

Physics 211

Sections 1 & 70

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Lecture 10 (10/01/12)

Lecture 10 outline

- Announcements
- Laws of motion
 - Summary & demos: laws of motion
 - Forces: weight, normal force, string tension
 - Problem strategy
 - Constant force = constant acceleration
 - Free-body diagrams
 - Example: blocks & string (Ex. 4.3)
 - Example & demo: Atwood's machine
- Class participation

Announcements

- Exam grades posted to Titanium
- Homework #5: due Thursday at 11:59PM
 - Forces, Laws of motion
 - Will announce on piazza when available
- Reading: finish chapter 4

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Newton's 3 laws

- Summary

- 1. If $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{0}$ then $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$
- 2. If $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} \neq \vec{0}$ then $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{net}}}{m}$
 - Applies to system as a whole or do individual parts
- 3. $\vec{F}_{BA} = -\vec{F}_{AB}$

- The challenges

- Conceptual: often counter-intuitive predictions
- Quantitative: applying to problems

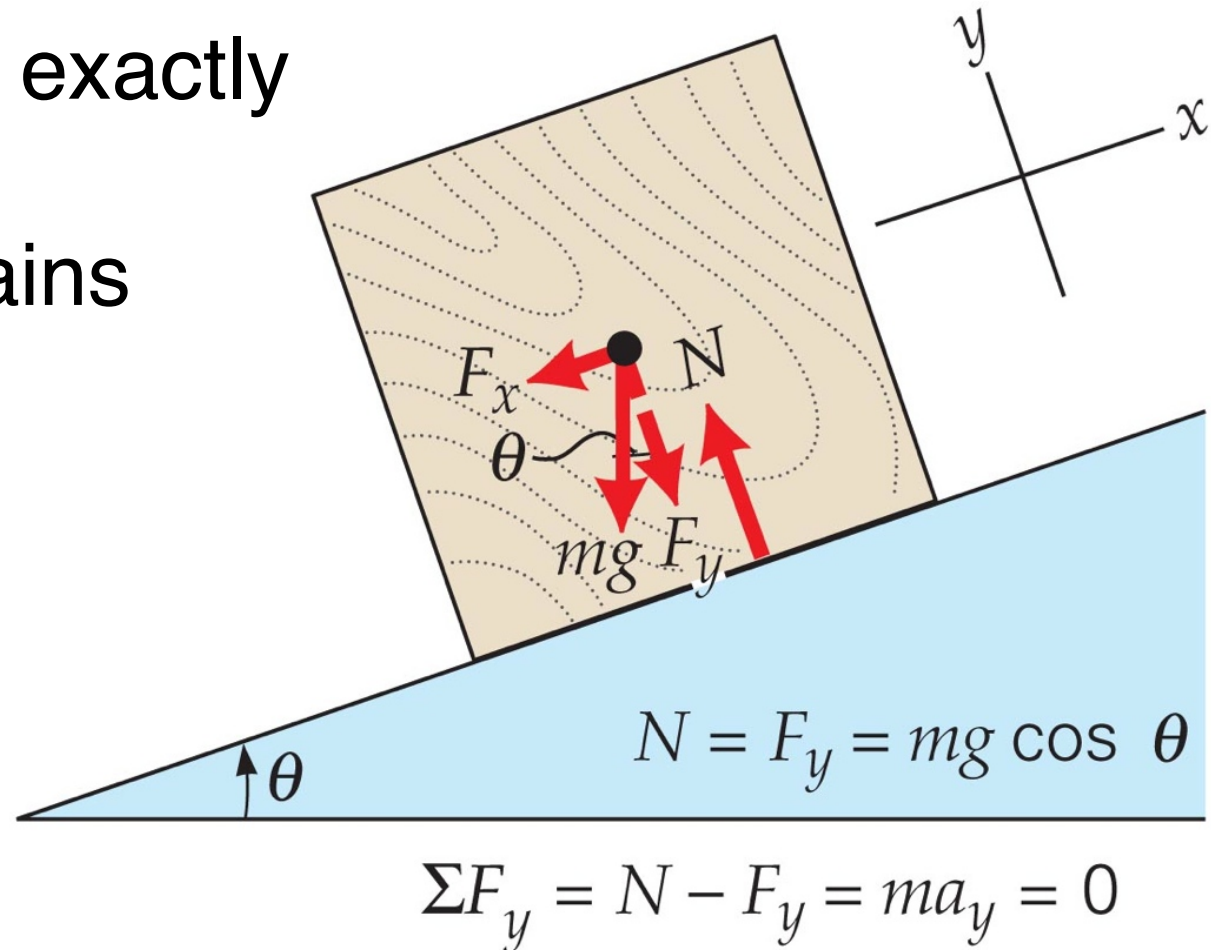
- Demos: Newton's 3 laws of motion

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Weight & normal force

- Weight: force of magnitude mg , downward
- Normal force
 - Direction: perpendicular to surface
 - Magnitude: exactly enough so object remains on surface

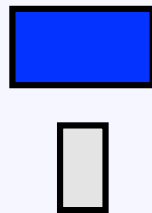


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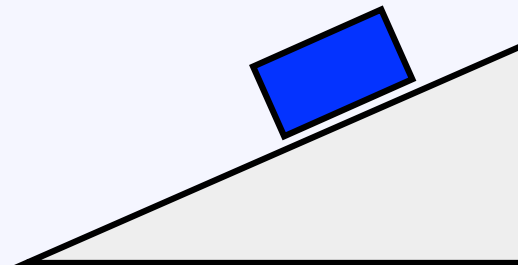
Question 4.11 On an Incline

Consider two identical blocks, one resting on a **flat surface** and the other resting on an **incline**. For which case is the normal force greater?

