

Episode 9

Analyzing Collisions

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Topics for todays class

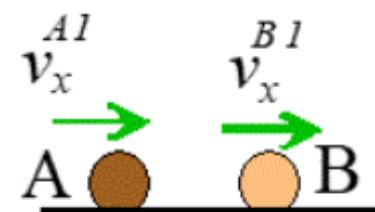
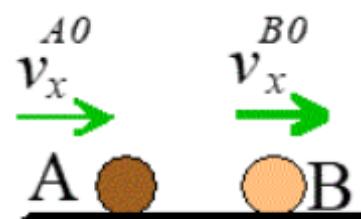
Analyzing Collisions

1. The Restitution Coefficient of a Collision
2. Straight Line Motion Collisions
3. 3D Collisions of frictionless bodies
4. Applications



4.5 Analyzing Collisions

Goal: Given v_x^{AO} , v_x^{BO}
 Find v_x^{AI} , v_x^{BI}



Observations from experiment

- (1) Collision time is short ($\sim \frac{1}{2} \text{ ms}$)
- (2) Large contact forces ($\sim 40 \text{ kN}$)
- (3) Significant deformation occurs in colliding bodies
- (4) Deformation may be reversible or irreversible



4.5.1 The restitution coefficient

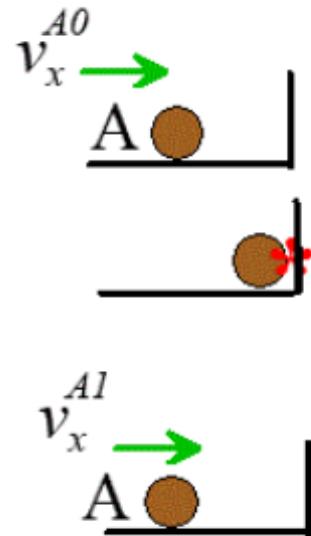
For normal impact with a stationary surface, define

$$e = -\frac{V_x^{A1}}{V_x^{AO}} \quad (\text{restitution coeff})$$

Experiments / simulations show

- (1) e is approx constant for a given material
(varies weakly with V_x^{AO})
- (2) $0 < e < 1$

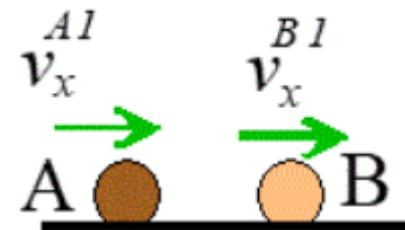
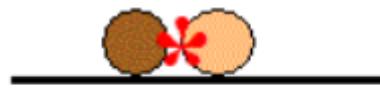
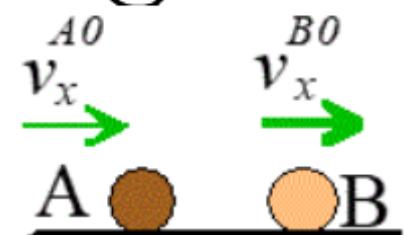
$e=1 \Rightarrow$ no energy lost "Elastic Collision"
 $e=0 \Rightarrow$ particle sticks "plastic" collision



Straight line collision between moving objects

$$e = - \frac{v_x^{A1} - v_x^{B1}}{v_x^{AO} - v_x^{BO}}$$

e is normally measured experimentally.



4.5.2 Straight line motion collision formulas

Momentum

System = two colliding objects

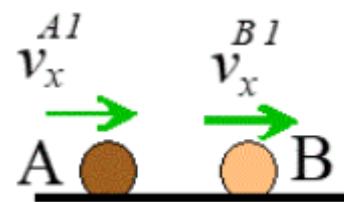
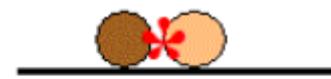
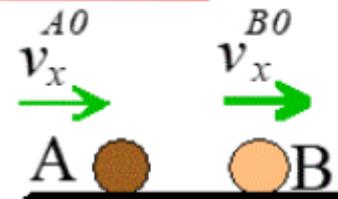
External impulse negligible since
collision time is short

$$\Rightarrow \dot{p}_1^{\text{TOT}} = \dot{p}_0^{\text{TOT}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_A V_x^{A1} + m_B V_x^{B1} = m_A V_x^{AO} + m_B V_x^{BO} \quad (1)$$

Restitution

$$V_x^{A1} - V_x^{B1} = -e (V_x^{AO} - V_x^{BO}) \quad (2)$$



$$m_B(z) + (1) \Rightarrow$$

$$(m_A + m_B) V_x^{A1} = (m_A - e m_B) V_x^{AO} + m_B (1+e) V_x^{BO}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_x^{A1} = V_x^{AO} - \frac{m_B}{m_A + m_B} (1+e) (V_x^{AO} - V_x^{BO})$$

Similarly

$$V_x^{B1} = V_x^{BO} + \frac{m_A}{m_A + m_B} (1+e) (V_x^{AO} - V_x^{BO})$$

Energy Loss

$$T_i - T_0 = \frac{1}{2} m_A (V_x^{A1^2} - V_x^{AO^2}) + \frac{1}{2} m_B (V_x^{B1^2} - V_x^{BO^2})$$

$$\Rightarrow T_i - T_0 = \frac{m_A m_B}{m_A + m_B} \frac{(e^2 - 1)}{2} (V_x^{AO} - V_x^{BO})^2$$

