

MOMENTUM PRINCIPLE

← KEY CONCEPT

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$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F}_{NET} \Delta t$$

THE CHANGE in MOMENTUM ($\Delta \vec{p}$) is EQUAL to the NET FORCE acting on an object (\vec{F}_{NET}) times the duration of the INTERACTION (Δt)

Note: We have defined $\Delta \vec{p}$ before, so this really defines \vec{F}_{NET} .

$$\vec{F}_{NET} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \Delta \vec{p} \quad [\text{You might guess } \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}]$$

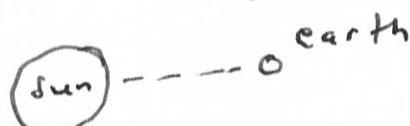
Here we assume \vec{F}_{NET} is a "constant" over the duration time (Δt). Later we will take $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

Forces & Elementary forces - Examples

Electrostatic



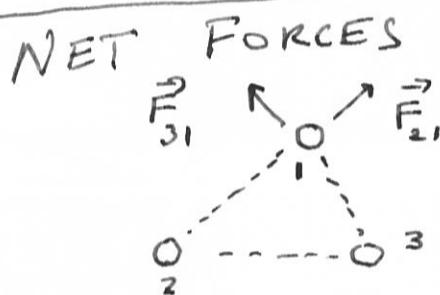
GRAVITY



(Other elementary forces are thought to exist.
These are the two we will focus on.)

Units: $\Delta \vec{p} \rightarrow \text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$ $\Delta t \rightarrow \text{s}$

$$\vec{F}_{NET} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2 = \text{N} \quad (\text{Newton})$$



$$\vec{F}_{NET} = \vec{F}_{21} + \vec{F}_{31}$$

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In general

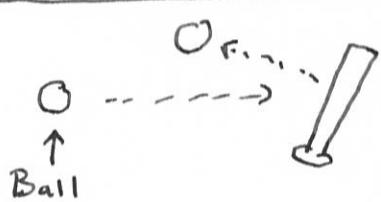
$$\vec{F}_N = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \dots$$

NEW DEFINITION

IMPULSE ($\Delta \vec{P}$)

$$= \vec{F} \Delta t$$

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$$\vec{P}_i = \langle 0, 0, 3 \rangle \text{ kg.m/s}$$

$$\vec{P}_f = \langle -2, 2, -1 \rangle$$

$$\Delta \vec{P} = \vec{P}_f - \vec{P}_i = \langle -2, 2, -1 \rangle \text{ kg.m/s}$$

The impulse

from the bat

on the ball = $\Delta \vec{P}$

CHANGE IN MOMENTUM =
IMPULSE

Application:

$$\Delta \vec{P} = \vec{P}_f - \vec{P}_i = \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \Delta t$$

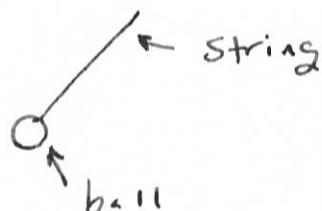
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{P}_f &= \vec{P}_i + \Delta \vec{P} \\ &= \vec{P}_i + \vec{F}_{\text{NET}} \Delta t\end{aligned}$$

If we know \vec{F}_{net} we
can predict the change.

Rules in applying
"momentum principle"

- (1) Need to characterize system, e.g. a ball and ~~string~~ string.
- (2) Decide what forces are present, e.g., force on the ball.
- (3) Figure out duration of force.
- (4) Find $\Delta \vec{P}$!

Example:



WANT TO FIGURE OUT
 $\Delta \vec{P}$ for ball.

System: Ball

Surrounding: STRING

(Note: No gravity here -
think deep space)

FORCE
DIAGRAM



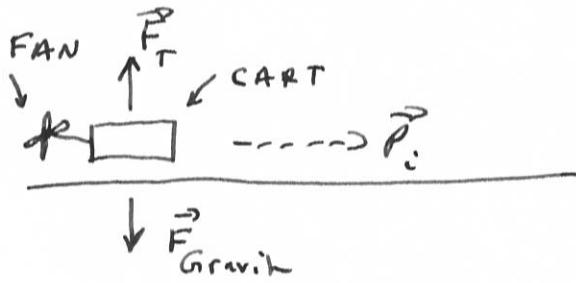
Suppose $\vec{p}_i = \langle -8, 3, 0 \rangle \text{ kg.m/s}$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Net}} = \langle 10, 25, 0 \rangle \text{ N}$$

$$\Delta t = 0.5 \text{ s} \quad \text{What is } \vec{p}_f \text{ ?}$$

~~Physics~~ $\vec{p}_f = \underbrace{\vec{p}_i}_{\vec{p}_i} + \underbrace{\vec{F}_{\text{Net}}}_{\vec{F}_f} \underbrace{\Delta t}_{\Delta t} = \langle -8, 3, 0 \rangle + \langle 10, 25, 0 \rangle \underbrace{0.5}_{\Delta t} = \langle -3, 15.5, 0 \rangle$

