

Multi-Particle System's Momentum and Center of Mass

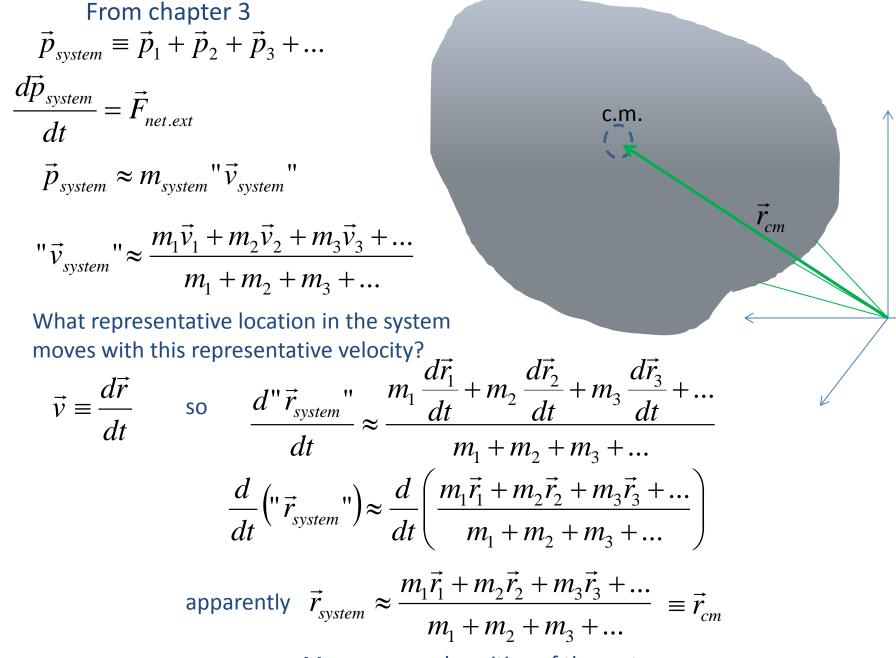
From chapter 3

$$\vec{p}_{system} \equiv \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 + \dots$$

so
 $\frac{d\vec{p}_{system}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{p}_1}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{p}_2}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{p}_3}{dt} + \dots$
 $\vec{F}_{i+2} + \vec{F}_{i+3} + \vec{F}_{1+cov}) + (\vec{F}_{2c+1} + \vec{F}_{3+c-3} + \vec{F}_{2-cov}) + (\vec{F}_{3+1} + \vec{F}_{3+c-2} + \vec{F}_{3-cov}) + \dots$
 $\frac{d\vec{p}_{system}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{1-cost} + \vec{F}_{2-cost} + \vec{F}_{3-cost} \dots$
 $\frac{d\vec{p}_{system}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{net.ext}$ So the sum of all momentum in the system varies in response to net
external force just like the momentum of a point particle would.
Pushing the analogy further:
 $\vec{p}_{system} \approx m_{system}$ " \vec{v}_{system} "
What is this representative speed?
 $m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 + m_3\vec{v}_3 + \dots \approx \frac{\vec{P}_{system}}{m_{system}} \approx$ " \vec{v}_{system} " $\approx \frac{m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 + m_3\vec{v}_3 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots \approx m_{system}} \approx$ " \vec{v}_{system} "

Mass-averaged velocity of the system

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Mass-averaged *position* of the system : Center of Mass

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$$\frac{d\bar{p}_{system}}{dt} = \bar{F}_{net.ext}$$

$$\vec{p}_{system} \approx m_{system} \vec{v}_{cm}$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} \approx \frac{m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + m_3 \vec{v}_3 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots}$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} \approx \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 + m_3 \vec{r}_3 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots}$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 + m_3 \vec{r}_3 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots}$$
Example: say A 5 kg sphere is centered at < 11, 25, -6 > m.
A 10 kg sphere is centered at < 7, -19, 11 > m.
A 12 kg sphere is centered at < -9, 14, -15 > m.

