

**ME 245**

**Engineering Mechanics and  
Theory of Machines**

**Portion 8**

**Introduction to Dynamics:  
Kinematics**

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# Dynamics

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# Kinematics of a Point: Relative Motion

Suppose, **O** is any reference point.  
The relative position of **B** with respect to **A** is given by,

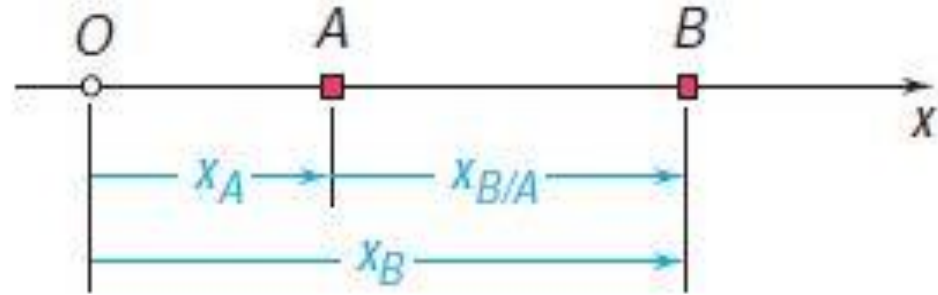
$$\mathbf{x}_{B/A} = \mathbf{x}_B - \mathbf{x}_A$$

If it is divided by  $t$ , then similar formula can found for velocity.

$$\mathbf{v}_{B/A} = \mathbf{v}_B - \mathbf{v}_A$$

Similarly, for acceleration,

$$\mathbf{a}_{B/A} = \mathbf{a}_B - \mathbf{a}_A$$



In vector form,

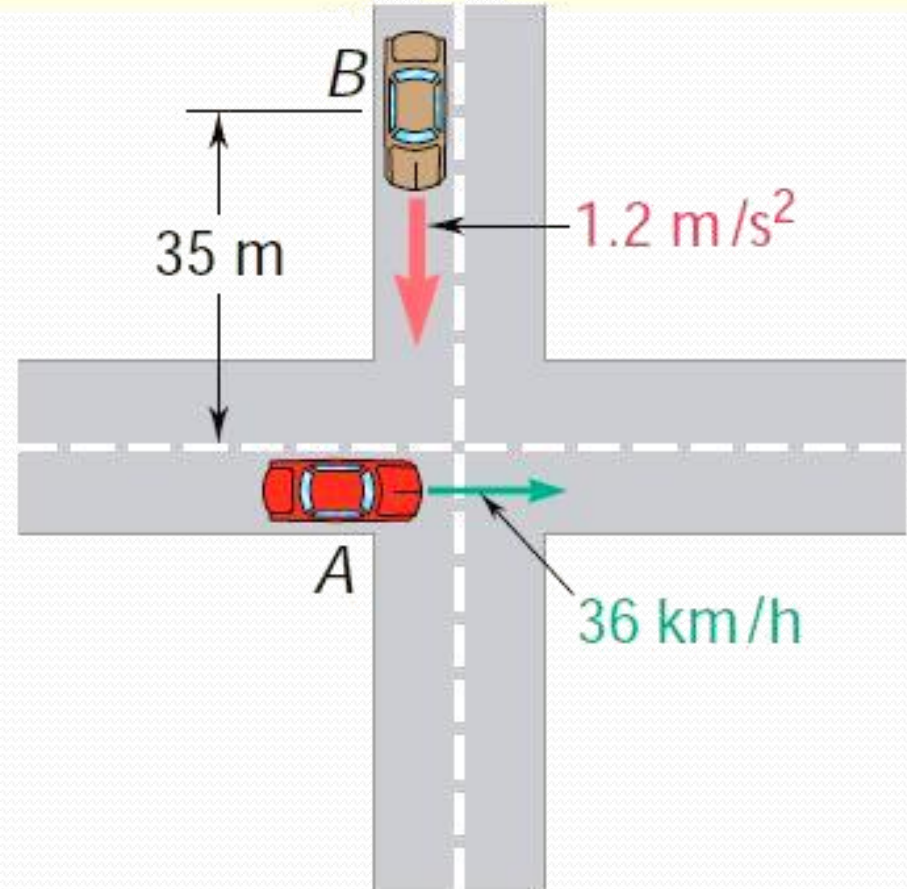
$$\mathbf{X}_{B/A} = \mathbf{X}_B - \mathbf{X}_A$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{B/A} = \mathbf{V}_B - \mathbf{V}_A$$

