

# Tuesday February 12

Topics for this Lecture:

Forces: Friction on Planes,  
Tension With Pulleys

- *Write these equations in your notes if they're not already there.*
- *You will want them for Exam 1 & the Final.*

$$F_{\text{friction}} = \mu_{\text{kinetic}} F_{\text{normal}}$$

$$F_{\text{friction}} \leq \mu_{\text{static}} F_{\text{normal}}$$

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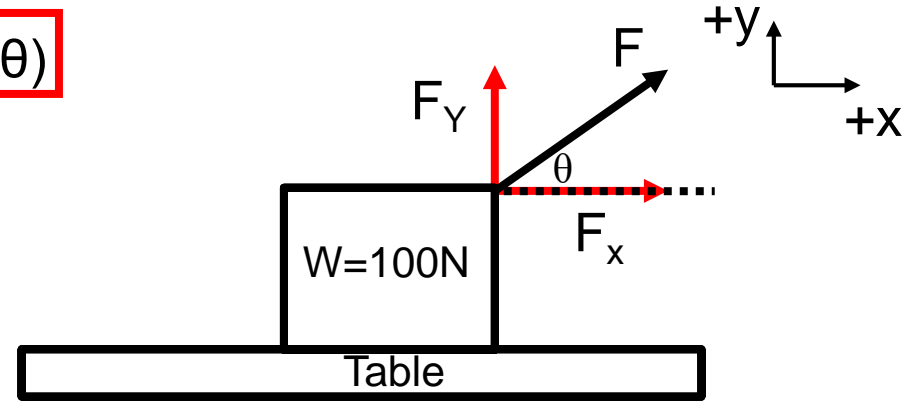
The Onion

- Assignment 5 due Friday  
...like almost every Friday
- Pre-class due 15min before class  
...like every class
- Help Room: Here, 6-9pm Wed/Thurs
- SI: Morton 226, Tu&Th 6:20-6:10pm  
& **Morton 102** Wed 6:20-8:10pm
- Office Hours: 204 EAL, 3-4pm Thurs  
or by appointment (meisel@ohio.edu)
- **Exam Monday February 18.**  
Morton 201 7:15-9:15PM
  - Email me ASAP if you have a class conflict or need special accommodations through AS
  - **Study!**



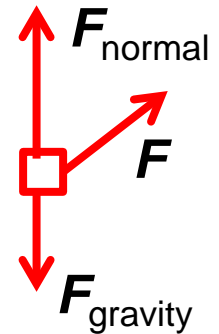
What is the magnitude of the upward force of the table on the box?

- (A) 100N  
(B)  $100\text{N} + F \cos(\theta)$   
(C)  $100\text{N} - F \cos(\theta)$   
(D)  $100\text{N} + F \sin(\theta)$   
(E)  $100\text{N} - F \sin(\theta)$   
(F)  $F \cos(\theta)$   
(G)  $F \sin(\theta)$



Solution:

- Note the box is in equilibrium with regards to vertical motion (i.e. it is not moving vertically)
- Break the pulling force  $F$  into components
  - $F_x = F \cos(\theta)$ ;  $F_y = F \sin(\theta)$
- Use vertical equilibrium to find the table's normal force:
  - $\sum F_y = ma_y = 0 = F_{\text{normal}} + F_y - F_{\text{gravity}} = F_{\text{normal}} + F_y - W$
  - $0 = F_{\text{normal}} + F_y - W = F_{\text{normal}} + F \sin(\theta) - W$
  - $F_{\text{normal}} = W - F \sin(\theta) = 100\text{N} - F \sin(\theta)$



Consider moving a person on a sled,  
where friction between the bottom of the sled and the ground is NOT negligible.

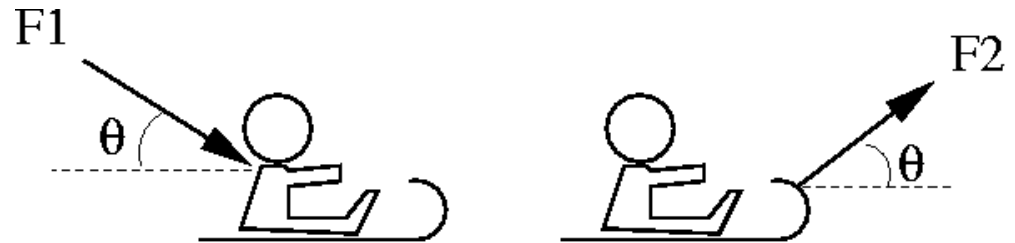
You can either push forward and down at an angle  $\theta$   
**or** pull up and forward at the same angle.

If  $F_1 = F_2 = F$  and the angles are the same, which situation has the greater acceleration?

