

46. (a) Conservation of linear momentum implies $m_A \vec{v}_A + m_B \vec{v}_B = m_A \vec{v}'_A + m_B \vec{v}'_B$. Since $m_A = m_B = m = 2.0 \text{ kg}$, the masses divide out and we obtain (in m/s)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}'_B &= \vec{v}_A + \vec{v}_B - \vec{v}'_A \\ &= (15\hat{i} + 30\hat{j}) + (-10\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}) - (-5\hat{i} + 20\hat{j}) \\ &= 10\hat{i} + 15\hat{j} .\end{aligned}$$

- (b) The final and initial kinetic energies are

$$\begin{aligned}K_f &= \frac{1}{2}mv_A'^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_B'^2 = \frac{1}{2}(2.0) ((-5)^2 + 20^2 + 10^2 + 15^2) = 8.0 \times 10^2 \text{ J} \\ K_i &= \frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 = \frac{1}{2}(2.0) (15^2 + 30^2 + (-10)^2 + 5^2) = 1.3 \times 10^3 \text{ J} .\end{aligned}$$

The change kinetic energy is then $\Delta K = -5.0 \times 10^2 \text{ J}$ (that is, 500 J of the initial kinetic energy is lost).