

Collision



Collisions

LINE OF IMPACT

The common normal drawn at the point of impact b/w two colliding surfaces is called line of impact.

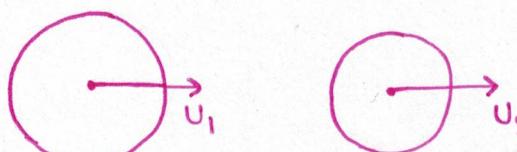
VELOCITY OF APPROACH

The relative velocity of the colliding points just before collision along the line of impact is called velocity of approach.

$$V_a = V_{1N} - V_{2N}$$

EXAMPLE :

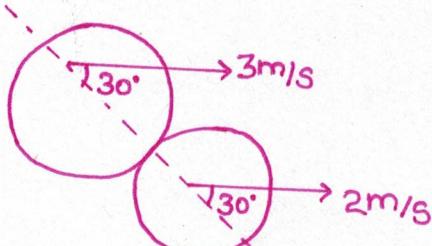
(1)



$$(u_1 > u_2)$$

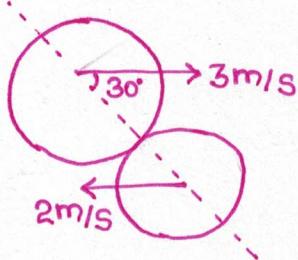
$$V_a = u_1 - u_2$$

(2)



$$\begin{aligned} V_a &= u_1 \cos 30^\circ - u_2 \cos 30^\circ \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

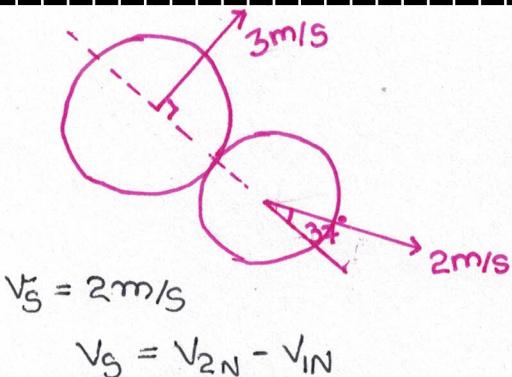
(3)



$$\begin{aligned} V_a &= 3 \cos 30^\circ + 2 \cos 30^\circ \\ &= \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

VELOCITY OF SEPARATION

The relative velocity of the colliding points just after the collision along the line of impact is called velocity of separation.



COEFFICIENT OF RESTITUTION (COR)

The ratio of velocity of separation to the velocity of approach during the collision is called the Coefficient of Restitution.

Mathematically,

$$e = \frac{V_s}{V_a} = \frac{V_{2N} - V_{IN}}{U_{IN} - U_{2N}}$$

$$V_{2N} - V_{IN} = e (U_{IN} - U_{2N})$$

For Collision b/w smooth spheres, we can classify the Collisions based on :

\Rightarrow If $e=1$, we say it is perfectly elastic collision.

\Rightarrow If $e=0$, we say it is perfectly inelastic collision.

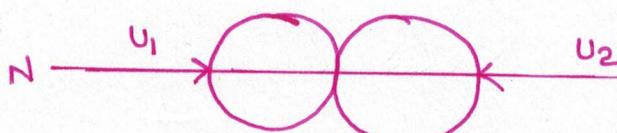
\Rightarrow If $0 < e < 1$, we say it is inelastic collision.

CLASSIFICATION OF COLLISIONS

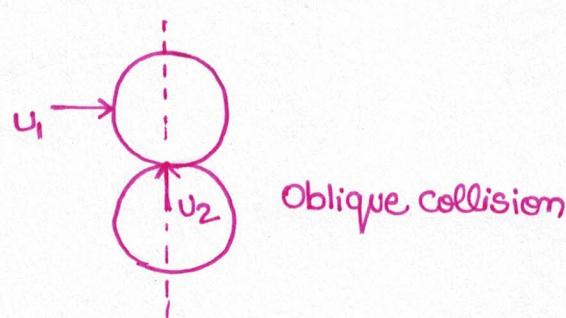
(a) BASED ON LINE OF IMPACT

(1) If during collision, velocities of both the bodies before collision are along the line of impact, then we call it head on collision, or direct collision.

(2) If the velocity of atleast one of the bodies is not along the line of impact before collision, then we call it oblique collision or indirect collision.



Direct / Head-on
Collision



Oblique collision

(b) BASED ON ENERGY CONSIDERATIONS

If the mechanical energy in a collision is conserved, we call it elastic collision.

