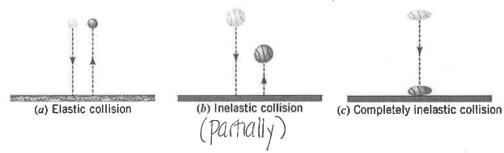
## Elastic and Inelastic Collisions

Elastic collision: A collision in which total kinetic'is conserved.

Inelastic collision: A collision in which total kinetic energy is not conserved.



Where does some of the mechanical energy go in an inelastic collision? energy of deformation, thermal energy, sound energy (internal)

1. Find the final velocity of the two train cars after they latch together. Car 1 has a mass of 65,000 kg and moves at a velocity of 0.80 m/s. Car 2, with a mass of 92,000 kg, has a velocity of 1.3 m/s.

$$m_1 \vec{V}_1 + m_2 \vec{V}_2 = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{V}_4$$

$$(65,000 \text{kg}) (0.80 \text{m/s}) + (92,000 \text{kg}) (1.3 \text{m/s}) \qquad (a) \text{ Before}$$

$$(65,000 \text{kg}) + (92,000 \text{kg}) \qquad = \vec{V}_{f_{1+2}}$$

$$\vec{V}_{f_{1+2}} = 1.1 \text{ m/s}$$

2. Is this collision elastic of inelastic? Justify your answer.

elastic: 
$$KE_i = KE_f$$
 $KE_i = \frac{1}{2}m_i\vec{V}_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2\vec{V}_{2i}^2 = [9.9 \times 10^4 \text{J}]$ 

inelastic:  $KE_i \neq KE_f$ 

$$KE_f = \frac{1}{2} m_T \hat{V}_{f+2}^2 = \boxed{9.4 \times 10^4 \text{ J}}$$

KEf < KE: inelastic