

- 3 (a) (i) Define force.

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- (ii) State Newton's third law of motion.

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- (b) Two spheres approach one another along a line joining their centres, as illustrated in Fig. 3.1.

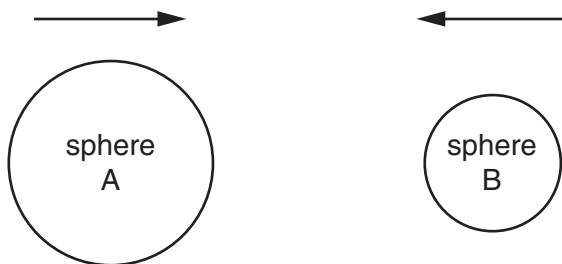


Fig. 3.1

When they collide, the average force acting on sphere A is F_A and the average force acting on sphere B is F_B .

The forces act for time t_A on sphere A and time t_B on sphere B.

- (i) State the relationship between

1. F_A and F_B ,

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2. t_A and t_B .

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- (ii) Use your answers in (i) to show that the change in momentum of sphere A is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to the change in momentum of sphere B.

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- (c) For the spheres in (b), the variation with time of the momentum of sphere A before, during and after the collision with sphere B is shown in Fig. 3.2.

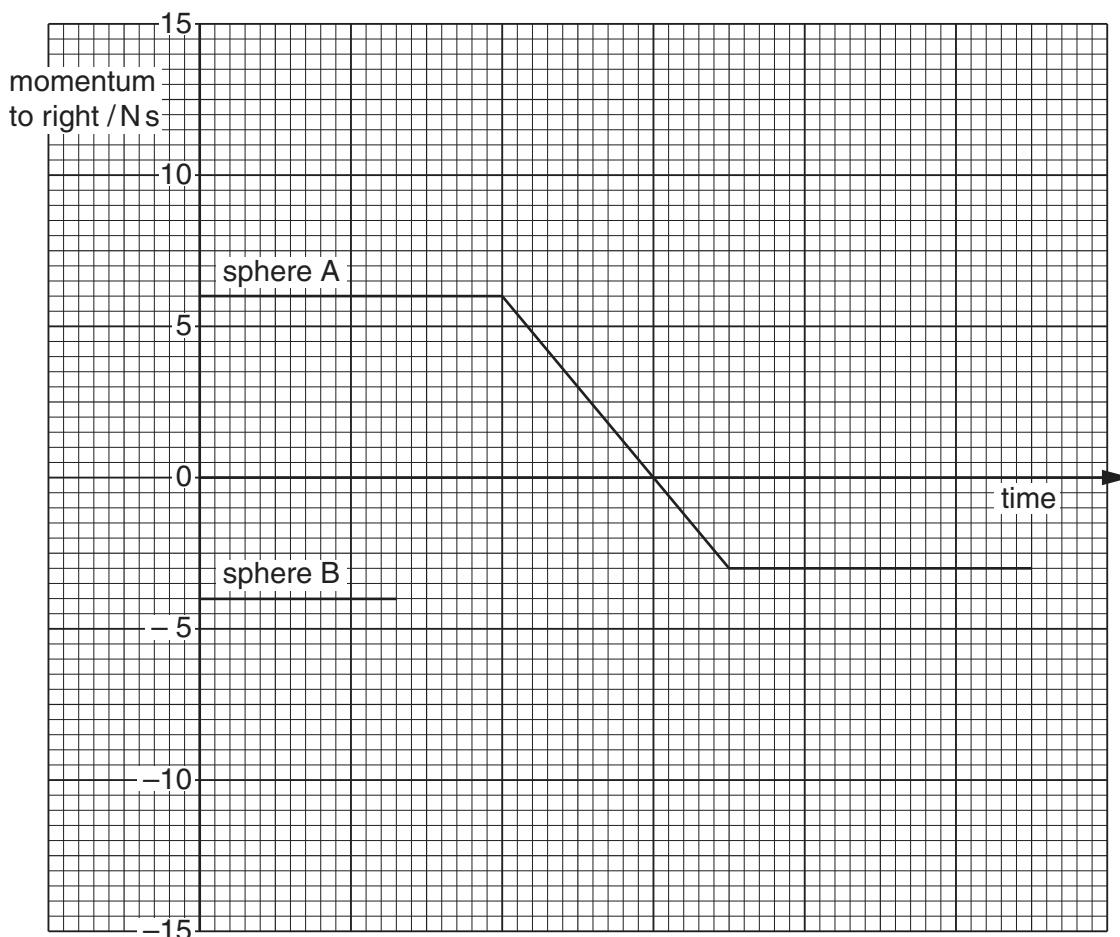


Fig. 3.2

The momentum of sphere B before the collision is also shown on Fig. 3.2.

Complete Fig. 3.2 to show the variation with time of the momentum of sphere B during and after the collision with sphere A. [3]