

## Unit-2 Linear and angular Momentum

### \* Conservation of linear momentum:

The total quantity of motion contained in a body is called linear momentum. It is denoted by  $\vec{p}$  and defined as the product of mass & velocity of the body. For a body having mass  $m$  and velocity  $\vec{v}$ . Its linear momentum  $\vec{p}$  in vector form is given by

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$$

In terms of magnitude only

$$p = mv$$

SI unit of linear momentum is  $\text{kg m s}^{-1}$  or  $\text{Ns}$  and dimensional formula is  $[\text{MLT}^{-1}]$ .

### \* Law of conservation of linear momentum:

It states that "The total linear momentum of a system of particles remains constant, provided no external force acts on the system."

If  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  be the particles in a system and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be their respective, then in absence of external force.

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 + \dots + m_n u_n = \text{constant}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i u_i = \text{constant}$$

Proof:

(By using Newton second law of motion)

If a system has linear momentum  $p$  and applied force  $F$  causes change in linear momentum by  $dp$

in time  $dt$  then from Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion.

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = F$$

For validity of law of conservation of linear momentum force on the system must be zero.

$$F = 0$$

$$\text{then, } \frac{dp}{dt} = 0$$

$$dp = 0$$

$$\therefore p = \text{Constant}$$

This proves law of conservation of linear momentum.

\* **Centre of mass**: A point in a body or system of bodies where entire mass can be suppose to be located so that when the line of action of applied force passes through that point, the system of bodies gets linearly accelerated is called centre of mass.

If  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  be the point masses situated radius vectors  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_n$  from origin  $O$ . Then, radius vector of centre of mass from the same point can be mathematically expressed as:

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{m_1\vec{r}_1 + m_2\vec{r}_2 + \dots + m_n\vec{r}_n}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n}$$

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

Where,

$M = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$  is the total mass of system.

\*\* If  $m_1 = m_2 = \dots = m_n = m$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_{cm} &= \frac{m\vec{r}_1 + m\vec{r}_2 + \dots + m\vec{r}_n}{m + m + \dots + m} \\ &= \frac{m(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 + \dots + \vec{r}_n)}{nm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2 + \dots + \vec{r}_n}{n}$$

\*\* For two particles system

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

If centre of mass coincides with the arbitrary origin 'O' then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_{cm} &= 0 \\ \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore m_1 \vec{r}_1 = -m_2 \vec{r}_2$$

In terms of magnitude only.

$$\boxed{\therefore m_1 r_1 = -m_2 r_2}$$

\* Velocity of centre of mass:

We have,

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 + \dots + m_n \vec{r}_n}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2 + \dots + m_n \vec{r}_n}{M}$$

Diff. w.r. to time, we get

$$\frac{d\vec{r}_{cm}}{dt} = \frac{1}{M} \left( m_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} + m_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} + \dots + m_n \frac{d\vec{r}_n}{dt} \right)$$

$$\therefore \vec{V}_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} (m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + m_n \vec{v}_n) \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

Eq<sup>n</sup> (I) gives velocity of centre of mass.

Further,

$$M \vec{V}_{cm} = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + m_n \vec{v}_n$$

$$\vec{P}_{cm} = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + m_n \vec{v}_n \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Eq<sup>n</sup> (II) gives the linear momentum of centre of mass.\* Frame of reference

The method of locating a point in space is called frame of reference. In general, there are two types of frame of reference namely

(I) Laboratory frame of reference (L-frame)

(II) Centre of mass frame of reference (CM-frame)

(1) Laboratory frame of reference (L-frame):-  
The frame of reference in which a point in space is rigidly fixed as origin from where all other points are specified is called laboratory frame.

(2) Centre of mass frame of reference:-  
The frame of reference in which centre of mass of a system under consideration is chosen as origin and from where all other points in space are specified is called centre of mass frame of reference (CM-frame).

\* Collision:- An event in which interacting particles of a system exchange force for small interval of time by direct-indirect physical contact is called collision. On the basis of certain conservation laws collision can be broadly distinguished into two types:-

(1) Elastic collision:- The total linear momentum and kinetic energy of colliding system remain conserved/constant is known as elastic collision. Here, linear momentum and kinetic energy of individual member may change.

In general elastic collision occurs among microparticles of atomic and sub-atomic size. During elastic collision dissipative forms of energy like sound, heat, etc are not produced.

