



PROBLEM 14.2

Two identical 1350-kg automobiles A and B are at rest with their brakes released when B is struck by a 5400-kg truck C which is moving to the left at 8 km/h. A second collision then occurs when B strikes A . Assuming the first collision is perfectly plastic and the second collision is perfectly elastic, determine the velocities of the three vehicles just after the second collision.

SOLUTION

Given: $m_A = m_B = 1350$ kg and $m_C = 5400$ kg.

Let v_A , v_B , and v_C be the sought after final velocities, positive to the left.

Initial velocities: $(v_A)_0 = (v_B)_0 = 0$, $(v_C)_0 = 8 \text{ km/h} = 2.2222 \text{ m/s}$

First collision. Truck C strikes car B . Plastic impact: $e = 0$

Let $(v_{BC})_0$ be the common velocity of B and C after impact.

Conservation of momentum for B and C:

$$(m_B + m_C)v_{BC} = m_B(v_B)_0 + m_C(v_C)_0$$

$$6750 v_{BC} = 0 + (5400)(2.2222) \quad v_{BC} = 1.77778 \text{ m/s}$$

Second collision. Car-truck BC strikes car A .

Elastic impact. $e = 1$

$$v_A - v_{BC} = -e[(v_A)_0 - (v_{BC})_0] = -1.77778 \text{ m/s} \quad (1)$$

Conservation of momentum for A, B, and C.

$$m_A v_A + (m_B + m_C)(v_{BC}) = m_A(v_A)_0 + (m_B + m_C)(v_{BC})_0$$

$$1350 v_A + 6750 v_{BC} = 0 + (6750)(1.77778) \quad (2)$$

Solving (1) and (2) simultaneously for v_A and v_{BC} ,

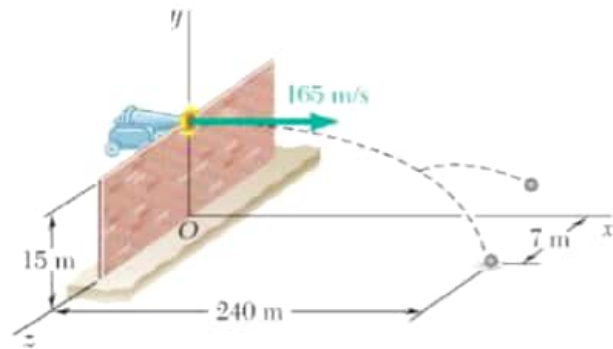
$$v_A = 2.9630 \text{ m/s}, \quad v_{BC} = 1.18519 \text{ m/s} = v_B = v_C$$

$$\mathbf{v}_A = 10.67 \text{ km/h} \leftarrow \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\mathbf{v}_B = 4.27 \text{ km/h} \leftarrow \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\mathbf{v}_C = 4.27 \text{ km/h} \leftarrow \blacktriangleleft$$

PROBLEM 14.18



An 18-kg cannonball and a 12-kg cannonball are chained together and fired horizontally with a velocity of 165 m/s from the top of a 15-m wall. The chain breaks during the flight of the cannonballs and the 12-kg cannonball strikes the ground at $t = 1.5 \text{ s}$, at a distance of 240 m from the foot of the wall, and 7 m to the right of the line of fire. Determine the position of the other cannonball at that instant. Neglect the resistance of the air.

SOLUTION

Let subscript A refer to the 12-kg cannonball and B to the 18-kg cannonball.