- ☐ A For the block on the flat surface
- ☐ B For the block on the incline
- ☐ C both the same ($N = mg$)
- ☐ D both the same ($0 < N < mg$)
- ☐ both the same ($N = 0$)



Flat



Incline

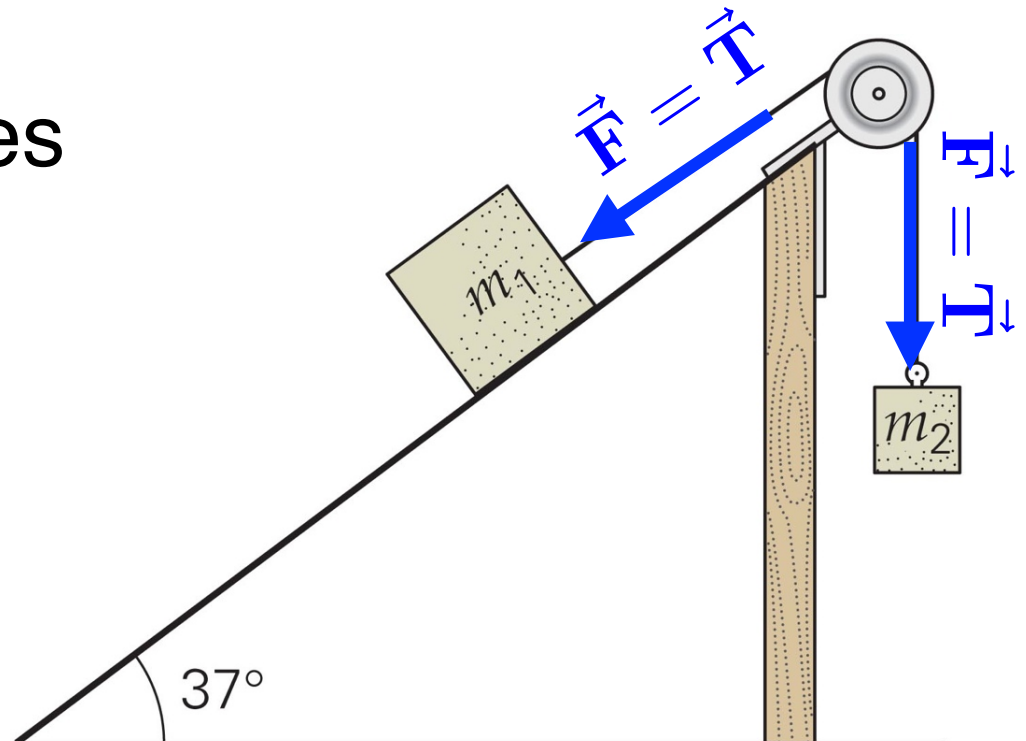
String tension

- Taut string = string “under tension”
- The force at each end...
 - **Pulls**, same magnitude of force at each end

$$\vec{F} = T\hat{x}$$

$$\vec{F} = -T\hat{x} \quad +x$$

- Pulley: only changes **tension direction**



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Question 4.16c Tension III

You and a friend can each pull with a force of **20 N**. If you want to rip a rope in half, what is the best way?

A

you and your friend each pull on opposite ends of the rope

B

tie the rope to a tree, and you both pull from the same end

C

it doesn't matter—both of the above are equivalent

D

Neither choice will rip the rope

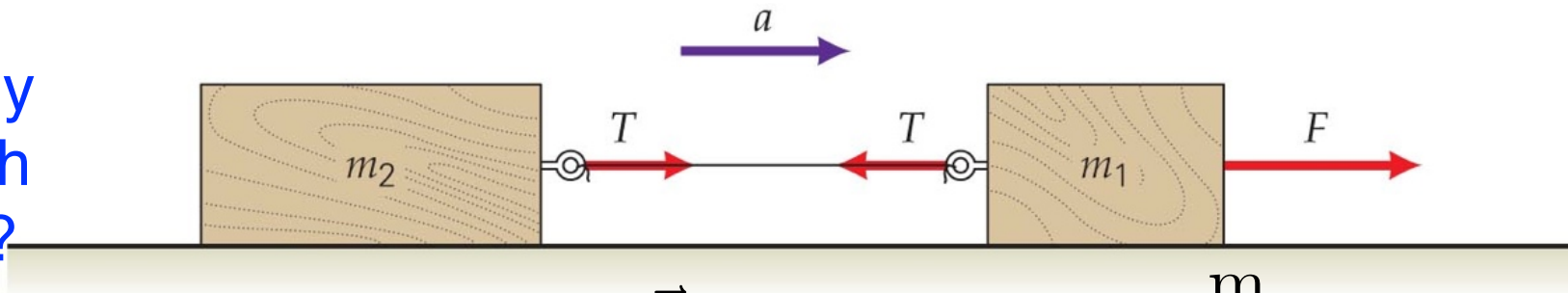
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Ex. 4.3

