SYSTEMS OF PARTICLES

### **EXERCISES**

### **Section 9.1 Center of Mass**

**12. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional problem involves finding the center of mass of a system with two objects (child and father).

**DEVELOP** In one dimension, Equation 9.2 for the center of mass reduces to

$$x_{\text{cm}} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i} x_{i}}{M} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i} x_{i}}{\sum_{i} m_{i}}$$

Taking the origin of the coordinate system to be at the child (who we denote with subscript 1), we have  $x_1 = 0$  and  $m_1 = 28$  kg. The center of the seesaw is then at  $x_{cm} = 3.5/2$  m = 1.75 m (where we retain an extra significant figure because this is an intermediate result). The position of the father is the unknown, and is labeled  $x_2$ . The mass of the father is  $m_2 = 65$  kg.

EVALUATE Inserting the known quantities into the expression for center of mass gives

$$x_{\text{cm}} = \frac{x_1 m_1 + x_2 m_2}{x_1 m_1 + m_2}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{x_{\text{cm}} (m_1 + m_2)}{m_2} = \frac{(1.75 \text{ m})(28 \text{ kg} + 65 \text{ kg})}{65 \text{ kg}} = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

from the child.

ASSESS The algebra was simplified somewhat by choosing the origin of the coordinate system to be at under the child's posterior. Because  $x_2 < 3.5$  m, the father can sit on the seesaw and balance it with his daughter. If  $m_2 \gg m_1$ , then  $x_2 = x_{cm}$ , because it does not really matter where the child sits if the father weighs a ton!

13. INTERPRET This is a two-dimensional problem about the center of mass. Our system consists of three masses located at the vertices of an equilateral triangle. Two masses are known and the location of the center of mass is given, so we can find the location of the third mass.

**DEVELOP** The center of mass of a system of particles is given by Equation 9.2:

$$\vec{r}_{\mathrm{cm}} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i} \vec{r}_{i}}{\sum_{i} m_{i}} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i} \vec{r}_{i}}{M}$$

We shall choose x-y coordinates with origin (0,0) at the midpoint of the base. With this arrangement, the center of the mass is located at  $x_{cm} = 0$  and  $y_{cm} = y_3/2$ , where  $y_3$  is the position of the third mass (and, of course,  $y_1 = y_2 = 0$  for the equal masses  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  on the base).

**EVALUATE** Using Equation 9.2, the y coordinate of the center of mass is

$$y_{\rm cm} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + m_3 y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} = \frac{m(0) + m(0) + m_3 y_3}{m + m_2 + m_3} = \frac{m_3 (2y_{\rm cm})}{2m + m_3}$$

Solving for  $m_3$ , we have  $2m + m_3 = 2m_3$ , or  $m_3 = 2m$ .

ASSESS From symmetry consideration, it is apparent that  $x_{cm} = 0$ . However, we have m + m = 2m at the bottom two vertices of the triangle. Because  $y_{cm} = y_3/2$  (i.e.,  $y_{cm}$  is halfway to the top vertex), we expect the mass there to be 2m (See Example 9.2).

**14. INTERPRET** This is a one-dimensional problem in which we are asked to find the location of the center of mass of a two-body system.

**DEVELOP** With the origin at the center of the barbell,  $x_1 = -75$  cm and  $x_2 = 75$  cm. Use Equation 9.2 to find the center of mass.

**EVALUATE** (Evaluating Equation 9.2 gives

$$x_{\rm cm} = \frac{(50 \text{ kg})(-75 \text{ cm}) + (80 \text{ kg})(75 \text{ cm})}{50 \text{ kg} + 80 \text{ kg}} = 17 \text{ cm}$$

to two significant figures.

ASSESS We find that the center of mass is 17 cm from the center toward the heavier mass, or 75 cm + 17 cm = 92 cm from the light mass. This agrees with the result of Example 1.

**15. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional problem is about locating the center of mass. Our system consists of three equal masses located at the vertices of an equilateral triangle of side *L*.

**DEVELOP** We take x-y coordinates with the origin at the center of one side as shown in the figure below. The center of mass of a system of particles is given by Equation 9.2:

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i} \vec{r}_{i}}{\sum_{i} m_{i}} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i} \vec{r}_{i}}{M}$$

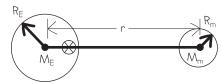
**EVALUATE** From the symmetry (for every mass at x, there is an equal mass at -x) we have  $x_{cm} = 0$ . As for  $y_{cm}$ , because y = 0 for the two masses on the x-axis, and  $y_3 = L\sin(60^\circ) = L\sqrt{3}/2$  for the third mass, Equation 9.2 gives

$$y_{\rm cm} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + m_3 y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} = \frac{m(0) + m(0) + mL\sqrt{3}/2}{m + m + m} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}L = 0.289L$$

ASSESS From symmetry consideration, it is apparent that  $x_{cm} = 0$ . On the other hand, we have m + m = 2m at the bottom two vertices of the triangle, and m at the top of the vertex. Therefore, we should expect  $y_{cm}$  to be one third of  $y_3$ . This indeed is the case, as  $y_{cm}$  can be rewritten as  $y_{cm} = y_3/3$ .

**16. INTERPRET** This is a one-dimensional problem for which we need to find the center of mass of a two-body system.

**DEVELOP** Take the origin to be at the center of the Earth (see drawing below), and apply Equation 9.2 for the center of mass. From Appendix E, we know that the Earth-Moon distance is  $r = 3.85 \times 10^5$  m,  $M_E = 5.97$  Mkg, and  $M_M = 0.0735$  Mkg.



EVALUATE Measured from the center of the Earth, the center of mass of the Earth-Moon system is

$$x_{\text{cm}} = \frac{M_{\text{E}}(0) + M_{\text{M}}r}{M_{\text{E}} + M_{\text{M}}} = \frac{(7.35 \text{ Mkg})(3.85 \times 10^5 \text{ km})}{(597 \text{ Mkg} + 7.35 \text{ Mkg})} = 4680 \text{ km}$$

**ASSESS** Notice that we are not obliged to use SI units, provided all masses are expressed in the same units so that the units of mass cancel out.

### **Section 9.2 Momentum**

17. INTERPRET This problem involves conservation of linear momentum (Equation 9.7), which we can apply to find the speed of one out of two particles that separate after an explosion, given the speed of the other particle and mass of both particles.

**DEVELOP** Before the explosion, the popcorn kernel has zero momentum,  $(m_1 + m_2)\vec{v} = 0$ . After the explosion, the total momentum of the two particles must still sum to zero, so we have  $m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 = 0$ . Thus,

$$\vec{v}_2 = \frac{m_1}{m_2} \vec{v}_1$$

so we can solve for  $v_2$  given  $m_1 = 91$  mg,  $m_2 = 64$  mg, and  $v_1 = (47 \text{ m/s})\hat{i}$ .

**EVALUATE** Inserting the given quantities gives  $\vec{v}_2 = -(91 \text{ mg}/64 \text{ mg})(47 \text{ cm/s})\hat{i} = (-67 \text{ cm/s})\hat{i}$ .

ASSESS Notice that the smaller piece moves faster than the larger piece. Also notice that total mechanical energy is not conserved because  $K_0 = (m_1 + m_2)v_2 = 0$  and  $K = m_1v_1^2 + m_2v_2^2 \neq 0$ .

**18. INTERPRET** The object of interest is the skater. We want to find her velocity after she tosses a snowball in a certain direction.

**DEVELOP** On frictionless ice, momentum would be conserved in the process. Since the initial momentum of the skater-snowball system is zero, their final total momentum must also be zero:

$$0 = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2$$

where subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the snowball and skater, respectively.

EVALUATE By momentum conservation, the final velocity of the skater is

$$\vec{v}_2 = -\frac{m_1}{m_2}\vec{v}_1 = -\frac{12 \text{ kg}}{60 \text{ kg}} (53.0\hat{i} + 14.0\hat{j} \text{ m/s}) = -10.6\hat{i} - 2.8\hat{j} \text{ m/s}$$

**ASSESS** As expected, the skater moves in the opposite direction of the snowball. This is a consequence of momentum conservation.

**19. INTERPRET** This problem involves conservation of linear momentum (Equation 9.7), which we can apply to find the speed of one out of two particles that separate after an explosion, given the speed of the other particle and mass of both particles.

**DEVELOP** Before the explosion, the uranium atom has zero momentum, so  $(m_1 + m_2)\vec{v} = 0$ . After fission, the total momentum of the two particles must still sum to zero, so we have  $m_{\alpha}\vec{v}_{\alpha} + m_{11235}\vec{v}_{11235} = 0$ . Thus,

$$\vec{v}_{U^{235}} = \frac{m_{\alpha}}{m_{U^{235}}} \vec{v}_{\alpha}$$

The initial speed can be obtained from the kinetic energy,  $\vec{v}_{\alpha} = \pm \sqrt{2K_{\alpha}/m_{\alpha}}\hat{i} \equiv \sqrt{2K_{\alpha}/m_{\alpha}}\hat{i}$ , so we can solve for  $v_{U^{235}}$  using data from Appendix D for the masses of the particles.

**EVALUATE** Solving for  $v_{11^{235}}$  gives

$$\vec{v}_{U^{235}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2m_{\alpha}K_{\alpha}}}{m_{U^{235}}}\hat{i} = -\left[\frac{2(4 \text{ u})(5.15 \text{ MeV})(1.60 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J/MeV})}{(235 \text{ u})^2 1(.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg/u})}\right]^{1/2}\hat{i} = (-2.68 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})\hat{i}$$

Assess Because  $K_{\alpha} = 5.15 \text{ MeV} \ll m_{\alpha}c^2 = 3.73 \text{ GeV}$ , relativity can be ignored.

**20. INTERPRET** This problem involves using conservation of linear momentum to find the final speed of a moving toboggan after some snow drops onto it.

**DEVELOP** Because there is no net external horizontal force, the total momentum of the snow-toboggan system is conserved. The initial momentum of the system is  $P_i = m_i v_{ii}$ . Because the snow and the toboggan move together with the same speed  $v_f$ , the final momentum is  $P_f = (m_t + m_s)v_f$ .

**EVALUATE** By conservation of momentum,  $P_i = P_f$ , the final speed of the toboggan-snow system is

$$v_f = \frac{m_t}{m_t + m_s} v_{ti} = \frac{8.6 \text{ kg}}{8.6 \text{ kg} + 15 \text{ kg}} (23 \text{ km/h}) = 8.4 \text{ km/h}$$

ASSESS To see that our result makes sense, let's consider the following limiting cases: (i)  $m_s = 0$ . In this situation, we have  $v_f = v_{tt}$ , which indicates that the toboggan continues with the same speed. (ii)  $m_s \to \infty$ . In the situation where a large quantity of snow is dumped onto the toboggan, we expect the system to slow down considerably, which is indeed is what our equation gives  $(v_f = 0)$ .

### Section 9.3 Kinetic Energy of a System

**21. INTERPRET** In this problem we are asked about the energy gained by the baseball pieces after the baseball explodes. We can apply conservation of linear momentum to solve this problem.

**DEVELOP** Applying conservation of linear momentum to the baseball gives

$$\vec{P}_{i} = \vec{P}_{f} \implies (m_{1} + m_{2})\vec{v}_{0} = m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2}$$

The initial kinetic energy of the system is  $K_i = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_0^2$ , and the total final kinetic energy is  $K_f = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2$ . Therefore, the change in kinetic energy is

$$\Delta K = K_{\rm f} - K_{\rm i} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\rm i} v_{\rm i}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{\rm 2} v_{\rm 2}^2 - \frac{1}{2} (m_{\rm i} + m_{\rm 2}) v_{\rm 0}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_{\rm i} (v_{\rm i}^2 - v_{\rm 0}^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_{\rm 2} (v_{\rm 2}^2 - v_{\rm 0}^2)$$

**EVALUATE** Let the forward direction be positive. By conservation of momentum, the velocity of the second piece, with mass  $m_2 = m - m_1 = 150 \text{ g} - 38 \text{ g} = 112 \text{ g}$ , is

$$v_2 = \frac{\left(m_1 + m_2\right)v_0 - m_1v_1}{m_2} = \frac{\left(150 \text{ g}\right)\left(60 \text{ km/h}\right) - \left(38 \text{ g}\right)\left(85 \text{ km/h}\right)}{112 \text{ g}} = 51.5 \text{ km/h} = 14.3 \text{ m/s}$$

In SI units  $v_0 = 16.67$  m/s and  $v_1 = 23.6$  m/s, so the difference in kinetic energy is

$$\Delta K = \Delta K_1 + \Delta K_2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (v_1^2 - v_0^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (v_2^2 - v_0^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (38 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}) \left[ (23.6 \text{ m/s})^2 - (16.7 \text{ m/s})^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} (112 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}) \left[ (14.3 \text{ m/s})^2 - (16.7 \text{ m/s}) 0^2 \right]$$

$$= 1.21 \text{ J}$$

**ASSESS** The change in kinetic energy for the first piece  $(\Delta K_1)$  is positive because  $v_1 > v_0$ , but negative for the second  $(\Delta K_2 < 0 \text{ because } v_2 < v_0)$ .

**22. INTERPRET** Before an explosion, an object has kinetic energy  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$ . After the explosion, it has two pieces  $(m_1 \text{ and } m_2)$  each moving at twice the initial speed,  $v_f = 2v_i$ . We are asked to find and compare the internal and center-of-mass energies after the explosion.

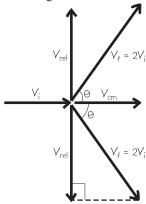
**DEVELOP** After the explosion, the final kinetic energy is a combination of the center-of-mass and internal energies:  $K_{\rm f} = K_{\rm cm} + K_{\rm int}$  (Equation 9.9). We assume that the explosion is like the radioactive decay in Example 9.6, in which case momentum is conserved. But we can't assume that  $m_1 = m_2$ , which means the direction that the two pieces fly off relative to the original direction is unknown. But we don't need to know these quantities to find the final kinetic energy:

$$K_{\rm f} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{\rm 1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{\rm 2f}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (2v_i)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (2v_i)^2 = 4(\frac{1}{2} m v_i^2) = 4K$$

where we have assumed that the mass is conserved:  $m_1 + m_2 = m$ .

**EVALUATE** Because momentum is conserved, the center-of-mass velocity is constant:  $v_{\rm cm} = v_{\rm i}$ , which implies that the kinetic energy of the center of mass is the same as the kinetic energy before the explosion,  $K_{\rm cm} = K$ . Plugging this into Equation 9.9, we find  $K_{\rm int} = K_{\rm f} - K_{\rm cm} = 3K$ . In other words, the internal kinetic energy is 3 times the center-of-mass energy.

Assess If one did assume that the two pieces have equal mass, then the angle,  $\theta$ , between the initial and final velocity would be the same for each piece, see the figure below.



In this case, both particles would have the same speed relative to the center of mass:

$$v_{\text{rel}} = \sqrt{v_{\text{f}}^2 - v_{\text{cm}}^2} = \sqrt{(2v_{\text{i}})^2 - (v_{\text{i}})^2} = \sqrt{3}v_{\text{i}}$$

And the internal energy would be

$$K_{\text{int}} = \sum_{i=1}^{1} m_i v_{\text{irel}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{\text{rel}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{\text{rel}}^2 = 3 \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 \right) = 3K$$

This is exactly what we found for the general case above.

## **Section 9.4 Collisions**

**23. INTERPRET** Your asked to compare the impulse during a collision to the impulse of gravity over the same time period.

**DEVELOP** An impulse is a change in momentum produced by a force acting on an object over a specific time period. The gravitational force will be constant over the time of the collision, so we can find the gravity's impulse on each spacecraft using Equation 9.10a:  $\vec{J} = \vec{F}_{\sigma} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p}$ .

**EVALUATE** We're not concerned with the direction of the impulse, but just the magnitude:

$$J = mg\Delta t = (140 \text{ kg})(8.7 \text{ m/s}^2)(120 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}) = 146 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

The impulse imparted by gravity is 0.08% of the collision impulse.

ASSESS During the collision, the influence of gravity can be neglected. That's because the average force from the collision is very large:  $\vec{F} = \vec{J} / \Delta t = 1.5$  MN.

24. INTERPRET We want to determine the average force and impulse acting on a jumping flea.

**DEVELOP** We're given the average acceleration during the jump, so the ground must supply an average force on the flea of  $\overline{F} = m\overline{a}$  is just multiplied by the flea's mass. We can then use Equation 9.9a  $\left(J = \overline{F}\Delta t = \Delta p\right)$  to find the impulse imparted by the ground and the resulting momentum change for the flea.

EVALUATE (a) The average force exerted by the ground on the flea is

$$\overline{F} = m\overline{a} = (220 \times 10^{-9} \text{kg})(100 \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 2.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N} \approx 220 \ \mu\text{N}$$

(b) Multiplying the average force by the time gives the impulse:

$$J = \overline{F}\Delta t = (2.16 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N})(1.2 \text{ ms}) = 2.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

(c) The momentum change for the flea is equal to the impulse provided by the floor:

$$\Delta p = J = 2.6 \times 10^{-7} \,\mathrm{N \cdot s} = 2.6 \times 10^{-7} \,\mathrm{kg \cdot m/s}$$

Notice that we can write the momentum change in units  $(kg \cdot m/s)$  that might be more familiar for momentum.

