastic and inelastic collisions in one and two dimensions.

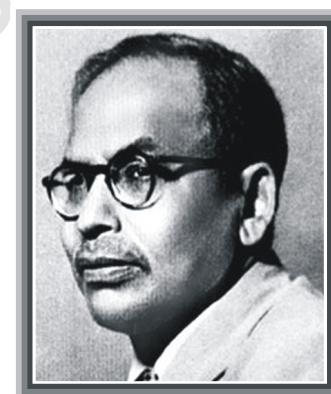
## ARYABHATA

Aryabhata was born (476 CE) in Kusumapura (present day Patna) in Bihar, India. Aryabhata was an acclaimed mathematician – astronomer. His contribution to mathematics, science and astronomy is immense, and yet he has not been accorded the recognition in the world history of science. At the age of 24, he wrote his famed “Aryabhatiya”. He was aware of the concept of zero, as well as the use of large numbers upto 1018. He was the first to calculate the value for ‘pi’ accurately to the fourth decimal point. He devised the formula for calculating areas of triangles and circles. He calculated the circumference of the earth as 62,832 miles, which is an excellent approximation and suggested that the apparent rotation of the heavens was due to the axial rotation of the earth on its axis. He was the first known astronomer to devise a continuous counting of solar days, designating each day with a number. He asserted that the planets shine due to the reflection of sunlight, and that the eclipses occur due to the shadows of moon and earth. His observations discount the “Flat earth” concept, and lay the foundation for the belief that earth and other planets orbit the sun. Aryabhata’s major work, Aryabhatiya, a compendium of mathematics and astronomy, was extensively referred to in the Indian mathematical literature, and has survived to modern times. The Aryabhatiya covers arithmetic, algebra and trigonometry.



## MEGHNAD SAHA

Born : October 6, 1893 Died : February 16, 1956. Meghnad Saha was born on October 6, 1893 in Sheoratali, a village in the District of Dacca, now in Bangladesh. He took admission in the Kishorilal Jubili school and passed the Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University in 1909, standing first among the student from East Bengal obtaining the highest marks in languages (English, Bengali and Sanskrit combined) and in Mathematics. While studying in Presidency College, Meghnad got involved with Anushilan Samiti to take part in freedom fighting movement. Meghnad Saha joined as lecturer at the newly opened University College of Science in Calcutta. He taught Quantum Physics. In 1919, American Astrophysical Journal published – “On selective Radiation Pressure and its application” – a research paper by Meghnad Saha. In 1927, Meghnad Saha was elected as a fellow of London’s Royal Society. Meghnad Saha moved to Allahabad and in 1932 Uttar Pradesh Academy of Science was established. In 1947, he established Institute of Nuclear Physics which later was named after him as Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics. Having seen cyclotrons used for research in nuclear physics abroad, he ordered one to be installed in the institute. In 1950, India had its first cyclotron in operation. In 1952 he stood as an independent candidate for Parliament and was elected by a wide margin. He died on February 16, 1956 due to a heart attack.



# CENTRE OF MASS & COLLISION

## 1. CENTRE OF MASS

For a system of particles centre of mass is that point at which its total mass is supposed to be concentrated.

The centre of mass of an object is a point that represents the entire body and moves in the same way as a point mass having mass equal to that of the object, when subjected to the same external forces that act on the object.

### 1.1 Centre of mass of a system of discrete particles

#### • Centre of Mass of a Two Particles System

Consider two particles of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  with position vectors  $\vec{r}_1$  and  $\vec{r}_2$  respectively. Let their centre of mass C have position vector  $\vec{r}_c$ .

From definition, we have

$$\vec{r}_c = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{M} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_c = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

From the result obtained above we have,

$$x_c = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \text{and} \quad y_c = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

If we assume origin to be at the centre of mass, then the vector  $\vec{r}_c$  vanishes and we have

$$m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 = \vec{0}.$$

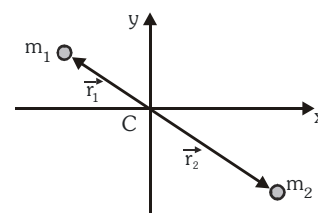
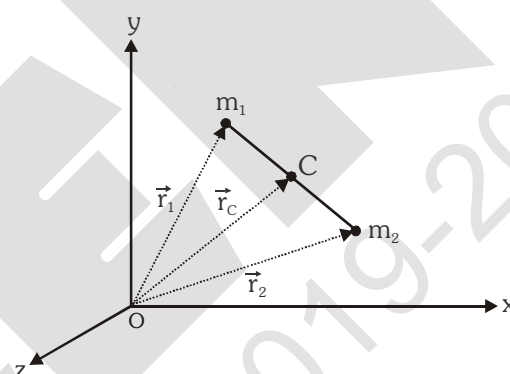
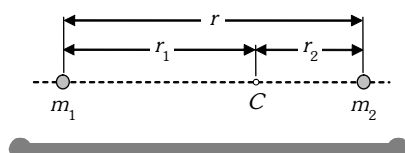
Since neither of the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  can be negative, to satisfy the above equation, vectors  $\vec{r}_1$  and  $\vec{r}_2$  must have opposite signs. It is geometrically possible only when the centre of mass C lies between the two particles on the line joining them as shown in the figure.

If we substitute magnitudes  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  of vectors  $\vec{r}_1$  and  $\vec{r}_2$  in the above equation, we have

$$m_1 r_1 = m_2 r_2, \text{ or } \frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{m_2}{m_1}.$$

We conclude that the centre of mass of the two particles system lies between the two particles on the line joining them which divides the distance between them in the inverse ratio of their respective masses.

Consider two particles of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  at a distance  $r$  from each other. Their centre of mass C must lie in between them on the line joining them. Let the distances of these particles from the centre of mass be  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ .



Since centre of mass of a two particles system lies between the two particles on the line joining them which divides the distance between them in the inverse ratio of masses of the particles, we can write

$$r_1 = \frac{m_2 r}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = \frac{m_1 r}{m_1 + m_2}$$

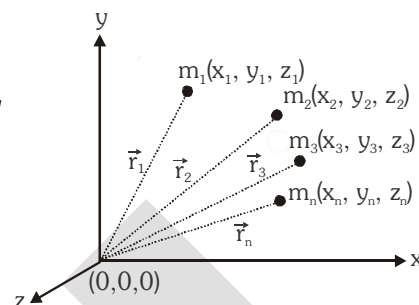
### • Centre of mass (COM) of several Particles

If the co-ordinates of particles of masses  $m_1, m_2, \dots$  are respectively

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), \dots$$

then position vector of their centre of mass is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{R}_{CM} &= x_{cm} \hat{i} + y_{cm} \hat{j} + z_{cm} \hat{k} \\ &= \frac{m_1(x_1 \hat{i} + y_1 \hat{j} + z_1 \hat{k}) + m_2(x_2 \hat{i} + y_2 \hat{j} + z_2 \hat{k}) + m_3(x_3 \hat{i} + y_3 \hat{j} + z_3 \hat{k}) + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots} \\ &= \frac{(m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots) \hat{i} + (m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + \dots) \hat{j} + (m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2 + \dots) \hat{k}}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots} \end{aligned}$$



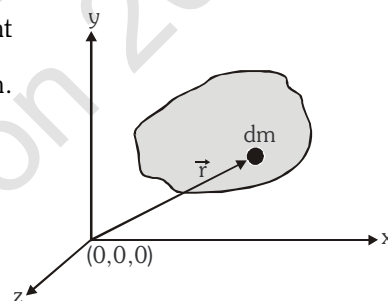
$$\text{So, } x_{cm} = \left( \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots} \right), y_{cm} = \left( \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots} \right), z_{cm} = \left( \frac{m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots} \right)$$

### 1.2 Centre of Mass of Continuous Distribution of Mass

If a system has continuous distribution of mass, treating the mass element  $dm$  at position  $\vec{r}$  as a point mass and replacing summation by integration.

$$\vec{R}_{CM} = \frac{1}{M} \int \vec{r} dm; \quad \text{where } m = \int dm$$

$$\text{So that } x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int x dm, y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int y dm \text{ and } z_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int z dm$$



### 1.3 Centre of mass of composite bodies

In order to find the centre of mass, the component bodies are assumed to be particles of masses equal to the corresponding bodies located at their respective centres of masses. Then we use the equation to find the coordinates of the centre of mass of the composite body.

To find the centre of mass of the composite body, we first have to calculate the masses of the bodies, because their mass distribution is given.

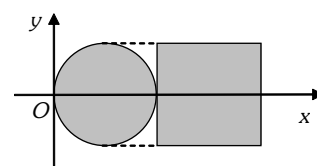
If we denote the surface mass density (mass per unit area) by  $\sigma$  then the masses of the bodies assumed to be uniform are

$$\text{Mass of the disc} \quad m_d = \text{Mass per unit area} \times \text{Area} = \sigma(A_d)$$

$$\text{Mass of the square plate } m_s = \text{Mass per unit area} \times \text{Area} = \sigma(A_s)$$

$$\text{Location of centre of mass of the disc} \equiv (x_d, y_d)$$

$$\text{Location of centre of mass of the square plate} \equiv (x_p, y_p)$$



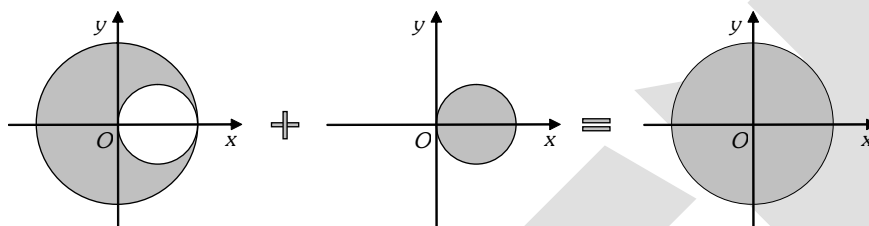
Using eq. corresponding to centre of mass, we obtain its coordinates ( $x_c$ ,  $y_c$ ) of the composite body.

$$x_c = \frac{m_d x_d + m_s x_s}{m_d + m_s} \quad \text{and} \quad y_c = \frac{m_d y_d + m_s y_s}{m_d + m_s}$$

$$= \frac{A_d x_d + A_s x_s}{A_d + A_s} \quad \text{and} \quad = \frac{A_d y_d + A_s y_s}{A_d + A_s}$$

### 1.4 Centre of mass of truncated bodies

To find the centre of mass of truncated bodies or bodies with cavities we can make use of superposition principle that is, if we restore the removed portion in the same place we obtain the original body. The idea is illustrated in the following figure.



The removed portion is added to the truncated body keeping their location unchanged relative to the coordinate frame.

If a portion of a body is taken out, the remaining portion may be considered as,

[Original mass ( $M$ ) – mass of the removed part ( $m$ )] = {original mass ( $M$ )} + { – mass of the removed part ( $m$ )}

The formula changes to :  $x_{cm} = \frac{Mx - mx'}{M - m}$  ;  $y_{cm} = \frac{My - my'}{M - m}$  ;  $z_{cm} = \frac{Mz - mz'}{M - m}$

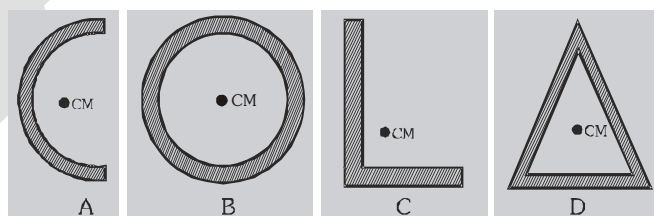
Where  $x'$ ,  $y'$  and  $z'$  represent the coordinates of the centre of mass of the removed part.

### 1.5 Centre of gravity

Centre of gravity of a body is that point where it is assumed that the gravitational force of earth i.e. weight of its body acts on it.

In normal cases, if the acceleration due to gravity remains the same throughout the mass distribution then centre of gravity coincides with the centre of mass and both in turn coincide with the geometrical centre of the body.

### GOLDEN KEY POINTS



- There may or may not be any mass present physically at the centre of mass (See figure A, B, C, D)
- Centre of mass may be inside or outside a body (See figure A, B, C, D)
- Position of centre of mass depends on the shape of the body. (See figure A, B, C, D)
- For a given shape, it depends on the distribution of mass within the body and is closer to massive portion. (See figure A,C)

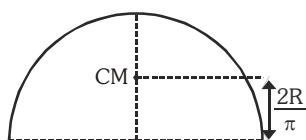
- For symmetrical bodies having homogeneous distribution of mass it coincides with the centre of symmetry or the geometrical centre. (See figure B,D).
- If we know the centre of mass of parts of the system and their masses, we can get the combined centre of mass by treating the parts as particles placed at their respective centre of masses.
- It is independent of the co-ordinate system, e.g., the centre of mass of a ring is at its centre whatever be the co-ordinate system.
- If the origin of co-ordinate system is at the centre of mass, i.e.,  $\vec{R}_{CM} = \vec{0}$ , then by definition,

$$\frac{1}{M} \sum m_i \vec{r}_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sum m_i \vec{r}_i = 0.$$

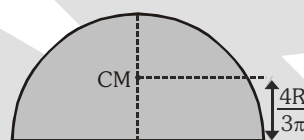
The sum of the moments of the masses of a system about its centre of mass is always zero.

### Centre of mass of some uniform symmetric bodies are

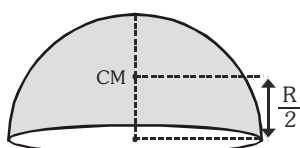
(i) Semicircular ring of radius  $R$



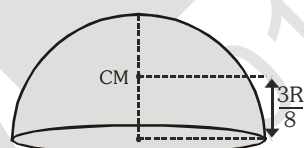
(ii) Semicircular disc



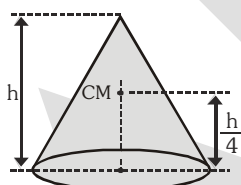
(iii) Hemispherical shell



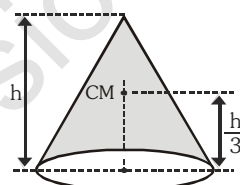
(iv) Solid hemisphere



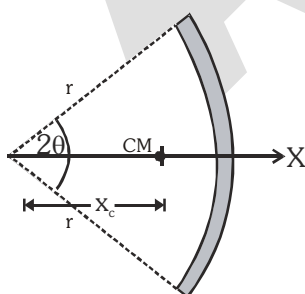
(v) Solid cone



(vi) Hollow cone

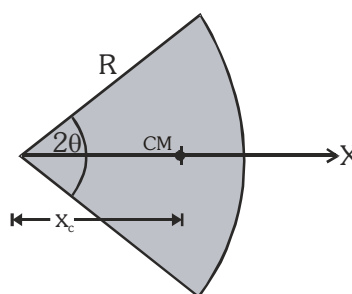


(vii) Circular arc



$$x_c = \frac{r \sin \theta}{\theta}$$

(viii) Sector of a circular plate



$$x_c = \frac{2R \sin \theta}{3\theta}$$

**Note :** Here  $\theta$  is in radians.

## Illustrations

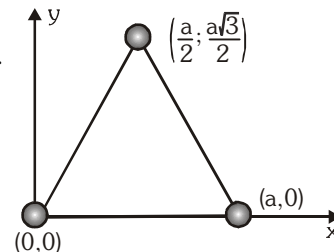
### Illustration 1.

