

74. We choose \hat{i} East and \hat{j} North, and use SI units (kg for mass and m/s for speed). The initially moving tin cookie has mass $m_1 = 2.0$ and velocity $\vec{v}_o = 8.0\hat{i}$, and the initially stationary cookie tin has mass $m_2 = 4.0$.

(a) Momentum conservation leads to

$$\begin{aligned}m_1\vec{v}_o &= m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 \\16\hat{i} &= 8\cos(37^\circ)\hat{i} + 8\sin(37^\circ)\hat{j} + (4.0)\vec{v}_2\end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$\vec{v}_2 = 2.4\hat{i} - 1.2\hat{j} \implies \vec{v}_2 = (2.7 \angle 27^\circ)$$

where magnitude-angle notation is used. Thus, the speed of the cookie tin is 2.7 m/s.

- (b) And its angle is $\tan^{-1}(-1.2/2.4) = -27^\circ$ which can be expressed as 27° south of east.