ASSESS If we assume the flea starts its jump from rest, then at the end of its jump it reaches a velocity of  $v = \Delta v = \Delta p / m = 1.2$  m/s. That seems reasonable.

**25. INTERPRET** You need to determine how to fire a rocket to obtain the needed impulse.

**DEVELOP** We're given the average thrust, so the needed time comes from Equation 9.9a:  $\Delta t = J/\bar{F}$ .

EVALUATE For the required impulse, the space probes rocket must fire for

$$\Delta t = \frac{J}{\overline{F}} = \frac{5.64 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}}{135 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}} = 41.8 \text{ s}$$

Assess This might seem like a long time for such a small impulse. But the rocket exerts a tiny force on the space probe. Often, spacecraft need precision thrusters like the one here to make small adjustments in their trajectory or orientation.

# **Section 9.5 Totally Inelastic Collisions**

**26. INTERPRET** This problem involves conservation of total linear momentum. We are to use it to find the final momentum of a two-car system. In addition, we are to find the change in kinetic energy of the two-car system after they couple.

**DEVELOP** If we assume the switchyard track is straight and level, the collision is one-dimensional, totally inelastic, and Equation 9.11 applies, so

$$\vec{v}_{\rm f} = \frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2} \equiv \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2}{m_1 + m_2} \hat{i}$$

Once we have found the final velocity vf, we can insert it into the expression for the change in kinetic energy to find the fraction of kinetic energy lost.

**EVALUATE** (a) Inserting the given quantities into the expression for vf gives

$$\vec{v}_{\rm f} = \frac{(56 \text{ ton})(7.0 \text{ mi/h}) + (31 \text{ ton})(2.6 \text{ mi/h})}{56 \text{ ton} + 31 \text{ ton}} \hat{i} = (5.4 \text{ mi/h}) \hat{i}$$

(b) The initial and final kinetic energies are

$$K_{\rm i} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (56 \text{ T}) (7.0 \text{ mi/h})^2 + (31 \text{ T}) (2.6 \text{ mi/h})^2 \right] = 1477 \text{ T} (\text{mi/h})^2;$$
  
 $K_{\rm f} = \frac{1}{2} (56 + 31) \text{ T} (5.43 \text{ mi/h})^2 = 1284 \text{ T} (\text{mi/h})^2$ 

where we retained more significant figures than warranted by the data because these are intermediate results. The fraction of kinetic energy lost is  $(K_f - K_i)/K_i = -13\%$ .

Assess Notice that we did not need to change to SI units for part (b) because we took the ratio of initial and final kinetic energies. Thus, provided we use the same units for the initial and final kinetic energies, the answer will be correct.

**27. INTERPRET** In this problem, we are asked to show that half of the initial kinetic energy of a system is lost in a totally inelastic collision between two equal masses.

**DEVELOP** Suppose we have two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving with velocities  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ , respectively. After undergoing a totally inelastic collision, the two masses stick together and move with final velocity  $\vec{v}_f$ . Although the collision is totally inelastic, momentum conservation still applies, and we have (Equation 9.11):

$$m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f \implies \vec{v}_f = \frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

The initial total kinetic energy of the two-particle system is  $K_i = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$ , whereas the final kinetic energy of the system after collision is  $K_f = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v_f^2$ . Therefore, the change in kinetic energy is given by

$$\Delta K = K_{\rm f} - K_{\rm i} = \frac{1}{2} \left( m_1 + m_2 \right) v_{\rm f}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \left( v_{\rm f}^2 - v_1^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left( v_{\rm f}^2 - v_2^2 \right)$$

**EVALUATE** In our case, we have  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ ,  $v_1 = v$ , and  $v_2 = 0$ . The initial kinetic energy of the system is therefore  $K_i = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ . The final speed is

$$v_{\rm f} = \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{m v}{m + m} = \frac{1}{2} v$$

Therefore, the change in total kinetic energy is

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m_1 \left( v_{\rm f}^2 - v_{\rm i}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left( v_{\rm f}^2 - v_{\rm i}^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{v^2}{4} - v^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} m \left( \frac{v^2}{4} - 0 \right) = -\frac{1}{4} m v^2$$

Thus, we see that half of the total initial kinetic energy is lost in the collision process.

**ASSESS** For a totally inelastic collision, one may show that the general expression for  $\Delta K$  is

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2\right)^2}{m_1 + m_2} - \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = -\frac{m_1 m_2}{2(m_1 + m_2)} (v_1 - v_2)^2$$

Clearly,  $\Delta K$  is always negative, and it depends on the relative speed between  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

**28. INTERPRET** This is a two-dimensional problem that involves conservation of linear momentum. We are to find the initial velocity of one particle, given the initial velocity of the other, the final velocity of the combined particles, and the masses of each.

**DEVELOP** Apply conservation of linear momentum, Equation 9.11, for a totally inelastic collision, and solve for the velocity of the deuteron.

**EVALUATE** Inserting the given quantities into Equation 9.11 and solving for  $v_d$  gives

$$\vec{v}_{d} = \frac{m_{t}\vec{v}_{t} - m_{n}\vec{v}_{n}}{m_{d}} = \frac{3 \text{ u}(12\hat{i} + 20\hat{j}) - 1 \text{ u}(28\hat{i} + 17\hat{j})}{2 \text{ u}} \left(\frac{\text{Mm}}{\text{s}}\right) = (4\hat{i} + 22\hat{j}) \text{ Mm/s}$$

to two significant figures.

**ASSESS** The change in kinetic energy in the collision is

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m_{\rm t} v_{\rm t}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_{\rm d}^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_{\rm n}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( 12^2 + 20^2 \right) \left( 3 \right) - \left( 4^2 + 21.5^2 \right) \left( 2 \right) - \left( 28^2 + 17^2 \right) \left( 1 \right) \right] \approx -400 \text{ u} \left( \text{Mm/s}^2 \right)$$

which is negative, indicating that energy is stored in the tritium (i.e., is converted to mass). We can regain this energy by splitting tritium, which is the basis of the hydrogen bomb.

**29. INTERPRET** This is a totally inelastic collision, since the trucks move together as one after they hit. You should be able to find the mass of the second truck using conservation of momentum.

**DEVELOP** According to Equation 9.11, conservation of momentum in the truck collision implies

$$m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f$$

**EVALUATE** The first truck is at rest  $(\vec{v}_1 = 0)$ , which means the final velocity has to be in the same direction as  $\vec{v}_2$ . Given that the first truck has a mass of  $m_1 = 5500 \text{ kg} + 3800 \text{ kg} = 9300 \text{ kg}$ , we can solve for the mass of the second:

$$m_2 = m_1 \frac{v_f}{v_2 - v_f} = (9300 \text{ kg}) \frac{40 \text{ km/h}}{65 \text{ km/h} - 40 \text{ km/h}} = 14,880 \text{ kg}$$

Subtracting the mass of the truck leaves a load of 9400 kg, so the second truck was overloaded by 1400 kg. **ASSESS** If the truck had been loaded at the permissible limit of 8000 kg, the final velocity after the collision would have been 38 km/h.

#### **Section 9.6 Elastic Collisions**

**30. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional problem involves an elastic collision between two particles, the Au nucleus and the alpha particle. We are to find the fraction of the alpha particle's kinetic energy that is transferred to the Au nucleus.

**DEVELOP** Because this problem is one-dimensional, we can apply Equation 9.15b to find the final velocity of the alpha particle. We can then use this result to find the final kinetic energy of the alpha particle in order to calculate the fraction of kinetic energy lost to the Au nucleus.

**EVALUATE** With  $m_1 = 4u$ ,  $m_2 = 197 u$ , and  $v_{2i} = 0$ , we find that  $v_{2f} = 2(4.00 \text{ u}) v_{1i} / (4.00 + 197) u = (8.00/201) v_{1i}$ . The fraction of the initial energy transferred is

$$K_{1i}/K_{2f} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(197 \text{ u})v_{2f}^2}{\frac{1}{2}(4.00 \text{ u})v_{1i}^2} = \frac{197}{4.00} \left(\frac{8.00}{201}\right)^2 = 7.80\%.$$

ASSESS We retain three significant figures in the answer because we know the data to three significant figures.

**31. INTERPRET** This problem is about head-on (i.e. one-dimensional) elastic collisions. We want to find the speed of the ball after it rebounds elastically from a moving car.

**DEVELOP** Both mechanical energy and linear momentum are conserved in an elastic collision. In this one-dimensional case, conservation of linear momentum gives

$$m_{\rm l} v_{\rm li} + m_{\rm 2} v_{\rm 2i} = m_{\rm l} v_{\rm lf} + m_{\rm 2} v_{\rm 2f}$$

Conservation of energy gives

$$\frac{1}{2}m_{1}v_{1i}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m_{2}v_{2i}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}m_{1}v_{1f}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m_{2}v_{2f}^{2}$$

Using the two conservation equations, the final speeds of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are (see Equations 9.15a and 9.15b):

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$

**EVALUATE** Let the subscripts 1 and 2 be for the car and the ball, respectively. We choose positive velocities in the direction of the car. The speed of the ball after it rebounds is

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i} \approx 2v_{1i} - v_{2i} = 2(14 \text{ m/s}) - (-18 \text{ m/s}) = 46 \text{ m/s}$$

where we have used  $m_1 \gg m_2$ .

ASSESS Similarly, the final speed of the car is

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i} \approx v_{1i} = 14 \text{ m/s}$$

We do not expect the speed of the car to change much after colliding with a ball. However, the ball rebounds with a much greater speed than before. If the car were stationary with  $v_{1i} = 0$ , then we would find  $v_{2f} = -v_{2i} = 18$  m/s.

**32. INTERPRET** This problem involves a one-dimensional elastic collision between two masses, so conservation of mechanical energy and conservation of linear momentum applies. We are asked to find how the masses are related given that the objects have the same speed after colliding.

**DEVELOP** Apply Equations 9.15a and 9.19b and solve for M, given that  $v_{2i} = 0$ . We are also told that the blocks have the same speed after the collision, so we know that  $v_{2f} = -v_{1f}$ , where we have inserted the negative sign because the blocks must move in opposite directions if this is an elastic collision.

**EVALUATE** Equations 9.15a and 9.15b give

$$v_{lf} = \frac{m - M}{m + M} v_{li}$$
$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m}{m + M} v_{li}$$

Using  $v_{2f} = -v_{1f}$ , we find

$$\frac{m-M}{m+M}v_{1i} = -\frac{2m}{m+M}v_{1i}$$

$$M = 3m$$

ASSESS After the collision, the larger block will have three times the kinetic energy of the smaller block.

33. INTERPRET In this problem we are asked to find the speeds of the protons after they collide elastically head-on. The problem is thus one-dimensional and involved conservation of mechanical energy and linear momentum.

DEVELOP Consider the general situation where two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving with velocities  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ , undergo elastic collision. Both momentum and energy are conserved in this process. Using the conservation equations, the final speeds of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are (see Equations 9.15a and 9.15b):

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$
$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$

**EVALUATE** We choose positive velocities to be in the direction of  $\vec{v}_1$ . With  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ , and  $v_1 = v = 11$  Mm/s, and  $v_2 = -v_1 = -v = -11$  Mm/s, the final speeds are

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i} = v_{2i} = -v = -11 \text{ Mm/s}$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i} = v_{1i} = v = 11 \text{ Mm/s}$$

**Assess** In this case, the protons simply exchange places—the final speed of the first proton is equal to the initial speed of the second proton, while the final speed of the second proton is equal to the initial speed of the first proton.

**34. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional problem involves an elastic collision, so we can apply conservation of mechanical energy and linear momentum.

**DEVELOP** Apply Equations 9.15a and 9.15b to find the requisite relationships. We are given that  $v_{1i} = -v_{21} = v$ ,  $v_{1f} = 0$ , and  $m_1 > m_2$ .

**EVALUATE** (a) Equations 9.15a and 9.15b lead to

$$0 = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v - \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v$$

$$m_1 - m_2 = 2m_2$$

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = 3$$

(b) The final speed of the less massive particle is

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v + \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v = \left(\frac{6}{4} + \frac{2}{4}\right) v = 2v$$

**Assess** We know that the initial speeds must be in the opposite direction because that is the only way that they could collide head on given that the magnitude of their speeds are the same.

## **PROBLEMS**

**35. INTERPRET** In this problem we want to find the center of mass of a pentagon of side *a* with one trianglular section missing.

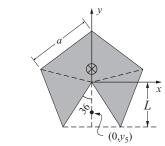
**DEVELOP** We choose coordinates as shown in the figure below. If the fifth isosceles triangle (with the same uniform density as the others) were present, the center of mass of the whole pentagon would be at the origin, so

$$0 = \frac{my_5 + 4my_{\rm cm}}{5m} = \frac{y_5 + 4y_{\rm cm}}{5}$$

where  $y_{cm}$  gives the position of the center of mass of the figure we want to find, and  $y_5$  is the position of the center of mass of the fifth triangle. Of course, the mass of the figure is four times the mass of the triangle.

**EVALUATE** From symmetry, the x coordinate of the center of mass is  $x_{cm} = 0$ . Now, to calculate  $y_{cm}$ , we make use of the result obtained in Example 9.3 where the center of mass of an isosceles triangle is calculated. This gives  $y_5 = -2L/3$ . In addition, from the geometry of a pentagon, we have  $\tan(36^\circ) = a/(2L)$ . Therefore, the y coordinate of the center of mass is

$$y_{\rm cm} = -\frac{1}{4}y_5 = \frac{L}{6} = \frac{a}{12}\cot(36^\circ) = 0.115 a$$



ASSESS From symmetry argument, the center of mass must lie along the line that bisects the figure. With the missing triangle, we expect it to be located above y = 0, which would have been the center of mass for a complete pentagon.

**36. INTERPRET** This problem concerns stopping a charging rhino with rubber bullets that lose all their momentum when they hit the animal.

**DEVELOP** The impulse imparted on the rhino by one bullet is equal to the rhino's change in momentum (Equation 9.10a:  $\vec{J}_b = \Delta \vec{p}_r$ ). But we don't know the mass of the rhino, so it is easier to deal with the bullets. Their change in momentum is equal and opposite to the change in momentum of the rhino:  $\Delta p_r = -\Delta p_b$ . Note that we've dropped the vector notation, since the momenta are collinear, but we'll assume that the bullets are initially moving in the positive direction. We're given the initial velocity of the bullets, and we know that they fall straight to the ground after impact, so their final velocity must be zero. Putting all this together, we have:

$$J_{\rm h} = \Delta p_{\rm r} = -\Delta p_{\rm h} = -(0 - m_{\rm h} v_{\rm h0}) = m_{\rm h} v_{\rm h0}$$

We can find the mass of the rhino by calculating the total impulse supplied by all the bullets fired at the rhino:  $J_{\text{tot}} = N_{\text{b}}J_{\text{b}}$ . This total impulse is what supposedly brings the rhino to rest:  $J_{\text{tot}} = \Delta p_{\text{r,tot}} = 0 - m_{\text{r}}v_{\text{r0}} = -m_{\text{r}}v_{\text{r0}}$ . The minus sign is not a problem, since the rhino's initial velocity is negative compared to the positive velocity of the bullets.

**EVALUATE** (a) From the expression above, the impulse imparted by one bullet is

$$J_b = m_b v_{b0} = (20 \text{ g})(73 \text{ m/s}) = 1.46 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} \approx 1.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

(b) To find the mass of the rhino, we first need to calculate the number of bullets, which is the rate the gun is fired multiplied by the time:

$$N_{\rm b} = rt = (15 \text{ bullets/s})(34 \text{ s}) = 510 \text{ bullets}$$

The mass can then be found from the total impulse from all these bullets:

$$m_{\rm r} = \frac{\Delta p_{\rm r,tot}}{-v_{\rm r0}} = \frac{N_{\rm b}J_{\rm b}}{-v_{\rm r0}} = \frac{(510)(1.46 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s})}{-(-0.81 \text{ m/s})} = 920 \text{ kg}$$

ASSESS The answer is reasonable for a black rhino. But note that white rhinos have typically twice this mass.

37. INTERPRET We are asked to calculate the center-of-mass motion of a three body system.

**DEVELOP** The position of the center of mass is given by Equation 9.2:  $\vec{r}_{cm} = \sum m_i \vec{r}_i / M$ . In this case, the masses are all equal,  $m_i = m$ , so the total mass is M = 3m. Once we find the center-of-mass position, the velocity and acceleration can be found through differentiating.

EVALUATE The mass term divides out, so the center-of-mass position is the sum of the three given vectors:

$$\vec{r}_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{3} \sum \vec{r}_i = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \sum a_i \hat{i} + \sum b_i \hat{j} \right] = \left( t^2 + \frac{10}{3} t + \frac{7}{3} \right) \hat{i} + \left( \frac{2}{3} t + \frac{8}{3} \right) \hat{j}$$

The center-of-mass velocity is the first derivative:

$$\vec{v}_{\rm cm} = \frac{d\vec{r}_{\rm cm}}{dt} = \left(2t + \frac{10}{3}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\hat{j}$$

The center-of-mass acceleration is the second derivative:

$$\vec{a}_{\rm cm} = \frac{d\vec{v}_{\rm cm}}{dt} = (2)\hat{i}$$

ASSESS The acceleration is constant and in the x-direction. This is due to the  $t^2$ -term in the position of the particle 1. There must be a force that accelerates this particle, and correspondingly accelerates the center of mass.