Three bodies of equal masses are placed at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(a, 0)$  and at  $\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ .

Find out the co-ordinates of centre of mass.

#### Solution

$$x_{CM} = \frac{0 \times m + a \times m + \frac{a}{2} \times m}{m + m + m} = \frac{a}{2}, \quad y_{CM} = \frac{0 \times m + 0 \times m + \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2} \times m}{m + m + m} = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{6}$$



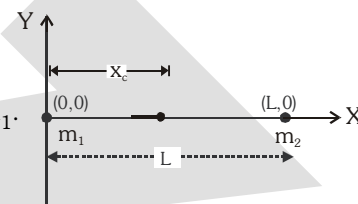
### Illustration 2.

Calculate the position of the centre of mass of a system consisting of two particles of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  separated by a distance  $L$ , in relative to  $m_1$ .

#### Solution

Treating the line joining the two particles as x axis

$$x_{CM} = \frac{m_1 \times 0 + m_2 \times L}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m_2 L}{m_1 + m_2}, \quad y_{CM} = 0, \quad z_{CM} = 0$$



### Illustration 3.

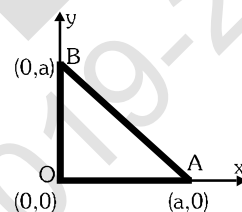
Three rods of the same mass are placed as shown in the figure.

Calculate the coordinates of the centre of mass of the system.

#### Solution

CM of rod OA is at  $\left(\frac{a}{2}, 0\right)$ , CM of rod OB is at  $\left(0, \frac{a}{2}\right)$  and CM of rod AB is at  $\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2}\right)$

$$\text{For the system, } x_{cm} = \frac{m \times \frac{a}{2} + m \times 0 + m \times \frac{a}{2}}{m + m + m} = \frac{a}{3} \Rightarrow y_{cm} = \frac{m \times 0 + m \times \frac{a}{2} + m \times \frac{a}{2}}{m + m + m} = \frac{a}{3}$$



### Illustration 4.

If the linear density of a rod of length  $L$  varies as  $\lambda = A + Bx$ , determine the position of its centre of mass. (where  $x$  is the distance from one of its ends)

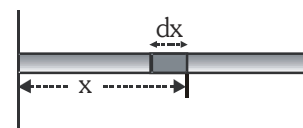
#### Solution

Let the X-axis be along the length of the rod with origin at one of its end as shown in figure. As the rod is along x-axis, so,  $y_{CM} = 0$  and  $z_{CM} = 0$  i.e., centre of mass will be on the rod.

Now consider an element of rod of length  $dx$  at a distance  $x$  from the origin, mass of this element

$dm = \lambda dx = (A + Bx)dx$  so,

$$x_{CM} = \frac{\int_0^L x dm}{\int_0^L dm} = \frac{\int_0^L x(A + Bx) dx}{\int_0^L (A + Bx) dx} = \frac{\frac{AL^2}{2} + \frac{BL^3}{3}}{AL + \frac{BL^2}{2}} = \frac{L(3A + 2BL)}{3(2A + BL)}$$



- Note :**
- (i) If the rod is of uniform density then  $\lambda = A = \text{constant}$  &  $B = 0$  then  $x_{CM} = L/2$
  - (ii) If the density of rod varies linearly with  $x$ , then  $\lambda = Bx$  and  $A = 0$  then  $x_{CM} = 2L/3$

**Illustration 5.**

A disc of radius  $R$  is cut off from a uniform thin sheet of metal. A circular hole of radius  $\frac{R}{2}$  is now cut out from the disc, with the hole being tangent to the rim of the disc. Find the distance of the centre of mass from the centre of the original disc.

**Solution**

We treat the hole as a 'negative mass' object that is combined with the original uncut disc. (When the two are overlapped together, the hole region then has zero mass). By symmetry, the CM lies along the  $+y$ -axis in figure, so  $x_{CM} = 0$ . With the origin at the centre of the original circle whose mass is assumed to be  $m$ .

Mass of original uncut circle  $m_1 = m$  & Location of CM =  $(0, 0)$

Mass of hole of negative mass :  $m_2 = \frac{m}{4}$  ; Location of CM =  $\left(0, \frac{R}{2}\right)$

$$\text{Thus } y_{CM} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m(0) + \left(-\frac{m}{4}\right) \frac{R}{2}}{m + \left(-\frac{m}{4}\right)} = -\frac{R}{6}$$

So the centre of mass is at the point  $\left(0, -\frac{R}{6}\right)$ .

Thus, the required distance is  $R/6$ .

**Illustration 6.**

Find the position vector of centre of mass of a system of three particles of masses 1 kg, 2 kg and 3 kg located at position vectors  $\vec{r}_1 = (4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  m,  $\vec{r}_2 = (\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  m and  $\vec{r}_3 = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  m respectively.

**Solution.**

From eq. corresponding to CM, we have

$$\vec{r}_c = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{M}$$

$$\vec{r}_c = \frac{1(4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + 2(\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + 3(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{1 + 2 + 3} = \left(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{k}\right) \text{ m}$$

**Illustration 7.**

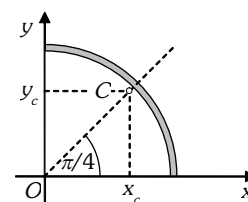
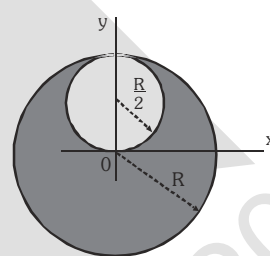
Find coordinates of center of mass of a quarter ring of radius  $r$  placed in the first quadrant of a Cartesian coordinate system, with centre at origin.

**Solution.**

Making use of the result of circular arc, distance OC of the center of mass from

the center is  $OC = \frac{r \sin(\pi/4)}{\pi/4} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}r}{\pi}$ . Coordinates of the center of mass

$$(x_c, y_c) \text{ are } \left(\frac{2r}{\pi}, \frac{2r}{\pi}\right)$$





**Illustration 8.**

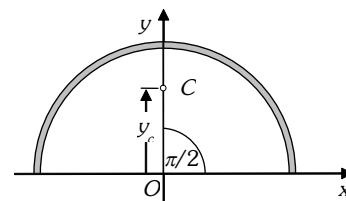
Find coordinates of center of mass of a semicircular ring of radius  $r$  placed symmetric to the  $y$ -axis of a Cartesian coordinate system.

**Solution.**

The  $y$ -axis is the line of symmetry, therefore center of mass of the ring lies on it making  $x$ -coordinate zero.

Distance  $OC$  of center of mass from center is given by the result obtained for circular arc

$$OC = \frac{r \sin \theta}{\theta} \Rightarrow y_c = \frac{r \sin(\pi/2)}{\pi/2} = \frac{2r}{\pi}, \text{ So coordinates are } \left(0, \frac{2r}{\pi}\right)$$



**Illustration 9.**

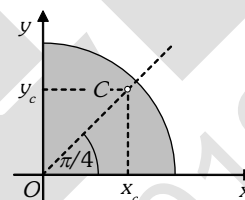
Find coordinates of center of mass of a quarter sector of a uniform disk of radius  $r$  placed in the first quadrant of a Cartesian coordinate system with centre at origin.

**Solution.**

From the result obtained for sector of circular plate distance  $OC$  of the center of mass from the center is

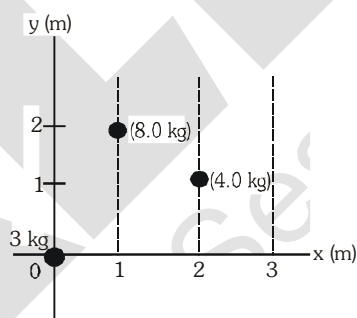
$$OC = \frac{2r \sin(\pi/4)}{3\pi/4} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}r}{3\pi}$$

Coordinates of the center of mass  $(x_c, y_c)$  are  $\left(\frac{4r}{3\pi}, \frac{4r}{3\pi}\right)$

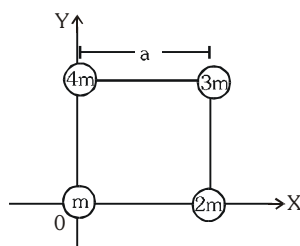


**BEGINNER'S BOX-1**

1. What are the co-ordinates of the centre of mass of the three particles system shown in figure?



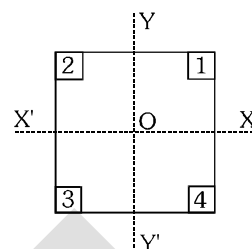
2. Four particles of masses  $m, 2m, 3m, 4m$  are placed at the corners of a square of side ' $a$ ' as shown in fig. Find out the co-ordinates of centre of mass.



3. A rigid body consists of a 3 kg mass connected to a 2 kg mass by a massless rod. The 3 kg mass is located at  $\vec{r}_1 = (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j})$  m and the 2 kg mass at  $\vec{r}_2 = (4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})$  m. Find the position and coordinates of the centre of mass.

4. Fig. shows a uniform square plate from which one or more of the four identical squares at the corners will be removed.

- Where is the centre of mass of the plate originally.
- Where is the C.M. after square 1 is removed.
- Where is the C.M. after squares 1 and 2 removed.
- Where is the C.M. after squares 1 and 3 are removed.
- Where is the C.M. after squares 1, 2 and 3 are removed.
- Where is the C.M. after all the four squares are removed.



Give your answers in terms of quadrants and axis.

5. Find the centre of mass of a uniform disc of radius 'a' from which a circular section of radius 'b' has been removed. The centre of the hole is at a distance c from the centre of the disc.

## 2. MOTION OF CENTRE OF MASS

### 2.1 Motion of Centre of Mass

As for a system of particles, position of centre of mass is given by  $\vec{R}_{CM} = \frac{m_1\vec{r}_1 + m_2\vec{r}_2 + m_3\vec{r}_3 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots}$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{R}_{CM}) = \frac{m_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} + m_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} + m_3 \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots} \Rightarrow \text{velocity of centre of mass } \vec{v}_{CM} = \frac{d\vec{R}_{CM}}{dt} = \frac{m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}$$

$$\text{Similarly acceleration } \vec{a}_{CM} = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{v}_{CM}) = \frac{m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}$$

$$\text{We can write } M\vec{v}_{CM} = m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 + \dots \quad [\because \vec{p} = m\vec{v}]$$

$$M\vec{v}_{CM} = \vec{p}_{CM} \quad [\because \sum \vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_{CM}]$$

Linear momentum of a system of particles is equal to the product of mass of the system with velocity of its centre of mass. From Newton's second law  $\vec{F}_{ext.} = \frac{d(M\vec{v}_{CM})}{dt}$

$$\text{If } \vec{F}_{ext.} = \vec{0} \text{ then } \vec{v}_{CM} = \text{constant}$$

If no external force acts on a system the velocity of its centre of mass remains constant, i.e., velocity of centre of mass is unaffected by internal forces.

### 3. APPLICATION OF METHODS OF IMPULSE AND MOMENTUM TO A SYSTEM OF PARTICLES

In a phenomenon, when a system changes its configuration, some or all of its particles change their respective locations and momenta. Sum of linear momenta of all the particles equals to the linear momentum due to translation of centre of mass.

Impulse momentum theorem : Impulse = Change in momentum

$$\text{i.e., } \int \vec{F} dt = \Delta \vec{p} = \vec{p}_{\text{final}} - \vec{p}_{\text{initial}}$$

#### 3.1 Conservation of Linear momentum

Total linear momentum of a system of particles remains conserved in a time interval in which impulse of external forces is zero.

Total momentum of a system of particles cannot change under the action of internal forces and if net impulse of the external forces in a time interval is zero, the total momentum of the system in that time interval will remain conserved.

$$\vec{p}_{\text{final}} = \vec{p}_{\text{initial}}$$

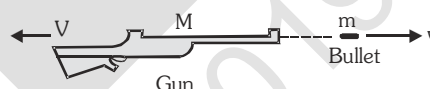
The above statement is known as the principle of conservation of momentum.

Since force, impulse and momentum are vectors, component of momentum of a system in a particular direction is conserved, if net impulse of all external forces in that direction vanishes.

**No external force  $\Rightarrow$  Stationary mass relative to an inertial frame remains at rest**

**Example : Firing a Bullet from a Gun :**

If the bullet is the system, the force exerted by trigger will be external and so the linear momentum of the bullet will change from 0 to  $mv$ . This is not the violation of the law of conservation of linear momentum as linear momentum is conserved only in the absence of external force.



If the bullet and gun is the system, then the force exerted by trigger will be internal so.

total momentum of the system  $\vec{p}_s = \vec{p}_B + \vec{p}_G = \text{constant} \dots (i)$

Now, as initially both bullet and gun are at rest so  $\vec{p}_B + \vec{p}_G = \vec{0}$ . From this it is evident that :

$\vec{p}_G = -\vec{p}_B$ , i.e., if bullet acquires forward momentum, the gun will acquire equal and opposite (backward) momentum.

From (i)  $m\vec{v} + M\vec{V} = \vec{0}$ , i.e.,  $\vec{V} = -\frac{m}{M}\vec{v}$  i.e., if the bullet moves forward, the gun 'recoils' or 'kicks backwards'.

Heavier the gun lesser will be the recoil velocity  $V$ .

Kinetic energy  $K = \frac{p^2}{2m}$  and  $|\vec{p}_B| = |\vec{p}_G| = p$ . Kinetic energy of gun  $K_G = \frac{p^2}{2M}$ ,

Kinetic energy of bullet  $K_B = \frac{p^2}{2m} \therefore \frac{K_G}{K_B} = \frac{m}{M} < 1$  ( $\because M \gg m$ ). Thus kinetic energy of gun is lesser than that of bullet i.e., kinetic energy of bullet and gun will not be equal. Initial kinetic energy of the system is zero as both are at rest. Final kinetic energy of the system is greater than zero.

So, here kinetic energy of the system is not constant but increases. If PE is assumed to be constant then Mechanical energy = (kinetic energy + potential energy) will also increase. However, energy is always conserved. Here chemical energy of gun powder is converted into KE.

