# Linear Momentum and Collisions

- Conservation of Energy
- Momentum
- Impulse
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- 1-D Collisions
- 2-D Collisions
- The Center of Mass

# Simplest Case

- $\triangle E = \triangle K + \triangle U = 0$  if conservative forces are the only forces that working on the system.
- The total amount of energy in the system is fixed.

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 + mgy_f + \frac{1}{2}kx_f^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgy_i + \frac{1}{2}kx_i^2$$

# Types of Forces

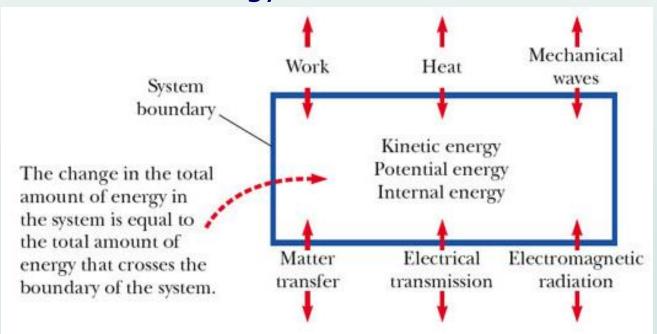
#### Conservative forces

- Work and energy associated with the force can be recovered
- Examples: Gravity, Spring Force, EM forces

#### Nonconservative forces

- The forces are generally dissipative and work done against it cannot easily be recovered
- Examples: Kinetic friction, air drag forces, normal forces, tension forces, applied forces ...

□ The Work-Kinetic Energy theorem is a special case of Conservation of Energy  $\triangle K + \triangle U = W$ 



#### Linear Momentum

- A new fundamental quantity, like force, energy
- The linear momentum of a rapidly moving mass m object is defined as v the product of p, mass and velocity:

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$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$$

Momentum depend on an object's mass and velocity

# Linear Momentum, cont

- $\square$  Linear momentum is a vector quantity  $\vec{\mathbf{p}} = m\vec{\mathbf{v}}$ 
  - Its direction is the same as the direction of the velocity
- The dimensions of momentum are ML/T
- The SI units of momentum are kg ' m / s
- Momentum can be expressed in component form:

$$p_x = mv_x$$
  $p_y = mv_y$   $p_z = mv_z$ 

#### Newton's Law and Momentum

Newton's Second Law can be used to relate a cistern momentum to the resulting force that affects it

$$\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a} = m\frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta(m\vec{v})}{\Delta t}$$

The change in the momentum of the object is divided by the amount of time that equals the constant net force acting on the object

$$\frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{change in momentum}}{\text{time interval}} = \vec{F}_{net}$$

# **Impulse**

- \* When a single constant force is applied to the object, there is an impulse transmitted to the object  $\vec{I} = \vec{F} \Lambda t$ 
  - i is defined as the impulse
  - Vector quantity, the direction is the same as the direction of the force

$$\frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{change in momentum}}{\text{time interval}} = \vec{F}_{net}$$

# Impulse-Momentum Theorem

The theorem states that the impulse that affects a system is equal to the change in the system's momentum

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{F}_{net} \Delta t = \vec{I}$$

$$\vec{I} = \Delta \vec{p} = m\vec{v}_f - m\vec{v}_i$$

#### Calculating the Change of Momentum

$$\Delta \vec{p} = \vec{p}_{after} - \vec{p}_{before}$$

$$= mv_{after} - mv_{before}$$

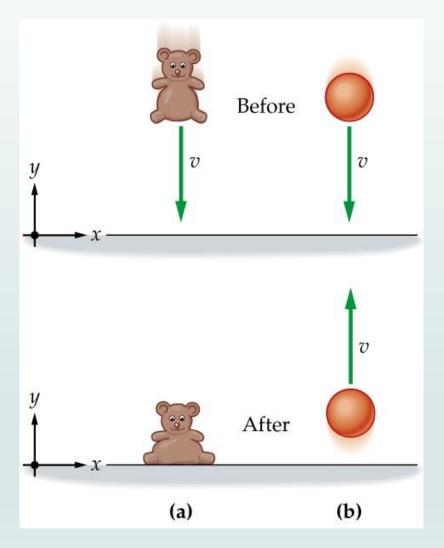
$$= m(v_{after} - v_{before})$$

For the teddy bear

$$\Delta p = m[0 - (-v)] = mv$$

For the bouncing ball

$$\Delta p = m[v - (-v)] = 2mv$$



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□ The theorem states that the impulse acting on a system is equal to the change in momentum of the system

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