**38. INTERPRET** We are asked about the motion of the boat, but the problem is fundamentally related to the center of mass of the system.

**DEVELOP** This problem is similar to Example 9.4. Take the *x* axis to be horizontal from bow to stern, with the origin at the center of mass (CM) of the boat and people. In the absence of external horizontal forces like friction, the CM remains stationary. Thus

$$0 = m_{\rm p} x_{\rm pi} + m_{\rm B} x_{\rm Bi} = m_{\rm p} x_{\rm pf} + m_{\rm B} x_{\rm Bf}$$

where  $x_{\rm Bi}$  is the initial position of the CM of the boat,  $x_{\rm Bf}$  is its final position, and  $x_{\rm pi}$  and  $x_{\rm pf}$  are the initial and final position of the people. Note that  $x_{\rm pi} < 0$ ,  $x_{\rm Bi} > 0$ ,  $x_{\rm pf} > 0$ , and  $x_{\rm Bf} < 0$ . This equation can be rewritten as

$$m_{\rm B}\left(x_{\rm Bi}-x_{\rm Bf}\right)=m_{\rm p}\left(x_{\rm pf}-x_{\rm pi}\right)$$

since  $x_{Bi} - x_{Bf}$  is the distance the boat moves relative to the fixed CM. The distances are related to the dimensions of the boat, since the length of the boat is equal to

$$|x_{pi}| + x_{Bi} + |x_{Bf}| + x_{pf} = x_{pf} - x_{pi} + x_{Bi} - x_{Bf} = 6.5 \text{ m}$$

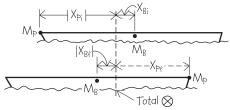
EVALUATE Substituting into the first equation, one finds

$$m_{\rm B}(x_{\rm Bi} - x_{\rm Bf}) = m_{\rm p} \left[ 6.5 \text{ m} - (x_{\rm Bi} - x_{\rm Bf}) \right]$$

Thus, we find

$$x_{\text{Bi}} - x_{\text{Bf}} = (6.5 \text{ m}) \frac{m_{\text{p}}}{m_{\text{p}} + m_{\text{B}}} = (6.5 \text{ m}) \frac{1500 \text{ kg}}{1500 \text{ kg} + 12,000 \text{ kg}} = 72 \text{ cm}$$

to two significant figures, which is the precision of the data. Note that we did not have to assume that the CM of the boat was at the center of the boat.



**Assess** The boat's displacement of 72 cm is less than the distance the people walked. This makes sense because the boat is much more massive than the people.

**39. INTERPRET** This problem involves the center of mass of a two-body system, which remains stationary in the absence of external horizontal forces.

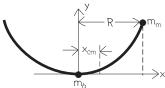
**DEVELOP** When the mouse starts at the rim, the center of mass of the mouse-bowl system has x component:

$$x_{\rm cm} = (m_{\rm b}x_{\rm b} + m_{\rm m}x_{\rm m})/(m_{\rm b} + m_{\rm m}) = m_{\rm m}R/(m_{\rm b} + m_{\rm m})$$

since initially  $x_b = 0$  and  $x_m = R$ . Because there is no external horizontal force (no friction),  $x_{cm}$  remains constant as the mouse descends. When it reaches the center of the bowl, the center of mass of the system is

$$x_{\rm cm} = (m_{\rm b} x_{\rm b}' + m_{\rm m} x_{\rm m}')/(m_{\rm b} + m_{\rm m}) = (m_{\rm b} d/10 + m_{\rm m} d/10)/(m_{\rm b} + m_{\rm m})$$

Because the center of mass does not move, we can equate these two expressions for the center of mass to find the ratio of  $m_b$  to  $m_m$ .



**EVALUATE** Using the fact that 2R = d, we find

$$m_{\rm m}R/(m_{\rm b}+m_{\rm m}) = (m_bR/5 + m_mR/5)/(m_{\rm b}+m_{\rm m})$$
  
 $m_b = 4m_m$ 

**Assess** The bowl is 4 times more massive than the mouse, which makes sense because the bowl has been horizontally displaced.

**40. INTERPRET** This problem involves the impulse exerted on a needle shot into the body in order to obtain a sample of internal organs.

**DEVELOP** The needle starts at rest and is accelerated by the force of the spring. We don't know this force or how long it is applied, but we know that the momentum gain from the spring,  $\Delta p$ , is lost when the needle is stopped by the skin. To say it another way, the impulse imparted by the spring is equal but opposite to the impulse imparted by the skin's stopping force. And we have the information needed to calculate the impulse from the skin:  $J_{\text{skin}} = F\Delta t$ . For part (b), to determine the penetration distance, we take the acceleration of the needle as the force of the tissue acts on it:  $a_n = F/m_n$ . Since this acceleration is constant, we can use the formalism from Chapter 2.

**EVALUATE** (a) As explained above, the impulse imparted by the spring has the same magnitude as the impulse imparted by the skin:

$$J_{\text{spring}} = J_{\text{skin}} = F\Delta t = (41 \text{ mN})(90 \text{ ms}) = 3.7 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{s}$$

(b) As far as we can tell, the force and corresponding acceleration are constant. The initial speed of the needle (just before entering the skin) must have been  $v_0 = a_n \Delta t$ , and the distance travelled through the body is (Equation 2.10)

$$\Delta x = v_0 \Delta t - \frac{1}{2} a_n \Delta t^2 = \frac{F}{2m_n} \Delta t^2 = \frac{(41 \text{ mN})}{2(8.3 \text{ mg})} (90 \text{ ms})^2 = 20 \text{ cm}$$

where we have been careful to treat the acceleration as a deceleration.

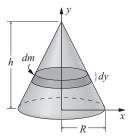
ASSESS A distance of 20 cm is fairly long but presumably necessary to sample internal organs.

**41. INTERPRET** In this problem we are asked to find the center of mass of a uniform solid cone. We will need to integrate thin slices of the cone to find the answer.

**DEVELOP** Choose the z axis along the axis of the cone, with the origin at the center of the base (see figure below). Because the cone is symmetric about the z axis, the center of mass is on the z axis [for each mass element at position (x, y, z) there is an equal mass element at position (-x, -y, z), so the integral over x and y gives zero]. Thus, we only need to find the z coordinate of the center of mass, so Equation 9.4 reduces to

$$z_{\rm cm} = \frac{\int z dm}{M}$$

For the mass element dm, take a disk at height z and of radius r = R(1 - z/h) that is parallel to the base. Then  $dm = \rho \pi r^2 dz = \rho \pi R^2 (1 - z/h)^2 dz$  where  $\rho$  is the density of the cone, and  $M = \frac{1}{3} \rho \pi R^2 h$  is the total mass of the



**EVALUATE** For the z coordinate of the center of mass, the integral above gives

$$z_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{0}^{h} z \, dm = \frac{3}{\rho \pi R^{2} h} \int_{0}^{h} z \rho \pi R^{2} \left(1 - z/h\right)^{2} dz$$
$$= \frac{3}{h} \int_{0}^{h} \left(z - \frac{2z^{2}}{h} + \frac{z^{3}}{h^{2}}\right) dz = \frac{3}{h} \left(\frac{h^{2}}{2} - \frac{2h^{2}}{3} + \frac{h^{2}}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} h$$

so the complete center of mass coordinate is (0, 0, h/4).

ASSESS The result makes sense because we expect  $z_{cm}$  to be closer to the bottom of the cone because more mass is distributed in this region.

INTERPRET This problem involves conservation of linear momentum, which we can use to find the mass and the 42. direction of motion of the second firecracker fragment.

**DEVELOP** Apply conservation of linear momentum. Because the firecracker is initially at rest, the initial momentum of the system is zero. After the explosion (ignoring air resistance and relativistic effects), the total linear momentum is still zero, and is expressed as

$$0 = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2$$

where  $m_1 = 14 \text{ g}$ ,  $\vec{v}_1 = (48 \text{ m/s})\hat{i}$ , and  $v_2 = 32 \text{ m/s}$ .

**EVALUATE** Because mass is always positive, we know that the direction of  $\vec{v}_2$  is opposite to  $\vec{v}_1$ , so  $\vec{v}_2 = (-32 \text{ m/s})\hat{i}$ , so the direction of motion is  $-\hat{i}$ , or opposite to the direction of  $\vec{v}_1$ . Evaluating the expression for total linear momentum gives  $m_2 = -m_1 v_1 / v_2 = -(14 \text{ g})(48 \text{ m/s})/(-32 \text{ m/s}) = 21 \text{ g}.$ 

**ASSESS** We find that the slower-moving mass is greater than the faster-moving mass, as expected.

43. **INTERPRET** We are asked about the compression of the spring due to a totally inelastic collision.

**DEVELOP** Since the total momentum of the system is conserved in the process, we have

$$P_i = P_f$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $m_1 v_1 = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$ 

The potential energy of the spring at maximum compression equals the kinetic energy of the two-car system prior

to contact with the spring:  $\frac{1}{2}kx_{\max}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_f^2$ . For (b), we note that when the cars rebound, they are coupled together and both have the same velocity. Since the spring is ideal (by assumption), its maximum potential energy,  $\frac{1}{2}kx_{\text{max}}^2$ , is transformed back into kinetic energy of

EVALUATE (a) The second car is initially at rest so  $v_2 = 0$ . By momentum conservation, the speed of the cars after collision is

$$v_{\rm f} = \frac{m_1 v_1}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(9,400 \text{ kg})(8.5 \text{ m/s})}{11,000 \text{ kg} + 9,400 \text{ kg}} = 3.92 \text{ m/s}$$

which leads to

$$x_{\text{max}} = v_f \sqrt{\frac{m_1 + m_2}{k}} = (3.92 \text{ m/s}) \sqrt{\frac{11,000 \text{ kg} + 9,400 \text{ kg}}{0.32 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}}} = 0.99 \text{ m}$$

(b) The spring's potential energy is converted back into the kinetic energy of the cars, so the rebound speed should be the same (only in the opposite direction) as the speed prior to the spring being compressed:

$$v_{\rm reb} = v_{\rm f} = 3.9 \text{ m/s}$$

where we only keep the significant figures.

**Assess** During the collision in the first part of the motion, the momentum is conserved but energy is not. However, during the spring compression and release in the second part, energy is conserved. Therefore, the cars rebound with the same speed as that before coming into contact with the spring.

**44. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional problem involves an inelastic collision on a frictionless surface, so kinetic energy is not conserved, but total linear momentum is conserved. We can use this to find the speed of the three-vehicle wreckage.

**DEVELOP** Assume that the road is horizontal and the velocities are collinear. By conservation of linear momentum, we can equate the total linear momentum before and after the collision. Before the collision, the total momentum of the three vehicles is  $p = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 + m_3 v_3$ . After the accident, we have  $p = (m_1 + m_2 + m_3) v$ .

EVALUATE Equating the two expressions for total linear momentum, we find

$$v = \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 + m_3 v_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

$$= \frac{(1200 \text{ kg})(50 \text{ km/h}) + (4400 \text{ kg})(35 \text{ km/h}) + (1500 \text{ kg})(65 \text{ km/h})}{1200 \text{ kg} + 4400 \text{ kg} + 1500 \text{ kg}} = 44 \text{ km/h}$$

ASSESS Notice that the truck has increased its speed, whereas the cars have reduced their speed, as expected.

**45. INTERPRET** This problem involves the Newton's second law in the form of Equation 9.6. We can use this to find an expression for the initial acceleration of the car due to the water jet that bounces off its rear window, and to find the final speed of the car.

**DEVELOP** Draw a diagram of the situation (see figure below). Consider the initial situation, when the car is at rest. From Equation 9.6, we know that the force exerted on the car by the water is the negative of the rate of change of momentum of the water:

$$\vec{F}_{\rm c} = -\left(\frac{d\,\vec{p}_{\rm w}}{dt}\right)$$

Let the water momentum be  $p_w = mv_0$ , where  $v_0$  is the speed of the water with respect to the road. When the car is at rest, this speed is the same before and after reflecting off the car's rear window. In this case,

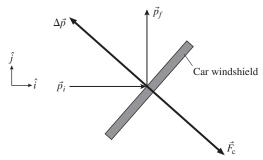
$$\left(\frac{d\vec{p}_{w}}{dt}\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(p_{w}\hat{j} - p_{w}\hat{i}\right) = \frac{dp_{w}}{dt}\left(\hat{j} - \hat{i}\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(mv_{0}\right)\left(\hat{j} - \hat{i}\right) = v_{0}\frac{dm}{dt}\left(\hat{j} - \hat{i}\right)$$

Thus, the initial force exerted on the car by the water jet is

$$\vec{F}_{c} = -\left(\frac{d\vec{p}_{w}}{dt}\right) = v_{0} \frac{dm}{dt} (\hat{i} - \hat{j})$$

If we apply Newton's second law  $\vec{F}_{\rm net} = d\vec{p}_{\rm c}/dt$  to the car, it reduces to  $\vec{F}_{\rm net} = M\vec{a}_{\rm c}$ , because the car's mass does not change. The net force acting on the car is simply the horizontal component of  $\vec{F}_{\rm c}$ , because its vertical component is simply canceled by an increase in the normal force exerted on the car by the road. Thus,

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{\text{c}} \cdot \hat{i} = v_0 \frac{dm}{dt} \hat{i} = M\vec{a}_{\text{c}}$$



**EVALUATE** (a) Solving Newton's second law for the acceleration  $a_c$  of the car gives

$$\vec{a}_{c} = \frac{v_{0}}{M} \left( \frac{dm}{dt} \right) \hat{i}$$

**(b)** When the car starts moving, the change in the water's momentum is reduced because the speed v' of the water in the frame of reference of the car is reduced according to  $v' = v_0 - v_c$ , where  $v_c$  is the car's speed. The acceleration thus becomes

$$\vec{a}_{c} = \frac{v'}{M} \left(\frac{dm}{dt}\right) \hat{i} = \frac{v_{0} - v_{c}}{M} \left(\frac{dm}{dt}\right) \hat{i}$$

Thus, when  $v_c = v_0$ , the car will no longer accelerate, so the final velocity of the car is  $v_0$ .

**ASSESS** As expected, the acceleration of the car increases with the water speed  $v_0$  and the water mass rate dm/dt, but decreases with M, the mass of the car.

**46. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional problem involves the principle of conservation of linear momentum in an inelastic two-body collision. We can apply this principle to find the final velocity of the two-body system after the collision.

**DEVELOP** If there are no external horizontal forces acting on the car-wagon system, momentum (in the *x-y* plane) is conserved, so

$$\vec{p}_{i} = \vec{p}_{f}$$

$$m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2} = (m_{1} + m_{2})\vec{v}.$$

which we can solve for the final velocity  $\vec{v}$ .

EVALUATE Inserting the given quantities into the expression above gives

$$\vec{v} = \frac{(950 \text{ kg})(32\hat{i} + 17\hat{j}) \text{ m/s} + (450 \text{ kg})(12\hat{i} + 14\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}}{(950 + 450) \text{ kg}} = (26\hat{i} + 16\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

ASSESS The magnitude of this velocity is  $v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = 31 \text{ m/s}$ , and its direction is  $\theta = \text{atan}(v_y/v_x) = 32^\circ$  with respect to the x axis.

**47. INTERPRET** This is a head-on elastic collision where the initial speed, v, is the same for both objects.

**DEVELOP** For a one-dimensional collision like this, Equation 9.14 applies:  $v_{li} - v_{2i} = v_{2f} - v_{lf}$ . In this case,  $v_{li} = v = -v_{2i}$ , so we have  $v_{2f} - v_{lf} = 2v$ .

**EVALUATE** Plugging  $v_{2f} = 2v + v_{1f}$  into the one-dimensional conservation of momentum equation (Equation 9.12a):

$$(m_1 - m_2)v = m_1v_{1f} + m_2(2v + v_{1f}) \rightarrow (m_1 + m_2)v = -(m_1 + m_2)v_{1f} \rightarrow v_{1f} = -v_{1f}$$

And  $v_{2f} = v$ , using the previous relation. So the final speed of each object is equal (but opposite to the initial speed).

Assess Do the minus signs makes sense in the derivation? Let's assume the first object approaches from the left with positive velocity, and it bounces off to the left in the negative direction. The second object does the exact opposite, approaching from the right with negative velocity and bouncing back with positive velocity.

**48. INTERPRET** This is a two-dimensional problem that involves conservation of linear momentum. The quantity of interest is the recoil velocity of the thorium nucleus, produced from the decay of the <sup>238</sup>U nucleus.

**DEVELOP** Because no external forces are acting on the system (ignoring gravity), linear momentum is conserved, as in Example 9.6. Equating the initial and final momenta gives

$$m_{\mathrm{U}}\vec{v}_{\mathrm{U}} = m_{\mathrm{He}}\vec{v}_{\mathrm{He}} + m_{\mathrm{Th}}\vec{v}_{\mathrm{Th}}$$

In terms of the x and y components, this vector equation gives the following two scalar equations:

$$m_{\rm U} v_{\rm U} = m_{\rm He} v_{\rm He, x} + m_{\rm Th} v_{\rm Th, x} = m_{\rm He} v_{\rm He} \cos \phi + m_{\rm Th} v_{\rm Th} \cos \theta$$
 (x component)  
 $0 = m_{\rm He} v_{\rm He, y} + m_{\rm Th} v_{\rm Th, y} = m_{\rm He} v_{\rm He} \sin \phi + m_{\rm Th} v_{\rm Th} \sin \theta$  (y component)

These equations can be used to solve for the magnitude and direction of  $\vec{v}_{\text{TH}}$ .

