

Momentum – warm-up

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write the equation for **momentum** & **kinetic energy**:

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v} \quad \text{units: } \text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

Write the units for **momentum** & **kinetic energy**:

$$E_k = \frac{mv^2}{2} \quad \text{units: } \text{kg} \cdot \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} = \text{J} \quad (\text{joule})$$

Questions:

1. Calculate the momentum of an electron ($m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$) moving at $2.18 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$.

$$p = 1.98 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

2. Calculate the mass of a professional fullback running across the line at 9.2 m/s if he has a momentum of $1012 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$.

$$m = 110 \text{ kg}$$

3. A bicycle has a momentum of $24 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$. What momentum would the bicycle have if it had:

a) twice the mass and was moving at the same speed?

$$2 \times 24 = 48 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

b) the same mass and was moving with twice the speed?

$$2 \times 24 = 48 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

c) one-half the mass and was moving with twice the speed?

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 24 = 24 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

d) the same mass and was moving with one-half the speed?

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 24 = 12 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

e) three times the mass and was moving with one-half the speed?

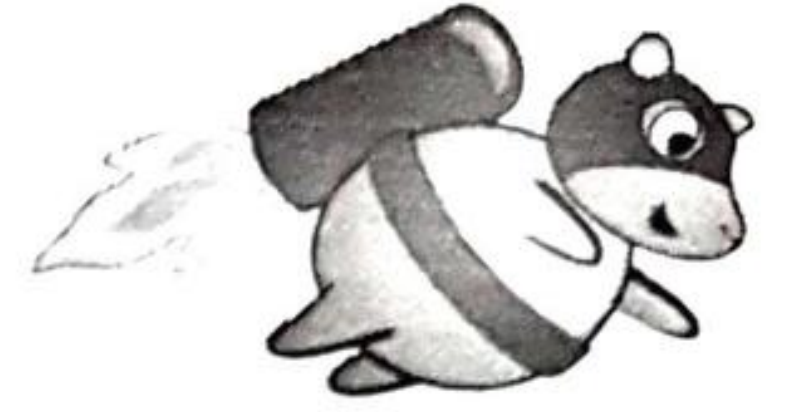
$$3 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 24 = 36 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

f) three times the mass and was moving with twice the speed?

$$3 \times 2 \times 24 = 144 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

4. Rocket Mouse is in outer-space chasing the *Intergalactic Cat Burglar*. Calculate the following:

- a) Calculate the mass of *RM* (and his rocket engine) if he is travelling at 200 km/h and has a momentum of 1111.1 kg m/s.



$$v = 200 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = 55.55 \text{ m/s}$$

$$p = 1111.1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

$$m = ?$$

$$m = \frac{p}{v} = \frac{1111.1}{55.555}$$

$$m = 20 \text{ kg}$$

- b) *RM* realizes he is travelling too slowly to catch *ICB* and triples his kinetic energy. Calculate his new momentum at this speed.

$$\textcircled{1} E_k = \frac{mv^2}{2} = \frac{(20)(55.55)^2}{2} = 30864.19752$$

triples this $E_k \Rightarrow 92592.59257 = \frac{mv^2}{2}$ find v_{new}

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2(92592.59257)}{20}} = 96.225$$

$$p = (20)(96.225) = 1924.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

- c) An observer watching through a telescope from Earth is able to remotely calculate the *ICB* is travelling with double the momentum of *RM* (from part b) and knows he has a mass of 50kg. Will *RM* be able to catch up with *ICB*? Calculate and explain.

$$\text{ICB: } 2 \times 1924.5 = 3849 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s.}$$

$$v = \frac{p}{m} = \frac{3849}{50} = 76.98 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{\text{ICB}} \approx 77 \text{ m/s}$$

yes, he would catch up.