The motion of the mass center of A and B is uniform in the x -direction, uniformly accelerated with acceleration $-g = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ in the y -direction, and zero in the z -direction.

$$\bar{x} = (v_0)_x t = (165 \text{ m/s})(1.5 \text{ s}) = 247.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \bar{y}_0 + (\bar{v}_0)_y t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \\ &= 15 \text{ m} + 0 - \frac{1}{2} (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(1.5 \text{ s})^2 = 3.964 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{z} = 0$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} = (247.5 \text{ m})\mathbf{i} + (3.964 \text{ m})\mathbf{j}$$

Definition of mass center:

$$m\bar{\mathbf{r}} = m_A \mathbf{r}_A + m_B \mathbf{r}_B$$

Data:

$$m_A = 12 \text{ kg}, \quad m_B = 18 \text{ kg}, \quad m = m_A + m_B = 30 \text{ kg}$$

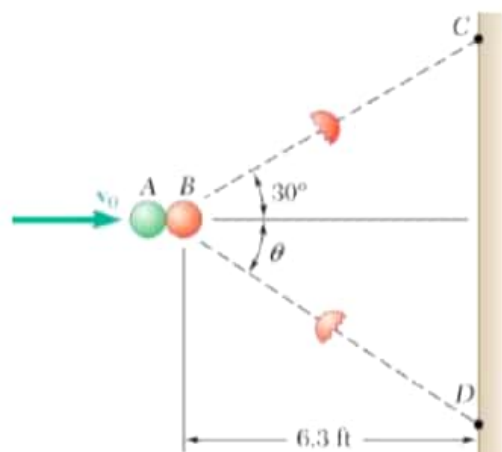
$$t = 1.5 \text{ s}, \quad x_A = 240 \text{ m}, \quad y_A = 0, \quad z_A = 7 \text{ m}$$

$$(30)(247.5\mathbf{i} + 3.964\mathbf{j}) = (12)(240\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{k}) + (18)(x_B\mathbf{i} + y_B\mathbf{j} + z_B\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{i}: (30)(247.5) = (12)(240) + 18 x_B \quad x_B = 253 \text{ m} \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\mathbf{j}: (30)(3.964) = (12)(0) + 18 y_B \quad y_B = 6.61 \text{ m} \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\mathbf{k}: (30)(0) = (12)(7) + 18 z_B \quad z_B = -4.67 \text{ m} \quad \blacktriangleleft$$



PROBLEM 14.22

Two spheres, each of mass m , can slide freely on a frictionless, horizontal surface. Sphere A is moving at a speed $v_0 = 16$ ft/s when it strikes sphere B which is at rest and the impact causes sphere B to break into two pieces, each of mass $m/2$. Knowing that 0.7 s after the collision one piece reaches Point C and 0.9 s after the collision the other piece reaches Point D , determine (a) the velocity of sphere A after the collision, (b) the angle θ and the speeds of the two pieces after the collision.

SOLUTION

Velocities of pieces C and D after impact and fracture.

$$(v'_C)_x = \frac{x_C}{t_C} = \frac{6.3}{0.7} = 9 \text{ ft/s}, \quad (v'_C)_y = 9 \tan 30^\circ \text{ ft/s}$$

$$(v'_D)_x = \frac{x_D}{t_D} = \frac{6.3}{0.9} = 7 \text{ ft/s}, \quad (v'_D)_y = -7 \tan \theta \text{ ft/s}$$

Assume that during the impact the impulse between spheres A and B is directed along the x -axis. Then, the y component of momentum of sphere A is conserved.

$$0 = m(v'_A)_y$$

Conservation of momentum of system:

$$\rightarrow: m_A v_0 + m_B(0) = m_A v'_A + m_C (v'_C)_x + m_D (v'_D)_x$$

$$m(16) + 0 = m v'_A + \frac{m}{2}(9) + \frac{m}{2}(7)$$

(a)

$$\mathbf{v}'_A = 8.00 \text{ ft/s} \rightarrow \blacktriangleleft$$

$$+\uparrow: m_A(0) + m_B(0) = m_A (v'_A)_y + m_C (v'_C)_y + m_D (v'_D)_y$$

$$0 + 0 = 0 + \frac{m}{2}(9 \tan 30^\circ) - \frac{m}{2}(7 \tan \theta)$$

(b)