$e=1 \Rightarrow$ energy conserved

Example $m_A = m_B$ $V_x^{BO} = 0$

$$V_x^{A1} = V_x^{AO} - \frac{1}{2} (1+e) V_x^{AO} = \frac{(1-e)}{2} V_x^{AO}$$

$$V_x^{B1} = \frac{1}{2} (1+e) V_x^{AO}$$

Hence:

For $e=1$ $V_x^{A1}=0$ $V_x^{B1}=V_x^{AO}$
 (particles switch velocities)

$$\text{For } e=0 \quad V_x^{A1} = V_x^{B1} = \frac{V_x^{AO}}{2}$$

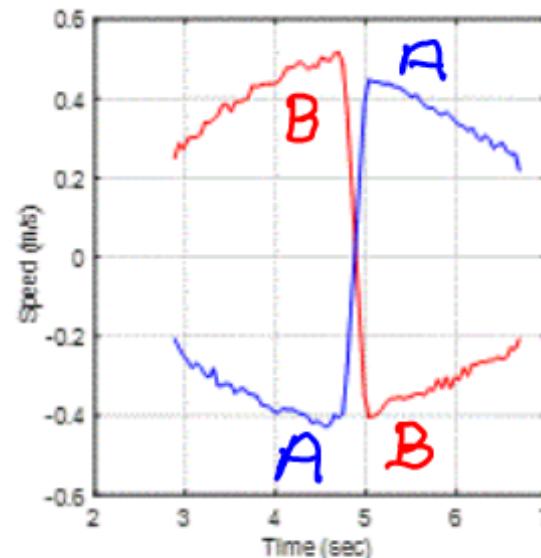
(particles stick)

4.5.3: Example: The graph plots the measured velocity of two 1m diameter granite spheres during a collision. Calculate the restitution coefficient.

Use formula

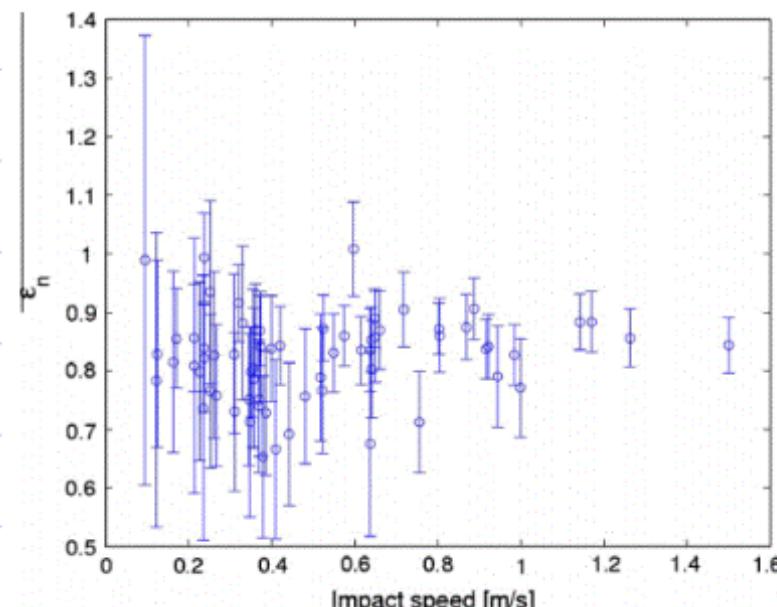
$$e = - \frac{(V_x^{A1} - V_x^{B1})}{(V_x^{AO} - V_x^{BO})}$$

$$e = - \frac{0.42 - (-0.4)}{(-0.4 - 0.5)}$$



$$\Rightarrow e = 0.91$$

Data reported in publication



4.5.4: Example: A collision occurs between two spheres with mass 0.25kg. Before impact B is stationary and A moves with speed 8 m/s. The figure shows the magnitude of the force acting between them during the collision. Calculate the restitution coefficient.

Approach: (1) Impulse - momentum to find V_x^{A1} V_x^{B1}
 (2) Restitution formula

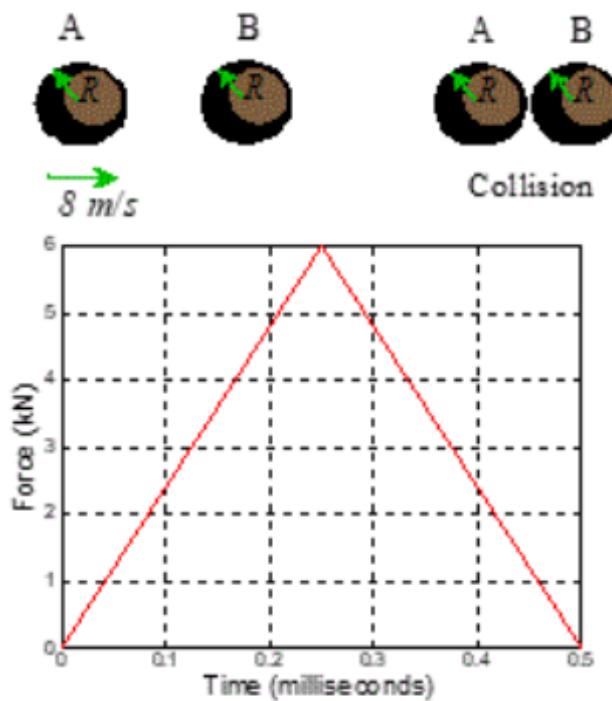
$$(1) \text{ Impulse } J = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} F(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 6 \times 10^3 = 1.5 \text{ Ns}$$

$$\text{Impulse - Momentum } J = p_1 - p_0$$

$$\text{for A: } -1.5 \underline{i} = 0.25 V_x^{A1} \underline{i} - 0.25 \times 8 \underline{i}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_x^{A1} = 2 \underline{i} \text{ m/s}$$