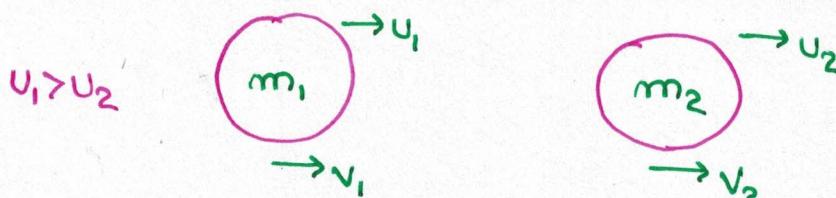
If the mechanical energy in a collision is not conserved, we call it inelastic collision.

(c) BASED ON NATURE OF CONSTRAINT

(1) **Free Collision:** If during collision, there is no impulse on the colliding bodies apart from the impulse of mutual collision, we call it free collision.

(2) **Constraint Collision:** If during collision, there are impulses on the colliding bodies apart from the impulse of mutual collision (J_T & J_G), we call it constraint collision.

Ques: Show that if the mechanical energy is conserved in a collision b/w smooth spheres then $e=1$



COM

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 \quad (F_{ext} = 0)$$

$$m_1 (u_1 - v_1) = m_2 (v_2 - u_2) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

COME

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 u_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$$

$$m_1 (u_1^2 - v_1^2) = m_2 (v_2^2 - u_2^2) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(2) \div (1)

$$(u_1 + v_1) = u_2 + v_2$$

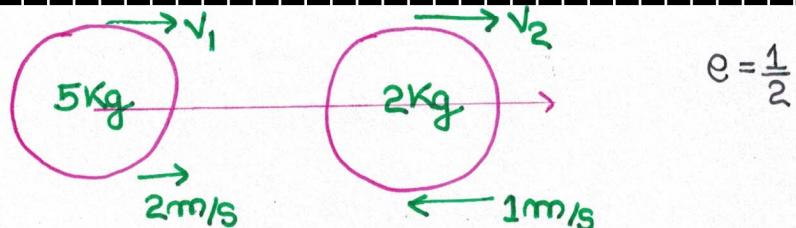
$$v_2 - v_1 = u_1 - u_2$$

$$\frac{v_2 - v_1}{u_2 - u_1} = e = 1$$

NOTE: We can call any body as (1) or (2) and any directions of line of impact as positive but we should not change it after collision.

In most cases we make two eqn's of COM and COR.

Que:-



COR

$$v_2 - v_1 = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

COM

$$5 \times 2 - 2 = 5v_1 + 2v_2$$

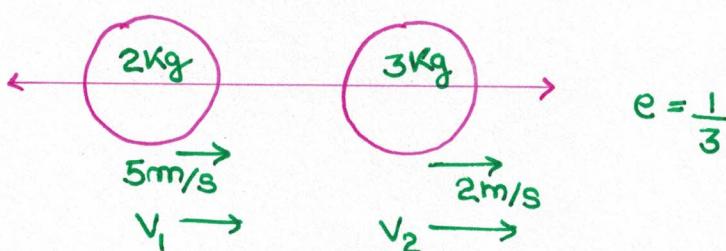
$$8 = 5v_1 + 2v_2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$7v_1 = 5$$

$$v_1 = \frac{5}{7}, \quad v_2 = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{7}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{31}{14}$$

Que:-



COR

$$v_2 - v_1 = \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = +1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

COM

$$10 + 6 = 2v_1 + 3v_2$$

$$16 = 2v_1 + 3v_2$$

$$5v_2 = 18$$

$$v_2 = \frac{18}{5}$$

SPECIAL CASES IN FREE COLLISIONS

(1) In perfectly elastic collision b/w bodies of identical mass, the velocity component along the line of impact gets exchanged.



