

# March 20, Week 9

Today: Chapter 7, Gravitational Potential Energy

Homework Assignment #6 - Due Friday, March 22

**Mastering Physics:** 9 problems from chapters 5 and 6

**Written Questions:** 6.73

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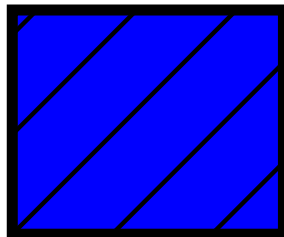
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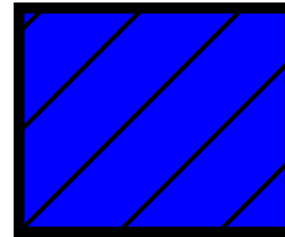
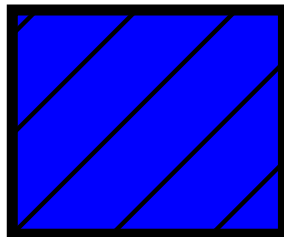
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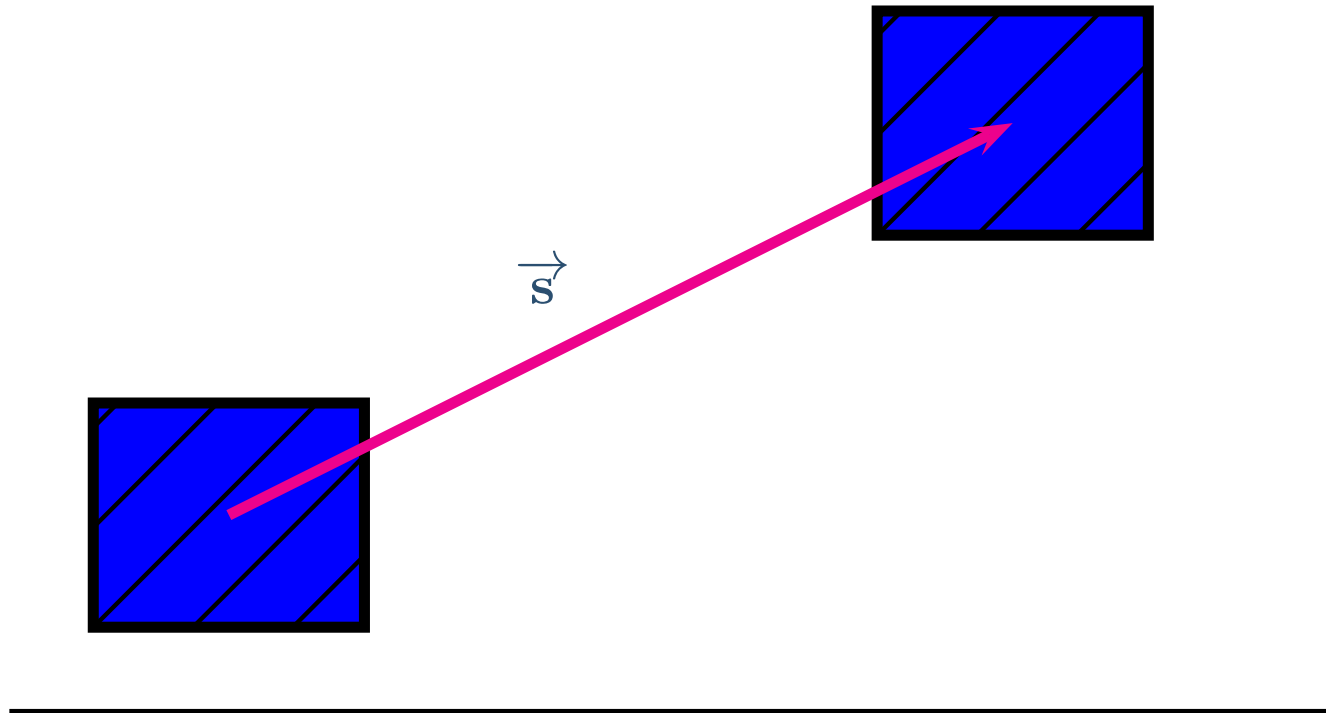
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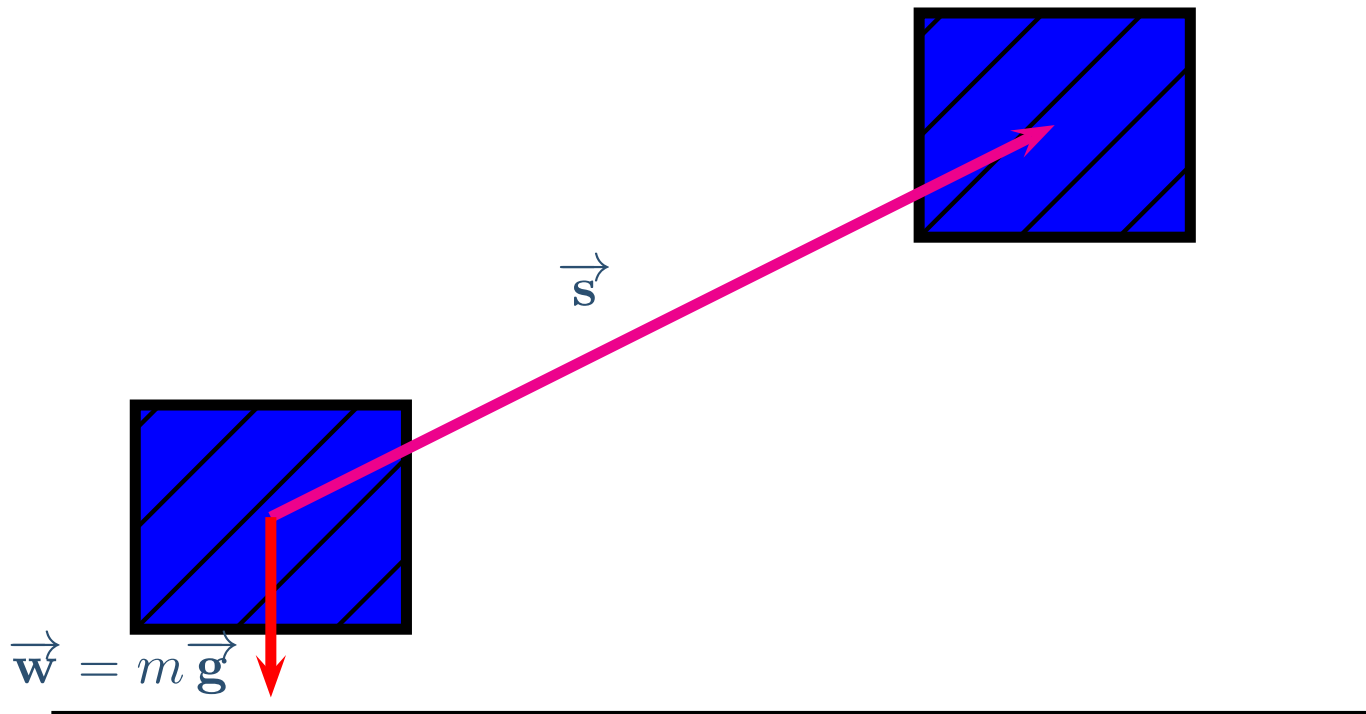
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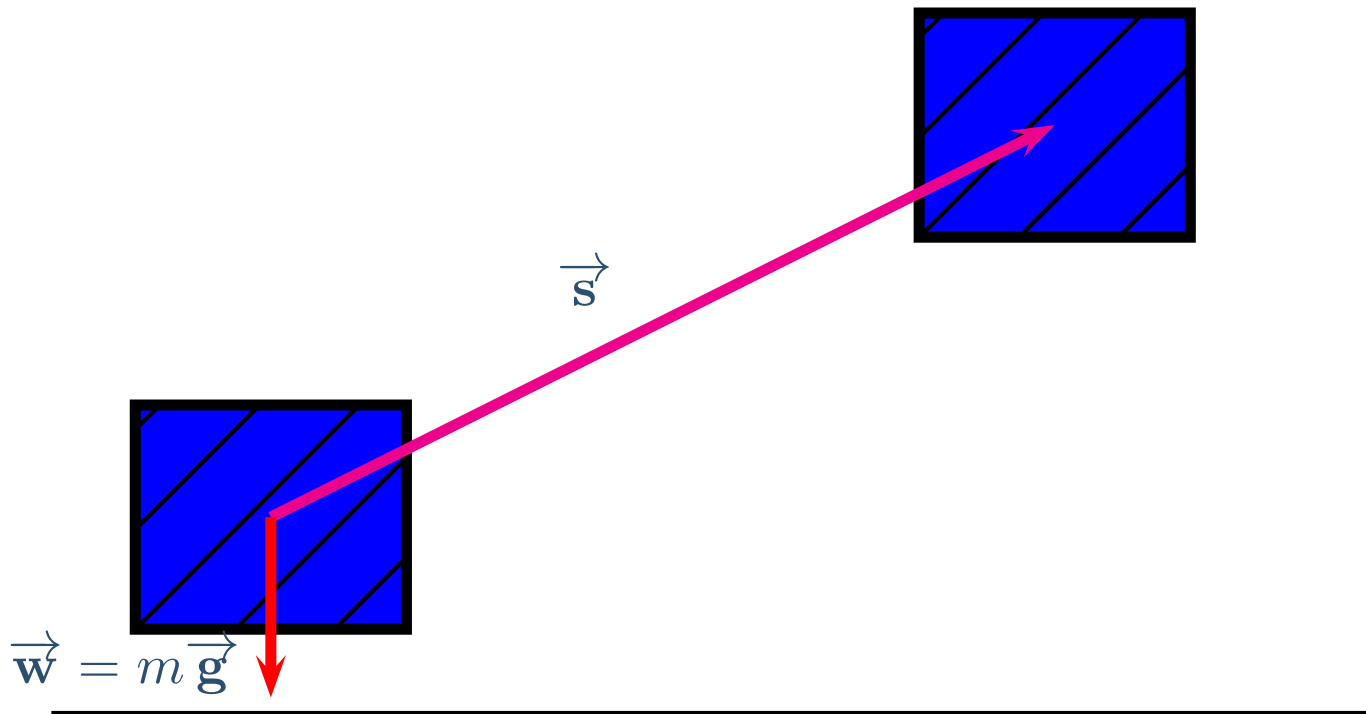


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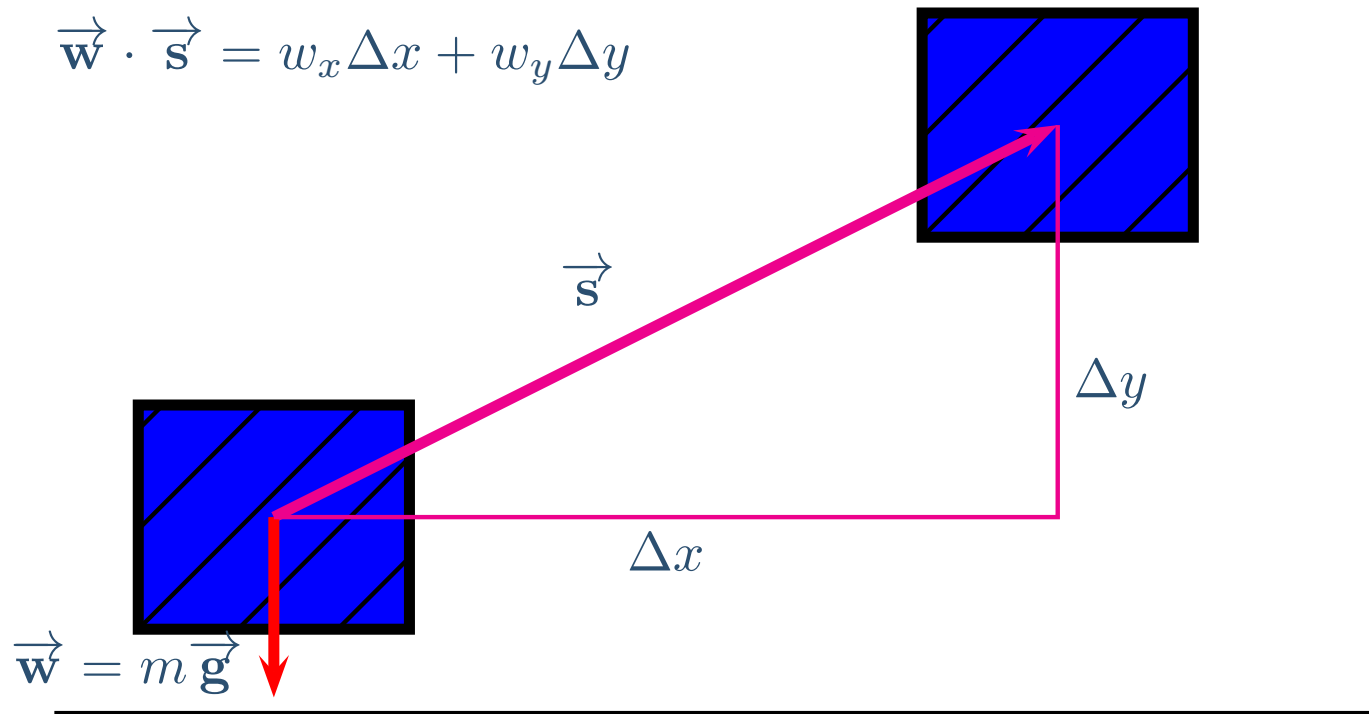
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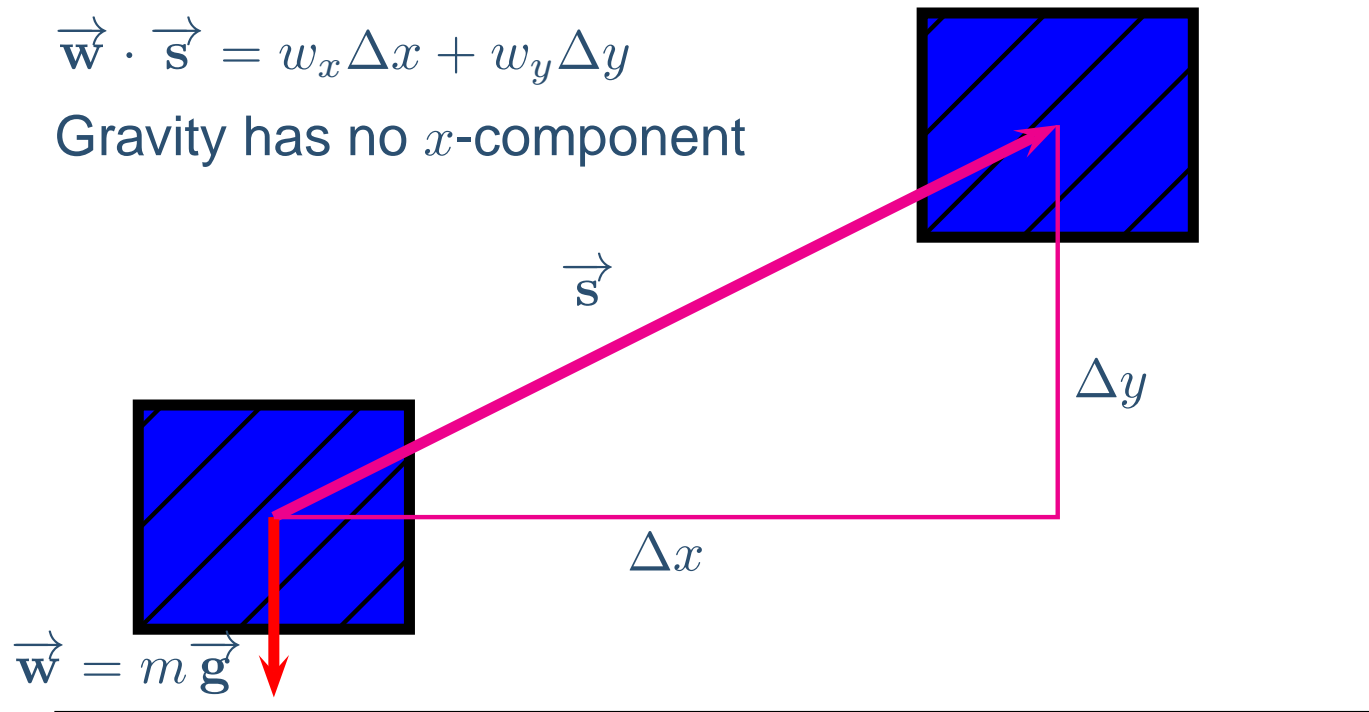
