

82. We take $+x$ in the direction of motion. We use subscripts 1 and 2 for the data. Thus, $v_1 = +30$ m/s, $v_2 = +50$ m/s and $x_2 - x_1 = +160$ m.

(a) Using these subscripts, Eq. 2-16 leads to

$$a = \frac{v_2^2 - v_1^2}{2(x_2 - x_1)} = \frac{50^2 - 30^2}{2(160)} = 5.0 \text{ m/s}^2 .$$

(b) We find the time interval corresponding to the displacement $x_2 - x_1$ using Eq. 2-17:

$$t_2 - t_1 = \frac{2(x_2 - x_1)}{v_1 + v_2} = \frac{2(160)}{30 + 50} = 4.0 \text{ s} .$$

(c) Since the train is at rest ($v_0 = 0$) when the clock starts, we find the value of t_1 from Eq. 2-11:

$$v_1 = v_0 + at_1 \implies t_1 = \frac{30}{5.0} = 6.0 \text{ s} .$$

(d) The coordinate origin is taken to be the location at which the train was initially at rest (so $x_0 = 0$). Thus, we are asked to find the value of x_1 . Although any of several equations could be used, we choose Eq. 2-17:

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v_1)t_1 = \frac{1}{2}(30)(6.0) = 90 \text{ m} .$$

(e) The graphs are shown below, with SI units assumed.