PROOF

COM

$$mu_1 + mu_2 = mv_1 + mv_2$$

$$u_1 + u_2 = v_1 + v_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

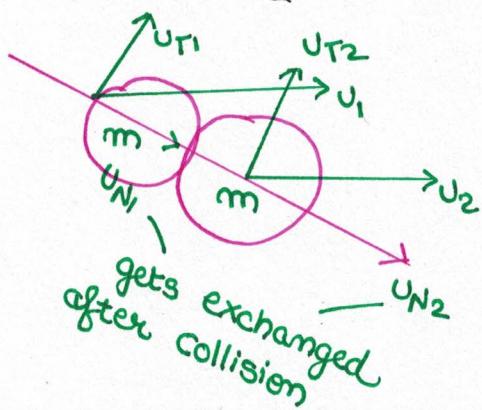
COR

$$U_1 - U_2 = V_2 - V_1$$

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$$2U_1 = 2V_2$$

$$U_1 = V_2 \quad \& \quad U_2 = V_1$$

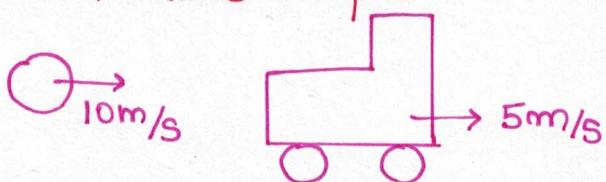


NOTE: In free oblique collisions, the tangential velocities remain unchanged irrespective of Coefficient of Restitution & masses of smooth balls.

(2) If one of the bodies, has a very large mass as compared to the other body, we can assume that velocity massive body remains unchanged.

(In such cases we only need to make the COR eq's)

Ques.) A naughty boy throws a tennis ball on a truck to make a perfectly elastic head on impact.



COR

$$5 = 5 - V_2$$

$$V_2 = 0$$

If truck

$$15 = -V - 5$$

$$20 = -V$$

$$V = -20$$

(3) If $e=0$, then we only need COM eqn? because the bodies stick together in case of head on collisions.

FREE OBLIQUE COLLISIONS

In case of oblique collisions, we resolve all the velocities along the line of impact and \perp to the line of impact.

Say, U_{1N}, U_{2N}

U_{1T}, U_{2T}

V_{1N}, V_{2N}

V_{1T}, V_{2T}

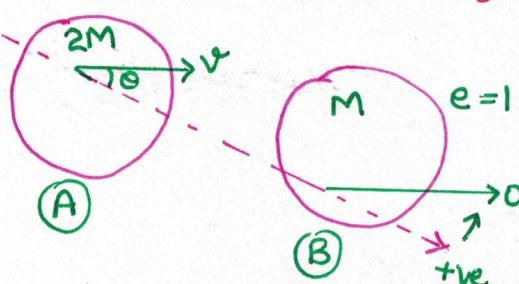
Then we can make following eq's:

(1) COM along line of impact.

(2) COR

(3) $V_{1T} = U_{1T}, V_{2T} = U_{2T}$ (there is no impulse along tangential direction)

Ques: Find post collision speed of balls.



$$V \cos \theta = -v_{AN} + v_{BN} \quad (\text{COR})$$

$$2Mv \cos \theta = Mv_{BN} + 2Mv_{AN} \quad (\text{COM})$$

$$2v_{AN} + v_{BN} = 2v \cos \theta$$

$$V \cos \theta = 3v_{AN}$$

$$v_{AN} = \frac{V \cos \theta}{3}, \quad v_{BN} = \frac{4V \cos \theta}{3}$$

$$v_A = \frac{V \cos \theta}{3} \hat{i} + v \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

$$v_B = \frac{4V \cos \theta}{3} \hat{i}$$

CONSTRAINT COLLISION

In constraint collision, we would usually make the following eq's

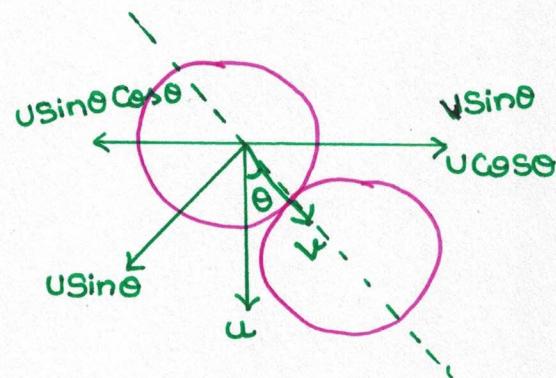
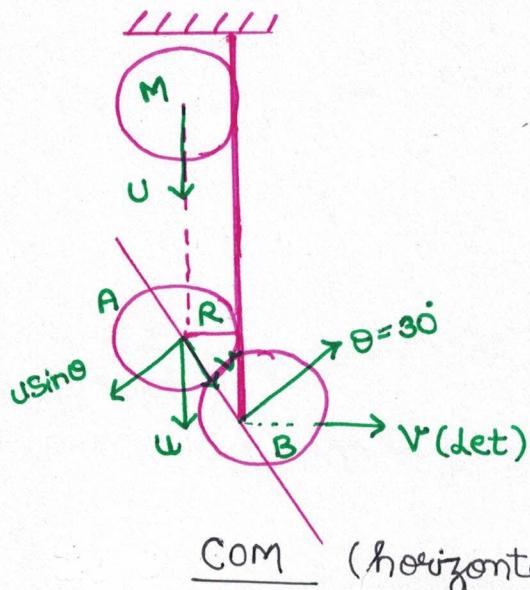
(1) COM in direction where there is no external impulse.

