

- 2 (a) Momentum is conserved when two objects collide.

State the condition under which momentum is conserved.

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- (b) Fig. 2.1 shows the variation with time of the momentum of two colliding trucks A and B.

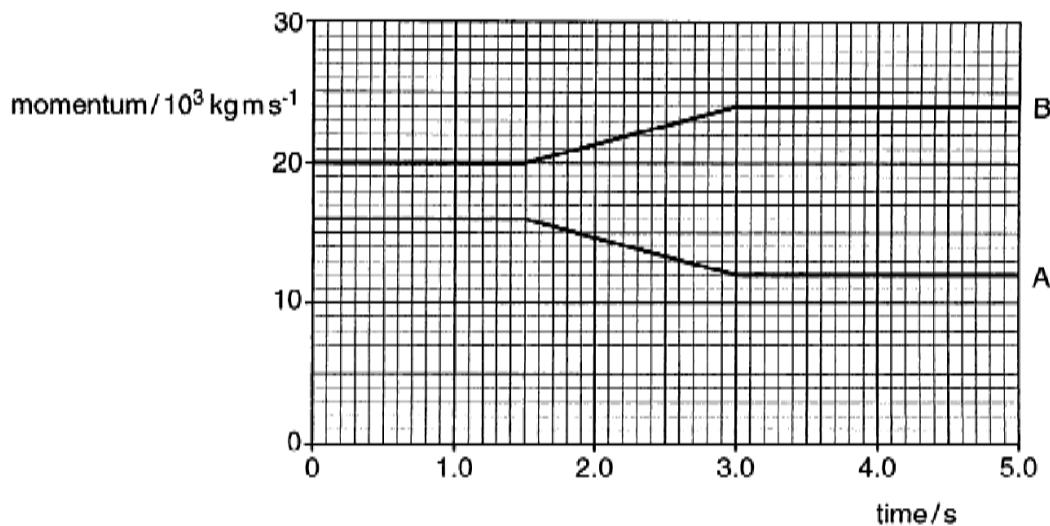


Fig. 2.1

The masses of trucks A and B are 2000 kg and 4000 kg respectively. The period of collision is between 1.5 s and 3.0 s.

- (i) Calculate the force acting on truck B during the collision

$$\text{force} = \dots \text{N} [2]$$

- (ii) Explain using Newton's laws, the relationship between the gradients of both graphs during the collision.

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- (iii) Using the concepts of impulse and momentum, explain why the total momentum of the two trucks is conserved during collision.

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- (iv) Calculate the change in the total kinetic energy of the trucks before and after the collision.
State the type of collision.

change in kinetic energy = J [2]

type of collision: [1]