**EVALUATE** Solving the two equations, we obtain

$$v_{\text{Th, x}} = v_{\text{Th}} \cos \theta = \frac{m_{\text{U}} v_{\text{U}} - m_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}} \cos \theta}{m_{\text{Th}}} = \frac{(238 \text{ u})(5 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}) - (4 \text{ u})(1.4 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}) \cos 22^\circ}{234 \text{ u}} = 2.9 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$v_{\text{Th,y}} = v_{\text{Th}} \sin \theta = -\frac{m_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}} \sin \phi}{m_{\text{Th}}} = -\frac{(4 \text{ u})(1.4 \times 10^7 \text{ m/s}) \sin 22^\circ}{234 \text{ u}} = -9.0 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

to two significant figures. Thus the recoil velocity of the thorium atom is

$$\vec{v}_{\text{Th}} = (2.9 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} - (9.0 \times 10^4 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}$$
, or  $v_{\text{Th}} = \sqrt{v_{\text{Th},x}^2 + v_{\text{Th},y}^2} = 3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m/}$  and the direction is  $\theta = \text{atan}(v_{\text{Th},y}/v_{\text{Th},x}) = -17^\circ$ .

**ASSESS** The fact that  $\theta$  is negative tells us that the velocity of the thorium atom is downward, as expected to compensate for the upward velocity of the alpha particle.

**49. INTERPRET** This problem involves finding the center of mass of an object composed of several parts (walls, base, and silage).

**DEVELOP** Here it's convenient to find the centers of mass of sub-parts and then treat these parts as point particles to find the center of mass of the entire object. With no information about the geometry of the base, we will assume its an infinitely thin disk with the same diameter as the silo. Use a coordinate system with the origin at the center of the cylinder's base and the z axis running along the center of the silo cylinder. Because the system is symmetric about the z axis, the different centers of mass must lie along the z axis.

**EVALUATE** (a) To find the center of mass when the silo is empty, find the center of mass of the cylindrical wall and base separately, and then treat the problem as if the mass of each object were concentrated at their respective center-of-mass points. By symmetry, the z coordinate of the center of mass of the wall must be at half the height, or  $z_{\rm cm}^{\rm wall} = 15 \, \rm m$ . The z coordinate of the center of mass of the base is at  $z_{\rm cm}^{\rm base} = 0 \, \rm m$  because it is infinitely thin. Inserting these results into Equation 9.2 to find the center of mass of the empty silo gives

$$z_{\text{cm}}^{\text{silo}} = \frac{m_{\text{wall}} z_{\text{cm}}^{\text{wall}} + m_{\text{base}} z_{\text{cm}}^{\text{base}}}{M} = \frac{\left(3.8 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}\right) \left(15 \text{ m}\right) + \left(6 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}\right) \left(0\right)}{3.8 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} + 6 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}} = 13 \text{ m}$$

so the complete coordinates of the center of mass are (0, 0, 13 m), to two significant figures.

(b) Treat the empty silo and silage as if their entire mass were concentrated at their respective center-of-mass points. We found the center of mass of the empty silo in part (a). The z coordinate of the center of mass of the silage is halfway up its 20-meter height, so  $z_{cm}^{silage} = 10 \text{ m}$  and the silage's mass is

$$m_{\text{silage}} = \rho_{\text{silage}} V_{\text{silage}} = \rho_{\text{silage}} \left( \pi r^2 h \right) = \left( 800 \text{ kg/m}^3 \right) \left( \pi \times 4 \text{ m}^2 \times 20 \text{ m} \right) = 2.01 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$$

Inserting these results into Equation 9.2 gives

$$z_{\rm cm}^{silage} = \frac{m_{\rm silo} z_{\rm cm}^{silo} + m_{\rm silage}}{M} = \frac{(4.4 \times 10^4 \text{ kg})(13 \text{ m}) + ((2.01 \times 10^5 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m})}{4.4 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} + 2.01 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}} = 11 \text{ m}$$

to two significant figures. Thus, the complete coordinates of the center of mass are (0, 0, 11 m).

**ASSESS** When the silage is added, the center of mass is lowered, as expected because the silage fills from the bottom of the silo.

**50. INTERPRET** This problem is about conservation of linear momentum. The object of interest is the firecracker that has exploded into three pieces. With the mass and velocity of two pieces given, we can use conservation of linear momentum to find the velocity of the third piece.

**DEVELOP** The instant after the explosion (before any external forces have had any time to act appreciably) the total momentum of the three-body system (i.e., the three firecracker fragments) is still zero. Expressed mathematically, this is

$$\vec{P}_{\text{tot}} = 0 = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + m_3 \vec{v}_3$$

which we can solve to find  $\vec{v}_3$ .

**EVALUATE** The mass of the third piece is  $m_3 = m - m_1 - m_2 = 42 \text{ g} - 12 \text{ g} - 21 \text{ g} = 9 \text{ g}$ . Its velocity is

$$\vec{v}_3 = -\frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2}{m_3} = -\frac{(12 \text{ g})(35 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (21 \text{ g})(29 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}}{9 \text{ g}} = -(47 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (68 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}$$

ASSESS Since the initial momentum of the firecracker is zero, we expect the momentum of the third piece to completely cancel the momentum of the first two pieces. Thus,  $\vec{v}_3$  has components that are opposite to  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ . Since  $m_3$  is smaller than  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , we expect the magnitude of  $\vec{v}_3$  to be greater than the magnitudes of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ .

**51. INTERPRET** No external forces act on the three-body system, so total linear momentum is conserved. We can use this to find the velocity of the camera discarded by the astronaut.

**DEVELOP** In the rest frame of the astronaut (i.e., in the inertial frame of reference in which the astronaut is at rest), the total momentum of the three-body system is zero. After the astronaut discards the two items, the total momentum must still be zero, so

$$m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + m_3 \vec{v}_3 = 0$$

where the subscripts 1, 2, and 3 refer to the astronaut, the air canister, and the camera, respectively. Decomposing this vector equation into two scalar equations gives

$$m_1 v_1 \cos(200^\circ) + m_2 v_2 \cos(0^\circ) + m_3 v_{3,x} = 0$$
  
$$m_1 v_1 \sin(200^\circ) + m_2 v_2 \sin(0^\circ) + m_3 v_{3,y} = 0$$

which we can solve for  $\vec{v}_3$ .

**EVALUATE** Solving first for the x component of the camera's velocity, we find

$$v_{3x} = -\frac{(60 \text{ kg})(0.85 \text{ m/s})\cos(200^\circ) + (14 \text{ kg})(1.6 \text{ m/s})}{5.8 \text{ kg}} = 4.4 \text{ m/s}$$

Similarly, the y component is

$$v_{3y} = \frac{-(60 \text{ kg})(0.85 \text{ m/s})\sin(200^\circ)}{5.8 \text{ kg}} = 3.0 \text{ m/s}$$

So the velocity of the camera is  $\vec{v}_3 = (4.4 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (3.0 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}$ 

ASSESS Alternatively, we can express the result in terms of the magnitude and direction of the velocity. This gives  $v_3 = \sqrt{4.4^2 + 3.0^2}$  m/s = 5.3 m/s and  $\theta_3$  = atan(3.0 ms/4.4 ms) = 34° counter-clockwise from the x axis.

**INTERPRET** Before an explosion, an object has kinetic energy  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$ . After the explosion, it has two pieces: each with mass of  $\frac{1}{2}m$ , and each moving at twice the initial speed,  $v_f = 2v_i$ . We are asked to find the angles at which two pieces of an object fly off from the explosion.

**DEVELOP** Let's assume that the original object was moving in the *x*-direction, with no momentum in the *y*-direction. After the explosion, conservation of momentum implies that the *y*-momentum of the two pieces sums to zero:

y component: 
$$0 = \left(\frac{1}{2}m\right)(2v_i)\sin\theta_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}m\right)(2v_i)\sin\theta_2$$

For THE y components to cancel, the angles that each piece makes with the x-axis are equal and opposite:  $\theta_1 = -\theta_2$ .

**EVALUATE** To find the value of these angles, we consider the momentum in the x-direction:

x component: 
$$mv_i = \left(\frac{1}{2}m\right)(2v_i)\cos\theta_1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}m\right)(2v_i)\cos\theta_2$$

This reduces to  $\cos \theta_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ , which means the angles are  $60^{\circ}$  and  $-60^{\circ}$ .

ASSESS In this case, the speed relative to the center of mass is just the y-component of their velocity:

 $v_{\rm rel} = (2v_{\rm i})\sin 60^{\rm o} = \sqrt{3}v_{\rm i}$ . This implies that the internal energy would be

$$K_{\text{int}} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} m_i v_{\text{irel}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} m \right) \left( \sqrt{3} v_i \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} m \right) \left( \sqrt{3} v_i \right)^2 = 3 \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 \right) = 3 K$$

This **AGREES** with the result in Problem 9.22.

**53. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional problem involves conservation of linear momentum and relative motion. We can use the former to find the speed of the sprinter with respect to the cart and the latter to find her speed relative to the ground.

**DEVELOP** We choose a coordinate system in which the cart moves in the  $-\hat{i}$  direction, and the sprinter runs in the  $\hat{i}$  direction. The initial momentum of the system is

$$p = (m_{\rm s} + m_{\rm c}) v_{\rm cm}$$

The final momentum of the system is

$$p = m_s v_s + m_c v_c = m_c v_c$$

because she has zero velocity with respect to the ground ( $v_s = 0$ ). Equating these two expressions for total linear momentum (by conservation of total linear momentum), we have

$$(m_{\rm s} + m_{\rm c})v_{\rm cm} = m_{\rm s}v_{\rm s} + m_{\rm c}v_{\rm c} = m_{\rm c}v_{\rm c}$$

Using Equation 3.7 to express the sprinter's speed relative to the cart, we have

$$v_{\rm s} = v_{\rm rel} + v_{\rm c}$$
$$v_{\rm rel} = -v_{\rm e}$$

because  $v_s = 0$ . We are given  $v_{cm} = -7.6$  m/s,  $m_c = 240$  kg, and  $m_s = 55$  kg.

**EVALUATE** Solving the equations above for  $v_{rel}$ , we find

$$(m_s + m_c)v_{cm} = m_c v_c = -m_c v_{rel}$$
  
 $v_{rel} = -\frac{(m_s + m_c)v_{cm}}{m_c} = -\frac{(55 \text{ kg} + 240 \text{ kg})(-7.6 \text{ m/s})}{240 \text{ kg}} = 9.3 \text{ m/s}$ 

Assess The fact that the sprinter accelerates by pushing against the cart accelerates the cart from -7.6 m/s to -9.3 m/s, which is reasonable.

**54. INTERPRET** This problem involves exerting a force on a conveyor belt to compensate for the change in momentum caused by the drops of cookie dough that drop onto the belt.

**DEVELOP** If the conveyor belt is horizontal and moving with speed v = 50 cm/s and the mounds of dough fall vertically, then the change in the horizontal momentum due to each mound of mass  $\Delta m$  is  $\Delta p = (\Delta m)v$ . The average horizontal force needed is equal to the rate at which mounds are dropped (a number N in time  $\Delta t$ , or  $N/\Delta t$ ) times the change in momentum due to a single mound. Thus, for this problem Equation 9.6 takes the form

$$\vec{F}_{\rm av} = \left(\frac{N}{\Delta t}\right) \Delta \vec{p} = \left(\frac{N}{\Delta t}\right) (\Delta m) \vec{v}$$

**EVALUATE** Inserting the values given in the problem statement, we find that the average force the conveyor belt exerts on a cookie sheet is

$$F_{\text{av}} = \left(\frac{N}{\Delta t}\right) (\Delta m) v = \left(\frac{1}{2 \text{ s}}\right) (0.012 \text{ kg}) (0.50 \text{ m/s}) = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$$

ASSESS The average force is just the total change in momentum,  $\Delta \vec{P} = N \Delta \vec{p} = N (\Delta m) \vec{v}$ , divided by the time,  $\Delta t$ . The greater is the change in momentum over a given time interval, the greater is the average force.

55. INTERPRET We're asked to find the speeds of two objects following their head-on elastic collision.

**DEVELOP** The collision is one-dimensional, so Equations 9.15(a) and 9.15(b) are relevant. The information that we're given is that  $m_1 = m$ ,  $v_{1i} = 2v$ ,  $m_2 = 4m$ , and  $v_{2i} = v$ . Notice that both objects are initially moving in the same (positive) direction.

**EVALUATE** Plugging the parameters into Equations 9.15,

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m - 4m}{m + 4m} (2v) + \frac{2(4m)}{m + 4m} (v) = \left(\frac{-6}{5} + \frac{8}{5}\right) v = \frac{2}{5}v$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m}{m+4m}(2v) + \frac{4m-m}{m+4m}(v) = \left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{3}{5}\right)v = \frac{7}{5}v$$

Assess The first object loses some momentum from the collision  $(v_{1i} < v_{1f})$ , whereas the second object gets a "push" from the collision  $(v_{2i} > v_{2f})$ . Notice that  $v_{1f} < v_{2f}$ , otherwise it wouldn't make sense how the first object got ahead of the second object.

**56. INTERPRET** We're asked to verify that the final speeds that we found in the previous problem obey conservation of energy.

**DEVELOP** The conservation of energy in a collision is expressed in Equation 9.13.

**EVALUATE** The initial kinetic energy is:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2i}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m(2v)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(4m)v^2 = 4mv^2$$

Using the results from the previous problem we have for the final kinetic energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2f}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\left(\frac{2}{5}v\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(4m)\left(\frac{7}{5}v\right)^2 = \left(\frac{4}{50} + \frac{196}{50}\right)mv^2 = 4mv^2$$

So yes, the energy is conserved in this collision.

**Assess** Although both objects have the same kinetic energy initially, the second particle leaves the collision with most of the kinetic energy.

**57. INTERPRET** This problem involves conservation of momentum applied to a two-body system. The center of mass of this system does not move because of conservation of momentum. We will apply these principles to find the initial angle at which we threw the rock and the speed at which you must be moving.

**DEVELOP** We choose a coordinate system in which your initial position is at the origin (see figure below). Apply Equation 3.15 to find the angle  $\theta$  at which you throw the rock,

$$x_1 = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin(2\theta)$$

with  $x_1 = 15.2 \text{ m} - x_2$  and  $v_0 = 12.0 \text{ m/s}$ . We can find  $x_2$  because we know the center of mass of the two-body system does not change since there are no horizontal forces acting on it. Thus,

$$x_{\rm cm} = 0 = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{m_1 x_1}{m_2}$$

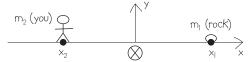
so

$$x_1 = 15.2 \text{ m} - \frac{m_1 x_1}{m_2}$$
  
 $x_1 = \frac{15.2 \text{ m}}{1 + m_1 / m_2}$ 

which allows us to solve Equation 3.15 for the angle  $\theta$ . To find the speed at which you move after throwing the rock, apply conservation of linear momentum. Your initial horizontal momentum is zero, so your final momentum must also be zero, or

$$m_1 v_{1x} + m_2 v_{2x} = 0$$

where  $v_{1x} = v_0 \cos \theta$ , with  $\theta$  being the angle with respect to the horizontal at which you throw the rock. Solve this equation for  $v_{2x}$ , which is the speed at which you move as a result of throwing the rock.



**EVALUATE** (a) Inserting the known quantities into Equation 3.15 and solving for  $\theta$  gives

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{asin} \left( \frac{x_1 g}{v_0^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{asin} \left( \frac{(15.2 \text{ m}) g}{(1 + m_1/m_2) v_0^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{asin} \left( \frac{(15.2 \text{ m}) (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)}{\left[ 1 + (4.50 \text{ kg}) / (65.0 \text{ kg}) \right] (12.0 \text{ m/s})^2} \right) = 37.7^\circ$$

(b) The speed at which you recoil after throwing the rock is

$$v_{2x} = -\frac{m_1 v_{1x}}{m_2} = -\frac{m_1 v_0 \cos \theta}{m_2} = -\frac{(4.50 \text{ kg})(12.0 \text{ m/s})\cos(37.7^\circ)}{65.0 \text{ kg}} = -65.8 \text{ cm/s}$$

ASSESS The horizontal speed of the rock is  $v_0 \cos(\theta) = 9.50$  m/s. Thus, your recoil speed is much less than the rock's horizontal speed, as expected.

**58. INTERPRET** The problem asks about the speed of the drunk driver just before a totally inelastic collision. Energy is not conserved in this process, but momentum is.

**DEVELOP** If the wreckage skidded on a horizontal road, the work-energy theorem requires that the work done by friction be equal to the change of the kinetic energy of both cars, or  $W_{nc} = \Delta K$  (see Equation 7.5). Since

$$W_{\rm nc} = -f_{\rm k}x = -\mu_{\rm k}nx = -\mu_{\rm k}(m_1 + m_2)gx$$

and

$$\Delta K = -\frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v^2$$

where v is the speed of the wreckage immediately after collision, we are lead to

$$\mu_k g x = \frac{1}{2} v^2$$

The equation can be used to solve for v. Once v is known, we can apply momentum conservation to find the initial speed of the drunk driver.

