

Re: Propellantless propulsion fun 3 (recirculative propelant)

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Greg Neill
wrote:

Sorry,
I
don't
get
your
point.
KE
is
simply
 $(1/2)*m*v^2$
where
m
is
whatever
mass
is
involved.

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What
is
calculating
the
kinetic
energy
going
to
accomplish
here?

It is going
to show you
that it will
take more
kinetic
energy to
stop the
larger mass
than it
took to
"move" the
larger mass.

Since kinetic energy isn't conserved, it would not surprise me. In fact, you could employ nearly any amount of kinetic energy you wish to stop the larger mass.

How? Well kinetic energy is proportional to the mass and the square of the velocity. Say that your mass in motion is M travelling at velocity V . You want to bring it to a halt, but you want to use more kinetic energy than M has to do it. So you fire a smaller mass at it with a much higher velocity.

Say we choose a mass $m = M/10$.

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In order to bring the mass to a halt the smaller mass m travelling at velocity v must be carrying exactly the same momentum as the larger mass M . So

$$M \cdot V = m \cdot v$$

$$v = V \cdot M / m$$

but $m = M/10$ so

$$v = V \cdot 10$$

We fire the smaller mass at ten times the velocity as the larger mass is travelling. That gives it a kinetic energy of

$$KE = (1/2) \cdot m \cdot v^2$$

$$= (1/2) \cdot (M/10) \cdot (V \cdot 10)^2$$

$$= 10 \cdot (1/2) \cdot M \cdot V^2$$

It's kinetic energy is ten times that of the mass M .

Anyways,
if
you
want
the
kinetic
energy
of
the
launched
ball
it's
 $(1/2) \cdot m \cdot v^2$.
If
you
want

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the
kinetic
energy
of
the
ball
and
object
after
impact
it's

$$\begin{aligned} & (1/2)*(M \\ & + \\ & m)*v^2 \\ & = \\ & (1/2)*(M \\ & + \\ & m)*[v*m/(M \\ & + \\ & m)]^2 \\ & = \\ & (1/2)*m^2*v^2/(M \\ & + \\ & m) \end{aligned}$$

So
it's
smaller
than
the
kinetic
energy
of
the
ball
alone
was
by
a
factor
of
 $m/(M + m)$.
Again,
kinetic
energy
is
not
a

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conserved
quantity
in
general.

So now you
think the
ball getting
stuck in the
large mass
will violate
the
conservation
of energy.

Nope. Kinetic energy is not
conserved. It trades off
with other forms of energy
to keep the sum total
conserved
(like it does with potential
energy in orbits) but kinetic
energy by itself is **not** a
conserved quantity.

And you typed all that shit and still can not
grasp
That the same amount of force to move the
larger
object, will not stop the larger object once in
motion because the
larger object now has a greater KE than it
had when
it was "at rest".

That's an absurd contention. Kinetic energy is
frame dependent.

Suppose you have an observer at rest with respect to
a mass M . In his frame of reference he applies a
force F to the mass M for period of t seconds. That
is, he causes the mass to accelerate with an
acceleration of $a = F/M$ for a time duration of t .

At the end of that one second the mass is travelling
at a speed $v = a*t = F/M*t$.

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Now, a second observer happens to have been coasting by when this happens. By coincidence he happens to be travelling along at the speed v with respect to the first observer, so what he sees from his point of view is the mass M starting off with a velocity of $-v$ in his frame, shoved by the other observer (decelerated) and coming to rest in his frame.

So both observers witnessed a change of velocity of magnitude v for the same mass M using the same force F for the same length of time t . One saw the mass accelerate to speed v , the other saw it decelerate from speed v to rest in his frame.

The situations are entirely symmetrical. You can reverse the roles of the observers, starting with the mass at rest in the second observer's frame and him shoving it to cause it to come to rest in the first's frame. In each case the same force F is applied for time t .

Now Greg pulls the frame jumping bullshit that I am never allowed to do for his relativity crap, so he can yet once more, ignore and not admit that the large mass "will" in fact move according to the outside the box frame.

Which quantities do you think were taken from one frame and combined with quantities from another frame in the above? (hint: I didn't perform any calculations) Are any of them frame dependent in Newtonian physics?

I did not say you combined,
I said you frame jumped to use different measurements than all from one frame to see what actually occurs outside the box.
You jump in the box when the measurements outside frighten you and your church.
:)

James M Driscoll Jr
Spaceman

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