

# Emmy Noether

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**Amalie Emmy Noether** (German: [ˈnøːtə]; 23 March 1882 – 14 April 1935) was an influential German mathematician known for her groundbreaking contributions to abstract algebra and theoretical physics. Described by David Hilbert, Albert Einstein and others as the most important woman in the history of mathematics,<sup>[1][2]</sup> she revolutionized the theories of rings, fields, and algebras. In physics, Noether's theorem explains the fundamental connection between symmetry and conservation laws.<sup>[3]</sup>

She was born to a Jewish family in the Bavarian town of Erlangen; her father was the mathematician Max Noether. Emmy originally planned to teach French and English after passing the required examinations, but instead studied mathematics at the University of Erlangen, where her father lectured. After completing her dissertation in 1907 under the supervision of Paul Gordan, she worked at the Mathematical Institute of Erlangen without pay for seven years. In 1915, she was invited by David Hilbert and Felix Klein to join the mathematics department at the University of Göttingen, a world-renowned center of mathematical research. The philosophical faculty objected, however, and she spent four years lecturing under Hilbert's name. Her *habilitation* was approved in 1919, allowing her to obtain the rank of *Privatdozent*.

Noether remained a leading member of the Göttingen mathematics department until 1933; her students were sometimes called the "Noether boys". In 1924, Dutch mathematician B. L. van der Waerden joined her circle and soon became the leading expositor of Noether's ideas: her work was the foundation for the second volume of his influential 1931 textbook, *Moderne Algebra*. By the time of her plenary address at the 1932 International Congress of Mathematicians in Zürich, her algebraic acumen was recognized around the world. The following year, Germany's Nazi government dismissed Jews from university positions, and Noether moved to the United States to take up a position at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. In 1935 she underwent surgery for an ovarian cyst and, despite signs of a recovery, died four days later at the age of 53.

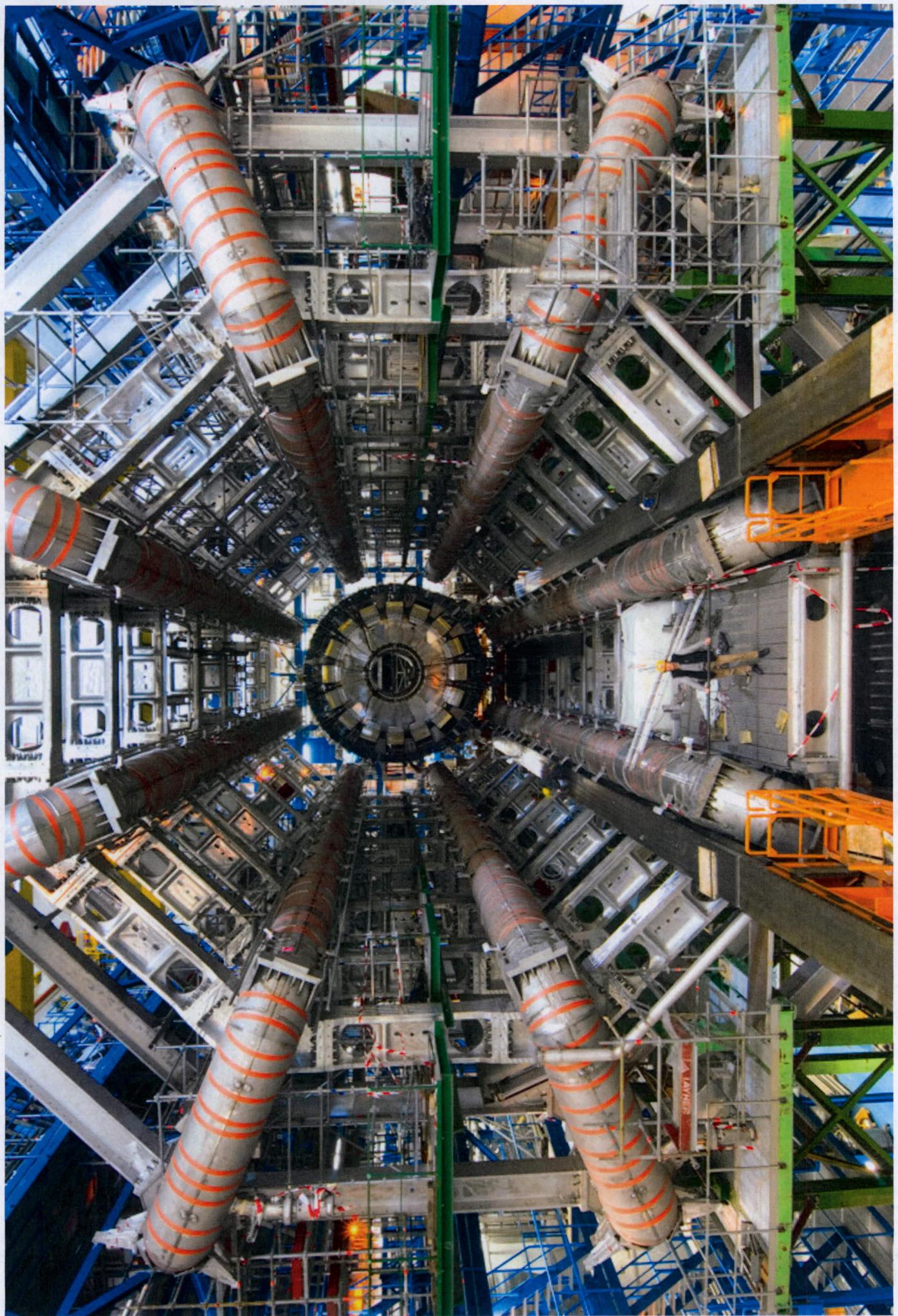
Noether's mathematical work has been divided into three "epochs".<sup>[4]</sup> In the first (1908–1919), she made significant contributions to the theories of algebraic invariants and

