

Chapter 5

FORCE AND MOTION I

Newtonian Mechanics

- In this chapter we explore the relation between force and acceleration, or Newtonian mechanics.
- Newtonian mechanics describe very well almost all dynamical systems encountered in our daily life.

Newton's First Law

- Before Newton, it was believed that a “force” is needed to keep a body moving at a constant velocity. Without the force, the body will approach its “natural state” of rest.
- We know that over a **frictionless surface**, an object in motion hardly slows. The more frictionless the surface, the longer it takes the object to slow down.

Newton's First Law: If no forces act on a body, the body's velocity cannot change (it does not accelerate.)

- An object at rest stays at rest. An object in motion stays in motion with the same velocity (magnitude and direction.)

Force

- Simply, a force is a pull or push.
- The unit of force is Newton (N). A force of 1 Newton accelerates a mass of 1 kg by 1 m/s^2 .
- Forces, are vector quantities: they have magnitudes and directions, and combine according to the vector rules. (\vec{F} is used for force)
- Forces acting on an object are added vectorially to find the **net force**, or **resultant force**.
- The net force has the same effect as that of all individual forces. (The **principle of superposition for forces**.)

Force

Newton's First Law: If no force acts on a body ($\vec{F}_{net} = 0$), the body's velocity cannot change (it does not accelerate.)

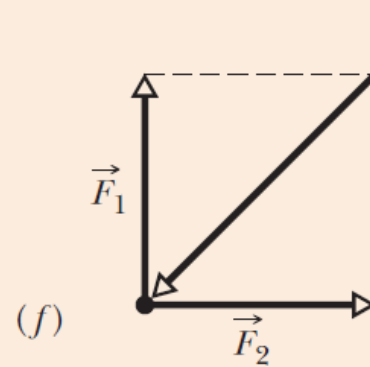
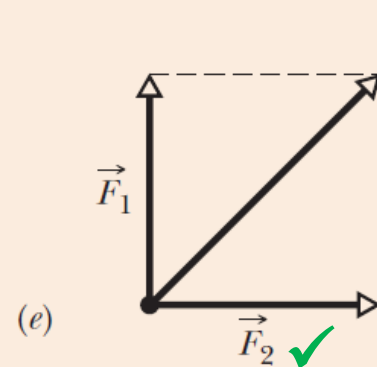
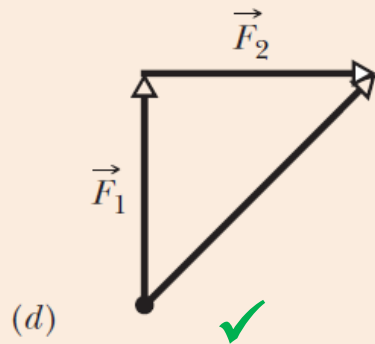
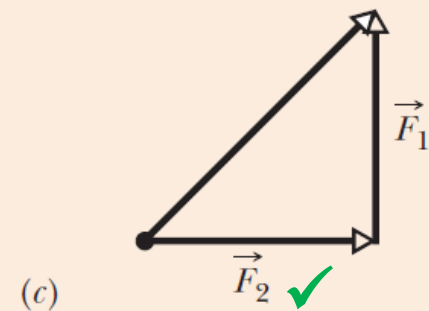
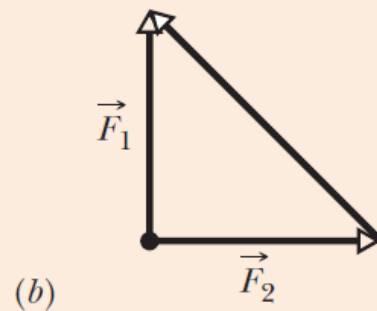
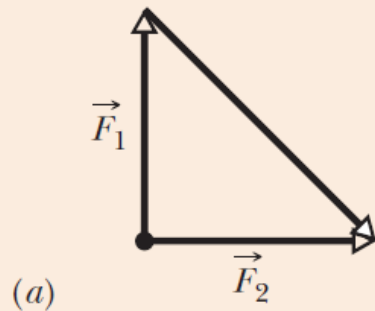
- **Inertial Reference Frames:**

A reference frame (in which measurements are made) must be nonaccelerating with respect to an object for Newton's first law to hold. Such a reference frame is called an **inertial reference frame**.

Force

CHECKPOINT 1

Which of the figure's six arrangements correctly show the vector addition of forces \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_2 to yield the third vector, which is meant to represent their net force \vec{F}_{net} ?



Mass

- The same force causes two objects of different masses to accelerate differently.
- The acceleration is inversely proportional to the mass. For instance, the acceleration is halved when the mass is doubled.
- We can measure a mass by measuring its acceleration when a standard force, say, 1.0 N is applied to it.
- The mass of an object is an intrinsic characteristic of it.
- Mass is a scalar quantity.
- In a physical sense, the mass of a body is the characteristic that relates a force on a body to the resulting acceleration.

Newton's Second Law

- Newton's Second Law: The net force on a body is equal to the product of the body's mass and its acceleration

$$\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}.$$

- Along the axes of an xyz coordinate system

$$F_{net,x} = ma_x; F_{net,y} = ma_y; F_{net,z} = ma_z.$$

The acceleration component along a given axis is caused only by the sum of the force components along the same axis.

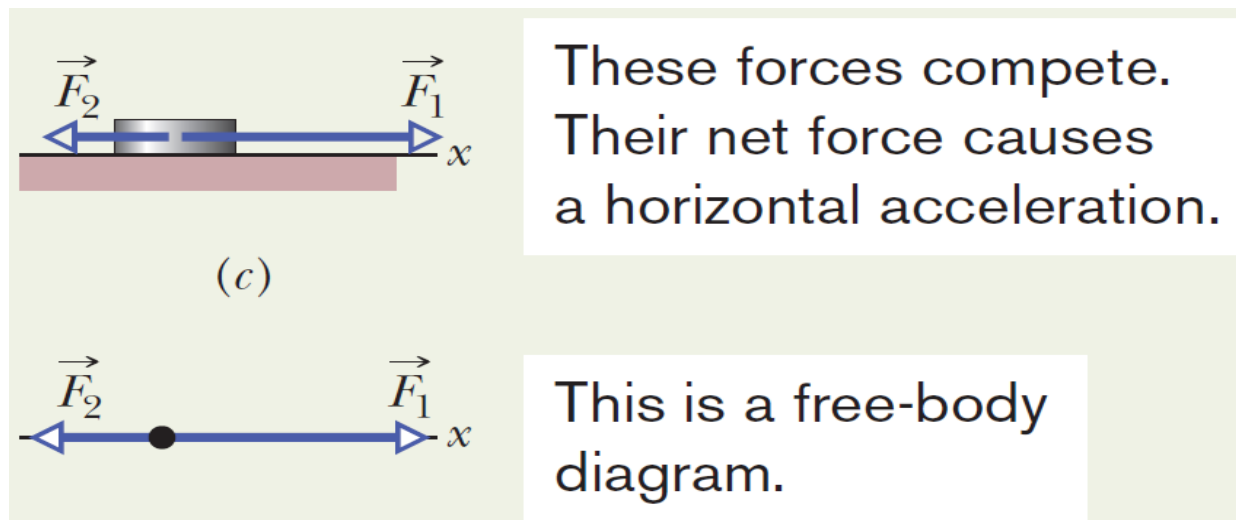
- If $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$ for a body then $\vec{a} = 0$. The forces on the body balance (or cancel) one another. The body is in **equilibrium**.

Newton's Second Law

- In SI units

$$1\text{N} = (1\text{kg})(1\text{m/s}^2) = 1\text{kg} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}.$$

- Free-Body Diagram: A body is drawn along with all forces (arrows.) In our book the body is drawn as a dot. Sometimes the acceleration is drawn as well.



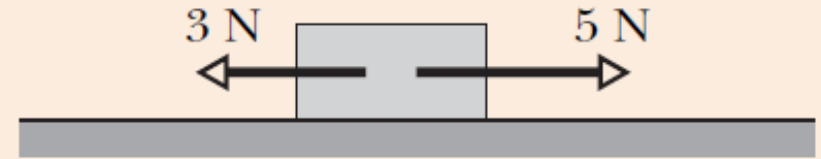
Newton's Second Law

- A **system** consists of one or more bodies. A force on a body in the system from an external body is called an **external force**. If the bodies making up the system are rigidly connected we can treat the system as one body. \vec{F}_{net} is the vector sum of all external forces. Internal forces between bodies inside the system do not accelerate the system.

