

68. The velocity of the first particle (of mass  $m_1 = 3.0$  kg) is  $\vec{v}_1 = -6.0\hat{j}$  m/s while that of the second one (of mass  $m_2 = 4.0$  kg) is  $\vec{v}_2 = 7.0\hat{i}$  m/s. The center-of-mass velocity is then

$$\vec{v}_{\text{com}} = \frac{m_1\vec{v}_1 + m_2\vec{v}_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{(3.0)(-6.0\hat{j}) + (4.0)(7.0\hat{i})}{3.0 + 4.0} = -2.6\hat{i} + 4.0\hat{j}$$

in SI units. The corresponding speed is

$$v_{\text{com}} = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{(-2.6)^2 + (4.0)^2} = 4.8 \text{ m/s} .$$