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Work requires that a force acts over a distance.
If an object does not move at all, there is no displacement, and therefore no work done.

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Consider the case of a box on the back of a pickup truck. If the box moves along with the truck, then it is actually the force of friction that is making the box move.

## 4) Play Ball!

In a baseball game, the catcher stops a $90-\mathrm{mph}$ pitch. What can you say about the work done by the catcher on the ball?

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Follow-up: What about the work done by the ball on the catcher?

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Follow-up: Is there a force in the direction of the velocity?

## 6) Force and Work

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Any force not perpendicular to the motion will do work:
$N$ does no work
$T$ does positive work
$f$ does negative work
$m g$ does negative work


## 7) Kinetic Energy I

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Since the kinetic energy is $1 / 2 m v^{2}$, if the speed increases by a factor of 3 , then the KE will increase by a factor of 9 .

Follow-up: How would you achieve a KE increase of a factor of 2 ?

## 8) Kinetic Energy II

Car \#1 has twice the mass of car \#2, but they both have the same kinetic energy. How do their speeds compare?

1) $2 v_{1}=v_{2}$
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Since the kinetic energy is $1 / 2 m v^{2}$, and the mass of car \#1 is greater, then car \#2 must be moving faster. If the ratio of $m_{1} / m_{2}$ is 2 , then the ratio of $v^{2}$ values must also be 2 . This means that the ratio of $v_{2} / v_{1}$ must be the square root of 2 .

## 9) Free Fall I

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Consider the work done by gravity to make the stone fall distance d:
$\Delta \mathrm{KE}=W_{\text {net }}=F d \cos \theta$
$\Delta K E=m g d$
Thus, the stone with the greater mass has the greater KE, which is twice as big for the heavy stone.

Follow-up: How do the initial values of gravitational PE compare?

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All freely falling objects fall at the same rate, which is $\mathbf{g}$. Since the acceleration is the same for both, and the distance is the same, then the final speeds will be the same for both stones.

## 11) Work and KE

A child on a skateboard is moving at a speed of $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. After a force acts on the child, her speed is $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. What can you say about the work done by the external force on the child?

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The kinetic energy of the child increased because her
speed increased. This increase in KE was the result of
positive work being done. Or, from the definition of
work, since $W=\Delta K E=K E_{f}-K E_{i}$ and we know that $K E_{\mathrm{f}}>$
$K E_{i}$ in this case, then the work $W$ must be positive.
Follow-up: What does it mean for negative work to be done on the child?

## 12) Slowing Down

If a car traveling $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ can brake to a stop within 20 m , what is its stopping distance if it is traveling $120 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ ? Assume that the braking force is the same in both cases.

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F d=W_{\text {net }}=\Delta K E=0-1 / 2 m v^{2}
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thus: $\| F d \equiv 1 / 2 m v^{2}$


Therefore, if the speed doubles,
the stopping distance gets four times larger.


## 13) Speeding Up I

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The change in KE (1/2 $m v^{2}$ ) involves the velocity squared.
So in the first case, we have: $1 / 2 m\left(30^{2}-0^{2}\right)=1 / 2 m(900)$
In the second case, we have: $1 / 2 m\left(60^{2}-30^{2}\right)=1 / 2 m(2700)$
Thus, the bigger energy change occurs in the second case.

Follow-up: How much energy is required to stop the $60-\mathrm{mph}$ car?

## 14) Speeding Up II

The work $W_{0}$ accelerates a car from 0 to $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$. How much work is needed to accelerate the car from $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ to $150 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ ?

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Let's call the two speeds $v$ and $3 v$, for simplicity.
We know that the work is given by: $W=\Delta K E=K E_{f}-K E_{i}$
Case \#1: $\quad W_{0}=1 / 2 m\left(v^{2}-0^{2}\right)=1 / 2 m\left(v^{2}\right)$
Case \#2: $\left.\quad W=1 / 2 m(3 v)^{2}-v^{2}\right)=1 / 2 m\left(9 v^{2}-v^{2}\right)=1 / 2 m\left(8 v^{2}\right)=8 W_{0}$

Follow-up: How much work is required to stop the $150-\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{hr}$ car?

