



# Momentum Problems



Due \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ pts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

$$p = mv$$
$$I = F\Delta t = m\Delta v$$

**explosions:**

$$m_1 v_1 = m_2 v_2$$

**elastic collisions:**

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$

**inelastic collisions:**

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$$

## Conceptual Questions:

- What is unit for momentum (*what it's measured in*)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the variable (*letter*) we use for momentum? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If you divide momentum by velocity, what variable will you end up with? \_\_\_\_\_
  - The reason air bags are used is because they increase the \_\_\_\_\_ which decreases the force felt.
  - If you double the force needed to stop an object and  $m\Delta v$  remains constant, what happens to  $\Delta t$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If you divide momentum by mass, what unit do you end up with? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If you triple the velocity and mass remains constant, what happens to the momentum? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What are the 2 units of Impulse that are equal to each other? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the momentum of a Rudolph (mass 42 kg) running down a hill at 5 m/s? (*ans. 210 kgm/s*)



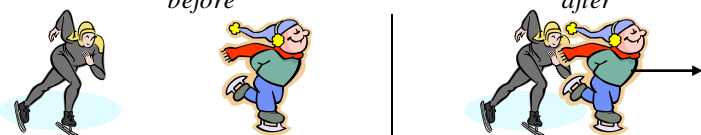
- A snowball with a mass of 50 **grams** is fired with a velocity of 12m/s from a snowball cannon with mass of 11 kg. What would be the recoil velocity of the snowball cannon? (*ans. 0.05m/s*, **Hint:** Use the explosion equation and don't forget to put the mass in kg.)



- What impulse would need to be applied to Papa Smurf in order to stop him from sliding across the ice if he has a mass of 8 kg and an initial speed 12 m/s? (*ans. -96 kgm/s*)

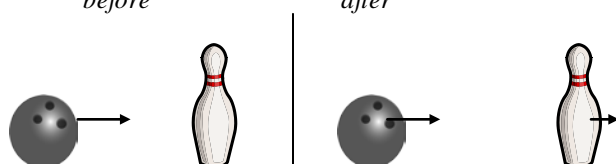
- A skater with a mass of 50 kg glides at 7 m/s and collides with a stationary skater (mass 75 kg). If the two skaters hold onto each other, with what velocity will they move after colliding? (*ans. 2.8 m/s*)

Sketch:  
*before*



- An 8-kg bowling ball traveling at 2 m/s strikes a stationary 2.5-kg pin which moves off in the same straight line at 6 m/s. What is the speed of the bowling ball after the collision? (*ans. 0.125 m/s*)

Sketch:  
*before*



7. Small rockets are used to make small adjustments in the speed of Santa's sleigh. One such rocket has a thrust of 535 N. If it is fired to change the velocity of the 900 kg sleigh from 5 m/s to 16 m/s, how long should it be fired? (*ans. 18.5 sec.*)



8. Elf throws a snowball of mass 0.20 kg and is hit back at him by a bully with a change in velocity of 10 m/s. If the snowball and the hand of the bully were in contact for 0.025 seconds, what force was exerted by the bully on the snowball? (*ans. 80 N*)



9. A 92 kg man drops from rest from a diving board that is 5.2 m above the water and comes to rest 1.25 sec after reaching the water.

a. Solve for the velocity he hits the water with using both: (10.1 m/s)

**a 1-D motion equation:**

**Conservation of energy:**

b. Solve for the force it takes to stop him once he hits the water using both: (743 N)

**Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law:**

**$F\Delta t = m\Delta v$**

10. A train of teddy bears, traveling at 56 **mph** and weighing 108,182 kg collides with a stationary car full of angry bird stuffed animals that weighs 6,095 **lbs**. (*Make sure to convert!*)

a. Calculate the momentum of the train before the collision. (*ans. about  $2.71 \times 10^6$  kgm/s*)



b. Calculate the speed of the train with the car after the collision assuming the train and the car move in a straight line and stick together after the collision. (*ans. about 24.37 m/s*)

11. A 0.2 kg ball is thrown straight up into the air with an initial speed of 35 m/s. Find the momentum of the ball when it is **halfway to its maximum height**. (Find  $\Delta y$  first, then cut in  $\frac{1}{2}$  to find new  $v$  at that height) (4.95 kgm/s)