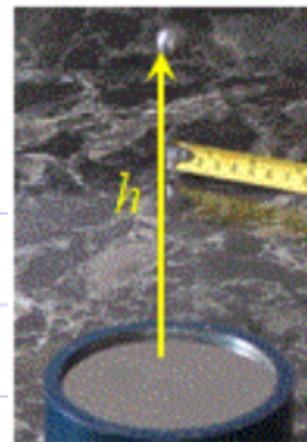
For B $1.5 \underline{v} = 0.25 V_x^{B1} \underline{v} - 0$

$$\Rightarrow V_x^{B1} = 6 \underline{v} \text{ m/s}$$

Restitution coeff

$$e = - \frac{(2-6)}{(8-0)} = 0.5$$

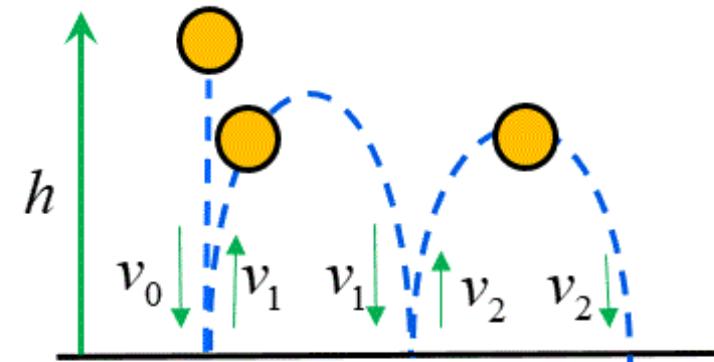
4.5.5: Example: A ball bearing is dropped from a height h onto a hard metal surface. It stops bouncing after a time interval T . Find a formula for the restitution coefficient.



① Speed just before first bounce

$$\text{Energy Conservation} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = mgh \\ \Rightarrow v_0 = \sqrt{2gh}$$

② Speed after 1st bounce $v_1 = e v_0$



③ Speed after nth bounce $v_n = e^n v_0$

④ Time for nth bounce

Impulse-momentum while airborne

$$\int f = p_1 - p_0 \Rightarrow -mgT_n \int f = -mV_{nf} - mV_{nif}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_n = \frac{2V_n}{g} = \frac{2V_0}{g} e^n$$

⑤ Time for all bounces

$$T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n = \frac{2V_0}{g} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^n = e / (1-e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Tg}{2V_0} = \frac{e}{1-e}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \left\{ 1 + \frac{2V_0}{Tg} \right\}^{-1} = \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\frac{8h}{g}} \right\}^{-1}$$

For experiment $T = 28.06$ s $h = 13$ cm

$$\Rightarrow e = 0.989$$

4.5.6 3D restitution coefficient formula for frictionless collisions

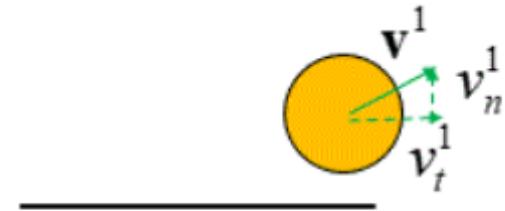
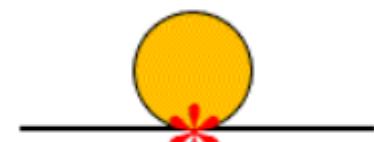
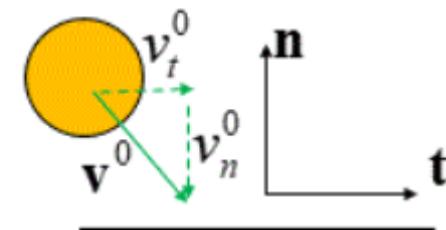
Impact on a stationary surface

No friction \Rightarrow no tangential impulse
on particle

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_t^1 = v_t^0}$$

Normal impact obeys 1-D formula

$$\boxed{v_n^1 = -e v_n^0}$$



Impact between moving particles

Formulas in $\{\underline{n}, \underline{t}\}$ components

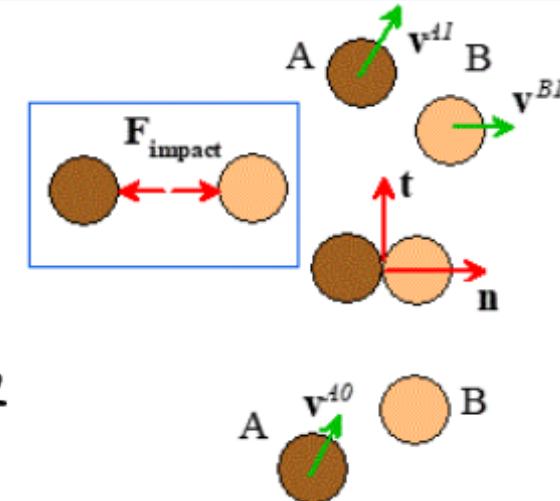
Let \underline{n} be parallel to line connecting centers of curvature at impact point

No friction \Rightarrow no impulse parallel to \underline{t}

$$\Rightarrow V_t^{A1} = V_t^{AO} \quad V_t^{B1} = V_t^{BO} \quad \text{or} \quad V_t^{A1} - V_t^{B1} = V_t^{AO} - V_t^{BO}$$