(A) pushing

**(B) pulling**

(C) both are equal



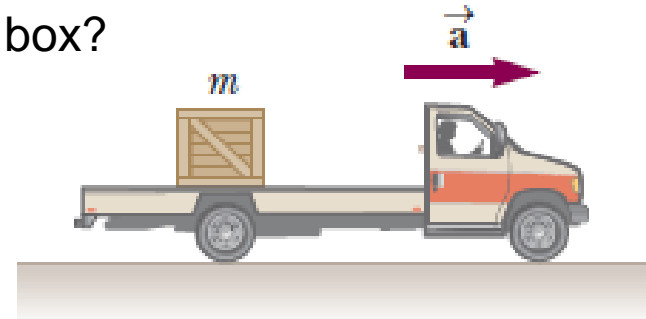
Find  $F_{\text{net}}$  in order to determine  $a$ :

1.  $\Sigma F_x = F_{x,\text{net}} = ma_x$
2.  $a_x = F_{x,\text{net}}/m$  ...so which situation has the largest  $F_{x,\text{net}}$ ?
3.  $F_{x,\text{net}} = F\cos(\theta) - F_{\text{friction}}$
4. So the situation with the smallest  $F_{\text{friction}}$  will have a larger acceleration
5.  $F_{\text{friction}} = \mu F_{\text{normal}}$
6. For pushing:  $F_{\text{normal}} = W + F\sin(\theta)$  ... For pulling:  $F_{\text{normal}} = W - F\sin(\theta)$
7.  $F_{\text{normal}}$  is smaller for pulling, so acceleration will be greater

A box with a mass of 5 kg is sitting on the flat bed of a truck, but is not tied down. The truck accelerates at  $2\text{m/s}^2$ , as does the box (so it's not slipping). The coefficients of friction between the box and the bed of the truck are  $\mu_s=0.6$  and  $\mu_k=0.4$ .

What is the magnitude of the frictional force acting on the box?

- (A) 2 N                      (B) 49 N                      (C) 10 N  
 (D) 16 N                      (E) 20N                      (F) 29 N

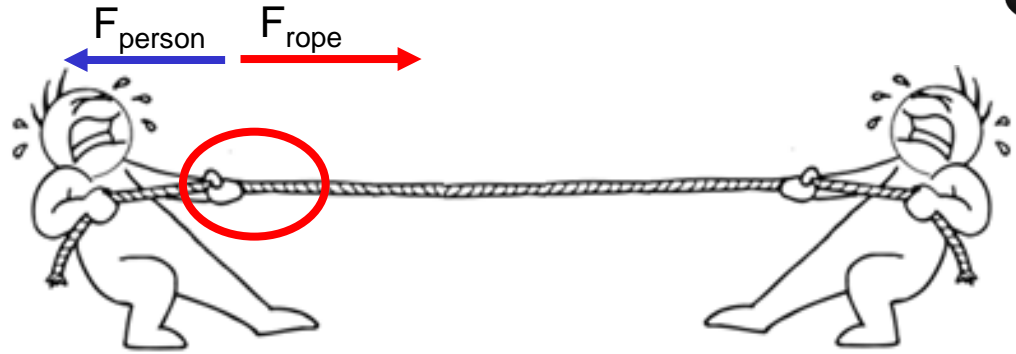


Does static friction apply? If so, how hard does it have to push to maintain  $\mathbf{a}$ ?:

1.  $F_{\text{friction}} = \mu F_{\text{normal}}$
2.  $F_{\text{normal}} = mg = (5\text{kg})(9.8\text{m/s}^2) = 49\text{N}$
3. So:  $F_{\text{f,static}}$  could push as hard as  $F_{\text{f,static}} \leq \mu_s F_{\text{normal}} = (0.6)(49\text{N}) = 29.4\text{N}$
4. But,  $F_{\text{f,static}}$  only reacts as hard as it has to in order to maintain  $\mathbf{a}$
5.  $F_{\text{net}} = ma = (5\text{kg})(2\text{m/s}^2) = 10\text{N}$  ...which is less than the maximum  $F_{\text{f,static}}$
6. So,  $F_{\text{f,static}}$  will only match the applied action force (from  $F_{\text{net}}$ ).
7. Meaning:  $F_{\text{f,static}} = 10\text{N}$

Two people pull on opposite ends of a massless rope.  
Each pulls with a force of 40N.  
What is the tension in the rope?

- (A) 0N      (B) 20N  
(C) 40N      (D) 80N



- Might be counterintuitive, so don't rely on intuition!  
Stick to your diagrams & equations!
- Consider  $F=ma$ 
  - Rope isn't accelerating, so net forces must be balanced.
  - Force of person on rope must match force of rope on the person!
  - Tension is a reaction force.