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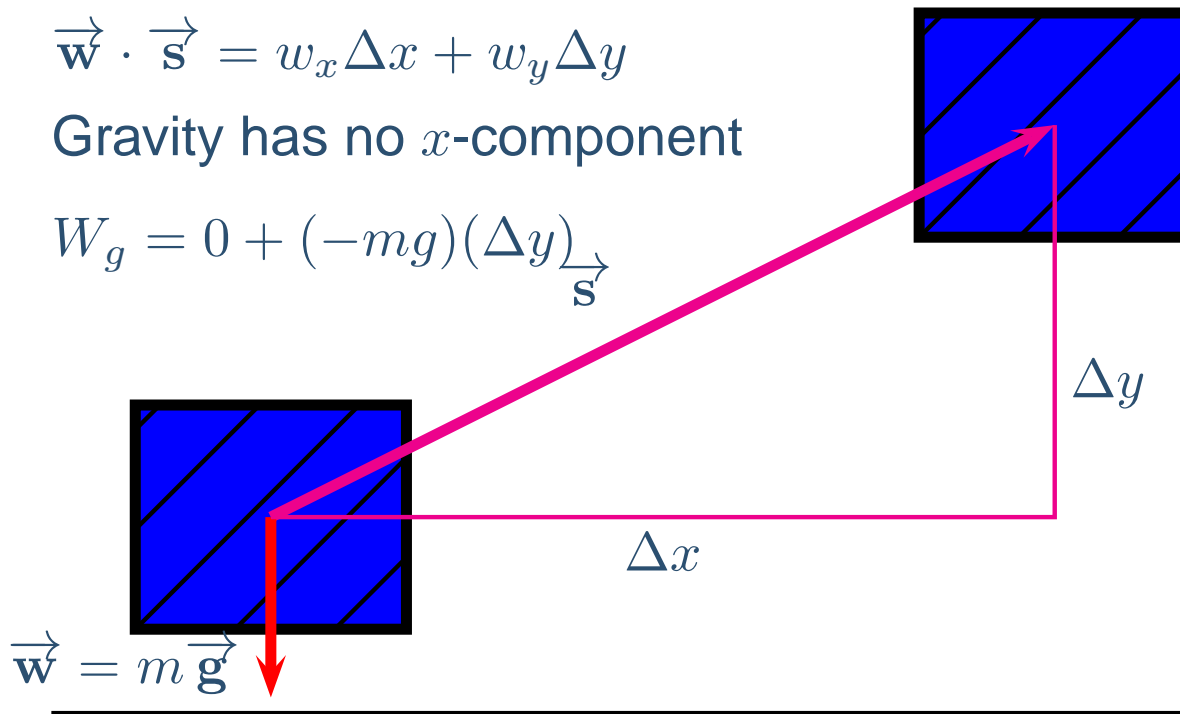
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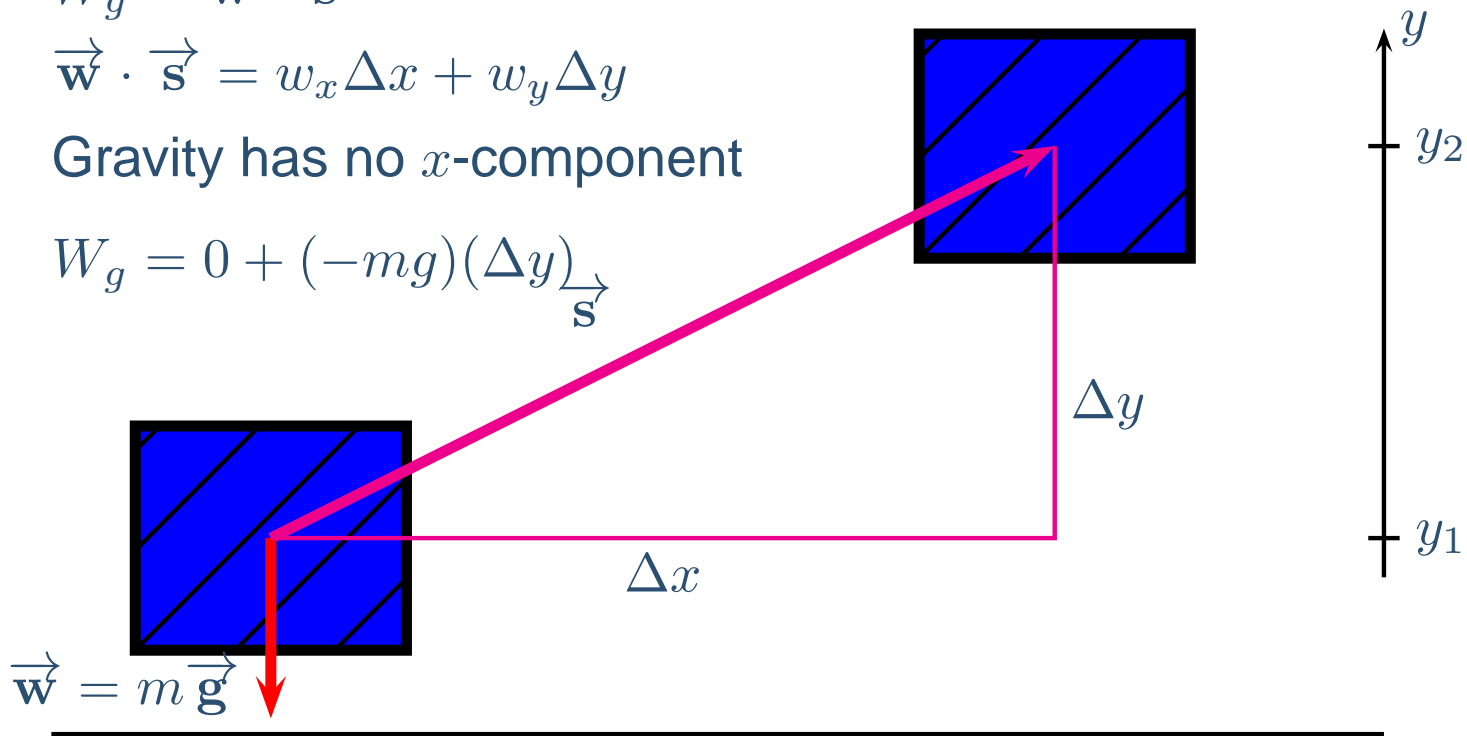
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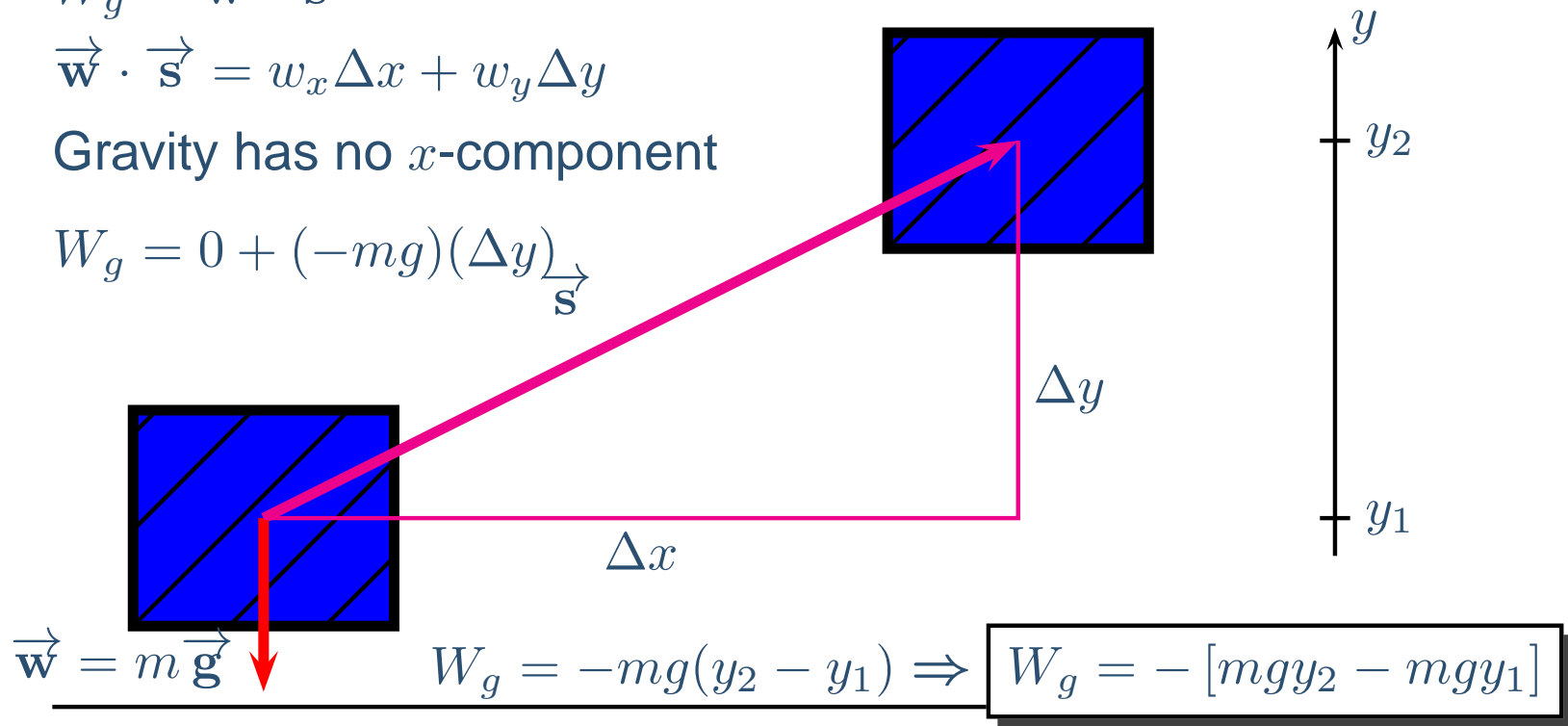
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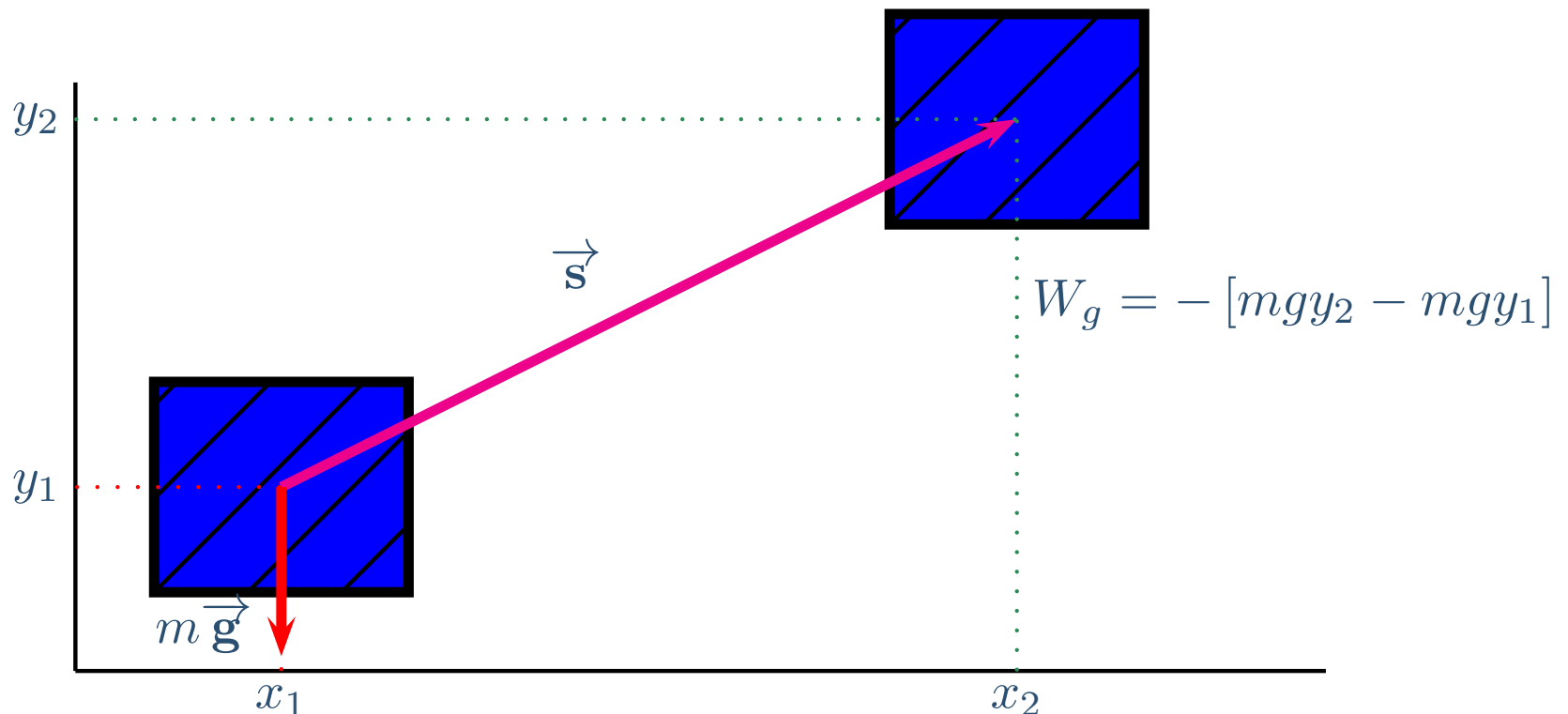
