

Momentum, Impulse and Momentum Change

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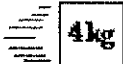
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MOP Connection: Momentum and Collisions: sublevels 1 and 2

Momentum

- The momentum of an object depends upon the object's _____. Pick two quantities.
 - ☒ mass - how much *stuff* it has
 - acceleration - the rate at which *the stuff* changes its velocity
 - weight - the force by which gravity attracts *the stuff* to Earth
 - ☒ velocity - how fast and in what direction it's *stuff* is moving
 - position - where the *stuff* is at
- Momentum is a _____ quantity.
 - scalar
 - ☒ vector
- Which are **complete** descriptions of the momentum of an object? Circle all that apply.
 - 2.0 kg/s
 - ☒ 7.2 kg•m/s, right
 - 6.1 kg•m/s², down
 - 4.2 m/s, east
 - ☒ 1.9 kg•m/s, west
 - 2.3 kg•m/s
- The two quantities needed to calculate an object's momentum are mass and velocity.
- Consider the mass and velocity values of Objects A and B below. Compared to Object B, Object A has _____ momentum.

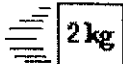
Object A



4kg

v = 4m/s

Object B



2kg

v = 4m/s

 - ☒ two times the
 - four times the
 - eight times the
 - the same
 - one-half the
 - one-fourth the
 - ... impossible to tell without knowledge of the F and a.
- Calculate the momentum value of (Include appropriate units on your answers.)
 - ... a 2.0-kg brick moving through the air at 12 m/s.

$$24 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

- ... a 3.5-kg wagon moving along the sidewalk at 1.2 m/s.

$$4.2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

- With what velocity must a 0.53-kg softball be moving to equal the momentum of a 0.31-kg baseball moving at 21 m/s?

$$p_s = p_b \Rightarrow m_s v_s = m_b v_b \Rightarrow 0.53 v_s = 0.31(21)$$

$$v_s = 12.3 \text{ m/s}$$

Impulse and Momentum Change

- Insert these words into the four blanks of the sentence: **mass, momentum, acceleration, time, impact, weight, impulse, and force.** (Not every word will be used.)

In a collision, an object experiences a(n) force acting for a certain amount of time and which is known as a(n) impulse; it serves to change the momentum of the object.



Momentum and Collisions

9. A(n) impulse causes and is equal to a change in momentum.
 a. force b. impact c. impulse d. collision

10. Calculate the impulse experienced by (Show appropriate units on your answer.)
 a. ... a 65.8-kg halfback encountering a force of 1025 N for 0.350 seconds.



$$\text{Impulse} = F(\Delta t) = (1025 \text{ N})(0.350 \text{ s}) = 359 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s} \approx 359 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

- b. ... a 0.168-kg tennis ball encountering a force of 126 N that changes its velocity by 61.8 m/s.


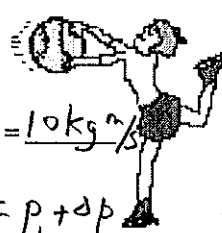
$$\text{Impulse} = \Delta p = m \Delta v = (0.168 \text{ kg})(61.8 \text{ m/s}) = 10.4 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s} = 10.4 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$$

11. Determine the impulse (I), momentum change (Δp), momentum (p) and other values.





A 7-ball collides with the 8-ball.

$I = -0.3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = 0.3 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $m = 0.1 \text{ kg}$
 $v = 4 \text{ m/s}$

 $p_1 = 0.4 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $m = 0.1 \text{ kg}$
 $v = 1 \text{ m/s}$

 $p_2 = 0.1 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$





A moving medicine ball is caught by a girl on ice skates.

$m = 10 \text{ kg}$
 $v = 6 \text{ m/s}$
 $I = -50 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = -50 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $m = 10 \text{ kg}$
 $v = 1 \text{ m/s}$

 $p_1 = 60 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$

 $p_2 = 10 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $\Delta p = p_2 - p_1 \Rightarrow p_2 = p_1 + \Delta p$

A car is at rest when it experiences a forward propulsion force to set it in motion. It then experiences a second forward propulsion force to speed it up even more. Finally, it brakes to a stop.

$I = 16,000 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = 16,000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $F_{\text{app}} = 4000 \text{ N}$
 $t = 4.0 \text{ s}$

 $p_1 = 0$
 $I = 18,000 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = 18,000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $F_{\text{app}} = 6000 \text{ N}$
 $t = 3.0 \text{ s}$

 $p_2 = 16,000 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $I = -34,000 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = -34,000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $F_{\text{frict}} = 8000 \text{ N}$
 $t = \text{ } \text{s}$

 $p_3 = 34,000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $p_4 = -34,000 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$


A tennis ball is at rest when it experiences a forward force to set it in motion. It then strikes a wall where it encounters a force that slows it down and finally turns it around and sends it backwards.

$I = 6 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = 6 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $F_{\text{app}} = 60 \text{ N}$
 $t = 0.1 \text{ s}$

 $p_1 = 0$
 $I = -6 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = -6 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $F_{\text{wall}} = 120 \text{ N}$
 $t = 0.05 \text{ s}$

 $p_2 = 6 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $I = 4.8 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$
 $\Delta p = 4.8 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$
 $F_{\text{wall}} = 120 \text{ N}$
 $t = 0.04 \text{ s}$

 $p_3 = 0$

 $p_4 = 4.8 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$