

Solution to Question #87899, Physics / Mechanics | Relativity | for completion

A steel ball A of mass 20.0 kg moving with a speed of 2.0 ms⁻¹ collides with another ball B of mass 10.0 kg which is initially at rest. After the collision A moves off with a speed of 1.0 ms⁻¹ at an angle of 30° with its original direction of motion. Determine the final velocity of B.

Solution:

Assume the collision is inelastic

Now apply law of conservation of momentum in x direction

$$m_1u_1 + m_2u_2 = m_1v_1 + m_2v_2$$

$$20 \times 2 + 10 \times 0 = 20 \times 1 \times \cos 30^\circ + 10 \times v_2$$

Solve for v_2

$$v_2 = 2.268 \text{ m/s}$$

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