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# Newton's laws of motion

- **Force** : any influence that cause the object to accelerate
- **Newton's first law** : an object at rest will remain at rest and an object in motion with constant velocity in a straight line will maintain that motion unless it experience a net external force
- **Newton's second law** : the acceleration of an object is directly proportional to the resultant force acting on it and inversely proportional to its mass  $\vec{\Sigma f} = m\vec{a}$
- **Newton's third law** : to every action there is always an equal and opposite reaction  $\vec{f}_{12} = \vec{f}_{21}$

- **Equilibrium** : an object is at equilibrium if the resulting forces on it are zero
- $\vec{\Sigma f} = 0$
- **Weight** : the force exerted by the earth on a body
- $W = mg$  ,  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
- **Unit of force** : newton (N) ,  $1\text{N} = 1\text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}^2$
- **Example** : a woman has a mass of **60 kg** , she is standing on a floor and remains at rest , find the normal force exerted on her by the floor ?

• **Solution** :

• **Equilibrium** :

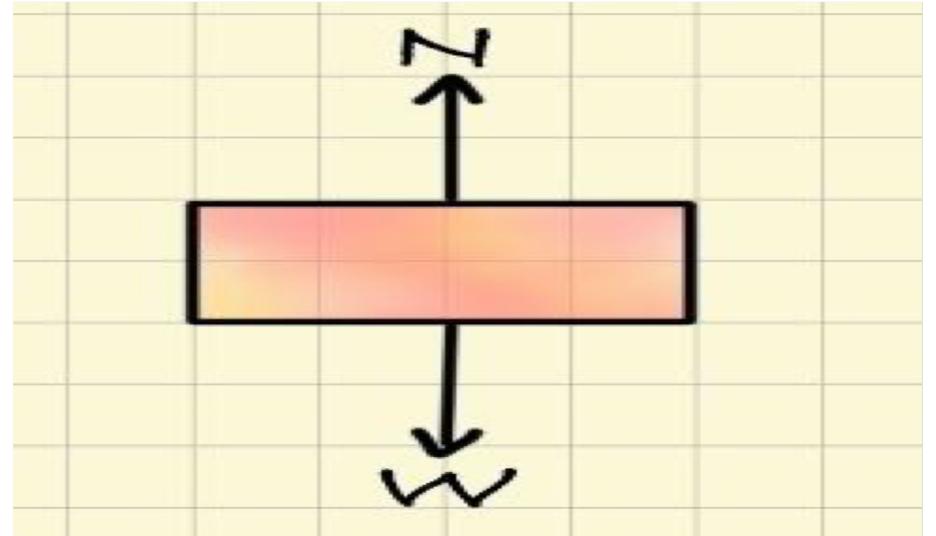
- $\vec{N} + \vec{W} = 0$

- $\vec{N} = N\hat{K}$

- $\vec{W} = -W\hat{K}$

- $N = W = mg$

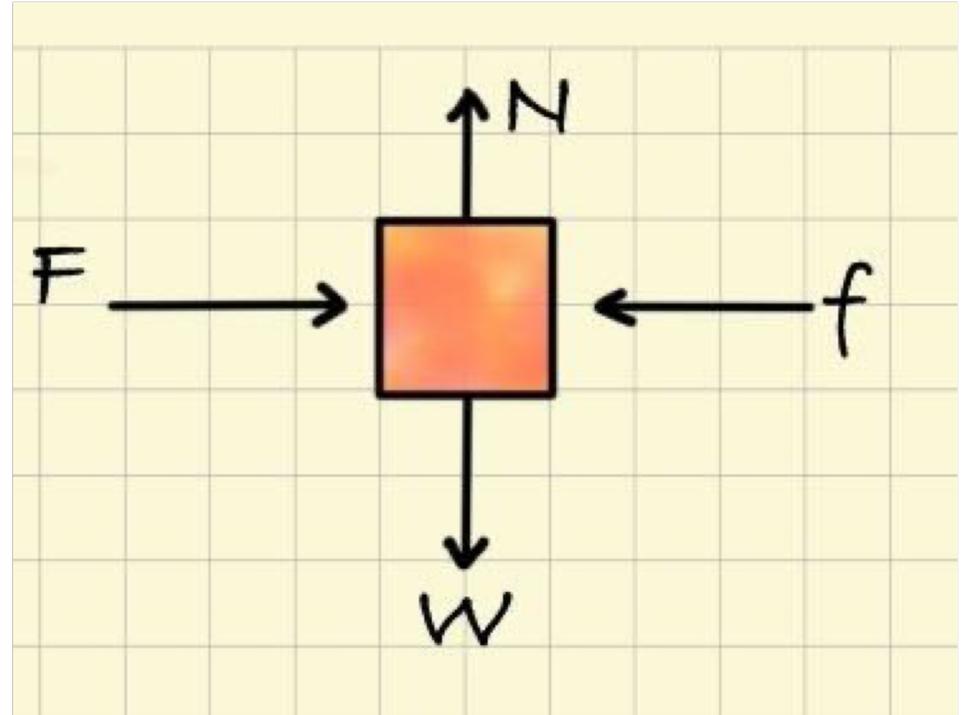
