

- 5 (a) State the law of conservation of momentum.

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- (b) Two particles A and B collide elastically, as illustrated in Fig. 5.1.

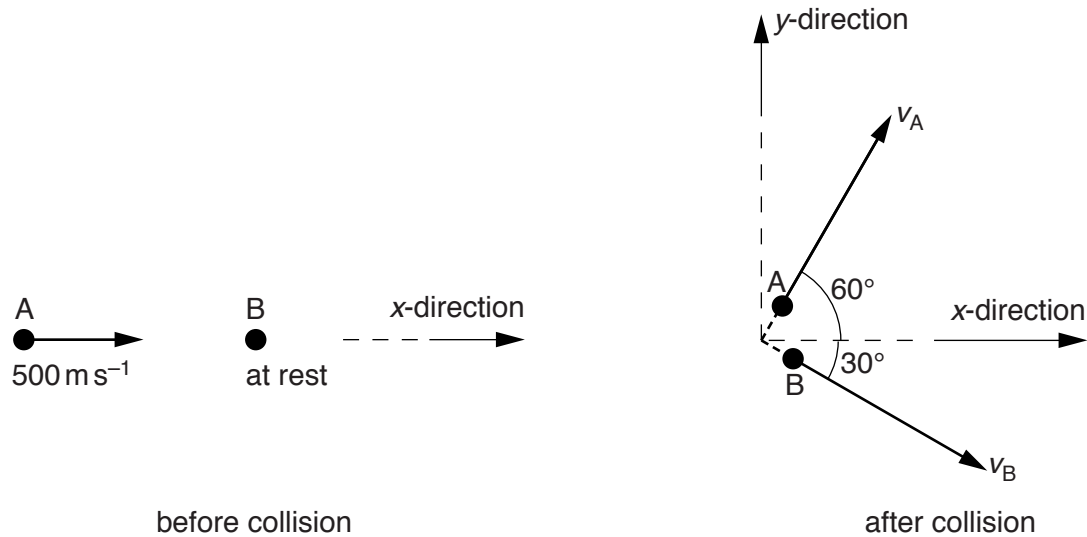


Fig. 5.1

The initial velocity of A is 500 m s^{-1} in the x-direction and B is at rest.

The velocity of A after the collision is v_A at 60° to the x-direction. The velocity of B after the collision is v_B at 30° to the x-direction.

The mass m of each particle is $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$.

- (i) Explain what is meant by the particles colliding *elastically*.

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- (ii) Calculate the total initial momentum of A and B.

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- (iii) State an expression in terms of m , v_A and v_B for the total momentum of A and B after the collision

1. in the x -direction,

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2. in the y -direction.

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- (iv) Calculate the magnitudes of the velocities v_A and v_B after the collision.

$$v_A = \dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$v_B = \dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-1}$$

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