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Exercise 5A

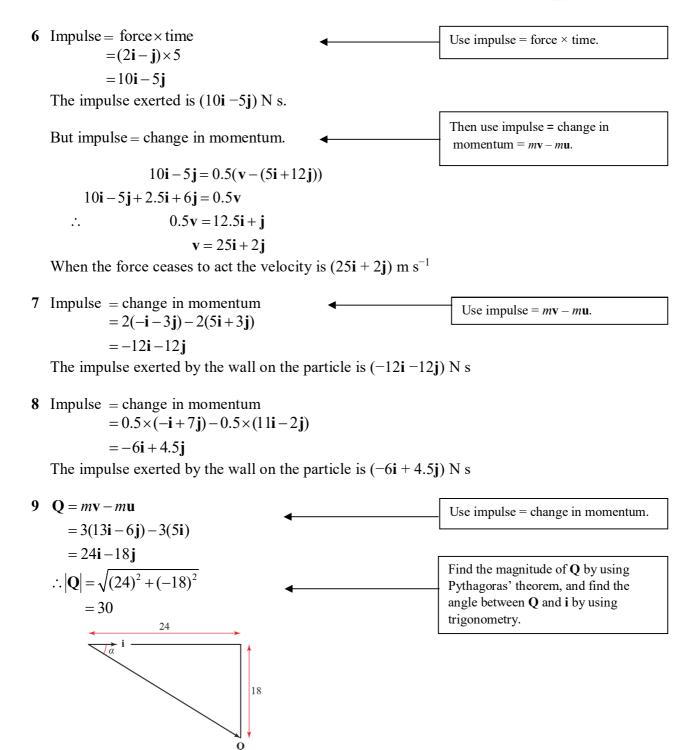
1 8i - 7j = 0.25v - 0.25(12i + 4j) 8i - 7j = 0.25v - 3i - j ∴ 0.25v = 11i - 6j v = 44i - 24j The new velocity is (44i - 24j) m s ⁻¹	<	Use impulse = $m\mathbf{v} - m\mathbf{u}$, then make \mathbf{v} the subject of the formula.
2 $3i + 5j = 0.5v - 0.5(2i - 2j)$ = $0.5v - i + j$ ∴ $0.5v = 4i + 4j$ v = 8i + 8j The new velocity is $(8i + 8j)$ m s ⁻¹	•	Use impulse = $m\mathbf{v} - m\mathbf{u}$ (change in momentum).
3 $4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} = 2 \times (3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) - 2\mathbf{u}$ = $6\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{u}$ $\therefore 2\mathbf{u} = 6\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}$ = $2\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$ The original velocity was $(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j})$ m s ⁻¹	4	Use impulse = change in momentum.
4 $3i-6j = 1.5(5i-8j)-1.5u$ ∴ $1.5u = 7.5i-12j-3i+6j$ = 4.5i-6j u = 3i-4j The original velocity was $(3i - 4j)$ m s	-1	
5 Impulse = force × time impulse = $(6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}) \times 3$ = $18\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j}$ The impulse exerted is $(18\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j})$ N s	4	Use impulse = force × time.
The impulse exerted is $(18\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j})$ is s But impulse = change in momentum $18\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j} = 3(\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}))$ $18\mathbf{i} - 24\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} = 3\mathbf{v}$ ∴ $3\mathbf{v} = 21\mathbf{i} - 21\mathbf{j}$	•	Then use impulse = change in momentum = $m\mathbf{v} - m\mathbf{u}$.
$\mathbf{v} = 7\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j}$ When the force ceases to act the velocities	ity is (7 i – 7i) m s ⁻¹	

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Let α be the acute angle between **i** and **Q**

Then $\tan \alpha = \frac{18}{24}$ $\therefore \alpha = 37^{\circ}$ (nearest degree)

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10 Use impulse = change in momentum.

$$Q = 0.5(3i - 4j) - 0.5(-i - 2j)$$

= 2i - j
∴ |Q| = √2² + (-1)²
= √5 = 2.24(3 s.f.)

Let α be the acute angle between **Q** and **i**.