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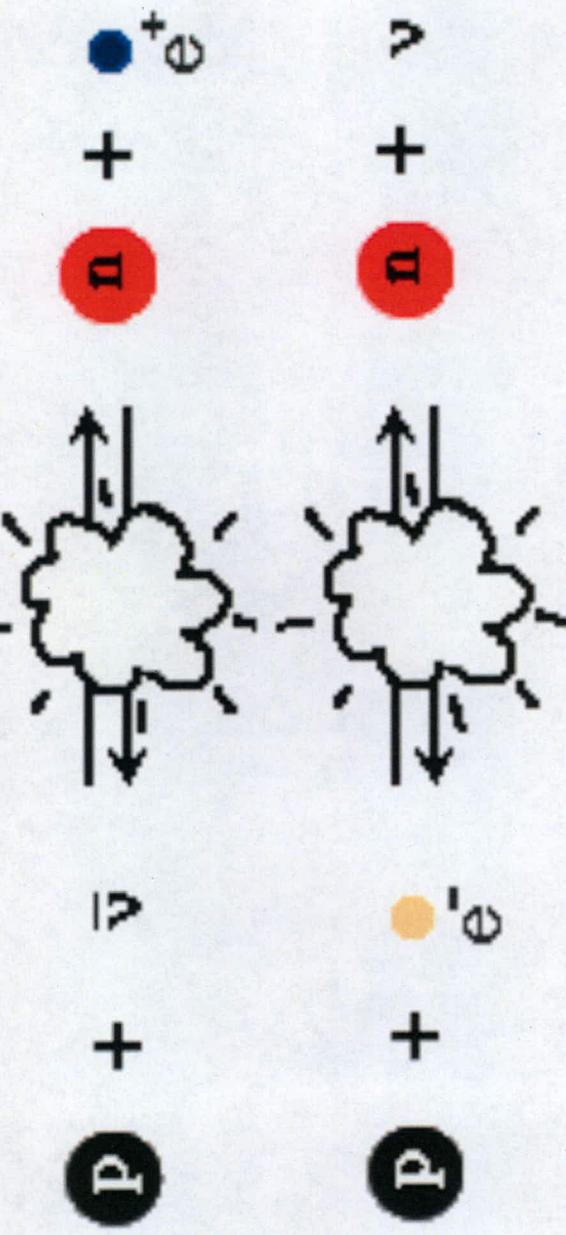
Amalie Emmy Noether

<b>Born</b>	23 March 1882 Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany
<b>Died</b>	14 April 1935 (aged 53) Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, USA
<b>Citizenship</b>	Germany
<b>Fields</b>	Mathematics and Physics
<b>Institutions</b>	University of Göttingen Bryn Mawr College
<b>Alma mater</b>	University of Erlangen
<b>Doctoral advisor</b>	Paul Gordan



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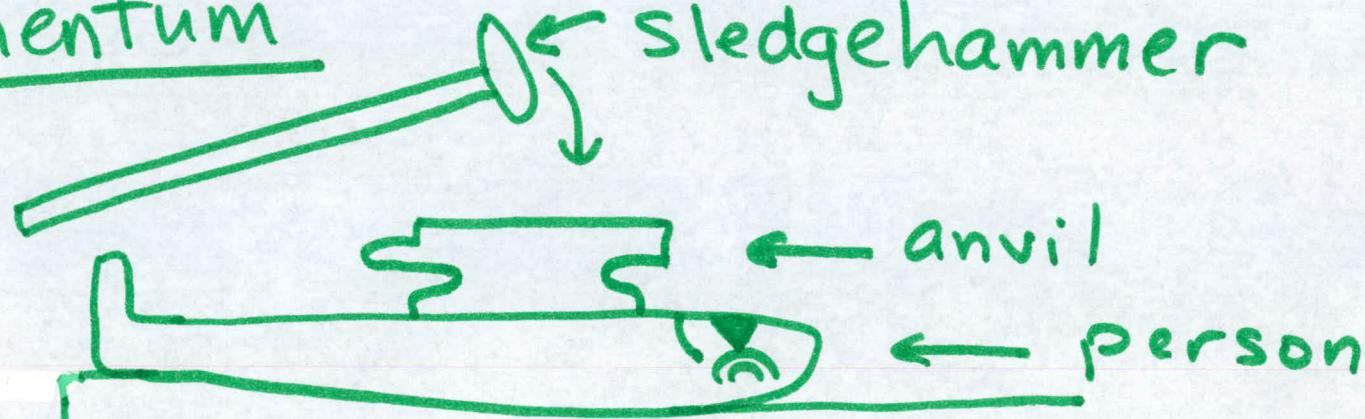


Reaction #2:



(The double arrows indicate these reactions go both ways.)

## Momentum



The anvil shields the horizontal person from most of the sledge - hammer's

- (a.) momentum
- (b.) kinetic energy
- (c.) both momentum and kinetic energy
- (d.) neither momentum nor kinetic energy.

