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Momentum

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Phys Std:

- What is momentum?
- What is the equation for momentum?
- How is momentum changed?
- What is impulse?

- Mass in motion

$$\vec{p} = \vec{v}m \quad \text{units: kg*m/s}$$

(Direction comes from velocity → direction of motion)

- An impulse is needed
→ an impulse changes momentum; likewise, a change in momentum causes an impulse
- Impulse is “force applied over a time interval”
(i.e. hitting a golf ball exerts a force on the ball for a certain time. “Following through” increases the time interval and therefore increases the impulse. This increases the momentum of the ball by making it travel faster)

impulse = Force x time

impulse = a change in momentum

$$\vec{F}t = \Delta\vec{v}m \quad \leftarrow \text{impulse eqn}$$

units: kg*m/s or N*s

ex #1: If the contact time doubles (force remaining constant), the impulse doubles, and the change in momentum doubles

Padding increases the time interval during collisions, thereby decreasing the impact force.

ex #2: Quadrupling the time interval, decreases the impact force by $\frac{1}{4}$.

ex #3: A 20 kg object is moving at 5 m/s when a force brings it to a stop in 0.05 seconds. If brought to a stop in 0.1 seconds instead, the required force to stop it would be halved the resulting impulse would be same & the resulting change in momentum would be same.

ex #4: A 2 kg object moving at 3 m/s encounters a 20 N force over a 0.1 second time interval.

- a) The impulse experienced by the object is 2 N·s
 b) The momentum change experienced by the object is 2 kg·m/s
 c) The final momentum is 4 kg·m/s

- Why do bouncing objects experience a greater momentum change?

- because of the direction change

Example:

The diagram shows two scenarios of a 1 kg ball hitting a vertical wall. In the first scenario, a clay ball with an initial velocity $\vec{v}_i = +5 \frac{m}{s}$ hits the wall and comes to rest, with a final velocity $\vec{v}_f = 0 \frac{m}{s}$. The change in momentum is calculated as $\Delta \vec{v}m = (0 \frac{m}{s} - 5 \frac{m}{s})(1 kg) = -5 kg \cdot \frac{m}{s}$. In the second scenario, a rubber ball with an initial velocity $\vec{v}_i = +5 \frac{m}{s}$ hits the wall and bounces back with a final velocity $\vec{v}_f = -5 \frac{m}{s}$. The change in momentum is calculated as $\Delta \vec{v}m = (-5 \frac{m}{s} - 5 \frac{m}{s})(1 kg) = -10 kg \cdot \frac{m}{s}$.

**Since Δvm is greater, impact force is greater

- Is momentum conserved during collisions?
- Is energy conserved during collisions?

- Yes, as long as the system is closed and isolated from external forces.
- Only in ELASTIC COLLISIONS, where objects bounce off of each other
- Energy is not conserved in INELASTIC COLLISIONS, where objects stick to each other