

Problem 7-46 Walking-beam indexer with pick-and-place mechanism Adapted from P. H. Hill and W. P. Rule. (1960). Mechanisms: Analysis and Design, with permission

[†]7-46 Figure P7-16 shows a walking-beam indexing and pick-and-place mechanism which can be analyzed as two fourbar linkages driven by a common crank. The link lengths are given in the figure. Angle $CO_6E = 75^\circ$. O_2O_6 is at 205°. The phase angle between the two crankpins on gear 2 is 120°. The product cylinders being pushed have 60-mm diameters. The point of contact between the left vertical finger and the leftmost cylinder in the position shown is 58 mm at 80° versus the left end of the parallelogram's coupler (point *D*). Calculate and plot the relative acceleration between points *E* and *P* for one revolution of gear 2.

[†] These problems are suited to solution using *Mathcad*, *Matlab*, or *TKSolver* equation solver programs.