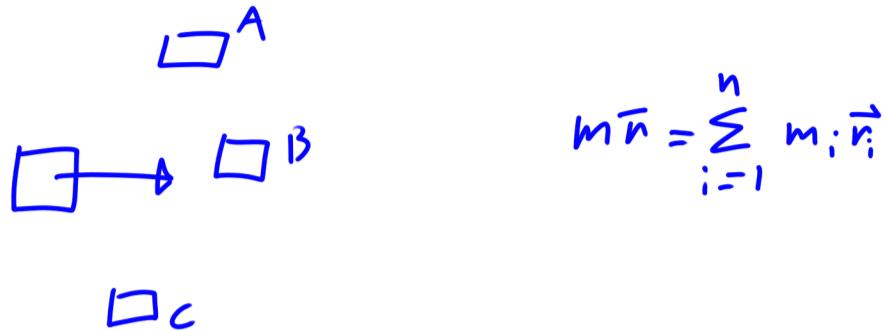


A 300-kg space vehicle traveling with a velocity $\mathbf{v}_0 = (360 \text{ m/s})\mathbf{i}$ passes through the origin O at $t = 0$. Explosive charges then separate the vehicle into three parts A , B , and C , with mass, respectively, 150 kg, 100 kg, and 50 kg. Knowing that at $t = 4 \text{ s}$, the positions of parts A and B are observed to be A (1170 m, -290 m, -585 m) and B (1975 m, 365 m, 800 m), determine the corresponding position of part C . Neglect the effect of gravity.



$$m = 300 \text{ kg}, \quad m_A = 150 \text{ kg}, \quad m_B = 100 \text{ kg}, \quad m_C = 50 \text{ kg}$$

$$\bar{r}_A = 1170\mathbf{i} - 290\mathbf{j} - 585\mathbf{k} \text{ m}$$

$$\bar{r}_B = 1975\mathbf{i} + 365\mathbf{j} + 800\mathbf{k} \text{ m}$$

$$\bar{F} = V_0 t = 360 \text{ i } \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} 4 \text{ s} = 1440 \text{ i m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 300 \text{ kg } 1440 \text{ i m} &= 150 \text{ kg } (1170\mathbf{i} - 290\mathbf{j} - 585\mathbf{k}) \text{ m} \\ &\quad + 100 \text{ kg } (1975\mathbf{i} + 365\mathbf{j} + 800\mathbf{k}) \text{ m} \\ &\quad + 50 \text{ kg } \bar{r}_C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 300 \text{ kg } 1440 \text{ i m} - 150 \text{ kg } (1170\mathbf{i} - 290\mathbf{j} - 585\mathbf{k}) \text{ m} \\ - 100 \text{ kg } (1975\mathbf{i} + 365\mathbf{j} + 800\mathbf{k}) \text{ m} \end{aligned} = \frac{50 \text{ kg}}{\bar{r}_C} = \bar{r}_C$$

$$\begin{aligned} 300 \text{ kg } 1440 \text{ m} - 150 \text{ kg } 1170 \text{ m} - 100 \text{ kg } 1975 \text{ m} \\ = \frac{50 \text{ kg}}{\bar{r}_C} \mathbf{i} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{-150 \text{ kg } (-290) \text{ m} - 100 \text{ kg } 365 \text{ m}}{50 \text{ kg}} \mathbf{j} + \frac{-150 \text{ kg } (-585) \text{ m} - 100 \text{ kg } 800 \text{ m}}{50 \text{ kg}} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{r}_C = 1130\mathbf{i} + 140\mathbf{j} + 155\mathbf{k} \text{ m}} = \bar{r}_C$$