## 15) Work and Energy I

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With the same $\triangle K E$, both blocks must have the same work done to them by friction. The friction force is less for $m_{2}$ so stopping distance must be greater.

Follow-up: Which block has the greater magnitude of acceleration?

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In traveling 4 times the distance, the resistive force will do 4 times the work. Thus, the ball's initial KE must be 4 times greater in order to just reach the hole - this requires an increase in the initial speed by a factor of 2 , since $K E=1 / 2 m v^{2}$.

## 17) Sign of the Energy I

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The kinetic energy is $1 / 2 \mathrm{mv}^{2}$. The mass and the velocity squared will always be positive, so KE must always be positive.

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2) no

Gravitational PE is $m g h$, where height $h$ is measured relative to some arbitrary reference level where $\mathbf{P E}=0$. For example, a book on a table has positive PE if the zero reference level is chosen to be the floor. However, if the ceiling is the zero level, then the book has negative PE on the table. It is only differences (or changes) in PE that have any physical meaning.

## 19) KE and PE

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The gravitational PE depends upon the reference level, but the dififierence $\triangle P E$ does not! The work done by gravity must be the same in the two solutions, so $\triangle P E$ and $\triangle K E$ should be the same.

Follow-up: Does anything change physically by the choice of $y=0$ ?

## 20) Up the Hill

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Since your vertical position (height) changes by the same amount in each case, the gain in potential energy is the same.

Follow-up: How much more work do you do in taking the steeper path?
Follow-up: Which path would you rather take? Why?

## 21) Elastic Potential Energy

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## 22) Springs and Gravity

A mass attached to a vertical spring causes the spring to stretch and the mass to move downwards. What can you say about the spring's potential energy ( $\mathrm{PE}_{\mathrm{s}}$ ) and the gravitational potential energy ( $\mathrm{PE}_{\mathrm{g}}$ ) of the mass?

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5) $P E_{s}$ increases and $P E_{g}$ is constant

The spring is stretched, so its elastic PE increases, since $P E_{s}=1 / 2 k x^{2}$. The mass moves down to a lower position, so its gravitational PE decreases, since $P E_{g}=m g h$.

## 23) Down the Hill

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All of the balls have the same initial gravitational PE, since they are all at the same height ( $\mathrm{PE}=m g h$ ). Thus, when they get to the bottom, they all have the same final $K E$, and hence the same speed ( $K E=1 / 2 m v^{2}$ ).

Follow-up: Which ball takes longer to get down the ramp?

## 24) Runaway Truck

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Use energy conservation:
v initial energy: $E_{i}=P E_{g}=m g H$
, final energy: $E_{f}=\mathbb{K E}=1 / 2 m v^{*}$
Conservation of Energy:

$$
E_{i}=m g H=E_{f}=1 / 2 m v^{2}
$$

therefore: $\quad g H=1 / 2 v^{2}$

## So if $v$ doubles, H quadruples!

## 25) Water Slide

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Even though they both have the same final velocity, Kathleen is at a lower height than Paul for most of her ride. Thus she always has a larger velocity during her ride and therefore arrives earlier!


## 26) Cart on a Hill

A cart starting from rest rolls down a hill and at the bottom has a speed of $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. If the cart were given an initial push, so its initial speed at the top of the hill was $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, what would be its speed at the bottom?

1) $4 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
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When starting from rest, the cart's $P E$ is changed into $K E$ :

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\Delta P E=\Delta K E=1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}(4)^{2}
$$

When starting from $3 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, the final KE is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
K E_{\mathrm{f}} & =K E_{\mathrm{i}}+\triangle K E \\
& =1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}(3)^{2}+1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}(4)^{2} \\
& =1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}(25) \\
& =1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}(5)^{2}
\end{aligned}
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## 27) Falling Leaves

You see a leaf falling to the ground with constant speed. When you first notice it, the leaf has initial total energy $\mathrm{PE}_{\mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{KE}_{\mathrm{i}}$. You watch the leaf until just before it hits the ground, at which point it has final total energy $\mathrm{PE}_{\mathrm{f}}+\mathrm{KE}_{\mathrm{f}}$. How do these total energies compare?