**Example : Block-Bullet System :****(a) When bullet remains embedded in the block**

Conserving momentum of bullet and block  $mv + 0 = (M+m)V$

$$\text{Velocity of block } V = \frac{mv}{M+m} \dots(i)$$

By conservation of mechanical energy

$$\frac{1}{2}(M+m)V^2 = (M+m)gh \Rightarrow V = \sqrt{2gh} \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{From eq}^n. (i) \text{ and eq}^n. (ii) \quad \frac{mv}{M+m} = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$\text{Speed of bullet } v = \frac{(M+m)\sqrt{2gh}}{m},$$

$$\text{Maximum height gained by block } h = \frac{V^2}{2g} = \frac{m^2 v^2}{2g(M+m)^2}$$

$$\therefore h = L - L \cos \theta \therefore \cos \theta = 1 - \frac{h}{L} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{h}{L} \right)$$

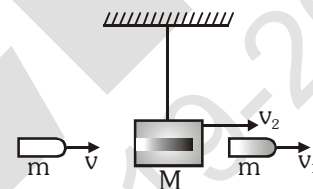
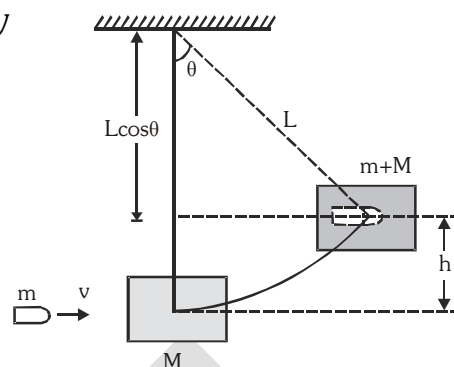
**(b) If bullet emerges out of the block**

Conserving momentum  $mv + 0 = mv_1 + Mv_2$

$$m(v - v_1) = Mv_2 \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Conserving energy } \frac{1}{2}Mv_2^2 = Mgh \Rightarrow v_2 = \sqrt{2gh} \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{From eq}^n. (i) \text{ \& eq}^n. (ii) \quad m(v - v_1) = M\sqrt{2gh} \Rightarrow h = \frac{m^2(v - v_1)^2}{2gM^2}$$

**Example : Explosion of a Bomb at rest**

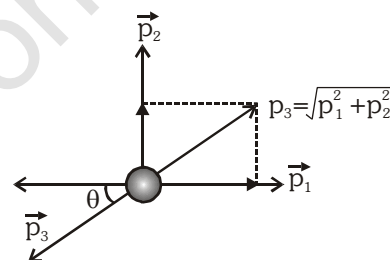
Conserving momentum

$$\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{p}_3 = -(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2) \Rightarrow p_3 = \sqrt{p_1^2 + p_2^2} \text{ as } \vec{p}_1 \perp \vec{p}_2$$

Angle made by  $\vec{p}_3$  with  $\vec{p}_1 = \pi + \theta$

Angle made by  $\vec{p}_3$  with  $\vec{p}_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta$

$$\text{where } \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right).$$



$$\text{Energy released in explosion} = K_f - K_i = \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + \frac{p_3^2}{2m_3} - 0 = \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + \frac{p_3^2}{2m_3}.$$

**Example : Motion of Two Masses Connected to a Spring**

Consider two blocks, resting on a frictionless surface and connected by a massless spring as shown in figure. If the spring is stretched (or compressed) and then released from rest,

Then  $F_{\text{ext}} = 0$  so  $\vec{p}_s = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \text{constant}$

However, initially both the blocks were at rest so,  $\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \vec{0}$



It is clear that :

- $\vec{p}_2 = -\vec{p}_1$ , i.e., at any instant the two blocks will have momentum equal in magnitude but opposite in direction (though they have different values of momentum at different positions).
- As momentum  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$ ,  $m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = -\left(\frac{m_1}{m_2}\right)\vec{v}_1$

The two blocks always move in opposite directions with lighter block moving faster.

- Kinetic energy  $KE = \frac{p^2}{2m}$  and  $|\vec{p}_1| = |\vec{p}_2|$ ,  $\frac{KE_1}{KE_2} = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$  or the kinetic energy of two blocks will not be equal but in the inverse ratio of their masses and so lighter block will have greater kinetic energy.
- Initially kinetic energy of the blocks is zero (as both are at rest) but after some time kinetic energy of the blocks is not zero (as both are in motion). So, kinetic energy is not constant but changes. Here during the motion of the blocks KE is converted into elastic potential energy of the spring and vice-versa but total mechanical energy of the system remain constant.

Kinetic energy + Potential energy = Mechanical Energy = Constant

### GOLDEN KEY POINTS

- For an isolated system, initial momentum of the system is equal to the final momentum of the system. If the system consists of n bodies having momenta  $\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{p}_3, \dots, \vec{p}_n$ , then  $\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 + \dots + \vec{p}_n = \text{constant}$
- As linear momentum depends on frame of reference, observers in different frames would find different values of linear momenta of a given system but each would agree that his own value of linear momentum does not change with time. But the system should be isolated and closed, i.e., law of conservation of linear momentum is independent of frame of reference though linear momentum depends on the frame of reference.
- Conservation of linear momentum is equivalent to Newton's III law of motion for a system of two particles. In the absence of external force from law of conservation of linear momentum,

$$\Rightarrow \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \text{constant} \quad \text{i.e. } m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 = \text{constant}$$

Differentiating the above expression with respect to time  $m_1 \frac{d\vec{v}_1}{dt} + m_2 \frac{d\vec{v}_2}{dt} = \vec{0}$  [as m is constant]

$$\Rightarrow m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2 = \vec{0} \quad [\because \frac{d\vec{v}_1}{dt} = \vec{a}] \Rightarrow \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = \vec{0} \quad [\because \vec{F} = m\vec{a}] \Rightarrow \vec{F}_1 = -\vec{F}_2$$

i.e., for every action there is equal and opposite reaction which is Newton's III law of motion.

- This law is universal, i.e., it applies to macroscopic as well as microscopic systems.
- Sum of mass moments in centroidal frame (i.e. centre of mass frame) become zero. It implies  $\sum m_n \vec{r}_n = \vec{0}$   
or  $m_1\vec{r}_1 + m_2\vec{r}_2 + \dots + m_n\vec{r}_n = \vec{0}$ .
- Total linear momentum of the system in centroidal frame is zero. It implies  $\sum m_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$  or  $m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + m_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$ .

## Illustrations

**Illustration 10.**

Two particles of masses 1 kg and 0.5 kg are moving in the same direction with speeds of 2 m/s and 6 m/s, respectively, on a smooth horizontal surface. Find the speed of the centre of mass of the system.

**Solution**

Velocity of centre of mass of the system  $\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$ . Since the two particles are moving in same direction,  $m_1\vec{v}_1$  and  $m_2\vec{v}_2$  are parallel.

$$\Rightarrow |m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2| = m_1v_1 + m_2v_2.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } v_{cm} = \frac{|m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2|}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m_1v_1 + m_2v_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(1)(2) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(6)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)} = 3.33 \text{ m/s.}$$

**Illustration 11.**

Two particles of masses 2 kg and 4 kg are approaching towards each other with accelerations of  $1 \text{ m/s}^2$  and  $2 \text{ m/s}^2$  respectively, on a smooth horizontal surface. Find the acceleration of centre of mass of the system.

**Solution**

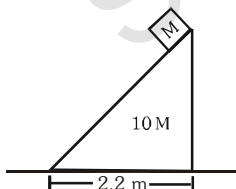
$$\text{The acceleration of centre of mass of the system } \vec{a}_{cm} = \frac{m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2}{m_1 + m_2} \Rightarrow a_{cm} = \frac{|m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2|}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{Since } \vec{a}_1 \text{ and } \vec{a}_2 \text{ are anti-parallel, so } a_{cm} = \frac{|m_1a_1 - m_2a_2|}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{|(2)(1) - (4)(2)|}{2 + 4} = 1 \text{ m/s}^2.$$

Since  $m_2a_2 > m_1a_1$  so the direction of acceleration of centre of mass is along in the direction of  $a_2$ .

**Illustration 12.**

A block of mass  $M$  is placed on the top of a bigger block of mass  $10M$  as shown in figure. All the surfaces are frictionless. The system is released from rest.



Find the distance moved by the bigger block at the instant when the smaller block reaches the ground.

**Solution**

If the bigger block moves toward right by a distance  $(x)$  then the smaller block will move toward left by a distance  $(2.2 - x)$ .

Now considering both the blocks together as a system, horizontal position of CM remains same.

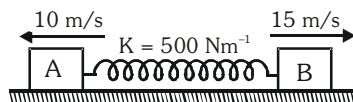
As the sum of mass moments about centre of mass is zero i.e.  $\sum m_i x_{i/cm} = 0$ .

$$M(2.2 - x) = 10 Mx \Rightarrow x = 0.2 \text{ m.}$$

**Illustration 13.**

Two blocks A and B are joined together with a compressed spring. When the system is released, the two blocks appear to be moving with unequal speeds in opposite directions as shown in figure.

Select the correct statement :



- (A) The centre of mass of the system will remain stationary.
- (B) Mass of block A is equal to that of block B.
- (C) The centre of mass of the system will move towards right.
- (D) It is an impossible physical situation.

**Solution**

**Ans. (A)**

As net force on the system = 0 (after being released)

So centre of mass of the system remains stationary.

**Illustration 14.**

A man of mass 80 kg stands on a plank of mass 40 kg. The plank is lying on a smooth horizontal floor. Initially both are at rest. The man starts walking on the plank towards north and stops after moving a distance of 6 m on the plank. Then

- (A) the centre of mass of plank-man system remains stationary.
- (B) the plank will slide to the north by a distance of 4 m
- (C) the plank will slide to the south by a distance of 4 m
- (D) the plank will slide to the south by a distance of 12 m

**Solution**

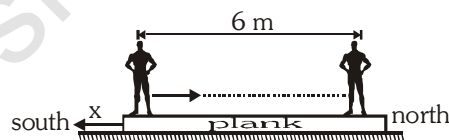
**Ans. (A,C)**

Since net force is zero so centre of mass remains stationary

Let  $x$  be the displacement of the plank.

Since CM of the system remains stationary

so  $80(6-x) = 40x \Rightarrow 12 - 2x = x \Rightarrow x = 4$  m.



**Illustration 15.**

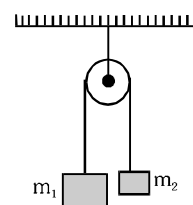
Two bodies of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  ( $m_2 < m_1$ ) are connected to the ends of a massless cord and allowed to move as shown in figure. The pulley is massless and frictionless. Calculate the acceleration of the centre of mass.

**Solution**

If  $\vec{a}$  is the acceleration of  $m_1$ , then  $-\vec{a}$  is the acceleration of  $m_2$  then

$$\vec{a}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{a} + m_2 (-\vec{a})}{m_1 + m_2} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \vec{a}$$

$$\text{But } \vec{a} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \vec{g} \quad \text{so } \vec{a}_{cm} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 \vec{g}.$$



## Illustration 16.

In a gravity free room a man of mass  $m_1$  is standing at a height  $h$  above the floor. He throws a ball of mass  $m_2$  vertically downward with a speed  $u$ . Find the distance of the man from the floor when the ball reaches the ground.

## Solution

Time taken by ball to reach the ground  $t = \frac{h}{u}$

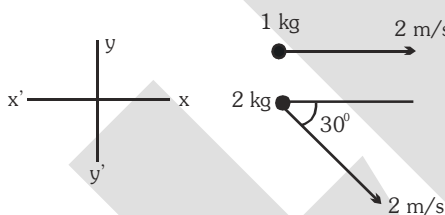
By conservation of linear momentum, speed of man  $v = \left( \frac{m_2 u}{m_1} \right)$

Therefore, the man will move upward by a distance  $= vt = \left( \frac{h}{u} \right) \left( \frac{m_2 u}{m_1} \right) = \frac{m_2}{m_1} h$

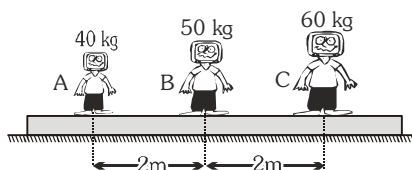
Total distance of the man from the floor  $= h + \frac{m_2}{m_1} h = \left( 1 + \frac{m_2}{m_1} \right) h$ .

## BEGINNER'S BOX-2

1. The velocity of centre of mass of the system as shown in the figure is :-



- (A)  $\left( \frac{2-2\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) \hat{i} - \frac{1}{3} \hat{j}$  (B)  $\left( \frac{2+2\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) \hat{i} - \frac{2}{3} \hat{j}$  (C)  $4\hat{i}$  (D) None of these
2. Two bodies of masses 10 kg and 2 kg are moving with velocities  $(2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  m/s and  $(-10\hat{i} + 35\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  m/s respectively. Find the velocity of their centre of mass.
3. Two blocks of masses 5 kg and 2 kg placed on a frictionless surface are connected by a spring. An external kick gives a velocity of 14 m/s to the heavier block in the direction of the lighter one. Calculate the velocity gained by the centre of mass.
4. Three particles of masses 1 kg, 2 kg and 3 kg are subjected to forces  $(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  N,  $(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  N and  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  N respectively. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the CM of the system.
5. Three men A, B & C of masses 40 kg, 50 kg and 60 kg are standing on a plank of mass 90 kg, which is kept on a smooth horizontal plane. If A & C exchange their positions then mass B will shift



- (A)  $1/3$  m towards left (B)  $1/3$  m towards right  
(C) will not move w.r.t. ground (D)  $5/3$  m towards left



6. Consider a system having two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  in which first mass is pushed towards the centre of mass by a distance  $a$ . The distance by which the second mass should be moved to keep the centre of mass at same position is :-



- (A)  $\frac{m_1}{m_2} a$       (B)  $\frac{m_1}{(m_1 + m_2)} a$       (C)  $\frac{m_2}{m_1} a$       (D)  $\left( \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) a$
7. Two particles A and B initially at rest, move towards each other under their mutual force of attraction. At the instant when the speed of A is  $v$  and the speed of B is  $2v$ , the speed of the centre of mass of the system is:-
- (A)  $3v$       (B)  $v$       (C)  $1.5v$       (D) zero
8. The figure shows the positions and velocities of two particles. If the particles move under the mutual attraction of each other, then the position of centre of mass at  $t = 1$  s is :-



- (A)  $x = 5$  m      (B)  $x = 6$  m      (C)  $x = 3$  m      (D)  $x = 2$  m
9. An isolated particle of mass  $m$  is moving in a horizontal plane ( $x$ - $y$ ), along the  $x$ -axis, at a certain height above the ground. It suddenly explodes into two fragments of masses  $\frac{m}{4}$  and  $\frac{3m}{4}$ . An instant later, the smaller fragment is at  $y = +15$  cm. The larger fragment at this instant is at :-
- (A)  $y = -5$  cm      (B)  $y = +20$  cm      (C)  $y = +5$  cm      (D)  $y = -20$  cm
10. In which of the following cases, the centre of mass of a rod may be at its centre?
- (1) The linear mass density decreases continuously from left to right.
  - (2) The linear mass density increases continuously from left to right.
  - (3) The linear mass density decreases from left to right upto the centre and then increases.
  - (4) The linear mass density increases from left to right upto the centre and then decreases.
- (A) 1, 2      (B) 3, 4      (C) 2, 4      (D) 1, 4

#### 4. COLLISION

Impact or collision is the interaction between two bodies during very small duration in which they exert relatively large forces on each other. Interaction forces during an impact are created either due to direct contact or strong repulsive force fields or some connecting links. These forces are so large as compared to other external forces acting on either of the bodies that the effects of later can be neglected. The duration of the interaction is short enough to permit us only to consider the states of motion just before and after the event and not during the impact. Duration of an impact ranges from  $10^{-23}$  s for impacts between elementary particles to millions of years for impacts between galaxies. The impacts we observe in our everyday life such as that between two balls last from  $10^{-3}$  s to few seconds.

