

Linear Momentum and Force

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Momentum

-The quantity of motion of a moving body and it implies a tendency to continue its course

$$-p=mv$$

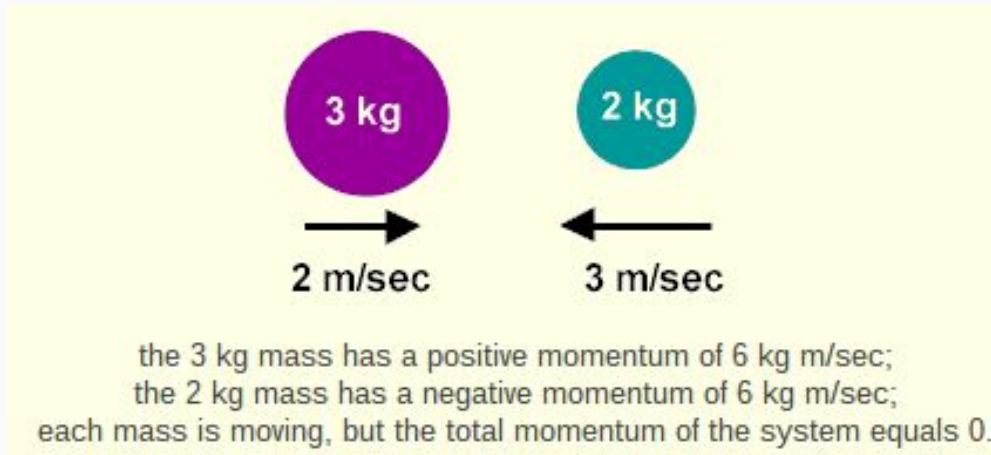
-SI unit for p is $kg \times m/s$

Newton's Second Law of Motion

The net external force equals the change in momentum of a system divided by the time in which it changes

$$F_{\text{net}}=ma \rightarrow F_{\text{net}}=mv/t \rightarrow F_{\text{net}}=p/t \rightarrow F_{\text{net}} \times t = p \text{ (only if mass is constant)}$$

Forces in opposite directions



$$F_{\text{net}} = 0$$

1. An object that has a small mass and an object that has a large mass have the same momentum. Which object has the largest kinetic energy?

1) K.E. → the energy an object possesses due to its motion

If the momentum is the same, the multiplication of mass and v has to equal the same therefore the object with smaller mass (with great velocity) will have the greatest K.E.

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m \cdot v^2$$

$$p = m \cdot v$$

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| i.e: $1 \cdot 2 = 2$ |
| $2 \cdot 1 = 2$ |

2. An object that has a small mass and an object that has a large mass have the same kinetic energy. Which mass has the largest momentum?

2) $K.E. = \frac{1}{2} m \cdot v^2$

i.e: $2 = \frac{1}{2} (1) (2)^2$ smaller mass $\rightarrow p = (1)(2) = 2$

$2 = \frac{1}{2} (4) \cdot 1^2$ bigger mass $\rightarrow p = (1)(4) = 4$

If the kinetic energy is the same, the object with a larger mass has a greater momentum.

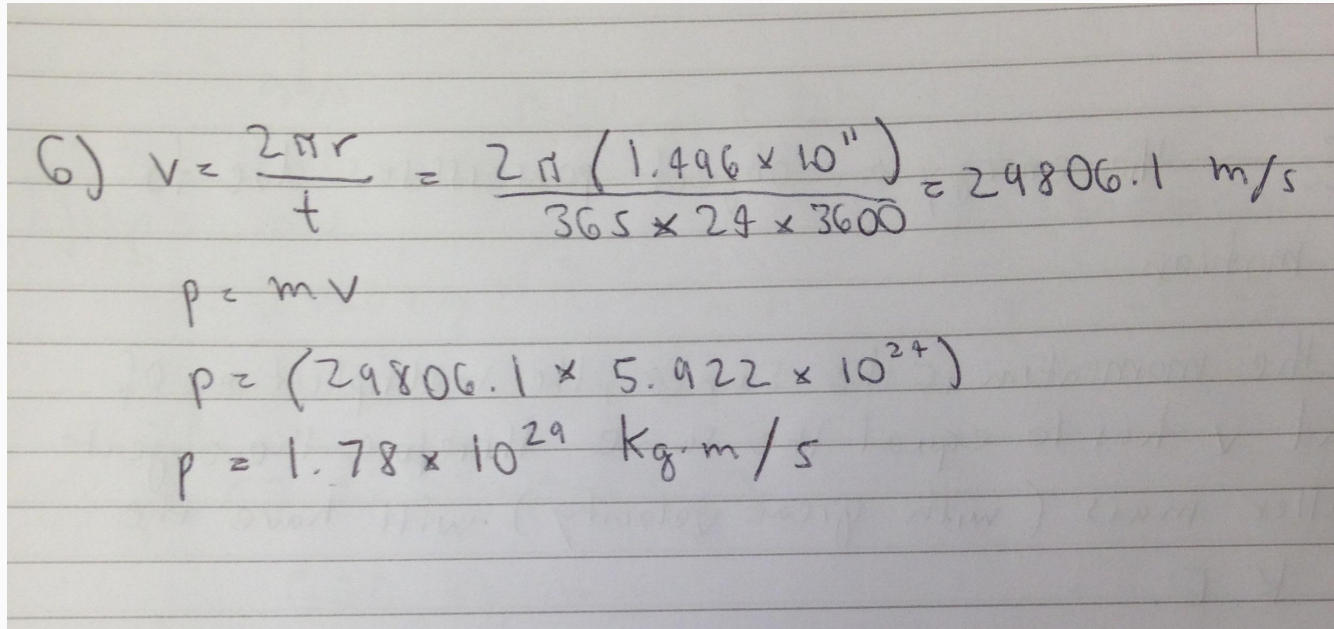
5) A runaway train car that has a mass of 15,000 kg travels at a speed of 5.4 m/s down a track. Compute the time required for a force of 1500 N to bring the car to rest.

$$5) F_{\text{net}} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$$

$$1500 \text{ N} = \frac{15,000 \cdot 5.4 \text{ m/s}}{t}$$

$$t = 54 \text{ s}$$

6. The mass of Earth is 5.972×10^{24} kg and its orbital radius is an average of 1.496×10^{11} m. Calculate its linear momentum.



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$$6) v = \frac{2\pi r}{t} = \frac{2\pi (1.496 \times 10^{11})}{365 \times 24 \times 3600} = 29806.1 \text{ m/s}$$
$$p = m \cdot v$$
$$p = (29806.1 \times 5.972 \times 10^{24})$$
$$p = 1.78 \times 10^{29} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

Lab

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/forces-and-motion-basics>