

Honors Physics – Section 9.2 Practice Problems – Conservation of Momentum

Directions: Show all of your work on a separate sheet of paper.

13. Two freight cars, each with a mass of 3.0×10^5 kg, collide and stick together. One was initially moving at 2.2 m/s, and the other was at rest. What is their final speed?

14. A 0.105-kg hockey puck moving at 24 m/s is caught and held by a 75-kg goalie at rest. With what speed does the goalie slide on the ice?

15. A 35.0-g bullet strikes a 5.0-kg stationary piece of lumber and embeds itself in the wood. The piece of lumber and bullet fly off together at 8.6 m/s. What was the original speed of the bullet?

16. A 35.0-g bullet moving at 475 m/s strikes a 2.5-kg bag of flour that is on ice, at rest. The bullet passes through the bag, as shown in **Figure 9-7**, and exits it at 275 m/s. How fast is the bag moving when the bullet exits?

17. The bullet in the previous problem strikes a 2.5-kg steel ball that is at rest. The bullet bounces backward after its collision at a speed of 5.0 m/s. How fast is the ball moving when the bullet bounces backward?

18. A 0.50-kg ball that is traveling at 6.0 m/s collides head-on with a 1.00-kg ball moving in the opposite direction at a speed of 12.0 m/s. The 0.50-kg ball bounces backward at 14 m/s after the collision. Find the speed of the second ball after the collision.

19. A 4.00-kg model rocket is launched, expelling 50.0 g of burned fuel from its exhaust at a speed of 625 m/s. What is the velocity of the rocket after the fuel has burned? *Hint: Ignore the external forces of gravity and air resistance.*

20. A thread holds a 1.5-kg cart and a 4.5-kg cart together. After the thread is burned, a compressed spring pushes the carts apart, giving the 1.5-kg cart a speed of 27 cm/s to the left. What is the velocity of the 4.5-kg cart?

21. Carmen and Judi dock a canoe. 80.0-kg Carmen moves forward at 4.0 m/s as she leaves the canoe. At what speed and in what direction do the canoe and Judi move if their combined mass is 115 kg?

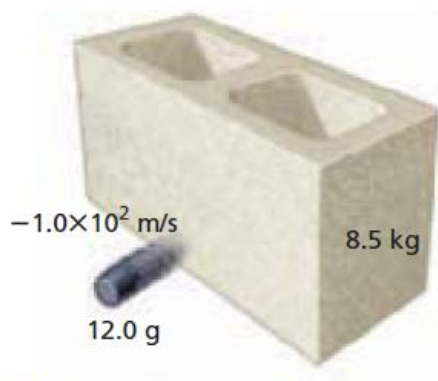


■ Figure 9-7

Honors Physics – Section 9.2 Homework – Conservation of Momentum

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- 73. Football** A 95-kg fullback, running at 8.2 m/s, collides in midair with a 128-kg defensive tackle moving in the opposite direction. Both players end up with zero speed.
- Identify the “before” and “after” situations and draw a diagram of both.
 - What was the fullback’s momentum before the collision?
 - What was the change in the fullback’s momentum?
 - What was the change in the defensive tackle’s momentum?
 - What was the defensive tackle’s original momentum?
 - How fast was the defensive tackle moving originally?
- 74.** Marble C, with mass 5.0 g, moves at a speed of 20.0 cm/s. It collides with a second marble, D, with mass 10.0 g, moving at 10.0 cm/s in the same direction. After the collision, marble C continues with a speed of 8.0 cm/s in the same direction.
- Sketch the situation and identify the system. Identify the “before” and “after” situations and set up a coordinate system.
 - Calculate the marbles’ momenta before the collision.
 - Calculate the momentum of marble C after the collision.
 - Calculate the momentum of marble D after the collision.
 - What is the speed of marble D after the collision?
- 75.** Two lab carts are pushed together with a spring mechanism compressed between them. Upon release, the 5.0-kg cart repels one way with a velocity of 0.12 m/s, while the 2.0-kg cart goes in the opposite direction. What is the velocity of the 2.0-kg cart?
- 76.** A 50.0-g projectile is launched with a horizontal velocity of 647 m/s from a 4.65-kg launcher moving in the same direction at 2.00 m/s. What is the launcher’s velocity after the launch?
- 77.** A 12.0-g rubber bullet travels at a velocity of 150 m/s, hits a stationary 8.5-kg concrete block resting on a frictionless surface, and ricochets in the opposite direction with a velocity of -1.0×10^2 m/s, as shown in **Figure 9-19**. How fast will the concrete block be moving?



■ **Figure 9-19**

- 78. Skateboarding** Kofi, with mass 42.00 kg, is riding a skateboard with a mass of 2.00 kg and traveling at 1.20 m/s. Kofi jumps off and the skateboard stops dead in its tracks. In what direction and with what velocity did he jump?