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Principles of Physics (141) 10th edition (Discussion)
 Chapter 9: Center of mass and linear momentum

Problems: 1, 4, 12, 17, 37, 46, 59, 68, 76

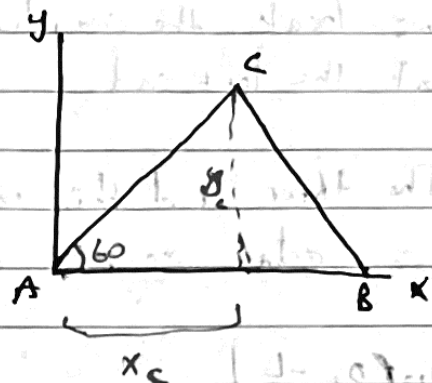
Problem 1: Three particles of mass 1.0 kg, 2.0 kg and 3.0 kg are placed at the vertices A, B and C, respectively of an equilateral triangle ABC of edge 1.00 m, find the distance of their center of mass from A

Sol: Assume A at origin

$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i x_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+2+3} (1 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 0.5)$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{7}{12} \text{ m}$$



$$\sin 60 = \frac{y_c}{AC} = \frac{y_c}{1}$$

$$y_c = \sin 60 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i y_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+2+3} (1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 + \frac{3 \times \sqrt{3}}{2})$$

$$= \frac{3 \times \sqrt{3}}{12}$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

So coordinate of center of mass $\left(\frac{7}{12}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)$

$$r_{cm} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{7}{12} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right)^2} = 0.726 \approx 0.73 \text{ m}$$

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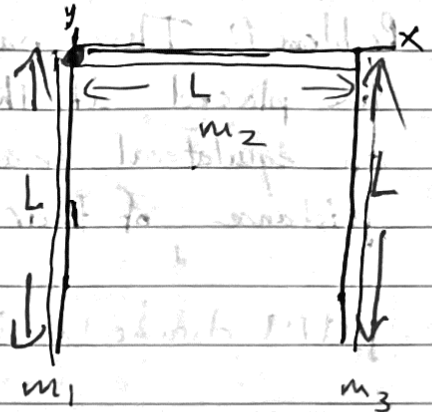
Problem 4: In fig 9-26: three uniform thin rods, each of length $L = 24 \text{ cm}$ form an inverted U. The vertical rods each have a mass of 14 g . the horizontal rod has a mass of 42 g . What are a) the x coordinate and b) the y coordinate of the system's center of mass?

v: vertical, h: horizontal

sol: $m_v = m_h = m_v = 14 \text{ g} = M$

$m_h = m_h = 42 \text{ g} = 3M$

we locate the coordinate origin at the left end



The three rods are thin and uniform so each center of mass behaves as point mass

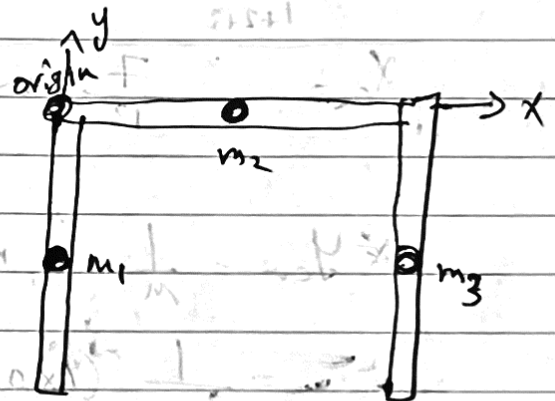
$m_v = m_1 = (0, -\frac{L}{2})$

$m_h = m_2 = (\frac{L}{2}, 0)$

$m_v = m_3 = (L, -\frac{L}{2})$

a) $X_{com} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + m_3 x_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$

$X_{com} = \frac{m_1(0) + m_2(\frac{L}{2}) + m_3(L)}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$



$X_{com} = \frac{3M \frac{L}{2} + M L}{M + 3M + M}$

$= \frac{5M \frac{L}{2}}{5M}$

$X_{com} = \frac{5M \frac{L}{2}}{5M} = \frac{L}{2} = \frac{24}{2} = 12 \text{ cm}$

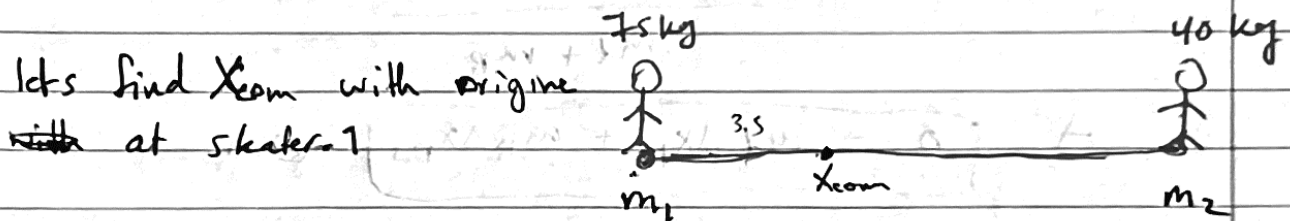
b) $Y_{com} = \frac{\sum m_i y_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + m_3 y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} = \frac{M(-\frac{L}{2}) + 3M(0) + M(-\frac{L}{2})}{M + 3M + M}$