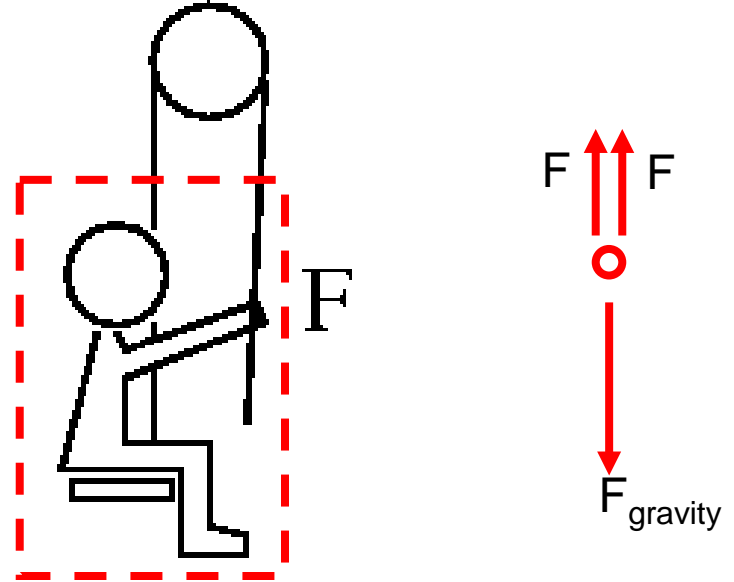
“Sneaky little hobbitses...”



“... wicked, tricksy, false!”

A person who weighs 800N is sitting on a chair that weighs 10N. The chair is supported by a rope over a pulley. The person pulls down on the rope with a force of  $F$  to support the total weight. What force,  $F$ , is required to hold them and the chair stationary?

- (A) 400N    (B) 405N    (C) 800N  
 (D) 810N    (E) 1600N    (F) 1620N



1. Pick your system & draw the forces
2. Consider that  $F=ma$ . Here  $a = 0$ .
3. Note that pulleys re-direct the tension, but maintain the tension magnitude.

Therefore, the upward force is  $2 \cdot F$ .

4.  $F_{\text{net}} = \sum F = 2F - F_g = ma = 0$
5.  $2F - F_g = 0$
6.  $2F = W = 800\text{N} + 10\text{N}$
7.  $F = (810\text{N})/2 = 405\text{N}$

*The force-multiplying power of a pulley is often referred to as its "mechanical advantage". In reality it is reduced somewhat by the pulley friction.*

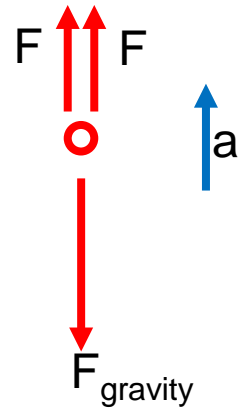
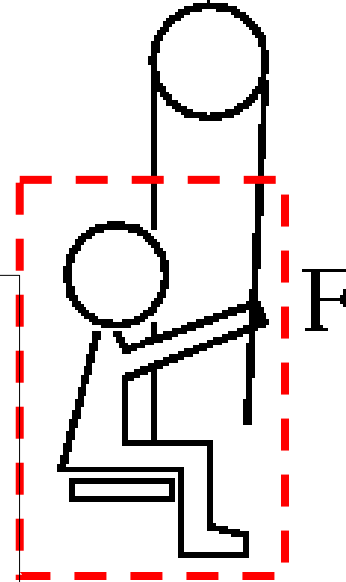
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The person pulls down on the rope with a force of  $F$ .

What force,  $F$ , is required for them and the chair to accelerate upwards at  $0.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ ?

- (A) 26N      (B) 405N      (C) 362N  
 (D) 810N      **(E) 426N**      (F) 852N



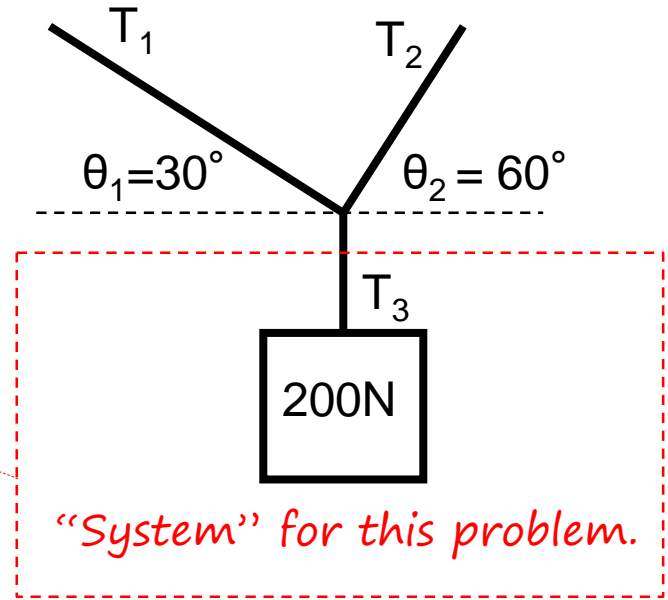
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Therefore, the upward force is  $2 \cdot F$ .
4.  $F_{\text{net}} = \sum F = 2F - F_g = ma$
5.  $2F = ma + F_g = ma + W \rightarrow F = (ma + W)/2$
6.  $W = mg = m(9.8\text{m/s}^2) \rightarrow m = (810\text{N})/(9.8\text{m/s}^2)$
7.  $F = \frac{1}{2} \left( (810\text{N}) \frac{0.5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}{9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}} + 810\text{N} \right) \approx 426\text{N}$



A 200-N box is hanging from a rope.  
Two ropes attach the box to the ceiling at the angles given.  
What is the tension in rope 3?