Normal components obey 1D formula

$$V_n^{A1} - V_n^{B1} = -e (V_n^{AO} - V_n^{BO})$$

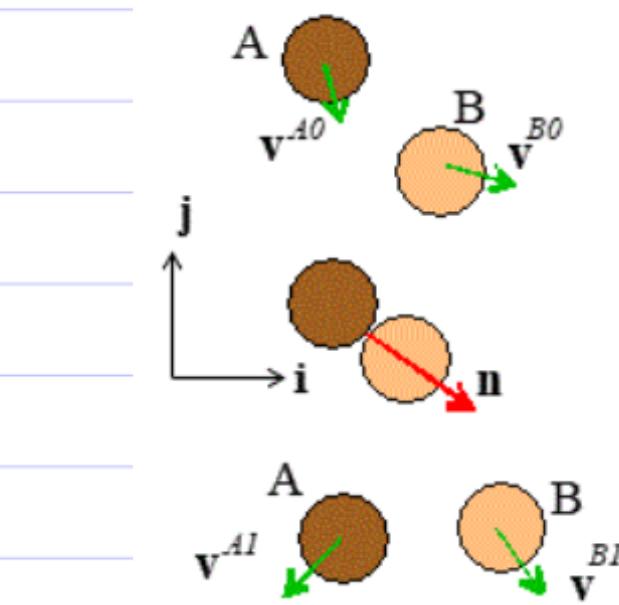


{ \dot{e} , \dot{f} } component formulas

\underline{n} : parallel to line connecting centers of curvature at impact point

$$\underline{n} = n_x \dot{e} + n_y \dot{f}$$

3D restitution formula



Direction

$$\underline{v}^{AI} - \underline{v}^{BI} = \underline{v}^{AO} - \underline{v}^{BO} - (1+e) [\underline{v}^{AO} - \underline{v}^{BO}] \cdot \underline{n} \underline{n}$$

magnitude

Formula embodies same physics as
 $\{\underline{n}, \underline{t}\}$ component formulas

Interpreting 3D restitution formula

Velocity components $\mathbf{v}^A = v_n^A \mathbf{n} + v_t^A \mathbf{t}$ $\mathbf{v}^B = v_n^B \mathbf{n} + v_t^B \mathbf{t}$

Restitution Formula

$$(\mathbf{v}^{A1} - \mathbf{v}^{B1}) = (\mathbf{v}^{A0} - \mathbf{v}^{B0}) - (1+e)[(\mathbf{v}^{A0} - \mathbf{v}^{B0}) \cdot \mathbf{n}] \mathbf{n}$$

Dot with \mathbf{n}

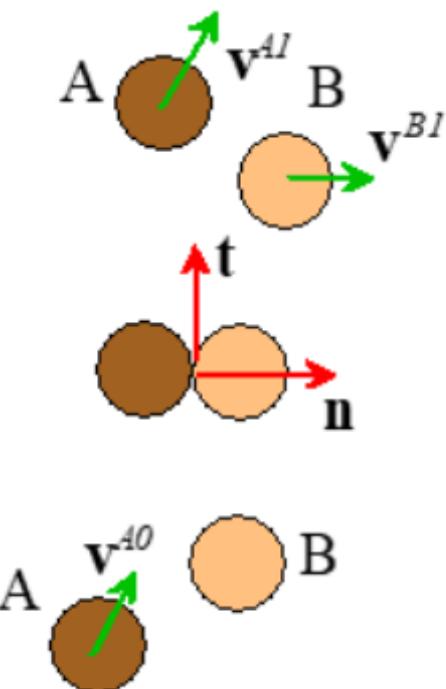
$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{v}^{A1} - \mathbf{v}^{B1}) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= (\mathbf{v}^{A0} - \mathbf{v}^{B0}) \cdot \mathbf{n} - (1+e)[(\mathbf{v}^{A0} - \mathbf{v}^{B0}) \cdot \mathbf{n}] \\ \Rightarrow v_n^{A1} - v_n^{B1} &= -e(v_n^{A0} - v_n^{B0}) \end{aligned}$$

Normal velocity components related by 1-D formula

Dot with \mathbf{t} $(\mathbf{v}^{A1} - \mathbf{v}^{B1}) \cdot \mathbf{t} = (\mathbf{v}^{A0} - \mathbf{v}^{B0}) \cdot \mathbf{t}$

$$\Rightarrow v_t^{B1} - v_t^{A1} = v_t^{B0} - v_t^{A0}$$

No change in tangential relative velocities



4.5.7 3D collision formulas

Momentum:

$$m_A \underline{v}^{A1} + m_B \underline{v}^{B1} = m_A \underline{v}^{AO} + m_B \underline{v}^{BO}$$

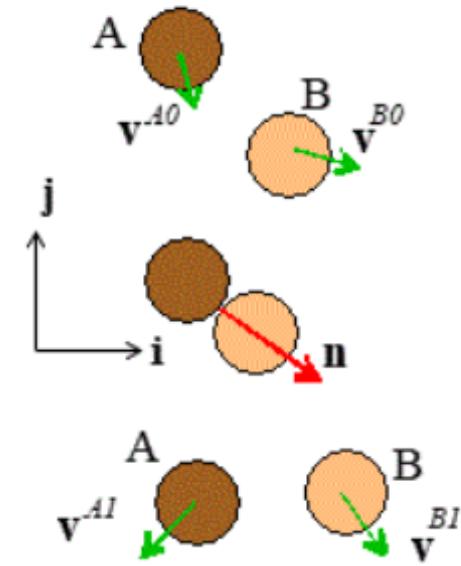
Restitution

$$\underline{v}^{A1} - \underline{v}^{B1} = \underline{v}^{AO} - \underline{v}^{BO} - (1+e) [\underline{v}^{AO} - \underline{v}^{BO}] \cdot \underline{n} \underline{n}$$