$Y_{com} = \frac{-ML}{5M} = \frac{-L}{5} = \frac{-24}{5} = -4.8 \text{ cm}$

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Problem 12: Two skaters, one with mass 75 kg and the other with mass 40 kg stand on an ice rink holding a pole of length 10 m and negligible mass. Starting from the ends of the pole the skaters pull themselves along the pole until they meet. How far does the 40 kg skater move?

Sol: Both of the skaters will end up at the center of mass



$$X_{com} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{75 \times 0 + 40 \times 10}{75 + 40} = 3.47 \approx 3.5 \text{ m away from } m_1$$

$$10 - X_{com} = 10 - 3.5 = 6.5 \text{ m away from } m_2 = 40 \text{ kg}$$

Problem 17: In Fig. 9-35a, a 4.5 kg dog stands on an 18 kg flatboat at distance $D = 6.1 \text{ m}$ from the shore. It walks 2.4 m along the boat toward shore and then stops. Assuming no friction between the boat and the water, find how far the dog is then from the shore (see Fig. 9.35 b)

Sol: No external force (no friction)

$\Rightarrow X_{com}$ constant

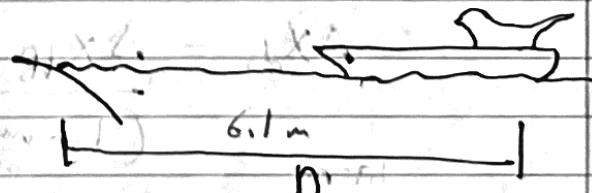
$$\Rightarrow \Delta X_{com} = 0$$

$m_d = 4.5 \text{ kg}$ mass of dog

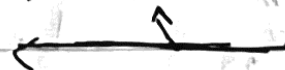
$m_B = 18 \text{ kg}$ mass of Boat

ΔX_{dB} : displacement of dog relative to Boat

$$\Delta X_{dB} = 2.4 \text{ m}$$



Dog's displacement Δd



Boat's displacement Δb

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$$\Delta X_{dB} = \Delta X_{dS} + \Delta X_{SB}$$

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 displacement of dog relative to shore displacement of shore relative to Boat

$$\Delta X_{dB} = \Delta X_{dS} - \Delta X_{BS} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Delta X_{com} = 0 = \frac{m_d \Delta X_{dS} + m_B \Delta X_{BS}}{m_d + m_B}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = m_d \Delta X_{dS} + m_B \Delta X_{BS}$$

m_B is constant ΔX_{BS} is variable

$$0 = \frac{m_d}{m_B} \Delta X_{dS} + \Delta X_{BS} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Add eq (1) to eq (2)

$$\Delta X_{dB} + 0 = \Delta X_{dS} + \frac{m_d}{m_B} \Delta X_{dS} - \Delta X_{BS} + \Delta X_{BS}$$

$$\Delta X_{dB} = \Delta X_{dS} \left(1 + \frac{m_d}{m_B} \right)$$

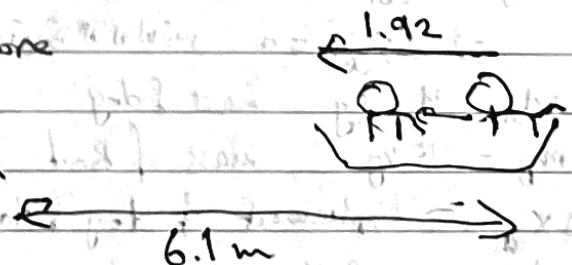
$$\Delta X_{dS} = \frac{\Delta X_{dB}}{\left(1 + \frac{m_d}{m_B} \right)} = \frac{2.4}{\left(1 + \frac{4.5}{18} \right)} = 1.92 \text{ m}$$

The dog is ~~farther~~ closer to the shore than initially

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \Delta X_{dS} = 6.1 - 1.92$$

$$= 4.18$$

$$\approx 4.2 \text{ m}$$



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Problem 37: A particle of unknown mass is acted upon by a force $\vec{F} = (100 e^{-2t} \hat{j}) \text{ N}$. If at $t = 0 \text{ sec}$ the particle is at rest, for the time interval $t = 0.00 \text{ sec}$ to $t = 2.00 \text{ s}$ find (a) the impulse on the particle (b) the average force on the particle.