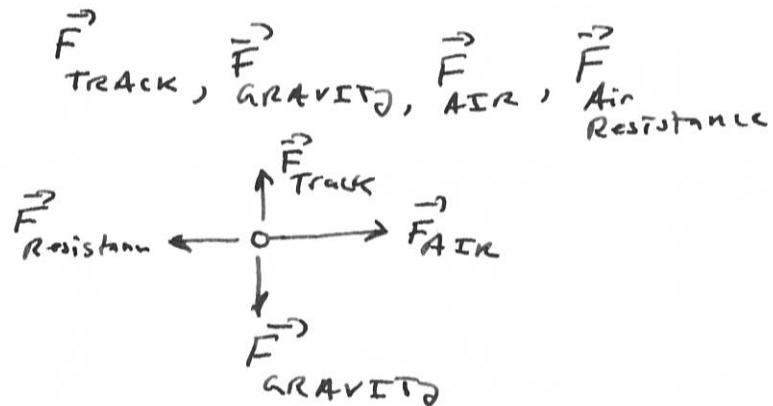
Issues we need to think about: FRICTION, GRAVITY, OTHER OBJECTS.



$$\vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i$$

$$+ (\vec{F}_{\text{TRACK}} + \vec{F}_{\text{GRAVITY}})$$

$$+ \vec{F}_{\text{air}} + \vec{F}_{\text{air}}_{\text{Resistance}}) \Delta t$$



$$\text{Note: } \vec{F}_{\text{TRACK}} + \vec{F}_{\text{GRAVITY}} = 0$$

Why? Not moving up or down.

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Net}} = \vec{F}_{\text{air}} - \vec{F}_{\text{resistance}} = \langle 0.2, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ N} \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$\vec{p}_i = \underbrace{0.5 \text{ kg}}_{\text{mass of cart}} \times \underbrace{\langle 0.3, 0, 0 \rangle \text{ m/s}}_{\text{Velocity}} = \langle 0.15, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{p}_f = \underbrace{\langle 0.15, 0, 0 \rangle}_{\vec{p}_i} + \underbrace{\langle 0.2, 0, 0 \rangle}_{\vec{F}_{\text{Net}}} \underbrace{(0.6 \text{ s})}_{\Delta t \text{ (given)}} = \langle 0.27, 0, 0 \rangle \frac{\text{kg.m}}{\text{s}}$$

What is \vec{v}_f ?

$$\vec{v}_f = \frac{\vec{p}_f}{m} = \langle 0.54, 0, 0 \rangle \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

What happens if Momentum Changes?

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Where is the cart?

But what is ~~\vec{v}~~
 \vec{v}_{AVE} ?

$$\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_{\text{AVE}} \Delta t$$

We do know \vec{v}_i and \vec{v}_f

from \vec{p}_i and \vec{p}_f . We could guess!

$$\vec{v}_{\text{AVE}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\vec{p}_i + \vec{p}_f}{m} \right\}$$

OK if $\vec{v}_i \approx \vec{v}_f$ but
in general we will need
something better!

Momentum with Changing forces!

Suppose $\vec{F}_{N,1}, \vec{F}_{N,2}, \vec{F}_{N,3}$ where the force changes

We could do the following

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \vec{p} &= \Delta \vec{p}_1 + \Delta \vec{p}_2 + \Delta \vec{p}_3 \\ &= \vec{F}_{N,1} \Delta t_1 + \vec{F}_{N,2} \Delta t_2 + \vec{F}_{N,3} \Delta t_3\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \vec{p}_1 = \underbrace{\langle 0.2, 0.2, 0 \rangle}_{{\vec{F}_{N,1}}} \underbrace{2}_{\Delta t} = \langle 0.4, 0.4, 0 \rangle$$

Example	
$\Delta t (\text{s})$	$\vec{F} (\text{N})$
0-2	$\langle 0.2, 0.2, 0 \rangle$
2-4	$\langle 0, -0.3, 0 \rangle$
4-6	$\langle -0.3, 0.4, 0 \rangle$

$$\Delta \vec{p}_2 = \langle 0, -0.3, 0 \rangle 2 = \langle 0, -0.6, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Delta \vec{p}_3 = \langle -0.3, 0.4, 0 \rangle 2 = \langle -0.6, 0.8, 0 \rangle$$

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \Delta \vec{p}_1 + \Delta \vec{p}_2 + \Delta \vec{p}_3 = \langle -0.2, 0.6, 0 \rangle \text{ kg} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

ITERATION

(1) Find \vec{F}

(2) Update ~~\vec{p}_f~~ $\vec{p}_f = \vec{p}_i + \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \Delta t$

(3) Update $\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_{\text{AVE}} \Delta t$

(4) REPEAT