

At the end of this worksheet you should be able to

- discuss Newton's laws and provide examples of the application of each.
- apply Newton's first law to solve interesting physical problems.
- apply Newton's second law to solve interesting physical problems for objects that accelerate.
- apply Newton's third law to situations involving the motion of multiple objects.

Special Case of  
Newton's 2nd  
no acceleration

An object stays at rest or constant velocity if  $F_{net} = 0$

$$F = ma \quad F = m \cdot 0 = 0$$

equal + opposite

1. What base units are the composite force units of Newtons equal to?

$$a = \frac{F_{net}}{m_{total}}$$

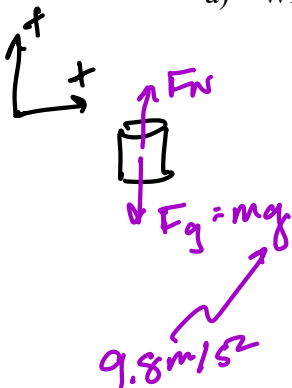
$$F_{net} = ma$$

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$(N) = (kg)(m/s^2)$$

2. I hold a 5-kg cup motionless in my hand.

- a) What force do I provide to the cup?



$$\Sigma F_y = mg$$

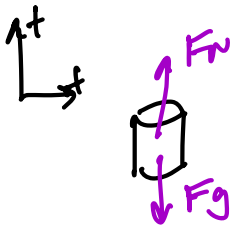
rest  
equal forces  
static equilibrium

$$F_N - F_g = 0$$

$$F_N = F_g = mg = (5kg)(9.8m/s^2)$$

$$F_N = 49N$$

- b) What force do I need to provide from my hand to the cup if I raise the cup with my hand at constant speed?

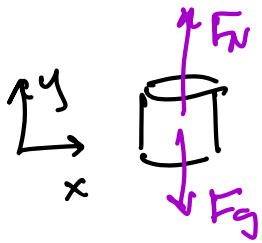


$$\Sigma F_y = mg$$

$$F_N = 49N$$

*elevator problems*

- c) Still holding the 5-kg cup. What force do I need to provide from my hand to the cup if I raise the cup with my hand with an acceleration of  $+1 \text{ m/s}^2$  (upward)?



$$\sum F_y = ma \quad a = +1 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$F_N - F_g = ma$$

$$F_N = F_g + ma = (5 \text{ kg})(9.8) + (5 \text{ kg})(+1.0)$$

$$F_N = 5 \text{ kg}(9.8 + 1 \text{ m/s}^2) = 54 \text{ N}$$

*Bathroom scale reads normal force*

- d) What force do I need to provide from my hand to the cup if I raise the cup with my hand with an acceleration of  $-1 \text{ m/s}^2$  (downward)?

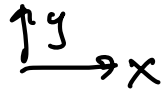
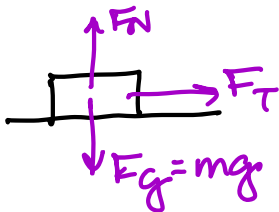
Same as  $F_N = F_g + ma$

$$F_N = (5 \text{ kg})(9.8) + (5 \text{ kg})(-1.0 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$F_N = 44 \text{ N}$$

3. I push a 100-kg box with an applied force of 700 N along a frictionless surface.

- a) Calculate the force of gravity on the box, the normal force, and the net force.  
b) What is the acceleration of the box?



*x, y motion are independent of each other*

$$\sum F_y = ma_y \quad a_y = 0$$

$$F_N - F_g = 0$$

$$F_N = F_g = mg$$

$$F_N = (100 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

$$F_N = 980 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$F = ma$$

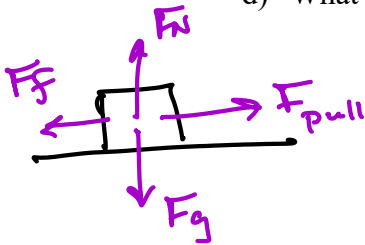
$$700 \text{ N} = (100 \text{ kg})a$$

$$a = \frac{700 \text{ N}}{100 \text{ kg}} = 7 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- c) What is the net force on the box if the surface is not frictionless (coefficient of friction is  $\mu = 0.5$ )

$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

- d) What is the acceleration of the box with the friction force given in the above example?



