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$$V_{\text{thrower}} \rightarrow (m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_{i1+2} = m_1 v_{F1} + m_2 v_{F2}$$

$m_1 = \text{snowball}$

$m_2 = \text{thrower}$

$$V_{F2} = \frac{(m_1 + m_2) \vec{v}_{i1+2} - (m_1 v_{F1})}{m_2}$$

$$\hookrightarrow V_{F2} = \frac{(65.0 \text{ kg} + 0.045 \text{ kg}) \cdot 2.50 \text{ m/s} - (0.045 \text{ kg} \cdot 30.0 \text{ m/s})}{65.0 \text{ kg}}$$

$$V_{F_{\text{thrower}}} = 2.48 \text{ m/s}$$

$V_{\text{catcher}}$

$m_1 = \text{snowball}$

$m_2 = \text{catcher}$

$$(m_1 \cdot \vec{v}_i) + (m_2 \cdot \vec{v}_i) = (m_1 + m_2) \cdot \vec{v}_F$$

$$\vec{v}_F = \frac{(m_1 \cdot \vec{v}_i) + (m_2 \cdot \vec{v}_i) - \cancel{(0.045 \text{ kg} \cdot 30.0 \text{ m/s})}}{(m_1 + m_2)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \vec{v}_F = \frac{(0.045 \text{ kg} \cdot 30.0 \text{ m/s}) + (60.0 \text{ kg} \cdot 0 \text{ m/s})}{(0.045 \text{ kg} + 60.0 \text{ kg})}$$

$$\vec{v}_{F_{\text{catcher}}} = 0.22 \text{ m/s}$$

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$$m_1 = \text{single car} = 2.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{2+3} = \text{coupled cars} = 4.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$$

$$(m_1 v_{i1}) + (m_{2+3} v_{i2+3}) = (m_1 + m_{2+3}) v_{F_{1+2+3}}$$

$$\rightarrow v_{F_{1+2+3}} = \frac{(m_1 v_{i1}) + (m_{2+3} v_{i2+3})}{(m_1 + m_{2+3})}$$

$$\rightarrow v_{F_{1+2+3}} = \frac{(2.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} \cdot +3.0 \text{ m/s}) + (4.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} \cdot +1.2 \text{ m/s})}{(2.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} + 4.00 \times 10^4 \text{ kg})}$$
$$v_{F_{1+2+3}} = +1.8 \text{ m/s}$$

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$$m_{\text{tot}} = 4 \cdot 2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{3\text{cars}} = 3 \cdot 2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{1\text{car}} = 1 \cdot 2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kg}$$

$$(m_{\text{tot}} \cdot \vec{v}_i) = (m_{3\text{cars}} \cdot \vec{v}_F) + (m_{1\text{car}} \cdot \vec{v}_F)$$

$$\vec{v}_i = \frac{(m_{3\text{cars}} \cdot \vec{v}_F) + (m_{1\text{car}} \cdot \vec{v}_F)}{m_{\text{tot}}}$$

$$\vec{v}_i = \frac{(3 \cdot 2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} \cdot -2.00 \text{ m/s}) + (1 \cdot 2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kg} \cdot -4.0 \text{ m/s})}{(4 \cdot 2.50 \times 10^4 \text{ kg})}$$

$$\vec{v}_i = -2.50 \text{ m/s}$$

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For all problems cars have same mass, so equation becomes

$$\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$$

— since in elastic head on collision momentum is transferred between each other, the velocities are exchanged

$$a) \vec{v}_{1i} = +1.50 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \text{so } \vec{v}_{2f} = +1.50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{2i} = 0 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \text{so } \vec{v}_{1f} = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$b) \vec{v}_{1i} = +1.50 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \vec{v}_{2f} = +1.50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{2i} = -1.00 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \vec{v}_{1f} = -1.00 \text{ m/s}$$

$$c) \vec{v}_{1i} = +1.50 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \vec{v}_{2f} = +1.50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_{2i} = +1.00 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \vec{v}_{1f} = +1.00 \text{ m/s}$$