

# PHY131H1F - Class 15

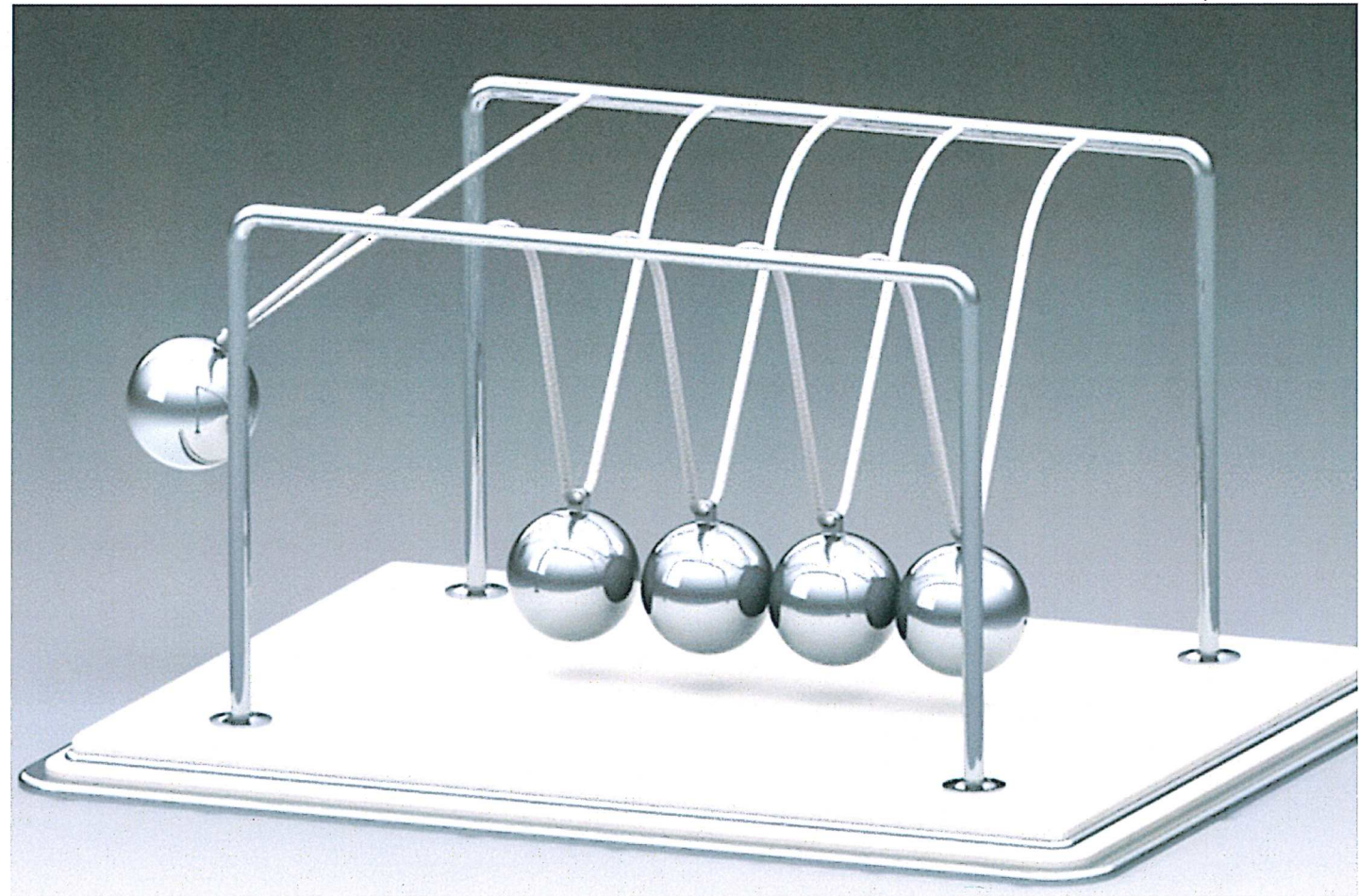
Today, we are finishing Chapter 9 on  
Momentum:

**Impulse** and Momentum

Energy in Collisions

Totally Inelastic Collisions

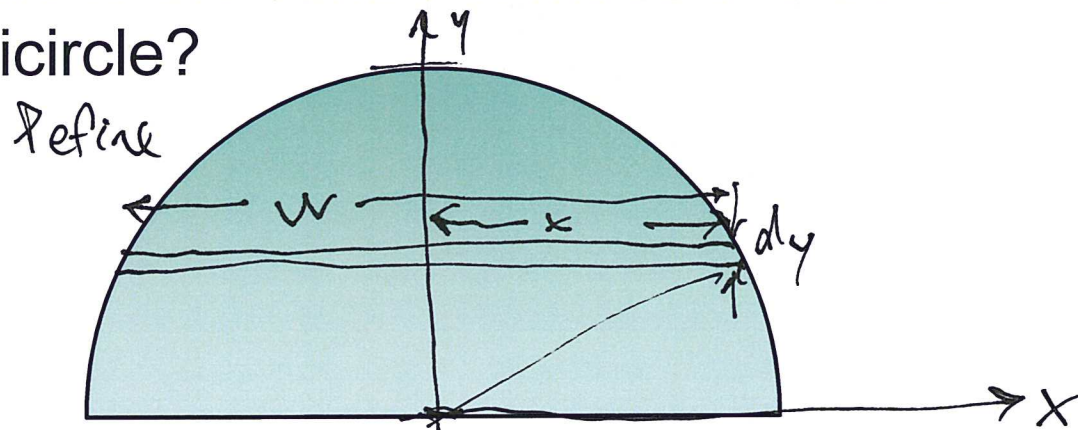
Elastic Collisions



[image from <https://grabcad.com/library/newton-s-cradle-assembly-1> ]

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Where is the centre of mass of a solid semicircle?



$x_{cm} = 0$ , by symmetry.

Use:  $y_{cm} = \frac{1}{m} \int y dm$

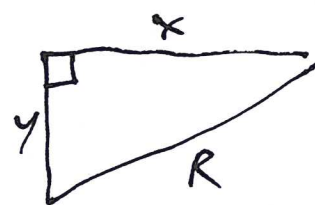
Need a rectangle for  $dm$  that is at a single  $y$ -position.