1) $P E_{i}+K E_{i}>P E_{f}+K E_{f}$
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As the leaf falls, air resistance exerts a force on it opposite to its direction of motion. This force does negative work, which prevents the leaf from accelerating. This frictional force is a non-conservative force, so the leaf loses energy as it falls, and its final total energy is less than its initial total energy.

Follow-up: What happens to leaf's KE as it falls? What is net work done?

## 28) Falling Balls

You throw a ball straight up into the air.

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Due to air friction, the ball is continuously losing mechanical energy. Therefore it has less KE (and consequently a lower speed) on the way down. This means it will take more time on the way down !!

Follow-up: How does the force of air resistance compare to gravity when the ball reaches terminal velocity?

## 29) Power

Engine \#1 produces twice the power of engine \#2. Can we conclude that engine \#1 does twice as much work as engine \#2?

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Engine \#1 produces twice the power of engine \#2. Can we conclude that engine \#1 does

1) yes
2) no twice as much work as engine \#2?

No!! We cannot concludle anything about how much work each engine does. Given the power output, the work will depend upon how much time is used. For example, engine \#1 may do the same amount of work as engine \#2, but in half the time.

## 30) Energy Consumption

Which contributes more to the cost of your electric bill each month, a 1500-Watt hair dryer or a 600 -Watt microwave oven?

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2) microwave oven
3) both contribute equally
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We already saw that what you actually pay for is energy. To find the energy consumption of an appliance, you must know more than just the power rating - you have to know how long it was running.


## 31) Rolling in the Rain

An open cart rolls along a frictionless track while it is raining. As it rolls, what happens to the speed of the cart as the rain collects in it? (assume that the rain falls vertically into the box)

1) speeds up
2) maintains constant speed
3) slows down
4) stops immediately


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Since the rain falls in vertically, it adds no momentum to the box, thus the box's momentum is conserved. However, since the mass of the box slowly increases with the added rain, its velocity has to decrease.


Follow-up: What happens to the cart when it stops raining?

## 32) Momentum and KE I

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Since the total kinetic energy is zero, this means that all of the particles are at rest ( $v=0$ ). Therefore, since nothing is moving, the total momentum of the system must also be zero.

## 33) Momentum and KE II

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1) yes
2) no total kinetic energy of the system is also zero?

Momentum is a vector, so the fact that $p_{\text {tot }}=0$ does not mean that the particles are at rest! They could be moving such that their momenta cancel out when you add up all of the vectors. In that case, since they are moving, the particles would have non-zero KE.

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If object \#1 has mass $m$ and speed $v$, and object \#2 has mass $1 / 2 m$ and speed $2 v$, they will both have the same momentum. However, since $K E=1 / 2 m v^{2}$, we see that object \#2 has twice the kinetic energy of object \#1, due to the fact that the velocity is squared.

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Since the total momentum of the system is conserved, that means that $\Delta p=0$ for the car and truck combined. Therefore, $\Delta p_{\text {car }}$ must be equal and
opposite to that of the truck $\left(-\Delta p_{\text {truck }}\right)$ in order for the total momentum change to be zero. Note that this conclusion also follows from Newton's $3^{\text {rd }}$ Law.


Follow-up: Which one feels the larger acceleration?

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Two boxes, one heavier than the other, are initially at rest on a horizontal frictionless surface. The same constant force $F$ acts on each one for exactly 1 second. Which box has more momentum after the force acts?

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We know: $\quad F_{a v}=\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$
so impulse $\Delta p=F_{\mathrm{av}} \Delta t$.
In this case $F$ and $\Delta t$ are the same for both boxes !

