

ENGR 2242 – Dynamics
Linear Impulse and Momentum

Principle of Linear Impulse and Momentum

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

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$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum \vec{F} dt = \int_{\vec{v}_1}^{\vec{v}_2} m d\vec{v}$$

$$\sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F} dt = m\vec{v}_2 - m\vec{v}_1$$

$$m\vec{v}_1 + \sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F} dt = m\vec{v}_2$$

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Linear Impulse (\vec{I}) Units \Rightarrow N·s

Linear Momentum (\vec{L}) Units \Rightarrow kg·m/s

Scalar Equations

$$m(v_x)_1 + \sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_x dt = m(v_x)_2$$

$$m(v_y)_1 + \sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_y dt = m(v_y)_2$$

$$m(v_z)_1 + \sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_z dt = m(v_z)_2$$

- For a System of Particles

- Linear impulse due to internal forces always cancel out (the forces are equal and opposite, and time is the same for all particles)

$$\sum m_i(\vec{v}_i)_1 + \sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_i dt = \sum m_i(\vec{v}_i)_2$$

- Can also use the center of mass for the system

$$m(\vec{v}_G)_1 + \sum \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_i dt = \overbrace{m(\vec{v}_G)_2}^{\text{total mass}}$$

Conservation of Momentum

- If the particle(s) is free of external forces

$$m v_1 = m v_2$$

$$\sum m_i(v_i)_1 = \sum m_i(v_i)_2$$