- (A) 50 N                      (B) 86 N  
(D) 136 N                    (E) 173 N

- (C) 100 N  
**(F) 200 N**

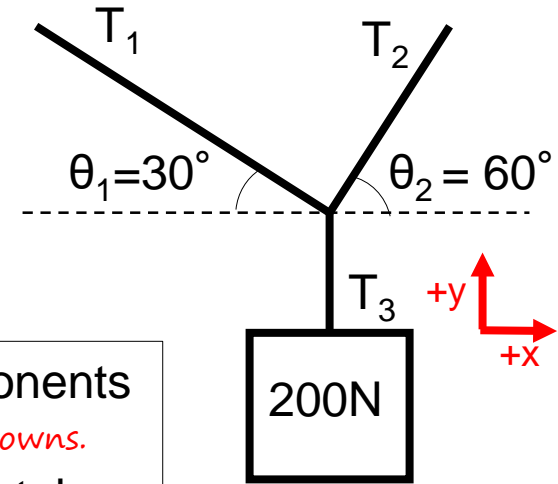


1. Pick your system: Box + rope 3.
2. Consider that  $F=ma$ . Here  $a = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$ .
3.  $F_{\text{net}} = \sum F = T_3 - F_g = 0$
4.  $T_3 = Fg = mg = W = 200\text{N}$



A 200-N box is hanging from a rope.  
Two ropes attach the box to the ceiling at the angles given.  
What are the tensions in ropes 1 and 2?

- (A) 100N, 100N      (B) 50N, 150N      (C) 173N, 100N  
(D) 150N, 50N      (E) 100N, 173N      (F) 200N, 200N



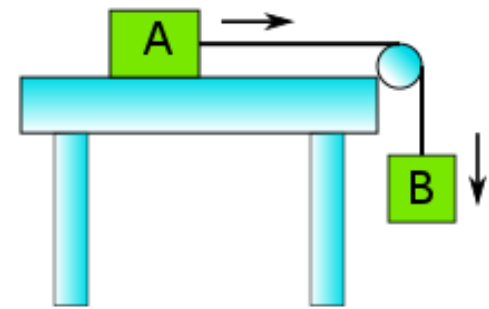
1. Need to break forces into components to find X & Y components two get 2 equations for  $T_1$  &  $T_2$ . *Need 2 equations to solve 2 unknowns.*
2. Must use  $F=ma$  for X-component and Y-component separately
  1.  $\sum F_x = ma_x = 0 = T_2 \cos(\theta_2) - T_1 \cos(\theta_1)$
  2.  $\sum F_y = ma_y = 0 = T_2 \sin(\theta_2) + T_1 \sin(\theta_1) - T_3$
3. From (2.1):  $T_2 = T_1 * (\cos(\theta_1) / \cos(\theta_2))$
4. From (2.2):  $T_3 = T_2 \sin(\theta_2) + T_1 \sin(\theta_1)$ 
  1. Use (3) in (4):  $T_3 = T_1 * (\cos(\theta_1) / \cos(\theta_2)) * \sin(\theta_2) + T_1 \sin(\theta_1)$
  2. Therefore:  $T_1 = T_3 / [\sin(\theta_2) * \{\cos(\theta_1) / \cos(\theta_2)\} + \sin(\theta_1)]$
  3.  $T_1 = (200N) / [0.866 * \{0.866 / 0.5\} + 0.5] = (200N) / 2 = 100N$
5. Use (4.3) in (3):  $T_2 = (100N) * \{0.866 / 0.5\} = 173N$

Block B of mass 1.5 kg is accelerating downward at a rate of  $3.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

Block A is connected by a massless string.

There is no friction between Block A and the table.

What is the tension in the string?



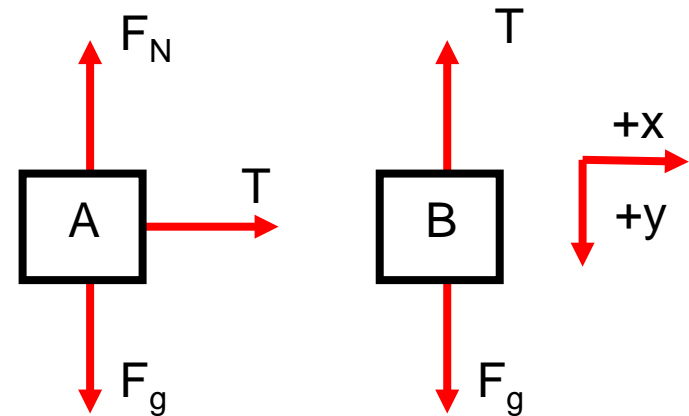
- (A) 0 N      (B) 1.5 N      (C) 3.0 N      (D) 4.5 N  
 (E) 8.4 N      (F) 10.2 N      (G) 14.7 N      (H) 19.2 N

1. The string is massless, so the pulley just re-directs tension.

Also A has no friction, so is not resisting the vertical acceleration.

