

Impulse and Momentum

Linear Momentum

for a particle $\vec{G} = m\vec{v}$ vector quantity

for a system of particles

$$\vec{G} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_i$$

note $\vec{v}_i = \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt}$ \vec{r}_i is posn vector of m_i one particle in sys.

$$\therefore \vec{G} = \sum m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i = \frac{d(\sum m_i \vec{r}_i)}{dt} \quad \text{for constant mass}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{G} = m\vec{v}_G \quad \vec{v}_G \text{ is velocity of centre of MASS.}$$

Newton's 2nd Law $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ can be written

Resultant force $\rightarrow \sum \vec{F} = \dot{\vec{G}}$ so $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum \vec{F} dt = \vec{G}_2 - \vec{G}_1$ vector

We can write scalar equations for components
e.g. $\sum F_x = \dot{G}_x$ * $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum F_x = G_{x_2} - G_{x_1}$ etc for y, z.

We call $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum \vec{F} dt$ the linear impulse on the body during the time-interval t_1 to t_2

Linear impulse = change in momentum
for a given time interval