$$F_y = ma_y$$

$$F_N - F_g = ma_y$$

$$F_N = F_g = mg$$

$$F_N = +980\text{N}$$

$$F_x = ma_x$$

$$F - F_f = ma$$

$$700\text{N} - 490\text{N} = m(a)$$

$$210\text{N} = (100\text{kg})a$$

$$a = \frac{210\text{N}}{100\text{kg}}$$

$$a = 2.1\text{m/s}^2$$

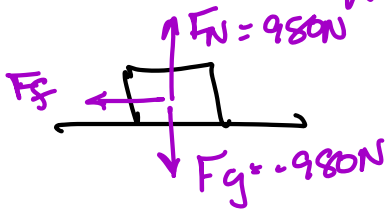
	x (N)	y (N)
$F_g$	0	-980
$F_N$	0	+980
$F_{\text{pull}}$	700	0
$F_f$	-490	0
sum	210	0

$$F_f = \mu F_N = (0.5)(980)$$

must do y-direction first because  $F_f = \mu F_N$

- e) What happens when I stop pushing in each of the previous scenarios?

What is the acceleration of the box?



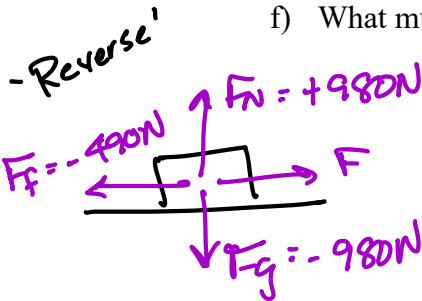
$$F_f = -490\text{N}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = ma$$

$$-490\text{N} = (100\text{kg})a$$

$$a = -4.9\text{m/s}^2$$

- f) What must the pushing force be to move the box at constant speed if is  $\mu = 0.5$ ?



$$F_x = ma_x$$

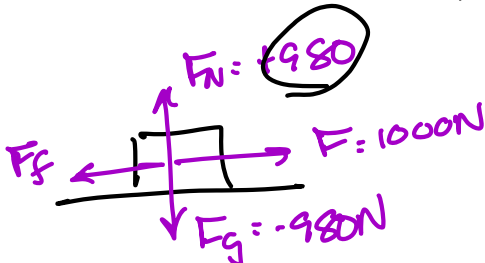
$$F - 490\text{N} = 0$$

$$F = 490\text{N} = F_f$$

all forces are balanced (cancel to zero)

- g) If I need to provide a 1000 N force to keep a 100-kg box moving at constant speed along a level floor, then what is the coefficient of friction between the floor and the box?

$\mu$ ?



$$\Sigma F_x = ma_x$$

$$F - F_f = ma$$

$$F = F_f = \mu F_N$$

by definition

$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

$$F = F_f = 1000\text{N} = \mu(980\text{N})$$

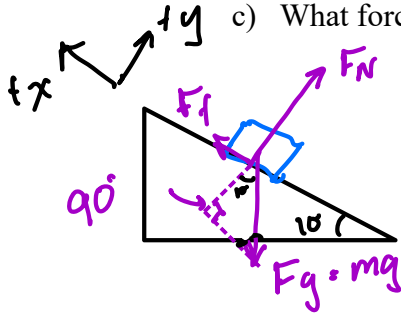
$$\mu = 1.02 \quad \text{no units}$$

$$F_g = mg = (1000 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 9800 \text{ N}$$

at rest

4. A 1000-kg car is parked on a hill that has an angle of  $10^\circ$  with respect to the horizontal.

- What is the weight of the car?
- What is the normal force on the car?
- What force is keeping the car from sliding down the hill? How large is that force?



Force	x (N)	y (N)
$F_g$	-1702	-9651
$F_N$	0	$= 0 - (9651) = +9651$
$F_f$	+1702	0
Sum (parked)	0	0