$$\tan \theta = \frac{9}{7} \tan 30^\circ = 0.7423$$

$$\theta = 36.6^\circ \blacktriangleleft$$

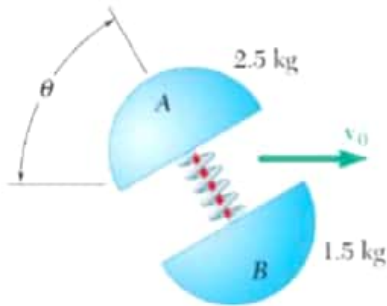
$$v_C = \sqrt{(v'_C)_x^2 + (v'_C)_y^2} = \sqrt{(9)^2 + (9 \tan 30^\circ)^2}$$

$$v_C = 10.39 \text{ ft/s} \blacktriangleleft$$

$$v_D = \sqrt{(v'_D)_x^2 + (v'_D)_y^2} = \sqrt{(7)^2 + (7 \tan 36.6^\circ)^2}$$

$$v_D = 8.72 \text{ ft/s} \blacktriangleleft$$

PROBLEM 14.38



Two hemispheres are held together by a cord which maintains a spring under compression (the spring is not attached to the hemispheres). The potential energy of the compressed spring is 120 J and the assembly has an initial velocity \mathbf{v}_0 of magnitude $v_0 = 8$ m/s. Knowing that the cord is severed when $\theta = 30^\circ$, causing the hemispheres to fly apart, determine the resulting velocity of each hemisphere.

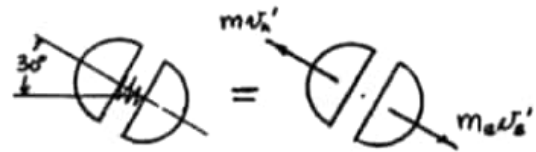
SOLUTION

Use a frame of reference moving with the mass center.

Conservation of momentum:

$$0 = -m_A v'_A + m_B v'_B$$

$$v'_A = \frac{m_B}{m_A} v'_B$$



Conservation of energy:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{1}{2} m_A (v'_A)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B (v'_B)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m_A \left(\frac{m_B}{m_A} v'_B \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B (v'_B)^2 \\ &= \frac{m_B (m_A + m_B)}{2m_A} (v'_B)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$v'_B = \sqrt{\frac{2m_A V}{m_B (m_A + m_B)}}$$

Data:

$$m_A = 2.5 \text{ kg} \quad m_B = 1.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$V = 120 \text{ J}$$

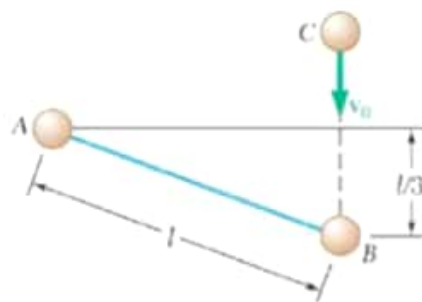
$$v'_B = \sqrt{\frac{(2)(2.5)(120)}{(1.5)(4.0)}} = 10 \quad v'_B = 10 \text{ m/s} \searrow 30^\circ$$

$$v'_A = \frac{1.5}{2.5} (10) = 6 \quad v'_A = 6 \text{ m/s} \nearrow 30^\circ$$

Velocities of A and B.

$$\mathbf{v}_A = [8 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow] + [6 \text{ m/s} \nearrow 30^\circ] \quad \mathbf{v}_A = 4.11 \text{ m/s} \nearrow 46.9^\circ \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\mathbf{v}_B = [8 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow] + [10 \text{ m/s} \searrow 30^\circ] \quad \mathbf{v}_B = 17.39 \text{ m/s} \searrow 16.7^\circ \blacktriangleleft$$