Newton's Second Law

✓ CHECKPOINT 2

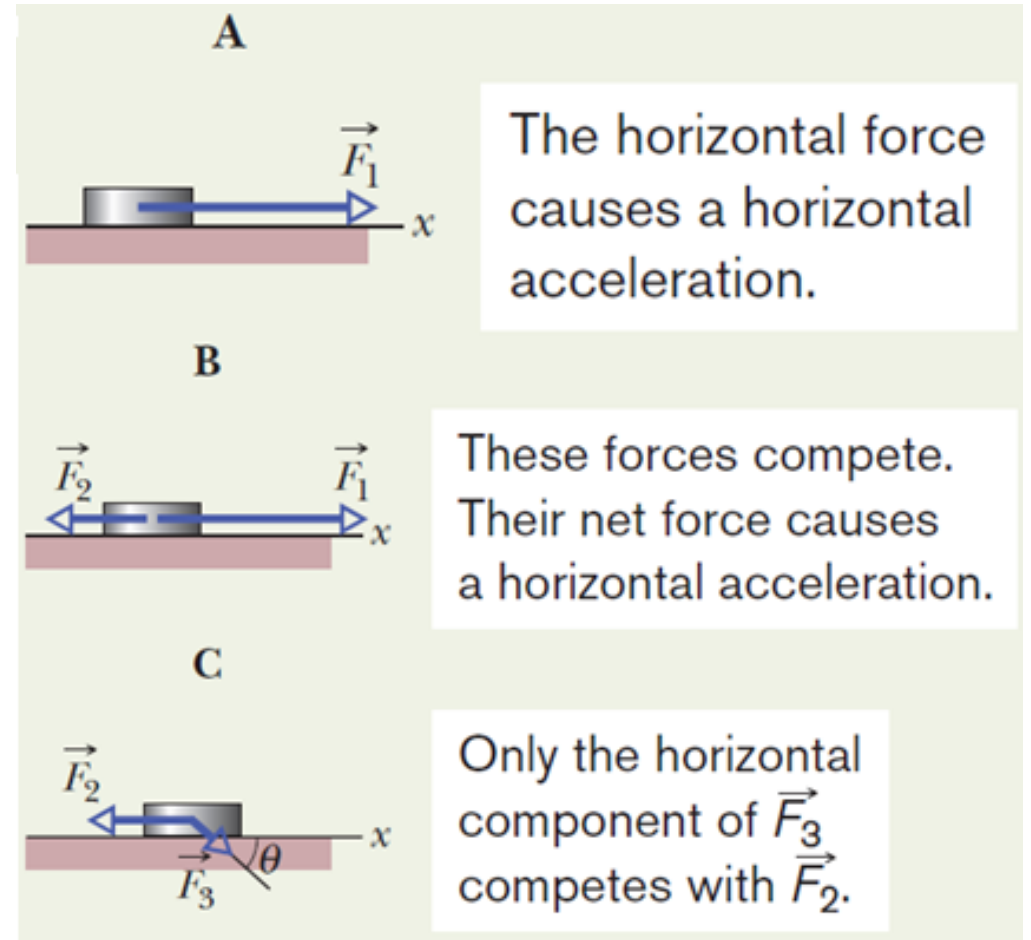
The figure here shows two horizontal forces acting on a block on a frictionless floor. If a third horizontal force \vec{F}_3 also acts on the block, what are the magnitude and direction of \vec{F}_3 when the block is (a) stationary and (b) moving to the left with a constant speed of 5 m/s?



- a) $\vec{a} = 0$ or $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$. Hence $\vec{F}_3 = 2$ N leftward.
- b) $\vec{a} = 0$ or $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$. Hence $\vec{F}_3 = 2$ N leftward.

Newton's Second Law

Example 1: The forces on a 0.20 kg puck are shown in three different situations. \vec{F}_1 and \vec{F}_2 are directed along the axis and have magnitudes $F_1 = 4.0 \text{ N}$ and $F_2 = 2.0 \text{ N}$. Force \vec{F}_3 is directed at angle $\theta = 30^\circ$ and has magnitude $F_3 = 1.0 \text{ N}$. In each situation, what is the acceleration of the puck?



Newton's Second Law

The motion is along the x axis in the three cases. Newton's 2nd for the x components is

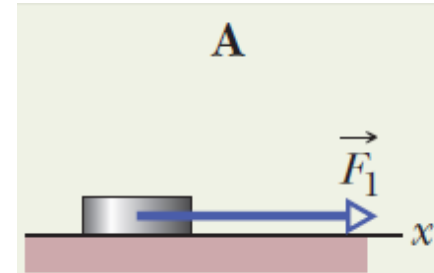
$$F_{net,x} = ma_x.$$

A) In this case $F_{net,x} = F_1$. Therefore,

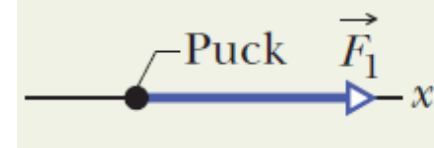
$$F_1 = ma_x,$$

or

$$a_x = \frac{F_1}{m} = \frac{4.0 \text{ N}}{0.20 \text{ kg}} = 20 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}.$$



The horizontal force causes a horizontal acceleration.



This is a free-body diagram.

Newton's Second Law

B) In this case $F_{net,x} = F_1 - F_2$. Therefore,

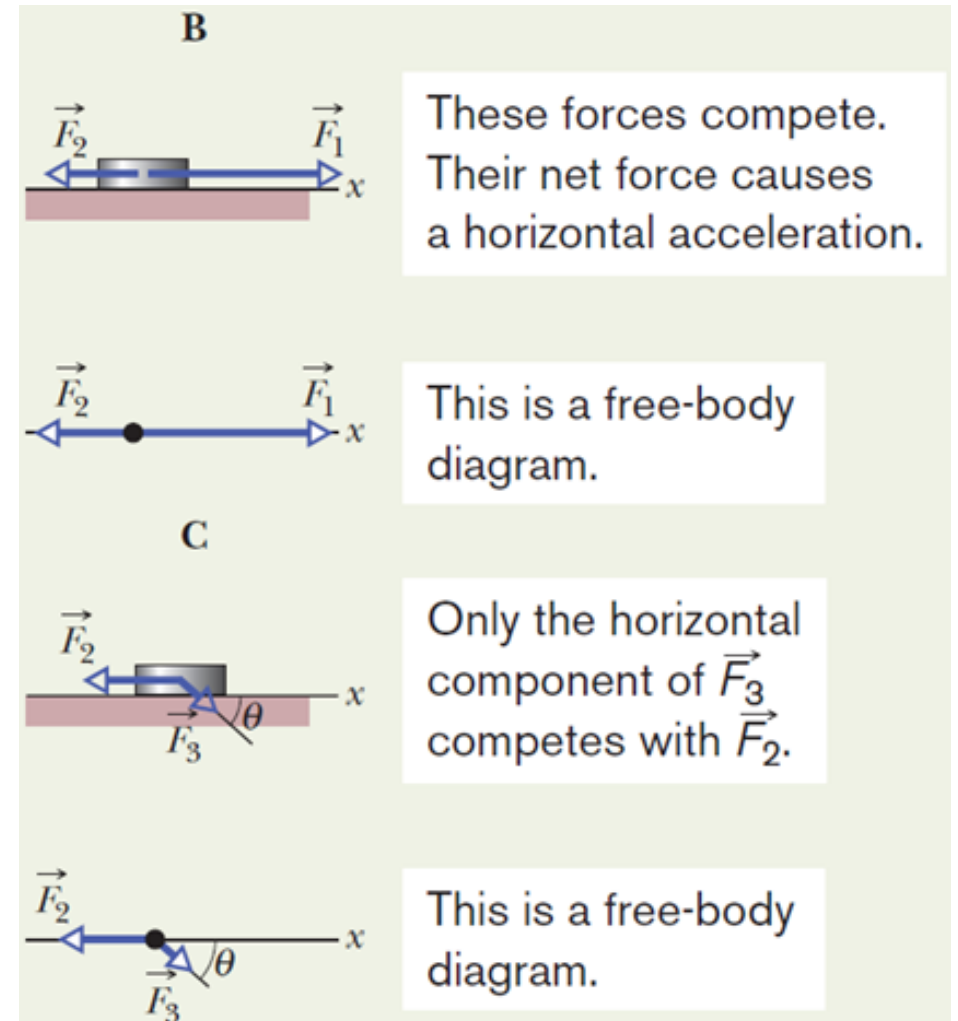
$$F_1 - F_2 = ma_x.$$

$$a_x = \frac{F_1 - F_2}{m} = \frac{4.0 \text{ N} - 2.0 \text{ N}}{0.20 \text{ kg}} = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}.$$