Therefore, just focus on Block B.

2.  $\sum F_y = ma_y$  *Here we subtract tension from gravity because we defined downward to be +y!*
1.  $F_g - T = ma$
  2.  $T = F_g - ma = mg + ma = m(a-g)$
  3.  $T = (1.5\text{kg})(9.8\text{m/s}^2 - 3.0\text{m/s}^2)$
  4.  $T = 10.2\text{N}$

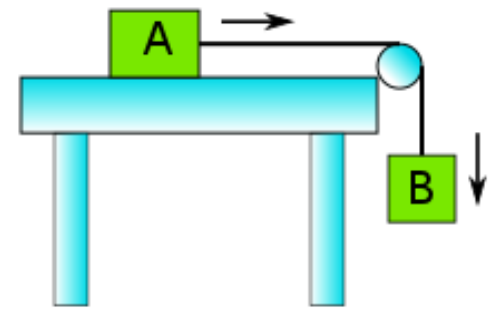


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There is no friction between Block A and the table.

What is the mass of Block A?



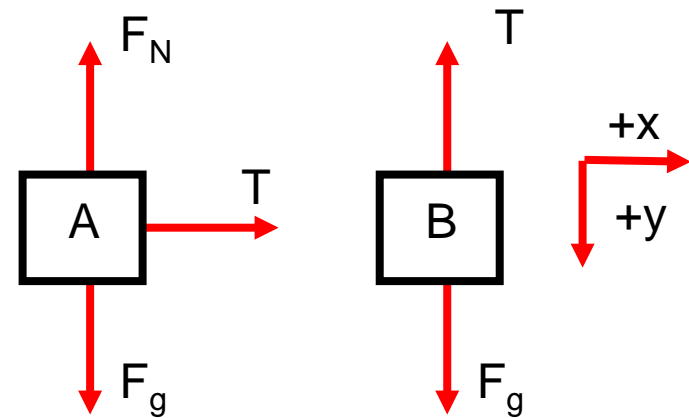
(A) 3.4 kg

(B) 1.5 kg

(C) 6.4 kg

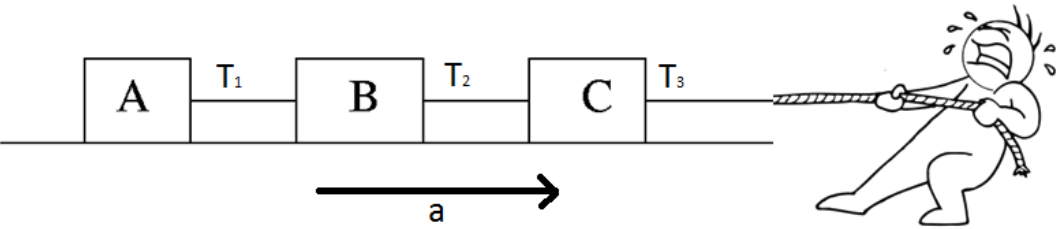
(D) 4.5 kg

1. The system is just block A and the tension of the string on it.
2. The pulley just redirects the tension, so we can use the tension we just found for  $F$ .
3.  $F=ma$
4.  $m = F/a = T/a = (10.2\text{N})/(3.0\text{m/s}^2) = 3.4\text{kg}$

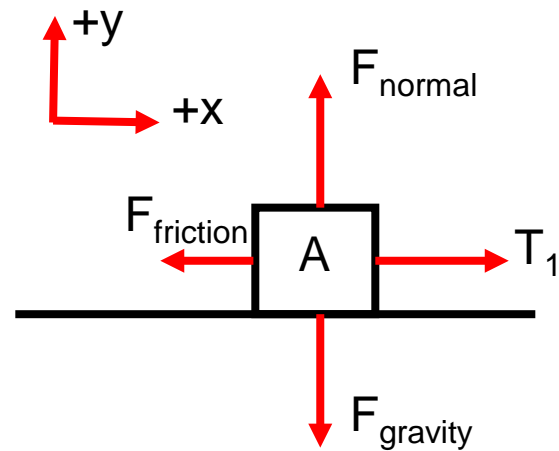


Three boxes are accelerating to the right at a rate of  $2.0\text{m/s}^2$ .  
 The mass of block A is  $2\text{kg}$ . The mass of block B is  $1\text{kg}$ .  
 The mass of block C is  $2\text{kg}$ . The friction between the blocks and the ground is described by coefficients  $\mu_{\text{Static}} = 0.45$  and  $\mu_{\text{Kinetic}} = 0.35$ .  
 What is the tension in rope 1 ( $T_1$ )?