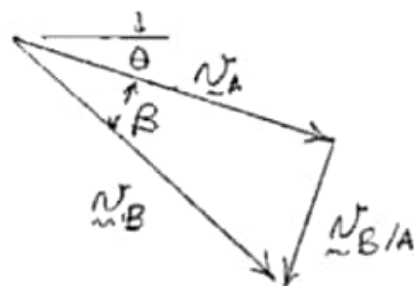
PROBLEM 14.43

Three spheres, each of mass m , can slide freely on a frictionless, horizontal surface. Spheres A and B are attached to an inextensible, inelastic cord of length l and are at rest in the position shown when sphere B is struck squarely by sphere C which is moving with a velocity \mathbf{v}_0 . Knowing that the cord is taut when sphere B is struck by sphere C and assuming perfectly elastic impact between B and C , and thus conservation of energy for the entire system, determine the velocity of each sphere immediately after impact.

SOLUTION

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3}, \quad \theta = 19.471^\circ$$

Velocity vectors



$$\mathbf{v}_0 = -v_0 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_A = v_A (\cos \theta \mathbf{i} - \sin \theta \mathbf{j})$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{B/A} = u_B (-\sin \theta \mathbf{i} - \cos \theta \mathbf{j})$$

$$\mathbf{v}_B = \mathbf{v}_A + \mathbf{v}_{B/A}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_C = v_C \mathbf{j}$$

Conservation of momentum:

$$m\mathbf{v}_0 = m\mathbf{v}_A + m\mathbf{v}_B + m\mathbf{v}_C = 2m\mathbf{v}_A + m\mathbf{v}_{B/A} + m\mathbf{v}_C$$

Divide by m and resolve into components.

$$\mathbf{i}: 0 = 2v_A \cos \theta - u_B \sin \theta$$

$$-\mathbf{j}: v_0 = +2v_A \sin \theta + u_B \cos \theta - v_C$$

Solving for v_A and u_B ,

$$v_A = \frac{1}{6}(v_0 + v_C) \quad u_B = 0.94281(v_0 + v_C)$$

Conservation of energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 &= \frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_C^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}m(v_A^2 + u_B^2) + \frac{1}{2}mv_C^2 \end{aligned}$$

Divide by $\frac{1}{2}m$ and substitute for v_A and u_B .

$$v_0^2 = 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 (v_0 + v_C)^2 + (0.94281)^2 (v_0 + v_C)^2 + v_C^2$$

$$v_0^2 - v_C^2 = 0.94445(v_0 + v_C)^2 \quad v_C = 0.02857v_0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_C = 0.0286v_0 \uparrow \blacktriangleleft$$

$$v_A = 0.17143v_0 \quad \mathbf{v}_A = [0.17143v_0 \searrow 19.471^\circ]$$

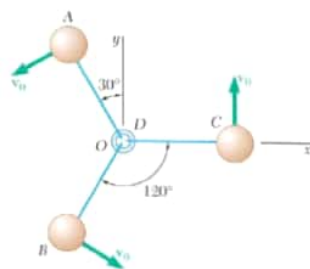
$$\mathbf{v}_A = 0.1714v_0 \searrow 19.5^\circ \blacktriangleleft$$

$$u_B = 0.96975v_0 \quad \mathbf{v}_{B/A} [0.96975v_0 \nearrow 19.471^\circ]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_B = \mathbf{v}_A + \mathbf{v}_{B/A}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_B = 0.985 \searrow 80.1^\circ \blacktriangleleft$$

PROBLEM 14.50



Three small spheres A , B , and C , each of mass m , are connected to a small ring D of negligible mass by means of three inextensible, inelastic cords of length l . The spheres can slide freely on a frictionless horizontal surface and are rotating initially at a speed v_0 about ring D which is at rest. Suddenly the cord CD breaks. After the other two cords have again become taut, determine (a) the speed of ring D , (b) the relative speed at which spheres A and B rotate about D , (c) the fraction of the original energy of spheres A and B that is dissipated when cords AD and BD again become taut.