C) In this case $F_{net,x} = F_{3,x} - F_2$. Therefore,

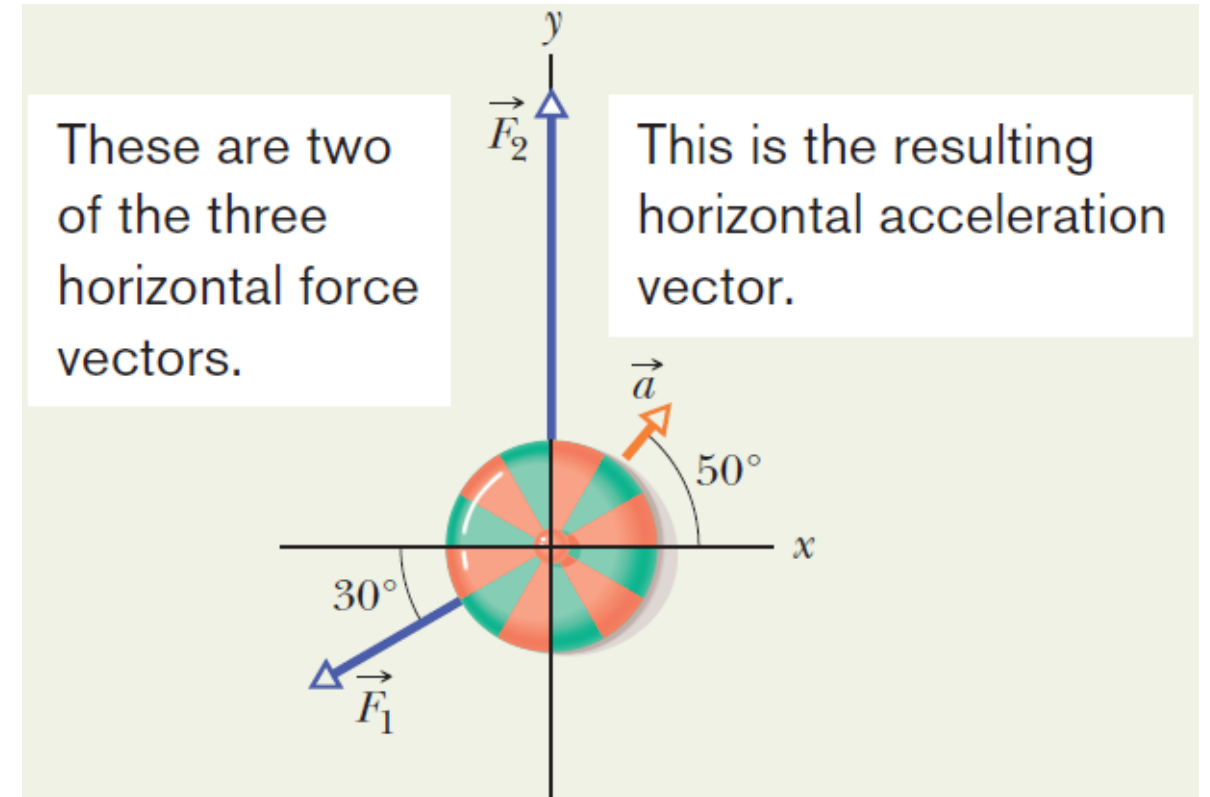
$$F_3 \cos \theta - F_2 = ma_x.$$

$$a_x = \frac{F_3 \cos \theta - F_2}{m} = \frac{(1.0 \text{ N})(\cos -30^\circ) - 2.0 \text{ N}}{0.20 \text{ kg}} = -5.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}.$$



Newton's Second Law

Example 2: a 2.0 kg cookie tin is accelerated at 3.0 m/s^2 in the direction shown by \vec{a} , over a frictionless horizontal surface. The acceleration is caused by three horizontal forces, only two of which are shown: \vec{F}_1 of magnitude 10 N and \vec{F}_2 of magnitude 20 N. What is the third force \vec{F}_3 in unit-vector notation and in magnitude angle notation?



Newton's Second Law

Applying Newton's 2nd law $\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}$, we have

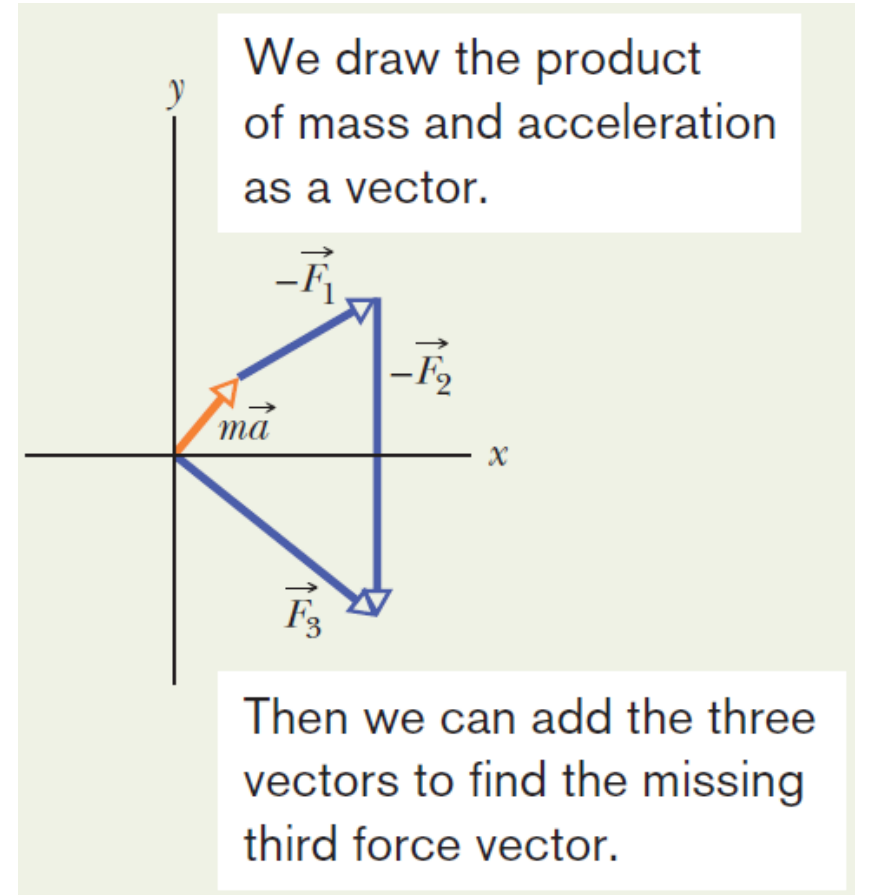
$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 = m\vec{a},$$

which gives

$$\vec{F}_3 = m\vec{a} - \vec{F}_1 - \vec{F}_2.$$

Along the x axis,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{3,x} &= m a_x - F_{1,x} - F_{2,x} \\ &= m (a \cos 50^\circ) - F_1 \cos 210^\circ - F_2 \cos 90^\circ \\ &= (2.0 \text{ kg})(3.0 \text{ m/s}^2) \cos 50^\circ - (10 \text{ N}) \cos 210^\circ \\ &= 12.5 \text{ N}. \end{aligned}$$



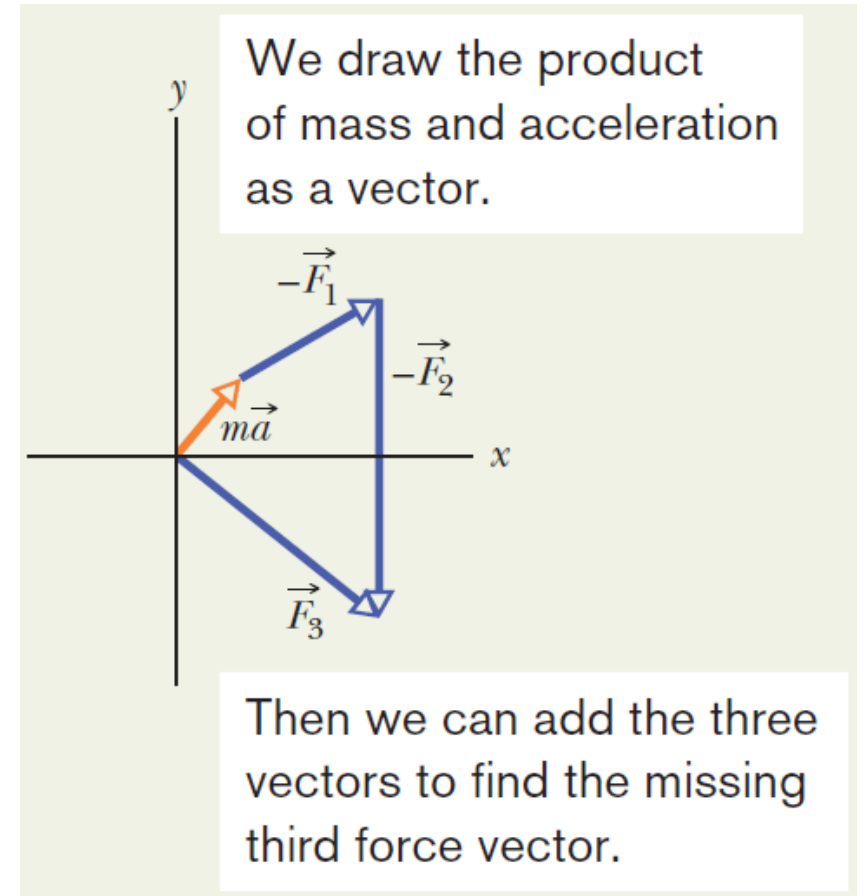
Newton's Second Law

Along the y axis,

$$\begin{aligned}F_{3,y} &= m a_y - F_{1,y} - F_{2,y} \\&= m (a \sin 50^\circ) - F_1 \sin 210^\circ - F_2 \sin 90^\circ \\&= (2.0 \text{ kg})(3.0 \text{ m/s}^2) \sin 50^\circ - (10 \text{ N}) \sin 210^\circ \\&\quad - (20 \text{ N}) \sin 90^\circ \\&= -10.4 \text{ N}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{F}_3 \approx (13 \text{ N})\hat{i} + (-10 \text{ N})\hat{j}.$$

