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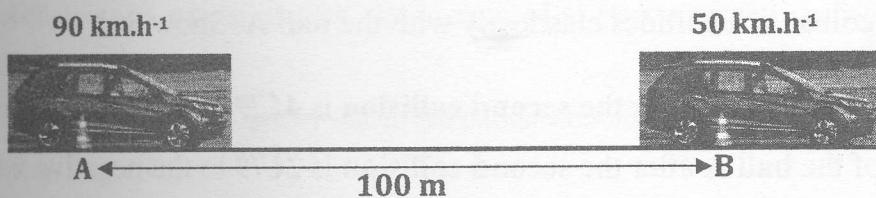
PH 101 MECHANICS I

Time: 01 hour

Answer ALL Questions.

Briefly explain the physical meaning of *speed*, *velocity* and *acceleration* of a car moving on a straight line.

A car is moving on a straight road with a speed of 90 km h^{-1} and suddenly apply the brake to reduce the speed to 50 km h^{-1} over a distance of 100 m as shown in the below figure. Assume all the resistance are negligible.

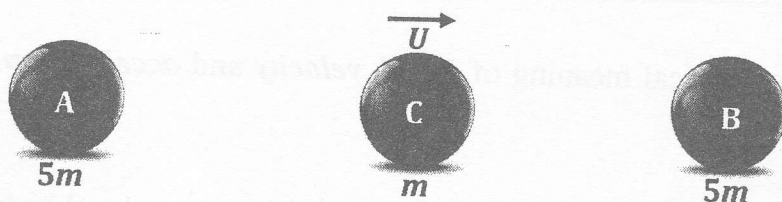


- Calculate the *acceleration* of the car under uniform motion with constant speed.
- Estimate the *elapsed* time to breaks from 90 km h^{-1} to 50 km h^{-1} .
- The car continues to slow down from point A estimate the *time* and distance to bring the car to rest from 90 km h^{-1} .
- What is the *total braking time*, if the car moving in a different initial velocity, with the acceleration calculated in part (a) and come to rest after traveling 500 m ?

02. A particle of mass m is moving horizontally along the x -axis with velocity U and with a stationary particle of mass M in a head on elastic collision. Show that the velocities of the *two particles* immediately after the collision are

$$V_1 = \left[\frac{m - M}{m + M} \right] U \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = \left[\frac{2m}{m + M} \right] U.$$

Two identical balls of equal mass $5m$ are initially at rest. As shown in the figure, a ball of mass m moving with speed U along the positive x -direction undergoes a head-on collision with one of the balls B. Show that



- (a) after the first collision, the ball C has a speed of $2U/3$ to the negative x -direction
 (b) the ball B has a speed of $U/3$ to the positive x -direction.

After the first collision it collides elastically with the ball A. Show that

- (c) the speed of the ball C after the second collision is $4U/9$ to the positive x -direction
 (d) the speed of the ball A after the second collision is $2U/9$ to the negative x -direction
 (e) state whether any possibilities for further collision to be occur between the balls