

- 4 Two blocks slide directly towards each other along a frictionless horizontal surface, as shown in Fig. 4.1. The blocks collide and then move as shown in Fig. 4.2.

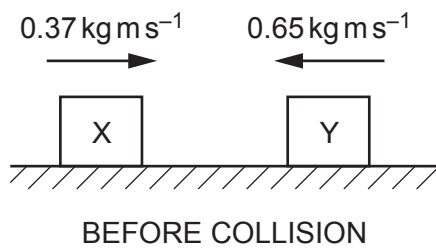


Fig. 4.1

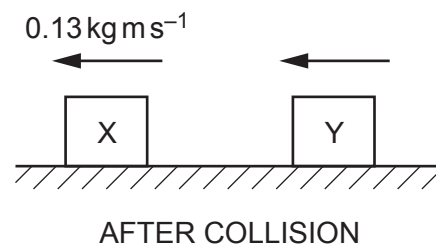


Fig. 4.2

Block X initially moves to the right with a momentum of  $0.37 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$ . Block Y initially moves to the left with a momentum of  $0.65 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$ . After the blocks collide, block X moves to the left back along its original path with a momentum of  $0.13 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$ . Block Y also moves to the left after the collision.

- (a) Block X has an initial kinetic energy of  $0.30 \text{ J}$ .

Calculate the mass of block X.

mass = ..... kg [3]

- (b) Determine the magnitude of the momentum of block Y after the collision.

momentum = .....  $\text{kg m s}^{-1}$  [1]

(c) Block X exerts an average force of 7.7 N on block Y during the collision.

Calculate the time that the blocks are in contact with each other.

time = ..... s [2]

[Total: 6]