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + m_3 x_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} \quad y_{cm} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + m_3 y_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3} \quad z_{cm} = \frac{m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2 + m_3 z_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{(5kg)(11m) + (10kg)(7m) + (12kg)(-9m)}{5kg + 10kg + 12kg} \quad y_{cm} = \frac{(5kg)(25m) + (10kg)(-19m) + (12kg)(14m)}{5kg + 10kg + 12kg}$$

5kg + 10kg + 12kg

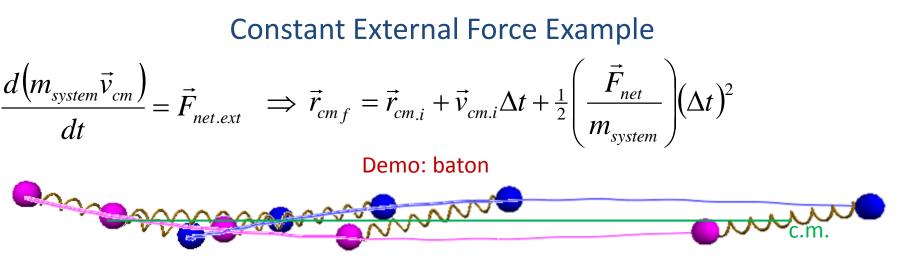
 $\vec{r}_{cm} = \langle 0.63, 3.81, -3.70 \rangle \mathrm{m}$

Multi-Particle System's Momentum and Center of Mass No External Force Example

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{dr_{cm}}{dt} \implies \vec{r}_{cmf} = \vec{r}_{cm.i} + \vec{v}_{cm}\Delta t$$

Demo: RotateVibrateTranslate.py (case 3 w & wo cm)

Individual parts may move erratically, but center of mass moves smoothly

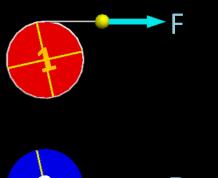


Demo: 09_RotateVibrateTranslate.py case 5

Note: momentum principle for multi-particle system doesn't care *at what point of system* the force is applied and doesn't say how *individual parts* move relative to center of mass

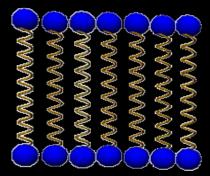
Two pucks lie on ice and can slide with little friction. A string is attached to each puck and each string is pulled with the same constant force F for the same time. The string is wound around the outer edge of puck 1 but attached to the center of puck 2. They both start from rest. Try to *imagine* what you would see as they move. What do you think will happen in the next 3 seconds? 1) The center of 1 will move farther than 2 2) The center of 2 will move farther than 1

3) The centers of 1 and 2 will move the same distance



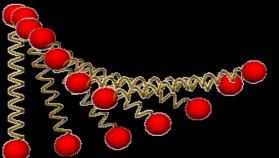
Now, apply the momentum principle to each puck. What does it predict should happen in the next 3 seconds?
1) The center of 1 will move farther than 2
2) The center of 2 will move farther than 1
3) The center of 1 and 2 will move the same distance

07_twopucks.py



Which object has the greater total momentum (magnitude)? 1) Top object (blue)

- 2) Bottom object (red)
- 3) Their total momentum is the same



Momentum principle speaks only for *center of mass* motion Sometimes you want to track motion *relative to* center of mass Need a different tool: Energy



Multi-Particle System's Energy

Already familiar:
$$E_{particle} = K + E_{rest}$$

 $K = (\gamma - 1)mc^2 \approx \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
 $E_{rest} = mc^2$
For system of particles:
 $E_{system} = \sum (K + mc^2) + \sum U$
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$$E_{system} = \sum_{all.parts} \left(K + mc^2 \right) + \sum_{all.pairs} U$$

Without thinking too deeply, we've blurred these two, say a nucleus "particle" / "system":