Sol: a) $\vec{J} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}(t) dt$

$$= \int_0^2 100 e^{-2t} dt$$

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$$= 100 \left[\frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \right]_0^2$$

$$= -50 [e^{-4} - e^0]$$

$$= -50 [e^{-4} - 1]$$

$$= -50 [0.0183 - 1]$$

$$= -50 \times -0.98$$

$$\boxed{\vec{J} = 49.1 \hat{j} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}}$$

b) $F_{\text{ave}} = \frac{\vec{J}}{\Delta t} = \frac{49.1}{2} = 24.5 \hat{j} \text{ N}$

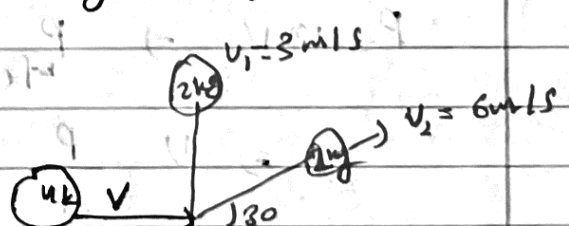
Problem 46: A 4.0 kg mass kit sliding on a frictionless surface explodes into two 2.0 kg parts: 3 m/s due north, and 6.0 m/s 30° north of east. What is the original speed of the mass kit?

Sol: $m_1 = m_2 = m = 2 \text{ kg}$

The linear momentum for m_1 is $\vec{P}_1$

$$\vec{P}_1 = m \vec{v}_1$$

$$\boxed{\vec{P}_1 = m v_1 \hat{j}}$$



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Where $m = 2 \text{ kg}$, $V_1 = \text{velocity for mass 1} = 3 \text{ m/s}$

P_2 : the linear momentum for mass 2

$$P_2 = m_2 \vec{V}_2 = m_2 (V_{2x} \hat{i} + V_{2y} \hat{j})$$

$$= m (V_2 \cos \theta \hat{i} + V_2 \sin \theta \hat{j})$$

$$\boxed{\vec{P}_2 = m V_2 \cos \theta \hat{i} + m V_2 \sin \theta \hat{j}}$$

Where $m_2 = m = 2 \text{ kg}$

$V_2 = \text{velocity of mass 2} = 6 \text{ m/s}$

$$\vec{P}_{\text{after exploding}} = \vec{P}_1 + \vec{P}_2$$

$$= m V_1 \hat{i} + (m V_2 \cos \theta \hat{i} + m V_2 \sin \theta \hat{j})$$

$$= m V_2 \cos \theta \hat{i} + m V_1 \hat{i} + m V_2 \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{P}_{\text{after}} = (m V_2 \cos \theta) \hat{i} + (m V_1 + m V_2 \sin \theta) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{P}_{\text{after}} = (2 \times 6 \cos 30) \hat{i} + (2 \times 3 + 2 \times 6 \sin 30) \hat{j}$$

$$= 10.39 \hat{i} + (6 + 12 \times 0.5) \hat{j}$$

$$= (10.39 \hat{i} + 12 \hat{j}) \text{ kg.m/s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P}_{\text{after}} = (10.39 \hat{i} + 12 \hat{j}) \text{ kg.m/s}$$

From conservation of energy linear momentum

$$P_{\text{before exploding}} = P_{\text{after exploding}}$$

$$P_{\text{before}} = P_{\text{after}} = \sqrt{P_x^2 + P_y^2} = \sqrt{252} = 15.87 \text{ kg.m/s}$$

$$P = m V \Rightarrow P_{\text{before}} = M V$$

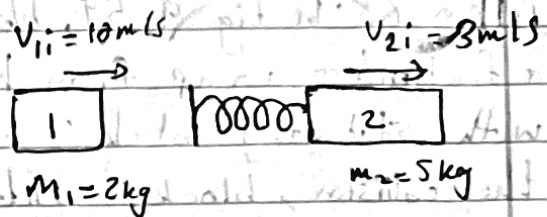
$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{P}{M} = \frac{15.87}{4} = 3.97 \text{ m/s}$$

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Problem 59: In Fig 9.55, block 1 (mass 2.0 kg) is moving rightward at 10 m/s and block 2 (mass 5.0 kg) is moving rightward at 3.0 m/s. The surface is frictionless, and a spring ~~constant~~ with a spring constant of 1120 N/m is fixed to block 2. When the blocks collide, the compression of the spring is maximum at the instant the blocks have the same velocity. Find the maximum compression.

sol:

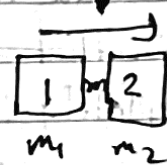
sol: the velocity v of the system when the spring reaches maximum compression x_m .