Both boxes will have the same final momentum.


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The force is related to the acceleration by Newton's $2^{\text {nd }}$ Law ( $F=m a$ ). The lighter box therefore has the greater acceleration, and will reach a higher speed after the 1 -second time interval.

Follow-up: Which box has gone a larger distance after the force acts?

> Follow-up: Which box has gained more KE after the force acts?

## 38) Watch Out!

You drive around a curve in a narrow one-way street at 30 mph when you see an identical car heading straight toward you at 30 mph . You have two options: hit the car head-on or swerve into a massive concrete wall (also head-on). What should you do?

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In both cases your momentum will decrease to zero in the collision. Given that the time $\Delta t$ of the collision is the same, then the force exerted on YOU will be the same!!

If a truck is approaching at 30 mph , then you'd be better off hitting the wall in that case. On the other hand, if it's only a mosquito, well, you'd be better off running him down...

## 39) Impulse

A small beanbag and a bouncy rubber ball are dropped from the same height above the floor.
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Both objects reach the same speed at the floor. However, while the beanbag comes to rest on the floor, the ball bounces back up with nearly the same speed as it hit. Thus, the change in momentum for the ball is greater, because of the rebound. The impulse delivered by the ball is twice that of the beanbag.

For the beanbag: $\Delta p=p_{f}-p_{\mathrm{i}}=0-(-m v)=m v$
For the rubber ball: $\Delta p=p_{f}-p_{i}=m v-(-m v)=2 m v$
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When the raindrops hit the umbrella, they tend to splatter and run off, whereas the hailstones hit the umbrella and bounce back upwards. Thus, the change in momentum (impulse) is greater for the hail. Since $\Delta p=F \Delta t$, more force is required in the hailstorm. This is similar to the situation with the bouncy rubber ball in the previous question.

## 41) Going Bowling I

A bowling ball and a ping-pong ball are rolling toward you with the same momentum. If you exert the same force to stop each one, which takes a longer time to bring to rest?

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## 42) Going Bowling II

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2) same distance for both
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Use the work-energy theorem: $\mathbb{N}=\triangle K E$. The ball with less mass has the greater speed (why?), and thus the greater KE (why again?). In order to remove that KE, work must be done, where $W=F d$. Since the force is the same in both cases, the distance needed to stop the less massive ball must be bigger.

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## 43) Elastic Collisions I

Consider two elastic collisions:

1) a golf ball with speed $v$ hits a stationary bowling ball head-on.
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3) situation 1
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Remember that the magnitude of the relative velocity has to be equal before and after the collision!

In case 1 the bowling ball will almost remain at rest, and the golf ball will bounce back with speed close to $v$.

In case 2 the bowling ball will keep going with speed close to $v$, hence the golf ball will rebound with speed close to 2 v .

## 44) Elastic Collisions II

Carefully place a small rubber ball (mass $m$ ) on top of a much bigger basketball (mass $M$ ) and drop these from some height $h$. What is the velocity of the smaller ball after the basketball hits the ground, reverses direction, and then collides with small rubber ball?

1) zero
2) $v$
3) $2 v$
4) $3 v$
5) $4 v$

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Remember that relative velocity has to be equal before and after collision! Before the collision, the basketball bounces up $V$ with $v$ and the rubber ball is coming down with $v$, so their relative velocity is $-2 v$. After the collision, it therefore has to be $+2 v!!$


Follow-up: with initial drop height $h$, how high does the small rubber ball bounce up?

## 45) Inelastic Collisions I

A box slides with initial velocity $10 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ on a frictionless surface and collides inelastically with an identical box. The boxes stick together after the collision. What is the final velocity?

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2) $20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
3) $0 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
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M v_{\mathrm{i}}=(10) M
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M_{\text {tot }} v_{f}=(2 M) v_{\mathrm{f}}=(2 M)(5)
$$

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2) $20 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$


## 46) Inelastic Collisions II

On a frictionless surface, a sliding box collides and sticks to a second identical box which is initially at rest. What is the final KE of the system in terms of the initial KE?