(II) Inelastic Collision :- The total linear momentum of colliding system remains conserved but not kinetic energy.

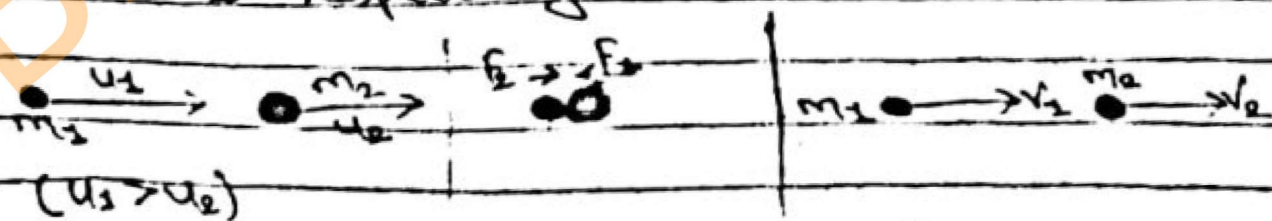
In general inelastic collision occurs among macroparticles. During inelastic collision dissipative forms of energy like heat sound etc are produced.

\* Perfectly inelastic Collision :-

An inelastic collision in which bodies stick together and move with common velocity after collision is called perfectly inelastic collision. Here, large fraction of kinetic energy gets dissipated.

\* Elastic collision in one-dimension (Two body system)

Consider two bodies of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  moving initially with velocities  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  along a line collide elastically for small interval of time so that they move now with velocities  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively.



Before collision      During collision      After collision

from definition of elastic collision,  
Total linear momentum before collision is equal to total linear momentum after collision.

$$\text{i.e. } m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2$$

$$m_1(u_1 - v_1) = m_2(v_2 - u_2) \longrightarrow (I)$$

Also,

Total kinetic energy before collision is equal to total kinetic energy after collision.

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 u_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 u_1^2 + m_2 u_2^2 = m_1 v_1^2 + m_2 v_2^2$$

$$m_1(u_1^2 - v_1^2) = m_2(v_2^2 - u_2^2)$$

$$m_1(u_1 - v_1)(u_1 + v_1) = m_2(v_2 - u_2)(v_2 + u_2) \longrightarrow (II)$$

From eq<sup>n</sup>. (I) and (II), we get

$$u_1 + v_1 = u_2 + v_2$$

$$u_1 - u_2 = v_2 - v_1 \longrightarrow (III)$$

This shows that velocity of approach before collision is equal to the velocity of recede after collision.

# Final velocities of elastic collision in terms of initial conditions:

For elastic collision,

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 \longrightarrow (I)$$

Also,

$$u_1 - u_2 = v_2 - v_1$$

$$v_2 = u_1 - u_2 + v_1 \longrightarrow (II)$$

putting this value of  $v_2$  from (II) in eq<sup>n</sup>. (I), we get

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 - m_2 u_2 + m_2 v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_1 u_1 - m_2 u_2) + 2m_2 u_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \frac{(m_1 - m_2) u_1}{m_1 + m_2} + \frac{2m_2 u_2}{m_1 + m_2} \rightarrow \textcircled{A}$$

Similarly,

$$v_2 = \frac{2m_1 u_1}{m_1 + m_2} + \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} u_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{B}$$

\*\* Special cases:

# Case - I: If colliding bodies have equal masses i.e.  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ , then

$$v_1 = u_2$$

$$v_2 = u_1$$

It shows that two bodies exchange their velocities.

# Case - II: If colliding bodies have equal mass i.e.  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  and second body is initially at rest i.e.  $u_2 = 0$ ,

$$v_1 = 0, v_2 = u_1$$

# Case - III: If second body (target) is very massive i.e.  $m_2 \gg m_1$  and initially at rest i.e.  $u_2 = 0$  then

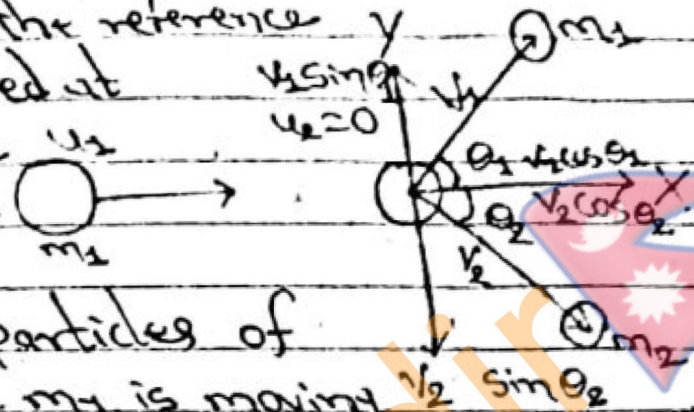
$v_1 = -u_1$  (rebounds with same velocities) and

