

2D Equilibrium

Hibbeler 14e: Ch 3, Sec 5.1-5.4

EQUILIBRIUM

$$\sum \vec{F} = \mathbf{0} \quad \sum \vec{M} = \mathbf{0}$$

Remains at rest if originally at rest (i.e. static),
or has constant velocity if originally in motion

Supports --- must know for solving problems!

- Prevent *translation* by exerting a force in the opposite direction
- Prevent *rotation* by exerting a moment in the opposite direction

Free-body diagram (FBD) --- must draw for solving problems!

- Equilibrium application tool to account for forces and moments
- Sketch which shows body *FREE* from its surroundings with ALL the known and unknown *forces* and *moments* exerted on the body

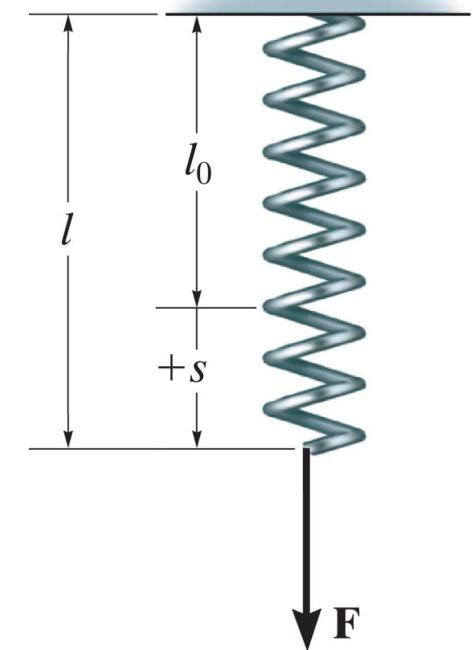
Equations of equilibrium for 2D --- must write for solving problems!

- **PARTICLE** --- $\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0$
- **BODY** --- $\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0, \sum M_z = 0$

SUPPORTS: PARTICLE EQUILIBIRUM

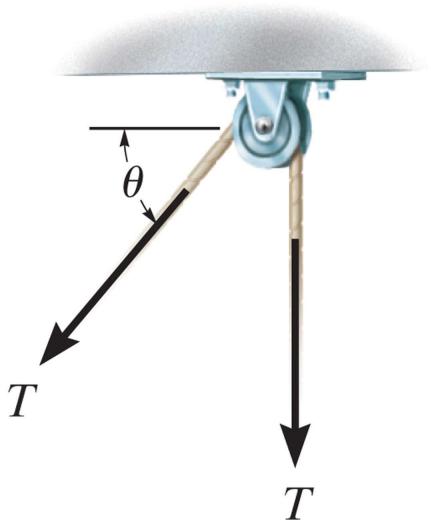
Springs --- linearly elastic (follows Hooke's Law)

Force is *proportional* to the spring *deformation* (s)
and stiffness or *spring constant* (k)



Cables --- negligible weight and cannot stretch

Can only carry “pulling” or *tension force* (T)
that always acts in the *direction of the cable*



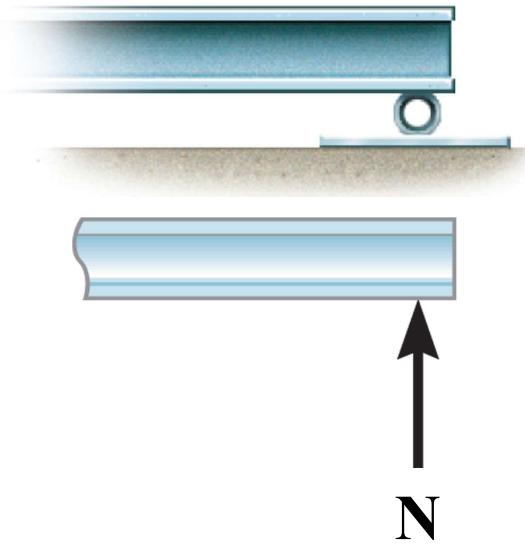
Pulleys --- frictionless

Changes direction of the *tension force* (T) in a
continuous cable with *constant magnitude* of
tension throughout its length