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## Problem 8.1 (Beer Johnston\_10th edition\_Ex11.9)

Automobile A is traveling east at the constant speed of 36 km/h. As automobile A crosses the intersection shown, automobile B starts from rest 35 m north of the intersection and moves south with a constant acceleration of  $1.2 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Determine the position, velocity, and acceleration of B relative to A, 5 s after A crosses the intersection.



# Kinematics of a Point: Dependent Motion

**Total Length of the Rope is constant during the motion of any loads or pulleys.**

Neglecting the distance from the support and load to the pulleys center, we can write,

$$x_A + 2x_B = \text{constant} \text{ ----(1)}$$

So, any small disturbance  $\Delta x_A$  will cause the disturbance  $\Delta x_B$  according to the formula.

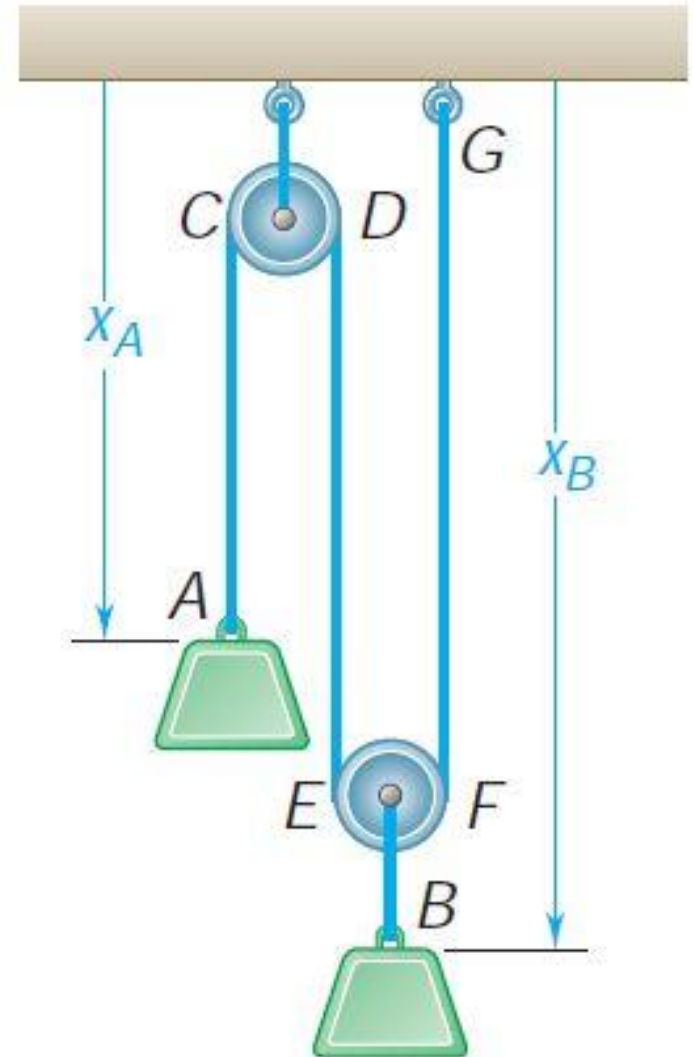
$$\text{So, } \Delta x_B = -0.5 \Delta x_A$$