$v_2 \approx 0$  (still at rest)

# Case - IV: If first body (projectile) is very massive i.e.  $m_1 \gg m_2$  and second body is initially at rest, i.e.  $u_2 = 0$  then  $v_1 = u_1$  and  $v_2 = 2u_1$

## \* Elastic Collision in two Dimension (in L-frame)

If the origin of the reference frame is rigidly fixed at laboratory then the frame of reference is called L-frame.



Consider two particles of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .  $m_1$  is moving with velocity  $u_1$  towards  $m_2$  which is at rest.

After collision  $m_1$  moves with velocity  $v_1$  making an angle  $\theta_1$  with  $x$ -axis which is called scattering angle.  $m_2$  moves with velocity  $v_2$  making angle  $\theta_2$  with  $x$ -axis which is called recoil angle. This shows that in figure.

Now,

Applying the law of conservation of linear momentum along given direction, we have

Along  $x$ -direction,

$$m_1 u_1 + 0 = m_1 v_1 \cos \theta_1 + m_2 v_2 \cos \theta_2$$

$$m_1 u_1 = m_1 v_1 \cos \theta_1 + m_2 v_2 \cos \theta_2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Along  $y$ -direction,

$$0 = m_1 v_1 \sin \theta_1 - m_2 v_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$m_1 v_1 \sin \theta_1 = m_2 v_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Also, from conservation of kinetic energy, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$$

$$m_1 u_1^2 = m_1 v_1^2 + m_2 v_2^2 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

To make relation solving,  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  and say  $\theta_1$  is known then eq<sup>n</sup> (i), (ii) and (iii) becomes

$$u_1 = v_1 \cos \theta_1 + v_2 \cos \theta_2 \longrightarrow (iv)$$

$$v_1 \sin \theta_1 = v_2 \sin \theta_2 \longrightarrow (v)$$

$$u_1^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 \longrightarrow (vi)$$

Now, using (iv) in (vi), we get

$$(v_1 \cos \theta_1 + v_2 \cos \theta_2)^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

$$\text{or, } v_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_1 + v_2^2 \cos^2 \theta_2 + 2v_1 v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot v_2 \cos \theta_2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2$$

$$\text{or, } 2v_1 v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot v_2 \cos \theta_2 = v_1^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_1) + v_2^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_2)$$

$$\text{or, } 2v_1 v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot v_2 \cos \theta_2 = v_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 + v_2^2 \sin^2 \theta_2$$

$$\text{or, } 2v_1 v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot v_2 \cos \theta_2 - 2v_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 \quad (\text{Using (v)})$$

$$\text{or, } v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \cos \theta_2 = v_1 \sin^2 \theta_1$$

$$\text{or, } v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \cos \theta_2 = v_1 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_1)$$

$$\text{or, } v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \cos \theta_2 = v_1 - v_1 \cos^2 \theta_1$$

$$\text{or, } v_2 \cos \theta_1 \cdot \cos \theta_2 + v_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 = v_1$$

$$\text{or, } \cos \theta_1 (v_2 \cos \theta_2 + v_1 \cos \theta_1) = v_1$$

$$\text{or, } u_1 \cos \theta_1 = v_1$$

$$\therefore v_1 = u_1 \cos \theta_1 \longrightarrow (vii)$$

Using eq<sup>n</sup> (vii) in eq<sup>n</sup> (vi), we have

$$u_1^2 = u_1^2 \cos^2 \theta_1 + v_2^2$$

$$u_1^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta_1) = v_2^2$$

$$u_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 = v_2^2$$

$$\therefore v_2 = u_1 \sin \theta_1 \longrightarrow (viii)$$

\* Inelastic Collision in one dimension

In inelastic collision conservation of linear momentum, remains true. So,  $m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2$

But kinetic energy doesn't get conserved. So  
 $\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 u_2^2 \neq \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$