Solve for \underline{v}^{A1} \underline{v}^{B1} :

$$\boxed{\underline{v}^{A1} = \underline{v}^{AO} - \frac{m_B}{m_A + m_B} (1+e) [\underline{v}^{AO} - \underline{v}^{BO}] \cdot \underline{n} \underline{n}}$$

$$\boxed{\underline{v}^{B1} = \underline{v}^{BO} + \frac{m_A}{m_A + m_B} (1+e) [\underline{v}^{AO} - \underline{v}^{BO}] \cdot \underline{n} \underline{n}}$$



4.5.8: Example: A and B have the same mass, and restitution coefficient e .
Find their velocities after impact

(I) Find collision direction

$$\underline{n} = \left(\frac{3R}{2} \dot{i} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \dot{j} \right) / 2R$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{4} \dot{i} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \dot{j} \right)$$

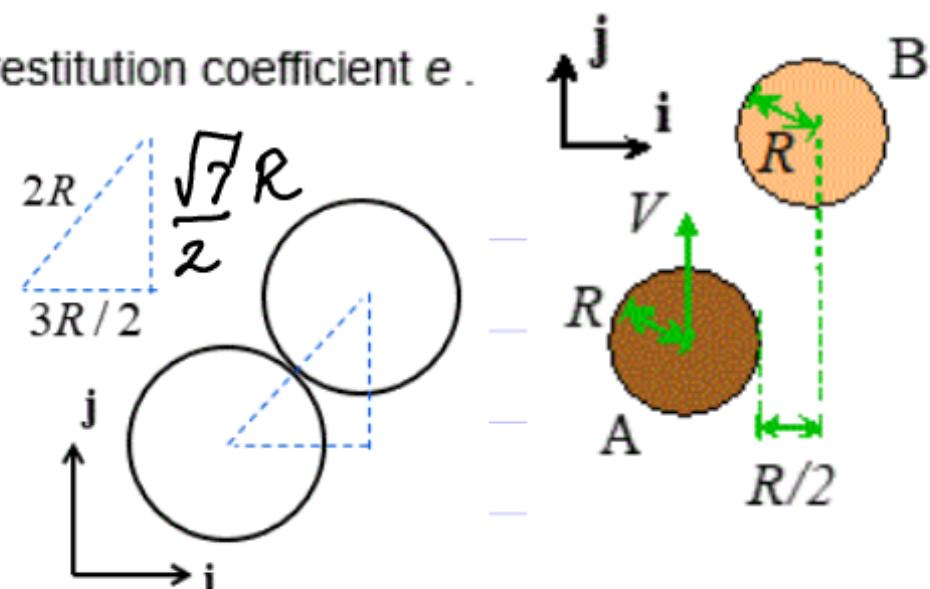
Given: $\underline{V}^{AO} = V \dot{j}$ $\underline{V}^{BO} = \underline{0}$

$$\Rightarrow [\underline{V}^{AO} - \underline{V}^{BO}] \cdot \underline{n} = V \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

Formulas:

$$\underline{V}^{A'} = V \dot{j} - \frac{1}{2}(1+e) \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} V \left(\frac{3}{4} \dot{i} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \dot{j} \right)$$

$$\underline{V}^{B'} = \frac{1}{2}(1+e) \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} V \left(\frac{3}{4} \dot{i} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \dot{j} \right)$$

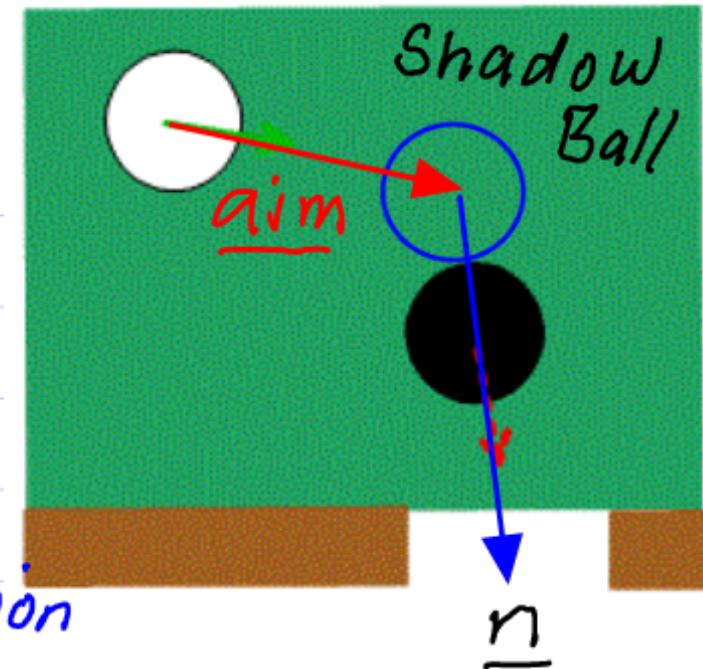


page 2 4.5.9: Example: Where should you aim to pocket the black ball?

