

# PHY 117 HS2024

Today:

Energy transformation / conservation  
Non-conservative forces  
Elastic and inelastic collisions  
Momentum conservation  
Relationship of momentum and force  
Impulse = change in momentum

Quiz #2:  
OLAT -> Quizzes -> Quiz 2  
100/690 participants.  
Average time: 9 minutes.  
Please participate !

Note:

$K$ : kinetic energy  
units: N.m

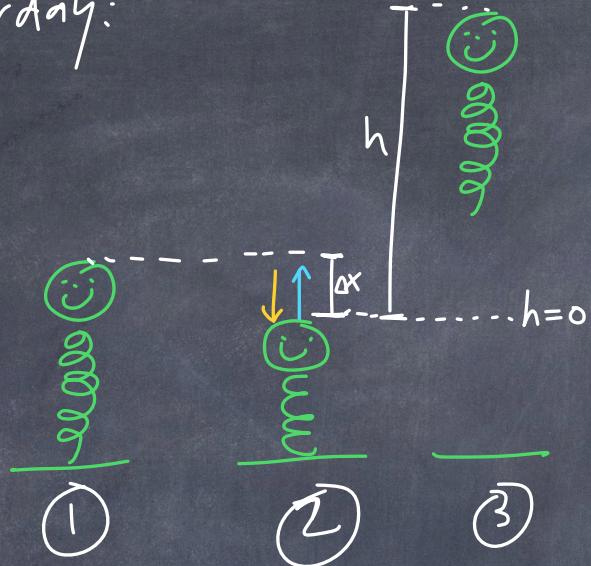
$k$ : spring constant  
units:  $\frac{N}{m}$   
Today I write  
 $K$  for kinetic energy

## Week 3, Lecture 2

Oct. 2nd, 2024

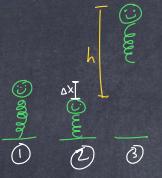
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Yesterday:



we found work for  
me to compress the spring  
is  $W_{me} = + \frac{1}{2} k(\Delta x)^2$

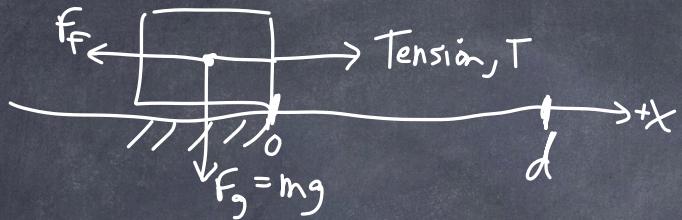
work done by spring  
is  $W_{spring} = - \frac{1}{2} k(\Delta x)^2$



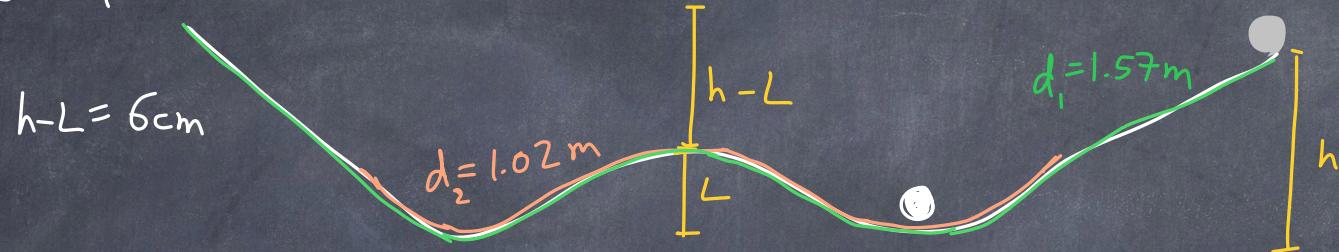
Non-conservative force:

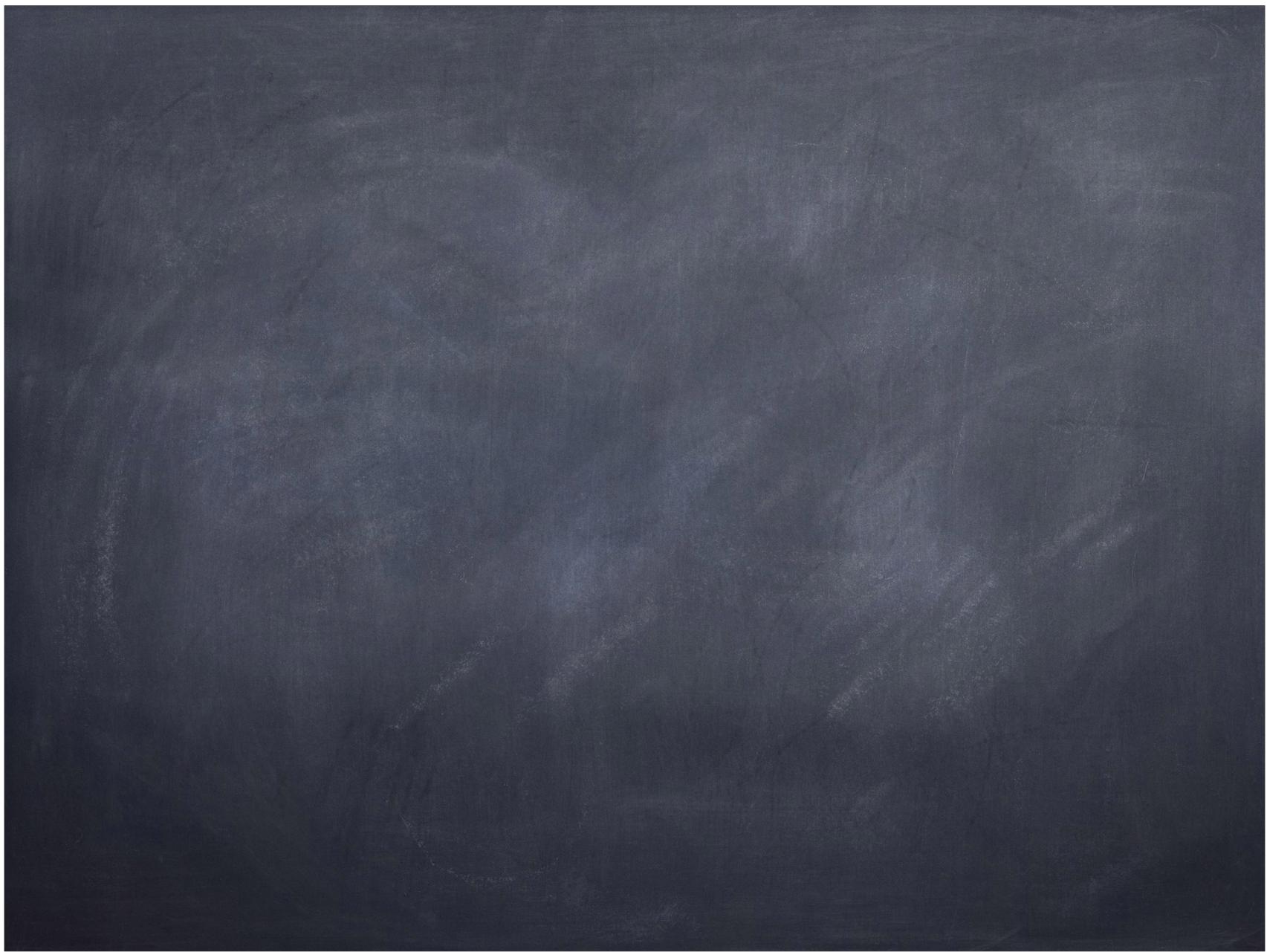
$f_F$  is opposite movement

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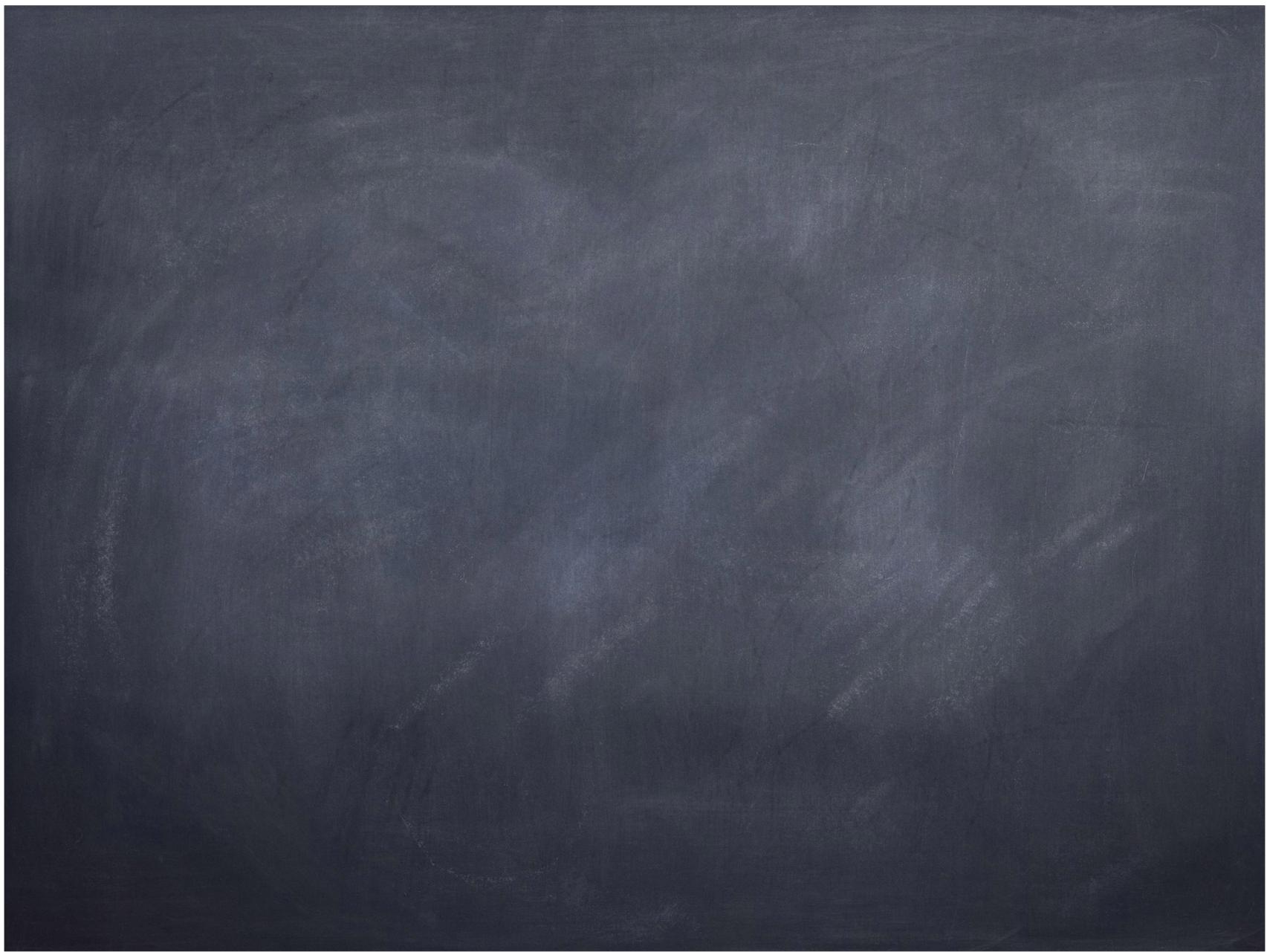