**EVALUATE** From the above, we find the speed of the cars (wreckage) just after the collision is

$$v = \sqrt{2\mu_k gx}$$

Momentum is conserved the instant of the collision, so if  $v_1$  is the speed of the drunk driver's car just before the collision (and  $v_2 = 0$  for the parked car), then  $m_1v_1 = (m_1 + m_2)v$  or

$$v_1 = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1} v = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1} \sqrt{2\mu_k gx} = \frac{1600 \text{ kg} + 1300 \text{ kg}}{1600 \text{ kg}} \sqrt{2(0.77)(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(25 \text{ m})} = 35 \text{ m/s}$$

This is about 79 mi/h, so the driver was speeding as well as intoxicated.

**ASSESS** The answer makes sense because increasing  $v_1$  will result in a greater wreckage speed  $v_2$ , and thus a longer skidding distance  $x_2$ .

59. INTERPRET This two-body problem involves kinematics (Chapters 2 and 3) and motion of the center of mass. The rockets explodes into two equal-mass fragments at its peak height, which we can calculate from the kinematic equations of Chapter 2. We are given the time it takes from the explosion for one fragment to hit the ground and are asked to find the time at which the second fragment hits the ground.

**DEVELOP** At the peak of the rocket's trajectory (just before the explosion), its center-of-mass y velocity is zero, or  $v_{\rm cm}=0$ . The motion of the center of mass is unaffected by the explosion, so just after the explosion, the velocity  $v_{\rm cm}'=0$ . Expressing the center of mass velocity in terms of the velocities  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of fragments 1 and 2 gives

$$v'_{cm} = 0 = \frac{mv_1 + mv_2}{m + m}$$
  
 $v_1 = -v_2$ 

where the equal-mass fragments each have mass m. We can now use the kinematic equations to find  $v_1$ . The height h at which the rocket explodes may be found using Equation 2.11, which gives (with a slight change in notation)

$$v_{cm} = v_0^2 - 2gh$$

$$h = \frac{v_0^2}{2g}$$

where v is the velocity at the peak of the trajectory and  $v_0 = 40$  m/s. Knowing the height and the time  $t_1$  for fragment 1 to hit the ground, we can find its initial velocity from Equation 3.13. This gives

$$\overline{y - y_0} = v_1 t_1 - \frac{1}{2} g t_1^2$$

$$v_1 = \frac{-h + g t_1^2 / 2}{t_1} = \frac{-v_0^2 / 2g + g t_1^2 / 2}{t_1} = \frac{-v_0^2}{2g t_1} + \frac{g t_1}{2}$$

Knowing  $v_1$  (and thus  $v_2$ ), we can find the time for fragment 2 to hit the ground by using the same Equation (i.e., 3.13), but solving for the time instead of the velocity. This gives

$$-h = v_2 t_2 - \frac{1}{2} g t_2^2$$

$$t_2 = \frac{v_2 \pm \sqrt{v_2^2 + 2gh}}{g} = \frac{-v_1 \pm \sqrt{v_1^2 + 2gh}}{g} = \frac{-v_1 \pm \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_0^2}}{g}$$

**EVALUATE** Evaluating first  $v_1$ , we find

$$v_1 = \frac{-v_0^2}{2gt_1} + \frac{gt_1}{2} = \frac{-(40 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(2.87 \text{ s})} + \frac{(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)(2.87 \text{ s})}{2} = -14.38 \text{ m/s}$$

where we have retained one extra significant figure because this is an intermediate result. Inserting this result into the expression for  $t_2$  gives

$$t_2 = \frac{-v_1 \pm \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_0^2}}{g} = \frac{-(-14.38 \text{ m/s}) \pm \sqrt{(-14.38 \text{ m/s})^2 + (40 \text{ m/s})^2}}{(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 5.80 \text{ s}, -2.87 \text{ s}$$

The physically significant result is  $t_2 = 5.80 \text{ s.}$ 

ASSESS The time for fragment 2 to reach the ground will increase with increasing  $|v_1|$ , which is reasonable because if fragment 1 has a larger downward velocity initially, then fragment 2 has a larger initial upward velocity. Also, note that if  $v_1$ ,  $v_2 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $t_2 = t_1 = 4.08$  s, which is intermediate between 2.87 s and 5.80 s, as expected.

**60. INTERPRET** In this problem, a totally inelastic collision results in half of the kinetic energy being lost. We are asked to find the ratio of the masses.

**DEVELOP** The particles come at each other with equal but opposite velocities  $(\vec{v}_1 = -\vec{v}_2)$ . In order to obey

conservation of momentum (Equation 9.11), the final velocity has to be parallel to the initial velocities. In other words, the problem is one-dimensional:

$$m_1 \vec{v}_1 - m_2 \vec{v}_1 = (m_1 - m_2) \vec{v}_1 = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f \rightarrow v_f = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_f$$

EVALUATE We're told the initial kinetic energy is twice the final kinetic energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v^2 = 2\left[\frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_f^2\right] \rightarrow v_f = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}v_f$$

We'll choose the positive root, which plugged into the above relation gives:

$$\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = \left(\sqrt{2} + 1\right)^2 \approx 5.8$$

Assess What about the negative root? If we choose it instead, we get the inverse of our result:  $m_1/m_2 = 1/(\sqrt{2}+1)^2$ . Since it wasn't specified which mass was bigger, both answers are correct.

**61. INTERPRET** In this two-body problem we are asked to find the relative speed between the satellite and the booster after the given impulse. We can apply conservation of momentum because there are no external forces acting on the system. Finally, this will be a one dimensional problem because we are dealing with only two bodies, so their relative motion must be linear to satisfy conservation of momentum.

**DEVELOP** By Newton's third law, the explosion applies a force of equal magnitude to each body (satellite and booster), but in the opposite direction. We therefore have  $\vec{J}_s = -\vec{J}_b$ , where the subscripts s and b refer to the satellite and booster, respectively, and  $J_s = J_b = 350 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$ . As explained for Equation 9.10b, an impulse  $\vec{J}$  is equal to the change of momentum:  $\vec{J} = \Delta \vec{p} = m\Delta \vec{v}$ , which allows us to find the speed of the satellite and the booster in the (stationary) center-of-mass frame. The relative speed of separation is  $v_{rel} = |\vec{v}_s - \vec{v}_b|$ .

EVALUATE Initially both the satellite and the booster are at rest. After explosion, their velocities are

$$\vec{v}_{\mathrm{s}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}_{\mathrm{s}}}{m_{\mathrm{s}}} = \frac{\vec{J}_{\mathrm{s}}}{m_{\mathrm{b}}} \qquad \vec{v}_{\mathrm{b}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{p}_{\mathrm{b}}}{m_{\mathrm{b}}} = \frac{\vec{J}_{\mathrm{b}}}{m_{\mathrm{b}}} = \frac{-\vec{J}_{\mathrm{s}}}{m_{\mathrm{b}}}$$

Thus, the relative speed of separation is

$$|\vec{v}_s - \vec{v}_b| = \left| \frac{\vec{J}_s}{m_s} + \frac{\vec{J}_s}{m_b} \right| = J_s \left( \frac{1}{m_s} + \frac{1}{m_b} \right) = (350 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}) \left( \frac{1}{950 \text{ kg}} + \frac{1}{640 \text{ kg}} \right) = 0.92 \text{ m/s}$$

**ASSESS** The relative speed is shown to depend on  $J_s$ , the magnitude of the impulse. The greater the impulse, the faster the satellite and the booster separate from each other.

**62. INTERPRET** You have to calculate the impulse imparted by a force that is not constant.

**DEVELOP** The impulse of a variable force requires integration (Equation 9.10b):  $\vec{J} = \int \vec{F}(t) dt$ .

**EVALUATE** The rocket's thrust is one dimensional, so we can drop the vector notation. Integrating the given force equation over the burn time gives

$$J = \int_{0}^{\Delta t} at(t - \Delta t) dt = \frac{1}{3} at^{3} - \frac{1}{2} at^{2} \Delta t \Big|_{0}^{\Delta t} = -\frac{1}{6} a \Delta t^{3}$$

Plugging in the given values:

$$J = -\frac{1}{6} \left( -4.6 \text{ N/s}^2 \right) \left( 2.8 \text{ s} \right)^3 = 17 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

Yes, the rocket meets its specs.

ASSESS The thrust starts at zero, then rises to a peak at  $t = \frac{1}{2}\Delta t$  where  $F = -\frac{1}{4}a\Delta t^2$  (recall a is negative), before falling back to zero at  $t = \Delta t$ . We could get a rough estimate of the impulse by assuming that the average force is approximately equal to half of the peak value  $(\overline{F} \sim -\frac{1}{8}a\Delta t^2)$ . Multiplying by the time the force is applied gives:  $J \sim -\frac{1}{8}a\Delta t^3$ , which isn't too far off from the precise result above.

63. INTERPRET This two-dimensional problem asks for the speed of one of two vehicles just before its totally inelastic collision with the second vehicle. Given the road condition (i.e., the coefficient of kinetic friction), we want to show that the speed of one of the cars exceeded 25 km/h. Energy is not conserved in this process, but momentum is. Furthermore, because work is done by friction, this problem involves the work-energy theorem.

DEVELOP If the wreckage skidded on a horizontal road, the work-energy theorem requires that the work done by friction be equal to the change of the kinetic energy of both cars.  $W_{nc} = \Delta K$  (see Equation 7.5). Because  $W_{nc} = -f_k x = -\mu_k nx = -\mu_k (m_1 + m_2) gx$ , and  $\Delta K = K_f - K_i = 0 - \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v^2$ , where v is the speed of the wreckage immediately after collision, we are led to

$$\mu_{k}gx = \frac{1}{2}v^{2}$$

Therefore, the speed of the wreckage just after the collision is  $v = \pm \sqrt{2\mu_k gx}$ . Next, momentum conservation requires that the initial and final momentum are the same, so

$$\begin{split} m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 &= \left( m_1 + m_2 \right) \vec{v} \\ \vec{v} &= \frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2} \end{split}$$

where  $\vec{v}$  is the initial velocity of the wreckage. To find the change in kinetic energy, we need to calculate the scalar product  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}$ :

$$v^{2} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} = \left(\frac{m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{m_{1}^{2}v_{1}^{2} + m_{2}^{2}v_{2}^{2}}{\left(m_{1} + m_{2}\right)^{2}} + \frac{2m_{1}m_{2}\vec{v}_{1}\cdot\vec{v}_{2}}{\left(m_{1} + m_{2}\right)^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{m_{1}^{2}v_{1}^{2} + m_{2}^{2}v_{2}^{2}}{\left(m_{1} + m_{2}\right)^{2}}$$

where we have used the fact that the scalar product  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$  because the initial velocities are perpendicular to each other. In the next step, we insert the maximum speed for one car to find the minimum speed for the other car.

EVALUATE Inserting  $v = \pm \sqrt{2\mu_k gx}$  into the above expression for the initial velocity of the wreckage leads to

$$v^{2} = \frac{m_{1}^{2}v_{1}^{2} + m_{2}^{2}v_{2}^{2}}{\left(m_{1} + m_{2}\right)^{2}} = 2\mu_{k}gx$$

Solving for  $v_1$  gives

$$v_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_k gx(m_1 + m_2)^2 - m_2^2 v_2^2}{m_1^2}}$$

where we have taken the positive square root. Consider now the following situations:

Let subscript 1 correspond to the Toyota 2 to the Buick. If the speed of the Buick is  $v_2 = 25$  km/h = 6.94 m/s, then the speed of the Toyota would be

$$v_{1} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_{k}gx(m_{1} + m_{2})^{2} - m_{2}^{2}v_{2}^{2}}{m_{1}^{2}}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2(0.91)(9.8 \text{ m/s}^{2})(22 \text{ m})(1200 \text{ kg} + 2200 \text{ kg})^{2} - (2200 \text{ kg})^{2}(6.94 \text{ m/s})^{2}}{(1200 \text{ kg})^{2}}}$$

$$= 55 \text{ m/s} = 200 \text{ km/h}$$

Thus, we conclude that the speed of the Toyota exceeded 25 km/h.

(2) Here, we reverse the assignment of the subscripts 1 and 2. If the speed of the Toyota is  $v_2 = 25$  km/h = 6.94 m/s, then the speed of the Buick would be

$$v_{1} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_{k}gx(m_{1} + m_{2})^{2} - m_{2}^{2}v_{2}^{2}}{m_{1}^{2}}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2(0.91)(9.8 \text{ m/s}^{2})(22 \text{ m})(2200 \text{ kg} + 1200 \text{ kg})^{2} - (1200 \text{ kg})^{2}(6.94 \text{ m/s})^{2}}{(2200 \text{ kg})^{2}}}$$

$$= 30 \text{ m/s} = 110 \text{ km/h}$$

Thus, we conclude that the speed of the Buick exceeded 25 km/h.

From the analysis above, we conclude that if one car is going at 25 km/h, then the other one must have been speeding, so at least one car must have been speeding.

ASSESS If we knew the direction of the wreckage velocity, we could easily find the car that was speeding.

**64. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional problem considers an explosion on a horizontal frictionless surface, so momentum is conserved because there are no horizontal forces acting on the popcorn. Kinetic energy is not conserved because the explosion does work on the popcorn fragments, so the work-energy theorem tells us that the kinetic energy must change (see Equation 7.5).

**DEVELOP** By conservation of momentum, we can equate the initial and final momenta, which gives

$$2mv_0 = mv_1 + mv_2 = m(v_1 + v_2)$$

$$2v_0 = v_1 + v_2$$

$$v_2 = 2v_0$$

where m = 200 g, and we have arbitrarily chosen fragment 1 to be the one with zero velocity after the explosion. Knowing the initial and final speeds, we can find the initial and final kinetic energies and so calculate the change in kinetic energy  $\Delta K = K_f - K_i$ :

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} (2m) v_0^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 \right)$$
$$\Delta K = m v_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2$$

**EVALUATE** Inserting the  $v_2 = 2v_0$  into the expression for  $\Delta K$  and evaluating the result gives

$$\Delta K = mv_0^2 - \frac{1}{2}m(2v_0)^2 = -mv_0^2 = -(200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg})(0.082 \text{ m/s})^2 = -1.3 \,\mu\text{J}$$

**ASSESS** We find that the kinetic energy of the system decreases, as expected, because the explosion does work on the system by pushing the fragments apart, and the work-energy theorem tells us that this work must come at the expense of the system's kinetic energy.

**65. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional problem involves a totally inelastic collision, so momentum is conserved but kinetic energy is not conserved. We can use conservation of momentum to find the angle between the initial velocities before a the collision.

**DEVELOP** The collision between the two masses is totally inelastic. Conservation of momentum tells us that

$$\begin{split} m_{\rm l} \vec{v}_{\rm l} + m_{\rm 2} \vec{v}_{\rm 2} &= \left( m_{\rm l} + m_{\rm 2} \right) \vec{v}_{\rm f} \\ \vec{v}_{\rm f} &= \frac{m_{\rm l} \vec{v}_{\rm l} + m_{\rm 2} \vec{v}_{\rm 2}}{m_{\rm l} + m_{\rm 2}} \end{split}$$

We known the magnitude of all the velocities involved, but not their relative orientation. We can find this by taking the scalar product of the final velocity with itself:

$$\vec{v}_{\mathrm{f}} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mathrm{f}} = v_{\mathrm{f}}^{2} = \left(\frac{m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}}\right) = \frac{m_{1}^{2}v_{1}^{2} + m_{2}^{2}v_{2}^{2} + 2m_{1}m_{2}\vec{v}_{1} \cdot \vec{v}_{2}}{\left(m_{1} + m_{2}\right)^{2}}$$

Using the definition of a scalar product,  $\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = v_1 v_2 \cos \theta$ , the angle between  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  can be found.

**EVALUATE** With  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  and  $v_1 = v_2 = v = 2v_t$ , the above equation can be simplified to

$$\frac{v^2}{4} = \frac{m^2v^2 + m^2v^2 + 2m^2v^2\cos\theta}{4m^2} = \frac{1}{2}v^2(1 + \cos\theta)$$

Therefore, the angle between the two initial velocities is

$$\theta = ac os \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) = 120^{\circ}$$

ASSESS To see that the result makes sense, suppose  $\vec{v}_1$  makes an angle  $-60^{\circ}$  with +x and  $\vec{v}_2$  makes an angle  $+60^{\circ}$  with +x. The y component of the total momentum cancels. But for the x component, we have

$$mv\cos(-60^\circ) + mv\cos(60^\circ) = (m+m)v_f$$

Solving for  $v_f$ , we get  $v_f = v/2$ , which confirms the result obtained above.

**66. INTERPRET** This is a one-dimensional problem that involves an elastic collision between two particles, so conservation of momentum and of total mechanical energy apply. We can use these principles to find the mass and final velocity of the non-proton particle.

**DEVELOP** Because this is an elastic collision in one-dimension, we can apply Equation 9.15a and 9.15b to find the mass and velocity of the second particle. For this problem, the pre-collision velocities are  $v_{1i} = 6.90$  Mm/s and  $v_{2i} = -2.80$  Mm/s, and the post-collision velocity of the proton is  $v_{1f} = -8.62$  Mm/s. The known mass is  $m_1 = 1$  u. We can solve Equation 9.15a for the m2, which gives

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

We can then insert the result of this calculation into Equation 9.15b to find  $v_{2r}$ .

