

39. Our notation (and, implicitly, our choice of coordinate system) is as follows: the mass of one piece is  $m_1 = m$ ; ; its velocity is  $\vec{v}_1 = -30\hat{i}$  in SI units (m/s); the mass of the second piece is  $m_2 = m$ ; ; its velocity is  $\vec{v}_2 = -30\hat{j}$  in SI units; and, the mass of the third piece is  $m_3 = 3m$ . Conservation of linear momentum requires

$$\begin{aligned} m\vec{v}_0 &= m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2 + m_3\vec{v}_3 \\ 0 &= m(-30\hat{i}) + m(-30\hat{j}) + 3m\vec{v}_3 \end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$\vec{v}_3 = 10\hat{i} + 10\hat{j}$$

in SI units. Its magnitude is  $v_3 = 10\sqrt{2} \approx 14$  m/s and its angle is  $45^\circ$  counterclockwise from  $+x$  (in this system where we have  $m_1$  flying off in the  $-x$  direction and  $m_2$  flying off in the  $-y$  direction).