- $N = 60 * 9.8 = 588 \text{ N}$



- **Example** : an ice cream vendor exerts a force of **40N** to overcome friction and push his cart at a constant velocity , the car has a mass of **150kg** , find the forces acting on the cart ?

- **Solution** :

- The net forces are **zero**
- $\sum \vec{f}_i = \vec{F} + \vec{N} + \vec{f} + \vec{W} = 0$
- $F = f = 40\text{N}$
- $N = W = mg = 150 * 9.8 = 1470\text{N}$



- **Example** : a child pushes a sled across a frozen pond with a horizontal force of **20N** , assume friction is negligible .
- 1) if the sled accelerates at  **$0.5\text{m/s}^2$**  , what is its mass ?
- 2) another child with a mass of **60kg** sits on the sled , what acceleration will the same force produce now ?

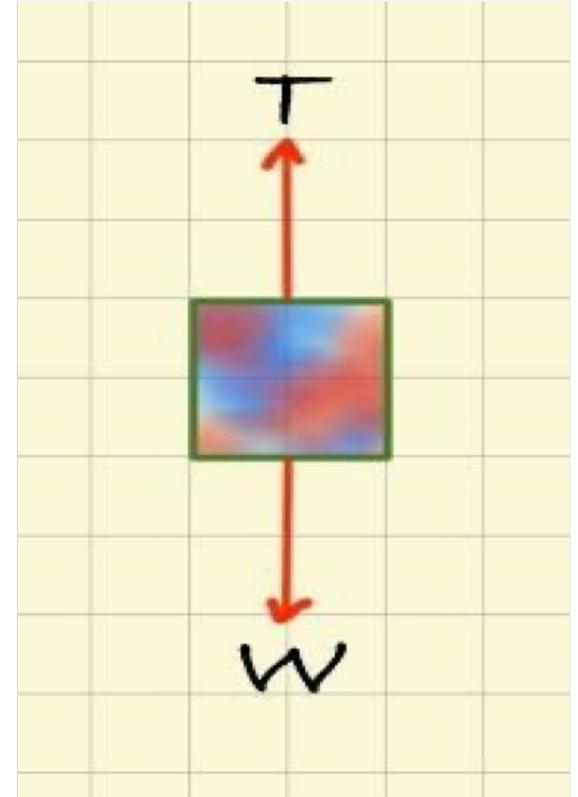
- **Solution** :

- 1)  $f = ma$
- $m = f/a = 20/0.5 = 40\text{kg}$
- 2)  $a = f/(m_1 + m_2) = 20/(40+60) = 0.2 \text{ m/s}^2$

- **Example** : an elevator has a mass of  $1000\text{kg}$  , find :
  - 1) it accelerates upward at  $3\text{m/s}^2$  , what is the force  $T$  exerts by the cable on the elevator ?
  - 2) what is the force  $T$  if the acceleration is  $3\text{m/s}^2$  downward ?

- **Solution** :

- 1)  $T - mg = ma$
- $T = mg + ma = m(g + a) = 1000 * (9.8 + 3) = 12800\text{N}$
- 2)  $T - mg = -ma$
- $T = mg - ma = m(g - a) = 1000 * (9.8 - 3) = 6800\text{N}$