# Astronomy Picture of the Day

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**Globular Cluster M15 from Hubble**  
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**Explanation:** Stars, like bees, swarm around the center of bright globular cluster M15. This ball of over 100,000 [stars](#) is a relic from the [early years](#) of [our Galaxy](#), and continues to orbit the [Milky Way's center](#). M15, one of about 150 [globular clusters](#) remaining, is noted for being easily visible with only [binoculars](#), having at its center one of the [densest concentrations of stars](#) known, and containing a high abundance of [variable stars](#) and [pulsars](#). [This sharp image](#), taken by the Earth-orbiting [Hubble Space Telescope](#), spans about 120 [light years](#). It shows the dramatic increase in density of stars toward the cluster's center. M15 lies about 35,000 [light years](#) away toward the [constellation](#) of the Winged Horse (Pegasus). [Recent evidence](#) indicates that a massive [black hole](#) might reside as the [center of M15](#).

Tomorrow's picture: [celestial trails](#)



## Momentum

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{P} &= m \vec{v} \quad \text{kg} \cdot \text{m/sec} \\ \vec{F} &= m \vec{a} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \\ &\text{(constant } m)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_{\text{NET on star 1}} + \\ \vec{F}_{\text{NET on star 2}} + \\ \vec{F}_{\text{NET on star 3}} + \dots &=?\end{aligned}$$

## Globular Cluster

- 1 exerts a force on 2; 2 exerts the same magnitude force on 1.
- Each star attracts every other star in cluster.
- Each star experiences a net force due to all the other stars.
- Call the forces each star exerts on every other star an internal force.

If there are no other forces from outside the globular cluster exerted on any star that is part of the cluster then the net force on the cluster as a whole is zero.

Then the total momentum of the cluster ( $\vec{P}_{\text{star}_1} + \vec{P}_{\text{star}_2} + \dots$ ) is constant  
→ Conservation of Momentum

Individual stars in the globular cluster are moving and accelerating (meaning  $\ddot{a} \neq 0$  and not simply it's speeding up) but is there any way we can think of the cluster (as one entity, like a block or the particles that make up a gas) as being at rest? In other words, where I don't see the cluster getting closer nor farther away from me?  $\rightarrow$  zero momentum frame!

When a particle experiences a net force:

(a.) It accelerates ( $\vec{a} \neq 0$ ).

(b.) Its velocity changes ( $d\vec{v}/dt \neq 0$ ):

- Speed changes.
- direction of motion changes.
- both change.

(c) Its momentum changes.

$$\cdot \vec{p} = m\vec{v} (= mv_x \hat{i} + mv_y \hat{j})$$

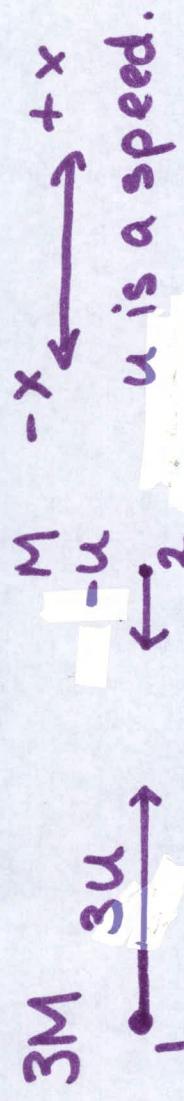
$$\cdot d\vec{p}/dt = m d\vec{v}/dt = m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{net}}$$

What might happen?

(d.) Kinetic energy changes (because speed changes)

(e.) Force does work on particle.

## Collision in 1 Dimension



Particle moving in  $+x$  direction has 3 times the mass and 3 times the speed of particle moving in  $-x$  direction.

$M \quad -x \leftrightarrow +x$   
 $-u \quad \leftarrow \quad \rightarrow$   
 $3M \quad u$

Before Collision  
 Particles exert no force on each other.

Express momentum in symbols:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= 3M \quad 3u = +9Mu \\ P_2 &= M \quad (-u) = -Mu \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} P_1 + P_2 &= +8Mu \\ &\leftarrow \text{Net momentum in } +x \text{ direction.} \end{aligned} \right. \quad (\text{vector})$$

Kinetic Energy:

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \frac{1}{2} 3M (3u)^2 = \frac{27}{2} Mu^2 \\ K_2 &= \frac{1}{2} M (-u)^2 = \frac{1}{2} Mu^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} K_1 + K_2 &= 14 Mu^2 \\ \text{Kinetic Energy has no direction (scalar).} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$+ 8Mu = P_1' + P_2'$$

$$= 3Mu_1 + Mu_2$$

$$14Mu^2 = \frac{1}{2} 3Mu_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} Mu_2^2$$

$$0 = P_1' + P_2' = 3Mu_1 + Mu_2$$

$$0 = 3u_1 + u_2 \rightarrow u_2 = -3u_1$$

## Collision in 1 Dimension (continued)

Is there a way I can imagine this system of colliding particles as being at rest (like seeing the globular cluster as a whole at rest?)

→ Zero Momentum Frame

OR Center of Mass Frame

$$3M \rightarrow 3u \quad \text{as seen by Frank} \quad \text{OK}$$

Frank sees Liz moving in the same direction as the particle of mass  $3M$ , 1 meter behind it.

Frank says Liz is not catching up to the particle, nor falling further behind it.

Question: How fast is Liz moving according to Frank?  $3u$

Question: How fast is particle moving according to Liz (or we say "with respect to Liz's frame of reference?")

O, It's not moving.