  $dy$      $dA = dy \cdot w$

Note:  $w = 2x$

$\Rightarrow dA = 2x dy$

$dm = dA \left( \text{mass per area} \right) = dA \left( \frac{M}{\pi R^2 / 2} \right)$



$dm = \frac{2M}{\pi R^2} dA = \frac{4M}{\pi R^2} x dy$

$x^2 + y^2 = R^2$

$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{R^2 - y^2}$

$dm = \frac{4M}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{R^2 - y^2} dy$

$y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int y \left[ \frac{4M}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{R^2 - y^2} \right] dy$

$= \frac{4}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R y \sqrt{R^2 - y^2} dy$

From an integral table:

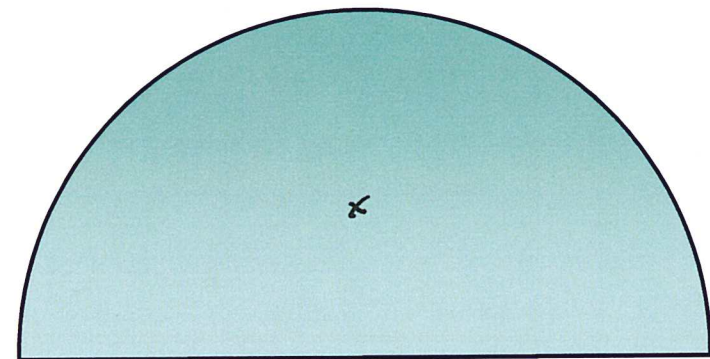
I would give this on a test

$\int x \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{3} (a^2 - x^2)^{3/2}$

$y_{cm} = \frac{4}{\pi R^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{3} (R^2 - y^2)^{3/2} \right]_0^R$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{4}{\pi R^2} \left( 0 + \frac{1}{3} (R^2)^{3/2} \right)$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{4 R^3}{3 \pi R^2} = \frac{4}{3\pi} R$$

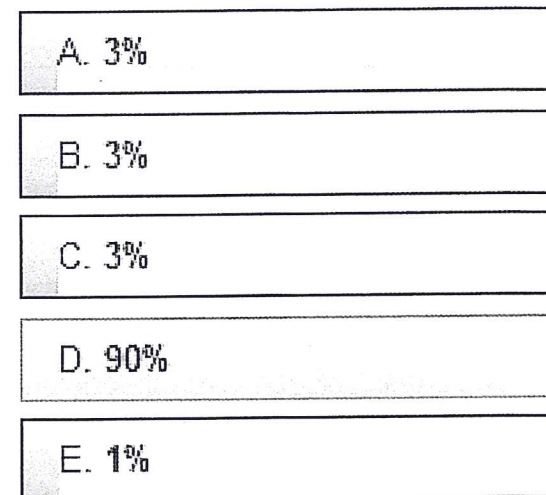


# Pre-class 15 results: Q.1 (1 point)

In a perfectly ELASTIC collision between two perfectly rigid objects

- A. the momentum of each object is conserved.
- B. the kinetic energy of each object is conserved.
- C. the momentum of the system is conserved but the kinetic energy of the system is not conserved.
- D. both the momentum and the kinetic energy of the system are conserved.**
- E. the kinetic energy of the system is conserved, but the momentum of the system is not conserved.

● 560 responses, 90% correct



# Pre-class 15 results: Q.2 (1 point)

In an INELASTIC collision between two objects

- A. the momentum of each object is conserved.
- B. the kinetic energy of each object is conserved.
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- D. both the momentum and the kinetic energy of the system are conserved.
- E. the kinetic energy of the system is conserved, but the momentum of the system is not conserved.

● 558 responses, 86% correct

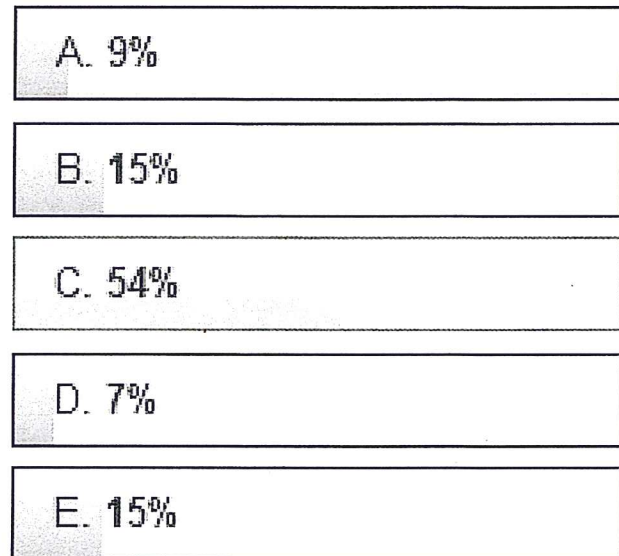
A. 4%
B. 1%
<b>C. 86%</b>
D. 2%
E. 6%

# Pre-class 15 results: Q.3 (1 point)

A shell explodes into two fragments, one fragment 25 times heavier than the other. If any gas from the explosion has negligible mass, then

- A. the momentum change of the lighter fragment is 25 times as great as the momentum change of the heavier fragment.
- B. the momentum change of the heavier fragment is 25 times as great as the momentum change of the lighter fragment.
- C. the momentum change of the lighter fragment is exactly the same as the momentum change of the heavier fragment.**
- D. the kinetic energy change of the heavier fragment is 25 times as great as the kinetic energy change of the lighter fragment.
- E. the kinetic energy change of the lighter fragment is 25 times as great as the kinetic energy change of the heavier fragment.

● 557 responses, 54% correct



# Pre-class 15 results: Q.4 (7 points)

Do you have any questions or comments about today's reading and/or preclass video?

- *What's the difference between conservation of momentum and conservation of kinetic energy? If kinetic energy is conserved, is momentum then necessarily conserved too?*

Harlow answer: NO. These are totally different.