EVALUATE Inserting the given quantities into the expression above for the mass of the unknown particle gives

$$m_2 = \left[ \frac{6.90 \text{ Mm/s} - (-8.62 \text{ Mm/s})}{-8.62 \text{ Mm/s} + 6.90 \text{ Mm/s} - 2(-2.80 \text{ Mm/s})} \right] (1 \text{ u}) = 4 \text{ u}$$

Inserting this result into Equation 9.15b gives

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2}{5}v_{1i} + \frac{3}{5}v_{2i} = \frac{2}{5}(6.90 \text{ Mm/s}) + \frac{3}{5}(-2.80 \text{ Mm/s}) = 1.08 \text{ Mm/s}$$

**Assess** Because the second particle is more massive, the proton gains momentum in the collision. The alpha particle, however, loses momentum.

**67. INTERPRET** The one-dimensional collision in this problem is elastic, so both momentum and energy are conserved. We are asked to find the ratio of the two masses if the one that is initially at rest acquires, after the collision, half of the kinetic energy that the other had before the collision.

**DEVELOP** Momentum is conserved in this process. In this one-dimensional case, we may write

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$

Since the collision is completely elastic, energy is conserved:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2i}^{=0} = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2f}^2$$

Using the two conservation equations, the final speeds of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are (see Equations 9.15a and 9.15b):

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i} \text{ and } v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{2i}$$

Given that  $v_{2i} = 0$ , the above expressions may be simplified to

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i}$$
  $v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i}$ 

Now, if half of the kinetic energy of the first object is transferred to the second, then

$$K_{2f} = \frac{1}{2}K_{1i} \implies \frac{1}{2}m_2\left(\frac{2m_1v_{1i}}{m_1 + m_2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}m_1v_{1i}^2$$

**EVALUATE** The above equation can be further simplified to

$$8m_1m_2 = (m_1 + m_2)^2 \rightarrow 8\left(\frac{m_1}{m_2}\right) = \left(\frac{m_1}{m_2} + 1\right)^2$$

The resulting quadratic equation,  $m_1^2 - 6m_1m_2 + m_2^2 = 0$  has two solutions:

$$m_1 = (3 \pm \sqrt{8}) m_2 = \begin{cases} 5.83 m_2 \\ (5.83)^{-1} m_2 \end{cases}$$

Because the quadratic equation is symmetric in  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , one solution equals the other with  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  interchanged. Thus, one object is 5.83 times more massive than the other.

ASSESS To check that our answer is correct, let's calculate the kinetic energy of the particles after the collision. Using  $m_1 = 5.83m_2$ , we find

$$K_{2f} = \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left( \frac{2m_1 v_{1i}}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{m_1}{5.83} \left( \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_1/5.83} \right)^2 v_{1i}^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1}{5.83} \left( \frac{2}{1 + 1/5.83} \right)^2 v_{1i}^2 = \frac{1}{4} m_1 v_{1i}^2 = \frac{1}{2} K_{1i}$$

as expected.

**68. INTERPRET** This is a one-dimensional, three-body problem that involves elastic collisions, so both conservation of momentum and energy apply. We need to find the final velocity of each block after the collisions.

**DEVELOP** We can analyze separately the two collisions in this problem, and apply Equations 9.15 to each collision. For the first collision, between blocks A and B, we find (with  $v_{sf} \equiv v$ )

$$v_{Af} = \frac{m_{A} - m_{B}}{m_{A} + m_{B}} v_{Ai} + \frac{2m_{B}}{m_{A} + m_{B}} v_{Bi} = \frac{m_{A} - m_{B}}{m_{A} + m_{B}} v_{Ai}$$

$$v_{\text{Bf,int}} = \frac{m_{\text{B}} - m_{\text{A}}}{m_{\text{A}} + m_{\text{B}}} \stackrel{=0}{v_{\text{Bi}}} + \frac{2m_{\text{A}}}{m_{\text{A}} + m_{\text{B}}} v_{\text{Ai}} = \frac{2m_{\text{A}}}{m_{\text{A}} + m_{\text{B}}} v_{\text{Ai}}$$

where  $v_{\text{Bf,int}}$  is the intermediate final velocity of block B. Block B then proceeds to collide with block C, and the final velocities from that collision are

$$v_{\rm Bf} = \frac{m_B - m_{\rm C}}{m_{\rm R} + m_{\rm C}} v_{\rm Bf,int} + \frac{2m_{\rm C}}{m_{\rm R} + m_{\rm C}} v_{\rm Ci}^{=0} = \frac{m_B - m_{\rm C}}{m_{\rm R} + m_{\rm C}} v_{\rm Bf,int}$$

$$v_{\text{Cf}} = \frac{m_{\text{C}} - m_{\text{B}}}{m_{\text{C}} + m_{\text{B}}} \stackrel{=0}{v_{\text{Ci}}} + \frac{2m_{\text{B}}}{m_{\text{A}} + m_{\text{B}}} v_{\text{Bf,int}} = \frac{2m_{\text{B}}}{m_{\text{A}} + m_{\text{B}}} v_{\text{Bf,int}}$$

**EVALUATE** Inserting the masses of the blocks  $m_A = m$ ,  $m_B = 2m$ , and  $m_C = m$ , and recalling that  $v_{Af} \equiv v$ , we find

$$v_{\rm Af} = \frac{m - 2m}{m + 2m} v_{\rm Ai} = -\frac{1}{3} v$$

$$v_{\text{Bf,int}} = \frac{2m}{m+2m} v_{\text{Ai}} = \frac{2}{3}v$$

$$v_{\text{Bf}} = \frac{2m - m}{2m + m} v_{\text{Bf,int}} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) v_{\text{Ai}} = \frac{2}{9} v$$

$$v_{\rm Cf} = \frac{2m_{\rm B}}{m_{\rm A} + m_{\rm B}} v_{\rm Bf,int} = \frac{4m}{m + 2m} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) v_{\rm Ai} = \frac{8}{9} v$$

ASSESS We can verify that momentum is conserved in this process:

$$mv_{Ai} = \left(-\frac{1}{3}mv_{Ai} + \frac{2}{9}(2mv_{Ai}) + \frac{8}{9}mv_{Ai}\right) = mv_{Ai}\left(-\frac{3}{9} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{9}\right) = mv_{Ai}$$

**69. INTERPRET** We are asked to derive Equation 9.15b which we can do using conservation of momentum. In addition, since Equation 9.15b describes an elastic collision, conservation of kinetic energy also applies. **DEVELOP** Use conservation of momentum,

$$m_1 \vec{v}_{1i} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2i} = m_1 \vec{v}_{1f} + m_2 \vec{v}_{2f}$$
.

Because this is an elastic collision, kinetic energy is also conserved, so

$$\frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2i}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2f}^2.$$

Use these two equations to solve for  $v_{2f}$ . Much of this problem is done already in Equations 9.12a through 9.14. **EVALUATE** First solve Equation 9.14 for  $v_{1f}$  to get  $v_{1f} = v_{2f} + v_{2i} - v_{1i}$ . When we substitute this result into Equation 9.12, using the sign of v to denote the direction, we obtain  $m_1v_{1i} + m_2v_{2i} = m_1(v_{2f} + v_{2i} - v_{1i}) + m_2v_{2f}$ . Solving this for  $v_{2f}$  gives

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

**Assess** Our result agrees with Equation 9.15b, as expected.

**70. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional, two-body problem involves conservation of momentum and energy because the collision is elastic. We are to show that a collision that is not head-on will result in the final velocities being perpendicular.

**DEVELOP** With one of the bodies initially at rest, conservation of energy gives

$$\vec{p}_{1i} = \vec{p}_{1f} + \vec{p}_{2f}$$

and conservation of energy gives [using  $K = p^2/(2m)$ ]

$$p_{1i}^{2}/2m_{1} = p_{1f}^{2}/2m_{1} + p_{2f}^{2}/2m_{2}$$
$$p_{1i}^{2} = p_{1f}^{2} + p_{2f}^{2}$$

where the second line uses the fact that the objects have equal mass. These two expressions for  $p_{li}^2$  can be equated to find the angle between the resulting momentum vectors.

**EVALUATE** Equating the two expressions above for  $p_{ij}^2$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} p_{1f}^2 + p_{2f}^2 &= |\vec{p}_{1f} + \vec{p}_{2f}|^2 \\ p_{1f}^2 + p_{2f}^2 &= p_{1f}^2 + 2\vec{p}_{1f} \cdot \vec{p}_{2f} + p_{2f}^2 \\ 0 &= 2\vec{p}_{1f} \cdot \vec{p}_{2f} \end{aligned}$$

Recalling that the scalar product is defined as  $\vec{p}_{1f} \cdot \vec{p}_{2f} = p_{1f} p_{2f} \cos \theta$ , we see that the angle  $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ , unless  $p_{1f} = 0$ , as for a head-on collision.

**Assess** You can verify this result on a pool table.

71. INTERPRET The two-dimensional problem involves an elastic collision between a proton and an initially stationary deuteron. Given the angle between their final velocities, we are to find the fraction of kinetic energy transferred from the proton to the deuteron in the process.

**DEVELOP** Using the coordinate system shown in the sketch below (the deuteron's recoil angle  $\theta_{2f}$  is negative), the components of the conservation of momentum equations for the elastic collision become

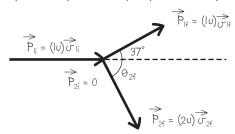
$$m_{\rm p}v_{\rm pi} = m_{\rm p}v_{\rm pf}\cos\theta_{\rm lf} + m_{\rm d}v_{\rm df}\cos\theta_{\rm df}$$
$$0 = m_{\rm p}v_{\rm pf}\sin\theta_{\rm pf} + m_{\rm d}v_{\rm df}\sin\theta_{\rm df}$$

In addition, conservation of energy gives us

$$\frac{1}{2}m_{\rm p}v_{\rm pi}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_{\rm p}v_{\rm pf}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_{\rm d}v_{\rm df}^2$$

so the fraction of initial kinetic energy transferred to the deuteron is

$$\frac{K_{\rm df}}{K_{\rm pi}} = 1 - \frac{K_{\rm pf}}{K_{\rm pi}} \rightarrow \frac{m_d}{m_p} \left(\frac{v_{\rm df}}{v_{\rm pi}}\right)^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{v_{\rm pf}}{v_{\rm pi}}\right)^2$$



**EVALUATE** With  $m_d = 2m_p$ , the conservation equations become

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{pi}} &= v_{\text{pf}} \cos \theta_{\text{pf}} + 2v_{\text{pf}} \cos \theta_{\text{pf}} \\ 0 &= v_{\text{pf}} \sin \theta_{\text{pf}} + 2v_{\text{df}} \sin \theta_{\text{df}} \\ v_{\text{pi}}^2 &= v_{\text{pf}}^2 + 2v_{\text{df}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

To find the final velocities, eliminate  $\theta_{rf}$  from the first and second equations and  $v_{rf}$  from the third to get

$$v_{\rm pi}^2 - 2v_{\rm pi}v_{\rm pf}\theta_{\rm pf} + v_{\rm pf}^2 = 4v_{\rm df}^2\left(\sin^2\theta_{\rm df} + \cos^2\theta_{\rm df}\right) = 4v_{\rm df}^2 = 2v_{\rm pi}^2 - 2v_{\rm pf}^2$$

This results in a quadratic equation for  $v_{\rm pf}$ :  $3v_{\rm pf}^2 - 2v_{\rm pi}v_{\rm pf}\cos\theta_{\rm pf} - v_{\rm pi}^2 = 0$ , with positive solution

$$v_{\rm pf} = \frac{1}{3} v_{\rm pi} \left( \cos \theta_{\rm pf} + \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_{\rm pf} + 3} \right) = 0.902 v_{\rm pi}$$

where we have used  $\theta_{\rm lf} = 37^{\circ}$ . From the kinetic energy equation, we have  $v_{\rm df} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(v_{\rm pi}^2 - v_{\rm pf}^2)} = 0.305v_{\rm pi}$ , and from the transverse momentum equation, we have

$$\theta_{\rm df} = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{-v_{\rm pf} \sin 37^{\circ}}{2v_{\rm df}} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{-\left(0.902v_{\rm pi}\right) \sin 37^{\circ}}{2\left(0.305v_{\rm pi}\right)} \right) = -62.7^{\circ}$$

From either  $v_{pf}$  or  $v_{df}$ , the fraction of transferred kinetic energy is found to be

$$\frac{K_{\rm df}}{K_{\rm pi}} = 1 - \frac{K_{\rm df}}{K_{\rm pi}} = 1 - \left(\frac{v_{\rm pf}}{v_{\rm pi}}\right)^2 = 1 - \left(0.902\right)^2 = 18.6\%$$

ASSESS The fraction of energy transfer can also be obtained as

$$\frac{K_{\rm df}}{K_{\rm pi}} = \frac{m_{\rm d}}{m_{\rm p}} \left(\frac{v_{\rm df}}{v_{\rm pi}}\right)^2 = 2(0.305)^2 = 0.186 = 18.6\%$$

Here, one does not need both final velocities to answer this question, but a more complete analysis of this collision, including the deuteron recoil angle, is instructive.

**72. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional problem involves a three-body, totally elastic collision. We can therefore apply conservation of total linear momentum and conservation of energy to find the velocities of the three balls after the collision.

**DEVELOP** Because the balls are the same size, the direction of the impact force is at  $\pm 30^{\circ}$  with respect to the horizontal (see figure below). By symmetry, balls B and C receive the same impulse, so their horizontal velocity

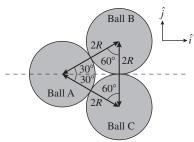
components and the magnitude of their velocities must be equivalent. Thus,  $v_C = v_B$  and  $\vec{v}_C = v_{B,x}\hat{i} - v_{B,y}\hat{j}$ . Applying conservation of momentum in the  $\hat{i}$  direction therefore gives

$$mv_0 = mv_A + mv_B \cos(30^\circ) + mv_C \cos(30^\circ)$$
  
 $v_0 = v_A + v_B \sqrt{3}$ 

Applying conservation of energy and using the result from conservation of momentum and the result that  $v_C = v_B$  gives

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_C^2$$
$$v_0^2 = v_A^2 + 2v_B^2$$
$$v_0^2 = v_A^2 + 2\left(\frac{v_0 - v_A}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2$$

which we can solve for  $v_A$ . Once we know  $v_A$ , we can use the expression above from conservation of momentum to find  $v_B$  (and  $v_C$ ).



**EVALUATE** Solving the expression above for  $v_A$  gives

$$v_0^2 - v_A^2 = \frac{2}{3} (v_0 - v_A)^2$$

$$(v_0 - v_A) (v_0 + v_A) = \frac{2}{3} (v_0 - v_A)^2$$

$$v_A = -\frac{v_0}{5}$$

Because vA has only a horizontal component, we have  $\vec{v} = (v_0/5)\hat{i}$ . Using the result for vA to find vB gives

$$v_0^2 = \frac{v_0^2}{25} + 2v_B^2$$
$$v_B = \pm \frac{2v_0}{5} \sqrt{3}$$

so in component form we have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{\mathrm{B}} &= \left(v_{\mathrm{B}} \cos \theta\right) \hat{i} + \left(v_{\mathrm{B}} \sin \theta\right) \hat{j} \\ &= \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5} v_{0} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5} v_{0} \frac{1}{2}\right) \hat{j} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{5} v_{0}\right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5} v_{0}\right) \hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

From the symmetry arguments above, we now have

$$\vec{v}_{\rm C} = \left(\frac{3}{5}v_0\right)\hat{i} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}v_0\right)\hat{j}$$

ASSESS We can check that momentum and energy are conserved. For momentum, we have

$$\begin{split} m\vec{v}_0 &= m\vec{v}_{\rm A} + m\vec{v}_{\rm B} + m\vec{v}_{\rm C} \\ v_0\hat{i} &= -\frac{1}{5}v_0\hat{i} + \frac{3}{5}v_0\hat{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}v_0\hat{j} + \frac{3}{5}v_0\hat{i} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5}v_0\hat{j} \\ &= v_0\hat{i} \end{split}$$

and for energy, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_C^2$$

$$v_0^2 = \frac{v_0^2}{25} + \left(\frac{9}{25} + \frac{3}{25}\right)v_0^2 + \left(\frac{9}{25} + \frac{3}{25}\right)v_0^2$$

$$= v_0^2$$

73. INTERPRET This problem asks us to find an expression for the impulse imparted by a time-varying force.

DEVELOP The impulse of a variable force requires integration (Equation 9.10b):  $\vec{J} = \int \vec{F}(t) dt$ . In this case, we'll need to use  $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x$ .

**EVALUATE** The force and the impulse are one-dimensional, so we will neglect the vector formalism. Evaluating the integral over the given time interval:

$$J = \int_0^{\pi/a} F_0 \sin at \, dt = \frac{F_0}{a} \cos at \bigg|_0^{\pi/a} = \frac{F_0}{a} [\cos \pi - \cos 0] = \frac{2F_0}{a}$$

Notice that the argument of the sine and cosine functions is not degrees but radians, so  $\cos \pi = -1$ .

**Assess** The units are  $N \cdot s$ , as they should be for the impulse.

**74. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional two-body problem involves an inelastic collision, so we can apply conservation of linear momentum, but not conservation of energy. We can apply conservation of momentum to find the velocity of the ozone.

