



Group 5 - Momentum Investigation

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Impulse-Momentum Theorem (B.)

$$F\Delta t = m\Delta V$$

	Maximum Force (N)	Time to Bounce (s)
Thin Hoop Bumper	3.82	0.24
Thick Hoop Bumper	5.73	0.16

$m\Delta V$ is constant between trials (assumptions) $\Rightarrow F\Delta t$ must also be equivalent.

The thin hoop bumper has 'more give' $\Rightarrow \Delta t_{\text{thin}} > \Delta t_{\text{thick}}$ of the thick hoop. Consequently, the thin hoop's average force \Rightarrow

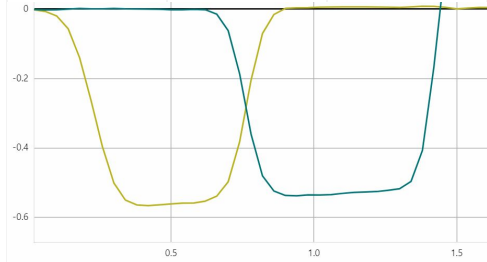
$$F_{\text{avg thin}} < F_{\text{avg thick}}$$

Assume the same, symmetrical distribution of force over time, thus $F_{\text{max thin}} < F_{\text{max thick}}$

Conservation of Momentum & Energy (D.)

Trial 1: $m_1 = m_2 = 0.3\text{kg}$

	v_i	v_f
Green	0	0.53
Blue	0.56	0



Momentum

$$p_i = mv = 0.3(0.56) = 0.168 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$$

$$p_f = mv = 0.3(0.53) = 0.159 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$$

5.3% error

Energy

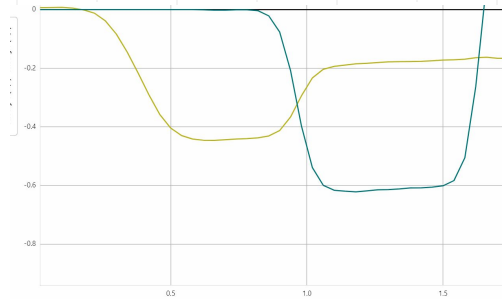
$$KE_i = 0.5mv^2 = 0.5 \cdot 0.3(0.56)^2 = 0.047$$

$$KE_f = 0.5mv^2 = 0.5 \cdot 0.3(0.53)^2 = 0.042$$

11.9% error

Trial 2: $m_1 = 0.8\text{kg}$, $m_2 = 0.3\text{kg}$

	v_i	v_f
Green	0.444	0.183
Blue	0	0.619



Momentum

$$p_i = 0.8(0.44) + 0.3(0) = 0.352$$

$$p_f = 0.8(0.183) + 0.3(0.619) = 0.332$$

6.5% error

Energy

$$KE_i = 0.5(0.8)(0.44)^2 = 0.077$$

$$KE_f = 0.5(0.8)(0.183)^2 + 0.5(0.3)(0.619)^2 = 0.071$$

8.5% error