What about the momentum according to Frank and Liz? Do they agree on the particle's momentum?

$$\text{Frank says particles' momentum} = \frac{3M \times 3u}{}$$
$$\text{Liz says particles' momentum} = \frac{3M \times 0}{}$$

But what about conservation of momentum? Is it violated? And K?

$$\text{Frank says particle's } K = \frac{\frac{1}{2} 3M (3u)^2}{= \frac{27}{2} Mu^2}$$
$$\text{Liz says particle's } K = \frac{\frac{1}{2} 3M (0)^2}{= 0}$$

Emmy walks in the same direction as Liz, but behind her.

Frank says Emmy moves at  $2u$ ,  
Liz moves at  $3u$ , and the particle moves at  $3u$ .

Question: How fast does Emmy say Liz and the particle are moving in her (Emmy's) reference frame?  $+u$

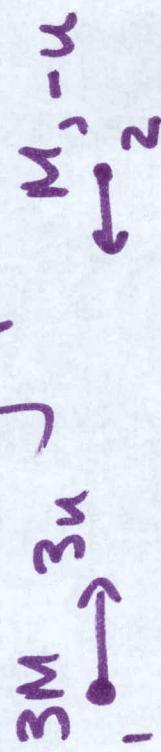
Question: How fast Liz say Emmy is moving in her (Liz's) reference frame?  $-u$

What is particle's  $P$  and  $K$  according to Emmy?  
 $P = 3Mu$ ,  $K = \frac{1}{2} 3M u^2 = \frac{3}{2} Mu^2$

Emmy is in the particle's zero momentum frame.

What's the zero momentum frame of our colliding particles?

Recall:



$$P_T = P_1 + P_2 = 9Mu - Mu = +8Mu$$

Liz, nor Frank, are in the system of two particle's zero-momentum frame (also called the center of mass frame.)

Frank sees: Emmy Lit

Diagram: A stick figure labeled "Frank" moves to the right at velocity  $2u$ . To his right, another stick figure labeled "Emmy Lit" moves to the right at velocity  $3u$ .

Liz sees: Emmy Lit

Diagram: A stick figure labeled "Liz" moves to the left at velocity  $-u$ . To her right, another stick figure labeled "Emmy Lit" moves to the right at velocity  $3u$ .

Liz sees:

Diagram: A stick figure labeled "Emmy" moves to the right at velocity  $3u$ . To her left, another stick figure labeled "Liz" sees Emmy moving to the right at velocity  $2u$ .

Emmy sees:

Diagram: A stick figure labeled "Emmy" moves to the right at velocity  $3u$ . To her left, another stick figure labeled "Frank" sees Emmy moving to the right at velocity  $2u$ .

speed of  $2 = 3u + u$   
 $= 4u$

$$P_T = P_1 + P_2 = 3M \times 0 + M \cdot 4u \times (-1)$$

$$= -4Mu \quad \leftarrow \text{Not zero-momentum frame.}$$

Emmy sees:

$\frac{M}{2} - u - 2u = -3u$

Diagram: A stick figure labeled "Frank" moves to the right at velocity  $2u$ . To his left, another stick figure labeled "Emmy" sees Frank moving to the right at velocity  $-u$ .

$$P_T = P_1 + P_2 = 3Mu - 3Mu = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{zero momentum frame!}$$

Zero-Momentum or Center-of-Mass  
(CM)

is found by doing

$$P_T = P_1 + P_2 = M_T V_{CM}$$

$$\text{where } M_T = M_1 + M_2 = 3M + M = 4M$$

$$\text{So } V_{CM} = \frac{P_1 + P_2}{M_T} = \frac{M_1 V_1 + M_2 V_2}{M_1 + M_2}$$

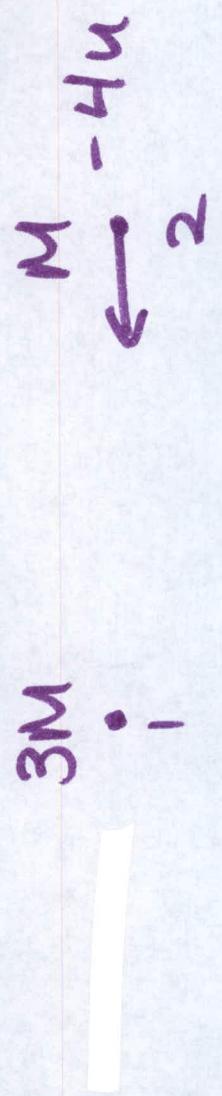
$$\text{Frank: } V_{CM} = \frac{3M \times 3u + M \times (-u)}{3M + M} = \frac{8Mu}{4M} = 2u$$

In CM Frame:

$$\frac{3u - 2u}{3M} = u$$

$$\frac{-u - 2u}{M} = -3u$$

What does Liz find for the velocity of the center of mass frame?