- (A) 5.43N    (B) 4.41N    (C) 12.8N
- (D) 4.00N    (E) 10.0N    **(F) 10.9N**



1. Focus! Your system is just Block A and Rope 1.
2.  $\sum F = T_1 - F_{\text{friction}} = ma$
3.  $T_1 = ma + F_{\text{friction}} = ma + \mu F_{\text{normal}}$
4. Here, only vertical downward force is from the Weight. So your normal force (which is a reaction force) will be equal in magnitude & opposite in direction to this.



$$F_{\text{normal}} = F_{\text{gravity}} = mg$$

$$5. T_1 = ma + \mu F_{\text{normal}} = ma + \mu mg = m(a + \mu g)$$

$$= 2\text{kg} * (2.0\text{m/s}^2 + 0.35 * (9.8\text{m/s}^2)) \approx 10.9 \text{ N}$$

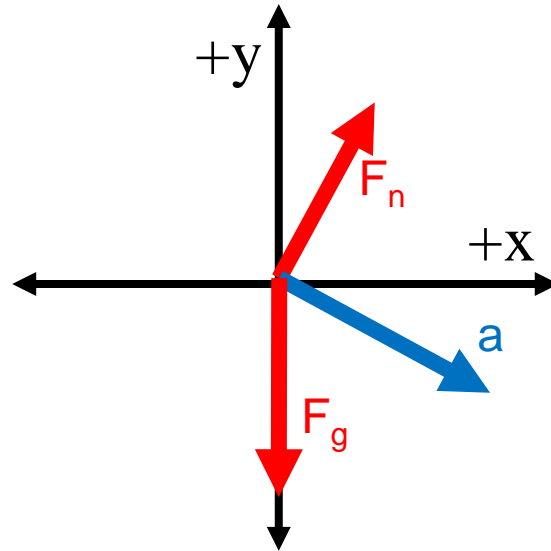
*Use kinetic friction because the block is moving.*

# A note on coordinate axes:

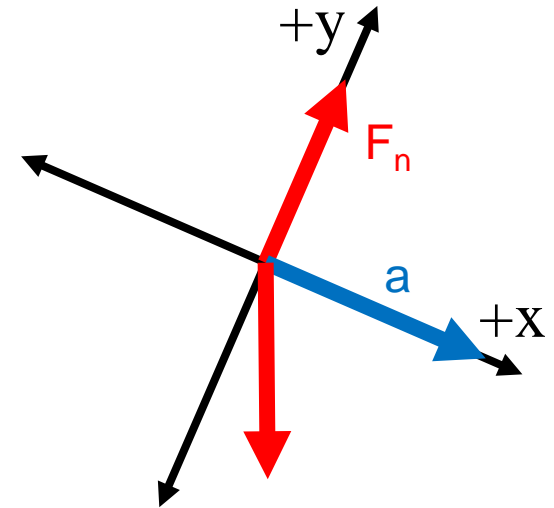
- Coordinate axes are your friend!
- Axes are an artificial constraint you place on the world to make the math used to describe your situation as easy as possible.
- You can orient axes however you want.
- The only rule is that they must be perpendicular to each other.

## Example:

Consider a block sliding down a frictionless ramp.



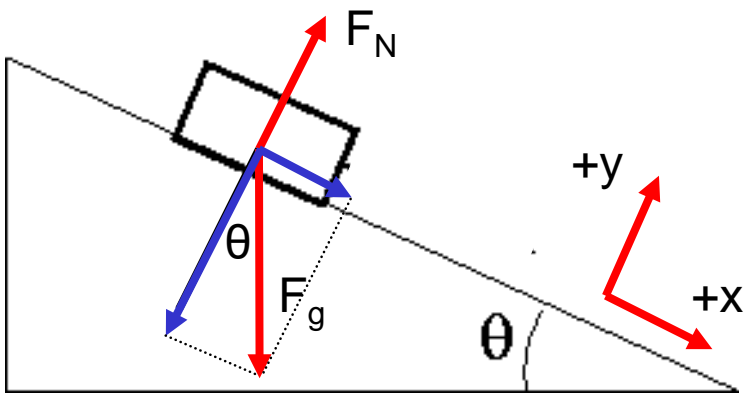
*OK choice.*



*More convenient choice.*

A block on an incline has a weight of 2.0N. The incline is at an angle  $\theta$  of  $30^\circ$ . What is the component of the force due to gravity in the x direction, with x as defined here?

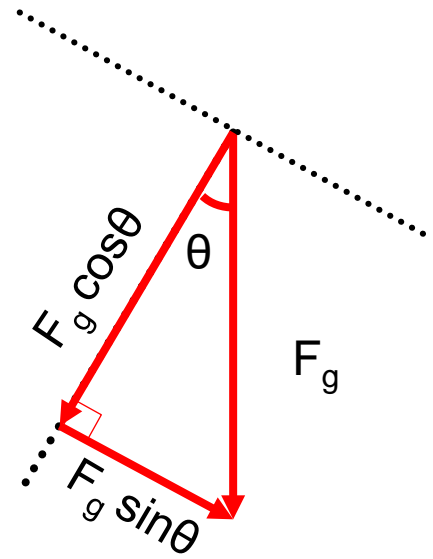
- (A) 0.5 N
- (B) 1.0 N
- (C) 1.7 N
- (D) 2.0 N
- (E) 2.3 N
- (F) 4 N



