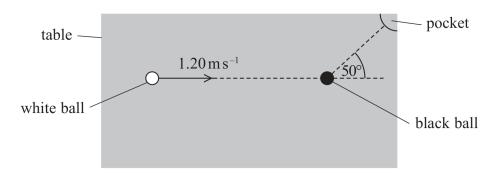
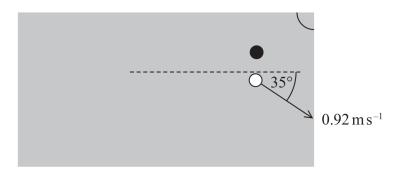
12 In a game of snooker, a white ball and a black ball of equal mass are on a horizontal table. A player hits the white ball which then moves with a velocity of 1.20 m s⁻¹ before colliding with the black ball. The player hopes that the collision will knock the black ball towards the pocket at the corner of the table as shown.

Plan view



After the collision, the velocity of the white ball was at 35° to its original path, as shown below.



(a) This collision was inelastic.

State what is meant by inelastic.

(1)

(b) For this situation, a scaled vector diagram showing the velocities of the balls can be used to demonstrate the law of conservation of momentum.

Explain why.

(2)

