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Exercise 6B

1 Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)



The speed of Q after the collision is 4 m s⁻¹

2 Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$(4 \times 25) + (20 \times 0) = 45v$	4	0
100 = 45v	25	20
$\frac{20}{9} = v$	v	

The common speed of the trucks is $\frac{20}{9}$ m s⁻¹

3 Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$$(0.5 \times 5) + (0.2 \times 2) = (0.5 \times 4) + (0.2 \times v)$$

$$2.5 + 0.4 = 2.0 + 0.2v$$

$$0.9 = 0.2v$$

$$4.5 = v$$

$$2 = 0.5 \times 4 + (0.2 \times v)$$

$$4 = 0.5 \times 4 + (0.2 \times v)$$

The speed of *B* after the collision is 4.5 m s^{-1}

4 a Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow) $(2 \times 4) + (1 \times 0) = 3v$ 8 = 3v $\frac{8}{3} = v$

The common speed of the particles after the collision is $\frac{8}{3}$ m s⁻¹

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4 b For the 1 kg particle:

$$(\rightarrow)I = 1 \times v = \frac{8}{3}$$

The magnitude of the impulse in the collision is $\frac{8}{3}$ N s

[Alternatively, for the 2 kg particle:

$$(\leftarrow) I = 2(-v - (-4))$$

= $2(-\frac{8}{3} + 4)$
= $2 \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$]

5 a Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$$(2 \times 6) + (5 \times (-4)) = (2 \times (-1.5)) + 5v$$

$$12 - 20 = -3 + 5v$$

$$-5 = 5v$$

$$v = -1$$

The speed of B is 1 m s⁻¹ and its direction of motion is unchanged by the collision.

b For
$$A:(\leftarrow) I = 2(1.5 - (-6))$$

= 2×7.5
= 15
[or for $B:(\rightarrow) I = 5(v - (-4))$
= 5(-1+4)
= 15]

The magnitude of the impulse given to B is 15 N s

6 Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow) $100u + (150 \times 0) = 250 \times 4$ 100u = 1000u = 10

The value of u is 10.

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Conservation of momentum
$$(\rightarrow)$$

 $(4m \times 2u) + (3m \times (-2u)) = (4m \times 0) + (3m \times v)$
 $8mu - 6mu = 3mv$
 $2mu = 3mv$
 $v = \frac{2u}{3}$

The velocity of *B* after the collision is $\frac{2u}{3}$ m s⁻¹ in the opposite direction.

b For
$$A:(\leftarrow) I = 4m(0-(-2u))$$

= $8mu$

The magnitude of the impulse given by A to B is 8mu

[or for B:
$$(\rightarrow)$$
 $I = 3m(v - (-2u))$
= $3m\left(\frac{2u}{3} + 2u\right)$
= $2mu + 6mu = 8mu$]

8 Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$$(150 \times 4) = (100 \times 2u) + (50 \times (-u))$$

$$600 = 200u - 50u$$

$$600 = 150u$$

$$4 = u$$

$$150$$

$$100$$

$$u$$

$$2u$$

The larger has speed 8 m $\rm s^{-1}$ and the smaller part has speed 4 m $\rm s^{-1}$

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9 a Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$$(m \times 3u) + (km \times (-u)) = \left(m \times \frac{-3u}{2}\right) + \left(km \times \frac{u}{2}\right)$$

$$3mu - kmu = -\frac{3mu}{2} + \frac{kmu}{2}$$

$$6 - 2k = -3 + k$$

$$3 = k$$

The value of k is 3.

b For
$$P: (\leftarrow) I = m\left(\frac{3u}{2} - (-3u)\right)$$
 [or for $Q: (\rightarrow) I = km\left(\frac{u}{2} - (-u)\right)$
$$= \frac{9mu}{2} = 3m \times \frac{3u}{2}$$
$$= \frac{9mu}{2}$$
]

The magnitude of the impulse is $\frac{9mu}{2}$



b Conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$$4u = 2v + 4v = -6 \times 3 = 18$$

 $u = 4.5$

[or impulse-momentum principle for A: $(\rightarrow) - 6 = 4(3-u)$ -1.5=3-u

$$u = 4.5$$
]

The value of u is 4.5.

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3 kg



▶9

2 kg

11 a For $P:(\leftarrow)$

impulse-momentum principle

$$9 = 3(-1 - (-u))$$

$$9 = 3(-1 + u)$$

$$3 = -1 + u$$

$$4 = u$$

The speed of P before the collision is 4 m s⁻¹ and it was moving in the same direction as it was after the collision.

b For
$$Q:(\rightarrow)$$

impulse-momentum principle

$$9 = 2(1.5 - v)$$
$$9 = 3 - 2v$$
$$2v = -6$$
$$v = -3$$

[or conservation of momentum (\rightarrow)

$$3u + 2v = (3 \times 1) + (2 \times 1.5)$$

12 + 2v = 3 + 3 = 6
2v = -6
v = -3]

The speed of Q before the collision was 3 m s⁻¹ and it was moving in the opposite direction to its direction after the collision.



The speed of A before the collision is 3 m s^{-1}



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12 b Using the impulse-momentum principle:

for $B: (\rightarrow)$ 3 = m(3-1.5) 2 = m[or for $A: (\leftarrow)$ 3 = 3m(-2.5 - (-u)) 3 = 3m(-2.5 + 3) 1 = 0.5m2 = m]

The mass of A is 6 kg.

Challenge

<i>P</i> : <i>I</i> =	$\frac{9mu_1}{4}$	$Q:I=\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{mu_2}{2}$
$9mu_1$	$3mu_2$	gives $u_1 =$	$2u_2$
4	2	8	3