$$P_i = P_f$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v = \frac{m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i}}{(m_1 + m_2)}} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$



$$\Delta K = K_f - K_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2i}^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) \left(\frac{m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i}}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2i}^2$$

$$= \frac{(m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i})^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)} - \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2i}^2$$

$$= \frac{(2 \times 10 + 5 \times 3)^2}{2(2 + 5)} - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 10^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 3^2$$

$$= 87.5 - 100 - 22.5$$

$$= -35 \text{ J}$$

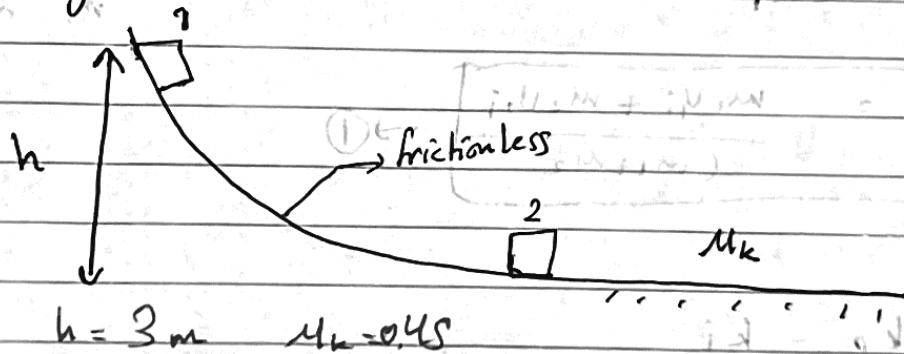
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from the conservation of energy

$$\Delta K = -\frac{1}{2} k x_m^2$$

$$x_m = \sqrt{\frac{-2 \Delta K}{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{-2(-35)}{1120}} = 0.25 \text{ m}$$

Problem 68: In Fig 9-59, block 1 of mass m_1 slides from rest along a frictionless ramp from height $h = 3.00 \text{ m}$ and then collides with stationary block 2, which has mass $m_2 = 2.00 m_1$. After the collision, block 2 slides into a region where the coefficient of kinetic friction μ_k is 0.45 and comes to stop in distance d within that region. What is the value of distance d ~~within that region~~ if the collision is a) elastic b) completely inelastic



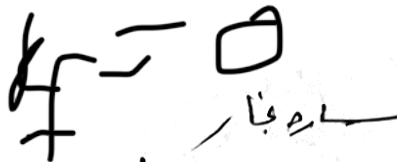
sol : a) if the collision is perfectly elastic

$$V_2 = \frac{2 m_1}{m_1 + m_2} V_{1i} = \frac{2 m_1}{m_1 + 2 m_1} \sqrt{2 g h} = \frac{2 m_1}{3 m_1} \sqrt{2 g h}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{2 g h}$$

$$\Delta K = \Delta E_{th}$$

$$K_f - K_i = \Delta E_{th}$$



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$k_f = \text{zero}$ $v_i = \text{zero}$ slid from rest.

$$k_f = \Delta E_{\text{th}} = f_k d$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = \mu_k m_2 g d$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v_2^2 = \mu_k g d$$

$$d = \frac{\frac{1}{2} v_2^2}{\mu_k g}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{2gh} \text{ given}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\sqrt{2gh})^2}{\mu_k g} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2gh}{\mu_k g} \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4h}{9\mu_k}$$

$$d = \frac{4 \times 3}{9 \times 0.45} = 2.96 \text{ m}$$

b) In completely inelastic collision

$$v_2 = \frac{m_1 v_{1i}}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + 2m_1} v_{1i} = \frac{1}{3} v_{1i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_2 = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{2gh}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 = \mu_k m g d$$

المسافة التي يمشي عليها
 $m = m_1 + m_2$

$$d = \frac{v_2^2}{2\mu_k g} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{9} \frac{2gh}{\mu_k g}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{h}{9\mu_k} = \frac{3}{9 \times 0.45} = 0.74 \text{ m}$$

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problem 76: A 6090 kg space probe moving nose-first toward Jupiter at 120 m/s relative to the sun, fires its rocket engine, ejecting 70.0 kg of exhaust at a speed of 253 m/s relative to the space probe. What is the final velocity of the probe?

Sol: $V_f - V_i = V_{rel} \ln \frac{M_i}{M_f}$

$$V_f = V_i + V_{rel} \ln \frac{M_i}{M_f}$$

$$= 120 + 253 \ln \frac{6090}{(6090-70)}$$

$$= 120 + 253 \ln \left(\frac{6090}{6020} \right)$$

$$= 120 + 253 \times 0.01156$$

$$= 120 + 2.92$$

$$= 122.92$$

$$\approx 123 \text{ m/s}$$