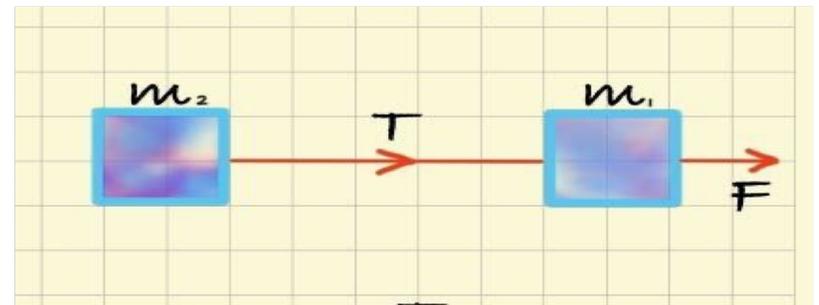
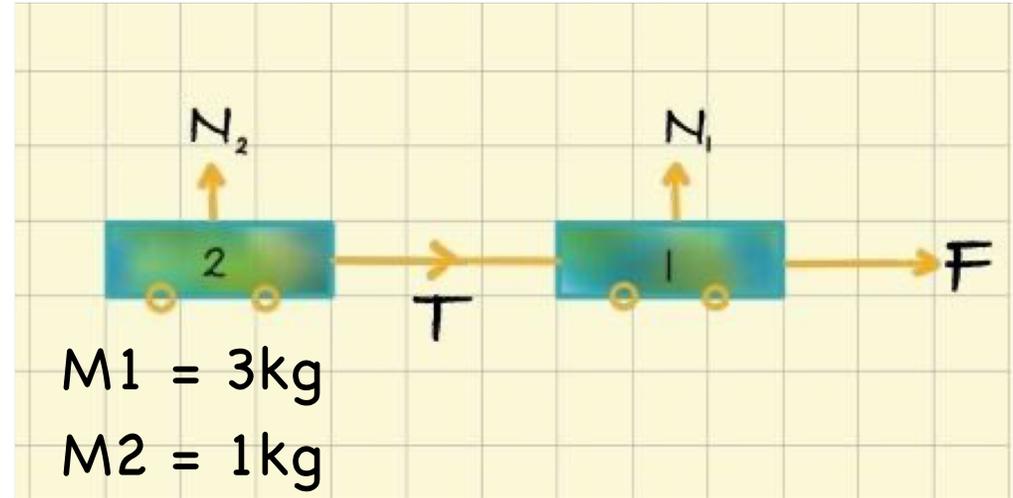


• **Example** : a child pulls a train of two cars with a horizontal force of **10N** , if we neglect the mass of the string and friction :

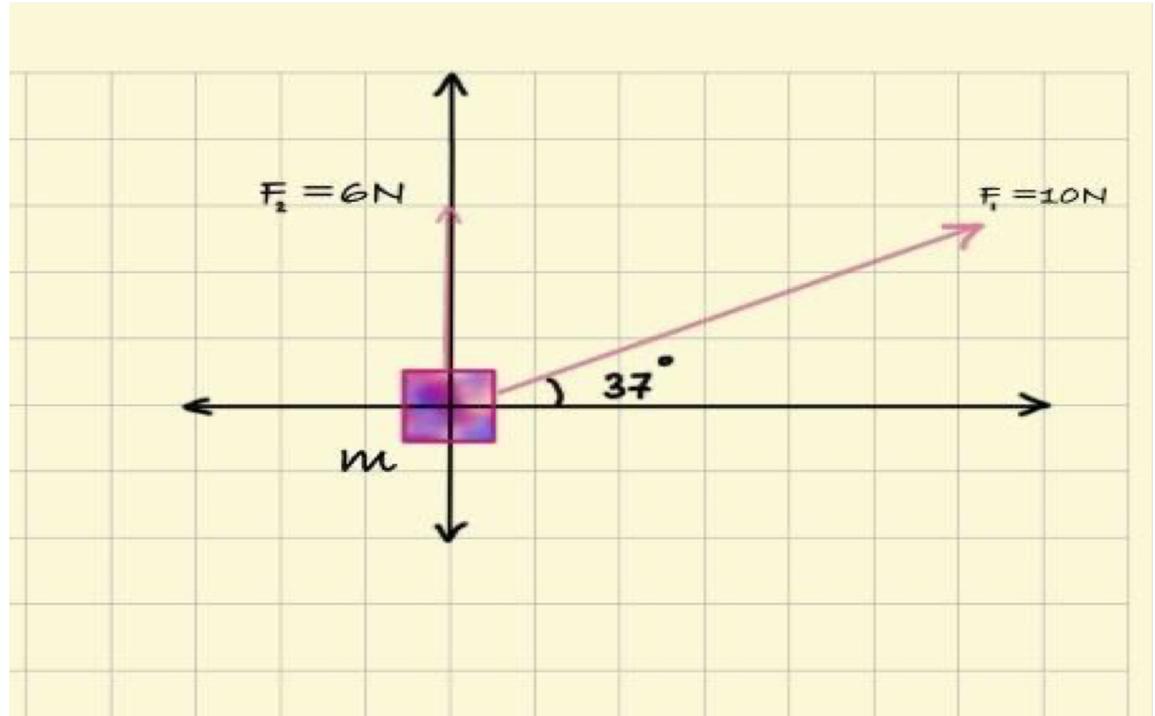
- 1) find the normal forces exerted on each car by the floor
- 2) what is the acceleration of the train ?
- 3) what is the tension in the string ?

