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before:  v_{1i} v_{2i}

after:  v_{1f} $v_{2f} = ?$

$$\vec{P}_i = \vec{P}_f$$

$m_1 = 0.7$
$v_{1i} = 6$
$m_2 = 2.1$
$v_{2i} = -4$
$v_{1f} = -3$
$v_{2f} = ?$

$$m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$

$$m_2 v_{2f} = m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} - m_1 v_{1f}$$

$$v_{2f} = \frac{1}{m_2} [m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} - m_1 v_{1f}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2.1} [(0.7)(6) + (2.1)(-4) - (0.7)(-3)]$$

$v_{2f} = -1\text{ m/s}$

Note: Not elastic

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1i}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2i}^2 = 29.4\text{ J}$$

$$K_f = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_{1f}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{2f}^2 = 4.2\text{ J}$$