

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_T(t) dt = m v_{x_2} - m v_{x_1} \quad (x\text{-dir})$$




# Conservation of Momentum for a System of Particles

(Section 15.3)

for a system of particles

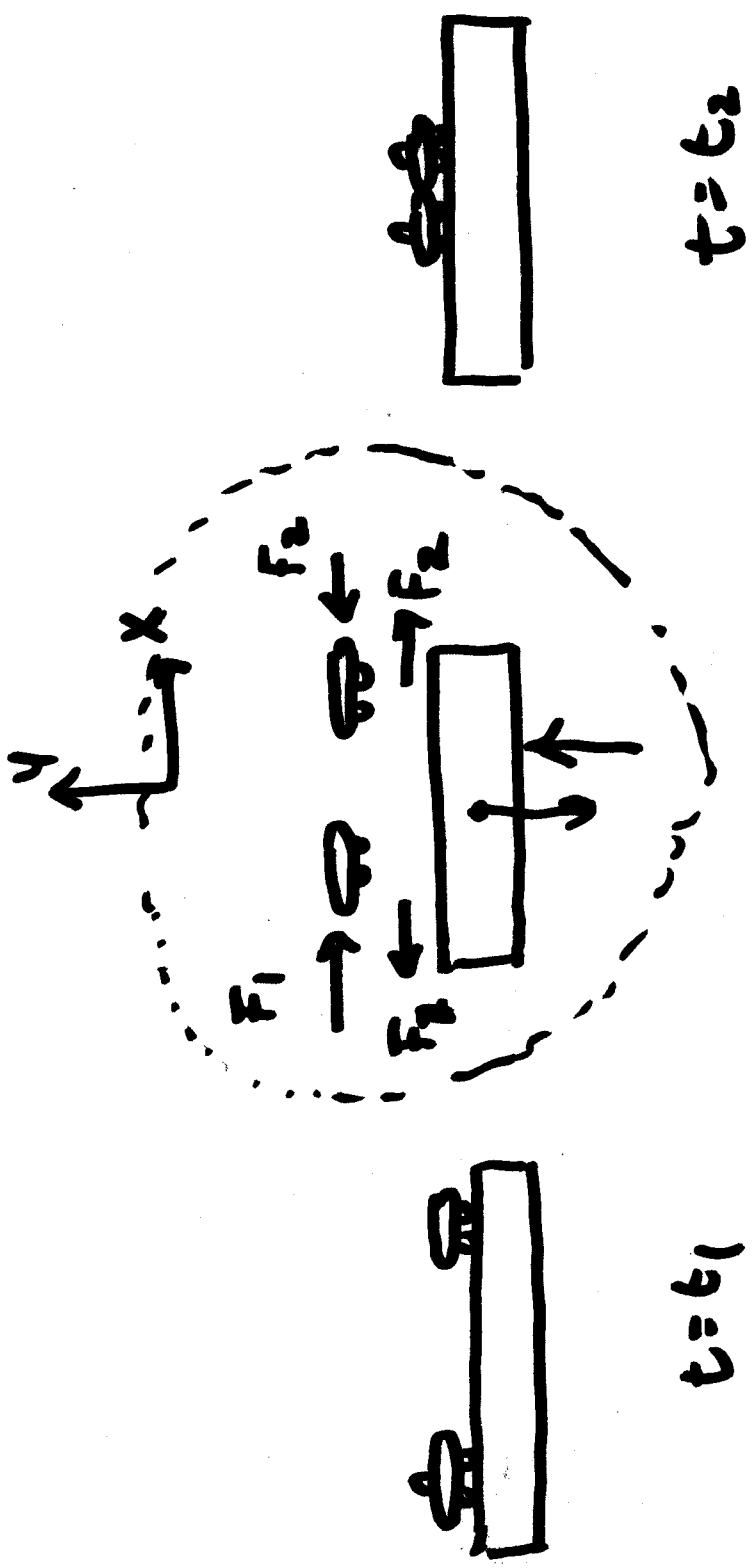
$$\sum m_i \vec{v}_{i2} + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sum \vec{F}_{ei}(t) dt = \sum m_i \vec{v}_{i1}$$

externally applied forces

 University of Idaho If there are no externally applied forces,  $\vec{F}_{\text{ext}}(t) = 0$ , then momentum is conserved between times  $t_1$  &  $t_2$ :

$$\sum m_i \vec{v}_{i1} = \sum m_i \vec{v}_{i2}$$

Internal forces  
 need not apply!!



$$\sum m_i v_{i1} + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_e(t) dt = \sum m_i v_{i2}$$