Formula:

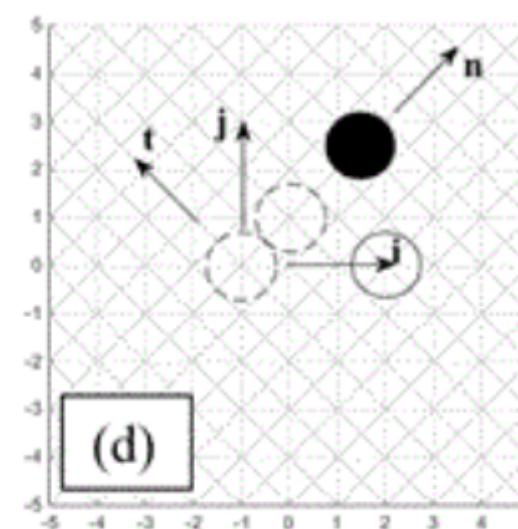
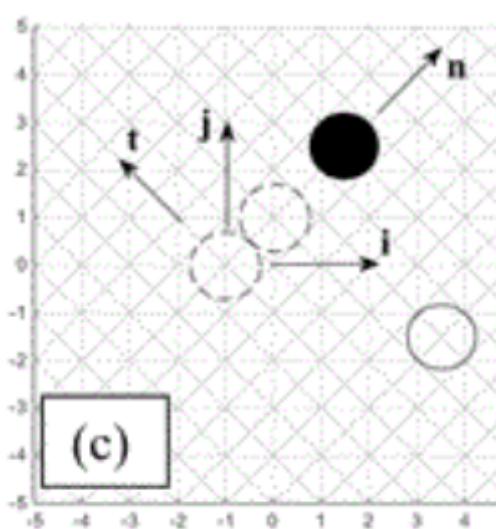
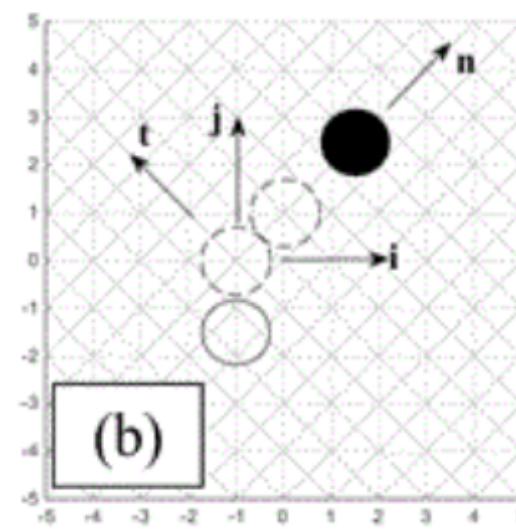
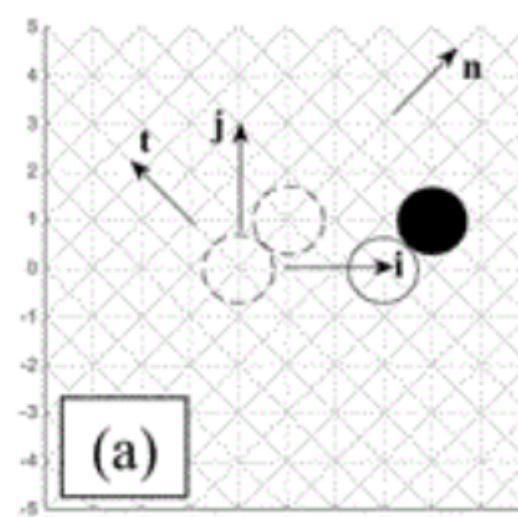
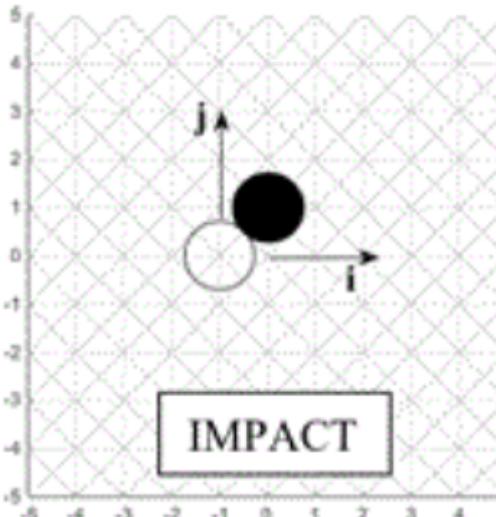
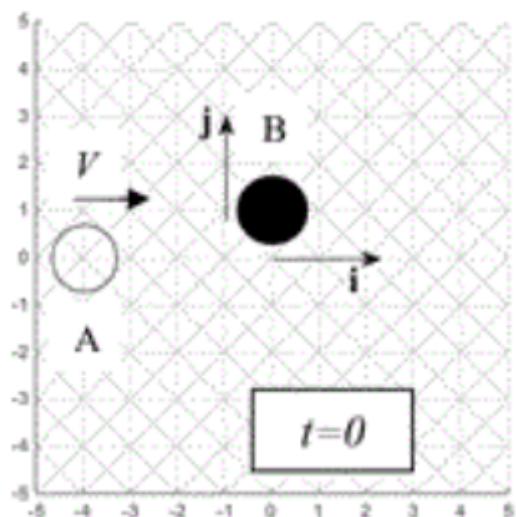
$$\underline{v}^{B1} = \underline{v}^{B0} + \frac{1}{2}(1+e)[\underline{v}^{A0} - \underline{v}^{B0}] \cdot \underline{n}$$

magnitude Direction



Black ball will move along collision direction n

"Shadow Ball" method: visualize a "shadow ball" behind object ball in line with pocket and aim at its center