SUPPORTS: RIGID-BODY EQUILIBRIUM

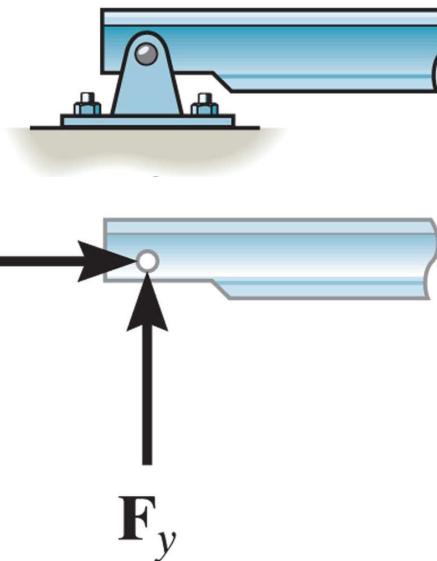
Smooth contact

Surfaces exert a *normal force (N)* on the body, *perpendicular* to the surface at the point of contact
(e.g. surface, roller, rocker, slot)



Support reactions

Various types of supports exert *reaction forces*, restrict or prevent translation and rotation
(e.g. link, pin or hinge, fixed)



PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING FBD

Draw outlined shape

- Identify and isolate **PARTICLE** or **BODY** from its surroundings; cut “free” from all supports, constraints, connections

Show all forces and moments

- **Applied loads** are *active*; tend to set body in motion
- **Reactions** at supports and points of contact are *reactive*; tend to *restrict or prevent* motion (translation, rotation)
- **Weight** acts *down* through the *center of gravity (G)* point

Identify each loading and give dimensions

- *Known* --- label with proper magnitude and direction
- *Unknown* --- use letter to represent magnitude and direction angle
- Include coordinate axes and indicate dimensions and geometry

EQUATIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM

Concurrent force system

Particle equilibrium

$$\sum \vec{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

2D: $\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0$

Can solve for **2 unknowns**

3D: $\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0, \sum F_z = 0$

Can solve for **3 unknowns**

Force in spring known via $F = ks$

Nonconcurrent force system

Rigid-body equilibrium

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Can solve for **3 unknowns**

Most often for coplanar equilibrium

3D: $\sum F_x = 0, \sum F_y = 0, \sum F_z = 0$

$$\sum M_x = 0, \sum M_y = 0, \sum M_z = 0$$

Can solve for **6 unknowns**

Use vector analysis!

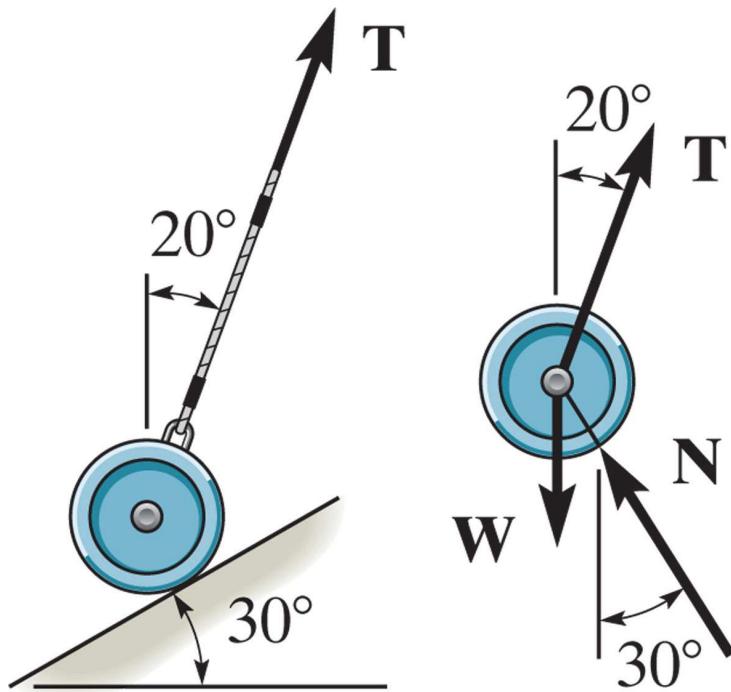
PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS --- 2D EQUILIBRIUM, COPLANAR FORCES

Select a **PARTICLE** or **BODY**, isolate from its surroundings, draw FBD

- Coordinate axes --- establish in any suitable orientation
- Free the body --- remove all supports and sketch outlined shape
- Label all --- known and unknown **forces** and **moments** acting on the body with “assumed” sense for unknowns

Classify force system, write equilibrium equations, solve for unknowns

- Concurrent --- 2 equations can only solve for 2 unknowns
- Non-concurrent --- 3 equations can only solve for 3 unknowns
- Reference arrows --- next to equations to define positive directions
- Negative solution --- sense is reverse of that assumed on the FBD

