

9.15. Since the object is initially at rest, its total momentum is zero. After it explodes the total momentum of the fragments must also be zero. With $\vec{p}_1 = (-2, 2)$ kg m/s and $\vec{p}_2 = (3, 0)$ kg m/s, the requirement that $\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 = 0$ means that $\vec{p}_3 = (-1, -2)$ kg m/s.