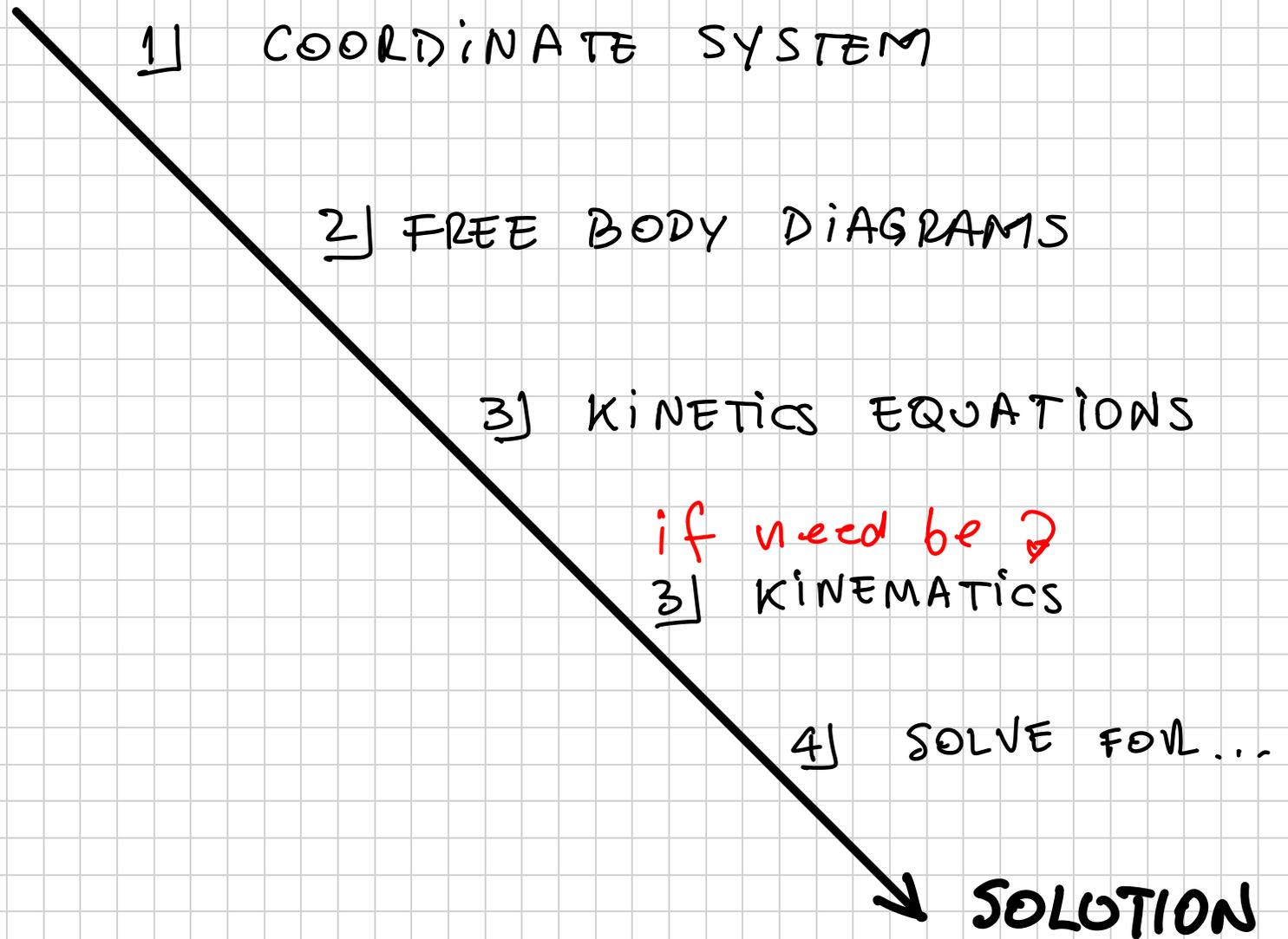


# PARTICLE KINETICS

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## KINETICS PROBLEMS



# Practice Problem

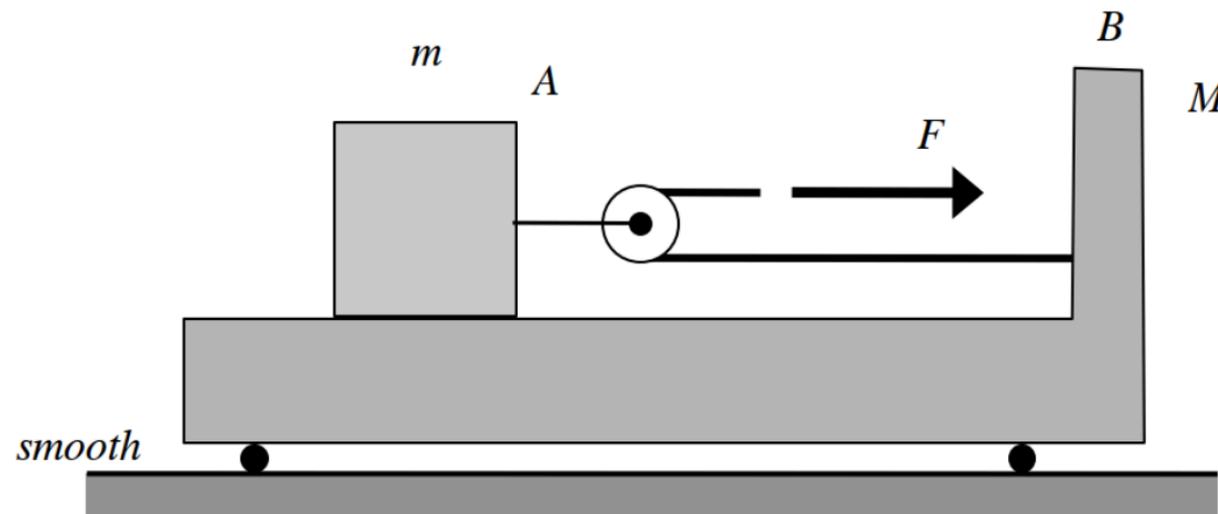
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## Example 4.A.6

**Given:** The system of blocks A and B shown below is initially at rest when a force  $F$  is applied to the free end of the cable.

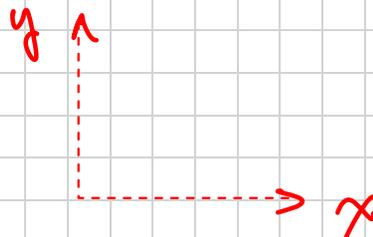
**Find:** Determine the accelerations of blocks A and B: (a) if the surface between A and B is smooth, and (b) if