

A constant force of 12 N acts on a body for 4 seconds. Find the change in the linear momentum of the body.

**Solution:**

If a force  $F$  is applied to a particle for a time interval  $\Delta t$ , the momentum of the particle changes by an amount:

$$\Delta p = F \cdot \Delta t,$$

where  $F(\text{force}) = 12 \text{ N}$ ,  $\Delta t$  (time interval) = 4 sec

$$\Delta p = F \cdot \Delta t = 12 \text{ N} \cdot 4 \text{ s} = 24 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$$

**Answer:** change in the linear momentum of the body  $\Delta p = 24 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}$