

## **Reminders 03-18-10:**

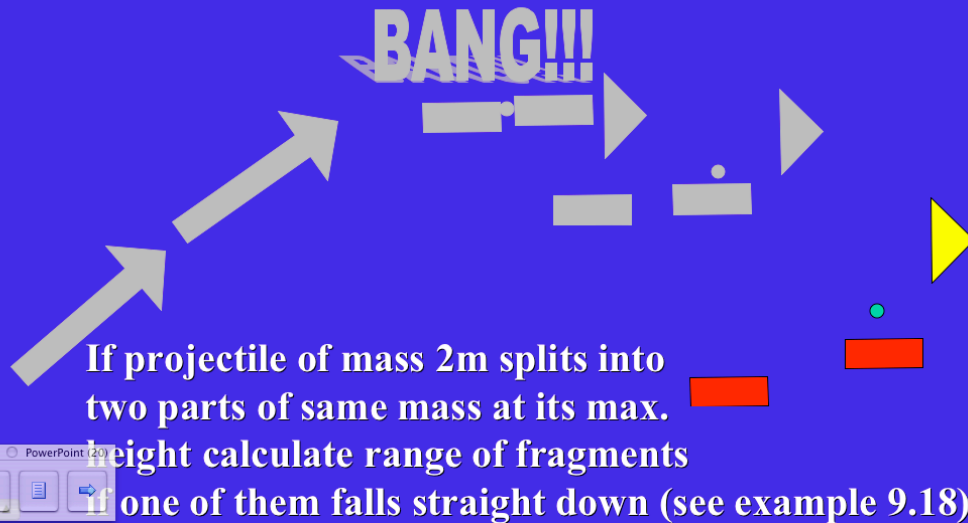
- POW 8 Due Next Thursday**
- Short Quiz Today on Energy Level Diagrams.**
- Exam 3 Ch 7,8, and 9 March 25. No Makeups.**

## **Objectives:**

- Conservation of Momentum**
- Types of Collisions**

What happens in this instance?

The motion of the center of mass follows the parabolic trajectory of a projectile.



If we say projectile would have traveled  $R$  if it didn't break up, then the c.m. of projectile still travels  $R$  because  $F_{extx} = 0$

$$m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 = 2mR$$

$$m \frac{R}{2} + m x_2 = 2mR$$

$$\frac{R}{2} + x_2 = 2R$$

$$x_2 = \frac{3}{2}R$$

**Example 1:**

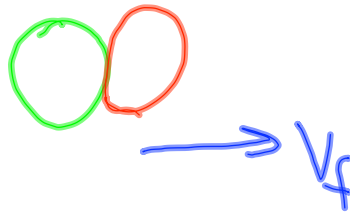
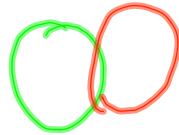
Two particles of equal mass and speed travel in opposite directions have a head-on collision, and stick together. What is the speed of the system after the collision? (tech)

$$P'_{\text{system}} = 0$$

$v_f = 0$  because both objects move with same velocity

**Example 2:**

A green particle has a mass of 2 kg and an initial velocity of 1 m/s to the right. It collides with a 1 kg red particle traveling to the left at 1 m/s and they stick together. What is the velocity of the system after the collision?



$$\sum \vec{P}_i = \sum \vec{P}_f$$

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

$$v_f = \frac{m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i}}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$= \frac{(2\text{kg})(1\text{m/s}) + (1\text{kg})(-1\text{m/s})}{3\text{kg}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \text{ m/s to right}$$

## Elastic collisions

2 objects equal mass  
 equal speed  
 opp. dir.

$$\sum p_i = 0 = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} = 0$$

$$v_{1f} + v_{2f} = 0$$

Kinetic Energy Cons.

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2$$

$$m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_{2f}^2$$

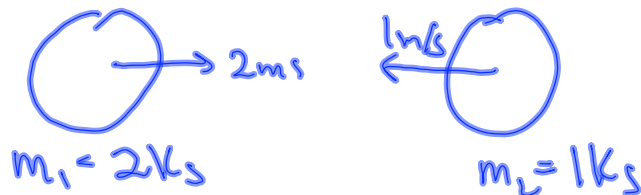
$$2v^2 = v_{1f}^2 + v_{2f}^2$$

$$v_{1f} + v_{2f} = 0$$

$$v_{1f} = -v_{2f} = v$$

Example (with problem solving steps):

A 2 kg mass is traveling to the right with a speed of 2 m/s and runs head-on into a 1 kg mass traveling to the left at 1 m/s. The collision is elastic. What are the speeds of the masses after the collision?



$$\Sigma p_i = 3 \text{ kg m/s}$$

$$3 = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$

$$(v_{1i} - v_{2i}) = -(v_{1f} - v_{2f})$$

$$3 = -(v_{1f} - v_{2f}); \quad -3 = v_{1f} - v_{2f}$$

$$v_{1f} = v_{2f} - 3$$

$$3 = m_1 (v_{2f} - 3) + m_2 v_{2f}$$

$$3 = m_1 v_{2f} + m_2 v_{2f} - m_1 3$$

$$3 + m_1 3 = (m_1 + m_2) v_{2f}$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{3 + 3m_1}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{9}{3}$$

$$v_{2f} = 3 \quad v_{1f} = 0$$


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