2 A wooden block moves along a horizontal frictionless surface, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

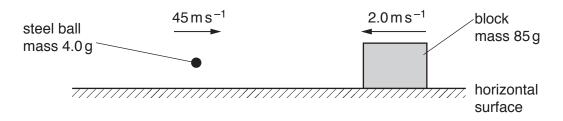


Fig. 2.1

The block has mass 85 g and moves to the left with a velocity of $2.0\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$. A steel ball of mass 4.0 g is fired to the right. The steel ball, moving horizontally with a speed of $45\,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$, collides with the block and remains embedded in it. After the collision the block and steel ball both have speed v.

(a) Calculate v.

| | | | $v = \dots ms^{-1}$ [2] |
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| (b) | (i) | | the block and ball, state |
| | | 1. | the relative speed of approach before collision, |
| | | | relative speed of approach = ms ⁻¹ |
| | | 2. | the relative speed of separation after collision. |
| | | | relative speed of separation = m s ⁻¹ [1] |
| | (ii) | | your answers in (i) to state and explain whether the collision is elastic or inelastic. |
| | | | [1] |
| (c) | | Ne | ewton's third law to explain the relationship between the rate of change of momentum |

of the ball and the rate of change of momentum of the block during the collision.