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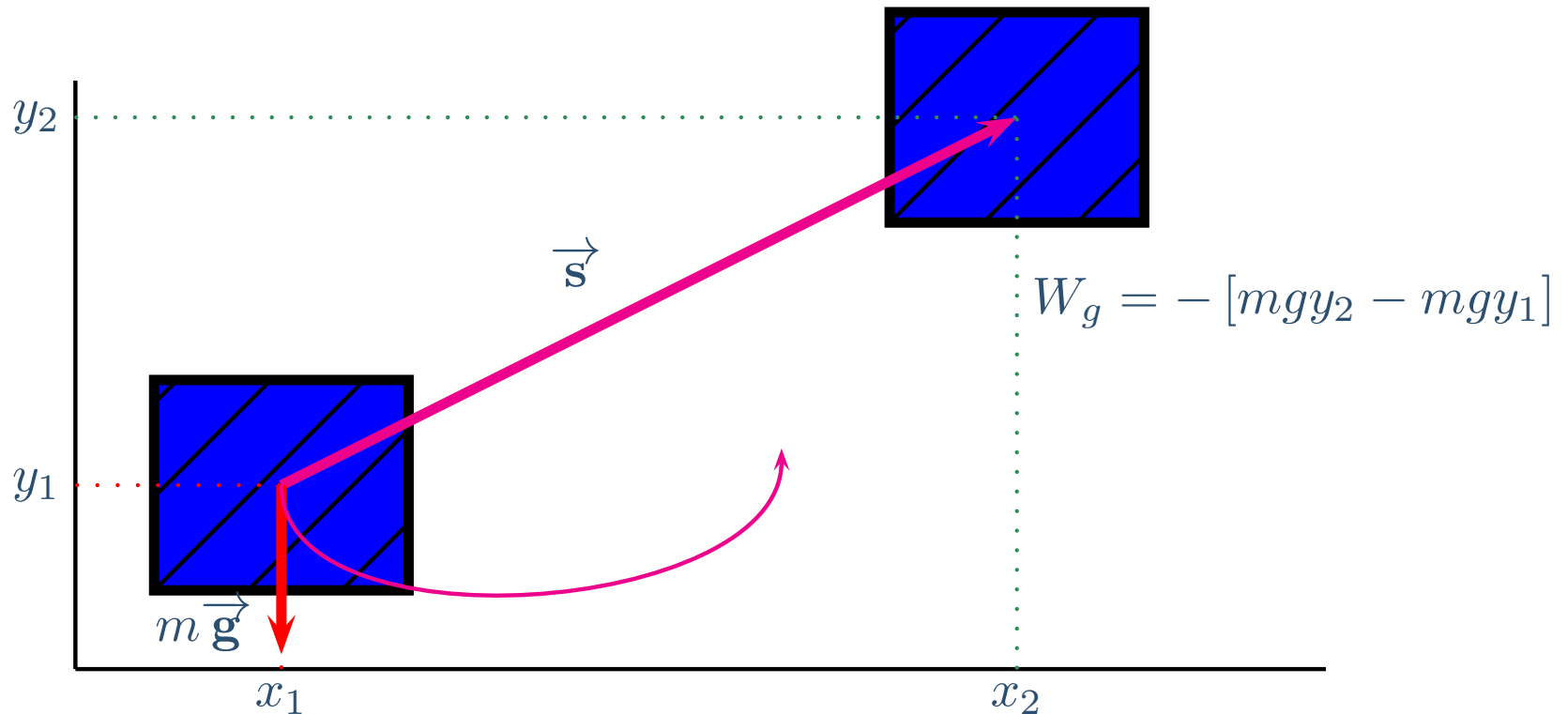
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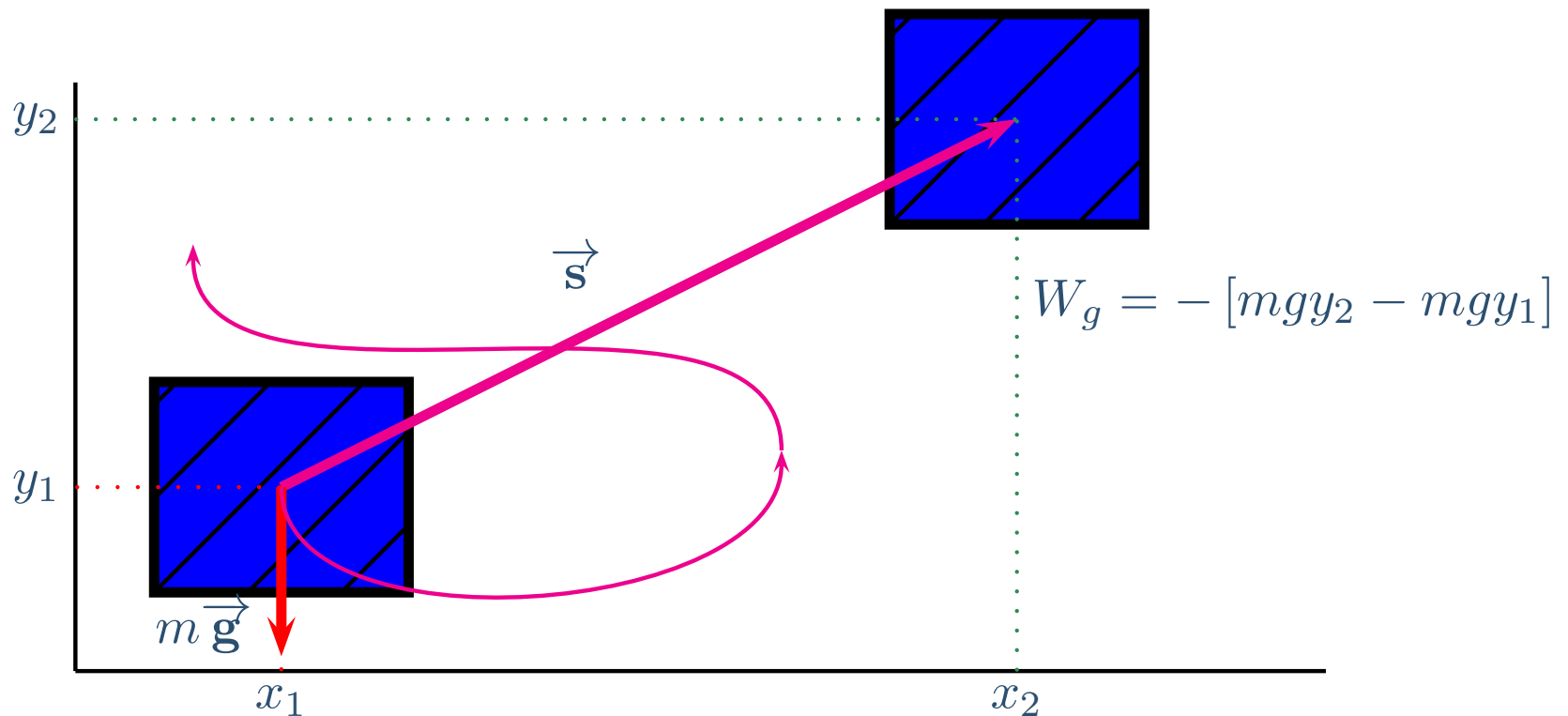
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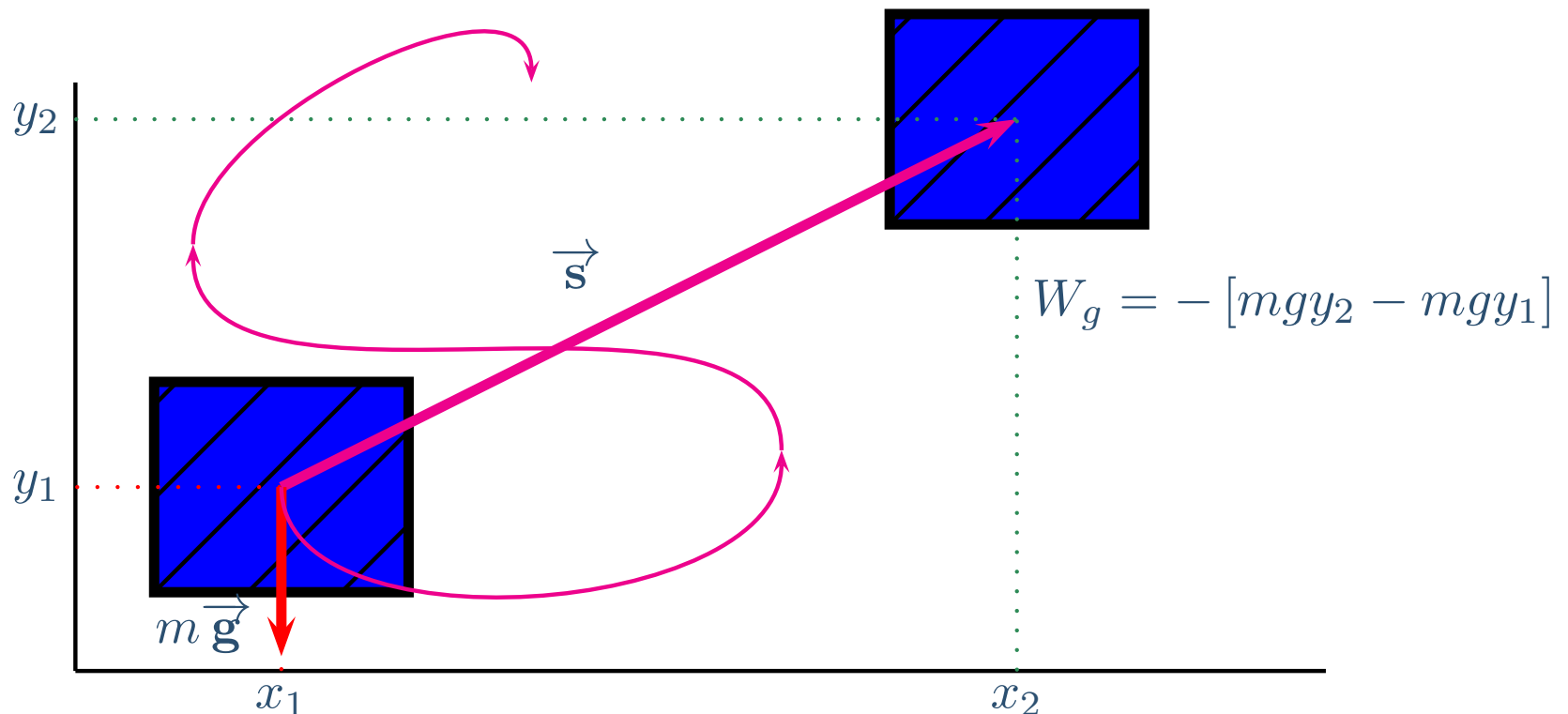




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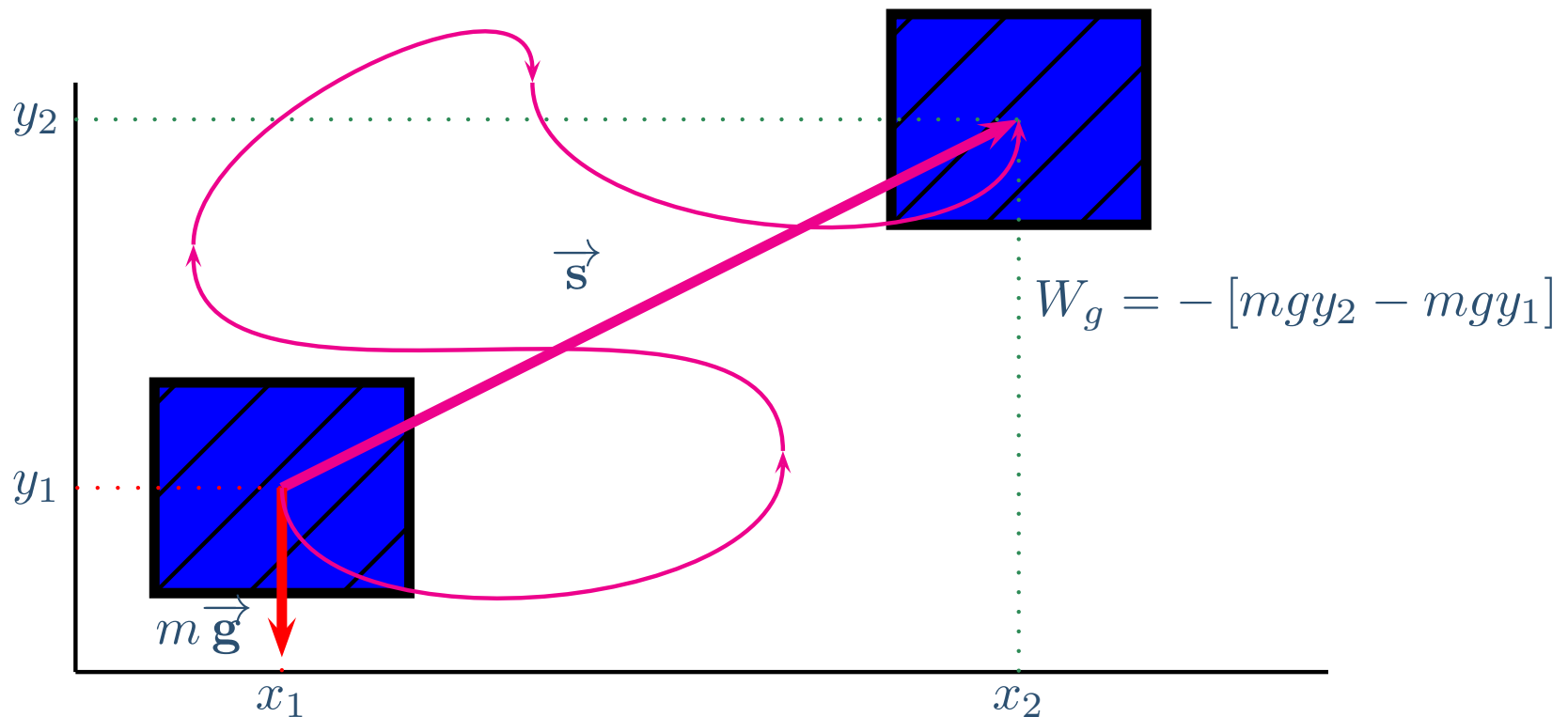
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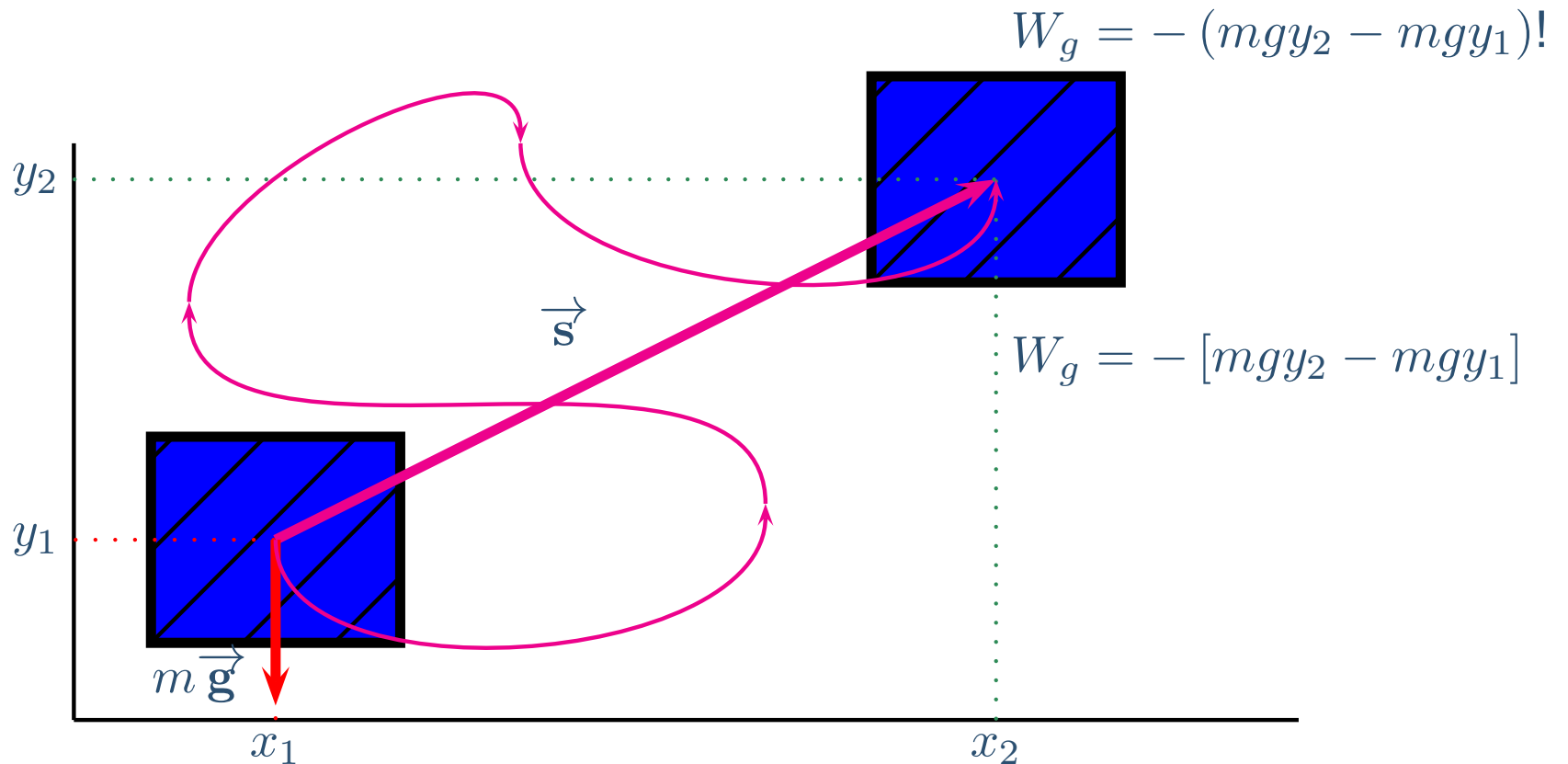