Conservation of energy ( $E_f = E_i$ ) is when

- a. No work is done on the system by external non-conservative forces
- b. No heat is gained or lost from or to the environment

Conservation of momentum ( $\vec{P}_f = \vec{P}_i$ ) is when there is no external net force on the system

- *What does the symbol " $\ll$ " refer to?*
- Harlow answer: "Much, much less than". So if  $F_{\text{net,external}} \ll F_{\text{interaction}}$ , then the external net force is much, much less than the interaction forces, and we can use conservation of momentum.

Last day I asked at the end of class:

- Consider the two integrals below. What's the difference?

$$\vec{J} = \int \vec{F} dt$$

### Impulse (Ch.9)

This is the force integrated over **time**, which gives the change in **momentum**.  
[Units: kg m / s]

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

### Work (Ch. 6)

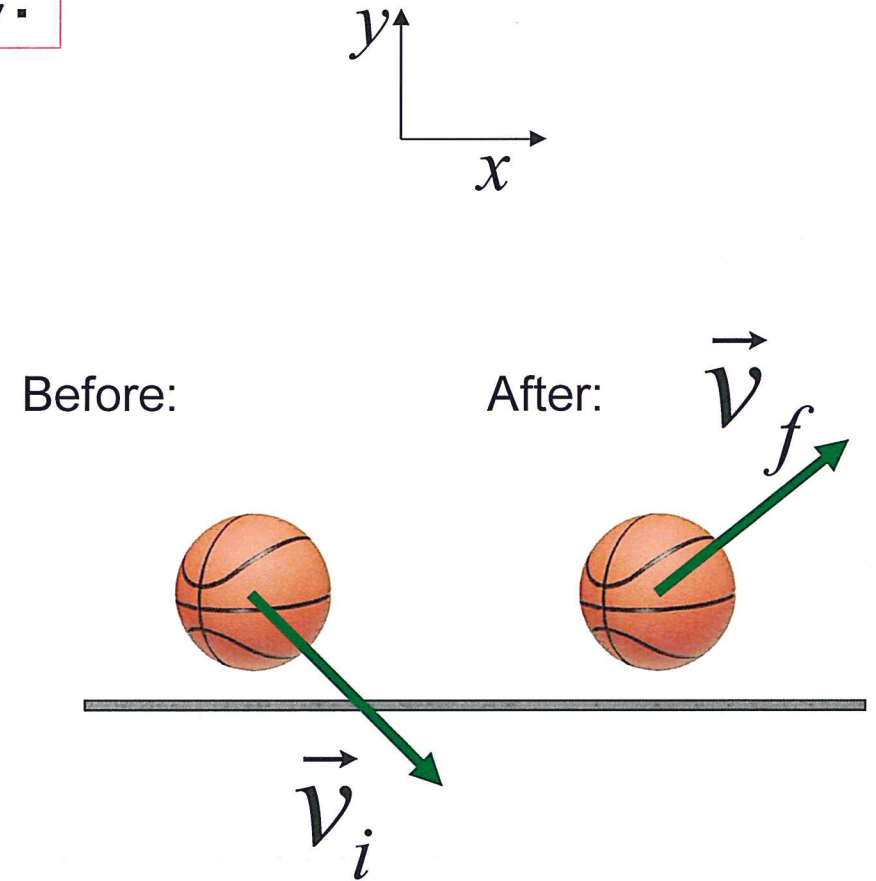
This is the force integrated over **distance**, which gives the change in **energy**. [Units: Joules]



$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} \text{ means } p_x = mv_x \text{ and } p_y = mv_y.$$

A basketball with mass 0.1 kg is traveling down and to the right with  $v_{xi} = +5$  m/s, and  $v_{yi} = -5$  m/s.

It hits the horizontal ground, and then is traveling up and to the right with  $v_{xf} = +5$  m/s, and  $v_{yf} = +4$  m/s.



LC Question 1 What is the change in the x-component of the ball's momentum?

use units  $\frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}}{\text{s}}$  (but only enter the number)

LC Question 2 What is the change in the y-component of the ball's momentum?

$$\Delta p_y = p_{yf} - p_{yi} = 0.1(v_{yf} - v_{yi}) = 0.1(4 - (-5)) = 0.1(9) = 0.9 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}$$

# Impulse

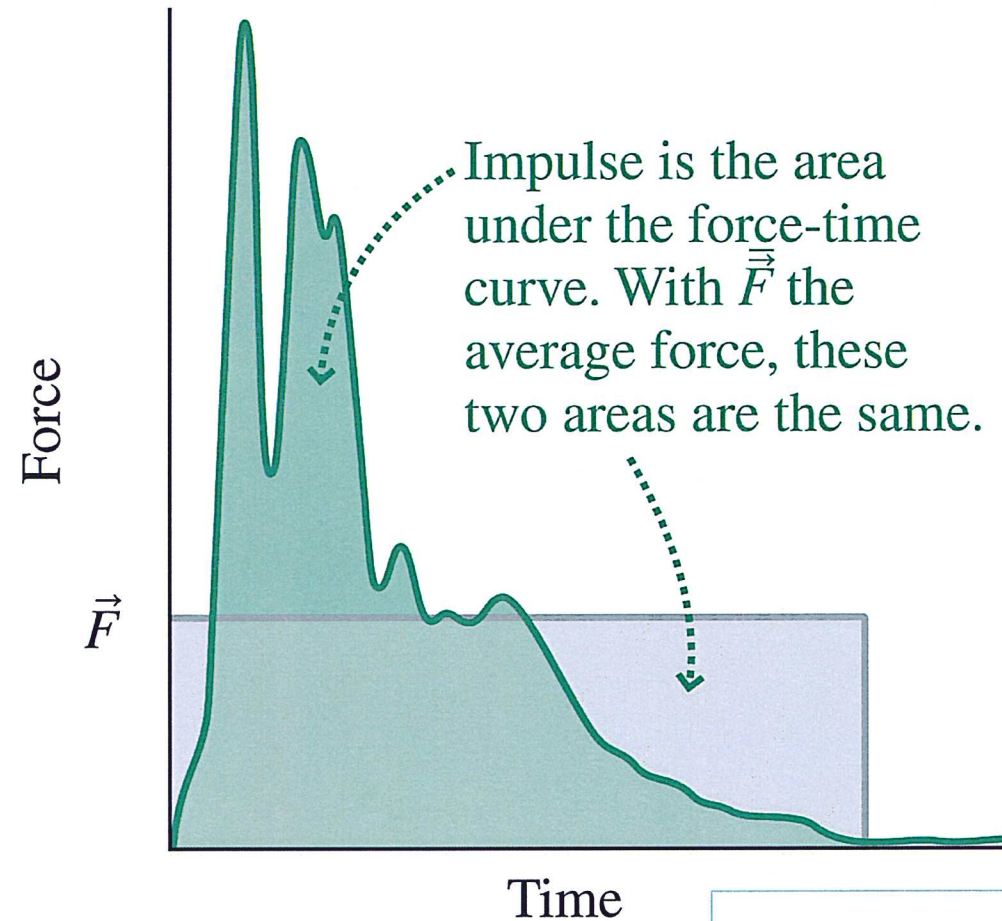
The *impulse* upon a particle is:

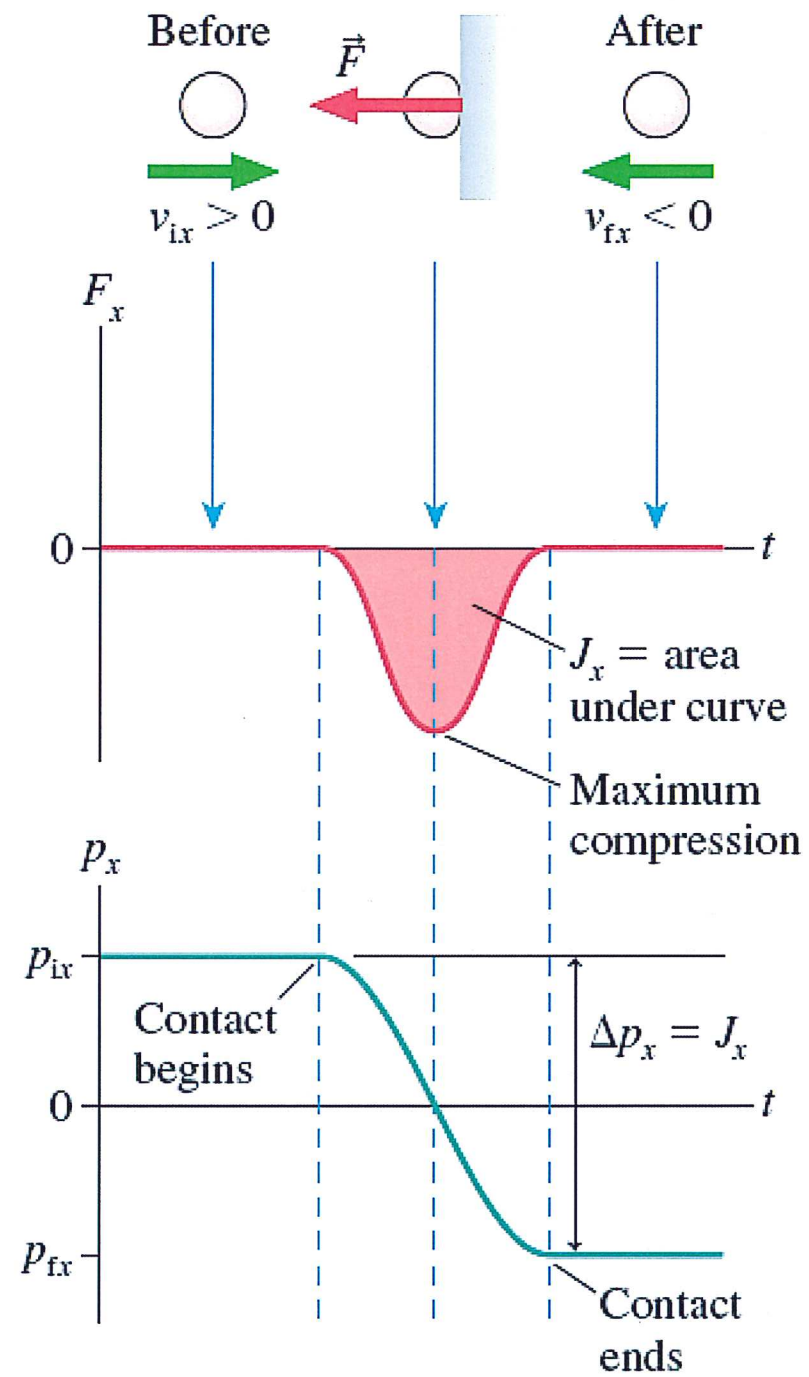
$$J_x = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_x dt$$

$$J_y = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_y dt$$

- Impulse has units of N s, but you should be able to show that N s are equivalent to kg m/s.
- The **impulse-momentum theorem** states that the change in a particle's momentum is equal to the impulse on it:

$$\Delta p_x = J_x \qquad \Delta p_y = J_y$$





A 0.50 kg cart rolls to the right at +1.2 m/s.  
It collides with a force sensor.

A plot of force versus time (with positive force defined as towards the right) gives an area of  $-1.0 \text{ N s}$ .  $\Rightarrow J_x$

What is the velocity of the cart immediately after the collision?

