

## Lecture Objectives



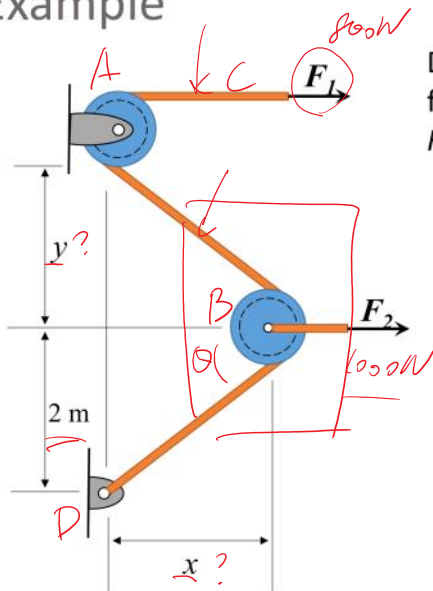
Equilibrium for a single particle



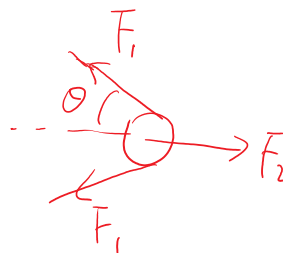
Equilibrium for a system of particles

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## Example



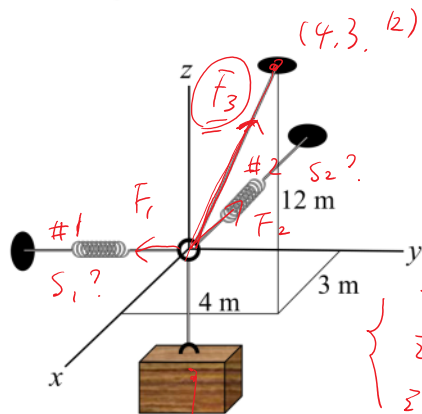
Determine the distances  $x$  and  $y$  for equilibrium if  $F_1 = 800 \text{ N}$  and  $F_2 = 1000 \text{ N}$ .



$$2 F_1 \cdot \cos \theta = F_2$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1000}{2 \cdot 800}$$

## Example – 3D



Determine the stretch in each of the two springs required to hold the 20-kg crate in the equilibrium position shown. Each spring has an unstretched length of 2 m and a stiffness of  $k = 360 \text{ N/m}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x &= 0 \\ \sum F_y &= 0 \\ \sum F_z &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} F_{3x} = F_2 \\ F_{3y} = F_1 \\ F_{3z} = G \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{F_3}{13} \cdot 4 = F_2 & (1) \\ \frac{F_3}{13} \cdot 3 = F_1 & (2) \\ \frac{F_3}{13} \cdot 12 = G & (3) \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{F}_3 = |\vec{F}_3| \cdot \hat{u}$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{(4, 3, 12)}{13}$$

$$F_1 = k \cdot S_1$$

$$F_2 = k \cdot S_2$$

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In 3-D, when you know the magnitude of a force but not its direction, how many independent unknowns corresponding to that force remain?

A) One

B) Two

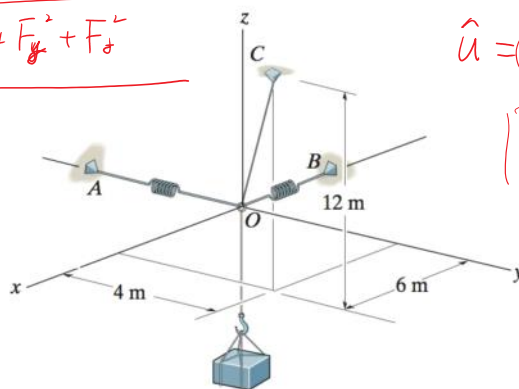
C) Three

D) Four

E) Five

$$\vec{F} = F_x \hat{i} + F_y \hat{j} + F_z \hat{k} = |\vec{F}| \hat{u}$$

$$|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$



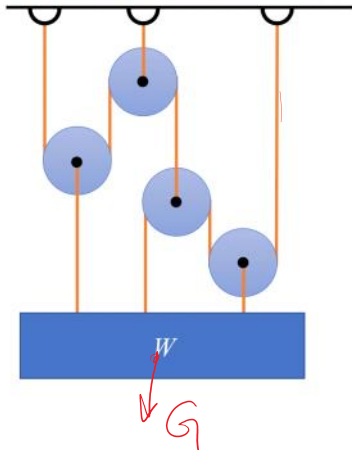
$$\hat{u} = \cos \alpha \hat{i} + \cos \beta \hat{j} + \cos \gamma \hat{k}$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

## Equilibrium of a system of particles



Some practical engineering problems involve the statics of interacting or interconnected particles. To solve them, we use Newton's first law:  $\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$  on selected multiple free-body diagrams of particles or groups of particles.