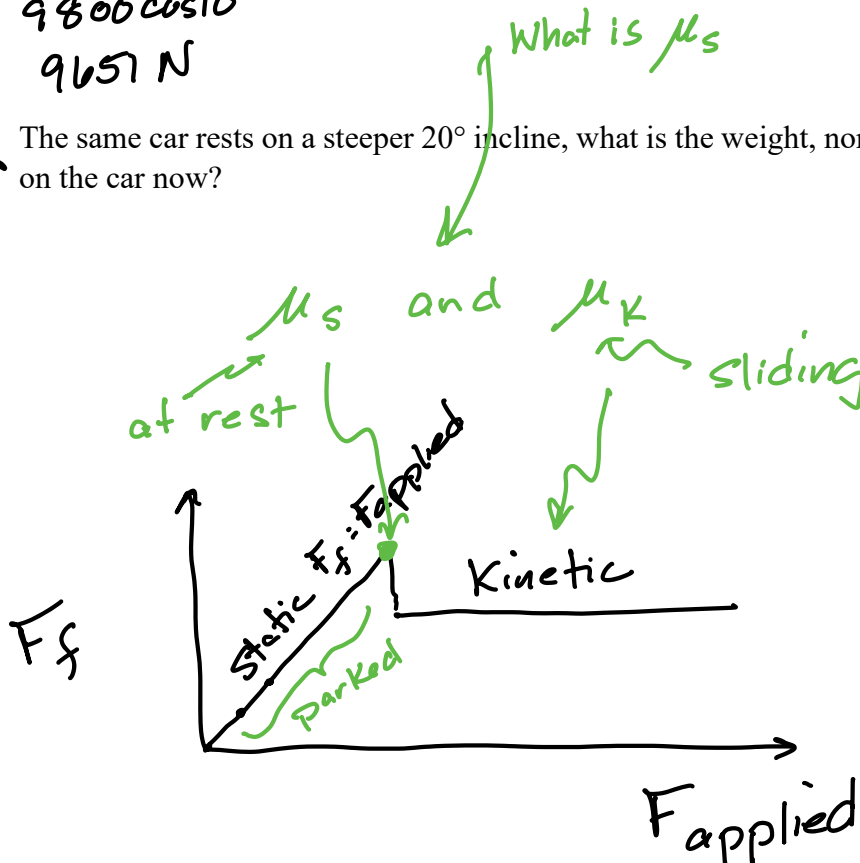
$$\Sigma F_y = ma_y$$

$$\Sigma F_x = ma_x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &mg \sin 10^\circ \\
 &F_g = mgr \\
 &mg \cos 10^\circ \\
 &= 9800 \cos 10^\circ \\
 &= 9651 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

X The same car rests on a steeper  $20^\circ$  incline, what is the weight, normal force and the frictional force on the car now?

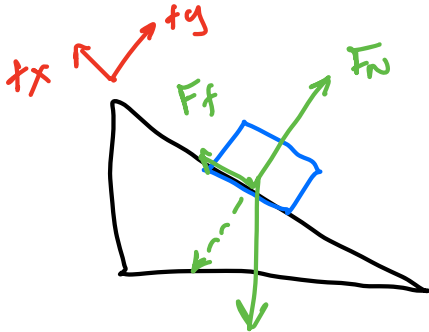
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6. If the maximum incline that the car can be parked on without sliding is  $25^\circ$ , then what is the coefficient of friction between the tires and the road?

1000 kg

$$F_f = \mu F_N \quad \mu = 0.47$$



$$F_g = mg$$

$$F_g = (1000 \text{ kg})(9.8)$$

$$F_g = 9800 \text{ N}$$

y motion

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$F_N - F_g \cos \theta = ma_y$$

$$F_N = F_g \cos \theta$$

$$F_N = (9800 \text{ N}) \cos 25^\circ$$

$$F_N = 8882 \text{ N}$$

x motion

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$F_f - F_g \sin \theta = ma_x$$

$$F_f = F_g \sin \theta$$

$$F_f = 4141 \text{ N}$$

Now Apply  $F_f = \mu F_N$

$$4141 \text{ N} = \mu (8882 \text{ N}) \rightarrow \mu = \frac{4141}{8882} = 0.47$$

7. Now, work the above problem in reverse. You know the coefficient of friction and must calculate the maximum angle of an incline the car can successfully park on.

apply algebra

$$\mu = \frac{F_f}{F_N} = \frac{F_g \sin \theta}{F_g \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

Not numbers

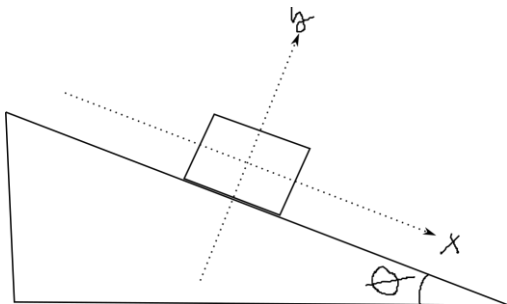
weight cancels

when mass is included in the forces that cause all motion, it cancels

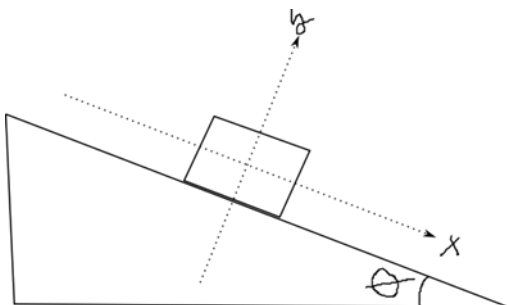
$\mu_k = \tan \theta$  sliding at constant speed