For a Weight of 2.0N, using **SOHCAHTOA**, the component parallel to the incline would be:

$$F_g \sin\theta = (2.0\text{N}) * \sin(30^\circ)$$

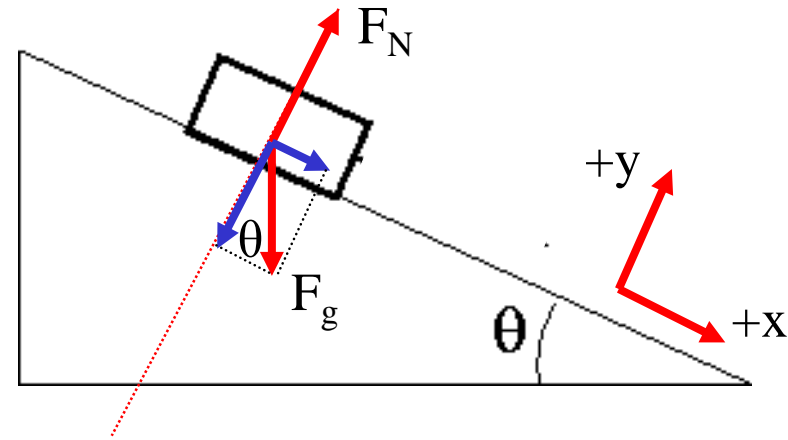
$$= 1.0 \text{ N}$$



# Comments on problems with inclines:

## Why tilt the coordinate axes?

- Gravity points down, but can get parallel and perpendicular components.
- The normal force is perpendicular to the surface.
- Friction is parallel to the surface.
- So, *tilting axes makes 2/3 forces along an axis.*



## How does mass affect motion on incline?

- **IF** gravity & friction are the only forces,
- Then all forces involved are scaled by the same mass:

$$-F_{\text{gravity},x} = m \cdot g \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

$$-F_{\text{friction}} = \mu F_{\text{normal}} = \mu F_{\text{gravity},y} = \mu \cdot m \cdot g \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

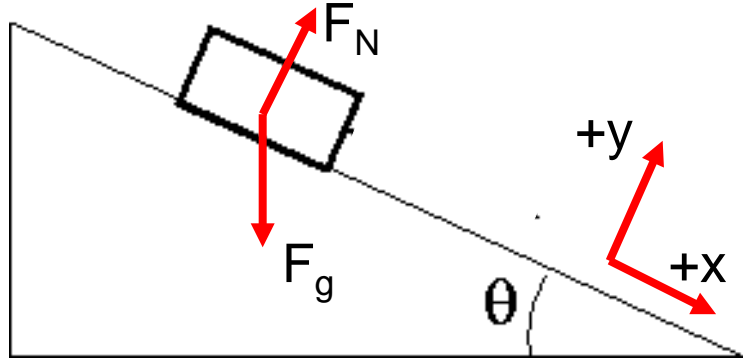
- So acceleration:  $F = \cancel{m}a = F_{\text{gravity},x} - F_{\text{friction}} = \cancel{m} \cdot g \cdot \sin(\theta) - \mu \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot g \cdot \cos(\theta)$
- Therefore, for this situation:  $a = g \cdot [\sin(\theta) - \mu \cdot \cos(\theta)]$

*If only gravity & friction are involved, then motion on a plane is independent of an object's mass.*

Suppose you increase the angle  $\theta$ .

What happens to the x component of  $F_g$  and the normal force  $F_N$ ?

- (A)  $F_{g,x}$  increases;  $F_N$  increases
- (B)  $F_{g,x}$  increases;  $F_N$  same
- (C)  $F_{g,x}$  increases;  $F_N$  decreases**
- (D)  $F_{g,x}$  decreases;  $F_N$  increases
- (E)  $F_{g,x}$  decreases;  $F_N$  same
- (F)  $F_{g,x}$  decreases;  $F_N$  decreases
- (G)  $F_{g,x}$  same;  $F_N$  increases
- (H)  $F_{g,x}$  same;  $F_N$  same
- (I)  $F_{g,x}$  same;  $F_N$  decreases



Math Solution:

- The normal force is a reaction force to the opposing perpendicular force.
  - $|F_N| = |F_{g,y}| = mg \cdot \cos(\theta)$
  - As  $\theta \rightarrow 90^\circ$ ,  $\cos(\theta) \rightarrow 0$ .
- The x-component of gravity, from SOHCAHTOA, is:
  - $|F_{g,x}| = mg \cdot \sin(\theta)$
  - As  $\theta \rightarrow 90^\circ$ ,  $\sin(\theta) \rightarrow 1$ .

