105. (First problem of Cluster 1)

The two parts of this problem are as follows. Part 1 (motion from A to B) consists of constant acceleration (so Table 2-1 applies) and involves the data $v_0=0,\ v=10.0\ \mathrm{m/s},\ x_0=0$ and $x=40.0\ \mathrm{m}$ (taking point A as the coordinate origin and orienting the positive x axis towards B and C). Part 2 (from B to C) consists of constant velocity motion (so the simple equation $\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}=v$ applies) with $v=10.0\ \mathrm{m/s}$ and $\Delta t=10.0\ \mathrm{s}$.

(a) Eq. 2-16 is an efficient way of finding the part 1 acceleration:

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0) \implies (10.0)^2 = 0 + 2a(40.0)$$

from which we obtain $a = 1.25 \text{ m/s}^2$.

(b) Using Eq. 2-17 avoids using the result from part (a) and finds the time readily.

$$x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2} (v_0 + v) t \implies 40.0 - 0 = \frac{1}{2} (0 + 10.0) t$$

This leads to t = 8.00 s, for part 1.

- (c) We find the distance traveled in part 2 with $\Delta x = v\Delta t = (10.0)(10.0) = 100$ m.
- (d) The average velocity is defined by Eq. 2-2

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{x_C - x_A}{t_C - t_A} = \frac{140 - 0}{18 - 0} = 7.78 \text{ m/s} .$$