For example, when an  $\alpha$  - particle passes by the nucleus of a gold atom in Rutherford's experiment, it gets deflected in a very short time. Deflection means a change in the direction of motion- a change in velocity. In this process, the particles do not touch each other.

Let us take another example, when a rubber ball strikes a floor, it remains in contact with the floor for very short time in which it changes its velocity. This is an example of collision where physical contact takes place between the colliding bodies.

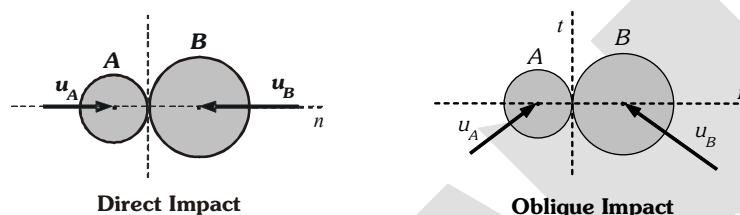
As a result of collision, the momentum and kinetic energy of the interacting bodies change.

Forces involved in a collision are action-reaction forces, i.e., the internal forces of the system.

The total momentum remains conserved in any type of collision.

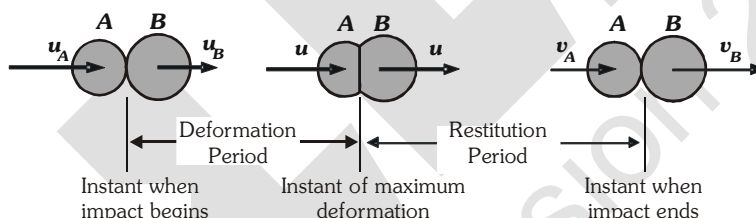
### Head-on (Direct) and Oblique collision (impact)

If velocity vectors of the colliding bodies are directed along the line of impact, the impact is called a direct or head-on impact; and if velocity vectors of both or of any one of the bodies are not along the line of impact, the impact is called an oblique impact.



#### 4.1 Head-on (Direct) Impact

To understand what happens in a head-on impact let us consider two balls A and B of masses  $m_A$  and  $m_B$  moving with velocities  $u_A$  and  $u_B$  in the same direction as shown. Velocity  $u_A$  is larger than  $u_B$  so the ball A hits the ball B. During the impact, both the bodies push each other and first they get deformed till the deformation reaches a maximum value and then they try to regain their original shapes due to elastic behavior of the materials forming the balls.



The time interval during which deformation takes place is called the **deformation period** and the time interval in which the bodies try to regain their original shapes is called the **restitution period**. Due to push applied by the balls on each other during period of deformation speed of ball A decreases and that of ball B increases and at the end of the deformation period, when the deformation is maximum both the balls move with the same velocity say it is  $u$ .

Thereafter, the balls will either move together with this velocity or follow the period of restitution. During the period of restitution due to push applied by the balls on each other, speed of the ball A decreases further and that of ball B increases further till they separate from each other. Let us denote the velocities of the balls A and B after the impact by  $v_A$  and  $v_B$  respectively.

### Equation of Impulse and Momentum during impact

Impulse momentum principle describes the motion of ball A during deformation period.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Ball A} \end{array} \xrightarrow{m_A u_A} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Ball B} \end{array} \xleftarrow{\int D dt} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Ball A} \end{array} \xrightarrow{m_A u} \quad m_A u_A - \int D dt = m_A u \quad \dots(i)$$

Impulse momentum principle describes the motion of ball B during deformation period.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } m_B u_B. \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } \int Ddt. \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } m_B u. \end{array} \quad m_B u_B + \int Ddt = m_B u \quad \dots(ii)$$

Impulse momentum principle describes the motion of ball A during restitution period.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } m_A u. \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing left labeled } \int Rdt. \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } m_A v_A. \end{array} \quad m_A u - \int Rdt = m_A v_A \quad \dots(iii)$$

Impulse momentum principle describes the motion of ball B during restitution period.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } m_B u. \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } \int Rdt. \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A circle with an arrow pointing right labeled } m_B v_B. \end{array} \quad m_B u + \int Rdt = m_B v_B \quad \dots(iv)$$

### Conservation of Momentum during impact

From equations, (i) and (ii) we have

$$m_A u_A + m_B u_B = (m_A + m_B) u \quad \dots(v)$$

From equations, (iii) and (iv) we have

$$(m_A + m_B) u = m_A v_A + m_B v_B \quad \dots(vi)$$

From equations, (v) and (vi) we obtain the following equation.

$$m_A v_A + m_B v_B = m_A u_A + m_B u_B \quad \dots(vii)$$

The above equation elucidates the principle of conservation of momentum.

### Coefficient of Restitution

Usually the force  $D$  applied by the bodies  $A$  and  $B$  on each other during the period of deformation differs from the force  $R$  applied by the bodies on each other during the period of restitution. Therefore, it is not necessary that the magnitude of impulse  $\int Ddt$  due to deformation equals to that of impulse  $\int Rdt$  due to restitution.

The ratio of magnitudes of impulse of restitution to that of deformation is called the coefficient of restitution and is denoted by  $e$ .

$$e = \frac{\text{impulse of recovery}}{\text{impulse of deformation}} = \frac{\int Rdt}{\int Ddt}$$

$$e = \frac{\text{velocity of separation along line of impact}}{\text{velocity of approach along line of impact}} = \frac{|\vec{v}_B - \vec{v}_A|}{|\vec{u}_A - \vec{u}_B|}$$

From equations (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), we have

coefficient of restitution depends on various factors as elastic properties of materials forming the bodies, velocities of the contact points before impact, state of rotation of the bodies and temperature of the bodies. In general, its value ranges from zero to one but in collisions where additional kinetic energy is generated, its value may exceed one.

Depending on the values of coefficient of restitution, two particular cases are of special interest.

**Perfectly Plastic or Inelastic Impact** For these impacts  $e = 0$ , and bodies undergoing impact stick to each other after the impact.

**Perfectly Elastic Impact** For these impacts  $e = 1$ .

**Strategy to solve problems of head-on impact :**

Write the momentum conservation equation  $m_A v_A + m_B v_B = m_A u_A + m_B u_B \quad \dots(A)$

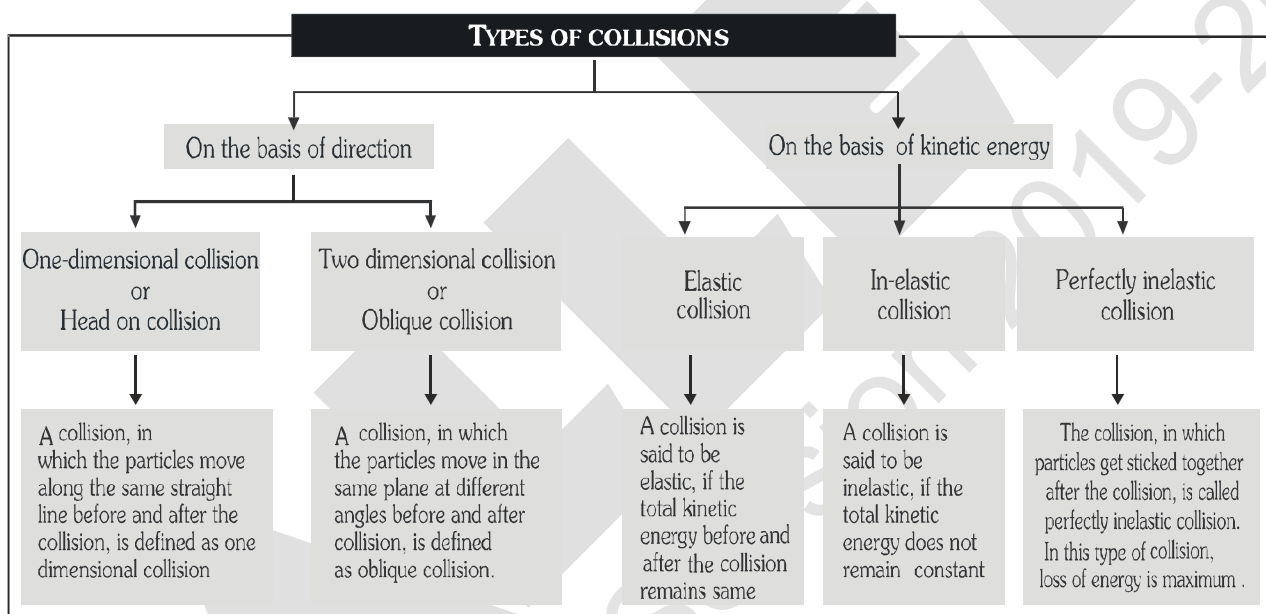
Write the equation involving coefficient of restitution

$$v_B - v_A = e(u_A - u_B) \quad \dots(B)$$

## 4.2 Types of collisions according to the conservation law of kinetic energy :

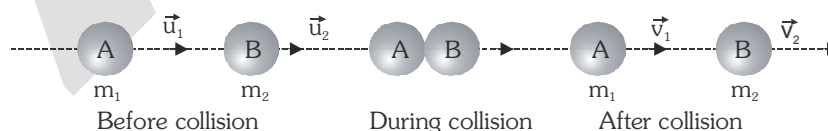
- Elastic collision :**  $KE_{\text{before collision}} = KE_{\text{after collision}}$
- Inelastic collision :** Kinetic energy is not conserved.  
Some energy is lost in collision; Therefore  $KE_{\text{before collision}} > KE_{\text{after collision}}$
- Perfect inelastic collision :** Both the bodies stick together after collision.

momentum remains conserved in all types of collisions.



### Head on Elastic collision

The head on elastic collision is one in which the colliding bodies move along the same straight line path before and after the collision.



Assuming initial direction of motion to be positive and  $u_1 > u_2$  (so that collision may take place) and applying law of conservation of linear momentum

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 \Rightarrow m_1(u_1 - v_1) = m_2(v_2 - u_2) \quad \dots(i)$$

For elastic collision, kinetic energy before collision must be equal to kinetic energy after collision, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 u_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 \Rightarrow m_1(u_1^2 - v_1^2) = m_2(v_2^2 - u_2^2) \quad \dots(ii)$$

Dividing equation (ii) by (i)  $u_1 + v_1 = v_2 + u_2 \Rightarrow (u_1 - u_2) = (v_2 - v_1) \quad \dots(iii)$

In 1-D elastic collision 'velocity of approach' before collision is equal to the 'velocity of separation' after collision, no matter what the masses of the colliding particles are.

This law is called **Newton's law for elastic collision**.

If we multiply equation (iii) by  $m_2$  and subtract it from (i)

$$(m_1 - m_2) \bar{u}_1 + 2m_2 \bar{u}_2 = (m_1 + m_2) \bar{v}_1 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_1 = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \bar{u}_1 + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \bar{u}_2 \quad \dots (iv)$$

Similarly, multiplying equation (iii) by  $m_1$  and adding it to equation (i)

$$2m_1 \bar{u}_1 + (m_2 - m_1) \bar{u}_2 = (m_2 + m_1) \bar{v}_2 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_2 = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \bar{u}_2 + \frac{2m_1 \bar{u}_1}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \dots (v)$$

**Note:** If masses are different and collision is inelastic then by momentum conservation

$$m_1 \bar{u}_1 + m_2 \bar{u}_2 = m_1 \bar{v}_1 + m_2 \bar{v}_2 \quad \dots (i)$$

By definition of coefficient of restitution

$$\bar{v}_2 - \bar{v}_1 = e(\bar{u}_1 - \bar{u}_2) \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\bar{v}_1 = \left( \frac{m_1 - em_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \bar{u}_1 + \left( \frac{(1+e)m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \bar{u}_2$$

$$\bar{v}_2 = \left( \frac{m_2 - em_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \bar{u}_2 + \left( \frac{(1+e)m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \bar{u}_1$$

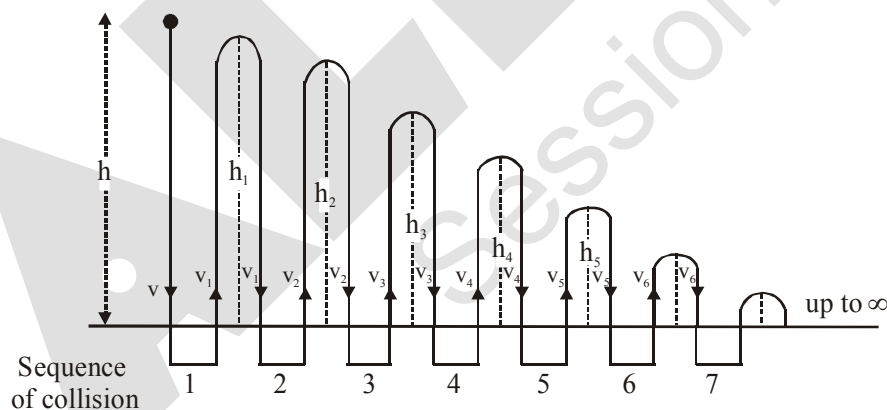
$$\text{Loss in KE} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)} (1 - e^2) (\bar{u}_1 - \bar{u}_2)^2$$

### 4.3 Bouncing of Ball

Let a ball fall from a height ( $h$ ) and let it touch the ground with a velocity  $v$  taking time ( $t$ ) to reach the ground.

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots$  be the velocities immediately after first, second, third, ..... collisions with the ground.