- Ex. 4.3 in textbook
 - 2.5 kg & 3.5 kg masses tied together by taut string. A 12 N force pulls on one mass. Find a) the acceleration, and b) the tension in the string.

1. Read carefully
2. Draw a sketch
3. Given? Goal?



Given: $\vec{F} = 12 \text{ N} = 12 \text{ kg} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

$$m_1 = 2.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 3.5 \text{ kg}$$

Goals: \vec{a} T

Ex. 4.3

1. Read carefully

2. Draw a sketch

3. Given? Goal?

4. Principles & eqns.?

4a. Free body diagrams

i. Axes

ii. Force vectors

iii. Force components

4b. Newton's 2nd law

Entire system:

$$a = F / (m_1 + m_2)$$

Individual blocks:

$$F - T = m_1 a$$

$$T = m_2 a$$

Given: $\vec{F} = 12 \text{ N} = 12 \text{ kg} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$

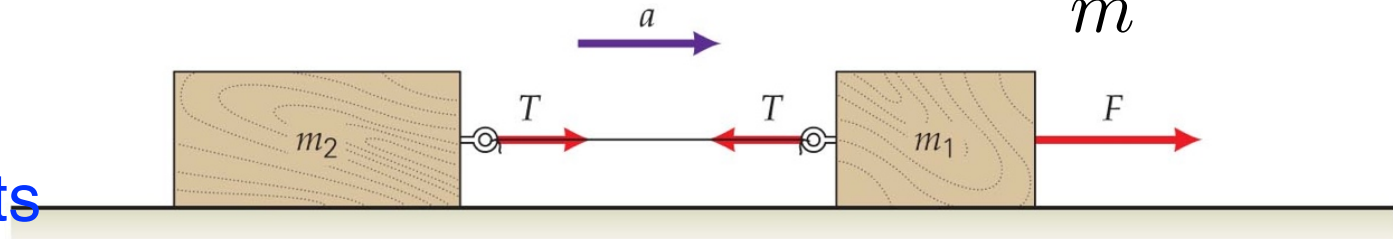
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$$m_1 = 2.5 \text{ kg}$$

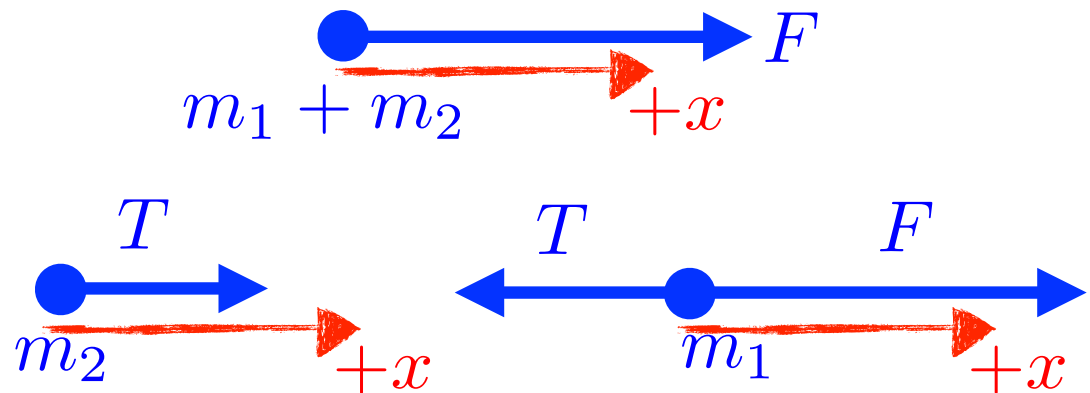
$$m_2 = 3.5 \text{ kg}$$

Principle: Second law

$$\text{Equation: } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{net}}}{m}$$



Free-body diagrams:



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2. Draw a sketch
3. Given? Goal?
4. Principles & eqns.?
5. Calculate
6. Plug in numbers
7. Is answer reasonable?