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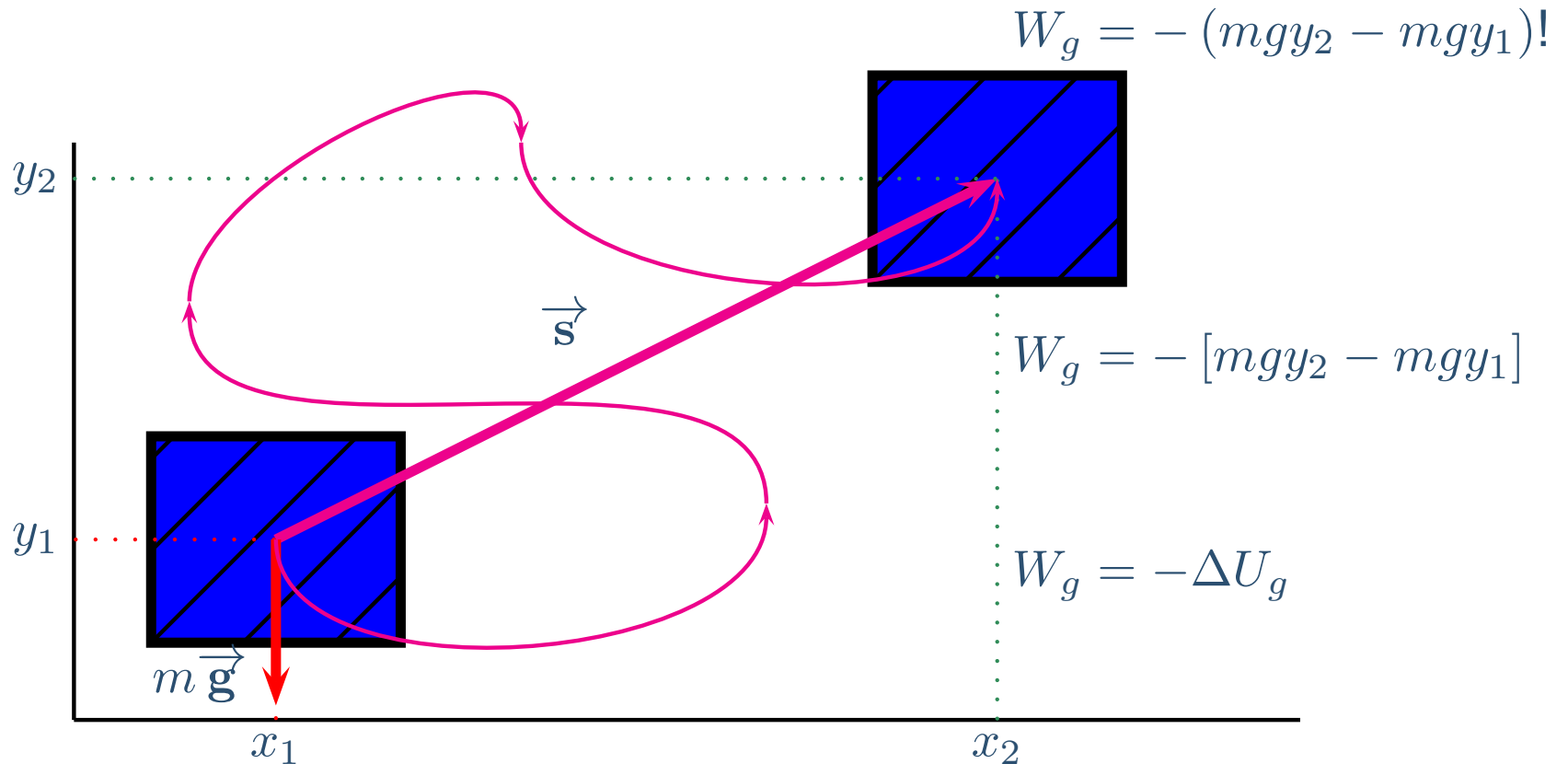
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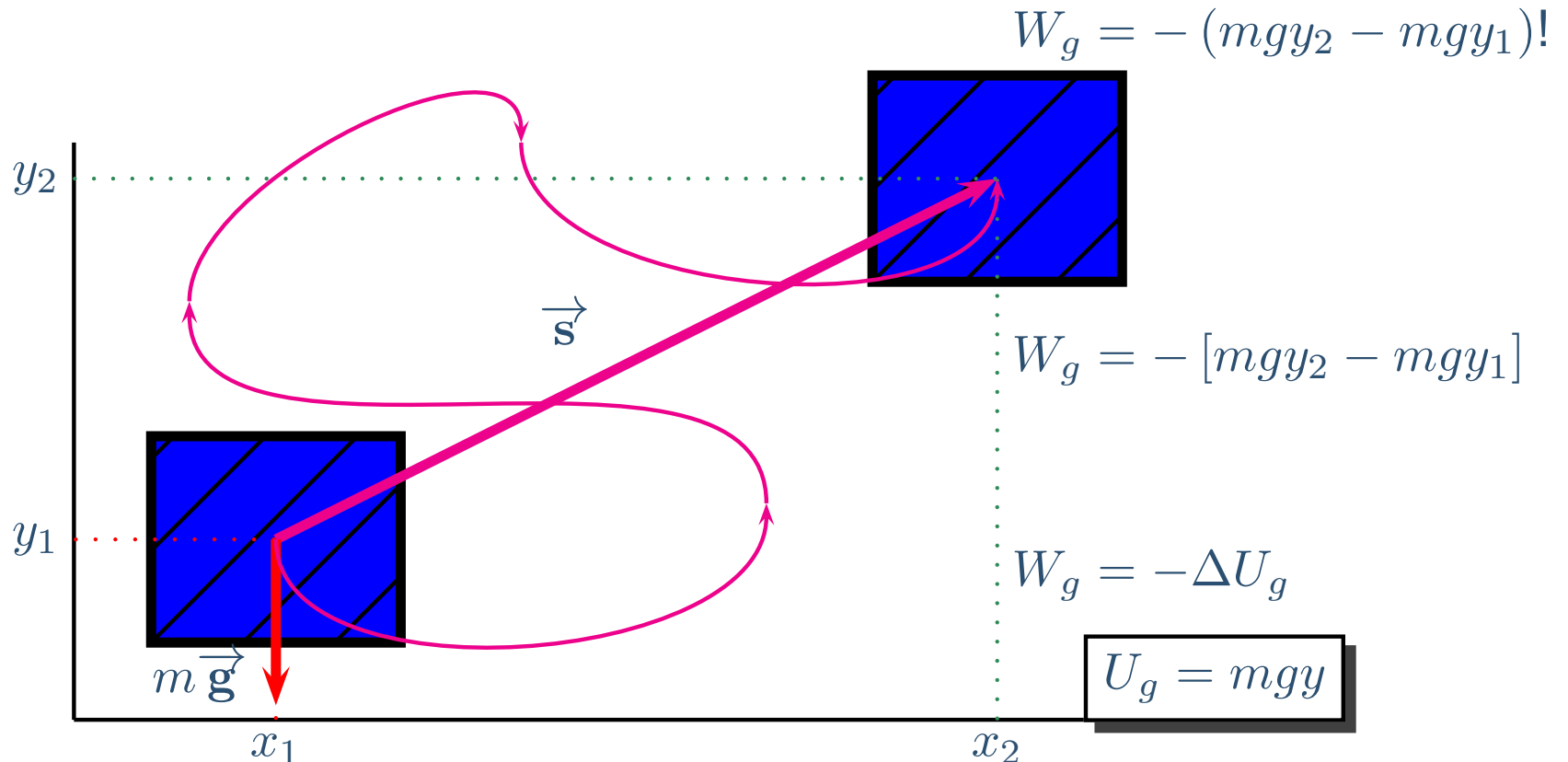
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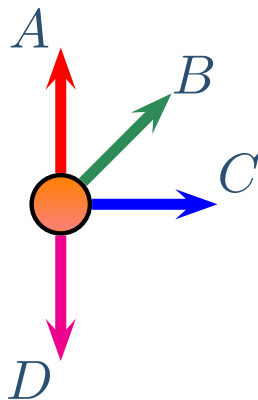
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Example: A mass is started from rest at the top of a frictionless slide of height  $h$ , how fast is it going at the bottom?

