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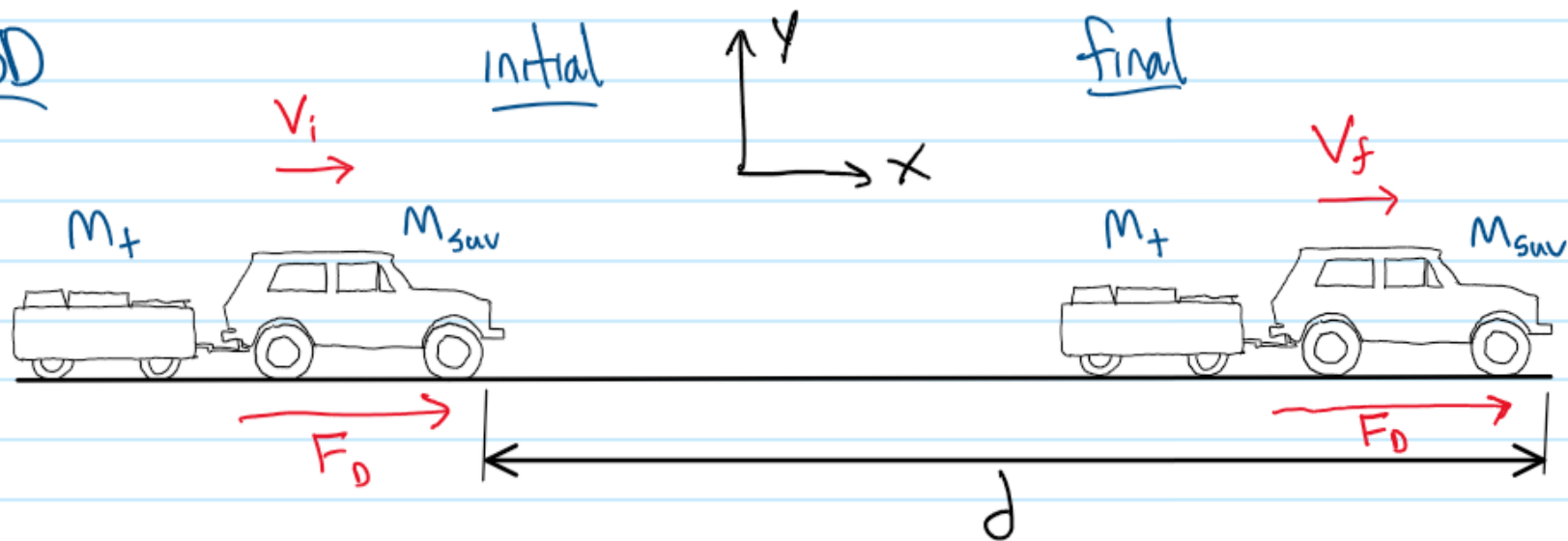
A m_{SUV} red SUV is towing a m_{trailer} trailer. The SUV is initially moving at v_i m/s, when the driver steps on the gas, a constant driving force F_D N is applied.

After the SUV moves d m, what is the final velocity v_f ?

FBD

initial

final



given

$$M_+, M_{\text{sur}}, v_i, F_0, d$$

find

$$v_f$$

→ sum the masses

$$m = M_+ + M_{\text{sur}}$$

Work-Energy

$$T_1 + \sum U_{1 \rightarrow 2} = T_2$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + F_0 d = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + F_0 d}{\frac{1}{2}m}} = \sqrt{v_i^2 + \frac{2F_0 d}{m}}$$