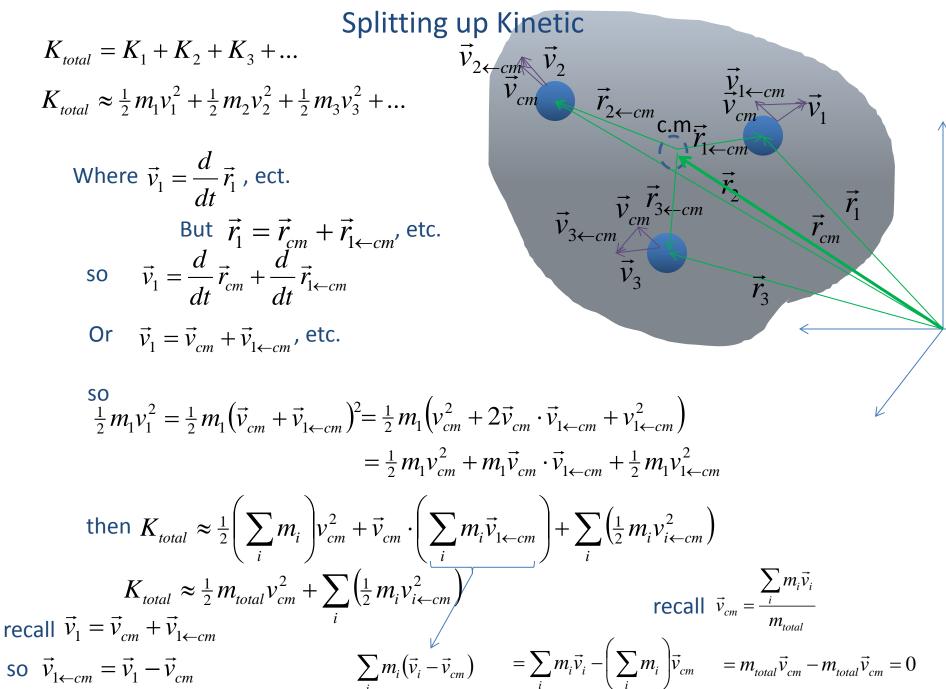
$$E_{particle} = K + E_{rest}$$
$$E_{system} = \sum_{all. parts} (K + mc^{2}) + \sum_{all. pairs} U$$

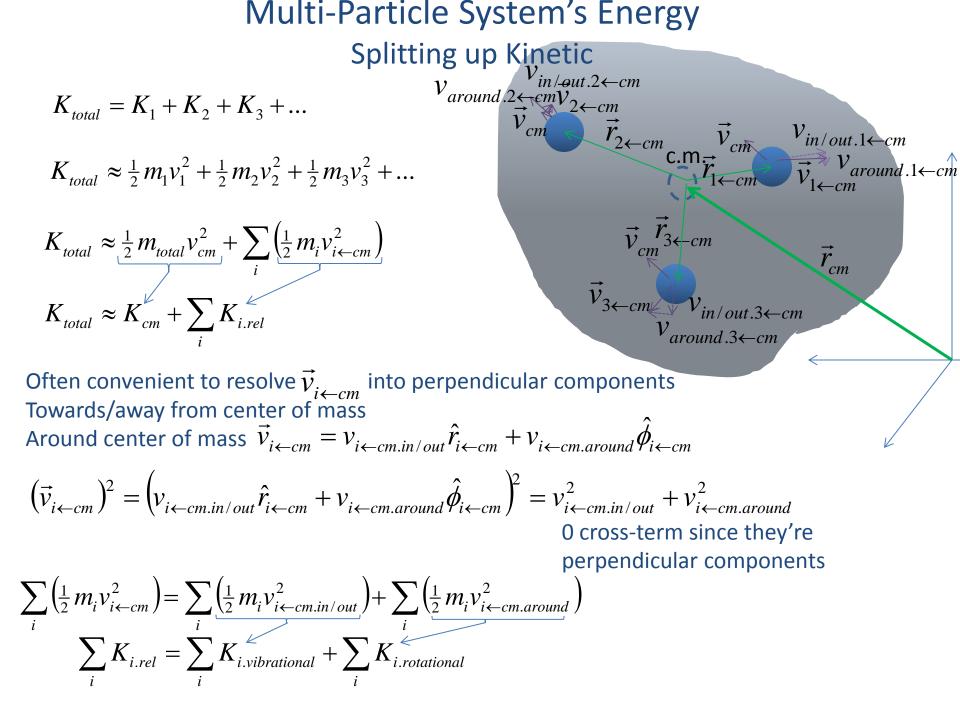
It seems reasonable to expect we can break up the system's energy as:

