

- 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.

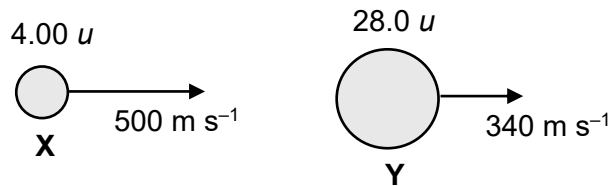


Fig. 1.1

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

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

- (i) Determine the magnitude of velocity v .

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

- (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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