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Momentum I

1. A truck loaded with sand is moving down the highway in a straight path.
 - a. What happens to the momentum of the truck if the truck's velocity is increasing? (*circle one*)
 - i. Momentum decreases
 - ii. Momentum increases
 - iii. Momentum stays the same
 - iv. I don't know.
 - b. What happens to the momentum of the truck if sand leaks at a constant rate through a hole in the truck bed while the truck maintains a constant velocity? (*circle one*)
 - i. Momentum decreases
 - ii. Momentum increases
 - iii. Momentum stays the same
 - iv. I don't know.

2. Calculate the linear momentum for each of the following cases. *Remember to put units and direction.*

- a. a proton with mass 1.67×10^{-27} kg moving with a velocity of 3.2×10^6 m/s straight up

$$p = mv = (1.67 \times 10^{-27})(3.2 \times 10^6) = \boxed{5.34 \times 10^{-21} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s up}}$$

- b. a 15.0 g bullet moving with a velocity of 700 m/s to the right

$$p = mv = (0.015)(700) = \boxed{10.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s to the right}}$$

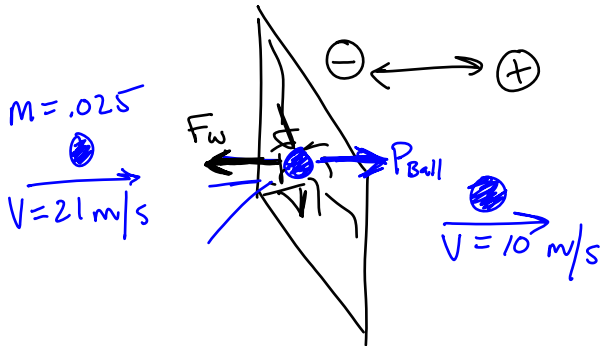
- c. a 95 kg sprinter running with a velocity of 40 m/s southwest

$$p = mv = (95)(40) = \boxed{3800 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s southwest}}$$

- d. Earth ($m = 5.98 \times 10^{24}$ kg) moving in its orbit with a velocity equal to 2.98×10^4 m/s west

$$p = mv = (5.98 \times 10^{24})(2.98 \times 10^4) = \boxed{1.78 \times 10^{29} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s west}}$$

3. A 0.025 kg golf ball moving at 21 m/s crashes through the window of a house in 2.0×10^{-4} s. After the crash, the ball continues in the same direction with a speed of 10 m/s. Assuming the force exerted on the ball by the window was constant, what was the magnitude of this force?



$$\begin{aligned}\Delta p &= F \Delta t \\ mV_f - mV_i &= F \Delta t \\ m(V_f - V_i) &= F_{window} \Delta t \\ .025(10 - 21) &= F_w (2.0 \times 10^{-4}) \\ .025(-11) &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-.275}{2.0 \times 10^{-4}} = F_w = -1375 \text{ N}$$

4. A 0.150 kg baseball moving at 24 m/s is slowed to a stop by a catcher in 0.007 s.

- a. What constant force did the catcher exert on the ball during this time?

$$\begin{aligned}mV_f - mV_i &= F \Delta t \\ -(.15)(24) &= F(.007) \\ -514.3 \text{ N} &= F_{catcher} \text{ (toward the pitcher)} \end{aligned}$$

- b. How far did the ball travel before stopping? (remember to use your Chapter 3 formulas)

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (V_i + V_f) \Delta t$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (24 + 0) .007$$

$$\Delta x = .084 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta x = 8.4 \text{ cm}$$