How many times will a steel ball roll across this track before getting stuck?



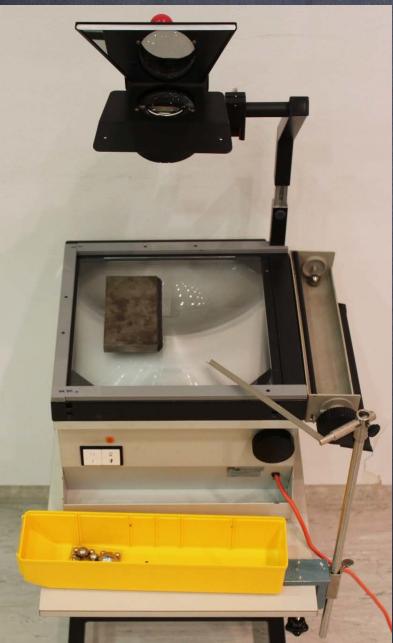






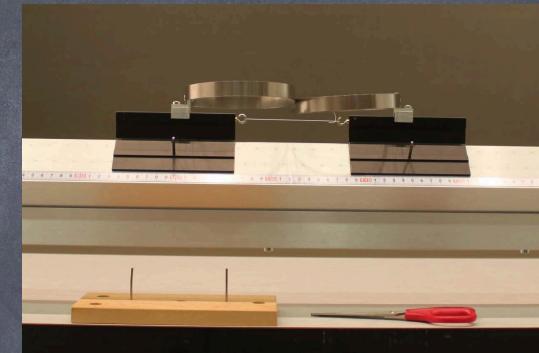
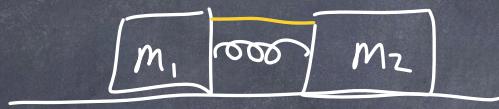






