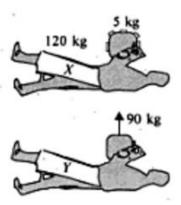
Answer on Question #55749-Physics-Classical Mechanics

Astronauts mr. x and mr. y float in zero gravity space with no velocity. Mr. y throws a mass of 5 kg towards x with speed 2 ms. if mr. x catches it the change in velocity of x and y are

Solution



The change in momentum is

$$\Delta P = 5 \ kg \cdot 2 \frac{m}{s} = 10 \frac{kgm}{s}.$$

The change in velocity of x is

$$v_x = \frac{\Delta P}{(120+5)kg} = \frac{10\frac{kgm}{s}}{(120+5)kg} = 0.08\frac{m}{s}$$

The change in velocity of y is

$$v_y = \frac{\Delta P}{(90-5)kg} = \frac{10\frac{kgm}{s}}{(90-5)kg} = 0.12\frac{m}{s}$$

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