$$M + v_{cm} = 3M \times 0 + M(-4u) = -4Mu$$

$$(3M + M)v_{cm} = -4Mu$$

$$v_{cm} = \frac{-4Mu}{4M} = -u$$

## Center - of - Mass

$$v_{cm} = \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

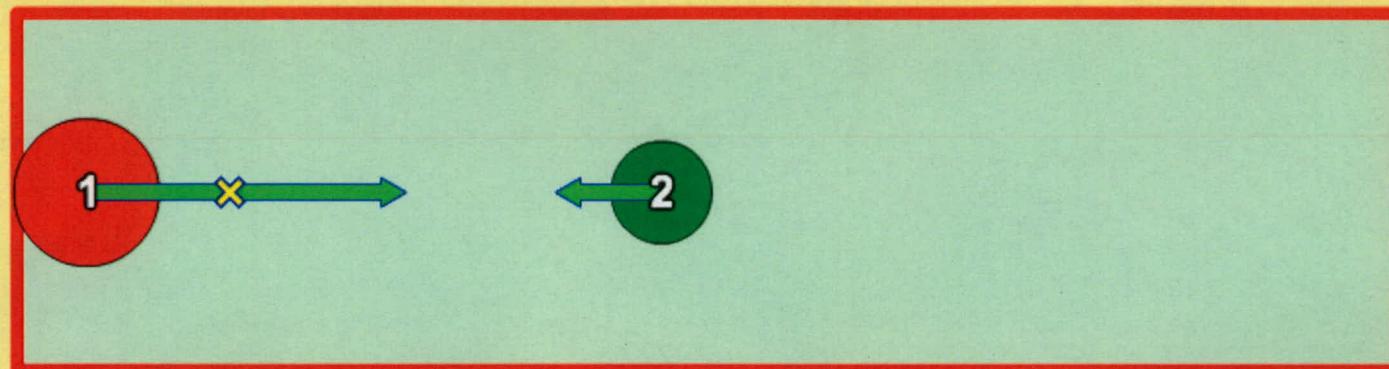
Looks like this is the derivative  
of three position variables

$$r_{cm} = \frac{m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$r_1, r_2$  position vectors of particles  
1 and 2.

$r_{cm}$  = position vector of the  
center of mass point of the  
system of two particles.

click on "Collision Lab"



Kinetic Energy = 1.75 J

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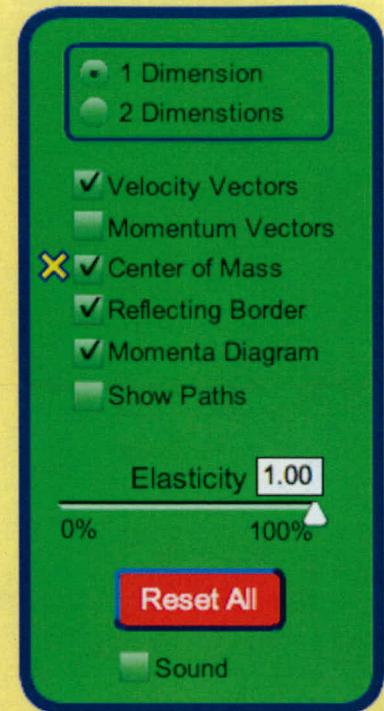
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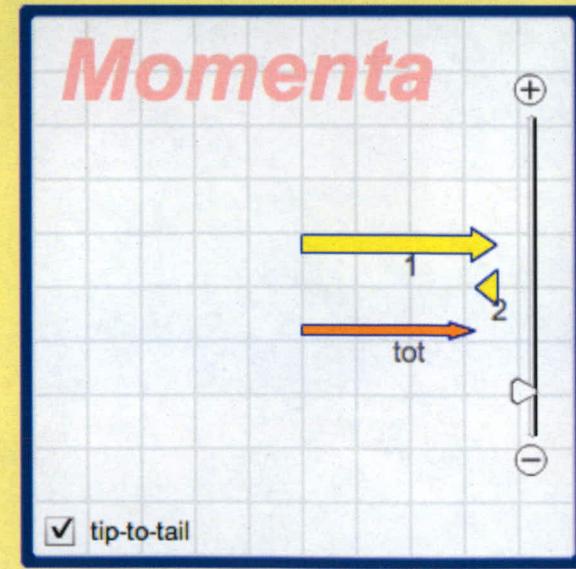
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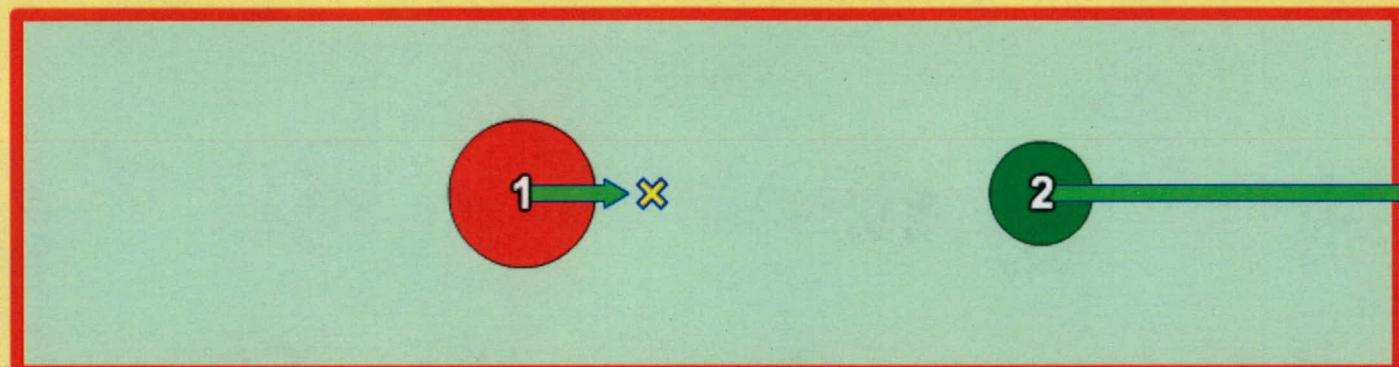
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1	1.5	0.150	0.000	1.500	0.000	2.250	0.000
2	0.5	1.500	0.000	-0.500	0.000	-0.250	0.000