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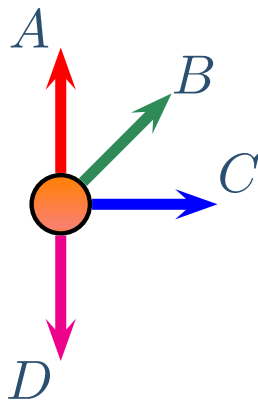


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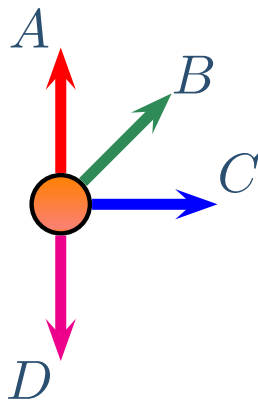
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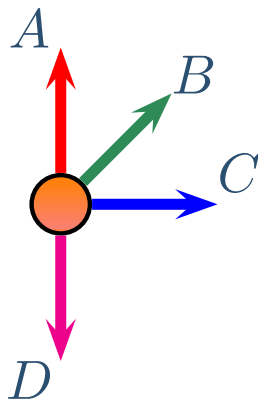
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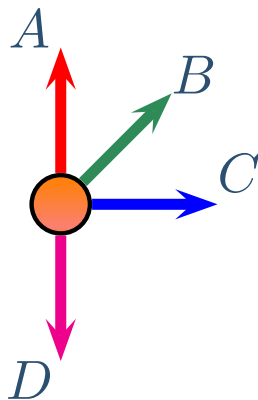