(2) COR along the line of impact.

(3) If required, LIM in the direction of external impulse.

(This will be required if we need to solve for external impulse).

Que: In the system shown, ball A hits an identical ball B with a speed u vertically down. If the coefficient of restitution is e , develop a system of eq? to solve for v (velocity of ball B), v (component of ball A) & J_T & J_N .



COM (horizontal)

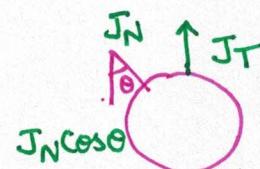
$$Mv + m(v \sin \theta - u \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta) = 0$$

COR $v \sin \theta - v' = e(u \cos \theta)$

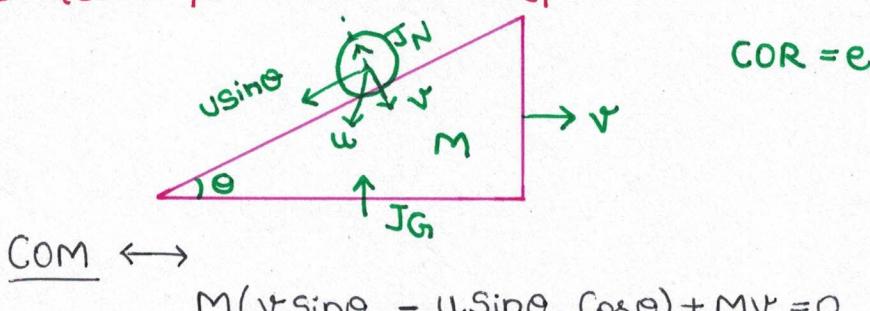
LIM_B↑ $J_T = J_N \cos \theta$

LIM_B→ $J_N \sin \theta = mv$

LIM_B→ $J_N \sin \theta = mv$



Que: Solve for v , v' , J_N , J_G



COM \leftrightarrow

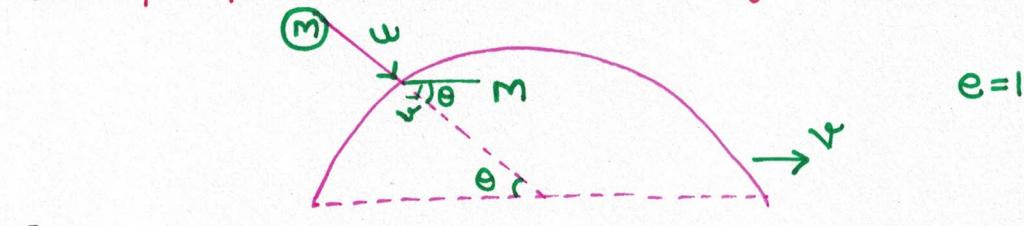
$$m(v \sin \theta - u \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta) + Mv = 0$$

COR $v \sin \theta - v' = e(u \cos \theta)$

LIM_B↑ $J_N = -mv + mu \cos \theta$

LIM_w↑ $J_N \cos \theta = J_G$

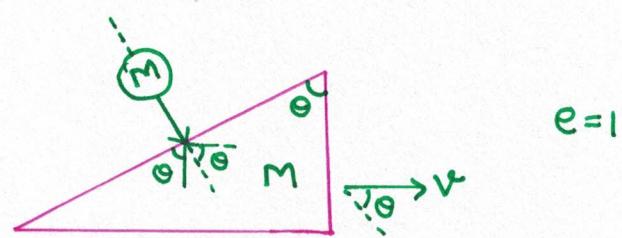
Que.) Solve for post collision velocities of shell & ball.