the surface between A and B is rough with a coefficient of kinetic friction being  $\mu_k$ , and where it is known that block A slips on block B.

Use the following parameters in your analysis:  $F = 60$  N,  $m = 20$  kg,  $M = 100$  kg and  $\mu_k = 0.5$ .

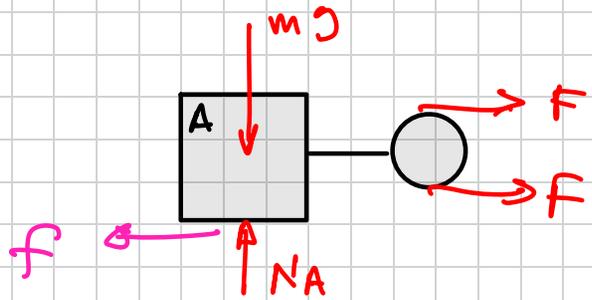


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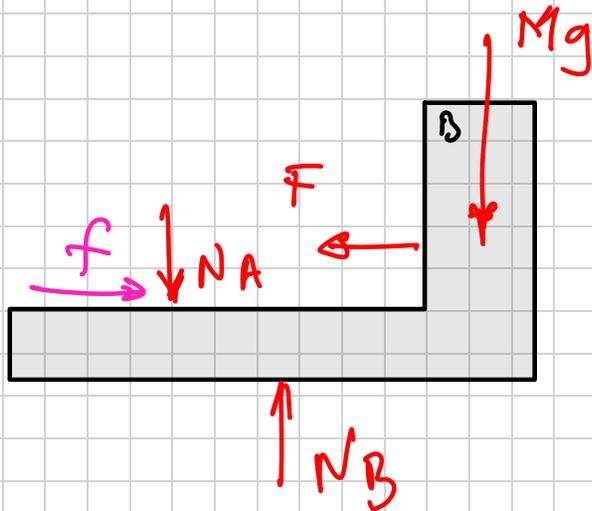
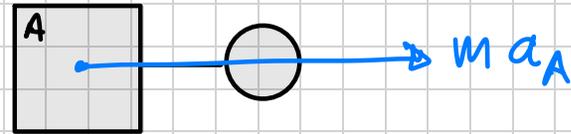
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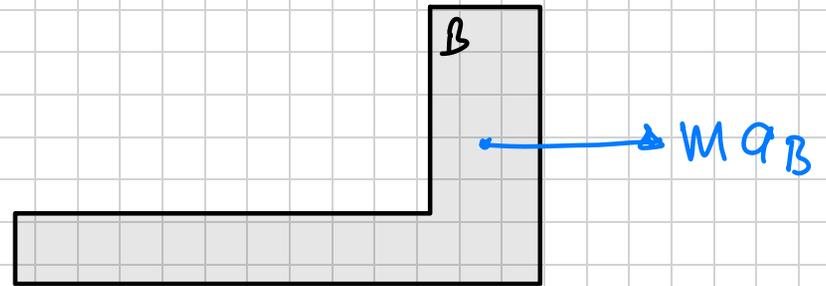
## 2. Diagrams (smooth case):