$\mu_s = \tan \theta$  parked on hill with max angle

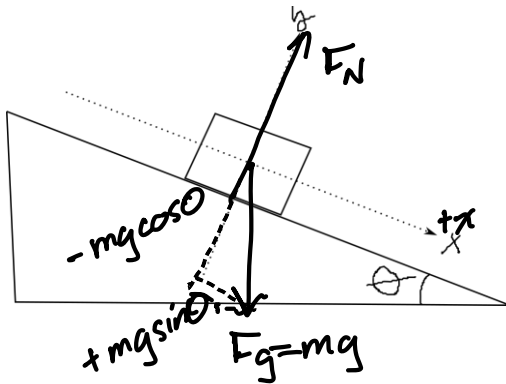
8. A 100-kg box slides down a frictionless inclined plane that has an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. What is the net force on the box and what is the acceleration of the box?



9. Same box, same incline but now with friction. A 100-kg box slides down a ~~frictionless~~ <sup>rough</sup> inclined plane that has an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal and a coefficient of friction of  $\mu = 0.1$ . What is the net force on the box and what is the acceleration of the box?



10. Let's do the friction-less inclined plane problem *in general* for any mass and incline. Follow the same procedure as before but with the variable  $m$  for mass and  $\theta$  for incline angle. Find an expression for the net force on the mass as a function of  $\theta$  and for the acceleration as a function of  $\theta$ .



	x(N)	y(N)
$F_g$	$mg \sin \theta$	$-mg \cos \theta$
$F_N$	0	$+mg \cos \theta$
$a$	$g \sin \theta$	0

① FBD

② assign axes

③ components of forces

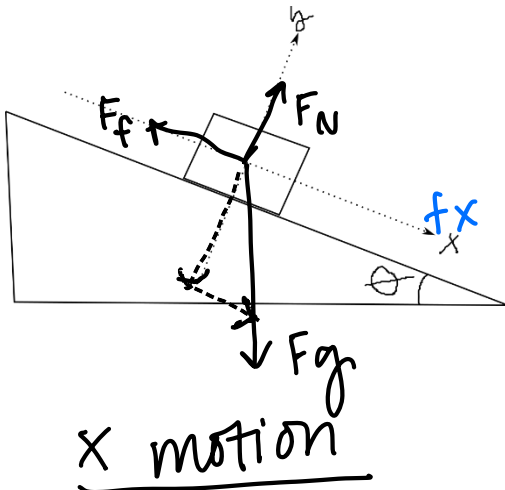
④ Apply  $F = ma$  to x, y direction separately

$$\sum F_x = m a_x$$

$$mg \sin \theta = m a_x$$

$$\text{so } a_x = g \sin \theta$$

11. Now let's do the inclined plane with friction *in general*. Just like the previous problem, use  $m$  for mass,  $\theta$  for angle, and now use  $\mu$  as a variable for coefficient of friction. Find an expression for the acceleration of the mass as a function of  $\theta$ ,  $m$ , and  $\mu$ .



$$-F_f + mg \sin \theta = m a_x$$

$$F_f + mg \sin \theta = m a_x$$

but 2nd relationship  $F_f = \mu F_N = \mu mg \cos \theta$

$$-\mu mg \cos \theta + mg \sin \theta = m a_x$$

$$a_x = g \sin \theta - \mu g \cos \theta$$

units!  $m/s^2$   $m/s^2$  unitless  $m/s^2$  unitless

	x(N)	y(N)
$F_g$	$+mg \sin \theta$	$-mg \cos \theta$
$F_N$	0	$mg \cos \theta$
$F_f$	$-F_f$	0

12. Now, work the above problem in reverse. You know the coefficient of friction and must calculate the maximum angle of an incline the car can successfully park on.