1) $K E_{f}=K E_{i}$
2) $K E_{f}=K E_{i} / 4$
3) $K E_{f}=K E_{i} / \sqrt{ } 2$
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Momentum: $\quad m v_{i}+0=(2 m) v_{f}$ So we see that: $\quad v_{f} \equiv 1 / 2 v_{i}$ Now, look at kinetic energy:

First, $K E_{i}=1 / 2 m v_{i}^{2}$
So: $\quad K E_{f}=1 / 2 m_{f} v_{f}^{2}$ $=1 / 2(2 m)\left(1 / 2 v_{i}\right)^{2}$ $=1 / 2\left(1 / 2 m v_{i}^{2}\right)$ $\equiv 1 / 2 \mathrm{KE}$


## 47) Nuclear Fission I

A uranium nucleus (at rest) undergoes fission and splits into two fragments, one heavy and the other light. Which fragment has the greater momentum?

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The initial momentum of the uranium was zero, so the final total momentum of the two fragments must also be zero. Thus the individual momenta are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.


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We have already seen that the individual momenta are equal and opposite. In order to keep the magnitude of momentum mv the same, the heavy fragment has the lower speed and the light fragment has the greater speed.


## 49) Recoil Speed I

Amy ( 150 lbs ) and Gwen ( 50 lbs ) are standing on slippery ice and push off each other. If Amy slides at 6 m/s, what speed does Gwen have?
(1) $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
(2) $6 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
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The initial momentum is zero, so the momenta of Amy and Gwen must be equal and opposite. Since $p=m v$, then if Amy has 3 times more mass, we see that Gwen must have 3 times more speed.


## 50) Recoil Speed II

A cannon sits on a stationary railroad flatcar with a total mass of 1000 kg . When a $10-\mathrm{kg}$ cannon ball is fired to the left at a speed of $50 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, what is the recoil speed of the flatcar?

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Since the initial momentum of the system was zero, the final total momentum must also be zero. Thus, the final momenta of the cannon ball and the flatcar must be equal and opposite.
$p_{\text {cannonball }}=(10 \mathrm{~kg})(50 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s})=500 \mathrm{~kg}-\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$
$p_{\text {flatar }}=500 \mathrm{~kg}-\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}=(1000 \mathrm{~kg})(0.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s})$

## 51) Gun Control

When a bullet is fired from a gun, the bullet and the gun have equal and opposite momenta. If this is true, then why is the bullet deadly? (whereas it is safe to hold the gun while it is fired)

1) it is much sharper than the gun
2) it is smaller and can penetrate your body
3) it has more kinetic energy than the gun
4) it goes a longer distance and gains speed
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While it is true that the magnitudes of the momenta of the gun and the bullet are equal, the bullet is less massive and so it has a much higher velocity. Since KE is related to $v^{2}$, the bullet has considerably more KE and therefore can do more damage on impact.

## 52) Crash Cars I

If all three collisions below are totally inelastic, which one(s)
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In case I, the solid wall clearly stops the car.

In cases II and III, since $\boldsymbol{p}_{\text {tot }}=0$ before the collision, then $p_{\text {tot }}$ must also be zero after the collision, which means that the car comes to a halt in all three cases.

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The car on the left loses the same KE in all 3 cases, but in case III, the car on the right loses the most KE because $K E=1 / 2 m v^{2}$
and the car in case III has the largest velocity.


## 54) Shut the Door!

You are lying in bed and you want to shut your bedroom door. You have a superball and a blob of clay (both with the same mass) sitting next to you. Which one would be more effective to throw at your door to close it?

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The superball bounces off the door with almost no loss of speed, so its $\Delta p$ (and that of the door) is $2 m v$.

The clay sticks to the door and continues to move along with it, so its $\Delta p$ is less than that of the superball, and therefore it imparts less $\Delta p$ to the door.

