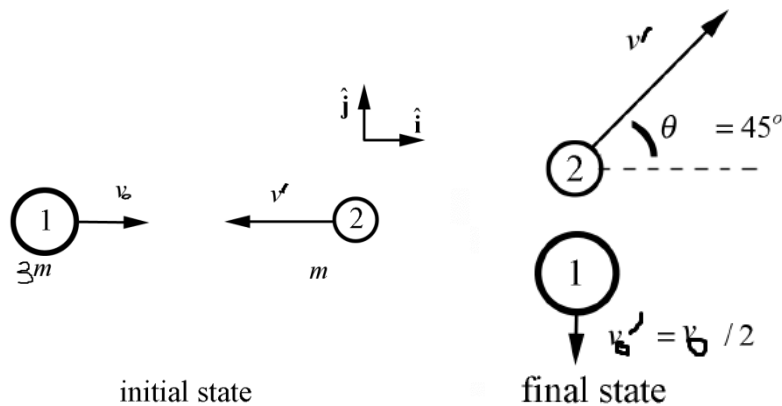


### Answer on Question #55879-Physics-Mechanics-Relativity

particle 1 of mass  $3m$  initially moving with a speed  $v_0$  in the positive x direction collides with particle 2 of mass  $m$  moving in opposite x direction with unknown speed  $v$ . After collision particle 1 moves along the negative y direction with speed  $\frac{v_0}{2}$  and particle 2 moves with  $v'$  in a direction making angle of  $45^\circ$  with positive x direction. Determine  $v$  and  $v'$ .

#### Solution



From the conservation of momentum on the x-axis:

$$3mv_0 - mv = mv' \cos 45 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} mv'$$

From the conservation of momentum on the y-axis:

$$0 = mv' \sin 45 - 3m \frac{v_0}{2} = mv' \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 3m \frac{v_0}{2}$$

So,

$$v' = 3 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} v_0$$

Substitute it in the first equation

$$3mv_0 - mv = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} m \cdot 3 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} v_0 = \frac{3}{2} mv_0$$

Then,

$$v = \frac{3}{2} v_0$$

$$\text{Answer: } v = \frac{3}{2} v_0; v' = 3 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} v_0$$