Other momentum conservation  
examples:

①



②



$$m_2 > m_1$$

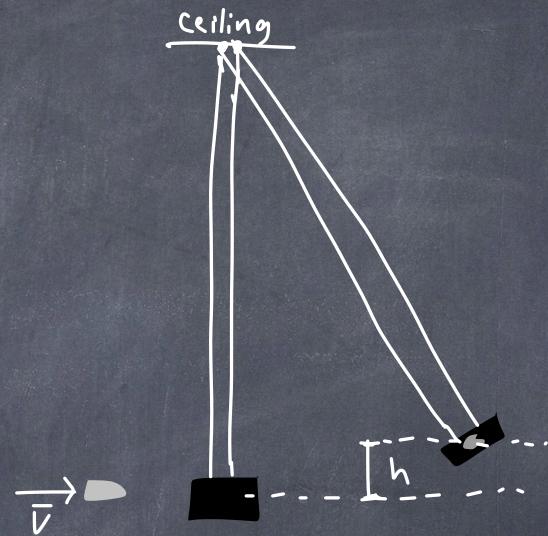
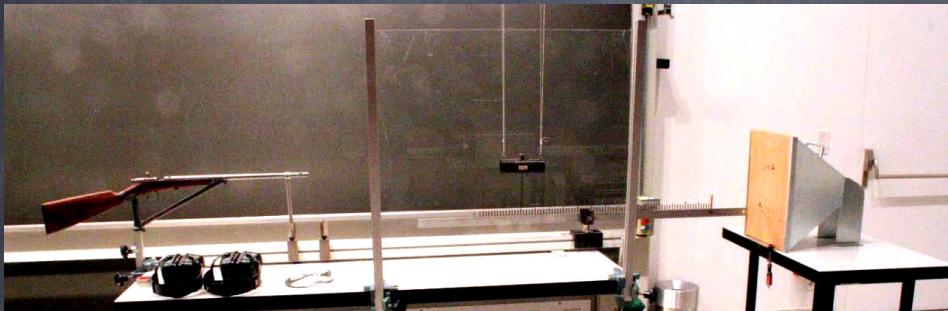








# Ballistic pendulum experiment



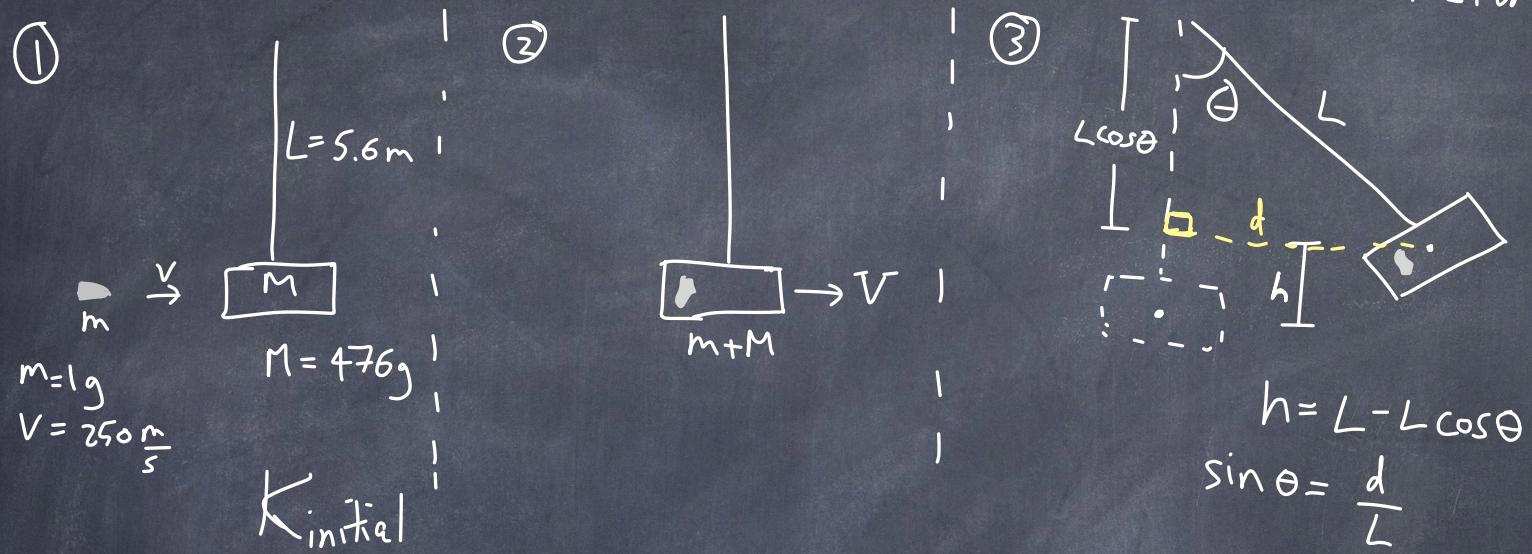
How high will the block go?