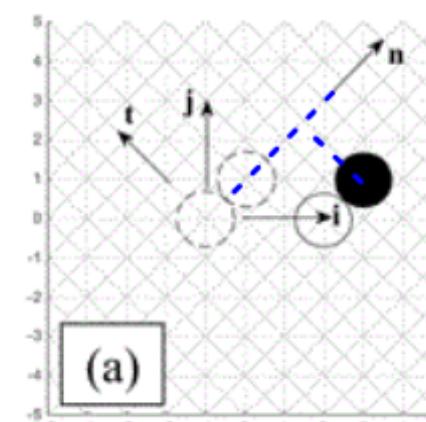
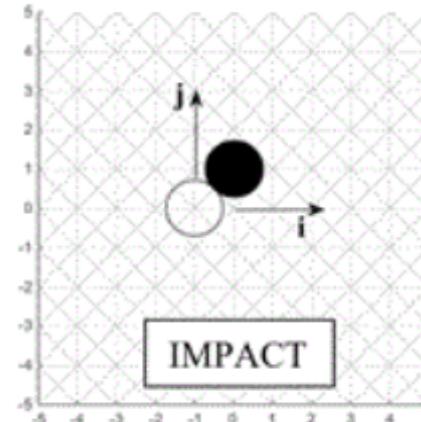
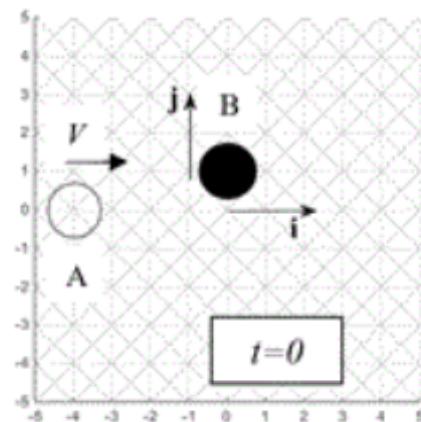
4.5.10: Example: Two spheres with equal mass and restitution coefficient $e=0$ collide. For each of (a)-(d) identify whether

Total Momentum is conserved in the **j** direction

Momentum of B is conserved in the **t** direction

The restitution formula is satisfied in the **n** direction

Hence, pick the correct positions of the spheres after impact



Total Momentum is conserved in the j direction

Momentum of B is conserved in the t direction

The restitution formula is satisfied in the n direction



Initial momentum $\vec{p}_0^{\text{TOT}} = m \vec{V}_i$

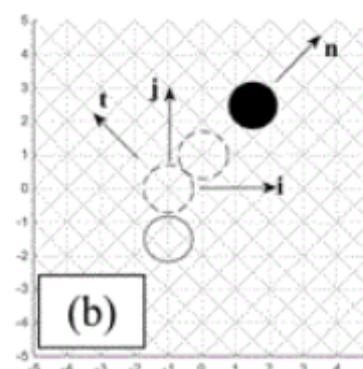
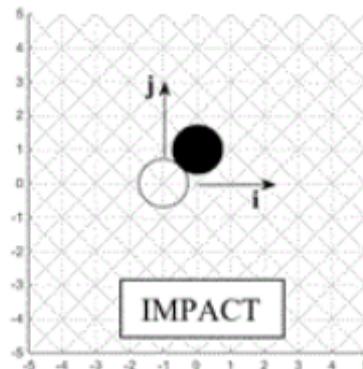
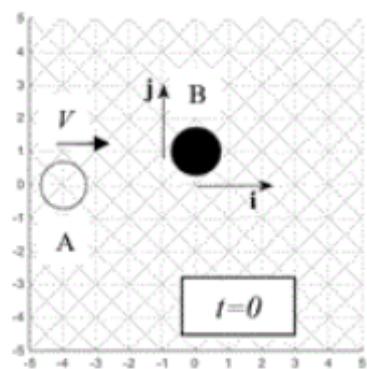
A, B move only in i direction after impact

Initial momentum of B $\vec{p}_0^B = \underline{0}$

After impact B has moved in both \underline{i} and \underline{n} directions

Restitution formula $V_n^{A1} - V_n^{B1} = 0$

A & B move same distance in n direction after impact



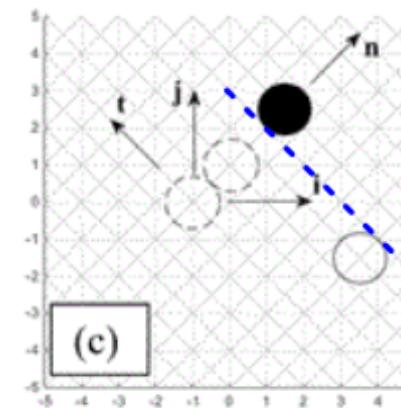
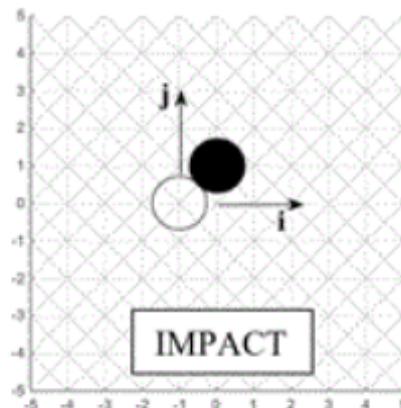
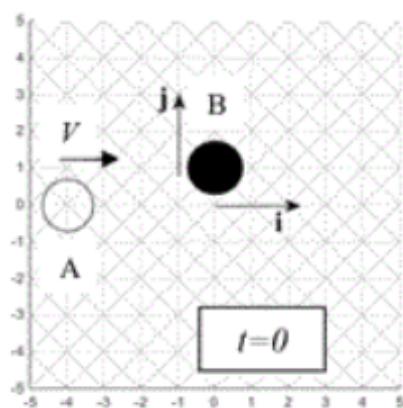
Total Momentum is conserved in the \mathbf{j} direction
 Momentum of B is conserved in the \mathbf{t} direction
 The restitution formula is satisfied in the \mathbf{n} direction