Before:  $v_{ix} = +1.2 \text{ m/s}$



$$p_{ix} = 0.5(1.2)$$

$$p_{ix} = +0.6 \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$J_x = \Delta p_x = p_{fx} - p_{ix}$$

$$p_{fx} = p_{ix} + J$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{fx} &= 0.6 + (-1.0) \\ &= -0.4 \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$p_{fx} = m v_{fx}$$

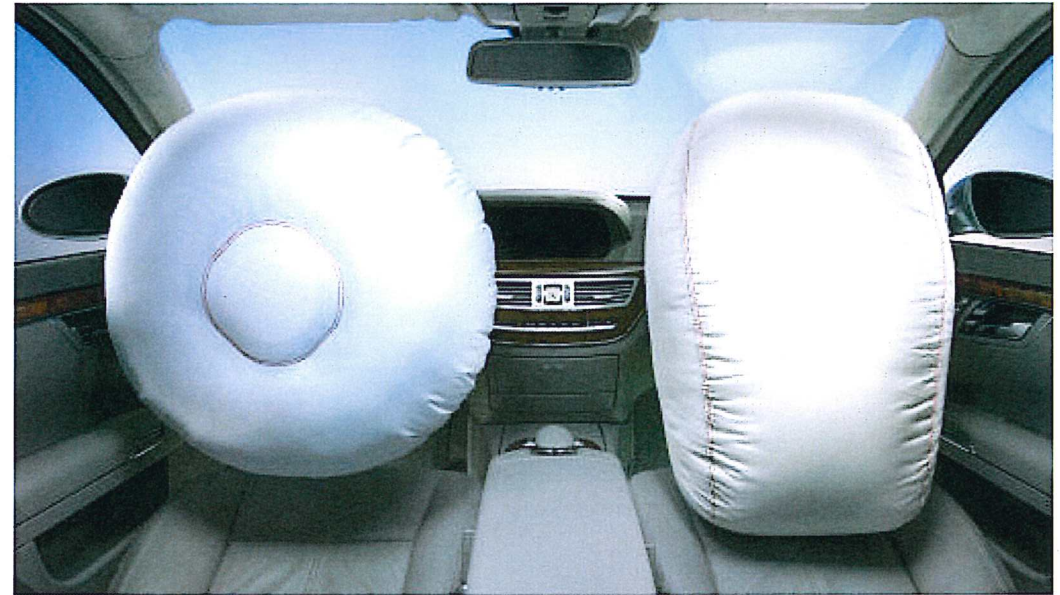
$$v_{fx} = \frac{p_{fx}}{m} = \frac{-0.4}{0.5}$$

$$v_{fx} = -0.8 \text{ m/s}$$

$|v_{fx}| < |v_{ix}| \rightarrow$  Energy was lost in collision

$$\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{p} = \vec{F} \cdot t$$

- Consider a car accident in which a car, initially traveling at 50 km/hr, collides with a large, massive bridge support.
- The car comes to an abrupt stop.
- Why is it better to hit the airbag as opposed to the hard plastic steering wheel or dashboard?
- ANSWER:
- The people must reduce their momentum from  $mv$  to zero. This requires a force applied over some amount of time. If the time is very short, the force must be very large (ie hitting steering wheel).
- If the person hits the airbag, this squishes during impact, lengthening the time of the stop. If the stopping process **takes longer**, then the maximum force is **less**.



### Learning Catalytics Question 3

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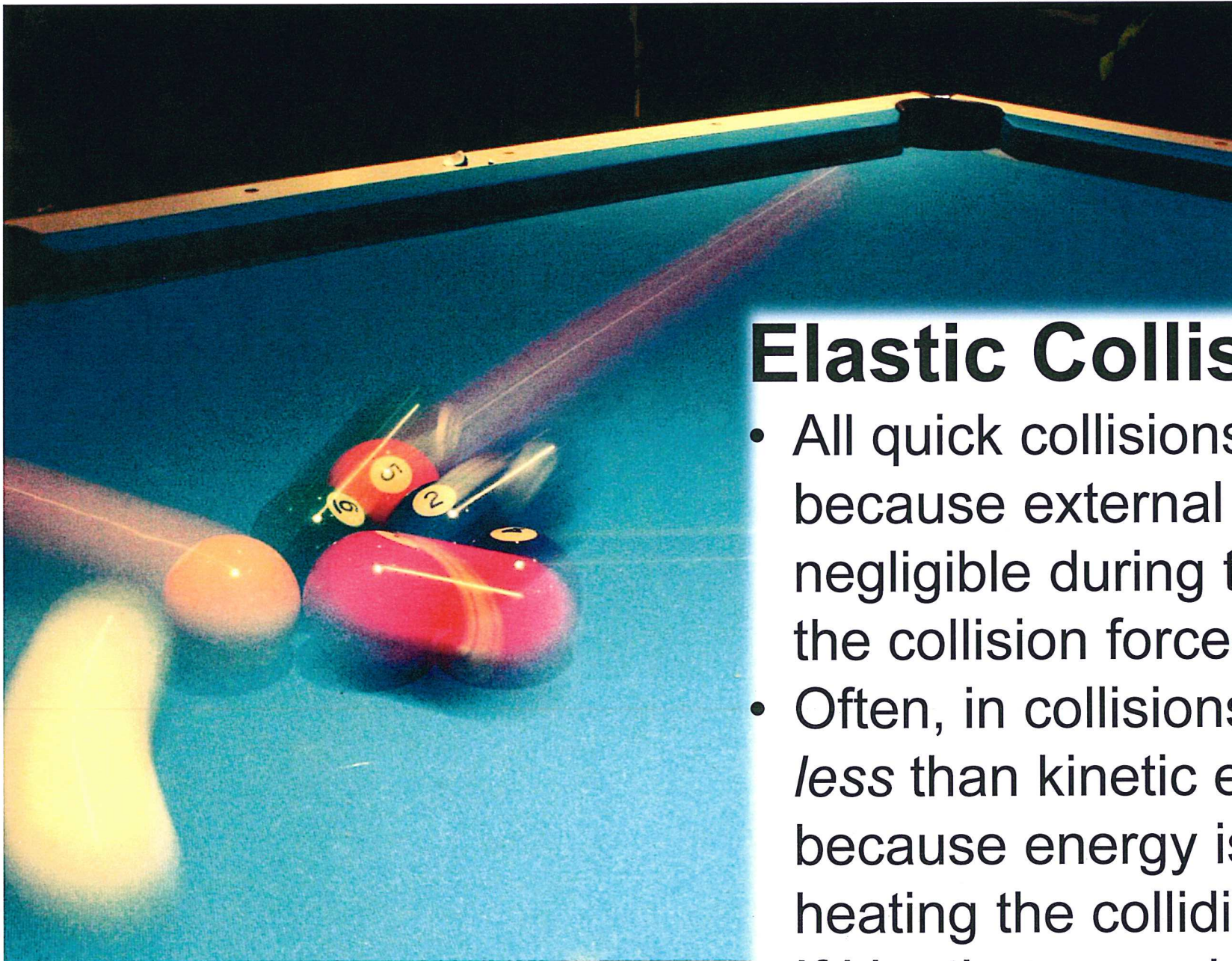
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Damp cloth:  $p_f = 0$  so  $\Delta p = 0 - p_i = -p_i$ .