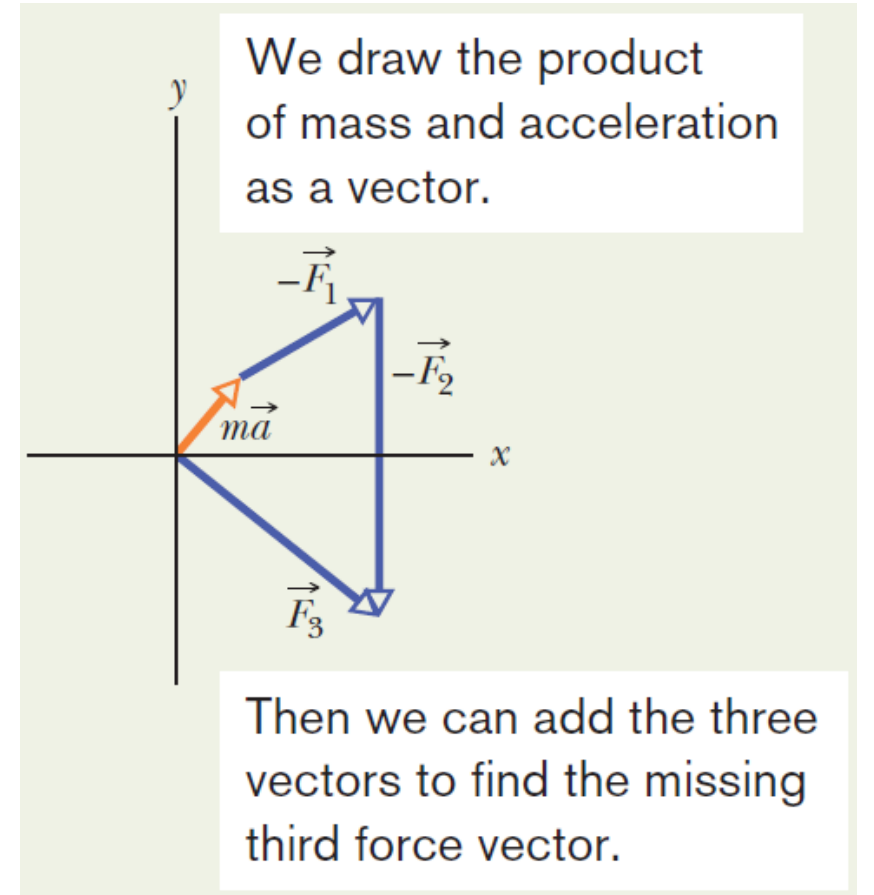


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The magnitude and angle of \vec{F}_3 are:

$$F_3 = \sqrt{(12.5 \text{ N})^2 + (-10.4 \text{ N})^2} = 16 \text{ N},$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{-10.4 \text{ N}}{12.5 \text{ N}} = -40^\circ.$$



5-2 Some Particular Forces

- The Gravitational Force

The gravitational force \vec{F}_g on a body is a certain type of pull directed toward a second body (usually Earth.)

A body of mass m in free fall has a downward acceleration of magnitude g .
Using Newton's 2nd along the y axis ($F_y = ma_y$)

$$-F_g = m(-g),$$

or

$$F_g = mg.$$

F_g is still the same if the body is not in free fall or at rest.

5-2 Some Particular Forces

- Weight

The weight W of a body is the magnitude of the net force required to prevent the body from falling, relative to someone on the ground.

Consider an object that has an acceleration $\vec{a} = 0$ relative to the ground. There are two forces acting on the object: (1) \vec{F}_g directed downward and (2) an upward balancing force of magnitude W . Using $F_{net,y} = ma_y$

$$W - F_g = m(0).$$

Then

$$W = F_g = mg.$$

The weight of a body is equal to the magnitude of the gravitational force F_g .

5-2 Some Particular Forces

- Weight

One way of weighing an object is to use an equal-arm balance from which we get the object's mass. We then multiply the mass by the value of g at the place of the balance to find the weight.

We can also use a spring scale to weigh the object. However, if the scale is marked in mass units, the measurement will vary if the value of g differs from the value at which the scale was calibrated.

The weight of a body must be measured when the object is not accelerating vertically. The weight measured in a falling elevator is different from that measured on the ground. The former measurement gives the *apparent weight*.

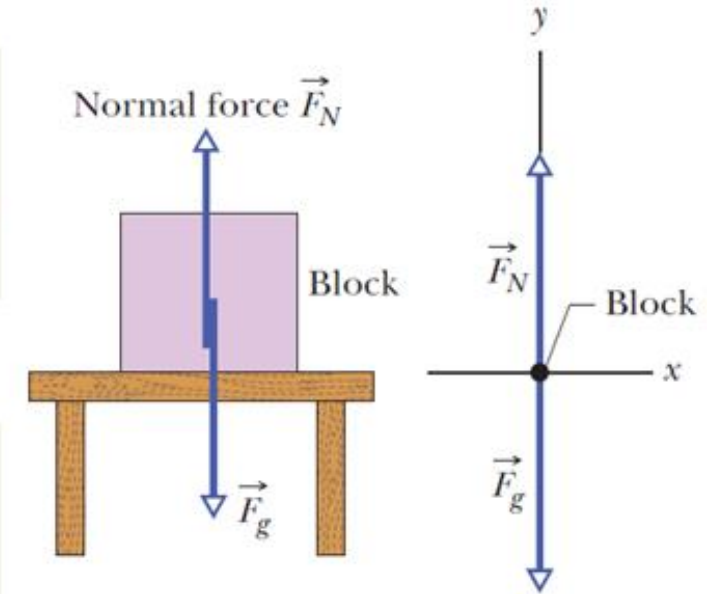
5-2 Some Particular Forces

- The Normal Force

When an object presses against a surface, the surface deforms and pushes on the object with a force \vec{F}_N that is normal (perpendicular) to the surface.

The normal force is the force on the block from the supporting table.

The gravitational force on the block is due to Earth's downward pull.



5-2 Some Particular Forces

- The Normal Force

Consider a block on a table. Using $F_{net,y} = ma_y$ we write

$$F_N - F_g = ma_y.$$

Using $F_g = mg$,

$$F_N - mg = ma_y$$

or

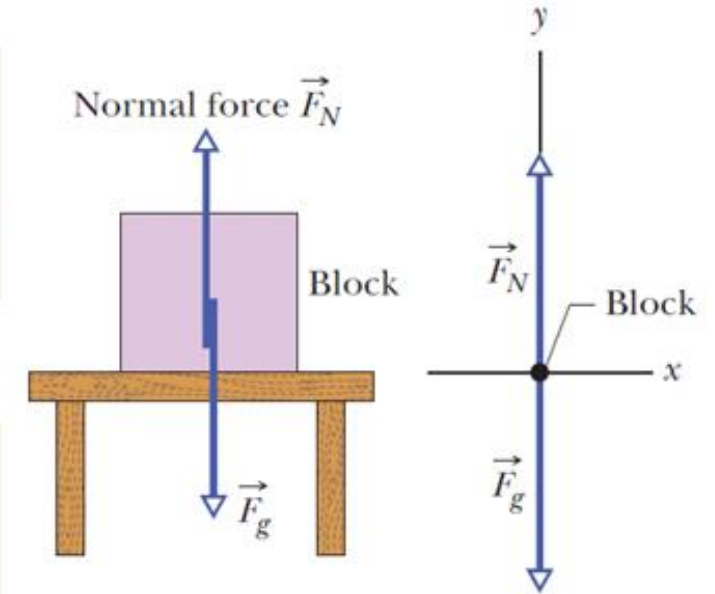
$$F_N = m(g + a_y).$$

If the table is not accelerating,

$$F_N = mg.$$

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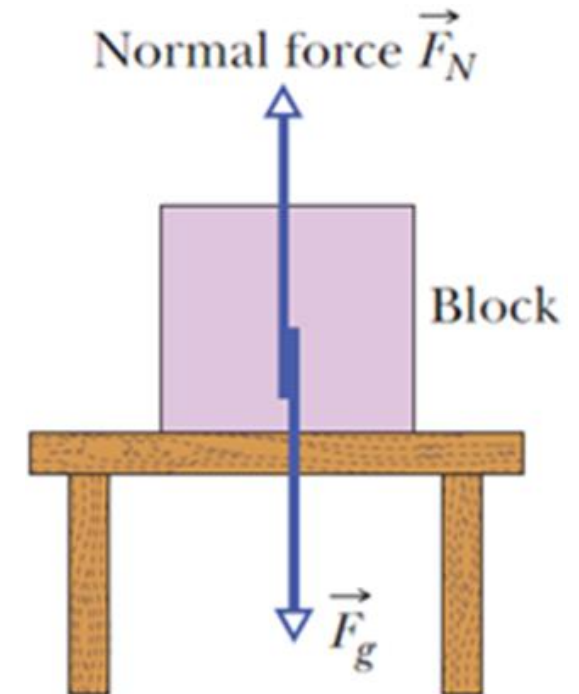
5-2 Some Particular Forces

✓ CHECKPOINT 3

In Fig. 5-7, is the magnitude of the normal force \vec{F}_N greater than, less than, or equal to mg if the block and table are in an elevator moving upward (a) at constant speed and (b) at increasing speed?

