

- 2 A ball B of mass 1.2 kg travelling at constant velocity collides head-on with a stationary ball S of mass 3.6 kg, as shown in Fig. 2.1.



Fig. 2.1

Frictional forces are negligible.

The variation with time t of the velocity v of ball B before, during and after colliding with ball S is shown in Fig. 2.2.

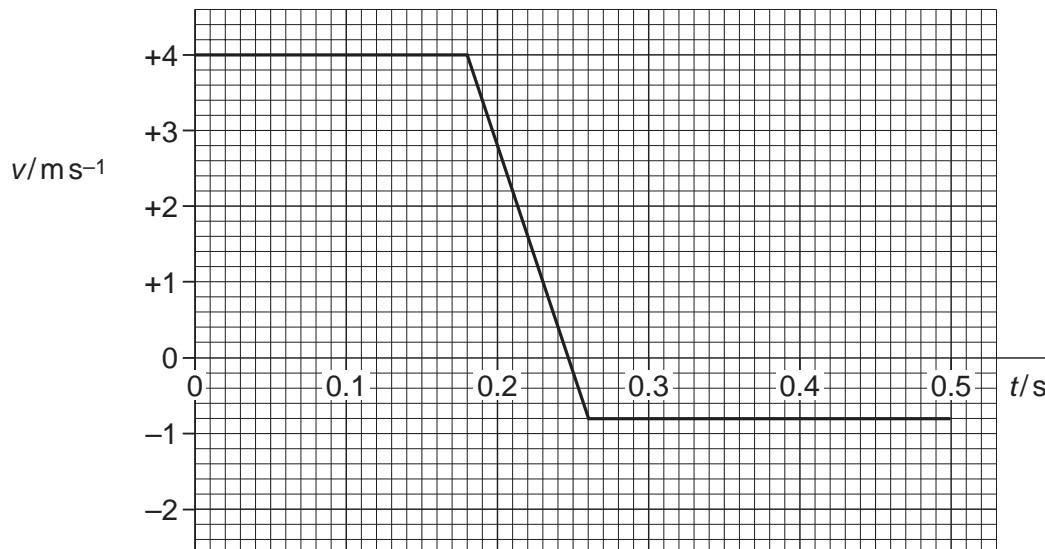


Fig. 2.2

- (a) State the significance of positive and negative values for v in Fig. 2.2.

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(b) Use Fig. 2.2 to determine, for ball B during the collision with ball S,

(i) the change in momentum of ball B,

$$\text{change in momentum} = \dots \text{Ns} [3]$$

(ii) the magnitude of the force acting on ball B.

$$\text{force} = \dots \text{N} [3]$$

(c) Calculate the speed of ball S after the collision.

$$\text{speed} = \dots \text{ms}^{-1} [2]$$

- (d) Using your answer in (c) and information from Fig. 2.2, deduce quantitatively whether the collision is elastic or inelastic.

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