• **Solution** :

- 1)
- $N_1 = m_1g = 3 * 9.8 = 29.4 \text{ N}$
- $N_2 = m_2g = 1 * 9.8 = 9.8 \text{ N}$
- 2)
- $F = (m_1 + m_2) * a$
- $a = F/(m_1 + m_2) = 10/(3+1) = 10/4 = 2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$
- 3)
- $T = m_2a = 2.5 \text{ N}$



- **Example** : two forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  acting on an object of mass  $2\text{kg}$  in the directions shown in the figure , find :
- 1) the acceleration of the object
- 2) the third force that causes the object to be in equilibrium

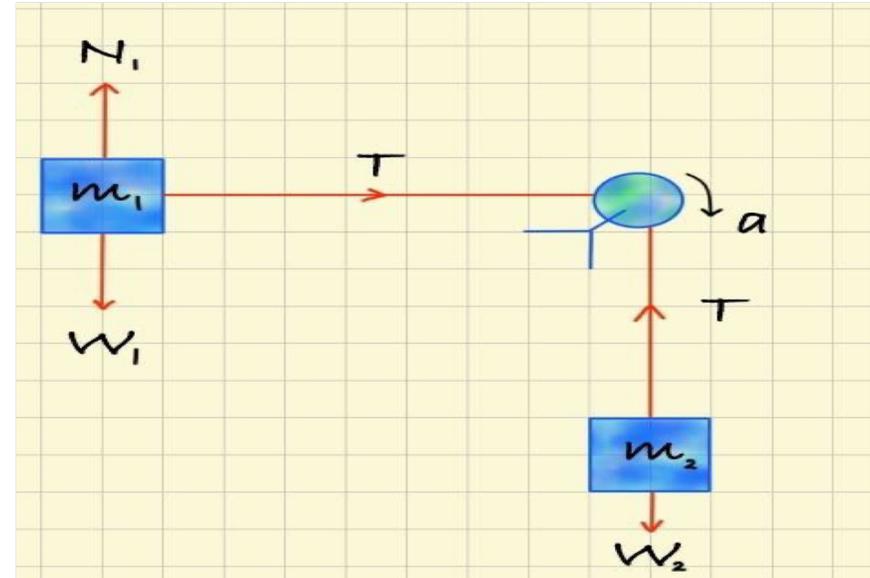


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## • Solution :

- 1)
- $\vec{\Sigma f} = m\vec{a}$
- $\Sigma f_x = ma_x$
- $(F_1 * \cos 37) + (f_2 * \cos 90) = ma_x$
- $10 * 0.8 + 0 = 2a_x \dots\dots a_x = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$
- $\Sigma f_y = ma_y \dots\dots (F_1 * \sin 37) + (F_2 * \sin 90 = ma_y) = (10 * 0.6) + 6 = 2a_y \dots\dots A_y = 6\text{m/s}^2$
- $A = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} = \sqrt{16 + 36} = 7.2 \text{ m/s}^2$
- $\theta = \tan^{-1} a_y/a_x = \tan^{-1} 6/4 = 56.3^\circ$
- 2)
- $\vec{F}_3 = -(\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2)$  , **but**  $(\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2) = m\vec{a} = 2(4\hat{x} + 6\hat{y}) = 8\hat{x} + 12\hat{y}$
- $\vec{F}_3 = -8\hat{x} - 12\hat{y}$
- $|\vec{F}_3| = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + (-12)^2} = 14.4 \text{ N}$

- **Example** : a block of mass  $m_1 = 20\text{kg}$  is free to move on a horizontal surface , a rope : which passes over a pulley , attaches it to a hanging block of mass  $m_2 = 10\text{kg}$  assuming for simplicity that the pulley and rope masses are negligible and that there is no friction , find :
  - 1) the forces on the blocks
  - 2) their acceleration
  - 3) if the system is initially at rest , how far has it moved after  $2\text{s}$  ?