#### • Velocity immediately After the 'n'th Rebound



By Newton's formula  $(\bar{v}_2 - \bar{v}_1) = e(\bar{u}_1 - \bar{u}_2)$

$$v = \sqrt{2gh} \quad \text{here } \bar{v}_2 = 0, \bar{u}_2 = 0 \text{ (surface at rest)}$$

$$v_1 = ev \quad \text{(opposite direction)}$$

$$v = u_1$$

$$v_1 = ev \dots (1), v_2 = ev_1 \dots (2), v_2 = e(ev) \Rightarrow v_2 = e^2v$$

$$\text{Similarly, } v_3 = e^3v, v_4 = e^4v \dots \quad \boxed{v_n = e^n v}$$

$$\boxed{v_n = e^n \sqrt{2gh}}$$

- Height Attained by the Ball After the 'n'th Rebound**

$$v_1 = ev \Rightarrow \sqrt{2gh_1} = e\sqrt{2gh} \Rightarrow h_1 = e^2h,$$

$$v_2 = e^2v \Rightarrow \sqrt{2gh_2} = e^2\sqrt{2gh}, \quad h_2 = e^4h.$$

Similarly  $\boxed{h_n = e^{2n}h}$

- Time Taken in n<sup>th</sup> Rebound**

$$h_1 = e^2h, \quad \frac{1}{2}gt_1^2 = e^2\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \Rightarrow t_1^2 = e^2t^2, \quad t_1 = et$$

$$t_1 = e\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}, \quad h_2 = e^4h, \quad \frac{1}{2}gt_2^2 = e^4\left(\frac{1}{2}gt^2\right) \Rightarrow t_2^2 = e^4t^2, \quad t_2 = e^2t, \quad t_2 = e^2\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

Similarly

$$\boxed{t_n = e^n\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}} \quad \boxed{t_n = e^nt}$$

Total time taken in bouncing. (i.e., total time elapsed before the ball stops)

$$\begin{aligned} T &= t + 2t_1 + 2t_2 + \dots \\ &= t + 2et + 2e^2t + 2e^3t + \dots \\ &= t + 2t(e + e^2 + e^3 + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$= t + 2t\left(\frac{e}{1-e}\right) = t\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)$$

$$\boxed{T = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)}$$

- Distance Covered by The Ball Before it Stops**

$$\begin{aligned} s &= h + 2h_1 + 2h_2 + \dots + \infty = h + 2e^2h + 2e^4h + 2e^6h + \dots \\ &= h + 2e^2h(1 + e^2 + e^4 + e^6 + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$$= h + 2e^2h\left(\frac{1}{1-e^2}\right) = h\left[1 + \frac{2e^2}{1-e^2}\right], \quad \boxed{s = h\left(\frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2}\right)}$$

- Average Speed**

$$v_{av.} = \frac{\text{Total distance}}{\text{Total time}} = \frac{h\left(\frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)}$$

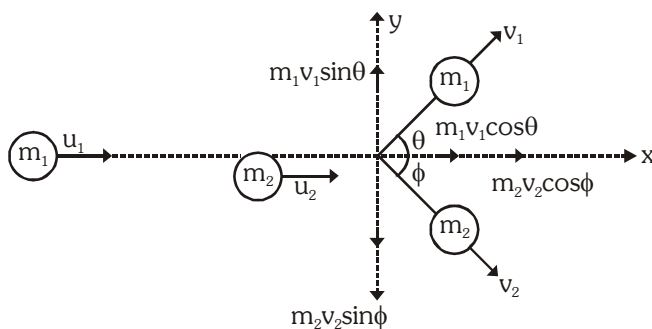
$$\boxed{v_{av.} = \sqrt{\frac{gh}{2}}\left[\frac{1+e^2}{(1+e)^2}\right]}$$

- Average Velocity**

$$v_{av.} = \frac{\text{Total displacement}}{\text{Total time}} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{v_{av.} = \sqrt{\frac{gh}{2}}\left(\frac{1-e}{1+e}\right)}$$

## 4.4 Oblique collision



By COLM along x-axis

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 \cos \theta + m_2 v_2 \cos \phi$$

By COLM along y-axis

$$0 + 0 = m_1 v_1 \sin \theta - m_2 v_2 \sin \phi$$

If collision is elastic then,

By conservation of kinetic energy,

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 u_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$$

### GOLDEN KEY POINTS

- **If the two bodies are of equal masses :**  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  the yield  $v_1 = u_2$  and  $v_2 = u_1$

Thus, if two bodies of equal masses undergo elastic collision in one dimension, then the bodies exchange their velocities after the collision.

- **If the two bodies are of equal masses and second body is at rest.**

$$m_1 = m_2 \text{ and initial velocity of second body } u_2 = 0, v_1 = 0, v_2 = u_1$$

When body A collides against body B of equal mass at rest, then body A comes to rest and body B moves on with the velocity of body A. In this case transfer of energy is hundred percent

e.g.. Billiard's Ball, Nuclear moderation.

- **If the mass of one body is negligible as compared to the other.**

$$\text{If } m_1 \gg m_2 \text{ and } u_2 = 0 \text{ then } v_1 = u_1, v_2 = 2u_1$$

When a heavy body A collides against a light body B at rest, then body A should keep on moving with same velocity whereas body B moves with velocity double that of A.

$$\text{If } m_2 \gg m_1 \text{ and } u_2 = 0 \text{ then } v_2 = 0, v_1 = -u_1$$

When a light body A collides against a heavy body B at rest, the body A starts moving with same speed just in opposite direction while the body B practically remains at rest.

- Linear momentum remains conserved in all types of collisions.
- Total energy remains conserved in all types of collisions.
- Only conservative forces work in elastic collisions.
- In inelastic collisions all the forces are not conservative.

## Illustrations

**Illustration 17.**

Two balls each of mass 5 kg moving in opposite directions with equal speeds 5 m/s collide head on with each other. Find out the final velocities of the balls if the collision is perfectly elastic.

**Solution**

Here  $m_1 = m_2 = 5 \text{ kg}$ ,  $u_1 = 5 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $u_2 = -5 \text{ m/s}$

In such a condition velocities get interchanged so  $v_2 = u_1 = 5 \text{ m/s}$  and  $v_1 = u_2 = -5 \text{ m/s}$

**Illustration 18.**

A 0.1 kg ball makes an elastic head on collision with a ball of unknown mass which is initially at rest. If the 0.1 kg ball rebounds with one third of its original speed, what is the mass of other ball ?

**Solution**

Here  $m_1 = 0.1 \text{ kg}$ ,  $m_2 = ?$ ,  $u_2 = 0$ ,  $u_1 = u$ ,  $v_1 = -u/3$

$$\text{Using, } v_1 = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) u_1 + \frac{2m_2 u_2}{m_1 + m_2} \Rightarrow -\frac{u}{3} = \left( \frac{0.1 - m_2}{0.1 + m_2} \right) u \Rightarrow m_2 = 0.2 \text{ kg.}$$

**Illustration 19.**

A simple pendulum of length 1m has a wooden bob of mass 1kg. It is struck by a bullet of mass  $10^{-2} \text{ kg}$  moving with a speed of  $2 \times 10^2 \text{ m/s}$ . The bullet gets embedded within the bob. Obtain the height to which the bob rises before swinging back.

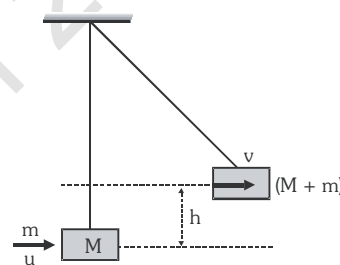
**Solution**

Applying principle of conservation of linear momentum

$$mu = (M + m) v \Rightarrow 10^{-2} \times (2 \times 10^2) = (1 + 0.01) v \Rightarrow v = \frac{2}{1.01} \text{ m/s}$$

Initial KE of the block with bullet in it, is fully converted into PE as it rises through a height  $h$ , given by

$$\frac{1}{2}(M + m)v^2 = (M + m)gh \Rightarrow v^2 = 2gh \Rightarrow h = \frac{v^2}{2g} = \left( \frac{2}{1.01} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2 \times 9.8} = 0.2 \text{ m.}$$

**Illustration 20.**

A body falling on the ground from a height of 10 m, rebounds to a height 2.5 m calculate the :  
(i) percentage loss in K.E. (ii) ratio of the velocities of the body just before and after the collision.

**Solution**

Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be the velocities of the body just before and just after the collision.

$$KE_1 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 = mgh_1 \dots (i) \text{ and } KE_2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 = mgh_2 \dots (ii) \Rightarrow \frac{v_1^2}{v_2^2} = \frac{h_1}{h_2} = \frac{10}{2.5} = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{v_1}{v_2} = 2.$$

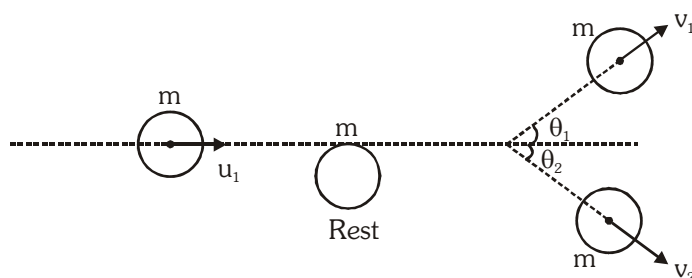
$$\text{Percentage loss in KE} = \frac{mg(h_1 - h_2)}{mgh_1} \times 100 = \frac{10 - 2.5}{10} \times 100 = 75\%.$$



**Illustration 21.**

A body collides obliquely with another identical stationary body elastically. Prove that they will move perpendicular to each other after collision.

**Solution**



Conservation of linear momentum in x-direction gives

$$mu_1 = mv_1 \cos \theta_1 + mv_2 \cos \theta_2 \Rightarrow u_1 = v_1 \cos \theta_1 + v_2 \cos \theta_2 \quad \dots (i)$$

Conservation of linear momentum in y-direction gives

$$0 = mv_1 \sin \theta_1 - mv_2 \sin \theta_2 \Rightarrow 0 = v_1 \sin \theta_1 - v_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Conservation of kinetic energy yields,

$$\frac{1}{2} mu_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} mv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} mv_2^2 \Rightarrow u_1^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \quad \dots (iii)$$

Squaring and adding equations (i) and (ii)

$$\Rightarrow u_1^2 + 0 = v_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_1 + v_2^2 \cos^2 \theta_2 + 2v_1 v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + v_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 + v_2^2 \sin^2 \theta_2 - 2v_1 v_2 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1^2 = v_1^2 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \sin^2 \theta_1) + v_2^2 (\cos^2 \theta_2 + \sin^2 \theta_2) + 2v_1 v_2 (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + 2v_1 v_2 \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) \quad \{ \because u_1^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \}$$

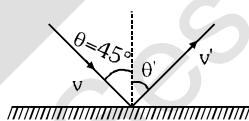
$$\Rightarrow \cos (\theta_1 + \theta_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_1 + \theta_2 = 90^\circ.$$

**Illustration 22.**

A ball of mass  $m$  hits a floor with a speed  $v$  making an angle of incidence  $\theta = 45^\circ$  with the normal to the floor. If the coefficient of restitution is  $e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , find the speed of the reflected ball and the angle of reflection.

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**Solution**



Since the floor exerts a force on the ball along the normal during the collision so horizontal component of velocity remains same and only the vertical component changes.

$$\text{Therefore, } v' \sin \theta' = v \sin \theta = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{and } v' \cos \theta' = e v \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{v}{2}.$$

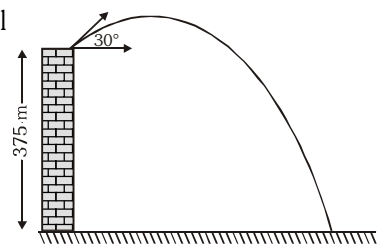
$$\Rightarrow v'^2 = \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{v^2}{4} = \frac{3}{4} v^2 \Rightarrow v' = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} v$$

$$\text{and } \tan \theta' = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \theta' = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{2}.$$

**Illustration 23.**

A particle of mass 1 kg is projected from a tower of height 375 m with an initial velocity of 100 m/s at an angle  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. Find its kinetic energy in joules just after the collision with ground if the collision is

inelastic with  $e = \frac{1}{2}$  (take  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

**Solution**

$$v_y^2 = u_y^2 + 2gh \Rightarrow v_y = \sqrt{(50)^2 + 2 \times 10 \times 375} = 100 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Horizontal velocity just after collision} = 50\sqrt{3} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Vertical velocity just after collision} = 100 \times \frac{1}{2} = 50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Kinetic energy just after the collision} = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times [(50\sqrt{3})^2 + (50)^2] = 5000 \text{ J.}$$

**Illustration 24.**

A body moving towards a body of finite mass at rest, collides with it. It is impossible that

- (A) both bodies come to rest
- (B) both bodies move after collision
- (C) the moving body stops and body at rest starts moving
- (D) the stationary body remains stationary and the moving body rebounds

**Solution****Ans. (A,D)**

For (A) : Momentum cannot be destroyed by internal forces.

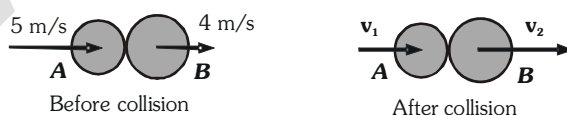
For (D) : If mass of stationary body is infinite then the moving body rebounds.

**Illustration 25.**

A ball of mass 2 kg moving with a speed of 5 m/s collides directly with another ball of mass 3 kg moving in the same direction with a speed of 4 m/s. The coefficient of restitution is  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Find the velocities after collision.

**Solution.**

Denoting the first ball by A and the second ball by B, velocities immediately before and after the impact are shown in the figure.



$$\text{By COLM : } 2(5) + 3(4) = 2v_1 + 3v_2 \Rightarrow 2v_1 + 3v_2 = 22 \quad \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\text{By definition of } e : e = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{u_1 - u_2} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{5 - 4} \Rightarrow 3v_2 - 3v_1 = 2 \quad \dots\dots (ii)$$

by solving equations (i) and (ii), we have  $v_1 = 4 \text{ m/s}$  and  $v_2 = 4.67 \text{ m/s}$

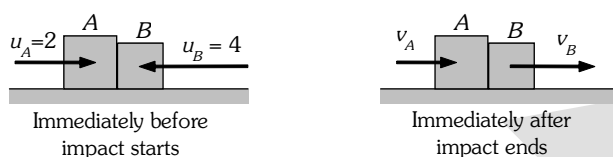
**Illustration 26.**

A block of mass 5 kg moves from left to right with a velocity of 2 m/s and collides with another block of mass 3 kg moving along the same line in the opposite direction with velocity 4 m/s.

- If the collision is perfectly elastic, determine the velocities of both the blocks after their collision.
- If coefficient of restitution is 0.6, determine the velocities of both the blocks after their collision.

**Solution.**

Denoting the first block by A and the second block by B, velocities immediately before and after the impact are shown in the figure.