video posted



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2s6Nxc6Dr8>

## Ballistic Pendulum - Momentum conservation in inelastic collision.



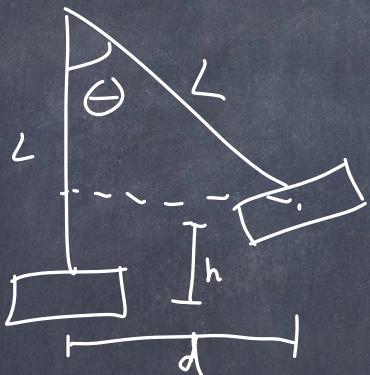
Between ① + ②, momentum is conserved. Inelastic collision  
 Kinetic energy is not conserved.  $mv = (m+M)V$   $V$ : velocity of block + bullet.

Between ② + ③, this is elastic.  $K_{②} = U_{③}$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(m+M)V^2}_{K_2} = \underbrace{(m+M)g h}_{U_3}$$

solve for  $h = \frac{\frac{1}{2}V^2}{g} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{m}{m+M}V\right]^2}{g} =$

$$L = 5.6 \text{ m}$$



we measure  $d$ .

$$h = L - L \cos \theta$$

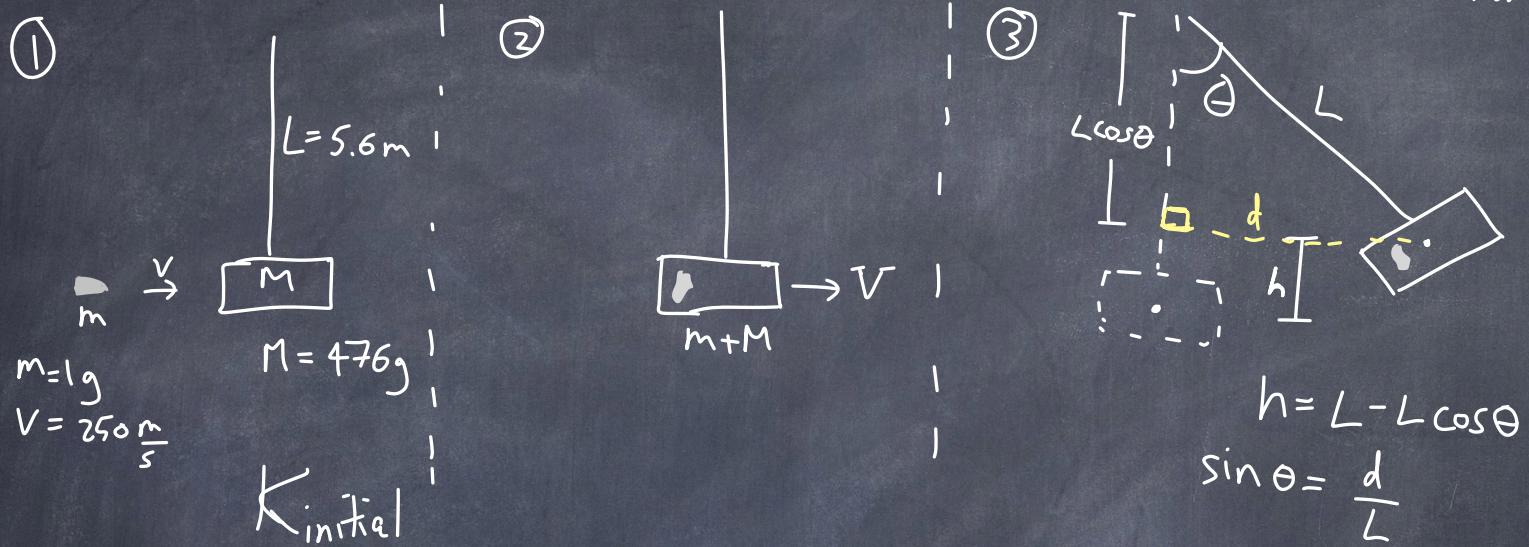
$$\sin \theta = \frac{d}{L} \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{L}\right)$$

we can  
measure  $d$ , figure out  $\theta$ ,  
then figure out  $h$ .