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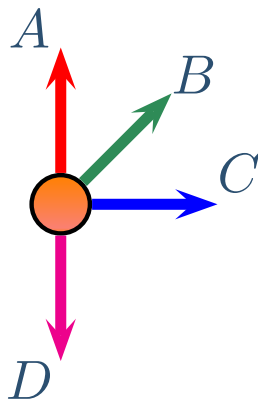
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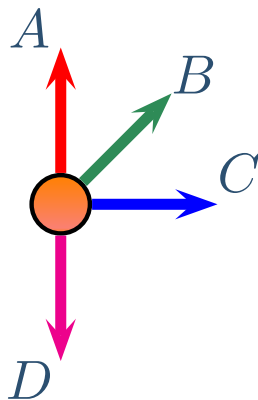
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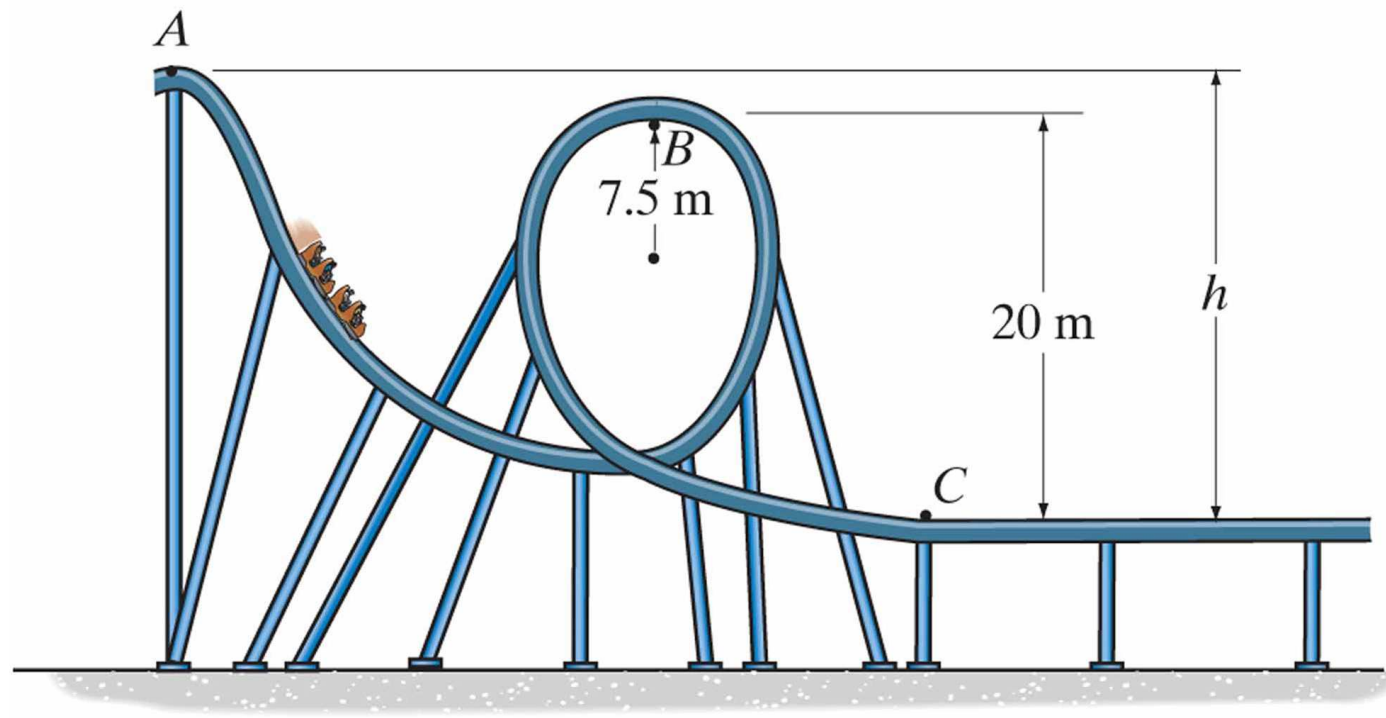
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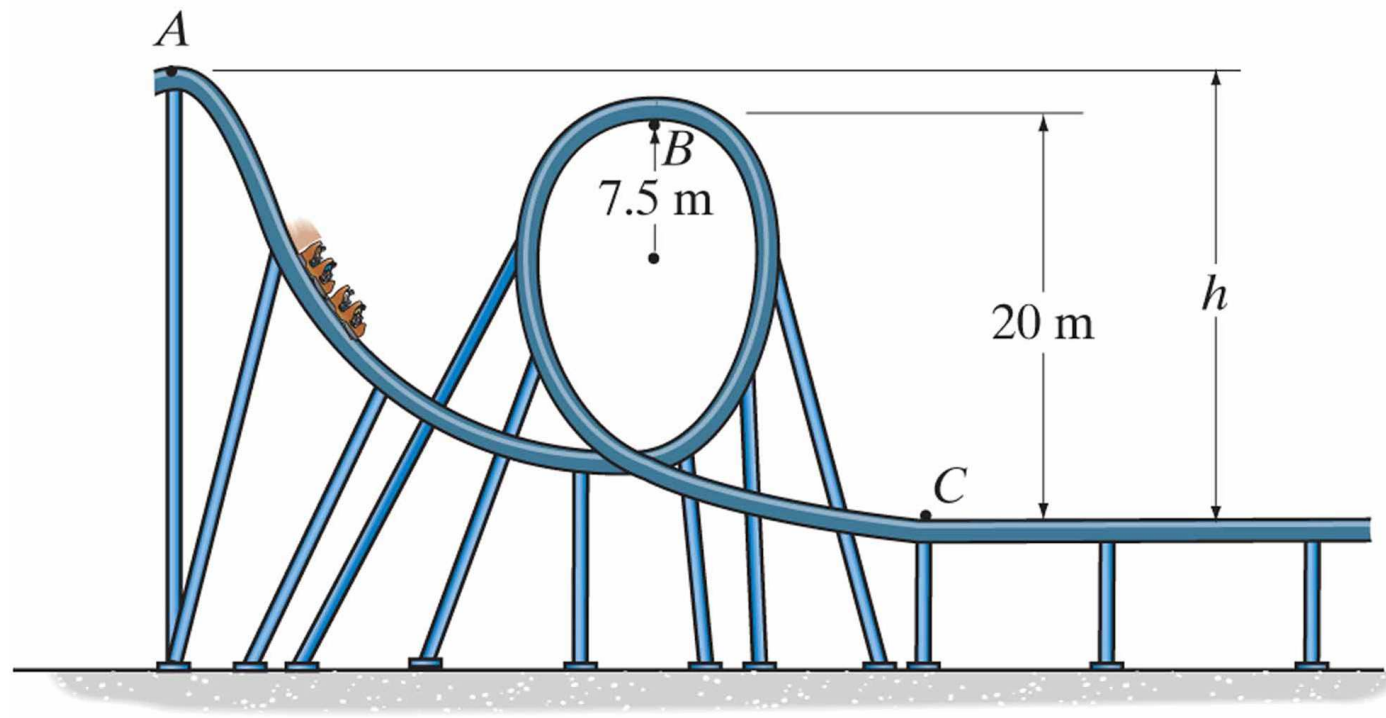
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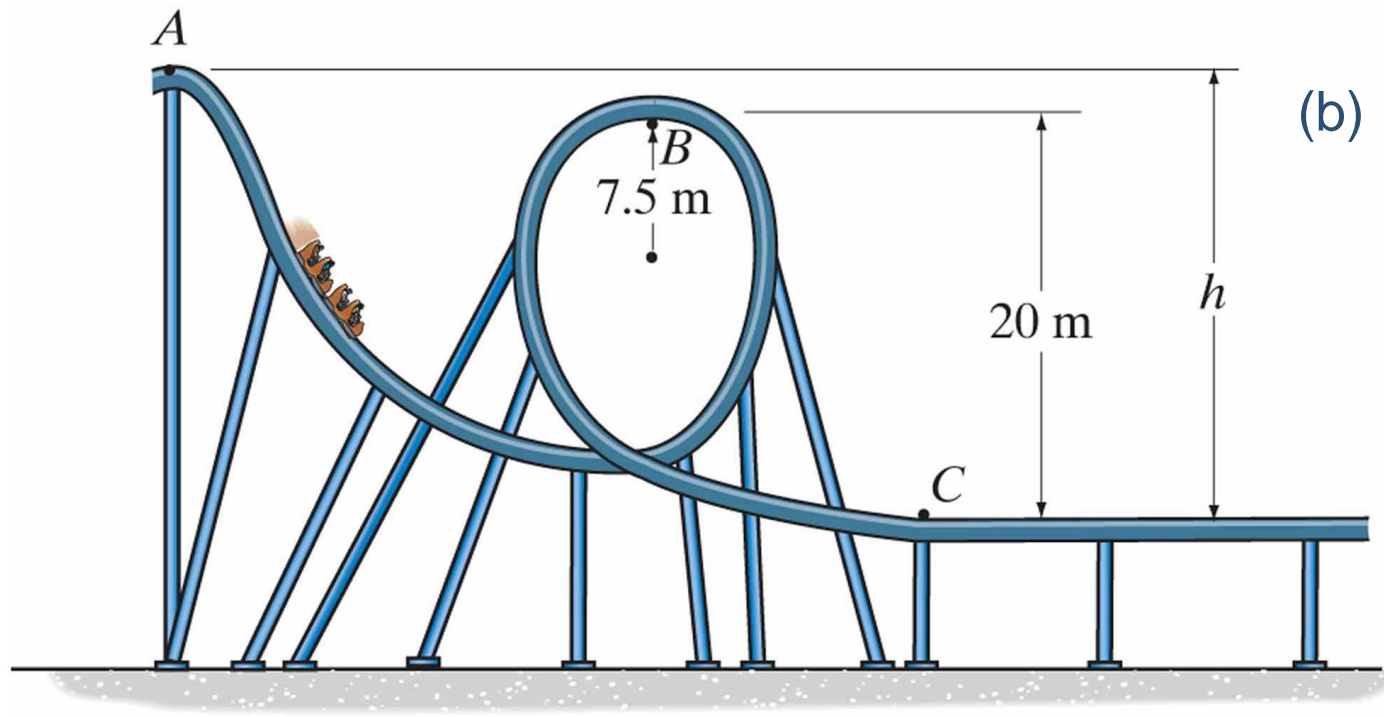