Applying principle of conservation of momentum,

$$m_B v_B + m_A v_A = m_A u_A + m_B u_B \quad \text{we have} \quad 3v_B + 5v_A = 5 \times 2 + 3 \times (-4) \Rightarrow 3v_B + 5v_A = -2 \quad \dots(i)$$

Applying equation of coefficient of restitution,

$$v_B - v_A = e(u_A - u_B) \quad \text{we have} \quad v_B - v_A = e(2 - (-4)) \Rightarrow v_B - v_A = 6e \quad \dots(ii)$$

- For perfectly elastic impact  $e = 1$ . Using this value in equation (ii), we have

$$v_B - v_A = 6 \quad \dots(iia)$$

Solving equations (i) and (iia), we obtain  $\Rightarrow v_A = -2.5$  m/s and  $v_B = 3.5$  m/s

- For value  $e = 0.6$ , equation 2 is modified as  $\Rightarrow v_B - v_A = 3.6 \quad \dots(iib)$

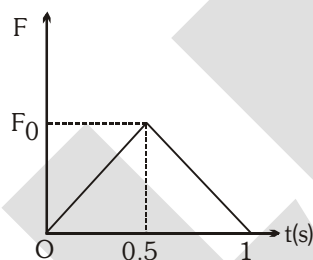
Solving equations (i) and (iib), we obtain  $\Rightarrow v_A = -1.6$  m/s and  $v_B = 2.0$  m/s

Block A reverses back with speed 1.6 m/s and B too moves in a direction opposite to its original direction with speed 2.0 m/s.

**BEGINNER'S BOX-3**

- A body of mass 2 kg makes an elastic collision with another body at rest and continues to move in the original direction with one fourth of its original speed. Find the mass of the second body.
- A particle of mass  $m$  moving with a velocity  $v$  makes a head on elastic collision with another particle of same mass initially at rest. Find the velocity of the first particle after the collision.
- A particle of mass  $m$  moving with velocity  $v$  strikes a stationary particle of mass  $2m$  and sticks to it. Find the speed of the system.
- Two putty balls of equal masses moving in mutually perpendicular directions with equal speed, stick together after collision. If the balls were initially moving with a velocity of  $45\sqrt{2}$  m/s each, find the velocity of the combined mass after collision.

5. A body of 2 kg mass having velocity 3 m/s collides with a body of 1 kg mass moving with a velocity of 4 m/s in the opposite direction. After collision both bodies stick together and move with a common velocity. Find the velocity in m/s.
6. A ball of mass 1 kg is dropped from 20 m height. Find (i) velocity of ball after second collision (ii) maximum height attained by the ball after second collision (iii) average speed for whole interval (If  $e = 0.5$ ) ( $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )
7. A ball is thrown vertically upward from ground with speed 40 m/s. It collides with ground after returning. Find the total distance travelled and time taken during its bouncing. ( $e = 0.5$ ) ( $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )
8. A particle falls from a height 'h' upon a fixed horizontal plane and rebounds. If  $e = 0.2$  is the coefficient of restitution. Find the total distance travelled before rebounding has stopped.
9. Two balls of equal masses undergo a head-on collision with speeds 6 m/s moving in opposite direction. If the coefficient of restitution is  $\frac{1}{3}$ , find the speed of each ball after impact in m/s.
10. A body of mass 1 kg moving with velocity 1 m/s makes an elastic one dimensional collision with an identical stationary body. They are in contact for a brief period 1 s. Their force of interaction increases from zero to  $F_0$  linearly in 0.5 s and decreases linearly to zero in a further 0.5 s as shown in figure. Find the magnitude of force  $F_0$  in newtons.



11. An object A of mass 1 kg is projected vertically upward with a speed of 20 m/s. At the same moment another object B of mass 3 kg, which is initially above the object A, is dropped from a height  $h = 20 \text{ m}$ . The two point like objects collide and stick to each other. Find the kinetic energy of the combined mass just after the collision.
12. A particle of mass 2 kg moving with a velocity  $5\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$  collides head-on with another particle of mass 3 kg moving with a velocity  $-2\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$ . After the collision the first particle has speed of 1.6 m/s in negative x direction. Find the :
- velocity of the centre of mass after the collision
  - velocity of the second particle after the collision
  - coefficient of restitution.

ANSWERS

BEGINNER'S BOX-1

1. 1.1 m, 1.3 m
2.  $\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{7}{10}a\right)$
3.  $\left(\frac{14}{5}\hat{i} + \frac{19}{5}\hat{j}\right)$  m, (2.8, 3.8)
4. (a) at O; (b) III quadrant; (c) on OY' axis; (d) at O; (e) iv quadrant; (f) at O
5.  $x = \frac{-cb^2}{(a^2 - b^2)}$

BEGINNER'S BOX-2

1. (B)
2.  $2\hat{k}$  m/s
3. 10 m/s
4.  $\frac{\sqrt{14}}{6}$  m/s<sup>2</sup>
5. (B)
6. (A)
7. (D)
8. (B)
9. (A)
10. (B)

BEGINNER'S BOX-3

1. 1.2 kg
2. 0
3.  $\frac{v}{3}$
4. 45 m/s
5.  $\frac{2}{3}$  m/s, towards initial direction of velocity of 2 kg mass
6. (i) 5 m/s; (ii)  $\frac{5}{4}$  m; (iii)  $\frac{50}{9}$  m/s
7. 213.33 m, 16 s
8.  $\frac{13}{12}$  h
9. 2 m/s
10. 2 N
11. 50 J
12. (a)  $0.8\hat{i}$  m/s; (b)  $2.4\hat{i}$  m/s; (c)  $\frac{4}{7}$

## EXERCISE-I (Conceptual Questions)

## Build Up Your Understanding

## CALCULATION OF CENTRE OF MASS

1. Three identical spheres, each of mass 1 kg are placed touching each other with their centres on a straight line. Their centre are marked P, Q and R respectively. The distance of centre of mass of the system from P is :

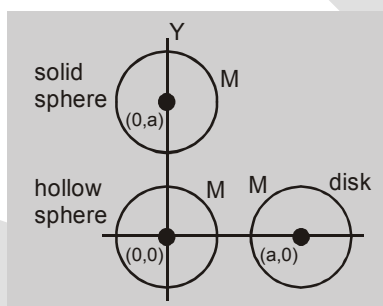
(1)  $\frac{PQ + PR + QR}{3}$  (2)  $\frac{PQ + PR}{3}$   
 (3)  $\frac{PQ + QR}{3}$  (4)  $\frac{PR + QR}{2}$

2. A uniform metal disc of radius R is taken and out of it a disc of diameter  $\frac{R}{2}$  is cut off from the end. The centre of mass of the remaining part will be:

(1)  $\frac{R}{10}$  from the centre (2)  $\frac{R}{15}$  from the centre  
 (3)  $\frac{R}{5}$  from the centre (4)  $\frac{R}{20}$  from the centre

3. The coordinate of the centre of mass of a system as shown in figure :-

(1)  $\left(\frac{a}{3}, 0\right)$   
 (2)  $\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2}\right)$   
 (3)  $\left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{a}{3}\right)$   
 (4)  $\left(0, \frac{a}{3}\right)$



4. The centre of mass of a system of particles does not depend on :

- (1) masses of the particles  
 (2) Internal forces on the particles  
 (3) position of the particles  
 (4) relative distance between the particles

5. The centre of mass of a system of two particles divides the distance between them

- (1) In inverse ratio of square of masses of particles  
 (2) In direct ratio of square of masses of particles  
 (3) In inverse ratio of masses of particles  
 (4) In direct ratio of masses of particles

6. The centre of mass of a body :-

- (1) Lies always outside the body  
 (2) May lie within, outside of the surface of the body  
 (3) Lies always inside the body  
 (4) Lies always on the surface of the body

7. Three identical metal balls, each of radius r, are placed touching each other on a horizontal surface such that an equilateral triangle is formed when the centres of the three balls are joined. The centre of mass of the system is located at :-

- (1) horizontal surface  
 (2) centre of one of the balls  
 (3) line joining centres of any two balls  
 (4) point of intersection of their medians

8. A system consists of mass M and m ( $\ll M$ ). The centre of mass of the system is :-

- (1) at the middle  
 (2) nearer to M  
 (3) nearer to m  
 (4) at the position of larger mass.

9. The centre of mass of a system of three particles of masses 1g, 2g and 3g is taken as the origin of a coordinate system. The position vector of a fourth particle of mass 4g such that the centre of mass of the four particle system lies at the point (1, 2, 3) is  $\alpha(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ , where  $\alpha$  is a constant. The value of  $\alpha$  is :-

(1)  $\frac{10}{3}$  (2)  $\frac{5}{2}$   
 (3)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (4)  $\frac{2}{5}$

## MOTION OF CENTRE OF MASS

10. The law of conservation of momentum for a system is based on Newton's :-

- (1) First law of motion (2) Second law of motion  
 (3) Third law of motion (4) Law of gravitation

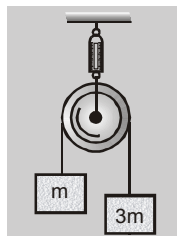
11. A person of mass  $m$  is standing on one end of a plank of mass  $M$  and length  $L$  and floating in water. The person moves from one end to another and stops. The displacement of the plank is –

(1)  $\frac{Lm}{(m+M)}$  (2)  $Lm(M+m)$   
 (3)  $\frac{(M+m)}{Lm}$  (4)  $\frac{LM}{(m+M)}$

12. Bullets of mass 40 g each are fired from a machine gun with a velocity of  $10^3$  m/s. If the person firing the bullets experience an average force of 200N, then the number of bullets fired per minute will be–  
 (1) 300 (2) 600 (3) 150 (4) 75

13. If the system is released, then the acceleration of the centre of mass of the system :-

(1)  $\frac{g}{4}$   
 (2)  $\frac{g}{2}$   
 (3)  $g$   
 (4)  $2g$



14. Initially two stable particles  $x$  and  $y$  start moving towards each other under mutual attraction. If at one time the velocities of  $x$  and  $y$  are  $V$  and  $2V$  respectively, what will be the velocity of centre of mass of the system?

(1)  $V$  (2) Zero (3)  $\frac{V}{3}$  (4)  $\frac{V}{5}$

15. A 2 kg body and a 3 kg body are moving along the  $x$ -axis. At a particular instant the 2 kg body has a velocity of 3 m/s and the 3 kg body has the velocity of 2 m/s. The velocity of the centre of mass at that instant is :-

(1) 5 m/s (2) 1 m/s  
 (3) 0 (4)  $\frac{12}{5}$  m/s

16. Two objects of masses 200 gram and 500 gram possess velocities  $10\hat{i}$  m/s and  $3\hat{i}+5\hat{j}$  m/s respectively. The velocity of their centre of mass in m/s is :-

(1)  $5\hat{i}-25\hat{j}$  (2)  $\frac{5}{7}\hat{i}-25\hat{j}$   
 (3)  $5\hat{i}+\frac{25}{7}\hat{j}$  (4)  $25\hat{i}-\frac{5}{7}\hat{j}$

## MOMENTUM CONSERVATION

17. A bomb of mass 9 kg explodes into two pieces of 3kg and 6 kg. The velocity of 3 kg piece is 16 m/s. The kinetic energy of 6 kg piece is :-

(1) 768 J (2) 786 J  
 (3) 192 J (4) 687 J

18. A bomb initially at rest explodes by it self into three equal mass fragments. The velocities of two fragments are  $(3\hat{i}+2\hat{j})$  m/s and  $(-\hat{i}-4\hat{j})$  m/s. The velocity of the third fragment is (in m/s) :-

(1)  $2\hat{i}+2\hat{j}$  (2)  $2\hat{i}-2\hat{j}$   
 (3)  $-2\hat{i}+2\hat{j}$  (4)  $-2\hat{i}-2\hat{j}$

19. A bomb of 50 Kg is fired from a cannon with a velocity 600 m/s. If the mass of the cannon is  $10^3$  kg, then its velocity will be –

(1) 30 m/s (2) -30 m/s  
 (3) 0.30 m/s (4) -0.30 m/s

20. A metal ball does not rebound when struck on a wall, whereas a rubber ball of same mass when thrown with the same velocity on the wall rebounds. From this it is inferred that –

- (1) Change in momentum is same in both  
 (2) Change in momentum in rubber ball is more  
 (3) Change in momentum in metal ball is more  
 (4) Initial momentum of metal ball is more than that of rubber ball

21. A bomb of mass  $m = 1$  kg thrown vertically upwards with a speed  $u = 100$  m/s explodes into two parts after  $t = 5$ s. A fragment of mass  $m_1 = 400$  g moves downwards with a speed  $v_1 = 25$  m/s, then speed  $v_2$  and direction of another mass  $m_2$  will be :-

(1) 40 m/s downwards (2) 40 m/s upwards  
 (3) 60 m/s upwards (4) 100 m/s upwards

22. A 1 kg stationary bomb is exploded in three parts having mass ratio 1 : 1 : 3. Parts having same mass move in perpendicular directions with velocity 30 m/s, then the velocity of bigger part will be :-

(1)  $10\sqrt{2}$  m/s (2)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$  m/s  
 (3)  $15\sqrt{2}$  m/s (4)  $\frac{15}{\sqrt{2}}$  m/s



**23.** A heavy nucleus at rest breaks into two fragments which fly off with velocities 8 : 1. The ratio of radii of the fragments is :-

- (1) 1 : 2                      (2) 1 : 4  
(3) 4 : 1                      (4) 2 : 1

**24.** A stationary particle explodes into two particles of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  which move in opposite directions with velocities  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . The ratio of their kinetic energies  $E_1/E_2$  is :-

- (1)  $m_2/m_1$                       (2)  $m_1/m_2$   
(3) 1                              (4)  $m_1 v_2 / m_2 v_1$

**25.** A body of mass 4 m at rest explodes into three pieces. Two of the pieces each of mass m move with a speed v each in mutually perpendicular directions. The total kinetic energy released is :-

- (1)  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$                       (2)  $mv^2$   
(3)  $\frac{3}{2}mv^2$                       (4)  $\frac{5}{2}mv^2$

**26.** A bomb of mass 3.0 kg explodes in air into two pieces of masses 2.0 kg and 1.0 kg. The smaller mass goes at a speed of 80 m/s. The total energy imparted to the two fragments is -

- (1) 1.07 kJ                      (2) 2.14 kJ  
(3) 2.4 kJ                      (4) 4.8 kJ

**27.** A bomb of mass 30 kg at rest explodes into two pieces of masses 18 kg and 12 kg. The velocity of 18 kg mass is 6 m/s. The kinetic energy of the other mass is :-