(a) $a_y = 0$, thus $F_N = mg$.

(b) $a_y > 0$, thus $F_N > mg$.



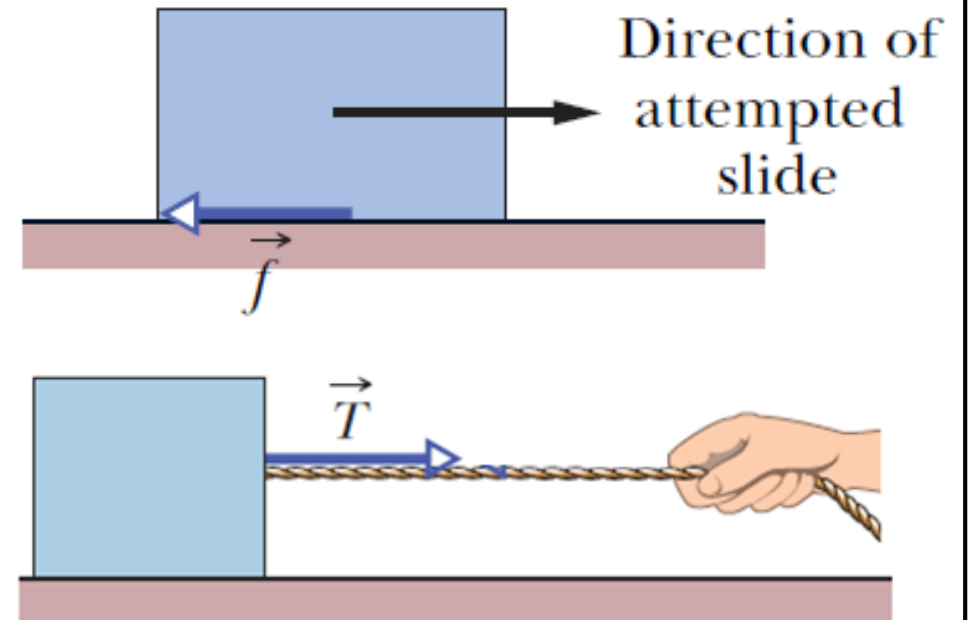
5-2 Some Particular Forces

- Friction

When an object slides or attempts to slide over a surface, the object's motion is resisted by the **frictional force** or **friction** \vec{f} .

- Tension

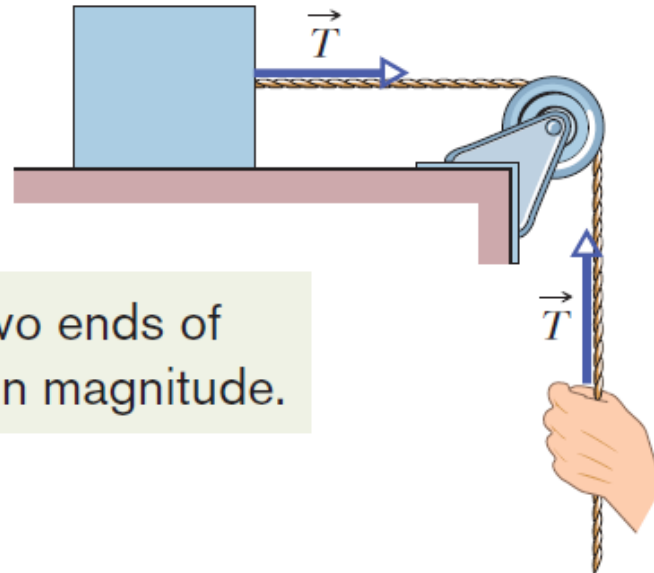
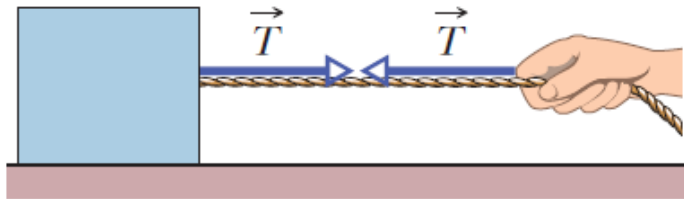
When a cord that is attached to a body is pulled taut, the cord pulls on the body with a force \vec{T} along the cord, directed away from the body. \vec{T} is called the force of tension.



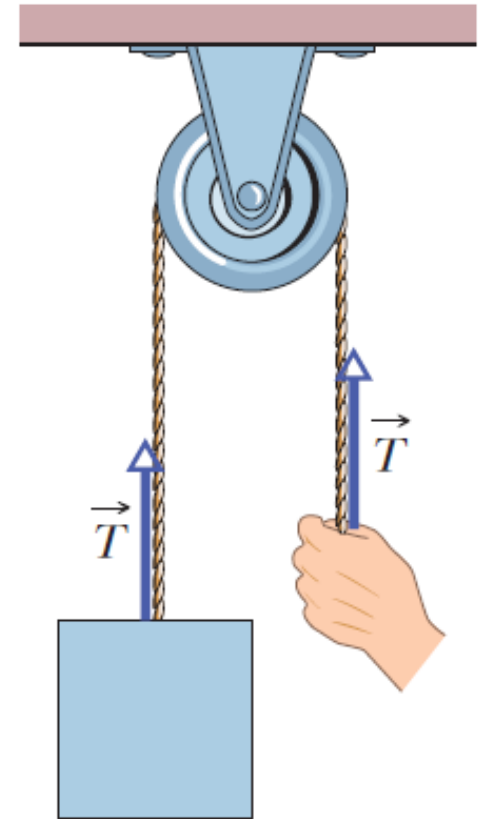
5-2 Some Particular Forces

- Tension

The cord is said to be under tension. The pulls at both ends of the cord have the same magnitude T if the cord is massless, even if the cord runs around a *massless, frictionless pulley*.



The forces at the two ends of the cord are equal in magnitude.



5-2 Some Particular Forces

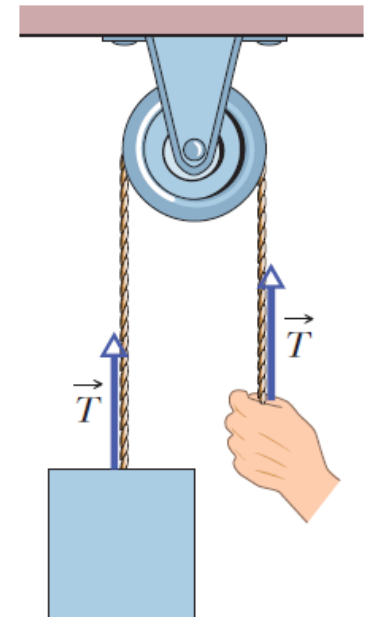
✓ CHECKPOINT 4

The suspended body in Fig. 5-9c weighs 75 N. Is T equal to, greater than, or less than 75 N when the body is moving upward (a) at constant speed, (b) at increasing speed, and (c) at decreasing speed?

(a) $a_y = 0$, thus $T = 75$ N.

(b) $a_y > 0$, thus $T > 75$ N.

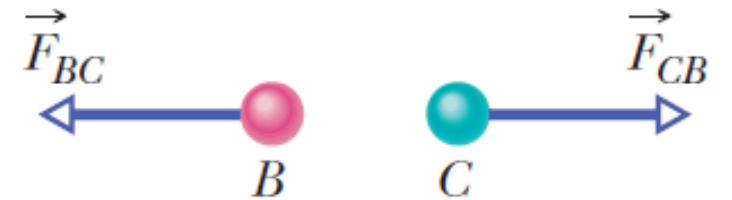
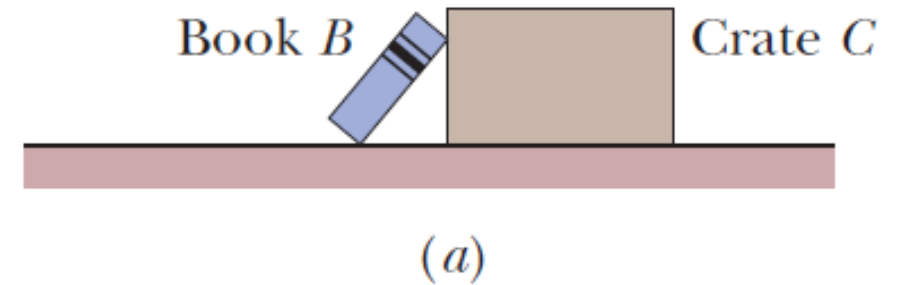
(c) $a_y < 0$, thus $T < 75$ N.



5-3 Newton's Third Law

- Two bodies are said to interact when they push on each other.