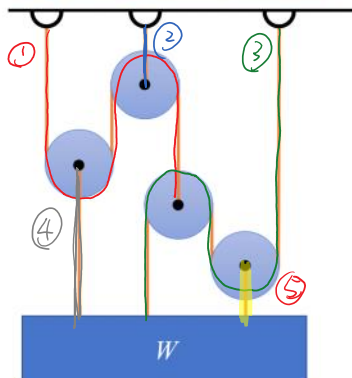


Example: Which cable will have the most tension in it?

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How many different <sup>Cables</sup> ~~tensions~~ should be taken into consideration when designing the pulley system in the bottom schematic?



- (A) 4
- (B) 5 ✓
- (C) 6
- (D) 7
- (E) None of the above

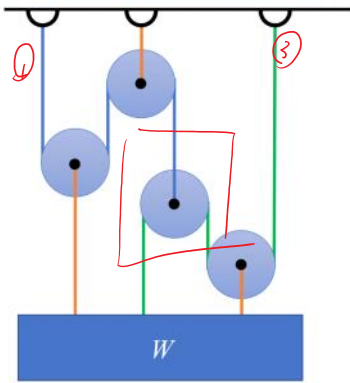
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How do the tensions in **blue 1** and **green 3** relate to each other?

- (A)  $1T_1 = 1T_3$
- (B)  $1T_1 = 2T_3$
- (C)  $1T_1 = 3T_3$
- (D)  $3T_1 = 1T_3$
- (E) None of the above

$$T_1 = 2 T_3$$

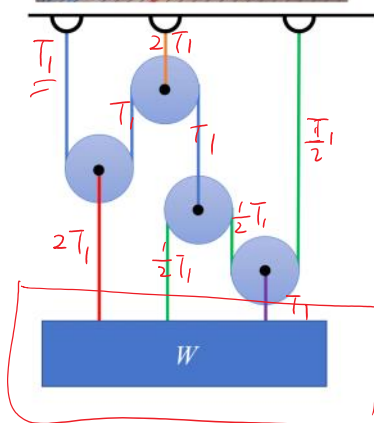


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What is your guess for the cable with the most tension inside

- (A)  $T_1$
- (B)  $T_2$  ✓
- (C)  $T_3$
- (D)  $T_4$  ✓
- (E)  $T_5$

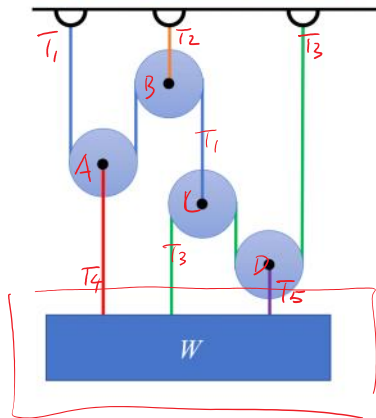


## Example



The complete system of equations would be:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A: \quad T_4 &= 2T_1 & (1) \\
 B: \quad T_2 &= 2T_1 & (2) \\
 C: \quad T_1 &= 2T_3 & (3) \\
 D: \quad T_5 &= 2T_3 & (4) \\
 T_4 + T_3 + T_5 &= W & (5) \\
 T_1, \dots, T_5
 \end{aligned}$$



## MATLAB code

%% This MATLAB code solves the pulley system problem

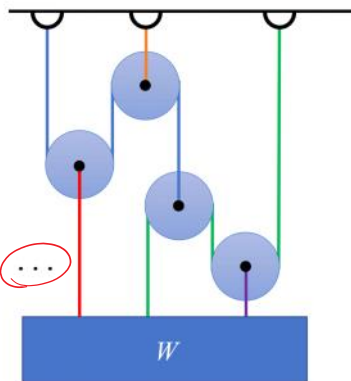
W = 100; %Assume W is 100 N

syms T1 T2 T3 T4 T5;

eq1=0==2\*T1-T4;  
eq2=0==T2-2\*T1;  
eq3=0==T1-2\*T3;  
eq4=0==2\*T3-T5;  
eq5=0==T4+T3+T5-W;

sol = solve([eq1;eq2;eq3;eq4;eq5], ...  
[T1 T2 T3 T4 T5]);

T1 = double(sol.T1)  
T2 = double(sol.T2)  
T3 = double(sol.T3)  
T4 = double(sol.T4)  
T5 = double(sol.T5)



## Summary

Multiple free-body diagrams is necessary when:

1. given parameters and unknown parameter(s) of interest do not relate directly
2. number of unknown parameters exceeds the number of equilibrium equations per free-body-diagram

