

Conservation of Energy: $E_{before} = E_{after}$

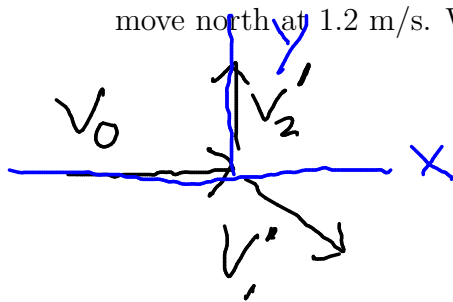
Conservation of momentum: $\vec{P}_{before} = \vec{P}_{after}$

$\vec{P} = m\vec{v}$ $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ $PE_g = mgh$ $E = KE + PE$

$g = 9.81m/s^2$

A 3.5 kg particle moving east at 4.5 m/s suddenly explodes into 2 pieces. The 2.0 kg piece move north at 1.2 m/s. What is the velocity of the 1.5 kg piece (speed and direction).

Momentum conservation only.



x: $(3.5\text{kg})(4.5\text{m/s}) = 1.5\text{kg}(V_{x,1}')$ (1)

y: $0 = (1.5\text{kg})(V_{y,1}') + 2\text{kg}(1.2\text{m/s})$ (2)

(1) $V_{x,1}' = 10.5\text{m/s}$

(2) $V_{y,1}' = -1.6\text{m/s}$

$V_1' = \sqrt{(10.5\text{m/s})^2 + (1.6\text{m/s})^2} = 10.6\text{m/s}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1.6}{10.5}\right) = 9^\circ$

