

COLLISION

CLASSIFICATION OF COLLISION

Velocity after collision :

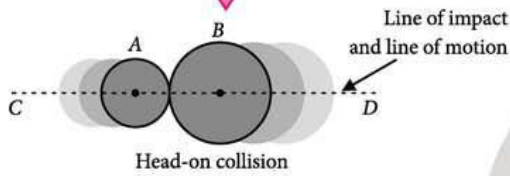
$$v_1 = \left(\frac{m_1 - em_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) u_1 + \left(\frac{(1+e)m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) u_2$$

$$v_2 = \left(\frac{(1+e)m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) u_1 + \left(\frac{m_2 - em_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) u_2$$

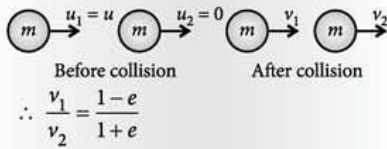
Loss in kinetic energy :

$$(\Delta K) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) (1 - e^2) (u_1 - u_2)^2$$

Head on Inelastic Collision



Velocities after inelastic collision :



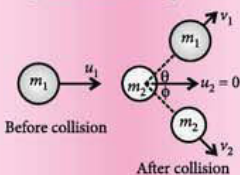
Coefficient of Restitution (e)

$$e = \frac{\text{Velocity of separation along line of impact}}{\text{Velocity of approach along line of impact}}$$

Rebounding of Ball After Collision

- After first rebound
- Speed: $v_1 = ev_0 = e\sqrt{2gh_0}$
- Height: $h_1 = e^2 h_0$
- After n^{th} rebound:
- Speed: $v_n = e^n v_0$
- Height: $h_n = e^{2n} h_0$
- Total distance travelled by the ball before it stops bouncing:
 $H = h_0 [(1 + e^2) / (1 - e^2)]$

Perfectly Elastic Oblique Collision



After perfectly elastic oblique collision of two bodies of equal masses, the scattering angle $(\theta + \phi)$ would be 90° .

HEAD-ON COLLISION

The velocities of the particles are along the same line before and after the collision.

OBLIQUE COLLISION

The velocities of the particles are along different lines before and after the collision.

On the basis of line of impact

INELASTIC COLLISION

If the kinetic energy after and before collision are not equal, the collision is said to be inelastic.

PERFECTLY INELASTIC COLLISION

If velocity of separation just after collision becomes zero, then the collision is perfectly inelastic.

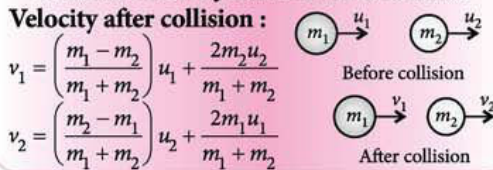
On the basis of kinetic energy

ELASTIC COLLISION

If the kinetic energy after and before collision is same, the collision is said to be perfectly elastic.

By substituting $e = 1$, we get $\Delta K = 0$

Elastic or Perfectly Elastic Head on Collision



If projectile and target are of same mass

For $m_1 = m_2 \Rightarrow v_1 = u_1$ and $v_2 = u_1$
i.e., their velocities get interchanged.

If massive projectile collides with a light target

For $m_1 \gg m_2 \Rightarrow v_1 = u_1$ and $v_2 = 2u_1 - u_2$
Sub case: For $u_2 = 0$, i.e., target is at rest

$$v_1 = u_1 \text{ and } v_2 = 2u_1$$

If light projectile collides with a heavy target

For $m_1 \ll m_2 \Rightarrow v_1 = -u_1 + 2u_2$ and $v_2 = u_2$

Sub case: For $u_2 = 0$, i.e., target is at rest
 $v_1 = -u_1$ and $v_2 = 0$, the ball rebounds with same speed.

In Case of Smooth Surfaces

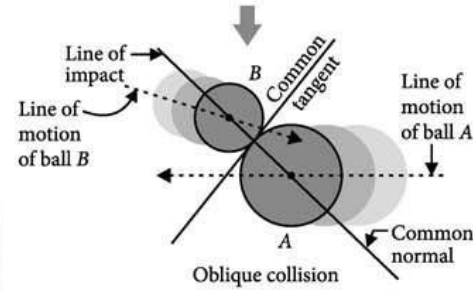
Common normal :

Force is exerted in common normal direction only. Momentum changes in common normal direction.

Common tangent :

$$F = 0$$

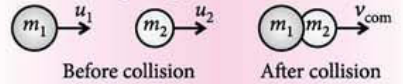
Neither momentum nor velocity changes in common tangent direction.



Perfectly Inelastic Collision

- When the colliding bodies are moving in the same direction :

$$v_{\text{com}} = \frac{m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$



Loss in kinetic energy

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) (u_1 - u_2)^2$$

- When the colliding bodies are moving in the opposite direction :

$$\therefore v_{\text{com}} = \frac{m_1 u_1 - m_2 u_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Loss in kinetic energy

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) (u_1 - u_2)^2$$

Special Cases

If $m_2 = nm_1$ and $u_2 = 0$

The fractional kinetic energy transferred by projectile

$$\frac{\Delta K}{K} = \frac{4n}{(1+n)^2}$$

Fractional kinetic energy retained by the projectile

$$\left(\frac{\Delta K}{K} \right)_{\text{Retained}} = 1 - \text{fractional kinetic energy transferred by projectile}$$