Then

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \ \alpha = 27^{\circ} \text{ (nearest degree)}$$

11 Impulse = change in momentum = mv - mu = 0.5×(-16i+8j) - 0.5×(20i-4j) = -8i+4j-10i+2j = -18i+6j ∴ Magnitude of the impulse = $\sqrt{(-18)^2 + 6^2} = 6\sqrt{10}$

$$= 19.0 \,\mathrm{N}\,\mathrm{s}\,(3\,\mathrm{s.f.})$$

12 Use impulse = change in momentum $2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} = 0.2\mathbf{v} - 0.2(-15\mathbf{i})$ $= 0.2\mathbf{v} + 3\mathbf{i}$ $\therefore \quad 0.2\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{i}$ $= -\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$ $\therefore \quad \mathbf{v} = -5\mathbf{i} + 30\mathbf{j}$ The velocity of the ball after the impact is $(-5\mathbf{i} + 30\mathbf{j})$ m s⁻¹

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Substitute t = 3 into the expression for velocity, to find the velocity

before the impact.

13 $\mathbf{v} = (t^2 - 3)\mathbf{i} + 4t\mathbf{j}$ When t = 3 let $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$

u = 6i + 12j

Use impulse = change in momentum

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Then 2i + 2j = 0.25v - 0.25(6i + 12j)

\therefore 0.25v = 2i + 2j + 0.25(6i + 12j)

= 3.5i + 5j

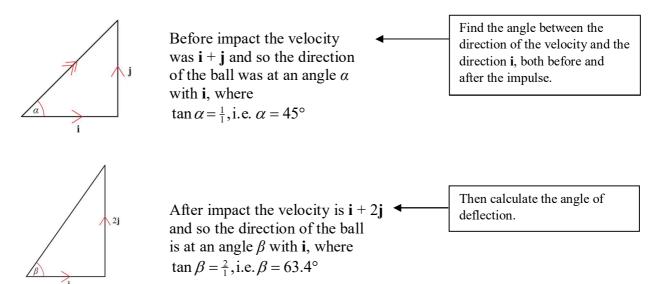
\therefore v = 14i + 20j
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The velocity of the particle after the impulse is (14i + 20j) m s⁻¹

14 Use impulse = change in momentum. $2\mathbf{j} = 2\mathbf{v} - 2(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$

$$\therefore 2\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{j} + 2(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$$
$$= 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$$
$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

Immediately after the impulse the velocity is (i + 2j) m s⁻¹



 \therefore The ball is deflected through an angle of $63.4 - 45 \approx 18^{\circ}$ (nearest degree).

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15 Let the new velocity be *x***i**

Using conservation of momentum:

$$(0.5 × 3i) + (0.25 × 12i) = 0.75xi$$

1.5i + 3i = 0.75xi
∴ 0.75xi = 4.5i
$$x = \frac{4.5}{0.75}$$

= 6

So the velocity of the combined particle is 6i m s⁻¹

16 Let the new velocity \mathbf{v} be $x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}$ Use conservation of momentum:

$$5(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}) + 2(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) = 7(x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j})$$

$$5\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} = 7x\mathbf{i} + 7y\mathbf{j}$$

$$3\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} = 7x\mathbf{i} + 7y\mathbf{j}$$

Equate coefficients of **i** and **j** to give

$$7x = 3 \text{ and } 7y = -3$$

∴ $x = \frac{3}{7}$ and $y = -\frac{3}{7}$
∴ velocity is $\frac{3}{7}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{7}\mathbf{j}$

The magnitude of the velocity **v** is $\sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2} = \frac{3}{7}\sqrt{2}$

Challenge

Let the impulse be I $I = m\mathbf{v} - m\mathbf{u}$ $= m(c\mathbf{i} + d\mathbf{j}) - m(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j})$ $= m(c - a)\mathbf{i} + m(d - b)\mathbf{j}$

Now I makes an angle of 45° above i, so $\tan 45 = \frac{d-b}{c-a} = 1$ Hence b + c = a + d Let the new velocity be xi and use conservation of momentum. Equate i components to find x.

Use conservation of momentum to find v, then use Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry to find |v|