Entire system:

$$\vec{a} = \vec{F} / (m_1 + m_2)$$

$$a = F / (m_1 + m_2)$$

Individual blocks:

$$F - T = m_1 a$$

$$T = m_2 a$$

$$m_1 = 2.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 3.5 \text{ kg}$$

Principle: Second law

$$\text{Equation: } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{net}}}{m}$$

$$a = \frac{12 \text{ N}}{6 \text{ kg}} = 2.0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$T = (3.5 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m/s}^2) = 7.0 \text{ N}$$

$$F - T = 12 \text{ N} - 7 \text{ N} = 5 \text{ N}$$

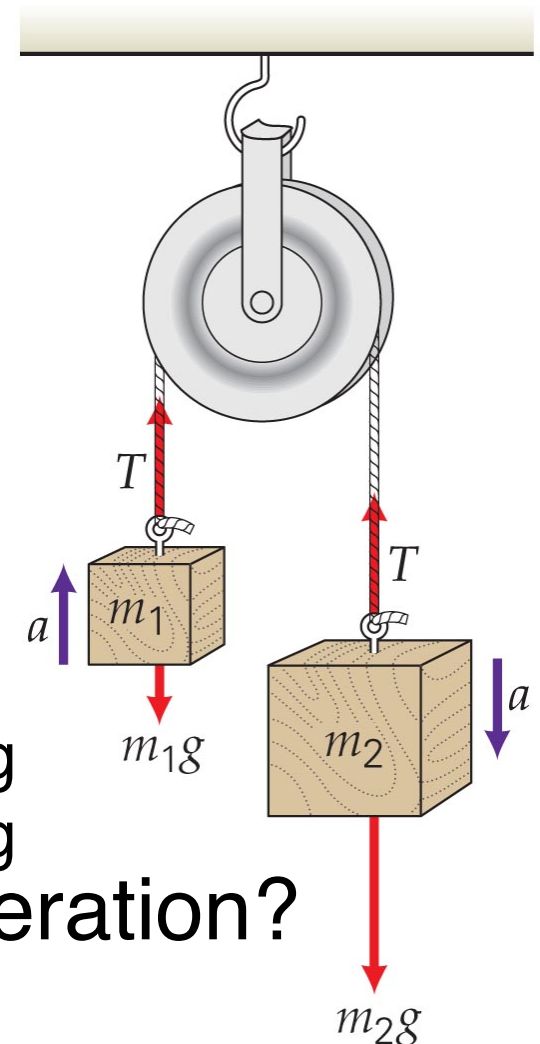
$$= (2.5 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m/s}^2) = m_1 a$$

Atwood's machine

1. Read carefully
2. Draw a sketch = space diagram
3. Given? Goal?
4. Brainstorm: 2nd law problem
 - 4a. For each body, draw a free-body diagram

Given: m_1 , m_2

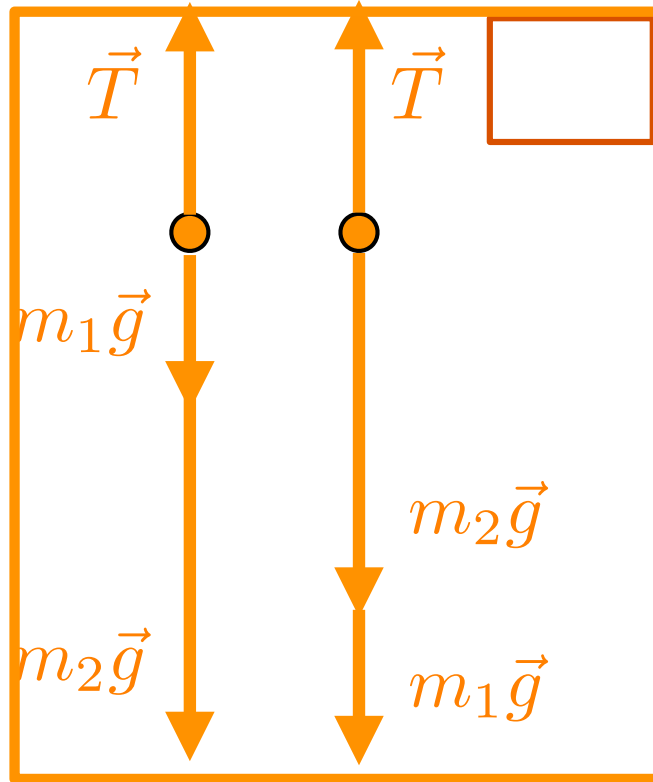
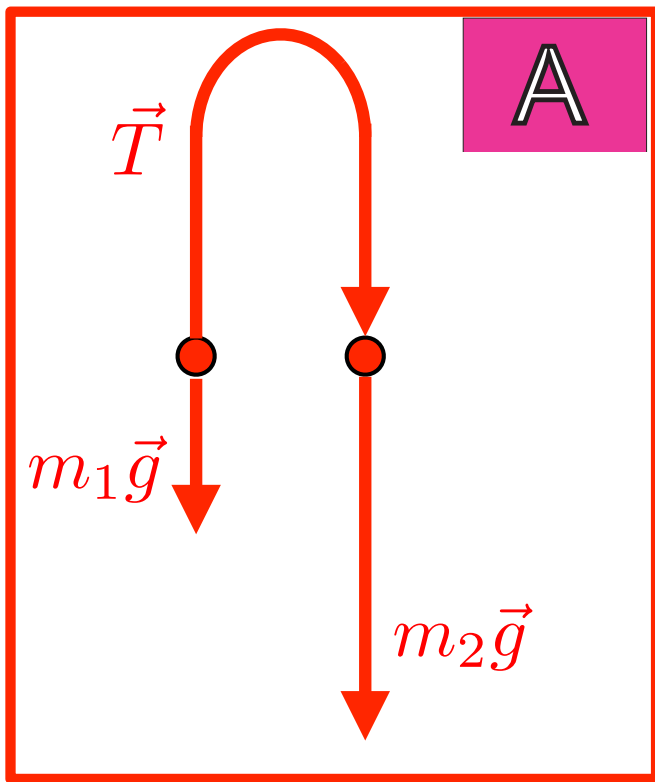
Goal: a