- **to be continued .....**

## • Solution :

• 1)

•  $N_1 = m_1g = 20 * 9.8 = 196 \text{ N}$

•  $W_1 = N_1 = 196 \text{ N}$

• 2)

•  $T = m_1a \dots\dots (1)$

$T - W_2 = -m_2a \dots\dots (2)$

• (1) – (2) :

•  $W_2 = (m_1 + m_2) * a$

•  $a = w_2/(m_1 + m_2) = m_2g/(m_1 + m_2)$

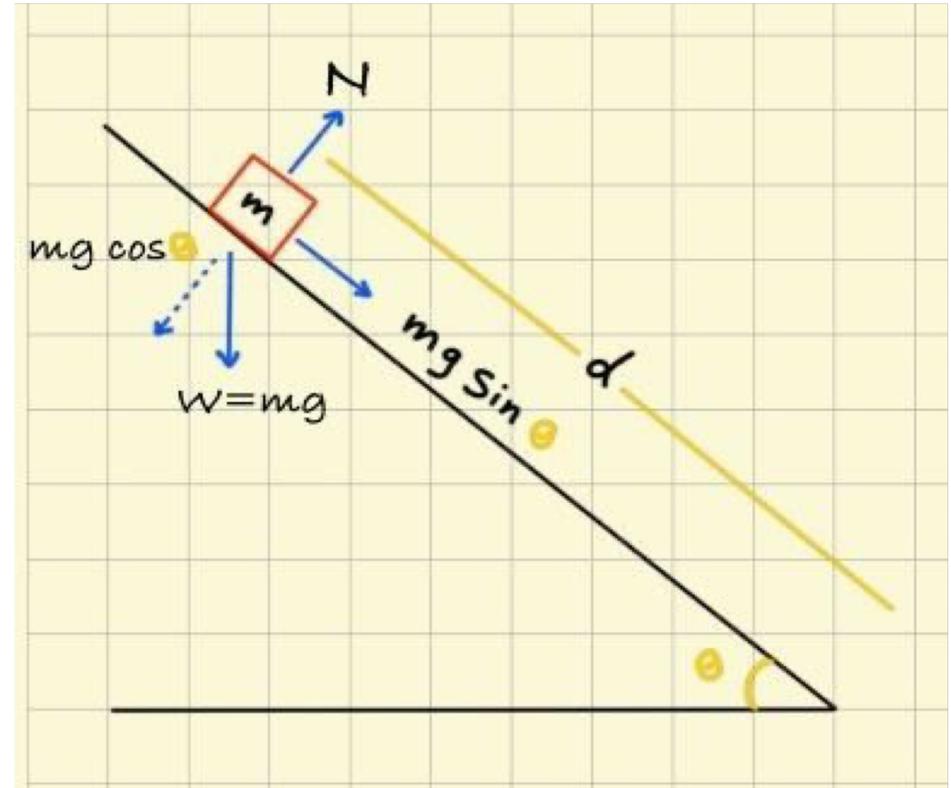
•  $a = 10*9.8/(20 + 10) = 3.27 \text{ m/s}^2$

• 3)

•  $\Delta x = v_0t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$

•  $= 0 + \frac{1}{2} * 3.7 * 2^2 = 6.54 \text{ m}$

- **Example** : a block of mass  $m$  is placed on a smooth inclined plane of angle  $\theta$  and length  $d$  :
- 1) determine the acceleration of the block after its released
- 2) how long does it take the block to reach the bottom ?
- 3) what is the speed as it gets their ?



• **To be continued .....**

## Solution :

1)

$$\Sigma f_x = ma_x$$

$$mg * \sin\theta = ma_x$$

$$a_x = g * \sin\theta$$

$$\Sigma f_y = 0$$

$$N - (mg * \cos\theta) = 0$$

2)

$$\Delta x = d = v_{0x}t + (\frac{1}{2} a_x t^2)$$

$$d = 0 + (\frac{1}{2} g * \sin\theta * t^2)$$

$$t = \sqrt{2d/g * \sin\theta}$$

3)

$$V^2 = v_0^2 + 2a_x * \Delta x$$

$$= 0 + 2g * \sin\theta * d$$

$$V = \sqrt{2d * g * \sin\theta}$$