# for perfectly inelastic collision

$$m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v$$

[Since after collision two bodies stick together and move with common velocity]

Also,

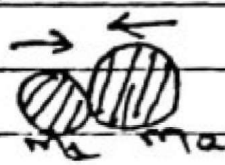
$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 u_2^2 \neq \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v^2$$

\* Loss in kinetic energy during perfectly inelastic collision :-

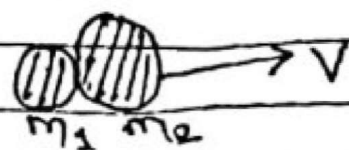
Proof: Let us consider a body having mass  $m_1$  and moving with velocity  $u_1$  collides with another body of mass  $m_2$  initially rest so, that both the bodies coalesce and move with common velocity  $v$ .



before collision



during collision



After collision

Now,

Applying law of conservation of linear momentum

$$m_1 u_1 + 0 = (m_1 + m_2) v$$

$$v = \frac{m_1 u_1}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total K.E. before collision (K.E}_i) &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 + 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total K.E. after collision (K.E}_f) = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v^2$$

Then,

$$\frac{\text{K.E}_i}{\text{K.E}_f} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} m_1 u_1^2}{\frac{1}{2} (m_1 + m_2) v^2}$$

$$= \frac{m_1 u_1^2}{(m_1 + m_2) \left( \frac{m_1 u_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2}$$

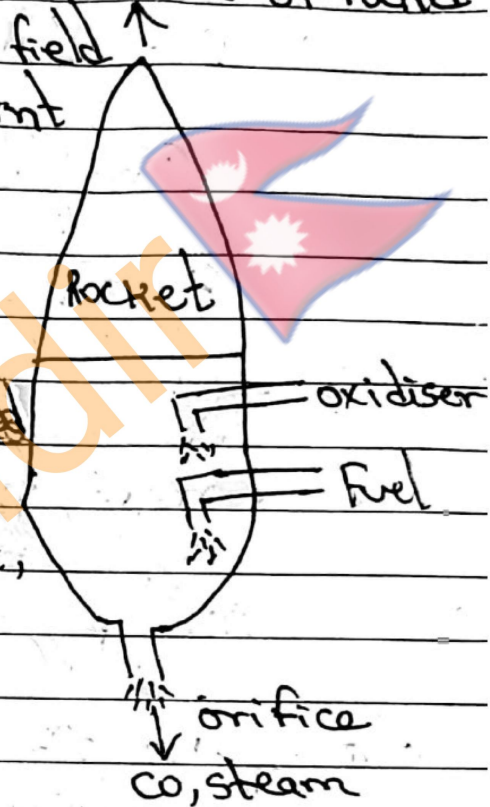
$$= \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{K.E}_i}{\text{K.E}_f} = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1}$$

Here  $(m_1 + m_2) > m_1 \Rightarrow \text{K.E}_i > \text{K.E}_f$   
 which shows that a kinetic energy decreases when perfectly inelastic collision occurs.

## \* Rocket (System of variable mass):

A rocket is a device which gets motion of rocket propelled against gravitational field due to upthrust created by burnt gases (fuel) released through orifice (tail end). The fuel itself carries its own oxidizer like gun powder. The thrust (force) provided by burnt gases released through tail end downward direction, is so massive that, the rocket body gets accelerated upward.



# Theory: Let  $M$  be the instantaneous mass of rocket after time ' $t$ ' from its launch and  $dM$  be the rate of decrease of mass of the rocket due to exhaustion of burnt fuel. Let  $\vec{v}$  be the instantaneous velocity of rocket (upward) from L-frame and  $-\vec{v}$  be the velocity of exhaust gas (downward) relative to rocket, we know,  
Velocity of exhaust gas relative to rocket

$$\vec{v}_{gr} = \vec{v}_g - \vec{v}_r$$

$$\vec{v}_g = \vec{v} - \vec{v} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

This gives velocity of mass relative to  $K$ -frame. so downward force on gas

$$\vec{F} = - \frac{dM}{dt} (\vec{V} - \vec{v})$$

So, instantaneous force on rocket,

$$\vec{F} = \frac{dM}{dt} (\vec{V} - \vec{v}) \longrightarrow \text{(ii)} \quad (\text{upward})$$

This upward force changes the linear momentum of the rocket. As well as overcomes weight of rocket,

$$\text{So, } \vec{F} = \frac{d}{dt} (M\vec{V}) + Mg \longrightarrow \text{(iii)}$$