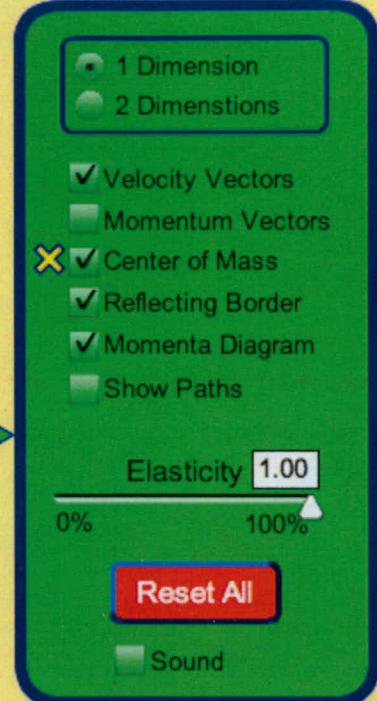
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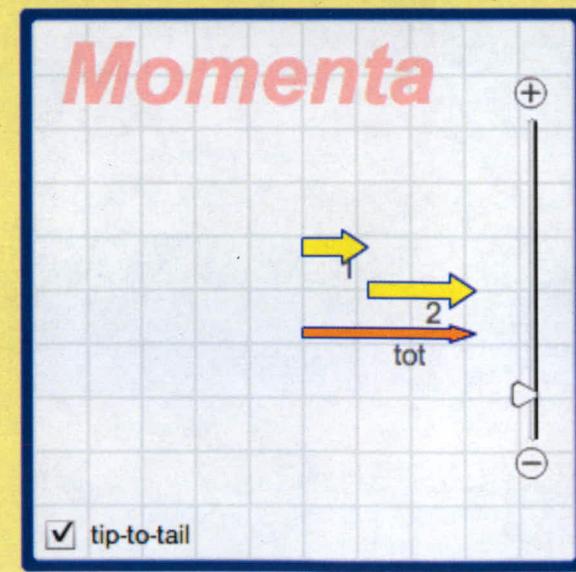
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Rewind Back Play Step

Time Rate Time = 1.00 s



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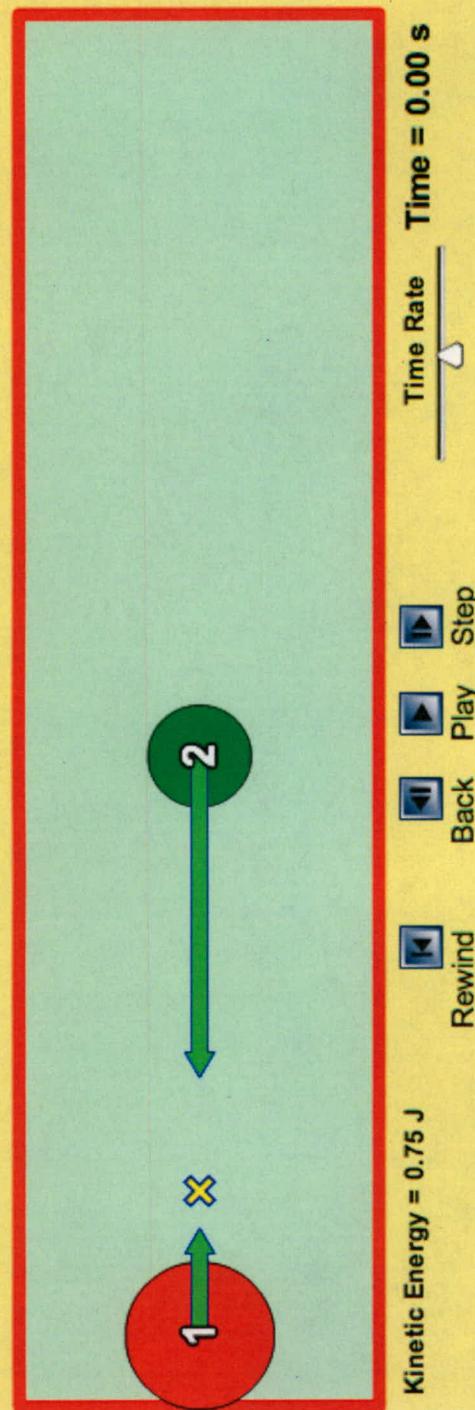


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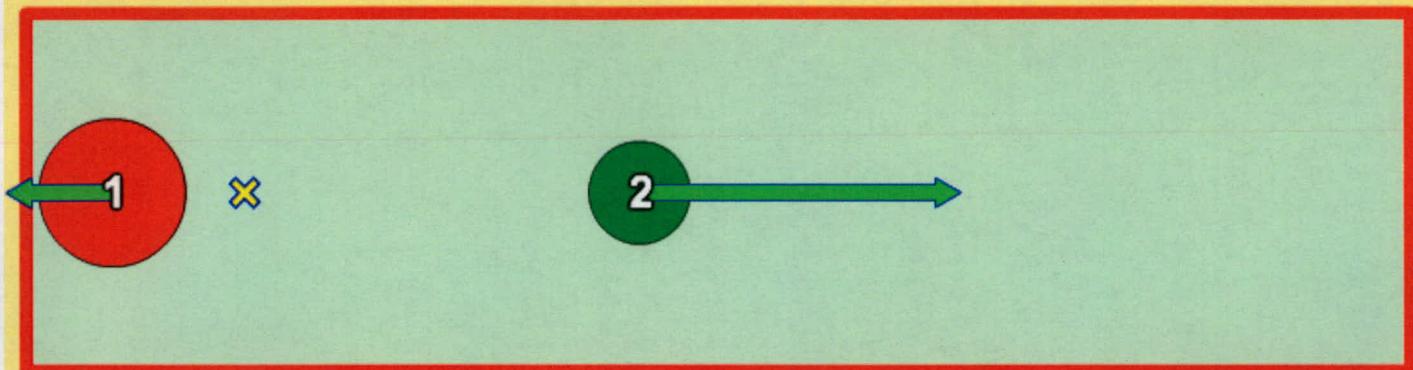


