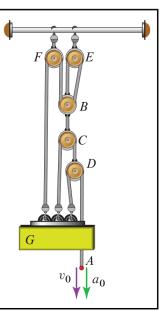
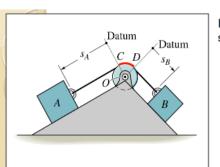
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# Example 2-21

Assuming that all ropes are vertically aligned, determine the velocity and acceleration of the load G if  $v_0 = 3$  ft/s and  $a_0 = 1$  ft/s<sup>2</sup>.



### **Recall & Analysis**



In this example, think the cable length  $I_{AB}$  as subdivided in three:

- the length in contact with the pulley,
- the length CA
- the length DB

In this geometry, no matter how A and B move, the *quantity* in contact with the pulley is constant. We could write:

$$s_A + l_{CD} + s_B = l_{AB} = \text{constant}$$

Differentiating with respect to time,



$$\frac{ds_A}{dt} + \frac{ds_B}{dt} = 0 \qquad \dots \text{or} \dots \qquad v_B = -v_A$$

The length of all ropes are constant, so we can set up the equations with them.

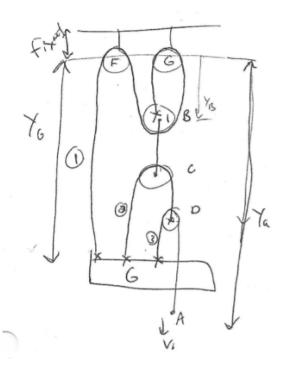
Here, we have three ropes:  $L_1, L_2, L_3$ ,  $L_1$  is G - F - B - E - B,  $L_2$  is G - C - D,  $L_3$  is G - D - A. And their lengths are constant, so we can set up the equations with them.

#### **Solution**

In case to find  $v_G$  and  $a_G$ , we should first determine the expression of  $y_G$ . But we don't need the explicit form of it, since our final goal is velocity

First we need to set up our coordinates system, where y axis points downwards.

As the lengths of all ropes  $(L_1, L_2, L_3)$  don't change over time, we can set up the equations with them and coordinates of all pulleys.



$$\begin{cases} L_1 = y_G + 3y_B \\ L_2 = (y_G - y_C) + (y_D - y_C) \\ L_3 = (y_G - y_D) + (y_A - y_D) \\ L_4 = y_C - y_B \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} L_1 = y_G + 3y_B \\ L_2 = y_G + y_D - 2y_C \\ L_3 = y_A + y_G - 2y_D \\ L_4 = y_C - y_B \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{egin{aligned} L_1 &= y_G + 3y_B \ L_2 &= y_G + y_D - 2y_C \ L_3 &= y_A + y_G - 2y_D \ L_4 &= y_C - y_B \end{aligned}
ight.$$

Do derivative w.r.t. time, we have:

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \dot{y_G} + 3\dot{y}_B \\ 0 = \dot{y_G} + \dot{y_D} - 2\dot{y}_C \\ 0 = \dot{y_G} + \dot{y_A} - 2\dot{y}_D \\ 0 = \dot{y_C} - \dot{y_B} \end{cases}$$

So,  $\dot{y_B}=\dot{y_C}$ , and plug it into the first and second equation, we have:  $\dot{y_D}=-rac{5}{3}\dot{y_C}$ , then plug it into the third equation, we have:

$$\dot{y_G} = -rac{3}{13}\dot{y_A}$$

Placing  $\dot{y_a}=v_0=3ft/s$  inside, we have  $\dot{y_G}=-0.692ft/s$ 

As for acceleration, do time derivative, We have

$$\ddot{y_G} = -rac{3}{13}\ddot{y_A}$$

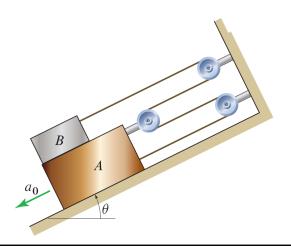
Where  $\ddot{y_A}=a_0=aft/s$ , and  $\ddot{y_G}=0.231ft/s^2$ 

## Problem2

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## Example 2-22

Block A is released from rest and starts sliding down the incline with an acceleration  $a_0 = 3.7 \,\text{m/s}^2$ . Determine the acceleration of block B relative to the incline. Also, determine the time needed for B to move a distance  $d = 0.2 \,\text{m}$  relative to A.



# **Recall & Analysis**

$$ec{r}_B = ec{r}_A + ec{r}_{B/A}$$

Same as the previous problem, we can set up the equations with the lengths of all ropes.

#### **Solution**

make  $\vec{x}$  pointing downwards the slope.

$$L = 3x_A + x_B$$
  
 $0 = 3\dot{x}_A + \dot{x}_B$   
 $0 = 3\ddot{x}_A + \ddot{x}_B$ 

using the fact  $\ddot{x}_A=a_0$ , we have

$$\vec{a}_B = -3\vec{a}_A = -3a_0 = -11.10m/s^2$$

where the positive direction is pointing downwards the incline.

$$ec{x}_{B/A}(t) = ec{x}_{B/A}(0) + \dot{ec{x}}_{B/A}(0)t + rac{1}{2}ec{a}_{B/A}t^2$$

$$ec{x}_{B/A}(t) = ec{x}_{B/A}(0) + \dot{ec{x}}_{B/A}(0)t + rac{1}{2}(ec{a}_B - ec{a}_A)t^2 \ ec{x}_{B/A}(t) = ec{x}_{B/A}(0) + \dot{ec{x}}_{B/A}(0)t + rac{1}{2}(-3a_0 - a_0)t^2$$

Since the block is released from rest, we have  $\dot{ec{x}}_{B/A}(0)=0$ , and  $ec{x}_{B/A}(0)=0$ , so we have:

$$ec{x}_{B/A}(t) = rac{1}{2}(-4a_0)t^2 \ ec{x}_{B/A}(t) = -2a_0t^2$$

When the distance d=0.2m, we have:

$$-0.2 = -2a_0t^2$$
$$t = 0.1644s$$