$$\text{COM} \leftrightarrow MV + Mv \cos\theta = Mu \cos\theta$$

$$\text{COR} \leftrightarrow v \cos\theta - v' = u$$

Que)



$$\text{COM} \quad MV + Mv \cos\theta = Mu \cos\theta$$

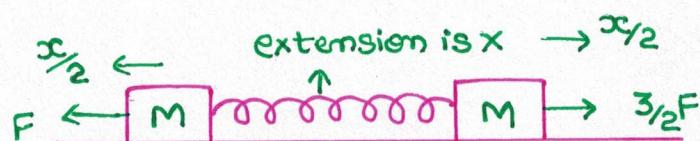
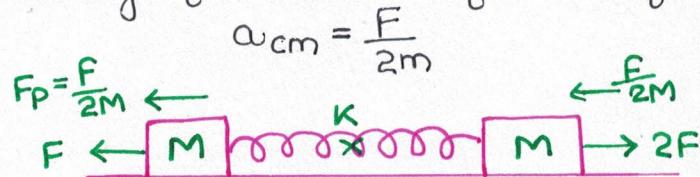
$$\text{COR} \quad v \cos\theta - v' = u$$

PROBLEMS INVOLVING CENTRE OF MASS FRAME

Que.) Two blocks of mass M each are connected with a spring of constant K on a smooth horizontal surface. The system is at rest. Now we apply 2 forces on the blocks as shown. Find the max extension of the spring in the subsequent motion.



visualising from centre of mass frame



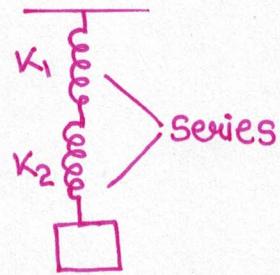
CHIME

$$\frac{3F}{2} \times \frac{x}{2} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2} K x^2$$

$$x = \frac{3F}{K}$$

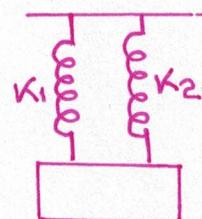
NOTE: (1) Springs in series, then

$$\frac{1}{K_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{1}{K_1} + \frac{1}{K_2}$$

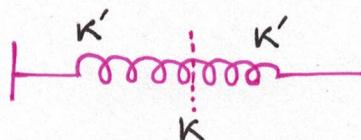


(2) Springs in parallel, then

$$K_{\text{eff}} = K_1 + K_2$$



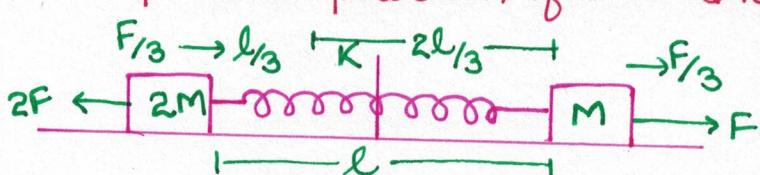
Que.) Prove that the spring constant becomes double when spring is half.



$$\frac{1}{K} = \frac{1}{K'} + \frac{1}{K'}$$

$$2K = K'$$

Que.) Repeat the previous problem for the shown case.



$$a_{\text{cm}} = \frac{F}{3M}$$

CHIME

$$\frac{4}{3}F \times \frac{x}{3} + \frac{4}{3}F \times \frac{2x}{3} = \frac{1}{2}Kx^2$$

$$x = \frac{16F}{9K}$$



Ques) Two balls are connected on a smooth horizontal surface as shown. Now the velocity v_0 is given to ball B. Find (i) v_{cm}

(ii) Velocities of the spheres after the string has rotated through 90° .

(iii) Tension in the connected string.

$$(i) v_{cm} = \frac{Mv_0}{2M} = \frac{v_0}{2}$$

$$(ii) v_A = v_B = \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_0}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{v_0}{2}\right)^2}$$

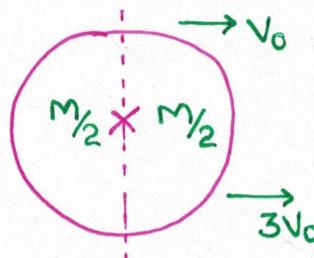
$$v_A = v_B = \frac{\sqrt{2}v_0}{2}$$

$$(iii) T = \frac{M\left(\frac{v_0}{2}\right)^2}{l/2}$$

$$= \frac{Mv_0^2}{2l}$$

Ques) A bomb moving with speed v_0 splits into two parts such that velocity of the front part becomes $3v_0$ as shown. How much energy is released during v_0 .

(Analyse the problem from Centre of mass frame).