Logic Solution:

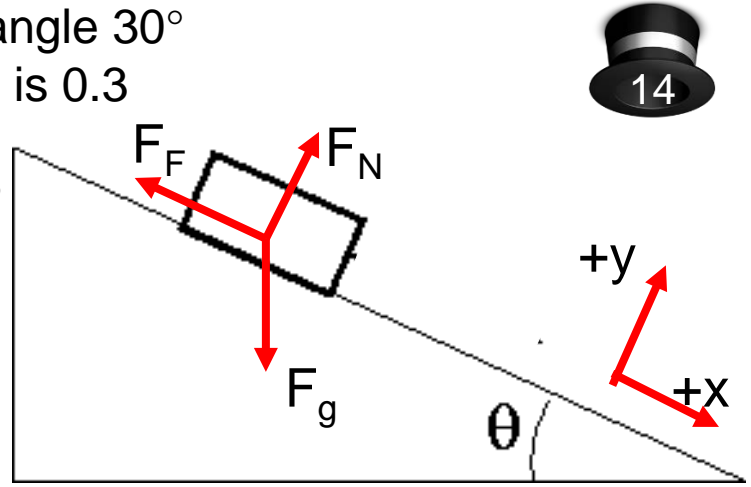
- For  $\theta=90^\circ$ , just free-fall:
  - $F_{gravity,x}$  pointing straight down & so maximized
  - Not pressing against a surface and so no normal force
- For  $\theta=0^\circ$ , just sitting on a plane:
  - No horizontal gravity
  - Gravity fully vertical, so  $F_{normal}$  maximized



A 30kg (294N) crate is sliding down an incline at an angle  $30^\circ$  below the horizontal. The kinetic coefficient of friction is 0.3 between the crate and the ramp.

What is the acceleration of the crate along the ramp?

- (A)  $9.80\text{m/s}^2$
- (B)  $8.49\text{m/s}^2$
- (C)  $4.90\text{m/s}^2$
- (D)  $2.35\text{ m/s}^2$
- (E)  $2.54\text{m/s}^2$
- (F)  $0.00\text{m/s}^2$



Solution:

1. Draw & choose +x to be along the ramp. +y to be perpendicular to ramp.
2. Want  $a_x$ , so need  $F_{net,x}$  in order to use  $\sum F_x = ma_x$ .

1.  $\sum F_x = F_{gravity,x} - F_{friction}$
2. From SOHCAHTOA:  $F_{gravity,x} = m \cdot g \cdot \sin(\theta)$
3. But  $F_{friction} = \mu F_{normal}$  ...so we need the normal force (which is in +y)

3. The normal force is a reaction force which opposes that are perpendicular to & toward the surface (here just the y-component of the weight):

1.  $|F_{normal}| = |F_{gravity,y}| = m \cdot g \cdot \cos(\theta)$
2. Therefore,  $F_{friction} = \mu \cdot m \cdot g \cdot \cos(\theta)$

*As promised earlier.  
Mass doesn't matter here.*

4. Going back to  $F=ma$  ...then  $a = F/m$ .

1.  $a = (F_{g,x} - F_f)/m = (\cancel{m} \cdot g \cdot \sin(\theta) - \mu \cdot \cancel{m} \cdot g \cdot \cos(\theta)) / \cancel{m}$
2.  $a = g \cdot \{\sin(\theta) - \mu \cdot \cos(\theta)\} = (9.8\text{m/s}^2) \{0.5 - (0.3) \cdot 0.866\} = 2.35\text{m/s}^2$

A block with a weight of 10N is sitting at rest on an incline which is tilted at an angle of  $30^\circ$ . The force of friction is 5.0N. What is the net force acting on the block?

(1) 0 N

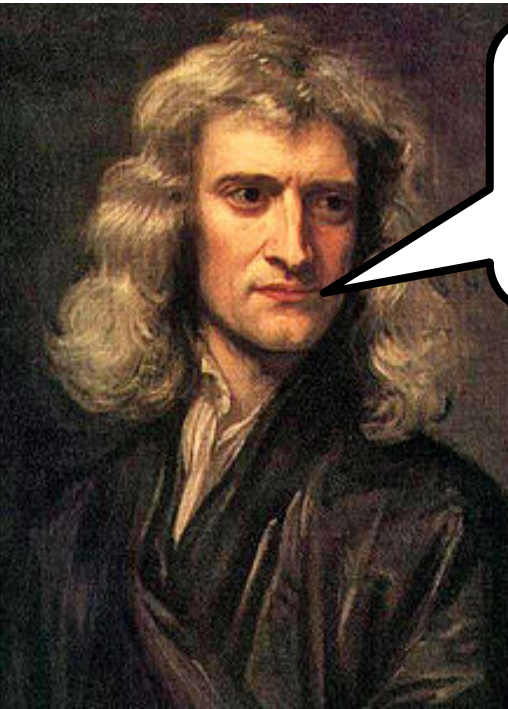
(2) 5N down the incline

(3) 5N up the incline

(4) 10N straight down

(5) 5N straight up

(6) 15N straight down



A body at rest remains at rest, or, if in motion, remains in motion at a constant velocity, **unless** acted upon by a net external force.

“At rest” = no acceleration = no net force.