

# Elastic Collisions Key

40. (a) Using the coordinate system shown, for momentum conservation we have

$$x\text{-momentum: } mv + 0 = 0 + 2mv_2' \cos \theta, \text{ or}$$

$$2v_2' \cos \theta = v;$$

$$y\text{-momentum: } 0 + 0 = -mv_1' + 2mv_2' \sin \theta, \text{ or}$$

$$2v_2' \sin \theta = v_1'.$$

If we square and add these two equations, we get

$$v^2 + v_1'^2 = 4v_2'^2.$$

For the conservation of kinetic energy, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2}(2m)v_2'^2, \text{ or}$$

$$v^2 - v_1'^2 = 2v_2'^2.$$

When we add this to the previous result, we get

$$v^2 = 3v_2'^2.$$

Using this in the x-momentum equation, we get

$$\cos \theta = \sqrt{3}/2, \text{ or } \theta = \boxed{30^\circ}.$$

(b) From part (a) we have

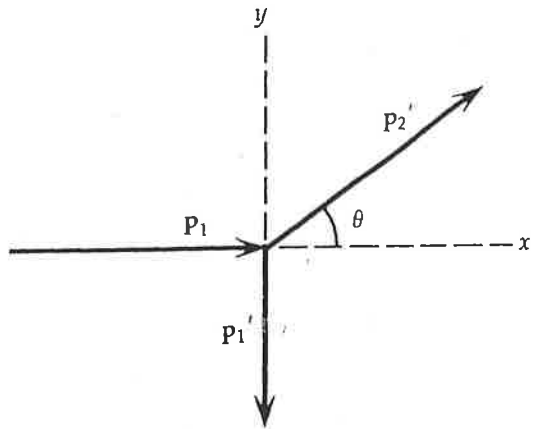
$$v_2' = v/\sqrt{3}.$$

Using the energy result, we get

$$v_1'^2 = v^2 - 2v_2'^2 = v^2 - 2v^2/3 = \frac{1}{3}v^2, \text{ or } \boxed{v_1' = v/\sqrt{3}}.$$

(c) The fraction of the kinetic energy transferred is

$$\text{fraction} = KE_2/KE_1 = \frac{1}{2}(2m)v_2'^2 / \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = m(v^2/3) / \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}.$$



42. Using the coordinate system shown, for momentum conservation we have

$$y\text{-momentum: } mv_1 + 0 = mv_1' \cos \alpha + Mv_2' \cos \theta_2;$$

$$5M(12.0 \text{ m/s}) = 5Mv_1' \cos \alpha + Mv_2' \cos 80^\circ, \text{ or}$$

$$5v_1' \cos \alpha = -v_2' \cos 80^\circ + 60.0 \text{ m/s}.$$

$$x\text{-momentum: } 0 = -mv_1' \sin \alpha + Mv_2' \sin \theta_2;$$

$$0 = -5Mv_1' \sin \alpha + Mv_2' \sin 80^\circ, \text{ or}$$

$$5v_1' \sin \alpha = v_2' \sin 80^\circ.$$

For the conservation of kinetic energy, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}mv_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv_2'^2;$$

$$5M(12.0 \text{ m/s})^2 = 5Mv_1'^2 + Mv_2'^2, \text{ or}$$

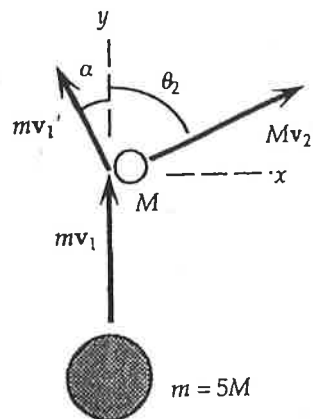
$$5v_1'^2 + v_2'^2 = 720 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2.$$

We have three equations in three unknowns:  $\alpha$ ,  $v_1'$ ,  $v_2'$ . We eliminate  $\alpha$  by squaring and adding the two momentum results, and then combine this with the energy equation, with the results:

(a)  $v_2' = \boxed{3.47 \text{ m/s}}.$

(b)  $v_1' = \boxed{11.9 \text{ m/s}}.$

(c)  $\alpha = \boxed{3.29^\circ}.$



$$\#42 \quad (5V_1' \cos \alpha = -V_2' \cos 80^\circ + 60) \quad (1)$$

$$(5V_1' \sin \alpha = V_2' \sin 80^\circ) \quad (2)$$

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(1)+(2)

$$25V_1'^2 \cos^2 \alpha = 3600 - 120V_2' \cos 80^\circ + V_2'^2 \cos^2 80^\circ$$

$$25V_1'^2 \sin^2 \alpha = V_2'^2 \sin^2 80^\circ$$

add

$$25V_1'^2 (\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha) = 3600 - 120V_2' \cos 80^\circ + V_2'^2 (\cos^2 80^\circ + \sin^2 80^\circ)$$