Rubber ball:  $p_f \approx -p_i$  so  $\Delta p \approx -p_i - p_i = -2p_i$ .



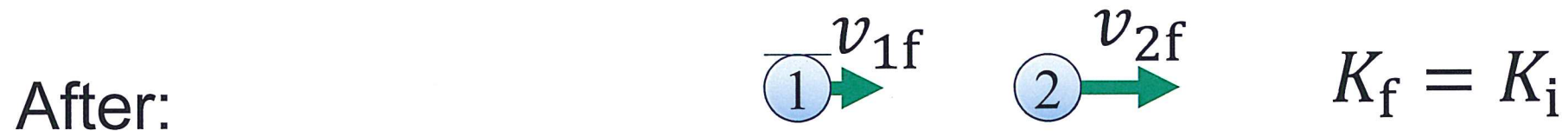
## Elastic Collisions

- All quick collisions conserve momentum, because external forces are usually negligible during the collision compared to the collision forces themselves.
- Often, in collisions, kinetic energy after is *less* than kinetic energy before. That's because energy is used up in deforming or heating the colliding objects.
- If kinetic energy is conserved, the collision is said to be **elastic**.



## Elastic Collision in 1 Dimension when ball 2 is initially at rest.

Consider a head-on, perfectly elastic collision of a ball of mass  $m_1$  having initial velocity  $v_{1i}$ , with a ball of mass  $m_2$  that is initially at rest.



The balls' velocities after the collision are  $v_{1f}$  and  $v_{2f}$ .

## Elastic Collision in 1 Dimension when ball 2 is initially at rest.

Momentum conservation:  $m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} = m_1 v_{1i}$

Kinetic energy conservation:  $\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2$

There are two equations, and two unknowns:  $v_{1f}$  and  $v_{2f}$ .

Solving for the unknowns gives:

Eq. 9.15:

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i}$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i}$$

(Elastic collision with ball 2 initially at rest.)

← If ball 2 is not at rest, switch to a reference frame where it is.

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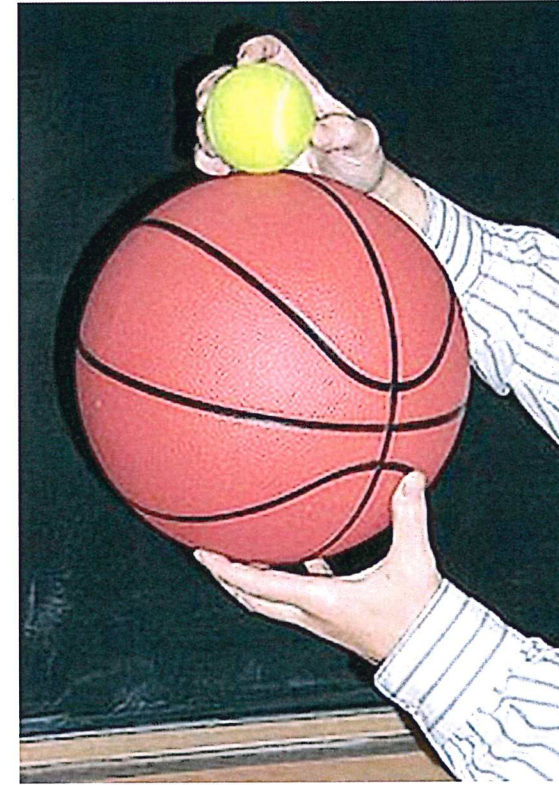
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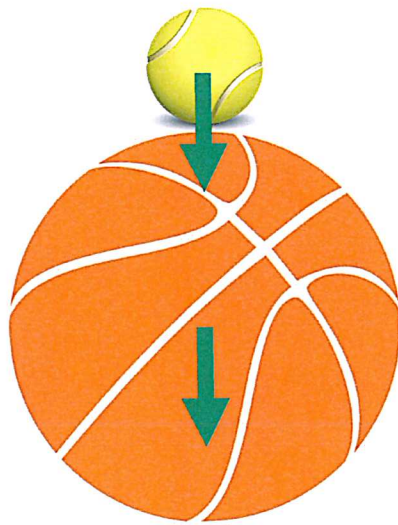
These equations come in especially handy, because you can always switch into an inertial reference frame in which ball 2 is initially at rest!

## Demonstration and Example

- A 0.50 kg basketball and a 0.05 kg tennis ball are stacked on top of each other, and then dropped from a height of 0.82 m above the floor.
- How high does the tennis ball bounce?
- Assume all perfectly elastic collisions.



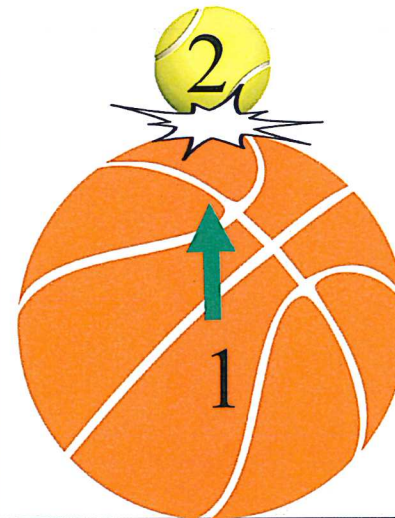
**Segment 1:**  
freefall of both  
balls as they  
fall,  $v_i = 0$ .



