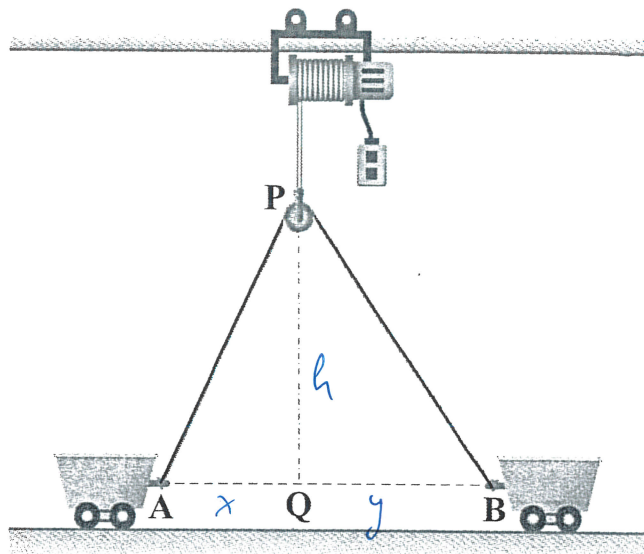


4. A 13 m long rope is tied to two carts at the points A and B , and passes over a pulley at the point P as shown in the figure. A winch moves the pulley along a fixed vertical line. The point Q lies directly below the point P and on the line connecting the points A and B .

At a certain moment when the winch is raising the pulley at a rate of 1 m/s; P is 4 m away from Q , A is 3 m away from Q , and the distance between the points A and Q is decreasing at a rate of 2 m/s.

Determine how fast the distance between the points B and Q is changing at this moment.

[Do not assume anything about how the quantities in the question depend on time beyond what is already given in the question.]



At our moment: $x = 3 \text{ m}$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = -2 \text{ m/s}$, $h = 4 \text{ m}$, $\frac{dh}{dt} = 1 \text{ m/s}$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + h^2} + \sqrt{y^2 + h^2} = 13 \text{ m} \xrightarrow{\text{at our moment}} \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} + \sqrt{y^2 + 4^2} = 13$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$y = 4\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2h \frac{dh}{dt}}{2\sqrt{x^2 + h^2}} + \frac{2y \frac{dy}{dt} + 2h \frac{dh}{dt}}{2\sqrt{y^2 + h^2}} = 0$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{at our moment}} \frac{3 \cdot (-2) + 4 \cdot 1}{5} + \frac{4\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + 4 \cdot 1}{8} = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}} \text{ m/s}$$

The distance between B and Q is decreasing at a rate of $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}} \text{ m/s}$ at this moment.