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Final momentum: note A&B move equal
 & opposite distances after collision in \mathbf{j} dir.
 \Rightarrow \mathbf{j} component of $\vec{p}^{\text{TOT}} = 0$

B moves parallel to \underline{n} \Rightarrow \underline{t} component of
 $\underline{p}^{B1} = 0$

A & B have different speeds in \underline{n} direction
 after collision $\Rightarrow v_n^{A1} \neq v_n^{B1}$



Total Momentum is conserved in the j direction

Momentum of B is conserved in the t direction

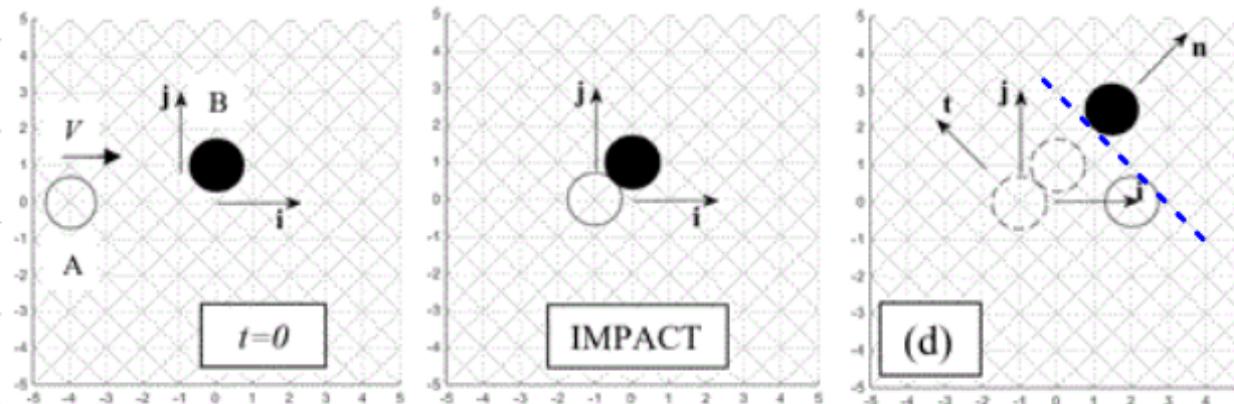
The restitution formula is satisfied in the n direction

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A & B have equal & opposite displacements in j dir
after collision

B moves parallel to n after collision

A & B have equal displacements in n direction
after collision $\Rightarrow v_n^{A'} = v_n^{B'}$



Total Momentum is conserved in the j direction

Momentum of B is conserved in the t direction

The restitution formula is satisfied in the n direction

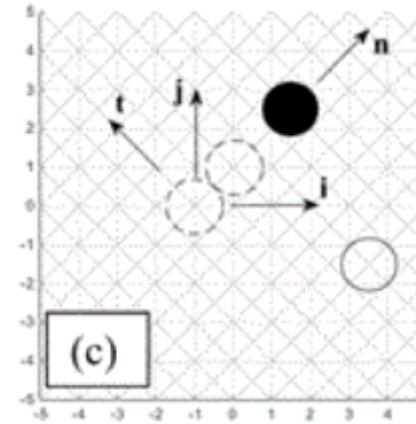
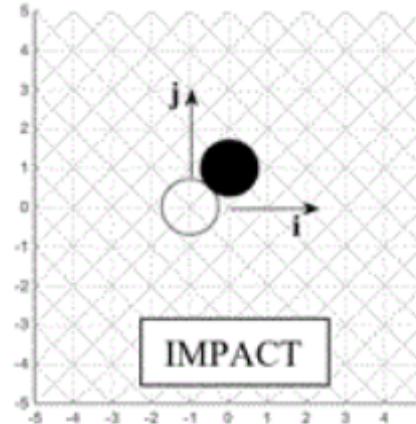
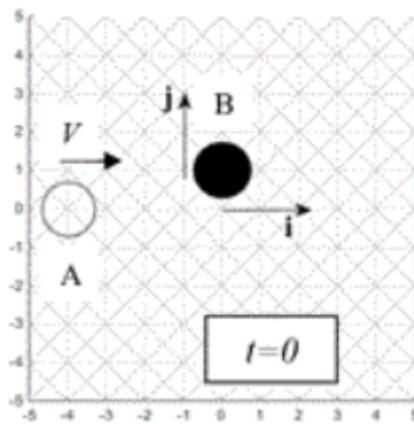
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A moves parallel to i , B has j component of displacement after collision $\Rightarrow p_y^{\text{TOT}} \neq 0$

B moves parallel to n after collision

A & B have equal displacements after collision



Total Momentum is conserved in the j direction
 Momentum of B is conserved in the t direction
 The restitution formula is satisfied in the n direction

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The correct figure !