

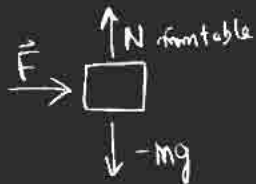
Phys 201  
Exam 1  
Wed 9/29  
5:45-6:45 pm  
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## Applications of Newton's laws

Ex 1 Find the mass



body starts from rest  
moves 100m in 5s  
what is mass?



$$\begin{aligned} m a_x &= F_x \\ 0 &= m a_y = F_y = N - mg \\ \Rightarrow N &= mg \end{aligned}$$

look at  $m a_x = F_x$   
 $m = F/a_x$

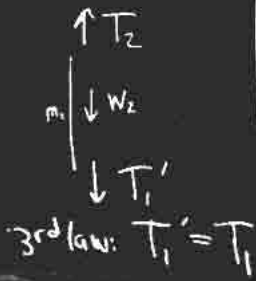
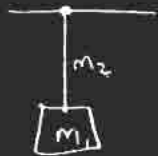
find  $a_x$

recall  $x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } a_x &= 2(x - x_0) / t^2 \\ &= 2(100\text{m}) / (5\text{s})^2 \\ &= 8 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } m = \frac{(40\text{N})}{(8 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 5 \text{ kg}$$

Ex 2 force equilibrium  
no acceleration



Weight:

$$T_1 - W_1 = 0$$

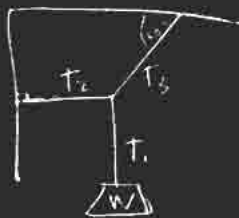
$$\Rightarrow T_1 = W_1 = m_1 g$$

String

$$T_2 - W_2 - T_1 = 0$$

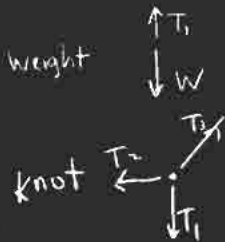
$$T_2 = m_2 g + m_1 g$$

Suppose  
block weighs 20 N  
string weighs 1 N  
 $T_2 = W_2 + T_1 = 21 \text{ N}$



massless  
strings

Find  $T_2$



$$T_1 + (-W) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1 = W$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow T_3 \cos 60^\circ - T_2 = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_3 \sin 60^\circ - T_1 = 0$$

cont  $\rightarrow$

$$T_1 = W$$

$$\Rightarrow T_3 \sin 60^\circ - W = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_3 = \frac{W}{\sin 60^\circ} = 1.155W$$

$$T_2 = T_3 \cos 60^\circ$$

$$= (1.155W)(\cos 60^\circ) = 0.577W$$

so  $T_1 = W$ ,  $T_2 = 0.577W$ ,  $T_3 = 1.155W$



no friction, massless string

given  $W_1$  and  $\theta$ ,  
what is  $W_2$  so that  
blocks don't move



$$a = 0 \text{ so } T = W_2$$



$$0 = F_x = T - W_1 \sin \theta$$

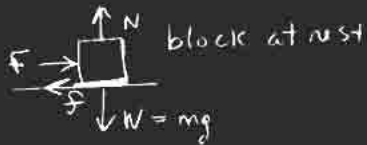
$$0 = F_y = N - W_1 \cos \theta$$

$$0 = T - W_1 \sin \theta$$
$$= W_2 - W_1 \sin \theta$$

$$W_2 = W_1 \sin \theta$$

still in force equilibrium

Friction



friction force  $f_s$  opposes motion

$$f_s \leq (\mu_s N)$$

Coefficient of friction depends on material

block does not move until  $F > \mu mg$

If  $F > \mu mg$  then friction force becomes:

$$F_k = \mu_k N$$

opposing motion

typically  $\mu_k$  is a little less than  $\mu$

Block on inclined plane with friction



block moves at  
constant speed  
find  $\mu_k$

const speed  
 $\Rightarrow a = 0$

$$\Sigma F_x = \mu_k N - W \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_k N = W \sin \theta$$

$$\Sigma F_y = N - W \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow N = W \cos \theta$$

divide

$$\mu_k \left( \frac{N}{N} \right) = \left( \frac{W \sin \theta}{W \cos \theta} \right) = \tan \theta$$

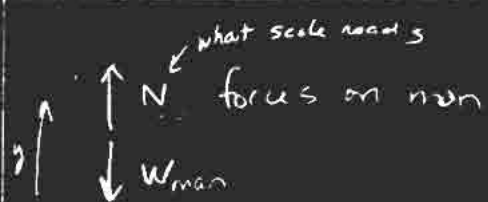
Forces not balanced



160 lb man  
in elevator

Scale reads  
200 lbs

Find magnitude  
& direction  
of acceleration



$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$F_y = N - W_{\text{man}} = m_{\text{man}} a_y$$

$$a_y = \frac{N - W_{\text{man}}}{m_{\text{man}}} = \frac{N}{(m_{\text{man}}g)} - g$$

$$a_y = \frac{(200 \text{ lb})}{(160 \text{ lb})} g - g = \frac{(200 - 160) \text{ lb}}{160 \text{ lb}} g = \frac{1}{4} g \text{ up.}$$