EXAMPLE: PARTICLE EQUILIBRIUM

Sum force in the x direction

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0$$

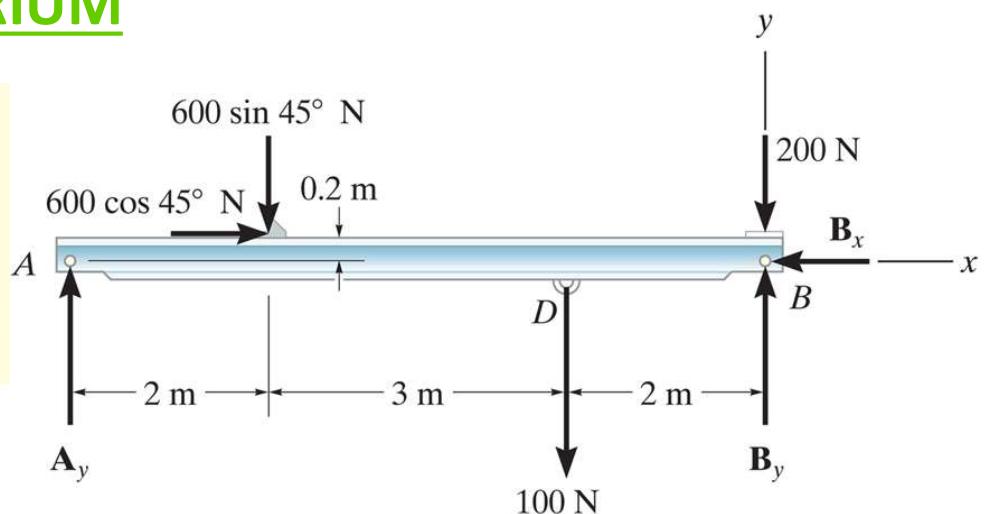
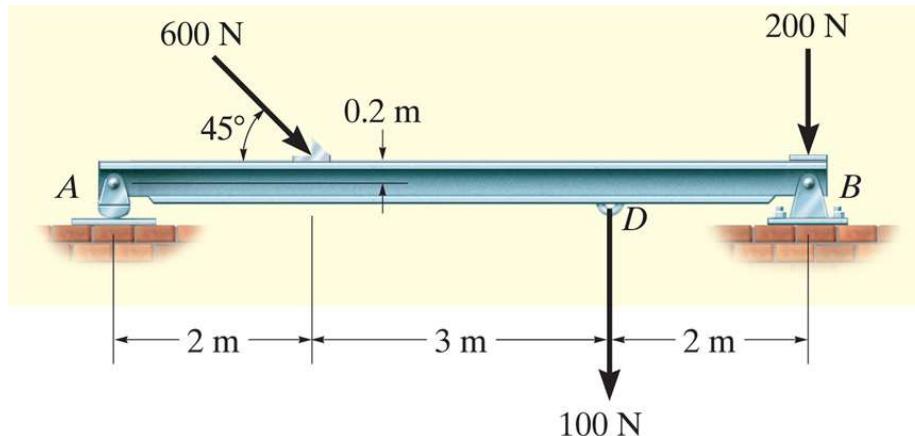
$$T \sin 20^\circ - N \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

Sum forces in the y direction

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0$$

$$T \cos 20^\circ - N \cos 30^\circ - W = 0$$

EXAMPLE: RIGID-BODY EQUILIBRIUM



Sum forces in the x direction to solve directly for B_x

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0; \quad 600\cos 45^\circ N - B_x = 0$$

Sum moments about B to solve directly for A_y

$$+ccw \sum M_B = 0; \quad 100N(2m) + 600\sin 45^\circ(5m) - A_y(7m) = 0$$

Sum forces in the y direction and plug in A_y to solve for B_y

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0; \quad A_y - 600\sin 45^\circ N - 100N - 200N - B_y = 0$$

HINTS, TIPS, SIMPLIFICATIONS

Non-concurrent system

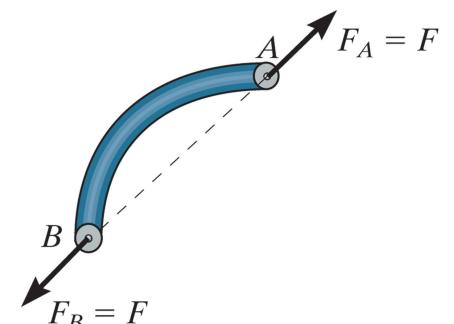
- $\sum M$ about point where LOA of multiple unknown forces *intersect*

More unknowns than equations

- *Draw additional FBD*, look for relationships, apply geometry

Two-force members

- Forces applied at *2 points or pins only* (no other external forces, neglect weight); shape of member is not a factor!
- Equilibrium requires that the forces must be *equal magnitude, opposite direction, collinear sharing same LOA*



Three-force members

- Forces applied at *3 points form concurrent or parallel system*