# Momenta

tip-to-tail

$\frac{\text{1}}{\text{2}}$

ball	mass	x	y	v <sub>x</sub>	v <sub>y</sub>	p <sub>x</sub>	p <sub>y</sub>
1	1.5	0.150	0.000	0.500	0.000	0.750	0.000
2	0.5	1.500	0.000	-1.500	0.000	-0.750	0.000
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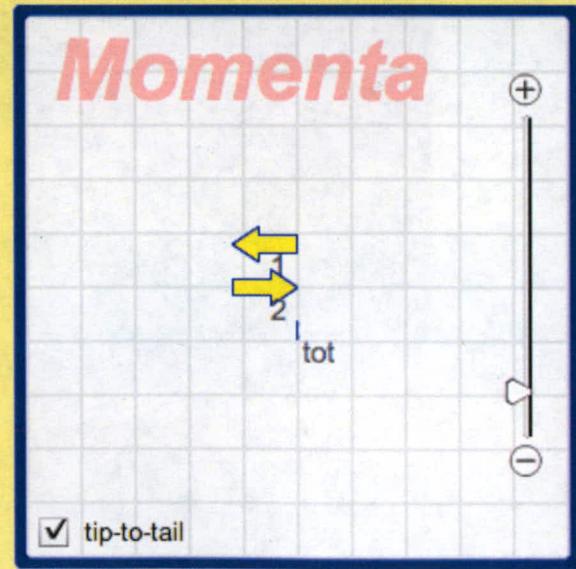
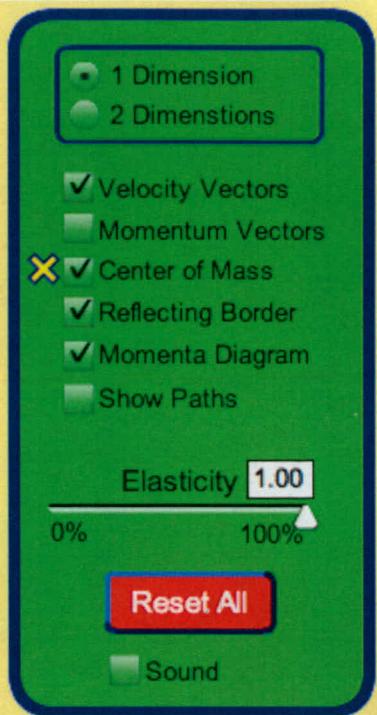
Kinetic Energy = 0.75 J

Rewind   Back   Play  

Time Rate   Time = 1.00 s

ball	mass	x	y	Vx	Vy	Px	Py
1	1.5	0.187	0.000	-0.500	0.000	-0.750	0.000
2	0.5	1.423	0.000	1.500	0.000	0.750	0.000

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# Two Particles, 1-dimension, before collision

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Situation:  
as posed:

$$P_1 = 9Mu \quad P_2 = -Mu$$

In Center of mass frame:  
( $V_{cm} = 0$  in this frame)

$$P_1 = 3Mu \quad P_2 = Mu (-3u) = -3Mu$$

$$(P_1 + P_2 = 0)$$

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2} 3M u^2 = \frac{3}{2} Mu^2$$

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2} M (-3u)^2 = \frac{9}{2} Mu^2$$

$$K_1 + K_2 = \frac{3}{2} Mu^2 + \frac{9}{2} Mu^2 = 6Mu^2$$

# Two Particles, 1 dimension, after collision

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In center of mass frame:

Collision does not change total momentum,

so  $P_1 + P_2 = 0$  (conservation of momentum)

(No external forces)

Let  $v_1$  = velocity of particle 1 after collision

$v_2$  = velocity of particle 2 after collision

$$P_1 + P_2 = 3Mv_1 + Mv_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 3v_1 + v_2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow v_1 = -v_2/3$$

Elastic Collision  $\rightarrow$  Kinetic Energy unchanged  
by collision, so it's  
still  $6Mu^2$

# Two Particles, 1-dimension, after collision

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$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2} M v_1^2 \rightarrow K_1 + K_2 = 6Mu^2$$
$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2} M v_2^2$$

And  $v_1 = -\frac{v_2}{3}$ , so

gives  $\frac{3}{2}M(-v_2/3)^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv_2^2 = 6Mu^2$

