



I think not ^{or}
I don't think so?

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I think not (formal)

a formal way of disagreeing or saying no.

- "Will you be going tonight, James?" "I think not."
- Are they telling us the truth? I think not!

used to disagree emphatically

- This could be a coincidence, but I think not.
- Was their meeting a coincidence? - I think not.
- "I think not," I answered, determined not to give in.

I don't think so (informal)

used to express that what has just been said is untrue, but that you are not completely sure.

- "Is he coming with us?"
"I don't think so."
- 'Haven't we met before?'
'I don't think so.'

used to say very strongly that you do not agree with something, or that something is not possible.

- Me? Fail? I don't think so.

used as an expression of sarcastic rejection

- Pineapple on a pizza? I don't think so!

I don't think so is more common and shows a little uncertainty.
I think not sounds more formal, dramatic and emphatic.