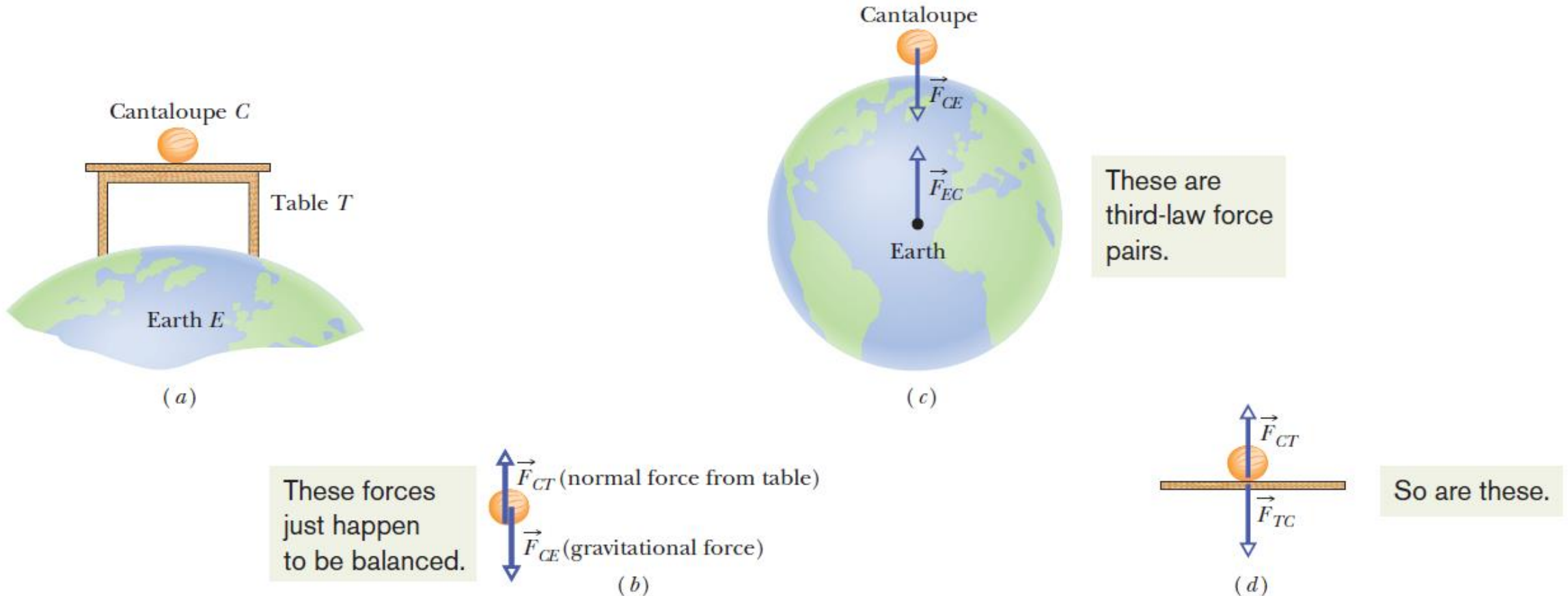
Newton's Third Law: When two bodies interact, the forces on the bodies from each other are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.



$$F_{BC} = F_{CB}$$
$$\vec{F}_{BC} = -\vec{F}_{CB}$$

5-3 Newton's Third Law

- The forces between two interacting bodies are called a **third-law forces pair**.

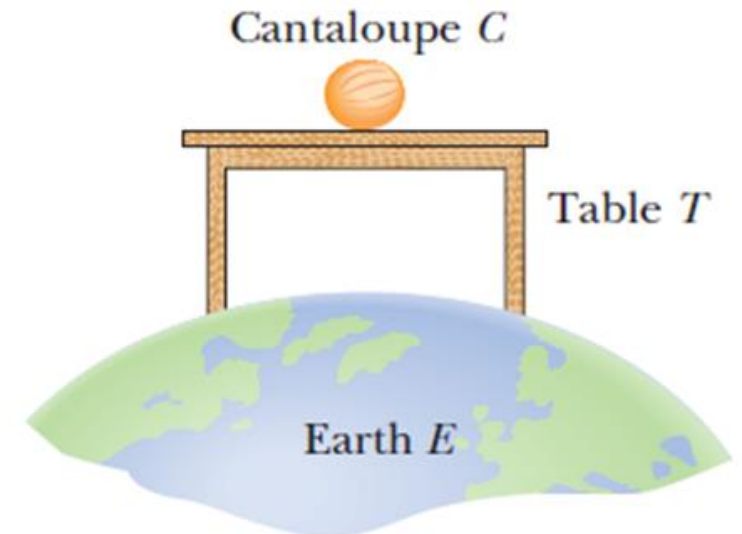


5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

✓ CHECKPOINT 5

Suppose that the cantaloupe and table of Fig. 5-11 are in an elevator cab that begins to accelerate upward. (a) Do the magnitudes of \vec{F}_{TC} and \vec{F}_{CT} increase, decrease, or stay the same? (b) Are those two forces still equal in magnitude and opposite in direction? (c) Do the magnitudes of \vec{F}_{CE} and \vec{F}_{EC} increase, decrease, or stay the same? (d) Are those two forces still equal in magnitude and opposite in direction?

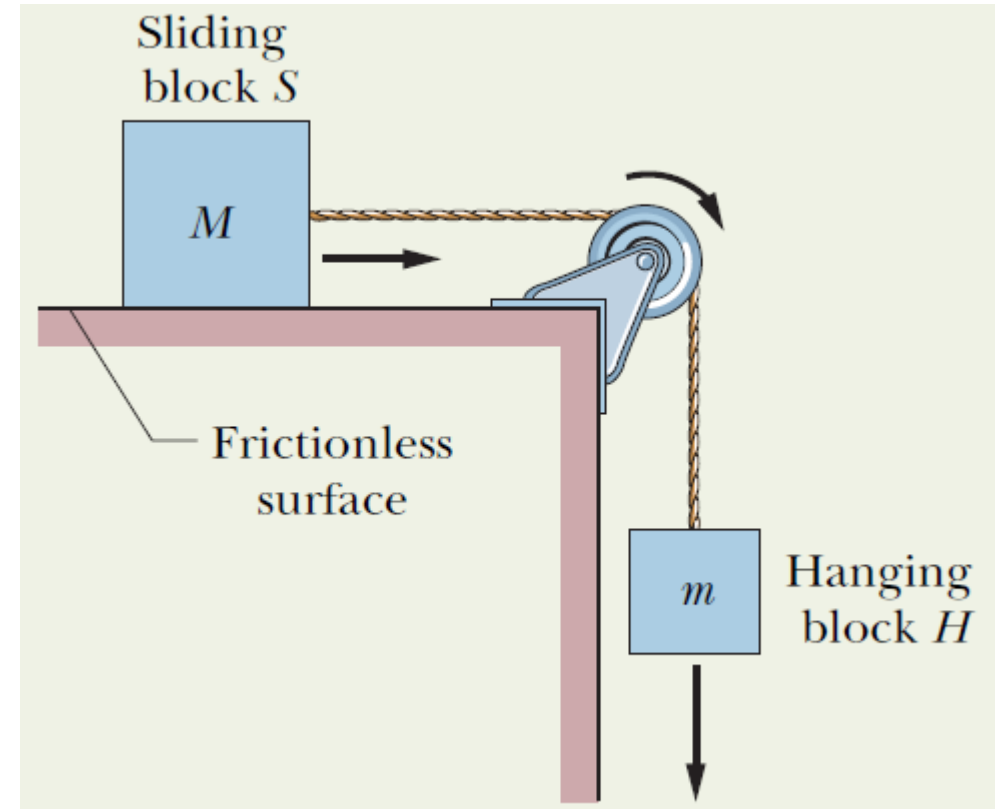
- (a) Increase.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Stay the same.
- (d) Yes.



5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

Example 3: In the configuration shown, $M = 3.3 \text{ kg}$ and $m = 2.1 \text{ kg}$. The pulley is massless and frictionless. The cord's mass is negligible compared to these of the blocks. Block H falls as Block S accelerates to the right.

- What is the acceleration of block S ?
- What is the acceleration of block H ?
- What is the tension in the cord?



5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

The accelerations of the two blocks are equal in magnitude. We apply Newton's 2nd law to the two blocks.