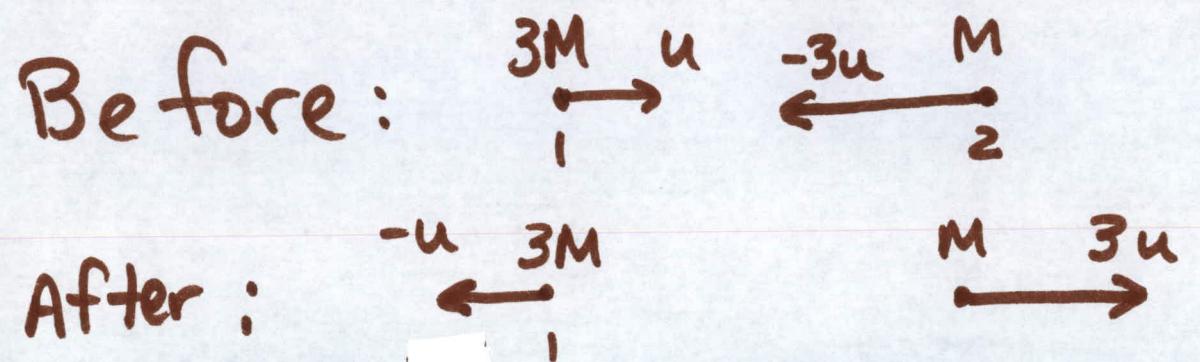
$$\frac{Mv_2^2}{6} + \frac{Mv_2^2}{2} = 6Mu^2$$

$$\frac{2}{3}Mv_2^2 = 6Mu^2 \rightarrow v_2^2 = 9u^2 \text{ or}$$
$$v_2 = 3u$$

$$v_1 = -\frac{v_2}{3} = -u$$

Velocities  
after  
collision  $\rightarrow$

## Two Particles, 1-d , Before & After CM Frame



Particles reverse direction with no change in speed. in CM Frame .

What does after collision look like in the reference frame problem was originally stated?

# Two Particles, 1d, After Collision, Original Frame

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In original frame we found

$$v_{cm} = \frac{3M \times 3u + M(-u)}{3M + M} = 2u$$

and transformed

into

$\frac{3M}{1}$	$\xrightarrow{3u}$	$\frac{-u}{2} \leftarrow M$
	$-u - 2u = -3u$	
$\frac{3M}{1}$	$\xrightarrow{3u - 2u = u}$	$\frac{M}{2} \xrightarrow{3u}$

CM Frame

After collision

After Collision,

Original frame

$$\frac{3M}{1} \xrightarrow{-u + 2u = u} \frac{M}{2} \xrightarrow{3u + 2u = 5u}$$

Particles move in same direction.

# Two Particles, 1D, Kinetic Energy

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What is kinetic energy,  $K$ , after and before collision in original frame?

Before :  $K_1 = \frac{1}{2} M (3u)^2 = \frac{27}{2} Mu^2$

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2} M (-u)^2 = \frac{1}{2} Mu^2$$

$$K_1 + K_2 = 2\frac{1}{2} Mu^2 = 14 Mu^2$$

After :  $K_1' = \frac{1}{2} M u^2$   
 $K_2' = \frac{1}{2} M (5u^2) = \frac{25}{2} Mu^2$

$$K_1' + K_2' = \frac{28}{2} Mu^2 = 14 Mu^2$$

Elastic Collision  $K$  conserved in each frame.

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Kinetic Energy = 1.75 J

Rewind Back Play Step Time Rate Time = 0.60 s

**Momentum Data:**

ball	mass	x	y	Vx	Vy	Px	Py
1	1.5	1.069	0.000	0.500	0.000	0.750	0.000
2	0.5	1.827	0.000	2.500	0.000	1.250	0.000

**Simulation Controls (Right Panel):**

- 1 Dimension (radio button)
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- Velocity Vectors (checkbox checked)
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- Reflecting Border (checkbox checked)
- Momenta Diagram (checkbox checked)
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**Momenta Diagram:**

tip-to-tail

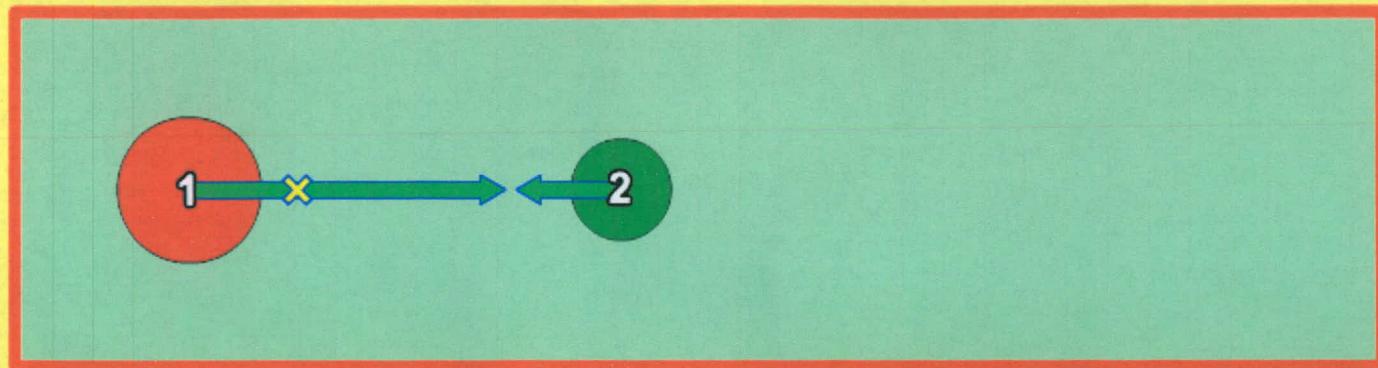
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**Elasticity**   
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**Reset All**

Sound



Kinetic Energy = 1.75 J

Rewind

Back

Play

Step

Time Rate

Time = 0.00 s

Add Ball   Remove Ball   Less Data

ball	mass	x	y	Vx	Vy	Px	Py
1	1.5	0.402	0.000	1.500	0.000	2.250	0.000
2	0.5	1.427	0.000	-0.500	0.000	-0.250	0.000

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