

1. A mass m_1 is attached to a spring (of spring constant k) on a frictionless table. The spring is compressed through a distance x and released. Mass m_2 is struck by mass m_1 and the two move off with a velocity v . How fast does the combination move off with?
2. A mass m_1 is placed on an inclined plane (frictionless, inclined at an angle θ). The mass falls through a distance h and then slides on a flat table. The mass strikes a mass m_2 which is twice the mass of m_1 . If the collision is completely elastic, how fast does each mass move after the collision?
3. A mass m_1 is moving with a velocity v_b . The mass strikes and sticks to a mass m_2 . The pair moves off with a velocity v_a . Later on, the pair strike and compress a spring of spring constant k . How much does the spring compress at the point where the pair stops?
4. A mass m_1 is moving with a velocity v_b . The mass strikes and sticks to a mass m_2 . At that point the coefficient of friction between the pair and the table is μ . How far does the combination move before it stops?
5. A mass m_1 strikes mass m_2 which is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the mass of m_1 . Mass m_1 is moving with velocity v_1 at the instant of the collision. The collision is completely elastic. If the coefficient of friction is μ . How far does each mass slide before it stops?
6. A mass m_1 falls through a height h and strikes a spring of spring constant k . How much does the spring compress before the mass stops? Then, a spring of spring constant k is compressed through a distance x . How high does a mass m_1 travel when the compression is released. You can assume the mass does leave the spring.
7. Mass m_1 is traveling towards mass m_2 with a velocity v relative to a fixed frame of reference. Mass m_2 is moving in the same direction as mass m_1 but with a velocity u relative to the fixed frame of reference. If the two masses collide (you may assume $u < v$) inelastically, how fast is the combination moving after the collision? Now, consider the situation where a mass m is moving with a velocity V_a . The mass separates into two parts (one of mass m_1 and the other of mass m_2) and it is observed that mass m_1 moves with a velocity $\frac{1}{2} V_a$ in the same direction as V_a . What is the velocity (and direction) of mass m_2 ?