- (1) 524 J                      (2) 256 J  
(3) 486 J                      (4) 324 J

**28.** A bullet of mass m is fired from a gun of mass M. The recoiling gun compresses a spring of force constant k by a distance d. Then the velocity of the bullet is :-

- (1)  $kd \sqrt{M/m}$                       (2)  $\frac{d}{M} \sqrt{km}$   
(3)  $\frac{d}{m} \sqrt{kM}$                       (4)  $\frac{kM}{m} \sqrt{d}$

**29.** Identify the wrong statement.

- (1) A body can have momentum without mechanical energy  
(2) A body can have energy without momentum  
(3) The momentum is conserved in an elastic collision only.  
(4) Kinetic energy is not conserved in an inelastic collision

### COLLISION

**30.** A ball strikes the floor and after collision rebounds back. In this state -

- (1) Momentum of the ball is conserved  
(2) Mechanical energy of the ball is conserved  
(3) Momentum of ball-earth system is conserved  
(4) The kinetic energy of ball-earth system is conserved

**31.** A bullet of mass P is fired with velocity Q in a large body of mass R. The final velocity of the system will be :-

- (1)  $\frac{R}{P+R}$                       (2)  $\frac{PQ}{P+R}$   
(3)  $\frac{(P+Q)}{R}$                       (4)  $\frac{(P+R)}{P}Q$

**32.** A sphere of mass m moving with a constant velocity collides with another stationary sphere of same mass. The ratio of velocities of two spheres after collision will be, if the co-efficient of restitution is e-

- (1)  $\frac{1-e}{1+e}$                       (2)  $\frac{e-1}{e+1}$                       (3)  $\frac{1+e}{1-e}$                       (4)  $\frac{e+1}{e-1}$

**33.** Two elastic bodies P and Q having equal masses are moving along the same line with velocities of 16 m/s and 10 m/s respectively. Their velocities after the elastic collision will be in m/s :-

- (1) 0 and 25                      (2) 5 and 20  
(3) 10 and 16                      (4) 20 and 5

**34.** The unit of the coefficient of restitution is -

- (1) m/s                      (2) s/m  
(3) m x s                      (4) None of the above



35. Two solid balls of rubber A and B whose masses are 200 gm and 400 gm respectively, are moving in mutually opposite directions. If the velocity of ball A is 0.3 m/s and both the balls come to rest after collision, then the velocity of ball B is –

(1) 0.15 m/s (2) – 0.15 m/s  
(3) 1.5 m/s (4) None of the above

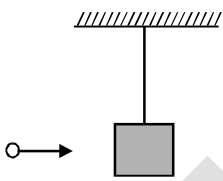
36. A 1 Kg ball falls from a height of 25 cm and rebounds upto a height of 9 cm. The co-efficient of restitution is –

(1) 0.6 (2) 0.32 (3) 0.40 (4) 0.56

37. A 50 gm bullet moving with a velocity of 10 m/s gets embedded into a 950 gm stationary body. The loss in kinetic energy of the system will be –

(1) 5% (2) 50% (3) 100% (4) 95%

38. A bullet of mass  $m$  moving with a speed  $v$  strikes a wooden block of mass  $M$  and gets embedded into the block. The final speed is :-

  
(1)  $\sqrt{\frac{M}{M+m}} v$  (2)  $\sqrt{\frac{m}{M+m}} v$   
(3)  $\frac{m}{M+m} v$  (4)  $\frac{v}{2}$

39. A ball is dropped from height  $h$  on the ground level. If the coefficient of restitution is  $e$  then the height upto which the ball will go after  $n^{\text{th}}$  jump will be –

(1)  $\frac{h}{e^{2n}}$  (2)  $\frac{e^{2n}}{h}$   
(3)  $he^n$  (4)  $he^{2n}$

40. Two bodies of same mass are moving with same speed  $V$  in mutually opposite directions. They collide and stick together. The resultant velocity of the system will be –

(1) Zero (2)  $\frac{V}{2}$   
(3)  $V$  (4) From Zero to  $\infty$

41. The bob (mass  $m$ ) of a simple pendulum of length  $L$  is held horizontal and then released. It collides elastically with a block of equal mass lying on a frictionless table. The kinetic energy of the block will be :-

(1) Zero (2)  $mgL$  (3)  $2mgL$  (4)  $\frac{mgL}{2}$

42. Two particles each of mass  $m$  travelling with velocities  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  collide perfectly inelastically. The loss of kinetic energy will be –

(1)  $\frac{1}{2} m(u_1 - u_2)^2$   
(2)  $\frac{1}{4} m(u_1 - u_2)^2$   
(3)  $m(u_1 - u_2)^2$   
(4)  $2m(u_1 - u_2)^2$

43. A ball moving with velocity of 9m/s collides with another similar stationary ball. After the collision both the balls move in directions making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the initial direction. After the collision their speed will be –

(1) 2.6 m/s (2) 5.2 m/s  
(3) 0.52 m/s (4) 52 m/s

44. A solid sphere is moving and it makes an elastic collision with another stationary sphere of half of its own radius. After collision it comes to rest. The ratio of the densities of materials of second sphere and first sphere is –

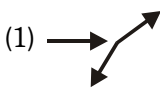
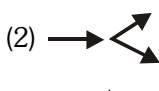


(1) 2 (2) 4 (3) 8 (4) 16

45. A 5 kg body collides with another stationary body. After the collision, the bodies move in the same direction with one-third of the velocity of the first body. The mass of the second body will be –

(1) 5 kg (2) 10 kg  
(3) 15 kg (4) 20 kg

46. A 10 g bullet, moving with a velocity of 500 m/s, enters a stationary piece of ice of mass 10 kg and stops. If the piece of ice is lying on a frictionless plane, then its velocity will be

(1) 5 cm/s (2) 5 m/s  
(3) 0.5 m/s (4) 0.5 cm/s

- 47.** A heavy body moving with a velocity 20 m/s and another small object at rest undergo an elastic collision. The latter will move with a velocity of :-  
 (1) 20 m/s. (2) 40 m/s.  
 (3) 60 m/s. (4) Zero
- 48.** A 5gm lump of clay, moving with a velocity of 10 cm/s towards east, collides head-on with another 2gm lump of clay moving with 15 cm/s towards west. After collision, the two lumps stick together. The velocity of the compound lump will be -  
 (1) 5 cm/s towards east  
 (2) 5 cm/s towards west  
 (3) 2.88 cm/s towards east  
 (4) 2.5 cm/s towards west
- 49.** In an inelastic collision between two bodies, the physical quantity that is conserved :-  
 (1) Kinetic energy  
 (2) Momentum  
 (3) Potential energy  
 (4) Kinetic energy and momentum
- 50.** A mass of 20 kg moving with a speed of 10 m/s collides with another stationary mass of 5 kg. As a result of the collision, the two masses stick together. The kinetic energy of the composite mass will be :-  
 (1) 600 J (2) 800 J  
 (3) 1000 J (4) 1200 J
- 51.** A body of mass  $m$  having an initial velocity  $v$  makes head on elastic collision with a stationary body of mass  $M$ . After the collision, the body of mass  $m$  comes to rest and only the body having mass  $M$  moves. This will happen only when :-  
 (1)  $m \gg M$  (2)  $m \ll M$   
 (3)  $m = M$  (4)  $m = \frac{M}{2}$
- 52.** A body A experiences perfectly elastic collision with a stationary body B. If after collision the bodies fly apart in the opposite direction with equal speeds, the mass ratio of A and B is :-  
 (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (2)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (3)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (4)  $\frac{1}{5}$
- 53.** A collision is said to be perfectly inelastic when :-  
 (1) Coefficient of restitution = 0  
 (2) Coefficient of restitution = 1  
 (3) Coefficient of restitution =  $\infty$   
 (4) Coefficient of restitution < 1
- 54.** A particle falls from a height 'h' upon a fixed horizontal plane and rebounds. If 'e' is the coefficient of restitution the total distance travelled before rebounding has stopped is :-  
 (1)  $h \left( \frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2} \right)$  (2)  $h \left( \frac{1-e^2}{1+e^2} \right)$   
 (3)  $\frac{h}{2} \left( \frac{1-e^2}{1+e^2} \right)$  (4)  $\frac{h}{2} \left( \frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2} \right)$
- 55.** If two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  collide, the ratio of the changes in their respective velocities is proportional to :-  
 (1)  $\frac{m_1}{m_2}$  (2)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_1}{m_2}}$   
 (3)  $\frac{m_2}{m_1}$  (4)  $\sqrt{\frac{m_2}{m_1}}$
- 56.** Two particles of mass  $M_A$  and  $M_B$  and their velocities are  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  respectively collides. After collision they inter change their velocities then ratio of  $\frac{M_A}{M_B}$  is :-  
 (1)  $\frac{V_A}{V_B}$  (2)  $\frac{V_B}{V_A}$   
 (3)  $\frac{(V_A + V_B)}{(V_B - V_A)}$  (4) 1
- 57.** In the diagrams given below the horizontal line represents the path of a ball coming from left and hitting another ball which is initially at rest. The other two lines represent the paths of the two balls after the collision. Which of the diagram shows a physically impossible situation ?  
 (1)  (2)   
 (3)  (4) 

58. Two identical balls, one moves with 12 m/s and second is at rest, collides elastically. After collision velocity of second and first ball will be :

- (1) 6m/s, 6m/s                      (2) 12m/s, 12m/s  
(3) 12m/s, 0m/s                    (4) 0m/s, 12m/s

59. A sphere P of mass  $m$  and velocity  $\vec{v}_i$  undergoes an oblique and perfectly elastic collision with an identical sphere Q initially at rest. The angle  $\theta$  between the velocities of the spheres after the collision shall be :-

- (1) 0                      (2)  $45^\circ$                       (3)  $90^\circ$                       (4)  $180^\circ$

60. A ball is dropped from a height of 10 m. If 40% of its energy is lost on collision with the earth then after collision the ball will rebound to a height of-

- (1) 10 m                      (2) 8 m                      (3) 4 m                      (4) 6 m

61. A rubber ball is dropped from a height of 5m on a plane, where the acceleration due to gravity is not shown. On bouncing it rises to 1.8 m. The ball loses its velocity on bouncing by a factor of :-

- (1)  $\frac{16}{25}$                                       (2)  $\frac{2}{5}$   
(3)  $\frac{3}{5}$                                       (4)  $\frac{9}{25}$

62. Which of the following is true :-

- (1) Momentum is conserved in all collisions but kinetic energy is conserved only in inelastic collision  
(2) Neither momentum nor kinetic energy is conserved in inelastic collisions.

(3) Momentum is conserved in all collisions but not kinetic energy

(4) Both momentum and kinetic energy are conserved in all collisions.

63. A bullet of mass  $m$  is fired into a large block of wood of mass  $M$  with velocity  $v$ . The final velocity of the system is :-

- (1)  $\left(\frac{m}{M-m}\right)v$                                       (2)  $\left(\frac{m+M}{M}\right)v$   
(3)  $\left(\frac{M-m}{M}\right)v$                                       (4)  $\left(\frac{m}{m+M}\right)v$

64. A big ball of mass  $M$ , moving with velocity  $u$  strikes a small ball of mass  $m$ , which is at rest. Finally small ball attains velocity  $u$  and big ball  $v$ . What is the value of  $v$  :-

- (1)  $\frac{M-m}{M}u$                                       (2)  $\frac{m}{M+m}u$   
(3)  $\frac{2m}{M+m}$                                       (4)  $\frac{M}{M+m}v$

65. A particle of mass  $m$  moving with speed  $v$  towards east strikes another particle of same mass moving with same speed  $v$  towards north. After striking, the two particles fuse together. With what speed this new particle of mass  $2m$  will move in north-east direction?

- (1)  $v$                       (2)  $\frac{v}{2}$                       (3)  $\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$                       (4)  $v\sqrt{2}$

66. Two ice skaters A and B approach each other at right angles. Skater A has a mass 30 kg and velocity 1 m/s and skater B has a mass 20 kg and velocity 2 m/s. They meet and cling together. Their final velocity of the couple is

- (1) 2 m/s                                      (2) 1.5 m/s  
(3) 1 m/s                                      (4) 2.5 m/s

EXERCISE-I (Conceptual Questions)

ANSWER KEY

Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Ans.	2	4	3	2	3	2	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	4
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Ans.	2	1	3	4	2	1	4	3	4	1	2	2	2	3	2
Que.	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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Que.	61	62	63	64	65	66									
Ans.	2	3	4	1	3	3									

**EXERCISE-II (Previous Year Questions)****AIPMT/NEET & AIIMS (2006-2018)****AIIMS 2006**

1. For inelastic collision between two spherical rigid bodies –  
 (1) the total kinetic energy is conserved  
 (2) the total potential energy is conserved  
 (3) the linear momentum is not conserved  
 (4) the linear momentum is conserved

**AIPMT 2009**

2. Two bodies of mass 1 kg and 3 kg have position vectors  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $-3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , respectively. The centre of mass of this system has a position vector :-

- (1)  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  (2)  $-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$   
 (3)  $-2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  (4)  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

3. An explosion blows a rock into three parts. Two parts go off at right angles to each other. These two are, 1 kg first part moving with a velocity of 12 m/s and 2 kg second part moving with a velocity of 8 m/s. If the third part flies off with a velocity of 4 m/s, its mass would be :-

**[NEET 2013]**

- (1) 3 kg (2) 5 kg  
 (3) 7 kg (4) 17 kg

**AIPMT 2010**

4. A ball moving with velocity 2 m/s collides head on with another stationary ball of double the mass. If the coefficient of restitution is 0.5, then their velocities (in m/s) after collision will be :-

- (1) 0, 2 (2) 0, 1  
 (3) 1, 1 (4) 1, 0.5

**AIPMT (Pre) 2010**

5. Two particles which are initially at rest, move towards each other under the action of their internal attraction. If their speeds are  $v$  and  $2v$  at any instant, then the speed of centre of mass of the system will be :-

- (1)  $v$  (2)  $2v$   
 (3) Zero (4)  $1.5v$

6. A man of 50 kg mass is standing in a gravity free space at a height of 10 m above the floor. He throws a stone of 0.5 kg mass downwards with a speed 2 m/s. When the stone reaches the floor, the distance of the man above the floor will be :-

- (1) 20 m (2) 9.9 m  
 (3) 10.1 m (4) 10 m

**AIPMT (Pre) 2012**

7. Two persons of masses 55 kg and 65 kg respectively, are at the opposite ends of a boat. The length of the boat is 3.0 m and weighs 100 kg. The 55 kg man walks up to the 65 kg man and sits with him. If the boat is in still water the centre of mass of the system shifts by :

- (1) zero (2) 0.75 m  
 (3) 3.0 m (4) 2.3 m

8. Two spheres A and B of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively collide. A is at rest initially and B is moving with velocity  $v$  along x-axis. After collision B has a velocity  $\frac{v}{2}$  in a direction perpendicular to the original direction. The mass A moves after collision in the direction.