SOLUTION

Let the system consist of spheres A and B .

State 1: Instant cord DC breaks.

$$m(\mathbf{v}_A)_1 = mv_0 \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{j} \right)$$

$$m(\mathbf{v}_B)_1 = mv_0 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{j} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_1 = m(\mathbf{v}_A)_1 + m(\mathbf{v}_B)_1 = -mv_0 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{L}_1}{2m} = -\frac{1}{2} v_0 \mathbf{j}$$

Mass center lies at Point G midway between balls A and B .

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{H}_G)_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} l \mathbf{j} \times (m\mathbf{v}_A)_1 + -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} l \mathbf{j} \times (m\mathbf{v}_B)_1 \\ &= \frac{3}{2} l m v_0 \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = m v_0^2$$

State 2: The cord is taut. Conservation of linear momentum:

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{v}_D = \bar{\mathbf{v}} = -\frac{1}{2} v_0 \mathbf{j} \quad v_D = 0.500 v_0 \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

Let

$$(\mathbf{v}_A)_2 = \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \mathbf{u}_A \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_B = \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \mathbf{u}_B$$

$$\mathbf{L}_2 = 2m\bar{\mathbf{v}} + m\mathbf{u}_A + m\mathbf{u}_B = \mathbf{L}_1$$

$$\mathbf{u}_B = -\mathbf{u}_A \quad u_B = u_A$$

$$(\mathbf{H}_G)_2 = l m u_A \mathbf{k} + l m u_B \mathbf{k} = 2l m u_A \mathbf{k}$$

PROBLEM 14.50 (Continued)

(b) Conservation of angular momentum:

$$(\mathbf{H}_G)_2 = (\mathbf{H}_G)_1$$

$$2l m u_A \mathbf{k} = \frac{3}{2} l m v_0 \mathbf{k} \quad u_A = u_B = \frac{3}{4} v_0 \quad u = 0.750 v_0 \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= \frac{1}{2} (2m) \bar{v}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m u_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m u_B^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{16} + \frac{9}{16} \right) = \frac{13}{16} m v_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad \text{Fraction of energy lost:} \quad \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1} = \frac{1 - \frac{13}{16}}{1} = \frac{3}{16} \quad \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1} = 0.1875 \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

SOLUTION

Before impacts: $(\mathbf{v}_A)_0 = v_0 \mathbf{i} = 4\mathbf{i}, \quad (\mathbf{v}_B)_0 = (\mathbf{v}_C)_0 = 0$

Conservation of linear momentum: $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}_A + \mathbf{v}_B + \mathbf{v}_C$

$$\text{i: } 4 = 0 + (v_B)_x + v_C \quad (v_B)_x = 4 - v_C$$

Conservation of energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}v_B^2 + \frac{1}{2}v_C^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(4)^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1.92)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1.92)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(4 - v_C)^2 + \frac{1}{2}v_C^2$$

$$v_C^2 - 4v_C + 3.6864 = 0$$

$$v_c = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - (4)(3.6864)}}{2} = 2 \pm 0.56 = 2.56 \quad \text{or} \quad 1.44$$

$$0.75v_0 = (1.8 - a)v_A + cv_C$$

$$cv_C = (0.75)(4) - (1.8 - 1.65)(1.92) = 2.712$$

$$c = \frac{2.712}{v_c}$$

If $v_C = 2.56$, $c = 1.059$

PROBLEM 14.51 (Continued)
$$(v_B)_x = 4 - 2.56 = 1.44, \quad \mathbf{v}_B = 1.44\mathbf{i} + 1.92\mathbf{j}$$
$$\mathbf{v}_B = 2.40 \text{ m/s} \angle 53.1^\circ \blacktriangleleft$$
$$\mathbf{v}_C = 2.56 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \leftarrow$$
 $c = 1.059 \text{ m} \blacktriangleleft$