on incline  $a_x = g \sin \theta - \mu g \cos \theta$

$0 = g \sin \theta - \mu g \cos \theta = g (\sin \theta - \mu \cos \theta)$

$0 = \sin \theta - \mu \cos \theta$

$\mu \cos \theta = \sin \theta$

$\mu = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta$

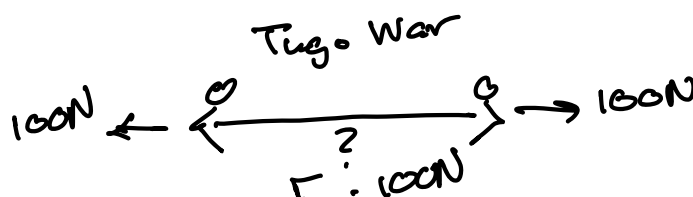
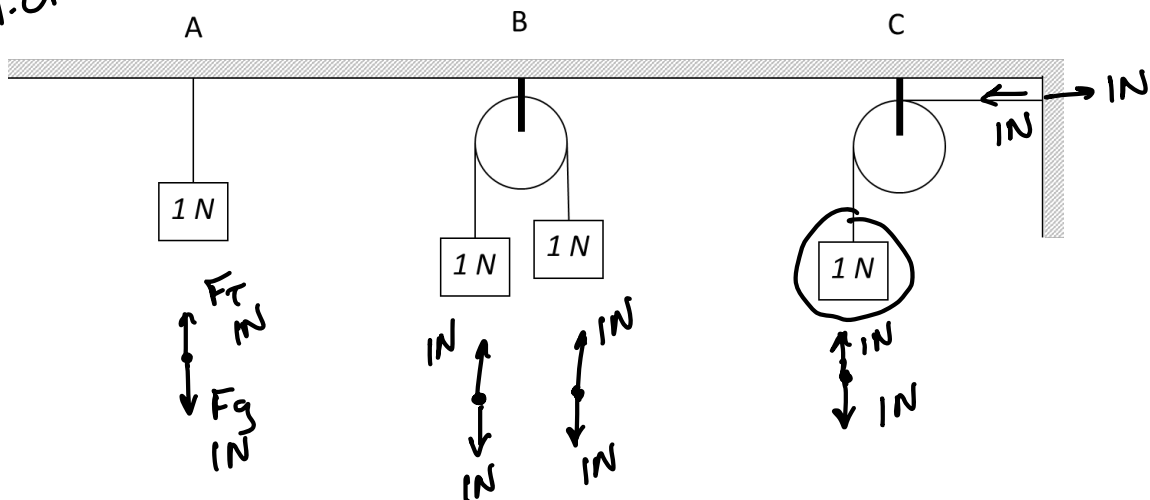
$\theta = \tan^{-1} \mu$

13. What force is necessary to keep a box motionless on a frictionless inclined plane? Is there a difference between the force to hold it motionless on the incline and a force to push it up the incline at constant speed?

↑ Same friction force

only happens when  $a = 0$   
at rest, constant velocity

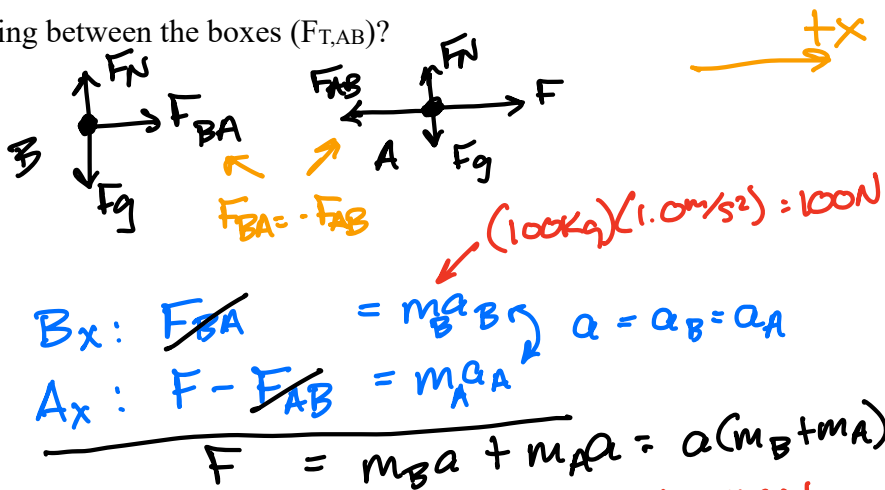
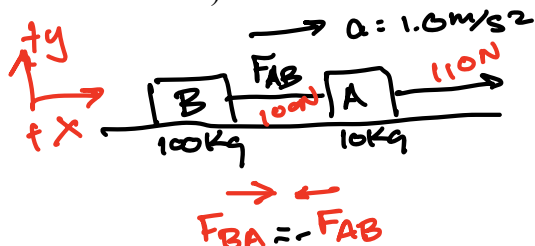
14. A ~~50~~ 1.0 N weight is suspended 3 different ways. What is the tension in each rope?