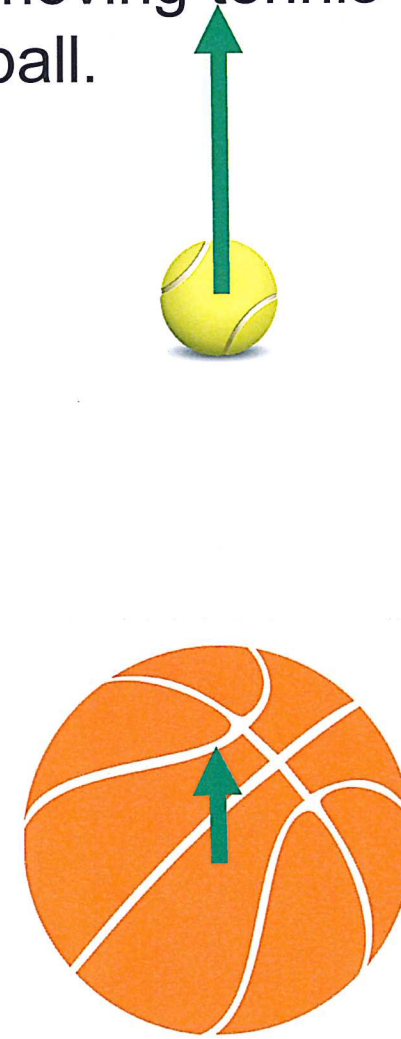
**Segment 2:**  
Elastic  
collision of  
basketball with  
**floor**. Tennis  
ball continues  
downward,  
unaffected.



**Segment 3:**  
Elastic  
collision of  
upward  
moving  
basketball (1)  
with downward  
moving tennis  
ball (2).



**Segment 4:**  
freefall of  
upward  
moving tennis  
ball.

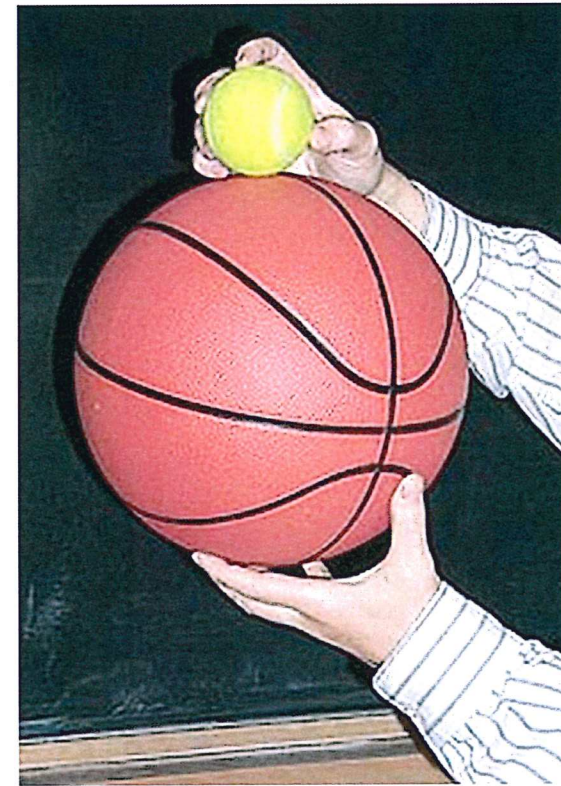


## Demonstration and Example

- Divide motion into segments.
- **Segment 1:** free-fall of both balls from a height of  $h = 0.82$  m. Use conservation of energy:  $U_f + K_f = U_i + K_i$

$$0 + \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 = mgh + 0$$

$$v_f = \pm [2gh]^{1/2} = -4.0 \text{ m/s, for both balls.}$$

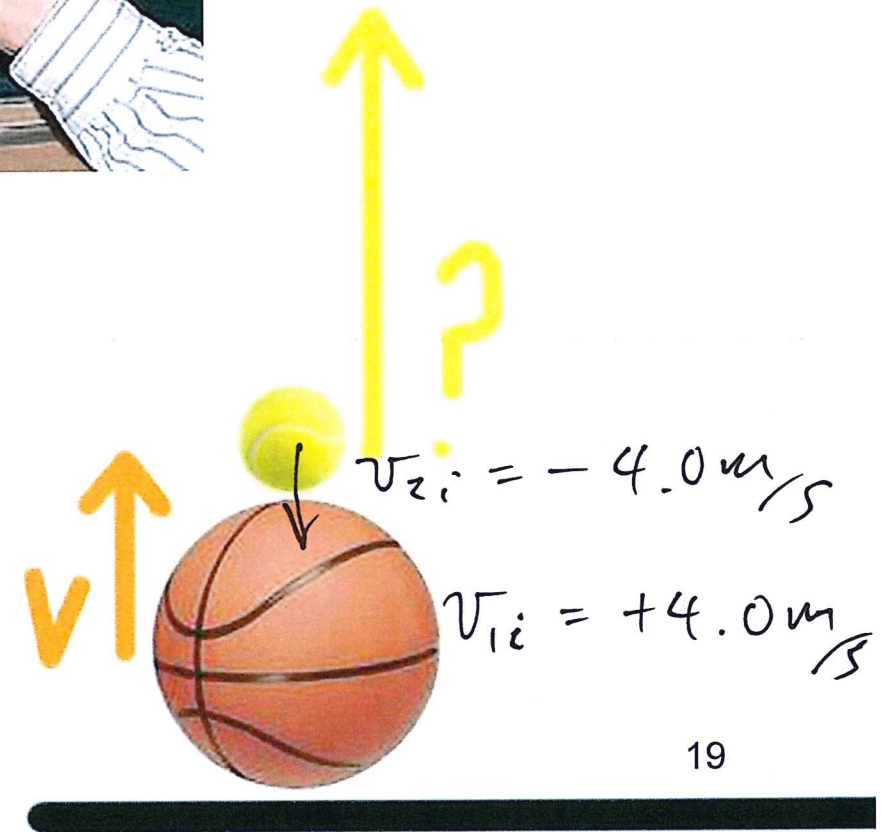
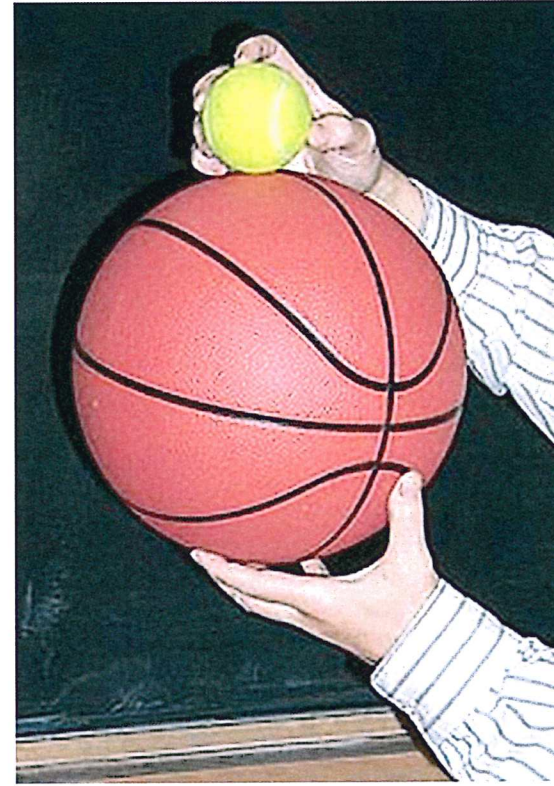