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## 3. Kinetics (w/o friction)

$$A: \Sigma F_x = m a_{Ax}$$

$$2F = m \underline{a_{Ax}}$$

$$B: \Sigma F_x = M a_{Bx}$$

$$-F = M \underline{a_{Bx}}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = m a_{Ay}$$

$$N_A - mg = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$-Mg + N_B - N_A = 0$$

④ Solve

$$\vec{a}_{Ax} = \frac{2F}{m} \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} \quad \frac{m}{s^2} \quad a_{Ay} = 0$$

$$\vec{a}_{Bx} = -\frac{F}{M} \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} \quad \frac{m}{s^2} \quad a_{By} = 0$$

Step ③ Including Friction.

$$\Sigma F_x = m a_{Ax}$$

$$2F - f = m a_{Ax}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = M a_{Bx}$$

$$f - F = M a_{Bx}$$

④ Solve

$$a_{Ax} = \frac{1}{m} (2F - f) \quad , \quad N_A = mg$$

$$a_{Bx} = \frac{1}{M} (f - F)$$

$$N_B = (M + m)g$$

$$f = \mu_k \cdot N_A$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{a}_A = \frac{1}{m} (2F - \mu_k mg) \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} \quad \text{m/s}^2 \text{ (Friction)}$$

$$\vec{a}_B = \frac{1}{M} (\mu_k mg - F) \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} \quad \text{m/s}^2$$

Cartesian, path and polar description can all be used in the right side of Newton's second law equation

(A) True

(B) False

# Practice Problem

## Example 4.A.8

**Given:** Blocks A and B (having masses of 10 kg and 5 kg, respectively) are constrained to move along smooth, vertical and horizontal guides, as shown in the figure. A and B are connected by a lightweight rod of length  $L = 2.5$  m. A force of  $F = 50$  N acts to the right on block B. At the position where  $s_A = 1.5$  m, A is moving downward with a speed of 4 m/s.

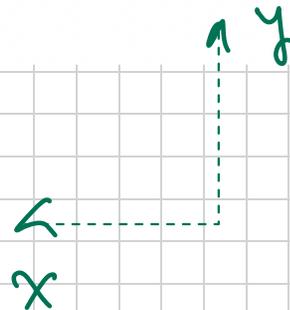
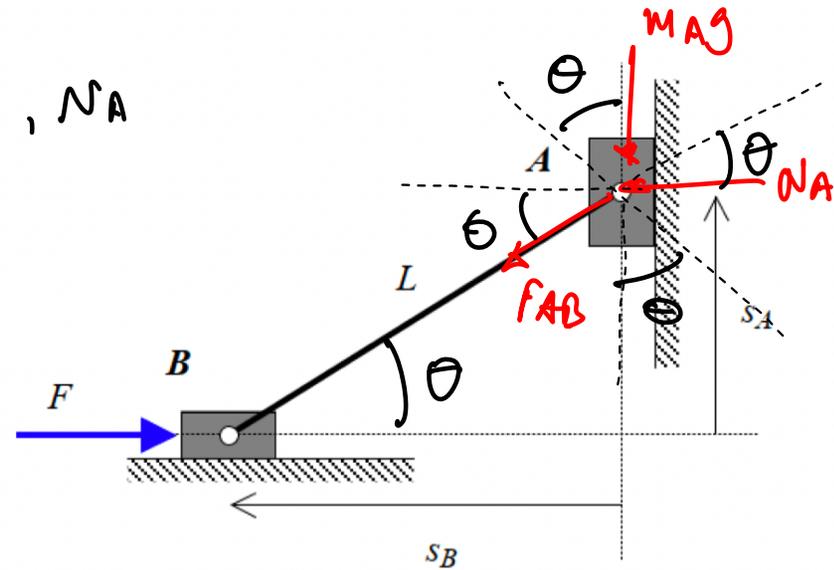
**Find:** Determine:

- The acceleration of A and B at this instant; and
- The force in rod AB at this instant.