For block S :

$$F_{net,y} = Ma_y,$$

or

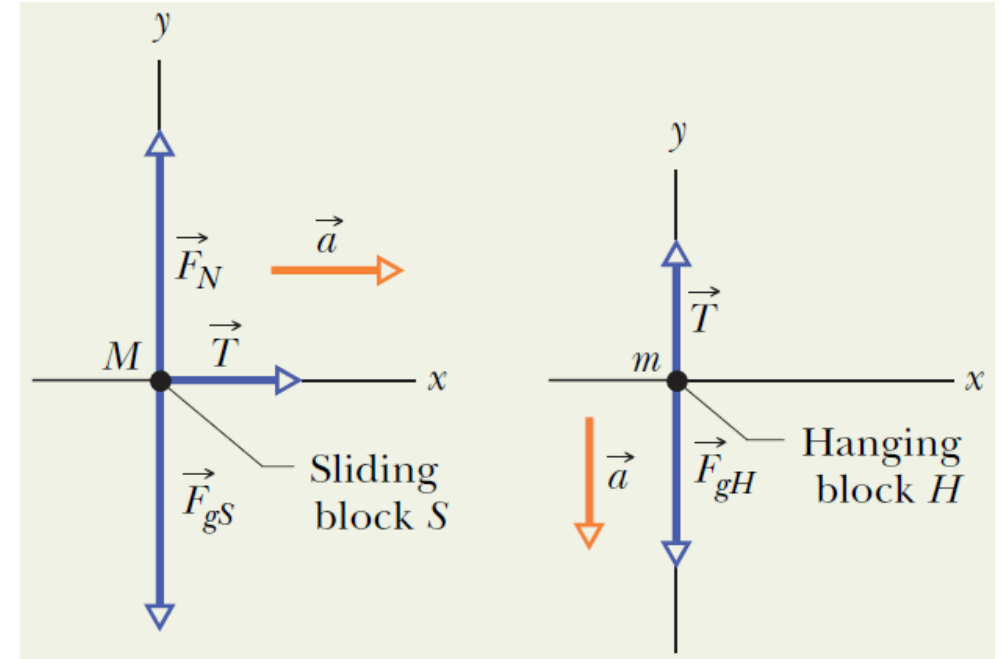
$$F_N - F_{gS} = F_N - Mg = 0.$$

Also,

$$F_{net,x} = Ma_x,$$

or

$$T = Ma_x = Ma. \quad (1)$$



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For block H :

$$F_{net,y} = ma_y,$$

or

$$T - F_{gH} = ma_y = -ma.$$

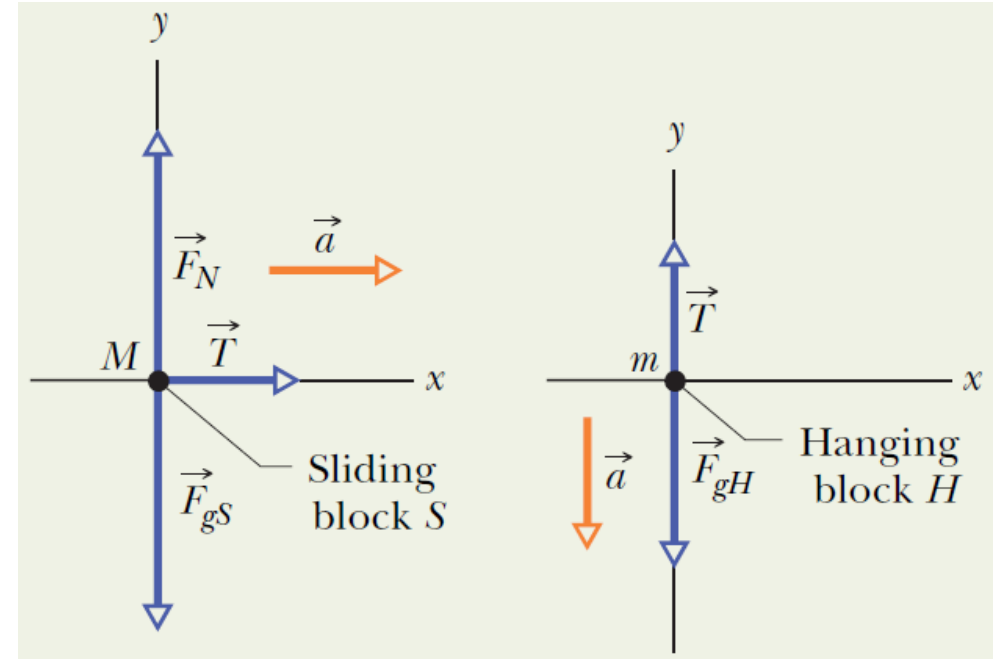
or

$$T - mg = -ma. \quad (2).$$

Solving (1) and (2) for a and T yields

$$a = \frac{m}{M + m}g = \frac{2.1 \text{ kg}}{3.3 \text{ kg} + 2.1 \text{ kg}} \left(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) = 3.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2},$$

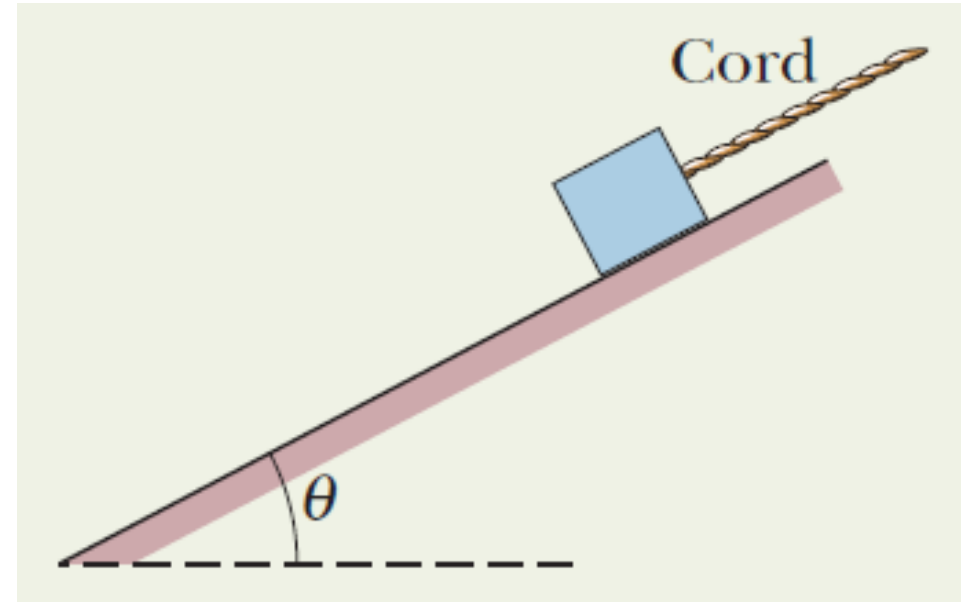
$$T = \frac{Mm}{M + m}g = \frac{(2.1 \text{ kg})(3.3 \text{ kg})}{3.3 \text{ kg} + 2.1 \text{ kg}} \left(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) = 13 \text{ N}.$$



5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

Example 4: A cord pulls on a box up along a frictionless plane inclined at $\theta = 30^\circ$. The box has mass $m = 5.00$ kg, and the force from the cord has magnitude $T = 25.5$ N. What is the box's acceleration component a along the inclined plane?

The acceleration of the box along the plane is determined by the net force along it. We will take the positive direction of the x axis to be up the plane.



5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

The gravitational force \vec{F}_g is downward and has magnitude $F_g = mg$. Its component along the x axis is $-F_g \sin \theta$. Newton's second law for the motion along the x axis is

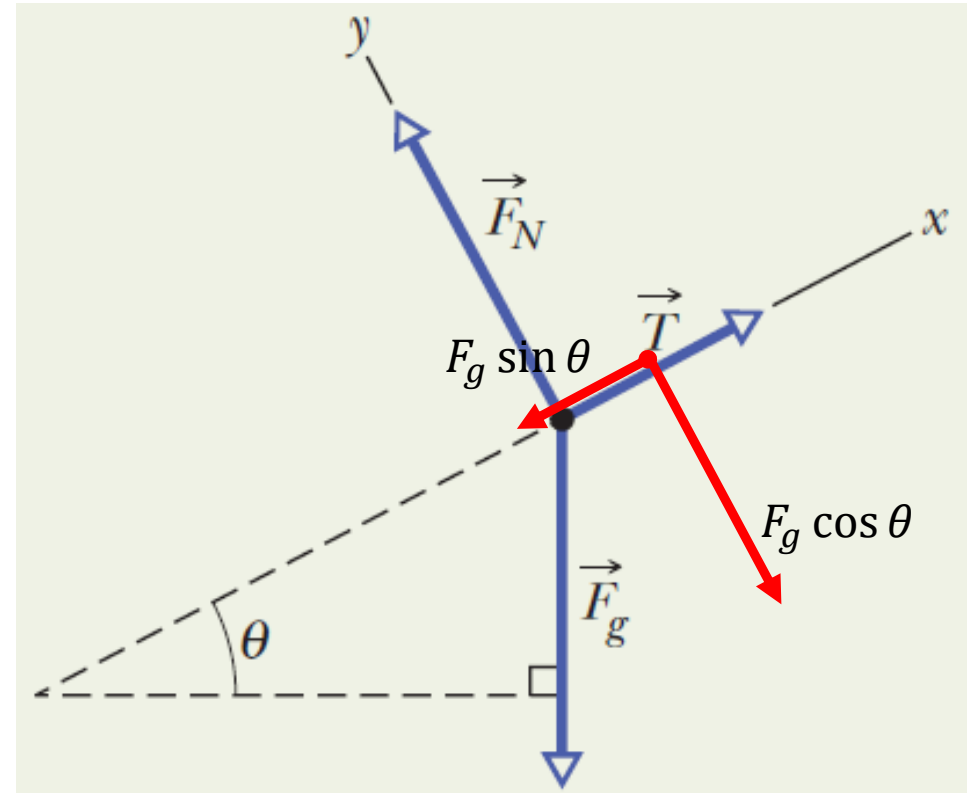
$$F_{net,x} = ma_x,$$

or

$$T - mg \sin \theta = ma_x = ma.$$

Solving for a and substituting we get

$$a = \frac{T}{m} - g \sin \theta = 0.100 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}.$$



See page 110 in the textbook for more explanation.