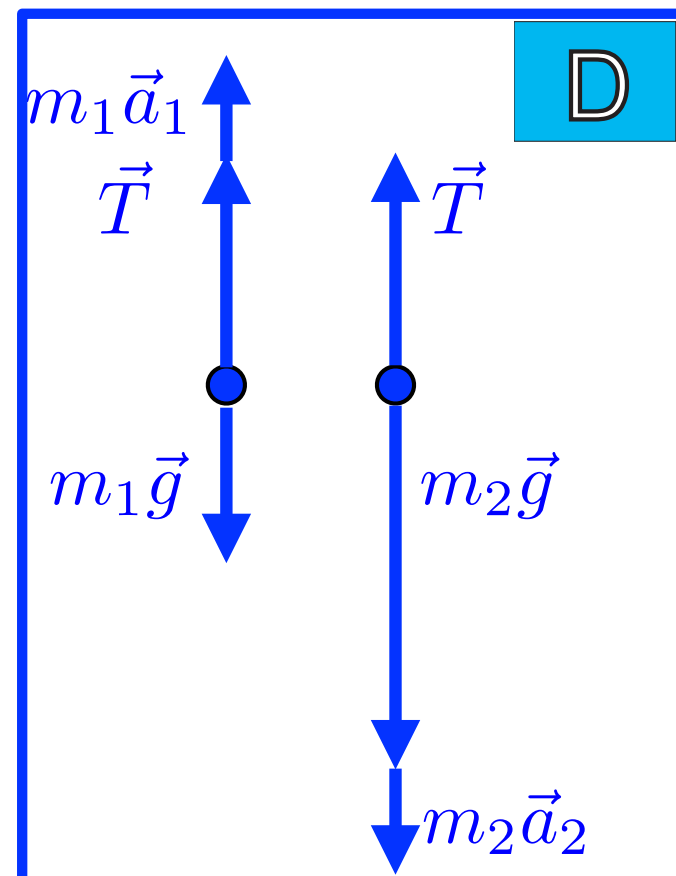
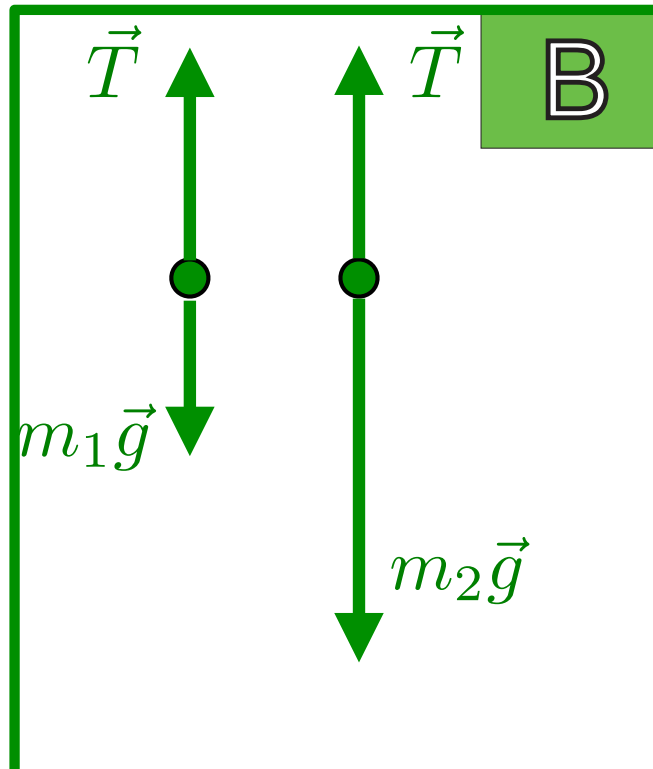
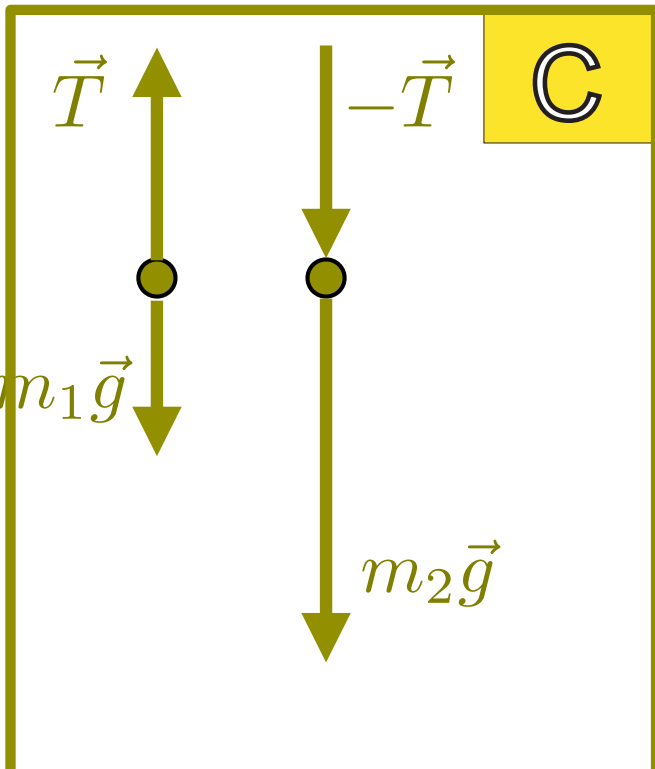
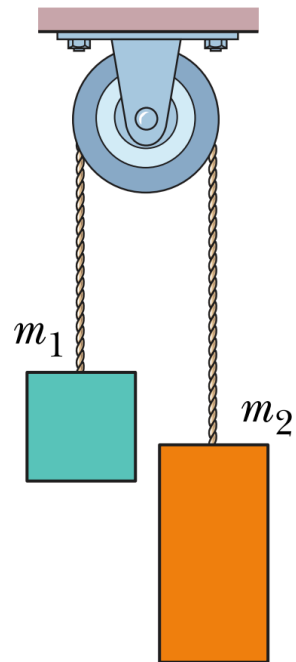
$$m_1 = 1.0 \text{ kg}$$

