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Experiment #2: Conservation of Linear Momentum

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(1) Abstract:

Aim of the experiment:

is to calculate the ratio between the linear momentum before and after collision. And also to test the law of conservation of linear momentum.

The main result is:

$$R = 1,02 \pm 0,03$$

(2) Data:

	$m_1 = \overset{16,2}{\pm 0,1} g$			$m_2 = \overset{5,3}{\pm 0,1} g$		
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
$x_{1b} (cm)$	45,8	47,5	46,5	47,0	47,4	47,3
$x_{1a} (cm)$	25,5	25,2	26,1	24,0	25,3	25,4
$x_{2a} (cm)$	69,3	68,7	68,8	69,5	69,6	68,2

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(3) Calculations:

$\bar{x}_{1b} = 46,9166$	cm	$\sigma_s(x_{1b}) = 0,65548$	cm	$\Delta\bar{x}_{1b} = 0,3$	cm
$\bar{x}_{1a} = 25,25$	cm	$\sigma_s(x_{1a}) = 0,6892$	cm	$\Delta\bar{x}_{1a} = 0,3$	cm
$\bar{x}_{2a} = 69,0166$	cm	$\sigma_s(x_{2a}) = 0,54191$	cm	$\Delta\bar{x}_{2a} = 0,2$	cm

(4)

$$A = m_1 x_{1a} + m_2 x_{2a} = 16,2 \times 25,25 + 5,3 \times 69,0166 = \cancel{927,9114} \rightarrow 774,8114 \rightarrow 775 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm}$$

$$\Delta A = m_1 \Delta x_{1a} + \Delta m_1 x_{1a} + m_2 \Delta x_{2a} + \Delta m_2 x_{2a} = 15,346 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm}$$

$$B = m_1 x_{1b} = 16,2 \times 46,9166 = 760,048 \rightarrow 760 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm}$$

$$\Delta B = m_1 \Delta x_{1b} + \Delta m_1 x_{1b} = 16,2(0,3) + 0,1(46,9166) = 4,951 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{cm}$$

$$R = \frac{A}{B} = \frac{774,81}{760,05} = 1,01942.$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta B}{B}}{\frac{A}{B}} = \frac{\frac{15,346}{774,8114} + \frac{4,951}{760,048}}{1,01942} = 0,03237.$$

$$\Delta R = R \times \frac{\Delta R}{R} = 1,01942 \times 0,03237 = 0,033 \rightarrow 0,03.$$

(5) Results:

$$R = 1,02 \pm 0,03$$

(6) Conclusions:

The ratio of (R) that we got is (1,02) with an expected error of 0,03, by using the discrepancy test ($|R_{me} - R_{theor}| \leq 2\sigma$), with R_{me} equal (1) cuz the momentum is conserve. We will get ($0,02 \leq 0,06$), so our result is accepted. But our result is bigger than the true value (theoretical value), i think it's due to many factors (random error) such as: (1) The air resistance, it works as a external force that resists the motion of balls and shorten the horizontal distance. (2) maybe the rolling of the balls, its give the ball lower velocity when it reaches the bottom. Systematic error: the measurements started from a non-zero point and each measurement was subtracted by the starting point, so no problems with calibration.

No systematic error
Your result accepted.