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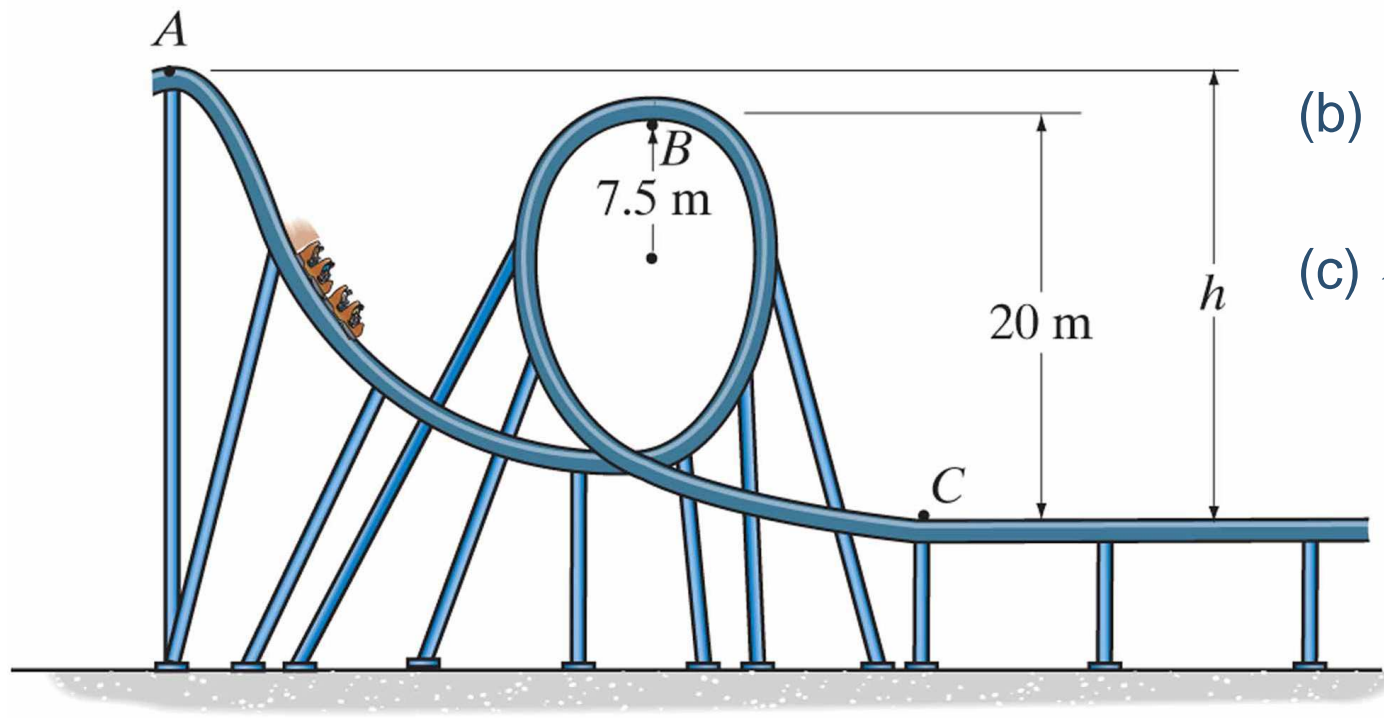
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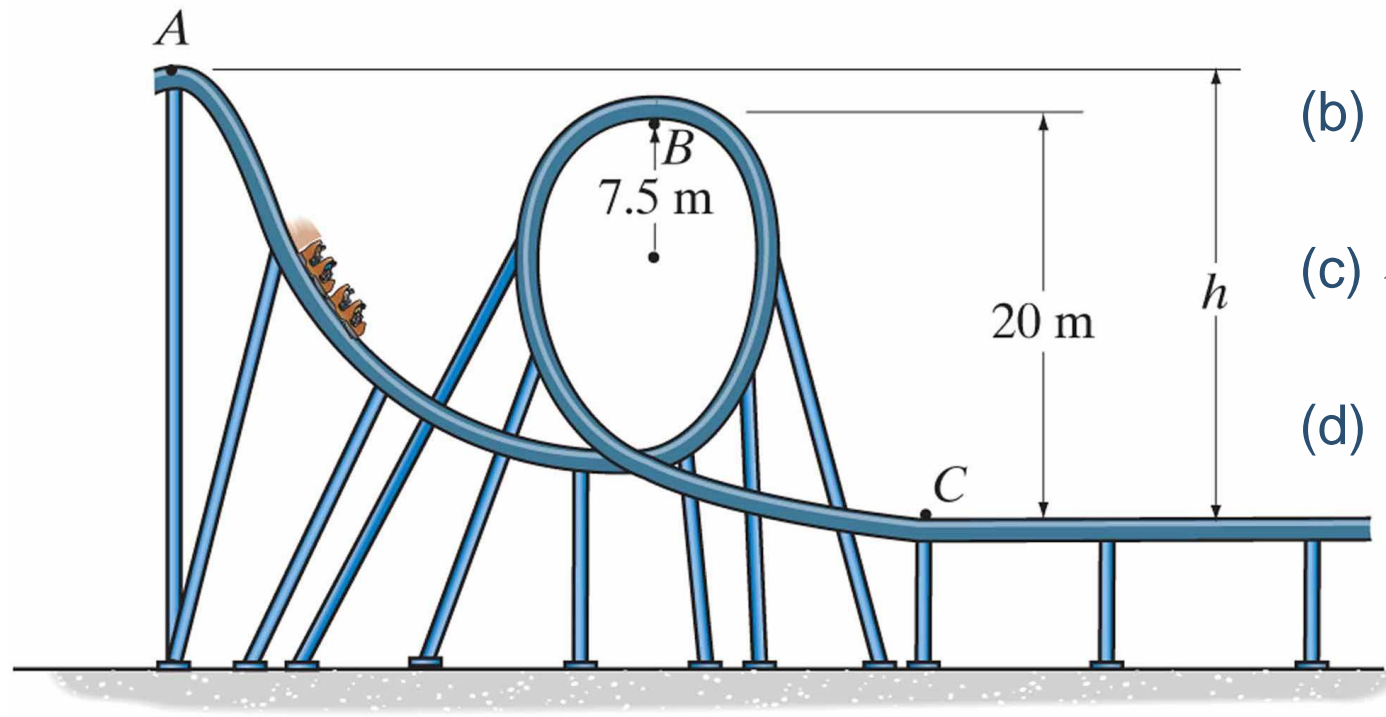
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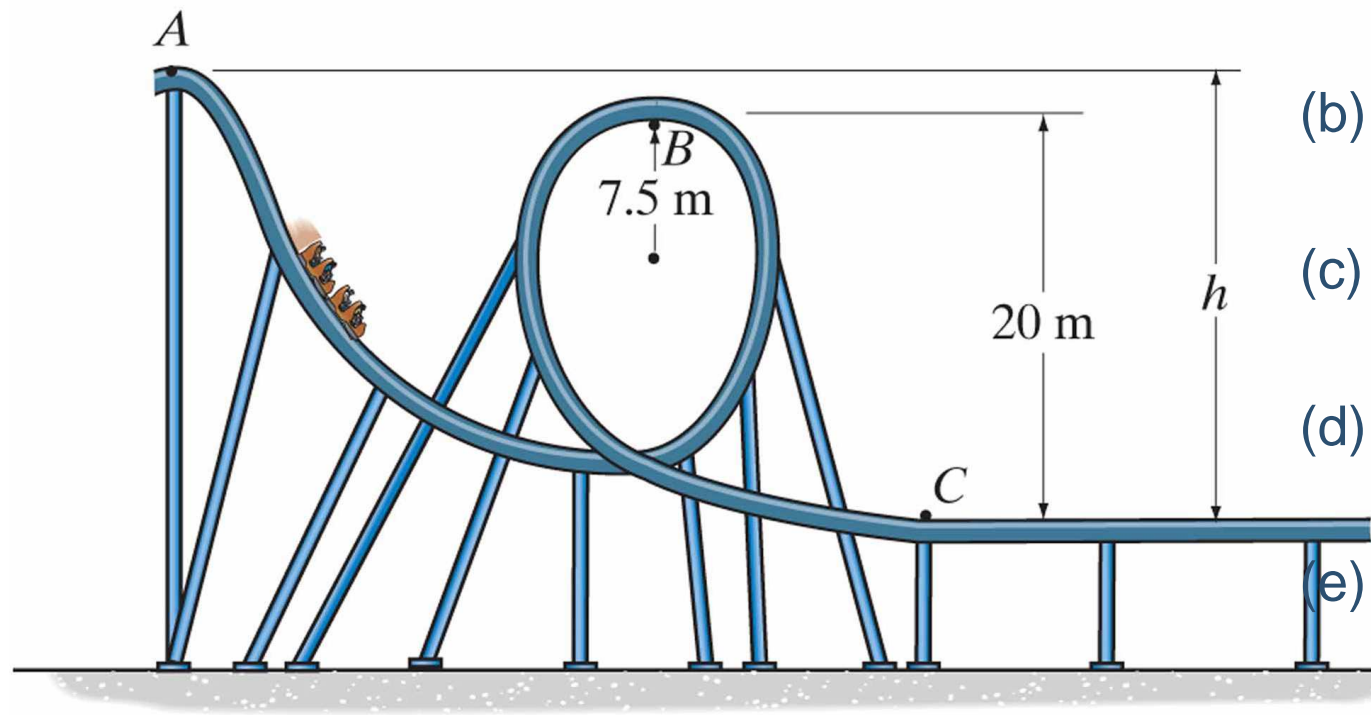
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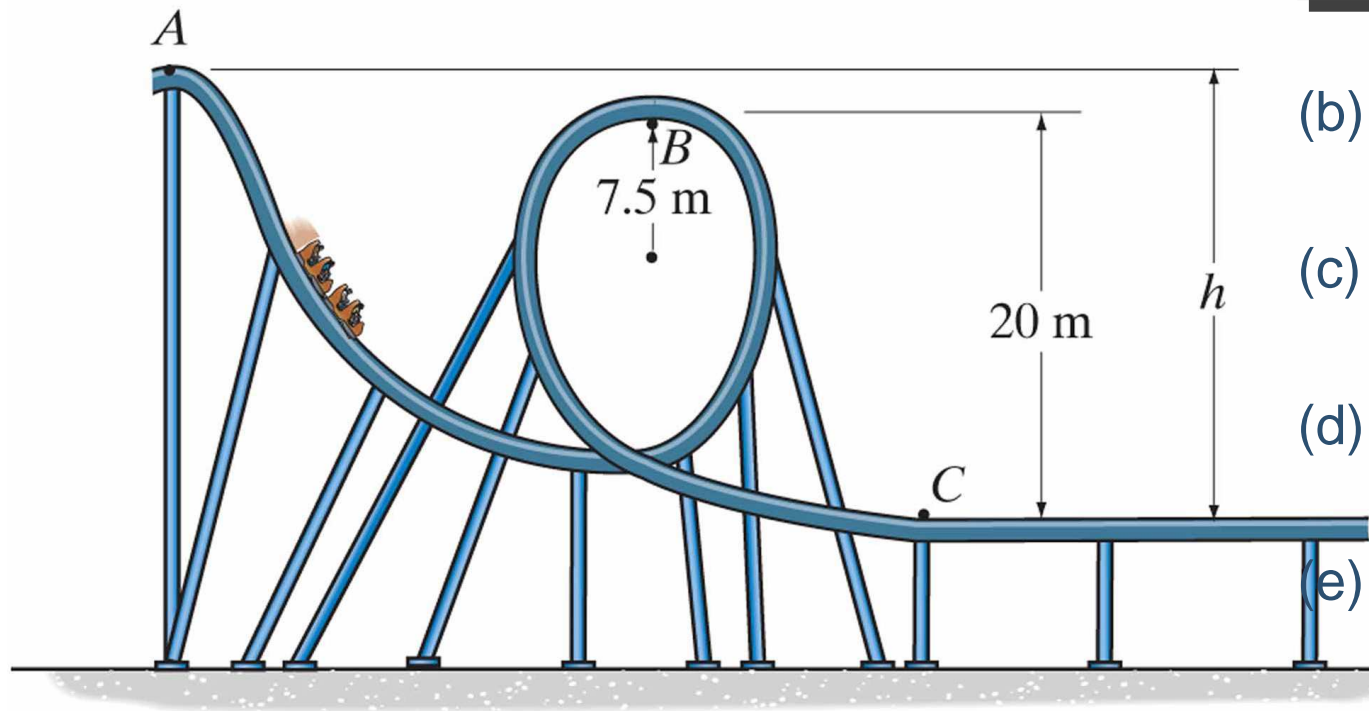
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