\*\* Case - I

Neglecting weight of rocket,

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d}{dt} (M\vec{V})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dM}{dt} (\vec{V} - \vec{v}) \right) = M \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} + \vec{V} \frac{dM}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} \frac{dM}{dt} - \vec{v} \frac{dM}{dt} = M \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} + \vec{V} \frac{dM}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} M \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = - \vec{v} \frac{dM}{dt}$$

Taking magnitude only

$$M \frac{dV}{dt} = - v \frac{dM}{dt}$$

$$dV = -v \frac{dM}{M} \longrightarrow (iv)$$

Now integrating (iv)

$$\int dV = -v \int \frac{dM}{M}$$

$$\therefore V = -v \ln M + c \longrightarrow (v)$$

where,  $c$  is integrating constant.

Now, imposing initial condition,

ie. For  $t=0$ ,  $M = M_0$  and  $V = V_0$  then,

$$V_0 = -v \ln M_0 + c$$

$$\therefore c = V_0 + v \ln M_0$$

Substituting this value of  $c$  in (v), we have

$$V = -v \ln M + V_0 + v \ln M_0$$

$$V = V_0 + v \ln \frac{M_0}{M} \longrightarrow (vi)$$

This gives velocity of rocket at any intermediate instant.  $[\because \ln a - \ln b = \ln \frac{a}{b}]$

$$\text{If } \frac{dM}{dt} = \beta \text{ then } M = M_0 - \beta t$$

$$\therefore V = V_0 + v \ln \left( \frac{M_0}{M_0 - \beta t} \right)$$

$$\therefore V = V_0 + v \ln \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\beta t}{M_0}} \right)$$

$$\therefore V = V_0 + v \ln \left( \frac{1}{1 - \alpha t} \right) \quad [\because \alpha = \frac{\beta}{M_0}]$$

[rate of decrease in mass]  $\frac{dm}{dt}$  moves per unit initial mass  
 $V = V_0 + v \ln (1 - \alpha t)^{-1}$

$$d) \boxed{V = V_0 + v \ln (1 - \alpha t)} \longrightarrow (v_{11})$$

\*\* Case - II :

Taking weight of rocket under consideration,

$$\frac{dM}{dt} (V - v) = \frac{d}{dt} (MV) + (Mg)$$

$$d) \quad V \frac{dM}{dt} - v \frac{dM}{dt} = M \frac{dV}{dt} + V \frac{dM}{dt} + Mg$$

$$or, \quad M \frac{dV}{dt} = -v \frac{dM}{dt} - Mg$$

$$d) \quad dV = -v \frac{dM}{M} - g dt \longrightarrow (v_{111})$$

Integrating (v<sub>111</sub>),

$$\int dV = -v \int \frac{dM}{M} - g \int dt$$

$$V = -v \ln M - gt + c \longrightarrow (x)$$

where  $c$  is integrating constant

Now, imposing initial condition, we get  
 for,  $t=0, V=V_0, M=M_0$

$$d, V_0 = -v \ln M_0 + c$$

$$\therefore c = V_0 + v \ln M_0 \longrightarrow (x)$$

substituting the value of  $c$  from (x) to (2x), we get

$$V = -v \ln M - gt + V_0 + v \ln M_0$$

$$\therefore V = V_0 + v \ln \left( \frac{M_0}{M} \right) - gt \longrightarrow (2x)$$

which is the velocity of a rocket at any intermediate instant after its launch with consideration.

Q-7 Starting from Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion deduce  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$  where the symbols have their usual meaning. [2070]

⇒ Solution,  
we have, from Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion  
 $F = ma = m \left( \frac{v-u}{dt} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{v-u}{t}$$

The average velocity of a body =  $\left( \frac{v+u}{2} \right)$

Now,  
The distance traveled in time 't' is given by

$$s = \left( \frac{v+u}{2} \right) t = \left( \frac{v+u}{2} \right) \left( \frac{v-u}{a} \right)$$

$$\therefore, 2as = v^2 - u^2 \Rightarrow v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

\* Significance of C.M. frame of reference  
C.M. frame of reference makes it particularly useful in solving many a problem which are difficult to solve in the lab frame of reference. Indeed, it has become almost customary to deal with all collision in nuclear physics in this frame of reference alone.

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