

1.1) Momentum in one direction

Worked example

Momentum = Mass x Velocity

| Mass | Velocity | Momentum |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 kg | 5 m/s | |
| | 13 ms ⁻¹ | 65 kgms ⁻¹ |
| 523 kg | | 0 Ns |
| 3kg | 4i + 7j ms ⁻¹ | |

Your turn

Momentum = Mass x Velocity

| Mass | Velocity | Momentum |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 523 kg | 0 ms ⁻¹ | 0 Ns |
| 0.2 kg | 7i + 7j ms ⁻¹ | 1.4i + 1.4j kgms ⁻¹ |
| 0.002 tonnes | 3i + 9j ms ⁻¹ | 6i + 18j Ns |
| 600g | 36 km/h | 6 Ns |

Worked example

Calculate the impulse exerted on the object:

- A force of 30 N exerted on an object for 0.5 seconds

- A ball of mass 3 kg was travelling at 10 ms^{-1} , is hit, and slows to 6 ms^{-1} without changing direction

- The momentum before impact is $6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ Ns and the momentum after impact is $10\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$ Ns

Your turn

Calculate the impulse exerted on the object:

- A rocket of mass 100 kg travelling at 2000 ms^{-1} hits the ground and stops.
 200000 Ns

- A ball of mass 3 kg was travelling at 10 ms^{-1} , is hit and returns in the opposite direction at a speed of 6 ms^{-1}
 48 Ns

- The momentum before impact is $6\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ Ns and the momentum after impact is $-10\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$ Ns
 $-16\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j}\text{ Ns}$

Worked example

A ball of mass 0.4 kg hits a vertical wall at right angles with a speed of 7 ms^{-1} .
The ball rebounds with speed 5 ms^{-1} .
Find the magnitude of the impulse exerted on the wall by the ball.

Your turn

A ball of mass 0.2 kg hits a vertical wall at right angles with a speed of 3.5 ms^{-1} .
The ball rebounds with speed 2.5 ms^{-1} .
Find the magnitude of the impulse exerted on the wall by the ball.

1.2 Ns

Worked example

Two particles A and B , of mass 0.6 kg and $m \text{ kg}$ respectively, are moving in opposite directions along the same straight horizontal line so that the particles collide directly.

Immediately before the collision, the speeds of A and B are 4 ms^{-1} and 2 ms^{-1} respectively.

In the collision the direction of motion of each particle is reversed and, immediately after the collision, the speed of each particle is 2 ms^{-1} .

Find the magnitude of the impulse exerted by B on A in the collision.

Your turn

Two particles A and B , of mass 0.3 kg and $m \text{ kg}$ respectively, are moving in opposite directions along the same straight horizontal line so that the particles collide directly.

Immediately before the collision, the speeds of A and B are 8 ms^{-1} and 4 ms^{-1} respectively.

In the collision the direction of motion of each particle is reversed and, immediately after the collision, the speed of each particle is 2 ms^{-1} .

Find the magnitude of the impulse exerted by B on A in the collision.

3 Ns