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Acceleration?



Which is the correct pair of free-body diagrams for Atwood's machine?

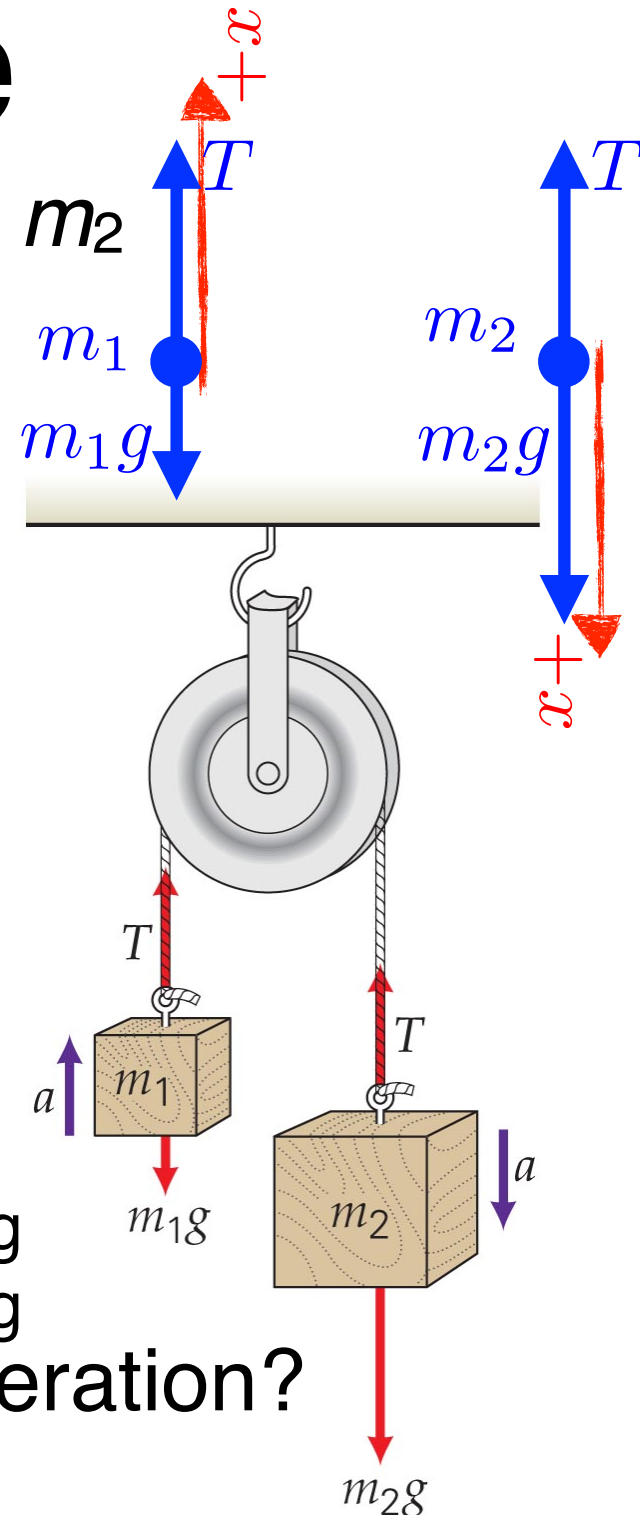


Atwood's machine

1. Read carefully
2. Draw a sketch = space diagram
3. Given? Goal?
4. Brainstorm: 2nd law problem
 - 4a. For each body, draw a free-body diagram
 - i: draw axes: along accel., origin where forces applied
 - ii: draw force vectors from origin
 - iii: resolve forces into components
 - 4b. Apply Newton's 2nd law

Given: m_1, m_2

Goal: a



$$m_1 = 1.0 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 2.0 \text{ kg}$$

Acceleration?

