

- 3 (a) (i) State the principle of conservation of momentum.

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- (ii) State the difference between an elastic and an inelastic collision.

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- (b) An object A of mass 4.2 kg and horizontal velocity 3.6 m s^{-1} moves towards object B as shown in Fig. 3.1.

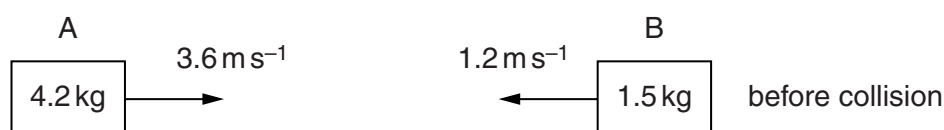


Fig. 3.1

Object B of mass 1.5 kg is moving with a horizontal velocity of 1.2 m s^{-1} towards object A.

The objects collide and then both move to the right, as shown in Fig. 3.2.

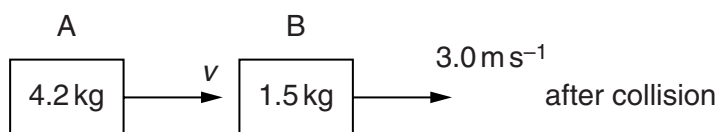


Fig. 3.2

Object A has velocity v and object B has velocity 3.0 m s^{-1} .

- (i) Calculate the velocity v of object A after the collision.

velocity = m s^{-1} [3]

- (ii) Determine whether the collision is elastic or inelastic.