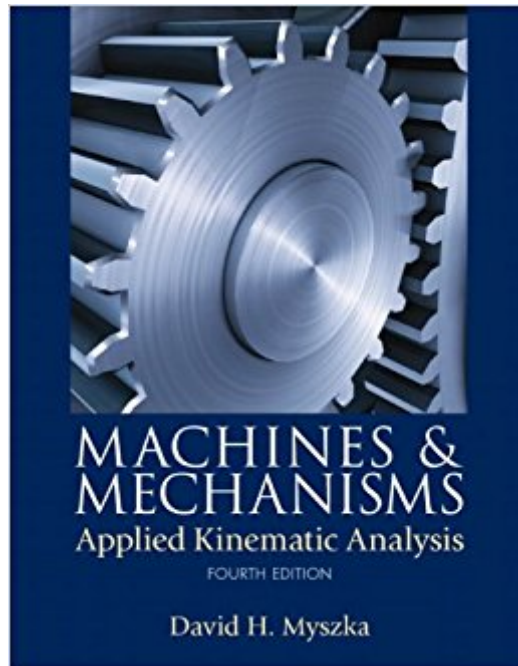


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I'm only about halfway through my course with this book. Some of the concepts are not explained well, and there are a few points where they change their labeling/naming format halfway through an example without telling you. But, for the most part, it does its job. This is a good textbook if your instructor is knowledgeable on the topic. S/he'll point out these little problems, and explain around them. Homework help for this textbook are on Chegg. It's worth the monthly subscription. Before you think it's your golden ticket, know that most good instructors know these solutions are on the internet... so be careful. ;)

for school

Required text for the course I took, way cheaper than the school bookstore. Sometimes, I thought things weren't explained well, and some of the questions at the end of the chapter used situations that were not addressed in the text. Even the instructor agreed with that. Also, the text deals with the theoretical aspect of some of the items, where our instructor was a retired engineer, and taught to the use of the subject matter in the real world. Overall though, the book was adequate

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Great book for learning kinematics

Excellent

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