**DEVELOP** For this totally inelastic collision, momentum conservation gives

$$m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_f$$
$$\vec{v}_f = \frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

The velocities of the oxygen molecule (denoted with subscript 1) and oxygen atom (subscript 2) are

$$\vec{v}_1 = (580 \text{ m/s})\hat{i}$$
  
 $\vec{v}_2 = (870 \text{ m/s}) \left[\cos(27^\circ)\hat{i} + \sin(27^\circ)\hat{j}\right] = (775 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (395 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}$ 

**EVALUATE** Substituting the above expressions for  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  into the first equation, we obtain

$$\vec{v}_{f} = \frac{m_{1}\vec{v}_{1} + m_{2}\vec{v}_{2}}{m_{1} + m_{2}} = \frac{(32 \text{ u})\vec{v}_{1} + (16 \text{ u})\vec{v}_{2}}{32 \text{ u} + 16 \text{ u}} = \frac{2}{3}\vec{v}_{1} + \frac{1}{3}\vec{v}_{2}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}(580 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\Big[(775 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (395 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}\Big]$$

$$= (645 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (132 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}$$

ASSESS The magnitude and direction of  $\vec{v}_f$  are v = 658 m/s and  $\theta_x = 11.5^\circ$ . The result is reasonable since we expect the angle to be between 0 and 27°.

**75. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional two-body problem involves an inelastic collision so we can apply conservation of momentum but not conservation of energy. We will also need to apply some kinematics to find the maximum height and the speed with which the combination hit the ground.

**DEVELOP** By conservation of momentum, we can equate the momentum of the two-body system before and after the Frisbee-mud collision. This gives

$$m_{\rm m}v_{\rm i}=\left(m_{\rm F}+m_{\rm m}\right)v_{\rm f}$$

Using Equation 2.11, we find the velocity  $v_{mi}$  with which the mud hits the Frisbee to be

$$v_{\text{m,i}} = \sqrt{v_{\text{m,0}}^2 - 2g(y - y_0)} = \sqrt{(17.7 \text{ m/s})^2 - 2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(7.65 \text{ m} - 1.23 \text{ m})} = 13.69 \text{ m/s}$$

Therefore, the initial velocity of the mud-Frisbee combination is

$$v_{\rm f} = \frac{m_{\rm m} v_{\rm i}}{m_{\rm F} + m_{\rm m}} = \frac{(0.240 \text{ kg})(13.7 \text{ m/s})}{0.240 \text{ kg} + 0.114 \text{ kg}} = 9.288 \text{ m/s}$$

upward. Use this result in the kinematic Equation 2.11 to find the maximum height and the speed upon hitting the ground for the mud-Frisbee combination.

**EVALUATE** (a) The maximum height reached is

$$y = y_0 + \frac{v^2 - v_f^2}{-2g} = 7.65 \text{ m} - \frac{(0.00 \text{ m/s})^2 - (9.28 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 8.10 \text{ m}$$

(b) An object falling from this height, unimpeded by air resistance or other obstacles, would attain a speed of

$$v = \pm \sqrt{2gy} = -\sqrt{2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(8.10 \text{ m})} = -12.6 \text{ m/s}$$

when it reaches the ground (where we have retained the negative sign to indicate the velocity is downward).

ASSESS Notice that we retained extra significant figures for the intermediate results.

**76. INTERPRET** This one-dimensional two-body problem involves an elastic collision and kinematics. We can apply conservation of energy and momentum to find the height the small ball rebounds after being dropped together with a larger ball and rebounding from the ground.

**DEVELOP** The balls reach the ground, after a vertical fall through a height h, with speed  $v_0 = \sqrt{2gh}$  (see Equation 2.11). Assume that they undergo an elastic head-on collision, with the large ball M rebounding from the ground with initial velocity  $v_{2i} = v_0$  (positive upward), and the small ball still falling downward with initial velocity  $v_{1i} = -v_0$ . Equation 9.15a gives the final velocity of the small ball as

$$v_f = \left(\frac{m-M}{m+M}\right)\left(-v_0\right) + \left(\frac{2M}{m+M}\right)v_0 = \left(\frac{3M-m}{m+M}\right)v_0 \approx 3v_0$$

since  $M \gg m$ . Once  $v_f$  is known, the height it rebounds can be readily calculated by using energy conservation (or kinematic Equation 2.11).

**EVALUATE** Conservation of total mechanical energy requires that  $mv_f^2/2 = mgh_f$ , so

$$h_{\rm f} = \frac{v_{\rm f}^2}{2g} = \frac{\left(3v_0\right)^2}{2g} = 9\frac{v_0^2}{2g} = 9h$$

or about nine times the original height.

**Assess** This demonstration, sometimes called a Minski cannon, is striking. Try it with a new tennis ball and properly inflated basketball.

77. INTERPRET This one-dimensional, two-body problem involves a collision that is neither elastic nor inelastic, so we can apply conservation of momentum. Given that we are told the amount of kinetic energy that is lost in the collision, we can apply conservation of energy as well. We can use these principles to find the velocity of the wreckage.

**DEVELOP** Let the initial velocity car 1 be v, and that of cars after the wreckage be  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Conservation of momentum requires that

$$mv = mv_1 + mv_2$$
$$v = v_1 + v_2$$

and conservation of energy gives

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 + \frac{5}{18}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_1^2\right)$$
$$\frac{13}{18}v^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

Solve these two equations for the final velocities.

**EVALUATE** Solving the expression from conservation of energy for  $v_{1,f}$  gives

$$v_1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{18}v^2 - v_2^2}$$

Taking the positive square root (the negative solution simply corresponds to the cars moving in the opposite direction) and using the result from conservation of momentum eliminate  $v_{2f}$  gives

$$v_{1} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{18}v^{2} - (v - v_{1})^{2}}$$

$$v_{1}^{2} = \frac{13}{18}v^{2} - (v^{2} - 2vv_{1} + v_{1}^{2})$$

$$v_{1}^{2} + 2vv_{1} + \frac{5}{18}v^{2} = 0$$

$$2\left(v_{1} - \frac{1}{6}v\right)\left(v_{1} - \frac{5}{6}v\right) = 0$$

which has the solutions  $v_1 = 5v/6$  or v/6. Because  $v_1 < v_2$  (because car 1 is behind car 2 after the wreck), we chose  $v_1 = v/6$ , which leads to  $v_2 = 5v/6$ .

**ASSESS** We can easily verify that conservation of momentum and energy (including the converted kinetic energy) is respected with this solution.

**78. INTERPRET** This problem involves kinematics, conservation of momentum, and conservation of energy. A small block slides down a frictionless incline and collides on a horizontal frictionless surface with a second, larger block in an elastic collision. The smaller block rebounds and travels back up the incline a certain distance, then slides down the incline and catches up to the larger block for a second collision. We are asked to calculate the time that elapses before the two blocks collide for the second time.

**DEVELOP** From conservation of energy, and assuming a smooth transition from incline to horizontal surface, the small block has speed  $v_{1i} = \sqrt{2gh}$  when the first collision occurs. Use Equation 9.15a, with  $m_2 = 4m_1$  and  $v_{2i} = 0$  to find the speeds of the blocks immediately after the first collision (at t = 0):

$$v_{1f} = \left(\frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right) v_{1i} = \left(\frac{1 - 4}{1 + 4}\right) v_{1i} = -\frac{3}{5} v_{1i}$$

$$v_{2f} = \left(\frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2}\right) v_{1i} = \frac{2}{5} v_{1i}$$

The larger block moves with constant speed of  $v_{2f} = 2v_{1i}/5$  to the right; its position, relative to the bottom of the incline, is

$$x_{2,f}(t) = x_{2,i} + v_{2f}t = 1.4 \text{ m} + \frac{2}{5}v_{1,i}t$$

The smaller block takes time  $t_1 = (1.4 \text{ m})(3v_{1,i}/5)^{-1}$  to get back to the incline, and  $t_2 = 2(3v_0/5)a^{-1}$  to go up and down the incline, where  $a = g \sin(30^\circ) = g/2$ . (Use Equation 2.7, with initial speed  $-3v_{1,i}/5$  up the incline and final speed  $-3v_{1,i}/5$  down the incline, to calculate t2.) The small block then proceeds with constant speed in pursuit of the larger block, its position being

$$x_{1,f}(t) = \frac{3}{5}v_{1,i}(t - t_1 - t_2)$$
 for  $t \ge t_1 + t_2$ 

The blocks collide for the second time when  $x_1(t) = x_2(t)$ .

**EVALUATE** The condition  $x_1(t) = x_2(t)$  implies

$$\frac{3}{5}v_{1,i}(t-t_1-t_2) = 1.4 \text{ m} + \frac{2}{5}v_{1,i}t$$

Solving for t, we find

$$t = \frac{5\left[1.4 \text{ m} + \left(3v_{1,i}/5\right)\left(t_1 + t_2\right)\right]}{v_{1,i}} = (7 \text{ m})/v_{1,i} + 3\left(t_1 + t_2\right)$$

Numerically, we have  $v_0 = \sqrt{2 \left(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2\right) \left(0.25 \text{ m}\right)} = 2.21 \text{ m/s}$  , which gives

$$t_1 = \frac{1.4 \text{ m}}{3(2.21 \text{ m/s})/5} = 1.05 \text{ s}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{6v_{1,i}}{5a} = \frac{12v_{1,i}}{5g} = \frac{12(2.21 \text{ m/s})}{5(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 0.542 \text{ s}$$

$$t = (7 \text{ m})/(2.21 \text{ m/s}) + 3(1.05 \text{ s} + 0.542 \text{ s}) = 7.95 \text{ s}$$

**ASSESS** This problem is rather involved. However, the validity of our result can be checked by substituting the numerical values for  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  back to the equations in the intermediate steps.

**79. INTERPRET** This two-dimensional two-body problem involves an inelastic collision. In the vertical direction, the motion is governed by the force of gravity, and in the horizontal direction, we can use conservation of momentum to find the horizontal velocity of the combined bodies after the collision. We will need to use kinematic equations to find the velocities and positions at the various points along the trajectories.

**DEVELOP** The peak of the projectile 1 is at half its range, which is given by Equation 3.15. Thus, the two projectiles collide at a horizontal position, measured from the launch point of projectile 1, of

$$x = \frac{1}{2g} v_0^2 \sin(2\theta) = \frac{(380 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)} \sin(110^\circ) = 6.92 \text{ km}$$

Just before the collision, the horizontal velocity of projectile 1 is  $v_{1,x} = v_1 \cos \theta = (380 \text{ m/s}) \cos (55^\circ) = 218 \text{ m/s}$ . From conservation of linear momentum, we know that the horizontal velocity of the combined projectile is

$$m_1 v_{1,x} + m_2 v_{2,x} = (m_1 + m_2) v_x$$
  
 $m_2 = m_1 \frac{v_x - v_{1,x}}{v_{2,x} - v_x}$ 

We also know that the combined projectile travels to 9.6 km from the launch point before hitting the ground, so

$$x = x_0 + v_x t$$
  
 $v_x = \frac{x - x_0}{t} = \frac{9.6 \text{ km} - 6.92 \text{ km}}{t}$ 

Finally, we can find t and thus solve for m2 using the kinematic Equation 2.7 ( $v = v_0 + at$ , with a = -g and v = 0). This gives

$$0 = v_0 - gt$$
$$t = \frac{v_0}{g}$$

**EVALUATE** Evaluating the expression for  $v_x$  gives

$$v_x = \frac{9.6 \text{ km} - 6.92 \text{ km}}{v_0} g = \frac{(9.6 \text{ km} - 6.92 \text{ km})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)}{380 \text{ m/s}} = 84.3 \text{ m/s}$$

Inserting this result into the expression for m, gives

$$m_2 = m_1 \frac{v_x - v_{1,x}}{v_{2,x} - v_x} = (14 \text{ kg}) \frac{84.3 \text{ m/s} - 218 \text{ m/s}}{-140 \text{ m/s} - 84.3 \text{ m/s}} = 8.3 \text{ kg}$$

ASSESS The time required for the two to fall to the ground is  $t = v_0/g = (380 \text{ m/s})/(9.8 \text{ m/s}) = 31.8 \text{ s}$ . We find that  $m_2 < m_1$ , which makes sense because the combined projectile continues to travel in the direction at which m1 was initially traveling.

**80. INTERPRET** We are told the force that brings a car to rest in a collision. From this we will calculate the impulse and the average force.

**DEVELOP** The force exerted by the barrier wall on the car is one-dimensional, so the impulse of the collision is  $J = \int F(t) dt$ , where the integral evaluated over the collision duration,  $\Delta t$ . Once we have the impulse, the average force is simply  $\overline{F} = J/\Delta t$ , from Equation 9.10a. And finally, the mass can be found through Newton's second law (m = F/a), with the acceleration determined from the car's initial speed.

**EVALUATE** (a) Evaluating the integral over the given time interval:

$$J = \int_0^{\Delta t} at^4 + bt^3 + ct^2 + dt dt = \frac{1}{5} a \Delta t^5 + \frac{1}{4} b \Delta t^4 + \frac{1}{3} c \Delta t^3 + \frac{1}{2} d \Delta t^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{-8.86 \frac{GN}{s^4}}{5}\right) (0.2s)^5 + \left(\frac{3.27 \frac{GN}{s^3}}{4}\right) (0.2s)^4 + \left(\frac{-362 \frac{MN}{s^2}}{3}\right) (0.2s)^3 + \left(\frac{12.5 \frac{MN}{s}}{2}\right) (0.2s)^2 = 25.6 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{s}$$

(b) As argued above, the average force is just the impulse divided by the time interval:

$$\overline{F} = \frac{J}{\Delta t} = \frac{25.6 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{s}}{0.2 \text{ s}} = 128 \text{ kN}$$

(c) We're told the car was originally travelling at 50 km/h before coming to a rest in 200 ms, so the magnitude of the average acceleration is

$$\overline{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{50 \text{ km/h}}{0.2 \text{ s}} \left( \frac{1 \text{ m/s}}{3.6 \text{ km/h}} \right) = 69 \text{ m/s}^2$$

From this, the mass must be

$$m = \frac{\overline{F}}{\overline{a}} = \frac{128 \text{ kN}}{69 \text{ m/s}^2} = 1900 \text{ kg}$$

Assess Car's vary in mass from about 1000 to 2000 kg, so the answer fits. The average acceleration is equal to about 7g, which sounds about right for such a collision.

**81. INTERPRET** We are asked to find the peak in the force for the collision in the previous problem.

**DEVELOP** Let's simplify the force equation slightly by substituting in  $x = t/\Delta t$ :

$$F(x) = (-14.2x^4 + 26.2x^3 - 14.5x^2 + 2.50x)$$
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This function equals zero at x = 0 and x = 1, which corresponds to the beginning and end of the car's collision with the barrier. The force is positive between these two points, so there is a peak in the force somewhere between x = 0 and x = 1, just as we'd expect.

EVALUATE At the peak, the derivative should be zero:

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = -56.8x^3 + 78.6x^2 - 29.0x + 2.50 = 0$$

where we have dropped the units for the time being. Dividing through by the  $x^3$ -coefficient gives a function we'll call f(x):

$$f(x) = x^3 - 1.38x^2 + 0.511x - 0.0440 = 0$$

Solving a cubic like this is rather involved, but we know that there is a root between x = 0 and x = 1, so we can use trial and error to find where the cubic crosses the x-axis. We first note that f(x) is negative at x = 0 and positive at x = 0. If we try x = 0.5, we get a negative result, so the crossing point must be to the right of x = 0.5. So we check and see that f(0.75) < 0, but f(0.85) > 0. Therefore the root is in between these points. This can be

done several times to hone in on x = 0.825, which is perhaps sufficiently accurate for our purposes. In terms of the original variables, the peak occurs approximately at t = 165 ms with a value of F = 327 kN.

Assess In the previous problem, the average force was found to be 128 kN. The peak value we found above is 2.5 times the average, which seems reasonable.

**82. INTERPRET** The problem is about finding the fraction of the initial kinetic energy transferred from one block to the second block in the course of a collision. The fraction is related to the mass ratio.

**DEVELOP** With  $v_{2i} = 0$ , Equations 9.15a and 9.15b become

$$v_{\rm lf} = \left(\frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right) v_{\rm li}$$
  $v_{\rm 2f} = \left(\frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2}\right) v_{\rm li}$ 

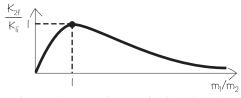
The fraction of the initial kinetic energy transferred to  $m_2$  is

$$\frac{K_{2f}}{K_{1i}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}m_2v_{2f}^2}{\frac{1}{2}m_1v_{1i}^2}$$

EVALUATE Substituting the expression for  $v_{lf}$  into the equation above, we obtain

$$\frac{K_{2f}}{K_{1i}} = \frac{m_2}{m_1} \left( \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 = \frac{4m_1 m_2}{\left( m_1 + m_2 \right)^2} = \frac{4\left( m_1/m_2 \right)}{\left( 1 + m_1/m_2 \right)^2}$$

We plot this ratio in the figure below.



ASSESS The fraction of energy transfer reaches a maximum of unity when the mass ratio equals one. This corresponds to Case 2 in Section 9.6 where  $m_1 = m_2$ . The first object stops completely and transfers all its energy to the second object, which moves on with the initial speed  $(v_{2f} = v_{1i})$ .