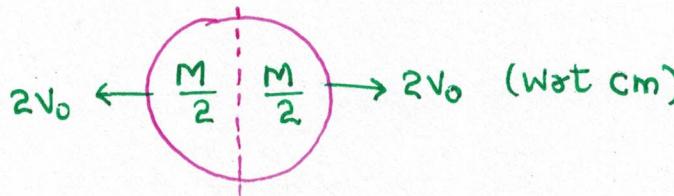
$$v_{cm} = v_0$$

$$v_{cm} \text{ w.r.t. cm} = 0$$

w.r.t. cm

$$M v_{cm} = 0$$

COM



\therefore Change in K.E.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{M}{2} \times (2v_0)^2 \times 2$$

$$= 2v_0^2 M$$

VARIABLE MASS SYSTEM



$$\vec{P}_f = (M+dm) (\vec{v} + d\vec{v})$$

$$\vec{P}_i = M\vec{v} + dm \vec{u}$$

$$d\vec{p} = \vec{P}_f - \vec{P}_i$$

$$= (M+dm) (\vec{v} + d\vec{v}) - M\vec{v} - dm \vec{u}$$

$$= dm \vec{v} + M d\vec{v} + dm \vec{v} - dm \vec{u}$$

$\underbrace{\text{can be neglected}}$

$$\therefore d\vec{p} = M d\vec{v} + dm (\vec{v} - \vec{u})$$

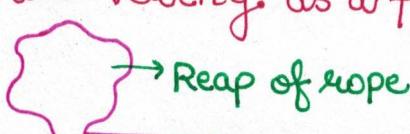
$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = M \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + (\vec{v} - \vec{u}) \cdot \frac{dm}{dt}$$

$$F_{ext} = M \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + (\vec{v} - \vec{u}) \frac{dm}{dt}$$

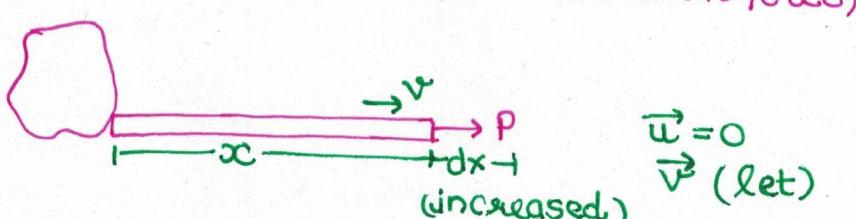
$$M \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{ext} + \vec{v}_{rel} \cdot \frac{dm}{dt}$$

$$\underline{\underline{M \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}}} = \vec{F}_{ext} + (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) \frac{dm}{dt}$$

Ques.) Find the velocity as a function of length 'x' of rope.



$$m/e = \lambda$$



$$\vec{u} = 0$$

(in x-direction)

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \lambda \frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda v$$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = P - \lambda v^2$$

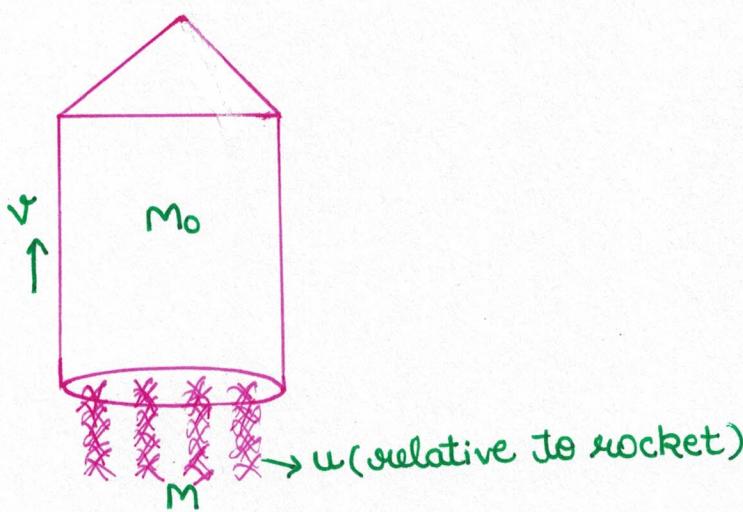
$$\lambda x \frac{dv}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt} = P - \lambda v^2$$

$$\lambda x v \frac{dv}{dx} = P - \lambda v^2$$

$$\int \frac{v \cdot dv}{P - \lambda v^2} = \int \frac{dx}{\lambda x}$$

Let $\lambda = P - \lambda v^2$
 $dz = 0 - 2\lambda v dv$
 $v dv = -\frac{dz}{2\lambda}$

(Ques.)



$$M_0 - M = m$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{dM}{dt} = -\alpha$$

$$\frac{m d\vec{v}}{dt} = -mg - u(-\alpha)$$