$$v_f = \pm \sqrt{2(9.8)(0.82)}$$
$$= -4.0 \text{ m/s}$$

- **Segment 2:** basketball bounces elastically with the floor, so its new velocity is  $+4.0$  m/s.

## Demonstration and Example

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$$m_1 = 0.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 0.05 \text{ kg.}$$

Ground frame:

Before:

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} \downarrow v_{zi} = -4 \\ \textcircled{1} \uparrow v_{ic} = +4 \end{array}$$

Switch to reference frame in which  $v_{zi} = 0$  by adding +4 to all velocity.  
(tennis ball frame)

Before:

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} \quad v_{zi} = 0 \\ \uparrow \\ \textcircled{1} \quad v_{ic} = +8 \text{ m/s} \end{array}$$

$$v_{zf} = \frac{2m_1 v_{ic}}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{2(0.5) \cdot 8}{0.5 + 0.05} = +14.5 \text{ m/s}$$

Don't forget to convert back to Ground frame by subtracting 4:

$$v_{zf} = +10.5 \text{ m/s}$$



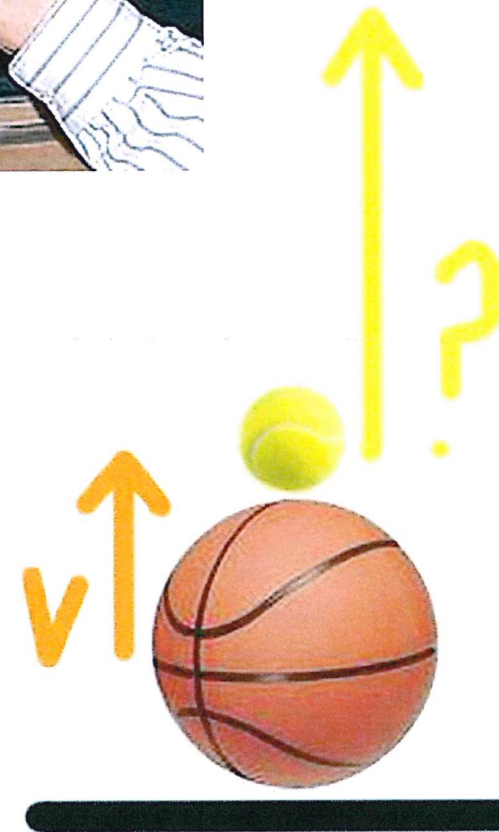
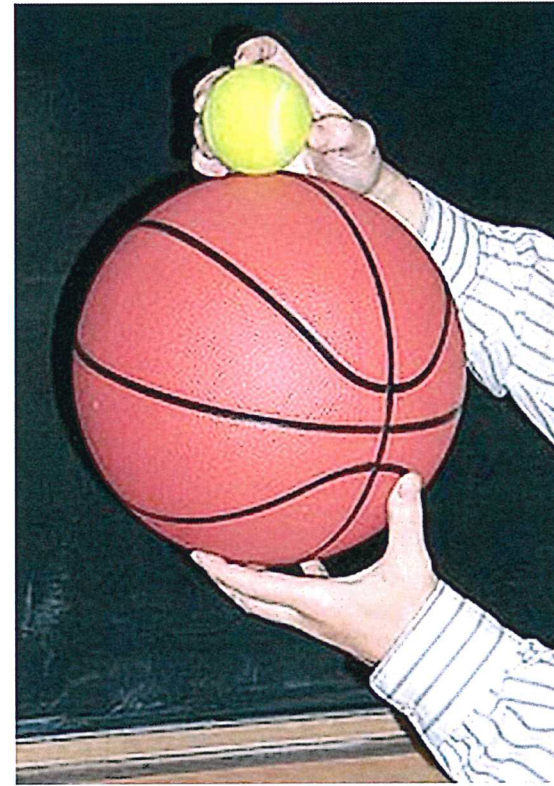
## Demonstration and Example

- **Segment 4:** freefall of tennis ball on the way up.  $v_{i2} = +10.5 \text{ m/s}$ .
- Use conservation of energy:  $U_f + K_f = U_i + K_i$

$$mgh + 0 = 0 + \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2$$

$$h = v_i^2 / (2g) = 5.6 \text{ m}.$$

- So the balls were dropped from 0.82 m, but the tennis ball rebounds up to 5.6 m! (Assuming no energy losses.)



# Before Class 16 next Monday Nov. 13

- Complete Problem Set 7 on Chapters 8 and 9 by Monday Nov.13 at 11:59pm.
- Read the first 3 sections of Chapter 10 and/or watch the Preclass 16 video.
- Have a great Reading Week!



Something to think about: Why is a door easier to open when the handle is far from the hinge, and more difficult to open when the handle is in the middle?

