CHAPTER OVERVIEW

10: Linear Momentum and Collisions

In this section, we develop and define another conserved quantity, called **linear momentum**, and another relationship (the **impulse-momentum theorem**), which will put an additional constraint on how a system evolves in time. Conservation of momentum is useful for understanding collisions, such as that shown in the above image. It is just as powerful, just as important, and just as useful as conservation of energy and the work-energy theorem.

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