

- 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 m s^{-1} .
 Ball Y has mass 600 g and horizontal velocity 0.45 m s^{-1} .

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

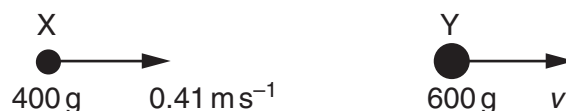


Fig. 4.2

Calculate

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

momentum = Ns [3]

- (ii) the velocity v ,

$v = \dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-1}$ [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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