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Example 5: a passenger of mass $m = 72.2$ kg stands on a platform scale in an elevator cab. We are concerned with the scale readings when the cab is stationary and when it is moving up or down.

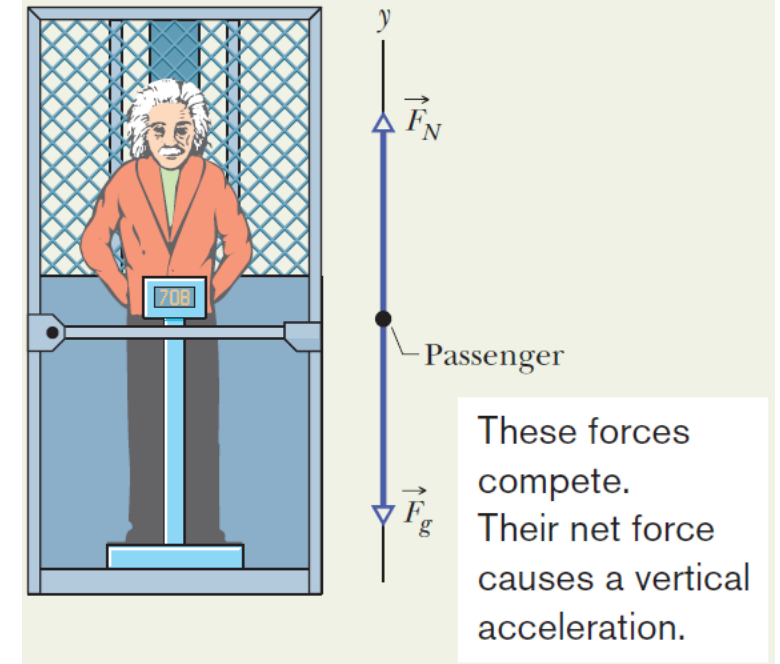
(a) Find a general solution for the scale reading, whatever the vertical motion of the cab.

The scale reading is equal to the magnitude of the normal force F_N . Newton's 2nd law written for the y components gives

$$F_N - F_g = ma_y,$$

or

$$F_N = ma_y + mg = m(g + a_y).$$



5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

(b) What does the scale read if the cab is stationary or moving upward at a constant 0.500 m/s ?

In both cases $a_y = 0$;

$$\begin{aligned} F_N &= (72.2 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 + 0) \\ &= 708 \text{ N.} \end{aligned}$$

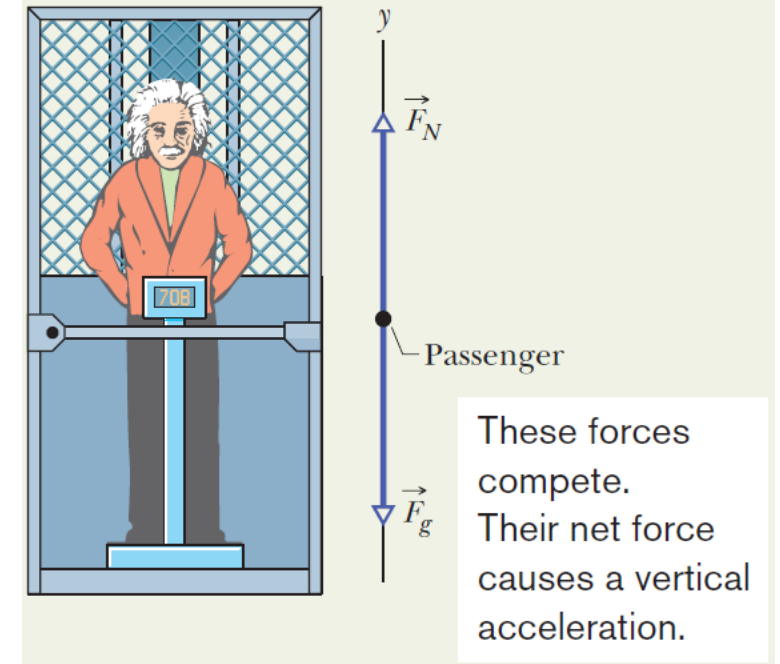
(c) What does the scale read if the cab accelerates upward at 3.20 m/s^2 and downward at 3.20 m/s^2 ?

For $a_y = 3.20 \text{ m/s}^2$,

$$F_N = (72.2 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 + 3.20 \text{ m/s}^2) = 939 \text{ N.}$$

For $a_y = -3.20 \text{ m/s}^2$,

$$F_N = (72.2 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 - 3.20 \text{ m/s}^2) = 477 \text{ N.}$$

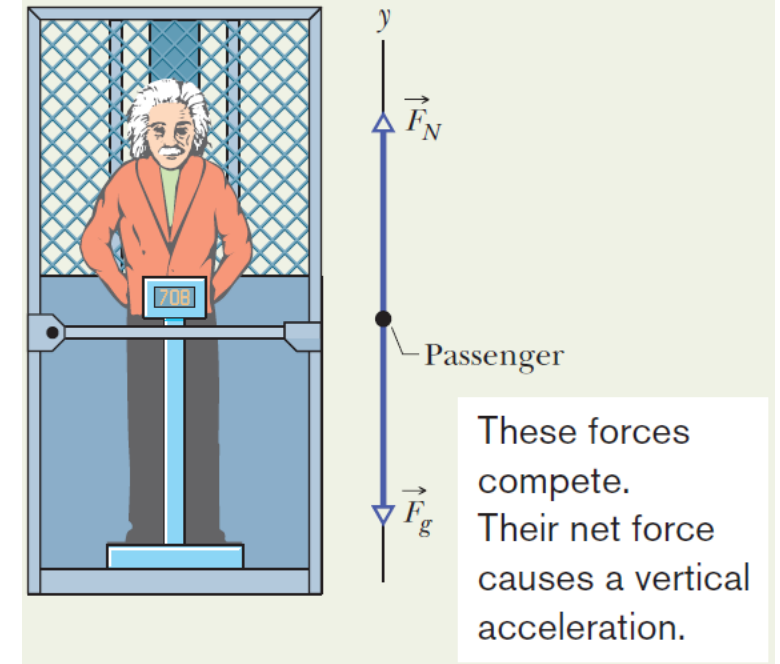


5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

(d) During the upward acceleration in part (c), what is the magnitude F_{net} of the net force on the passenger, and what is the magnitude of his acceleration as measured in the frame of the cab $a_{p,cab}$? Does $\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}_{p,cab}$?

$$F_{net} = F_N - F_g = 939 \text{ N} - 708 \text{ N} = 231 \text{ N}.$$

The passenger acceleration relative to the cab $a_{p,cab}$ is zero. $\vec{F}_{net} \neq m\vec{a}_{p,cab}$, since the cab is a non-inertial frame.



5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

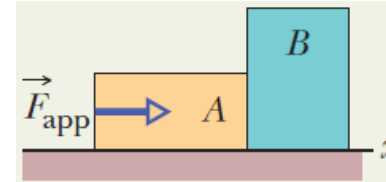
Example 6: A constant horizontal force of magnitude 20 N is applied to block A of mass $m_A = 4.0$ kg, which pushes against block B of mass $m_B = 6.0$ kg. The blocks slide over a frictionless surface, along an x axis.

(a) What is the acceleration of the blocks?

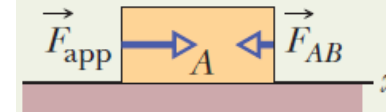
The two blocks move together as a single object. Therefore,

$$F_{app} = (m_A + m_B)a,$$

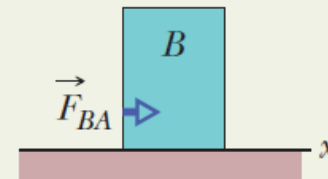
which gives $a = 2.0$ m/s².



This force causes the acceleration of the full two-block system.



These are the two forces acting on just block A . Their net force causes its acceleration.



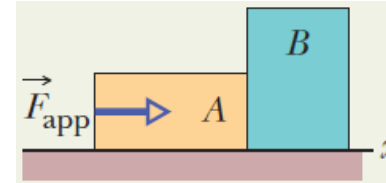
This is the only force causing the acceleration of block B .

5-3 Applying Newton's Laws

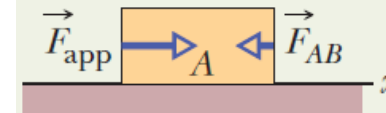
(b) What is the (horizontal) force on block B from block A ?

Newton's 2nd law along the x axis for block B is

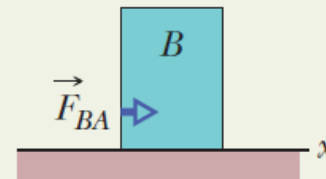
$$\begin{aligned} F_{BA} &= m_B a = (6.0 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m/s}^2) \\ &= 12 \text{ N}. \end{aligned}$$



This force causes the acceleration of the full two-block system.



These are the two forces acting on just block A. Their net force causes its acceleration.



This is the only force causing the acceleration of block B .