measure  $d = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{0.4 \text{ m}}{5.6 \text{ m}}\right) = 0.07 \text{ radians}$

and calculate  $h = L - L \cos(0.07 \text{ rad}) = 5.6 \text{ m} - 5.585$   
measured  $h = 0.014 \text{ m}$

# Ballistic Pendulum - Momentum conservation in inelastic collision.



Note:

If kinetic energy was conserved, then

$$K_{①} = U_{③}$$

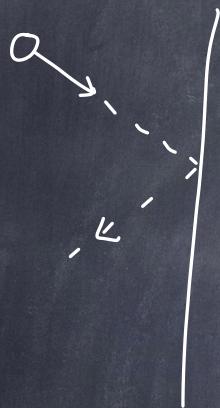
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh \rightarrow h = \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

$h = 6.7\text{m}$  *wrong!*  
*(collision is inelastic)*

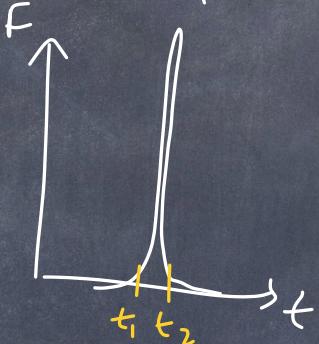
## Questions from students:

- 1) what is the difference between elastic + inelastic collisions in terms of  $F$  vs.  $t$  ?
- 2) If momentum changes directions, wouldn't the average force always be the same ?
- 3) How can something change directions ?  
Isn't momentum not conserved if this happens ?
- 4) What if the problem is 2-dimensional ?  
How is momentum conserved ?

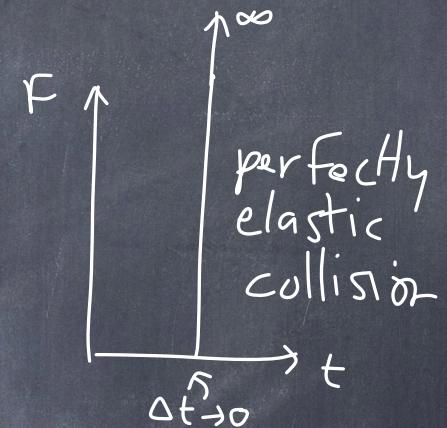
Q) what is the difference between elastic & inelastic collisions in terms of  $F$  vs.  $t$  ?



elastic collision



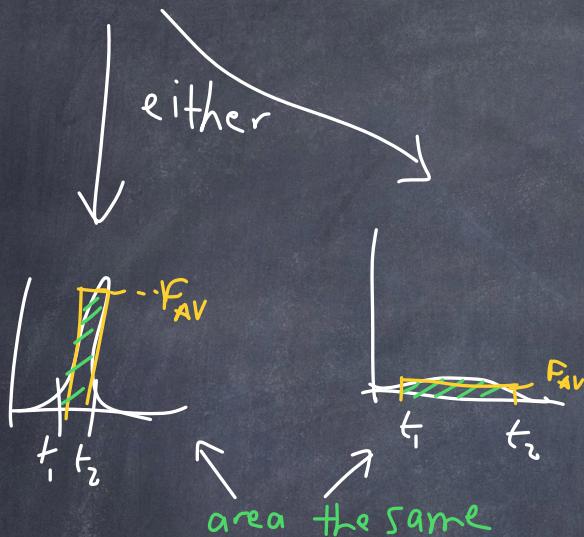
inelastic collision



For perfectly elastic collisions,  
 $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $F \rightarrow \infty$   
 (these don't happen in the real world.)  
 All interactions have some  $\Delta t$

$$\Delta p = I = F_{AV} \Delta t$$

2) If momentum changes directions,  
isn't  $F_{AV}$  always the same?