Differentiating equation (1) wrt  $t$ ,

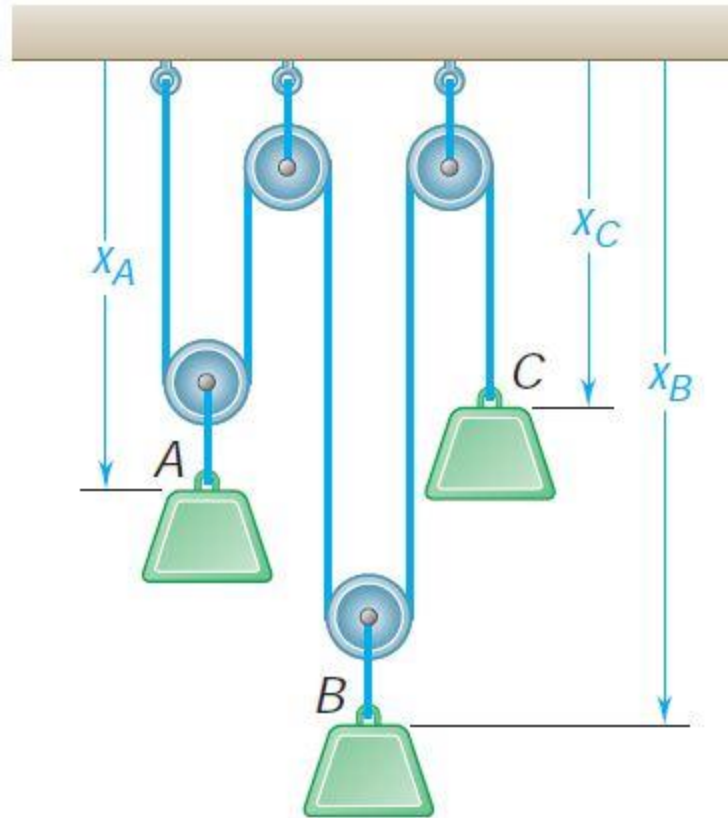
$$v_A + 2v_B = 0 \text{ -----(2)}$$

Similarly,

$$a_A + 2a_B = 0 \text{ -----(3)}$$



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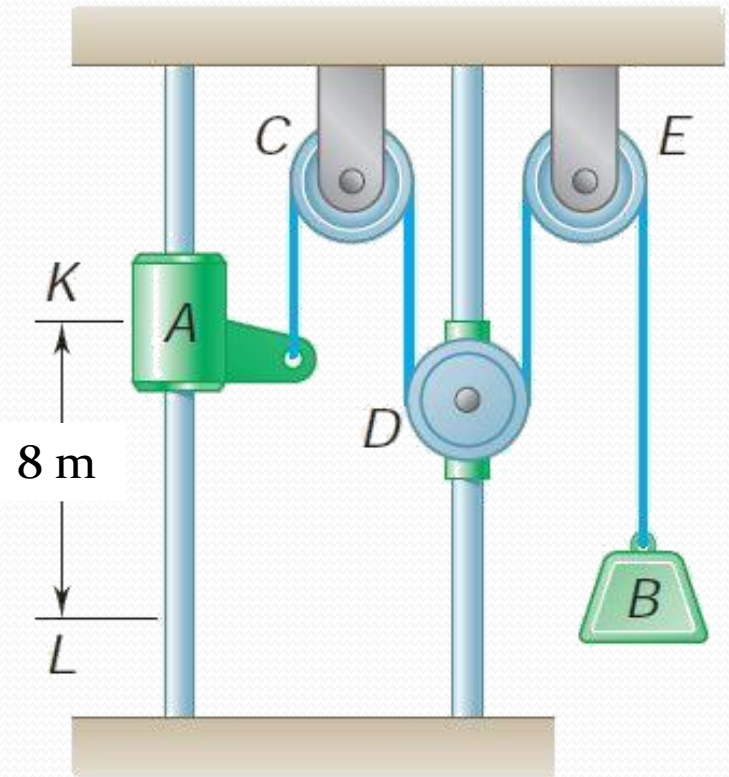
Position Equation:  $2x_A + 2x_B + x_C = \text{constant}$

Velocity Equation:  $2v_A + 2v_B + v_C = 0$

Acceleration Equation:  $2a_A + 2a_B + a_C = 0$

## Problem 8.2 (Beer Johnston 10th edition Ex11.5)

Collar  $A$  and block  $B$  are connected by a cable passing over three pulleys  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  as shown. Pulleys  $C$  and  $E$  are fixed, while  $D$  is attached to a collar which is pulled downward with a constant velocity of 3 m/s. At  $t = 0$ , collar  $A$  starts moving downward from position  $K$  with a constant acceleration and no initial velocity. Knowing that the velocity of collar  $A$  is 12 m/s as it passes through point  $L$ , determine the change in elevation, the velocity, and the acceleration of block  $B$  when collar  $A$  passes through  $L$ .



# References

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