

37. (a) Let  $m_1$  be the mass of the cart that is originally moving,  $v_{1i}$  be its velocity before the collision, and  $v_{1f}$  be its velocity after the collision. Let  $m_2$  be the mass of the cart that is originally at rest and  $v_{2f}$  be its velocity after the collision. Then, according to Eq. 10-30,

$$v_{1f} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} .$$

Using SI units (so  $m_1 = 0.34$  kg), we obtain

$$m_2 = \frac{v_{1i} - v_{1f}}{v_{1i} + v_{1f}} m_1 = \left( \frac{1.2 - 0.66}{1.2 + 0.66} \right) (0.34) = 0.099 \text{ kg} .$$

- (b) The velocity of the second cart is given by Eq. 10-31:

$$v_{2f} = \frac{2m_1}{m_1 + m_2} v_{1i} = \left( \frac{2(0.34)}{0.34 + 0.099} \right) (1.2) = 1.9 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (c) The speed of the center of mass is

$$v_{\text{com}} = \frac{m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i}}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(0.34)(1.2) + 0}{0.34 + 0.099} = 0.93 \text{ m/s} .$$

Values for the initial velocities were used but the same result is obtained if values for the final velocities are used.