$$E_{rest} = E_{int}$$

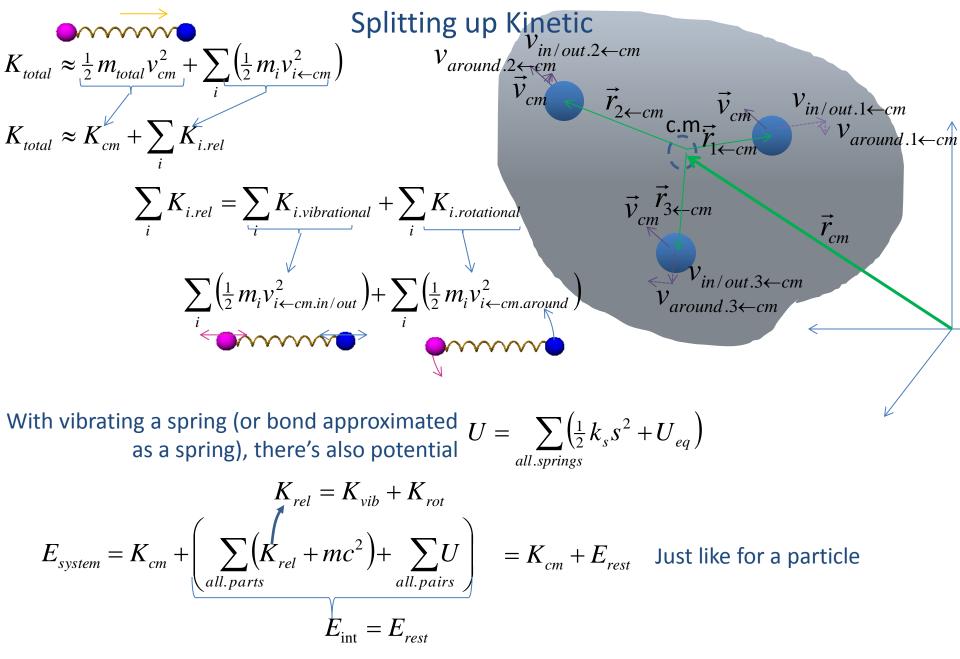
$$E_{system} = K_{cm} + \left(\sum_{all. parts} (K_{rel} + mc^2) + \sum_{all. pairs} U\right)$$

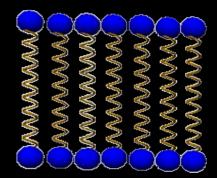
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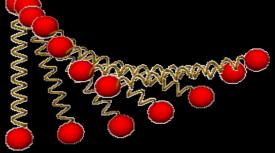
Multi-Particle System's Energy





Which object has the greater translational kinetic energy (K_{TRANS})? 1) Top object (blue)

- 2) Bottom object (red)
- 3) Their translational kinetic energy is the same



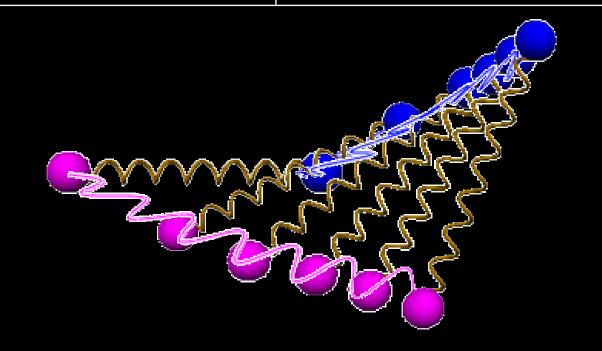
Which object has the greater total kinetic energy?
1) Top object (blue)
2) Bottom object (red)
3) Their total kinetic energy is the same



In the case shown in the VPython program, what energy terms are nonzero for the system of the two balls and the spring?

1)
$$K_{trans}$$

2) $(K_{vib} + U_{spring})$
3) K_{rot}
4) $(K_{vib} + U_{spring})$ and K_{rot}
5) K_{trans} and K_{rot}
6) K_{trans} and $(K_{vib} + U_{spring})$
7) $(K_{vib} + U_{spring})$ and K_{rot} and K_{trans}



09_RotateVibrateTranslate.py