A

$$a_1 = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_2 + m_1}g$$

$$a_2 = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_2 + m_1}g$$

$$T = \frac{2m_1m_2}{m_2 + m_1}g$$

B

$$a_1 = \frac{-m_1 - m_2}{m_1 - m_2}g$$

$$a_2 = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1 - m_2}g$$

$$T = -\frac{2m_1m_2}{m_1 + m_2}g$$

C

$$a_1 = -g$$

$$a_2 = g$$

$$T = 0$$

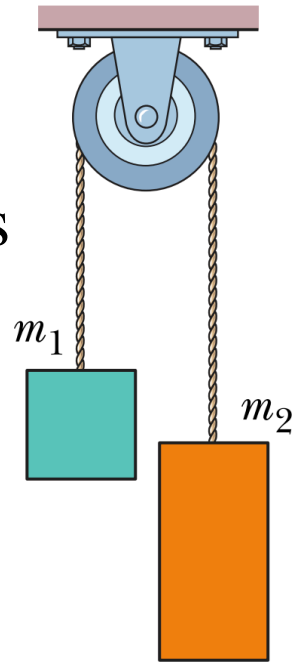
D

$$a_1 = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_2 + m_1}g$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_2 + m_1}g$$

$$T = \frac{2m_1m_2}{m_2 + m_1}g$$

Which has the correct accelerations and string tension for Atwood's machine *before* plugging in numbers?



Atwood

Given: m_1, m_2, θ
Goal: a

1. Read carefully
2. Draw a sketch = space diagram
3. Given? Goal?
4. Brainstorm: 2nd law problem
 - 4a. For each body, draw a free-body diagram
 - 4b. Apply Newton's 2nd law
5. Calculate