15. Two boxes (A and B) rest on a frictionless table. Box A has a mass of 10 kg, Box B has a mass of 100 kg. The boxes are connected by a string. I pull Box A and the boxes accelerate at  $1.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

- a) What is my pulling force (tension in the string attached to my hand and Box A)?  
b) What is the tension in the string between the boxes ( $F_{T,AB}$ )?



$$B_x: F_{AB} = m_B a \quad a = a_B = a_A$$

$$A_x: F - F_{AB} = m_A a$$

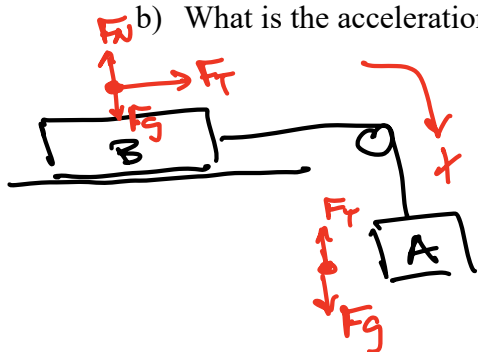
$$F = m_B a + m_A a = a(m_B + m_A)$$

$$F = (1.0 \text{ m/s}^2)(100 + 10 \text{ kg}) = 110 \text{ N}$$

16. Mass A ( $m_A$ ) is connected to Mass B ( $m_B$ ) that is hanging off the edge of a frictionless table. The string passes over a pulley at the edge of the table so there is no friction from the string. Mass B falls to the ground and pulls Mass A across the frictionless table. Answer the following in terms of  $m_A$ ,  $m_B$ , and  $g$ .

- a) What is the force causing the acceleration?

- b) What is the acceleration of the two objects?



$$B: F_T = m_B a_B$$

$$A: F_{gB} - F_T = m_A a_A$$

$$F_{gB} = a(m_B + m_A)$$

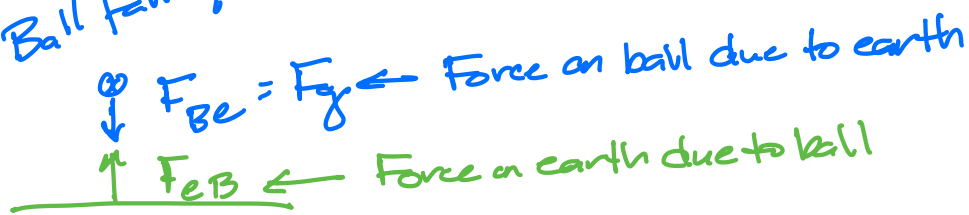
$$m_B g = a(m_B + m_A)$$

$$a = \frac{m_B g}{(m_A + m_B)} = \frac{F_{\text{net}}}{m_A + m_B}$$

- c) Repeat the experiment with a table with friction. The coefficient of friction is  $\mu$ .

Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> : equal and opposite  
 the 2 forces act on separate objects so  
 it involves 2 separate Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup>,  $F = ma$

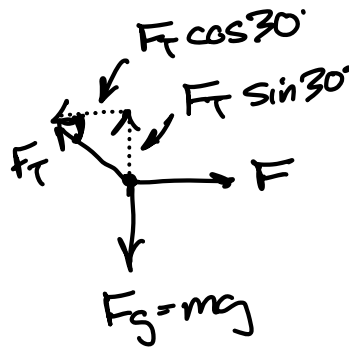
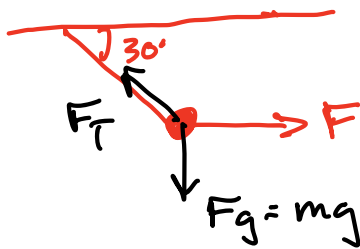
Ball falling



$$\begin{aligned} F &= ma \\ F_{Be} &= m_B a_B \\ F_{EB} &= m_E a_E \end{aligned}$$

equal magnitude

Tension



$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_y &= mg \\ F_T \sin \theta - mg &= 0 \\ F_T &= \frac{mg}{\sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x &= \cancel{max} \\ F - F_T \cos \theta &= 0 \\ F &= F_T \cos \theta \\ F &= \left( \frac{mg}{\sin \theta} \right) \cos \theta \\ F &= \frac{mg}{\tan \theta} \end{aligned}$$