

- 1 (a) State the principle of conservation of linear momentum.

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- (b) Two microscopic particles are travelling along the same straight line in the same direction, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

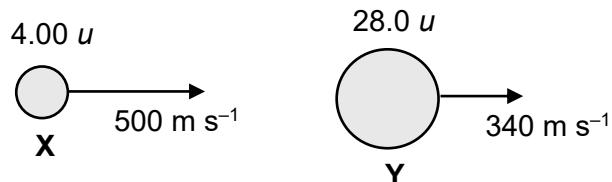


Fig. 1.1

Particle **X** has mass  $4.00 \text{ } u$  and horizontal velocity  $500 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  whereas particle **Y** has mass  $28.0 \text{ } u$  and horizontal velocity  $340 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

After the two particles collide, **X** has a horizontal velocity of  $220 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in the same direction as before and **Y** has horizontal velocity  $v$ .

- (i) Determine the magnitude of velocity  $v$ .

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

- (ii) Deduce whether the above collision is elastic or not. Show your workings clearly.

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- (iii) 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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