- (1)  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(1/2)$  to the x-axis  
 (2)  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(-1/2)$  to the x-axis  
 (3) same as that of B  
 (4) opposite to that of B

**AIPMT 2015**

9. Two particles of masses  $m_1, m_2$  move with initial velocities  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . On collision, one of the particles get excited to higher level, after absorbing energy  $\epsilon$ . If final velocities of particles be  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  then we must have :

- (1)  $\frac{1}{2}m_1u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2u_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2 - \epsilon$   
 (2)  $\frac{1}{2}m_1u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2u_2^2 - \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2$   
 (3)  $\frac{1}{2}m_1u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2u_2^2 + \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2$   
 (4)  $m_1^2u_1 + m_2^2u_2 - \epsilon = m_1^2v_1 + m_2^2v_2$

10. Two spherical bodies of mass  $M$  and  $5M$  and radii  $R$  and  $2R$  are released in free space with initial separation between their centres equal to  $12R$ . If they attract each other due to gravitational force only, then the distance covered by the smaller body before collision is :-

- (1)  $4.5R$  (2)  $7.5R$   
 (3)  $1.5R$  (4)  $2.5R$

Re-AIPMT 2015

11. A ball is thrown vertically downwards from a height of 20 m with an initial velocity  $v_0$ . It collides with the ground, loses 50% of its energy in collision and rebounds to the same height. The initial velocity  $v_0$  is :  
(Take  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )  
(1) 10 m/s (2) 14 m/s  
(3) 20 m/s (4) 28 m/s
12. On a frictionless surface, a block of mass  $M$  moving at speed  $v$  collides elastically with another block of same mass  $M$  which is initially at rest. After collision the first block moves at an angle  $\theta$  to its initial direction and has a speed  $\frac{v}{3}$ . The second block's speed after the collision is :-  
(1)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}v$  (2)  $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}v$  (3)  $\frac{3}{4}v$  (4)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}v$

AIIMS 2015

13. The variation of density of a cylindrical thick and long rod, is  $\rho = \rho_0 \frac{x^2}{L^2}$ , then position of its centre of mass from  $x = 0$  end is :-  
(1)  $2L/3$  (2)  $L/2$  (3)  $L/3$  (4)  $3L/4$
14. Find the position of centre of mass from base for a solid hemisphere of radius 16 cm,  
(1) 4 cm (2) 6 cm (3) 8 cm (4) 12 cm

NEET-II 2016

15. A bullet of mass 10g moving horizontally with a velocity of 400 m/s strikes a wooden block of mass 2 kg which is suspended by a light inextensible string of length 5 m. As a result, the centre of gravity of the block is found to rise a vertical distance of 10 cm. The speed of the bullet after it emerges out horizontally from the block will be :-  
(1) 120 m/s (2) 160 m/s  
(3) 100 m/s (4) 80 m/s
16. Two identical balls A and B having velocities of 0.5 m/s and  $-0.3 \text{ m/s}$  respectively collide elastically in one dimension. The velocities of B and A after the collision respectively will be :-  
(1)  $-0.3 \text{ m/s}$  and  $0.5 \text{ m/s}$   
(2)  $0.3 \text{ m/s}$  and  $0.5 \text{ m/s}$   
(3)  $-0.5 \text{ m/s}$  and  $0.3 \text{ m/s}$   
(4)  $0.5 \text{ m/s}$  and  $-0.3 \text{ m/s}$

AIIMS 2016

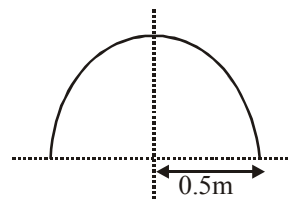
17. A wagon of 20 metric ton moves with 10 m/s and collides perfectly inelastically with stationary wagon of 60 metric ton. Find loss of kinetic energy.  
(1) 250 kJ (2) 750 kJ  
(3) 500 kJ (4) 650 kJ
18. A proton of mass  $m_p$  collides with a heavy particle at rest. After collision proton bounces back with  $\frac{4}{9}$  of its initial kinetic energy. Collision is perfectly elastic. Find mass of heavy particle.  
(1)  $5 m_p$  (2)  $6 m_p$  (3)  $3 m_p$  (4)  $1.5 m_p$

NEET(UG) 2018

19. A moving block having mass  $m$ , collides with another stationary block having mass  $4m$ . The lighter block comes to rest after collision. When the initial velocity of the lighter block is  $v$ , then the value of coefficient of restitution ( $e$ ) will be :-  
(1) 0.5 (2) 0.25  
(3) 0.8 (4) 0.4

AIIMS 2018

20. The location of centre of mass of a uniform semicircular plate of radius  $R$  from its base is  
(1)  $\frac{4R}{3\pi}$  (2)  $\frac{2R}{\pi}$   
(3)  $\frac{R}{2}$  (4)  $\frac{3R}{8}$
21. A semicircular ring of radius 0.5m is given in diagram. The location of centre of mass on its line of symmetry above its base will be :-



- (1)  $\frac{2}{3\pi} \text{ m}$  (2)  $\frac{2}{\pi} \text{ m}$   
(3)  $\frac{1}{\pi} \text{ m}$  (4)  $\frac{3}{2\pi} \text{ m}$

**22.** A body of mass 10 metric ton moving with velocity 5 m/s collides head on with another body of mass 40 metric ton at rest. If they combine together just after collision then calculate loss in KE after collision.

- (1)  $1 \times 10^5$  J                      (2)  $2 \times 10^5$  J  
 (3)  $3 \times 10^5$  J                      (4)  $4 \times 10^5$  J

**23.** The total mass of cart is 2 metric ton in which 1 metric ton sand is loaded. System is initially at rest. The sand leaks out of the cart (from the hole at Bottom) at the rate of 0.5 kg/s and an external horizontal force of 10N is acting on it. The final velocity of cart when the sand completely leaks out, is :-

- (1) 13.86 m/s                      (2) 14.26 m/s  
 (3) 20.08 m/s                      (4) 16.39 m/s

**EXERCISE-II (Previous Years Questions)****ANSWER KEY**

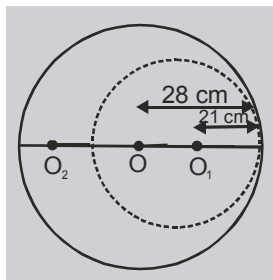
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Que.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
Ans.	4	2	1	2	1	3	1	1							



EXERCISE-III (Analytical Questions)

Check Your Understanding

1. A circular plate of uniform thickness has a diameter 56 cm. A circular portion of diameter 42 cm is removed from one edge as shown in the figure. The centre of mass of the remaining portion from the centre of plate will be :



- (1) 5 cm (2) 7 cm (3) 9 cm (4) 11 cm

2. A shell is fired from a canon with velocity  $V$  m/s at an angle  $\theta$  with the horizontal direction. At the highest point in its path with same speed it explodes into two pieces of equal masses. One of the pieces retraces its path to the cannon. The speed in m/s of the other piece immediately after the explosion is :-

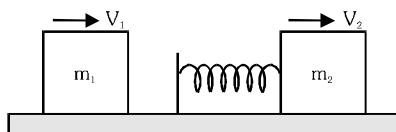
- (1)  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)V\cos\theta$  (2)  $3V\cos\theta$   
(3)  $2V\cos\theta$  (4)  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)V\cos\theta$

3. After falling from a height of 5m a ball strikes the roof of a lift. If at the time of collision, lift is moving in the upward direction with a velocity of 1m/s, then the velocity with which the ball rebounds after collision will be - ( $e = 1$ )

- (1) 11 m/s downwards (2) 12 m/s upwards  
(3) 13 m/s upwards (4) 12 m/s downwards

4. Two masses  $m_1 = 2\text{kg}$  and  $m_2 = 5\text{kg}$  are moving on a frictionless surface with velocities 10m/s and 3 m/s respectively.  $m_2$  is ahead of  $m_1$ . An ideal spring of spring constant  $k = 1120 \text{ N/m}$  is attached on the back side of  $m_2$ . The maximum compression of the spring will be :-

- (1) 0.51 m  
(2) 0.062 m  
(3) 0.25 m  
(4) 0.72 m



5. A frictionless steel ball of radius 2cm, moving on a horizontal plane with a velocity of 5cm/s, collides head-on with another stationary steel ball of radius 3cm. The velocities of two bodies after collision will respectively be (in cm/s) ( $e = 1$ ) :-

- (1) 2.7, 2.3 (2) -2.7, 2.3  
(3) 2.7, -2.3 (4) -2.7, -2.3

6. A nucleus of mass number  $A$  originally at rest, emits alpha particle with speed  $v$ . The recoil speed of the daughter nucleus is :-

- (1)  $\frac{4v}{A-4}$  (2)  $\frac{4v}{A+4}$   
(3)  $\frac{v}{A-4}$  (4)  $\frac{v}{A+4}$

7. A sphere of diameter  $r$  is cut from a solid sphere of radius  $r$  such that the centre of mass of remaining part be at maximum distance from original centre, then this distance is :

- (1)  $\frac{r}{2}$  (2)  $\frac{r}{3}$   
(3)  $\frac{r}{14}$  (4) none of these

8. In the HCl molecule, the separation between the nuclei of the two atoms is about  $1.27 \text{ \AA}$  ( $1\text{ \AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ ). The approximate location of the centre of mass of the molecule from hydrogen atom, assuming the chlorine atom to be about 35.5 times massive as hydrogen is :

- (1)  $1 \text{ \AA}$  (2)  $2.5 \text{ \AA}$   
(3)  $1.24 \text{ \AA}$  (4)  $1.5 \text{ \AA}$

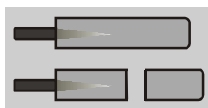
9. A man  $m = 80 \text{ kg}$  is standing on a trolley of mass 320 kg on a smooth surface. If man starts walking on trolley along rails at a speed of 1 m/s, then after 4 sec, his displacement relative to ground is :-

- (1) 4 m (2) 4.8 m  
(3) 3.2 m (4) 6 m

10. A neutron makes a head on elastic collision with a stationary deuteron. The fractional energy loss of the neutron in the collision is :-

- (1)  $16/82$  (2)  $8/9$   
(3)  $8/27$  (4)  $2/3$

11. A cricket bat is cut at the location of its centre of mass as shown. Then :-



- (1) The two pieces will have the same mass  
 (2) The bottom piece will have larger mass  
 (3) The handle piece will have larger mass  
 (4) Mass of handle piece is double the mass of bottom piece
12. If linear density of a rod of length 3 m varies as  $\lambda = 2 + x$ , then the position of the centre of gravity of the rod is :

- (1)  $\frac{7}{3}$  m                      (2)  $\frac{12}{7}$  m  
 (3)  $\frac{10}{7}$  m                      (4)  $\frac{9}{7}$  m

13. A body of mass 2.0 kg makes an elastic collision with another body at rest and continues to move in the original direction but with one-fourth of its original speed  $v$ . What is the mass of other body and the speed of the center of mass of two bodies?

- (1) 1.0 kg and  $\frac{2}{3}v$   
 (2) 1.2 kg and  $\frac{5}{8}v$   
 (3) 1.4 kg and  $\frac{10}{17}v$   
 (4) 1.5 kg and  $\frac{4}{7}v$

14. A uniform rod of length 1.0 metre is bent at its midpoint to make  $90^\circ$  angle. The distance of the centre of mass from the centre of the rod is :-

- (1) 35.3 cm                      (2) 25.2 cm  
 (3) 17.7 cm                      (4) zero

## EXERCISE-III (Analytical Questions)

## ANSWER KEY

Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Ans.	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	



## EXERCISE-IV (Assertion &amp; Reason)

## Target AIIMS

## Directions for Assertion &amp; Reason questions

These questions consist of two statements each, printed as Assertion and Reason. While answering these Questions you are required to choose any one of the following four responses.

- (A) If both Assertion & Reason are True & the Reason is a correct explanation of the Assertion.  
 (B) If both Assertion & Reason are True but Reason is not a correct explanation of the Assertion.  
 (C) If Assertion is True but the Reason is False.  
 (D) If both Assertion & Reason are false.

1. **Assertion :** The centre of mass of a two particle system lies on the line joining the two particles, being closer to the heavier particle.

**Reason :** Product of mass of one particle and its distance from centre of mass is numerically equal to product of mass of other particle and its distance from centre of mass.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

2. **Assertion :** The centre of mass of a body may lie where there is no mass.

**Reason :** Centre of mass of a body is a point, where the whole mass of the body is supposed to be concentrated.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

3. **Assertion :** The centre of mass of a proton and an electron, released from their respective positions remains at rest.

**Reason :** The centre of mass remain at rest, if no external force is applied.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

4. **Assertion :** The position of centre of mass of a body does not depend upon shape and size of the body.

**Reason :** Centre of mass of a body lies always at the centre of the body.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

5. **Assertion :** Location of centre of mass is independent of the reference frame.

**Reason :** Centre of mass is same as centre of gravity.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

6. **Assertion :** The centre of mass of an electron and proton, when released moves faster towards proton.

**Reason :** Proton is heavier than electron.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

7. **Assertion :** A quick collision between two bodies is more violent than a slow collision, even when the initial and the final velocities are identical.

**Reason :** Because the rate of change of momentum which determines the force is greater in the first case.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

8. **Assertion :** Kinetic energy is conserved in both, perfectly elastic & inelastic collisions.

**Reason :** Because both the types of collisions are identical.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

9. **Assertion :** In case of bullet fired from gun, the ratio of kinetic energy of gun and bullet is equal to ratio of mass of bullet and gun.

**Reason :** In firing, momentum is conserved.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

10. **Assertion :** In an elastic collision of two billiards balls, the kinetic energy is not conserved during the short interval of time of collision between the balls.

**Reason :** Energy spent against friction does not follow the law of conservation of mechanical energy.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

11. **Assertion :** A rocket launched vertically upward explodes at the highest point it reaches. The explosion produces three fragments with non-zero initial velocity. Then the initial velocity vectors of all the three fragments are in one plane.

**Reason :** For sum of momentum of three particles to be zero, all the three momentum vectors must be coplanar.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

**12. Assertion :-** If ball is dropped from a higher altitude. There will be a greater value of impulse from ground during collision.

**Reason :-** Gravity increases momentum of a ball.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

**13. Assertion :-** Quick collisions are more violent than slow collisions. [AIIMS 2018]

**Reason :-** Quick collision are inelastic in nature.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

**14. Assertion :-** If a person jumps from a height with his legs rigid, then his ankle is more injured.

[AIIMS 2018]

**Reason :-** The force will be maximum on its ankle during the collision with ground.

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

## EXERCISE-IV (Assertion &amp; Reason)

## ANSWER KEY

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