$$25V_1'^2 = 3600 - 120V_2' \cos 80^\circ + V_2'^2$$

$$V_1'^2 = \left( \frac{V_2'^2 - 120V_2' \cos 80^\circ + 3600}{25} \right)$$

SUB INTO  $5V_1'^2 + V_2'^2 = 720$

$$5 \left( \frac{V_2'^2 - 120V_2' \cos 80^\circ + 3600}{25} \right) + V_2'^2 = 720$$

$$5V_2'^2 - 600V_2' \cos 80^\circ + 18000 + 25V_2'^2 = 18000$$

$$30V_2'^2 - 600V_2' \cos 80^\circ = 0$$

$$30V_2'^2 = V_2' 600 \cos 80^\circ$$

$$\therefore V_2' = \frac{600 \cos 80^\circ}{30}$$

$$V_2' = \underline{\underline{3.47296 \text{ m/s}}}$$

$$5V_1'^2 + V_2'^2 = 720$$

$$\therefore V_1' = \sqrt{\frac{720 - V_2'^2}{5}}$$

$$V_1' = \sqrt{\frac{720 - (3.47296)^2}{5}} = \underline{\underline{11.8999 \text{ m/s}}}$$

$$5V_1' \sin \alpha = V_2' \sin 80^\circ$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{V_2' \sin 80^\circ}{5V_1'}$$

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{(3.47296)(\sin 80^\circ)}{5(11.899)} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \underline{\underline{3.29^\circ}}$$

43. Using the coordinate system shown, for momentum conservation we have

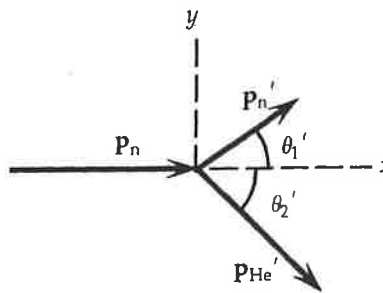
$$\begin{aligned}
 x: \quad m_n v_n + 0 &= m_n v_n' \cos \theta_1' + m_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}}' \cos \theta_2'; \\
 m_n (6.2 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}) &= m_n v_n' \cos \theta_1' + 4m_n v_{\text{He}}' \cos 45^\circ, \text{ or} \\
 v_n' \cos \theta_1' &= (6.2 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}) - 4v_{\text{He}}' \cos 45^\circ. \\
 y: \quad 0 + 0 &= -m_n v_n' \sin \theta_1' + m_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}}' \sin \theta_2'; \\
 0 &= -m_n v_n' \sin \theta_1' + 4m_n v_{\text{He}}' \sin 45^\circ, \text{ or} \\
 v_n' \sin \theta_1' &= 4v_{\text{He}}' \sin 45^\circ.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the conservation of kinetic energy, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} m_n v_n^2 + 0 &= \frac{1}{2} m_n v_n'^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{He}} v_{\text{He}}'^2; \\
 m_n (6.2 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s})^2 &= m_n v_n'^2 + 4m_n v_{\text{He}}'^2, \text{ or} \\
 v_n'^2 + 4v_{\text{He}}'^2 &= 3.84 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have three equations in three unknowns:  $\theta_1'$ ,  $v_n'$ ,  $v_{\text{He}}'$ . We eliminate  $\theta_1'$  by squaring and adding the two momentum results, and then combine this with the energy equation, with the results:

$$\theta_1' = 76^\circ, v_n' = 5.1 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}, v_{\text{He}}' = 1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}.$$



44. Using the coordinate system shown, for momentum conservation we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x: \quad 0 + mv_2 &= mv_1' \cos \alpha + 0; \\
 3.7 \text{ m/s} &= v_1' \cos \alpha; \\
 y: \quad mv_1 + 0 &= mv_1' \sin \alpha + mv_2'; \\
 2.0 \text{ m/s} &= v_1' \sin \alpha + v_2', \text{ or} \\
 v_1' \sin \alpha &= 2.0 \text{ m/s} - v_2'.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the conservation of kinetic energy, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} mv_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} mv_2^2 &= \frac{1}{2} mv_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2} mv_2'^2; \\
 (2.0 \text{ m/s})^2 + (3.7 \text{ m/s})^2 &= v_1'^2 + v_2'^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have three equations in three unknowns:  $\alpha$ ,  $v_1'$ ,  $v_2'$ .

We eliminate  $\alpha$  by squaring and adding the two momentum results, and then combine this with the energy equation, with the results:

$$\alpha = 0^\circ, v_1' = 3.7 \text{ m/s}, v_2' = 2.0 \text{ m/s}.$$

The two billiard balls exchange velocities.