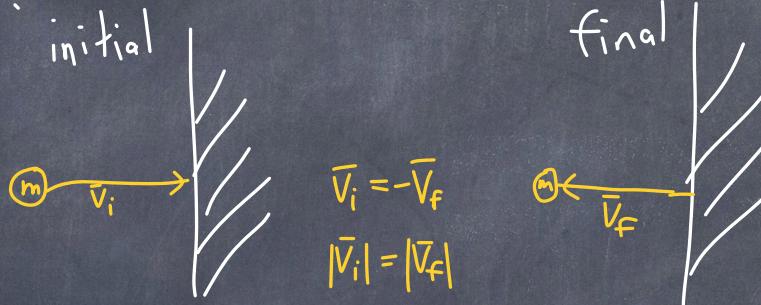
The average force depends  
on  $\Delta t$ .

Notice, we can have the same  $\Delta p = p_2 - p_1$ ,  
in cases where  $\Delta t$  is small and  $F_{AV}$  is large,  
or when  $\Delta t$  is large and  $F_{AV}$  is small.

In both cases  $\Delta p$  is the same  
(area is the same)

How can something change directions?  
Isn't momentum not conserved if this happens?

Consider this case:



The momentum changes from  $mv_i$  to  $mv_f$

$$\bar{p}_f = -\bar{p}_i \quad ①$$

What happened?

$$\Delta \bar{p} = \bar{p}_f - \bar{p}_i = p_f - p_i = -\bar{p}_i - \bar{p}_i = -2\bar{p}_i$$

The momentum changed.

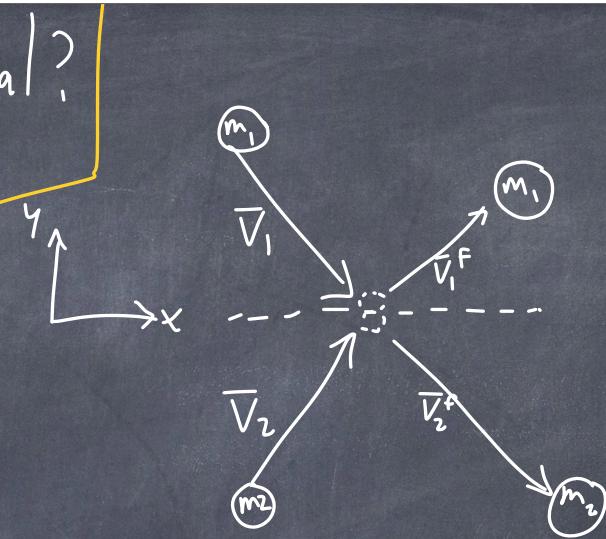
How? The wall provides a force  $F$  for a time  $\Delta t$

$$\Delta p = F_{AV} \Delta t \Rightarrow \bar{F}_{AV} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = -2\bar{p}_i$$

If we know  $\Delta t$ , we can calculate  $F_{AV}$

④ What if the problem is 2-dimensional?  
How is momentum conserved?

Consider this inelastic collision



Momentum will be conserved in all directions:

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum \bar{p}_i = \sum \bar{p}_f$$

$$\sum p_{xi} = \sum p_{xf} \rightarrow \begin{cases} m_1 v_{1x} + m_2 v_{2x} = m_1 v_{1x}^f + m_2 v_{2x}^f \\ m_1 v_{1y} + m_2 v_{2y} = m_1 v_{1y}^f + m_2 v_{2y}^f \end{cases}$$

IF we know the masses and initial velocities,  
we would have 4 unknowns and 2 equations.  
So we need more information to solve this.

④ Continued...

If the collision in 2D were also elastic, then  $K$  would be conserved.

Then we would have 3 equations and 4 unknowns:

$$\text{Kinetic energy conservation: } \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^f + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^f$$

$$\text{momentum conservation in } x: m_1v_{1x} + m_2v_{2x} = m_1v_{1x}^f + m_2v_{2x}^f$$

$$\text{momentum conservation in } y: m_1v_{1y} + m_2v_{2y} = m_1v_{1y}^f + m_2v_{2y}^f$$

Knowing one of the angles,  $\theta_1^f$  or  $\theta_2^f$ , or one final velocity component ( $v_{1x}^f, v_{2x}^f, v_{1y}^f, v_{2y}^f$ ) would be enough information to solve the problem.