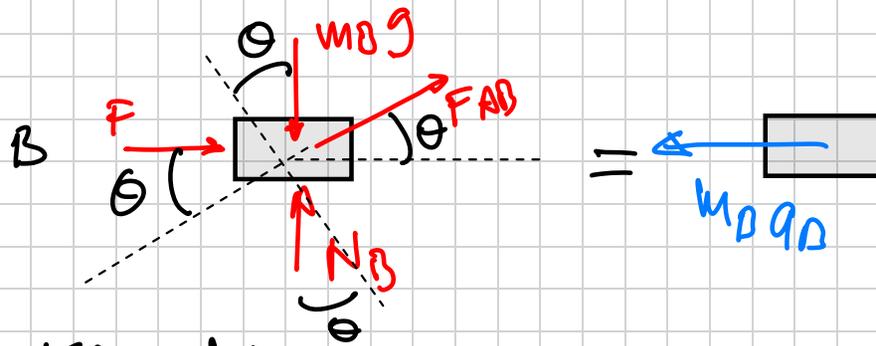
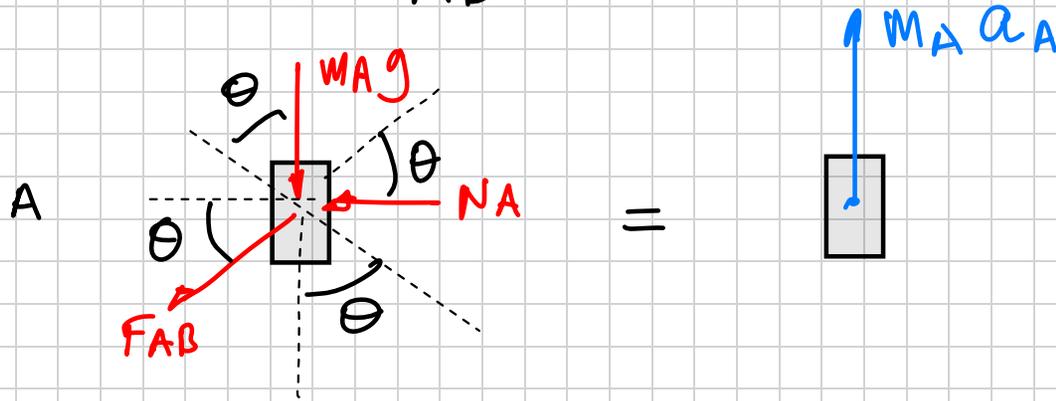
Given:  $m_A, m_B, L, F, s_A, v_A$

Find:  $\vec{a}_A, \vec{a}_B, \vec{F}_{AB}$

1) Coord system



② FBD & KD



③ Kinetics

A:  $\Sigma F_x = M_A a_{Ax}$   
 $+N_A - F_{AB} \cos \theta = 0$  ①

$\Sigma F_y = M_A a_{Ay}$   
 $-M_A g - F_{AB} \sin \theta = M_A a_{Ay}$  ②

B:  $\Sigma F_x = M_B a_{Bx}$   
 $-F - F_{AB} \cos \theta = M_B a_{Bx}$  ③

$\Sigma F_y = M_B a_{By}$   
 $-M_B g + N_B + F_{AB} \sin \theta = 0$  ④

Four eqns, FIVE unknowns.

④ Kinematics

$$\frac{d}{dt} ( L^2 = S_A^2 + S_B^2 ) \quad \textcircled{5} \quad \text{Five eqns, Six unknowns!}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} ( 0 = \cancel{2S_A \dot{S}_A} + \cancel{2S_B \dot{S}_B} ) = S_A \dot{N}_A + S_B \dot{N}_B = 0 \quad \textcircled{6}$$

Six eqns, SEVEN unknowns!

$$0 = \dot{S}_A \dot{S}_A + S_A \ddot{S}_A + \dot{S}_B \dot{S}_B + S_B \ddot{S}_B$$

$$0 = N_A^2 + S_A Q_A + N_B^2 + S_B Q_B \quad \textcircled{7}$$

SEVEN equations, SEVEN unknowns!