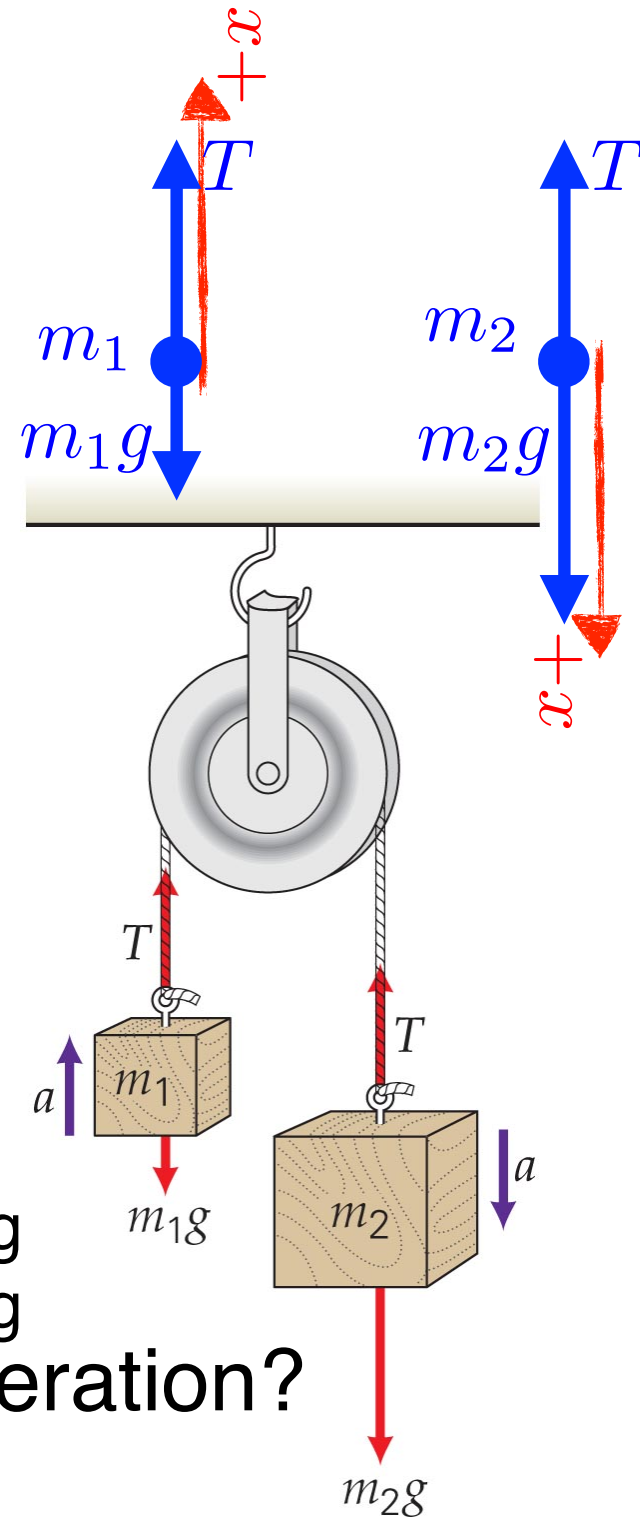
$$T - m_1g = m_1a$$

$$m_2g - T = m_2a$$

$$T = m_1(a + g) = m_2(g - a)$$

$$m_1a + m_2a = m_2g - m_1g$$

$$a = g \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$



$$m_1 = 1.0 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_2 = 2.0 \text{ kg}$$

Acceleration?

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5. Calculate
6. Plug in numbers

$$a = (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \frac{1.0}{3.0} = 3.27 \text{ m/s}^2$$

7. Is the answer reasonable?
Units?

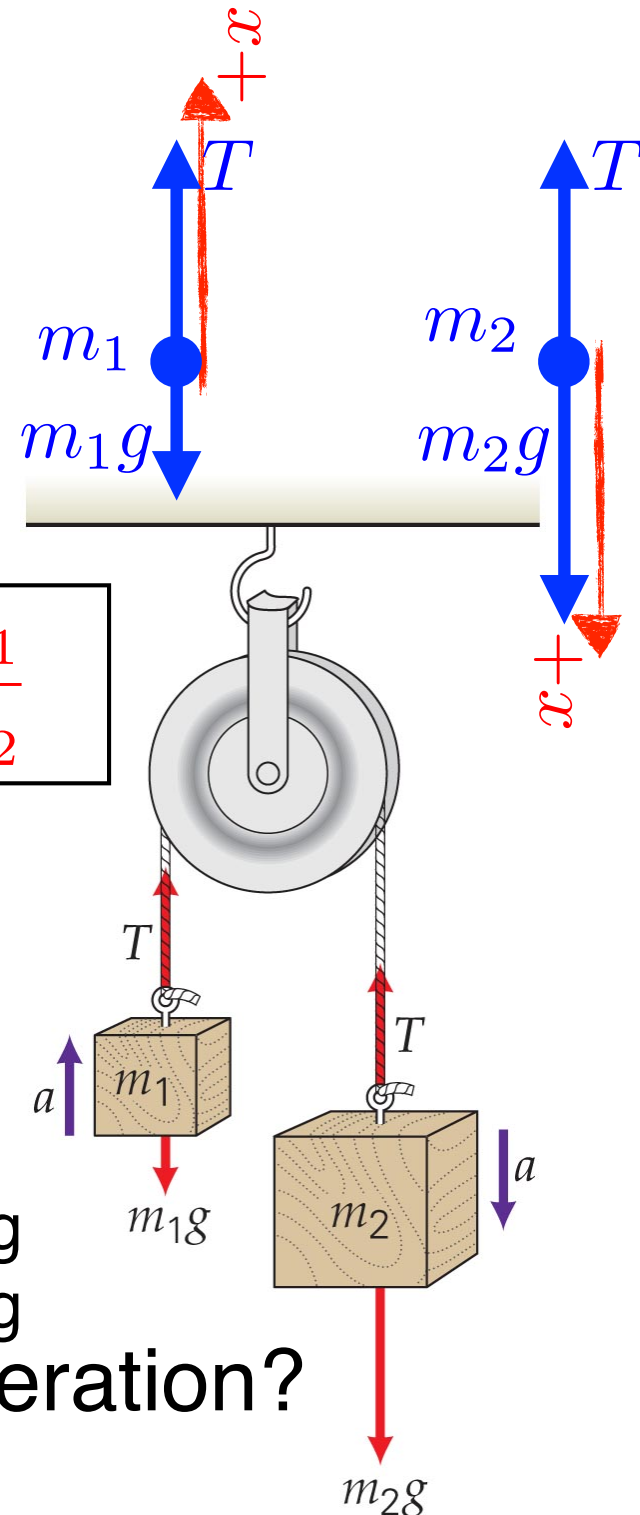
What happens when...

$m_1 = m_2$?

$m_1 = 0$?

$m_2 = 0$?

$$a = g \frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$



$m_1 = 1.0 \text{ kg}$

$m_2 = 2.0 \text{ kg}$

Acceleration?

Demo: Atwood's machine

- Demo: Atwood's machine
- Example: Cairngorm Mountain Funicular Train

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8x-v6FIbU>



Class participation #9

- 0. Name
- 1. What is your vote and why?

Question 4.12 Climbing the Rope

When you climb **up** a rope, the first thing you do is **pull down** on the rope. **How do you manage to go up the rope by doing that?**

A

this slows your initial velocity, which is already upward

B

you don't go up, you're too heavy

C

you're not really pulling down—it just seems that way

D

the rope actually pulls you up



you are pulling the ceiling down