

- 4 (a) State the principle of conservation of momentum.

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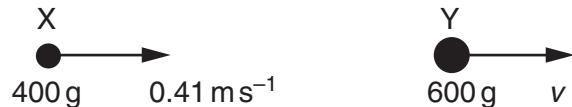
- (b) A ball X and a ball Y are travelling along the same straight line in the same direction, as shown in Fig. 4.1.



**Fig. 4.1**

Ball X has mass 400 g and horizontal velocity  $0.65 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .  
 Ball Y has mass 600 g and horizontal velocity  $0.45 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

Ball X catches up and collides with ball Y. After the collision, X has horizontal velocity  $0.41 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and Y has horizontal velocity  $v$ , as shown in Fig. 4.2.



**Fig. 4.2**

Calculate

- (i) the total initial momentum of the two balls,

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

- (ii) the velocity  $v$ ,

$$v = \dots \text{m s}^{-1} [2]$$

- (iii) the total initial kinetic energy of the two balls.

kinetic energy = ..... J [3]

- (c) Explain how you would check whether the collision is elastic.

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- (d) Use Newton's third law to explain why, during the collision, the change in momentum of X is equal and opposite to the change in momentum of Y.

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