**83. INTERPRET** This problem is like the previous problem where we looked at the transfer of kinetic energy from a moving block to an initially stationary block. Here, we show that the fraction of energy transferred is independent of which block is the moving one and which is the stationary one.

**DEVELOP** We can use the result from the previous problem to write the fraction of the initial energy in the moving block that is transferred to the initially stationary block:

$$\frac{K_{\text{stat}}}{K_{\text{mov}}} = \frac{4(m_1/m_2)}{(1+m_1/m_2)^2}$$

where we assume in this case that the moving block has mass  $m_1$  and the stationary block has mass  $m_2$ . **EVALUATE** If instead  $m_1$  is the stationary block, and  $m_2$  is the moving block, then the fraction becomes

$$\frac{K_{\rm stat}}{K_{\rm mov}} = \frac{4\left(m_2/m_1\right)}{\left(1+m_2/m_1\right)^2} = \frac{4\left(m_2/m_1\right)}{\left(1+m_2/m_1\right)^2} \frac{\left(m_1/m_2\right)^2}{\left(m_1/m_2\right)^2} = \frac{4\left(m_1/m_2\right)}{\left(1+m_1/m_2\right)^2}$$

But this is the same as before, so the energy transfer is independent of which mass is initially stationary. ASSESS As an example of this independence, one can imagine a light block colliding with a heavy stationary block (like the ping pong ball and bowling ball collision in Section 9.6). After the collision, the heavy block barely moves, whereas the light block ricochets backward with essentially the same speed. In other words, very little energy is transferred  $(K_{\text{stat}}/K_{\text{mov}} \approx 0)$ . Then imagine the blocks switch places, with the light block initially at rest. In this case, the heavy block plows into the light block and knocks it forward. But the heavy block keeps moving with pretty much its initial speed, so again not much energy is transferred  $(K_{\text{stat}}/K_{\text{mov}} \approx 0)$ .

**84. INTERPRET** We are to find the center of mass of a semicircular wire with radius of curvature *R*. From Figure 9.6, we see that the wire is symmetric left-to-right, so the center of mass is along the centerline. We need to find the distance of the center of mass above the center of the semicircle. We would expect that it's somewhere over halfway up.

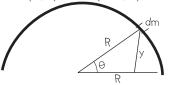
**DEVELOP** Use the coordinate system defined in the figure below. The equation for center of mass is (Equation 9.4)

$$\vec{r}_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int \vec{r} dm$$

Because the system is left-right symmetric, we need only the vertical component y of  $\vec{r}_{\rm cm}$ , so the equation for center of mass reduces to

$$y_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int y dm$$

The mass per unit length of the wire is  $\lambda = M(C/2)^{-1} = M(2\pi R/2)^{-1} = M/\pi R$ , so  $dm = \lambda R d\theta$  and  $y = R \sin \theta$ .



**EVALUATE** We integrate over the entire wire, from  $\theta = 0$  to  $\theta = \pi$ 

$$y_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{0}^{\pi} y dm = \frac{1}{M} \int_{0}^{\pi} R \sin \theta (\lambda R d\theta) = \frac{R^{2} \lambda}{M} \int_{0}^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta$$
$$= \frac{R^{2} \left(\frac{M}{\pi R}\right)}{M} \left(-\cos \theta\right)_{0}^{\pi} = \frac{2R}{\pi}$$
$$= 0.637R$$

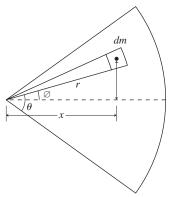
**ASSESS** This is a bit short of 2/3 of the way up, which is what we expected.

**85. INTERPRET** We find the center of mass of a slice of pizza with central angle  $\theta$  and radius R. We would expect that it's along the center of the slice, and closer to the crust than to the tip.

**DEVELOP** The equation for center of mass is  $\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int \vec{r} dm$ , which in two dimensions can be written out as:

$$\vec{r}_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) dm = \frac{1}{M} \int x dm \ \hat{i} + \frac{1}{M} \int y dm \ \hat{j} = x_{\rm cm} \hat{i} + y_{\rm cm} \hat{j}$$

We set up our coordinate system such that the slice is symmetric about the y axis, see the figure below. In this case,  $y_{\rm cm} = 0$ . As for  $x_{\rm cm}$ , we use  $x = r\cos\phi$  and integrate over r from 0 to R, and over  $\phi$  from  $-\theta/2$  to  $\theta/2$ , where the angles are in radians.



The infinitesimal mass element, dm, is equal to  $\mu dA = \mu r dr d\phi$ , where  $\mu$  is the mass per unit area. Since the slice is uniform, the density is constant:

$$\mu = \frac{M}{A} = \frac{M}{(\theta/2\pi)(\pi R^2)} = \frac{2M}{\theta R^2}$$

One can check these values by verifying that  $M = \int \mu dA$ .

**EVALUATE** Evaluating the integral for the x-component of the center of mass gives

$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\theta/2}^{\theta/2} \int_{0}^{R} (r\cos\phi) \left(\frac{2M}{\theta R^2}\right) r dr d\phi$$
$$= \frac{2}{\theta R^2} \left[\frac{1}{3}r^3\right]_{0}^{R} \left[\sin\phi\right]_{-\theta/2}^{\theta/2} = \frac{4R}{3\theta} \sin\left(\theta/2\right)$$

ASSESS We can check this answer by letting  $\theta = \pi/4$ , which corresponds to a 1/8<sup>th</sup> slice of pizza. In that case,  $x_{\rm cm} = 0.65R$ , which matches our original prediction that the center of mass will be closer to the outer crust than to the tip. If instead  $\theta = 2\pi$  (the full pizza), then the center of mass is at  $x_{\rm cm} = 0$ , as we would expect.

**86. INTERPRET** We use conservation of momentum and of energy to calculate the kinetic energy of a pellet that goes *through* a ballistic pendulum. The pellet has known initial kinetic energy, and we also know the final potential energy of the pendulum, so we can find the final kinetic energy of the pellet.

**DEVELOP** We find the initial speed of the pellet from its initial kinetic energy  $K_i = 3.25$  J and mass  $m = 052 \times 10^{-3}$  kg. We then work backward from the maximum potential energy of the pendulum to find the speed of the pendulum. Knowing this potential energy is U = Mgh, where the pendulum mass is M = 0.400 kg and the height is  $h = 5 \times 10^{-4}$  m, we can find the initial kinetic energy  $K = Mv_p^2/2$  of the pendulum. This gives us the speed of the pendulum just after the collision. Next, we use conservation of momentum at the collision with the pendulum to find the pellet's speed after the collision. Finally, we answer the question using  $K_f = mv_f^2/2$ .

**EVALUATE** The initial speed of the pellet is

$$K_{i} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{i}^{2}$$
$$v_{i} = \sqrt{\frac{2K_{i}}{m}}$$

The speed of the pendulum after the collision is found by

$$U = \mathcal{M}gh = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{M}v_{p}^{2}$$
$$v_{p} = \sqrt{2gh}$$

We use conservation of momentum at the collision to find the velocity of the exiting pellet:

$$mv_{i} = mv_{f} + Mv_{p}$$

$$m\sqrt{\frac{2K_{i}}{m}} = mv_{f} + M\sqrt{2gh}$$

$$v_{f} = \sqrt{\frac{2K_{i}}{m}} - \frac{M}{m}\sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{\frac{2(3.25 \text{ J})}{5.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}}} - \frac{0.40 \text{ kg}}{5.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}}\sqrt{2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^{2})(50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})}$$

$$= 35.7 \text{ m/s}$$

So the final kinetic energy is

$$K_{\rm f} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\rm f}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (5.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kg}) (35.7 \text{ m/s})^2 = 0.33 \text{ J}$$

ASSESS Note that we can't just use conservation of energy! Compare:

$$E_{\rm i} = 3.25 \text{ J}$$
 
$$E_{\rm f} = U + K_{\rm f} = Mgh + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\rm f}^2 = 0.332 \text{ J}$$

Most of the kinetic energy is lost in the collision, because this is an inelastic collision.

**87. INTERPRET** We use conservation of momentum to find the speed of an astronaut after she throws her toolbox away, and use this speed and the given distance to determine whether she reaches safety before her oxygen runs out.

**DEVELOP** The mass of the astronaut is  $m_a = 80 \text{ kg}$ . The mass of the toolbox is  $m_t = 10 \text{ kg}$ . The initial speed of both is zero, so the final speed of the toolbox is  $v_{ta} = -8 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the astronaut. We can use conservation of momentum to find the speed of the astronaut:  $0 = m_t v_t + m_a v_a$ . Once we have this speed, we calculate how long it will take to travel a distance x = 200 m and hope that the answer is less than 4 minutes.

**EVALUATE** First we find the speed of the toolbox relative to the rest frame:  $v_t = v_a + v_{ta}$ . Next we plug this into the conservation of momentum equation:  $0 = m_t (v_a + v_{ta}) + m_a v_a$  and solve for the astronaut's speed:

$$0 = m_{t} \left(v_{a} + v_{ta}\right) + m_{a} v_{a}$$

$$v_{a} \left(m_{t} + m_{a}\right) = -m_{t} v_{ta}$$

$$v_{a} = v_{ta} \left(-\frac{m_{t}}{m_{t} + m_{a}}\right) = 0.89 \text{ m/s}$$

The time it takes is

$$t = \frac{x}{v_s} = \frac{200 \text{ m}}{0.89 \text{ m/s}} = 225 \text{ s} = 3.75 \text{ min}$$

**Assess** She makes it with 15 seconds to spare.

**88. INTERPRET** The Sun will rotate around the center of mass of the solar system, so this problem is essentially asking how far the Sun's center is from this center of mass. For the solar system, we will only consider the Sun and Jupiter and neglect the mass contribution from the rest of the planets.

**DEVELOP** We can think of the Sun and Jupiter as two ends of a barbell, like that in Example 9.1. The center of mass lies on the line between the two objects, so we can drop the vector notation from Equation 9.2:

 $r_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum m_i r_i$ . Let's take the center of the Sun as our origin, so that the Sun contribution is zero  $(r_{\rm S} = 0)$ . The only term in the sum is that for Jupiter:

$$r_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{\left(m_{\rm S} + m_{\rm J}\right)} \left[m_{\rm J} r_{\rm J} + m_{\rm S} r_{\rm S}\right] = \frac{m_{\rm J}}{\left(m_{\rm S} + m_{\rm J}\right)} r_{\rm J}.$$

**EVALUATE** From Appendix E, the mass of Jupiter is  $1.90 \times 10^{27}$  kg and its orbital radius is  $7.78 \times 10^{11}$  m. The mass of the Sun is  $1.99 \times 10^{30}$  kg. Plugging these values in the above expression,

$$r_{\rm cm} \frac{1.90 \times 10^{27} \,\mathrm{kg}}{\left(1.99 \times 10^{30} \,\mathrm{kg} + 1.90 \times 10^{27} \,\mathrm{kg}\right)} \left(7.78 \times 10^{11} \,\mathrm{m}\right) = 7.42 \times 10^{8} \,\mathrm{m}$$

Assess This is only slightly larger than the radius of the Sun  $(R_s = 6.96 \times 10^8 \,\mathrm{m})$ . The actual distance between the Sun and the center of mass of the solar system is constantly changing since the planets are constantly moving relative to each other due to their orbital motion.

**89. INTERPRET** We're asked to find the total mass and the center of mass for a thin rod with non-uniform density. The density increases from zero at one end to a maximum at the other end, so we'd expect the center of mass to be closer to the denser end.

**DEVELOP** We will have to integrate to find the total mass:  $M_{\text{tot}} = \int dm = \int \mu dx$ . The limits of integration are between x = 0 and x = L. Since the mass is distributed along one-dimension, the center of mass integral takes a similar from:  $r_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}}} \int x dm = \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}}} \int x \mu dx$ .

EVALUATE (a) The mass integral gives

$$M_{\text{tot}} = \int_0^L \mu dx = \int_0^L \frac{Mx^a}{L^{1+a}} dx = \frac{M}{L^{1+a}} \frac{x^{1+a}}{1+a} \bigg|_0^L = \frac{M}{1+a}$$

(b) Using the above result, the center of mass is

$$r_{\rm cm} = \frac{1}{M_{\rm tot}} \int_0^L x \mu dx = \frac{1+a}{M} \int_0^L \frac{M x^{1+a}}{L^{1+a}} dx = \frac{1+a}{L^{1+a}} \frac{x^{2+a}}{2+a} \bigg|_0^L = \frac{1+a}{2+a} L$$

(c) If a = 0, the density is constant:  $\mu = M/L$ . The total mass is M, and the center of mass occurs at  $\frac{1}{2}L$ , just as we would expect for a rod with uniform density.

ASSESS For a = 1, the center of mass occurs at  $\frac{2}{3}L$ , while for a = 2, it occurs at  $\frac{3}{4}L$ . This agrees with our premonition that having the density get larger toward x = L will mean that the center of mass will be closer to that end.

**90. INTERPRET** We're asked to analyze the bouncing of a ball captured by a strobe camera.

**DEVELOP** The picture shows that the ball bounces up to a lower height after each bounce.

**EVALUATE** If the collisions with the floor were totally inelastic, then we'd expect the ball to stick to the floor after the first bounce, which it does not. To analyze better what does happen, let's divide up the velocity into its x and y components:  $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j}$ . In terms of solely the vertical motion, the ball has a head-on collision with the ground. If this head-on collision were totally elastic, then the ball should bounce back in the opposite direction with the same speed it hit the ground with:  $v_{yf} = -v_{yi}$ . This follows from Case 1 in Section 9.6, where a small mass (the ball) collides with a much larger mass (the floor). If the ball has the same vertical speed after the collision, then by conservation of energy the ball should return to roughly the same height  $\left(h \propto v_y^2\right)$  after each bounce, which it does not. By elimination, the answer is (c).

**Assess** We would say the collision with the ground is inelastic (just not "totally"), since some of the kinetic energy is lost to internal energy (heat) of the ball and the ground.

**91. INTERPRET** We're asked to analyze the bouncing of a ball captured by a strobe camera.

**DEVELOP** Right before the second collision, the ball has kinetic energy  $K_i = \frac{1}{2}mv_{xi}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{yi}^2$ , while after the collision, it has  $K_f = \frac{1}{2}mv_{xf}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{yf}^2$ . We argued in the previous problem that because the ball doesn't rebound to the same height, the vertical speed at ground level must be getting smaller after each collision  $\left(v_y = \sqrt{2gh}\right)$ . If we just consider the motion in the vertical direction, the fraction of energy lost is:

$$\left(\frac{\Delta K}{K_{\rm i}}\right)_{y} = \frac{h_{\rm f} - h_{\rm i}}{h_{\rm i}}$$

**EVALUATE** With our fingers or with a small ruler, we can check that the peak height after the second collision is about 0.6 times the peak height before the collision. So by the equation above, the ball lost around 40% of its energy in the vertical direction. Assuming the loss in horizontal direction wasn't more than that, the fraction of the total energy lost is a little less than half.

The answer is (b).

Assess We've treated the components of kinetic energy separately:  $K_x = \frac{1}{2}mv_x^2$  and  $K_y = \frac{1}{2}mv_y^2$ . It should be noted that the two are not completely separate. If the ground were flat or if the ball were spinning, a collision could transfer energy in the vertical direction to energy in the horizontal direction, or vice versa.

**92. INTERPRET** We're asked to analyze the bouncing of a ball captured by a strobe camera.

**DEVELOP** The vertical component of the velocity after a collision can be estimated by the height that the ball reaches at the top of the bounce:  $v_y = \sqrt{2gh}$ . Since there are no horizontal forces acting on the ball while it's in the air, the horizontal component of the velocity between collisions is constant. It is equal to the distance, x, the ball travels horizontally divided by the time, t, that it remains airborne between collisions with the floor:

$$v_x = \frac{x}{t} = \frac{x}{\left(2v_y/g\right)} = \frac{xg}{2\sqrt{2gh}} = x\sqrt{\frac{g}{8h}}$$

**EVALUATE** In the previous problem, we estimated that the height after a collision is 0.6 times the height before the collision, so the vertical component of the velocity is about 20% less after a collision. For the horizontal component, we roughly measure that the distance the ball travels after the second collision is about 0.8 times the distance before the collision. Therefore, the horizontal component of the velocity decreases by:

$$\frac{\Delta v_x}{v_{xi}} = \frac{v_{xf} - v_{xi}}{v_{xi}} = \frac{x_f / \sqrt{h_f}}{x_i / \sqrt{h_i}} - 1 \approx \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{0.6}} - 1 \approx 0$$

Therefore, the vertical component is more affected.

The answer is (b).

Assess We might have expected that the horizontal velocity remains roughly constant through the collision. The non-conservative forces that remove energy from the ball are likely to point in the vertical direction where the velocity goes through the biggest change.

**93. INTERPRET** We're asked to analyze the bouncing of a ball captured by a strobe camera.

**DEVELOP** The way a strobe camera works is that it takes pictures at a set interval. So we can get a rough estimate for how long the ball was between collisions or in the midst of a collision by counting how many times the camera caught the ball in either setting.

**EVALUATE** In the image, we count 7 times that the ball's picture was taken between the first and second collision. However, it appears that the ball's picture was taken only once during each collision. So the collision time is a tiny fraction of the time between collisions.

The answer is (a).

**Assess** This matches our experience that collisions are very short-lived events.