

Equation of motion

- Second order ordinary differential equation: $\mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{r}_0$, $\dot{\mathbf{r}}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0$

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{r}(t) = ? \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = ?? \end{cases}$$

- Cartesian coordinates:

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} m\ddot{x}(t) = F_x(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \\ m\ddot{y}(t) = F_y(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \\ m\ddot{z}(t) = F_z(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \end{cases}$$

- Polar coordinates:

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} m [\ddot{\rho}(t) - \rho(t) \dot{\phi}^2(t)] = F_\rho(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \\ m [\rho(t) \ddot{\phi}(t) + 2\dot{\rho}(t) \dot{\phi}(t)] = F_\phi(\mathbf{r}(t), \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t), t) \end{cases}$$

First order separable ordinary differential equation

- General form:

$$\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = f(x) g(y)$$

- Implicit **general solution**: existence of an *arbitrary* constant in the solution

$$\int \frac{1}{g(y)} dy = \int f(x) dx$$

First order linear ordinary differential equation

- Standard form: $a_1(x) \neq 0$

$$a_1(x) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + a_0(x) y(x) = f(x)$$

- **Integrating factor** $\mu(x)$: integration constant is irrelevant

$$\mu(x) a_1(x) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + \mu(x) a_0(x) y(x) \equiv \frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x) a_1(x) y(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) = \frac{1}{a_1(x)} \exp \left[\int^x \frac{a_0(\xi)}{a_1(\xi)} d\xi \right]$$

- General solution: c is an arbitrary integration constant

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\mu(x) a_1(x) y(x)] = \mu(x) f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y(x) = \frac{1}{\mu(x) a_1(x)} \left[\int^x \mu(\xi) f(\xi) d\xi + c \right]$$

$$a_1(x) \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + a_0(x) y(x) = f(x)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) a_0(x) = \mu(x) \frac{da_1(x)}{dx} + \frac{d\mu(x)}{dx} a_1(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\mu}{\mu(x)} = \frac{a_0(x)}{a_1(x)} dx - \frac{da_1}{a_1(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \mu(x) = \int^x \frac{a_0(\xi)}{a_1(\xi)} d\xi - \ln a_1(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x) = \frac{1}{a_1(x)} \exp \left[\int^x \frac{a_0(\xi)}{a_1(\xi)} d\xi \right] \quad \blacksquare$$

Special case: $F_x = F_x(t)$

- Solving for $v_x(t)$: $v_x(0) = v_{x0}$

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x}(t) = F_x(t) &\Rightarrow m \frac{dv_x(t)}{dt} = F_x(t) \Rightarrow m \int_{v'_x=v_{x0}}^{v_x} dv'_x = \int_{t'=0}^t F_x(t') dt' \\ &\Rightarrow v_x(t) = v_{x0} + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t'=0}^t F_x(t') dt' \end{aligned}$$

- Solving for $x(t)$: $x(0) = x_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = v_x(t) &\Rightarrow \int_{x'=x_0}^x dx' = \int_{t'=0}^t v_x(t') dt' \\ \Rightarrow x(t) &= x_0 + v_{x0}t + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t'=0}^t \left[\int_{t''=0}^{t'} F_x(t'') dt'' \right] dt' \end{aligned}$$

Special case: $F_x = F_x(x)$

- Solving for $v_x(x)$: $x = x(t) \leftrightarrow t = t(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x}(t) = F_x(x) &\Rightarrow m \frac{dv_x(t)}{dt} = F_x(x) \Rightarrow m \frac{dv_x(x)}{dx} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = F_x(x) \\ \Rightarrow m v_x(x) \frac{dv_x(x)}{dx} = F_x(x) &\Rightarrow m \int_{v'_x=v_{x0}}^{v_x} v'_x dv'_x = \int_{x'=x_0}^x F_x(x') dx' \\ \Rightarrow v_x^2(x) = v_{x0}^2 + \frac{2}{m} \int_{x'=x_0}^x F_x(x') dx' \end{aligned}$$

- Solving for $x(t)$: $x = x(t) \leftrightarrow t = t(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = v_x(x) &\Rightarrow \int_{x'=x_0}^x \frac{dx'}{v_x(x')} = \int_{t'=0}^t dt' \\ \Rightarrow t = \int_{x'=x_0}^x \frac{dx'}{v_x(x')} &\Rightarrow x(t) \end{aligned}$$

Special case: $F_x = F_x(v_x)$

- Solving for $v_x(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x}(t) = F_x(v_x) &\Rightarrow m \frac{dv_x(t)}{dt} = F_x(v_x) \\ \Rightarrow m \int_{v'_x=v_{x0}}^{v_x} \frac{dv'_x}{F_x(v'_x)} &= \int_{t'=0}^t dt' \Rightarrow v_x(t) \Rightarrow x(t) \end{aligned}$$

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Example: Double Atwood machine

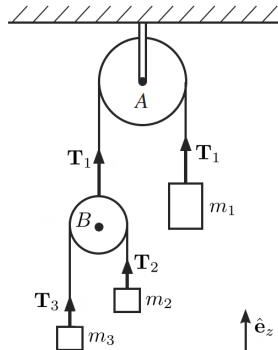
- A mass m_1 hangs at one end of a string that is led over a pulley A . The other end carries another pulley B which in turn carries a string with the masses m_2 and m_3 fixed to its ends. All pulleys and strings are assumed to be massless. Also, all strings are inextensible.

- Inextensible strings:

$$\mathbf{a}_{1A} = -\mathbf{a}_{BA}, \quad \mathbf{a}_{2B} = -\mathbf{a}_{3B}$$

- Massless strings and pulleys:

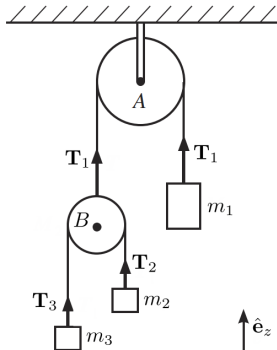
$$T_2 = T_3 = T, \quad T_1 = 2T_2 = 2T_3 = 2T$$



EXERCISE 2.1: Find the acceleration of all masses.

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_{1A} = -\mathbf{a}_{BA} \\ \mathbf{a}_{2B} = -\mathbf{a}_{3B} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{2B} = -\mathbf{a}_{3B} \Rightarrow a_2 + a_1 = -(a_3 + a_1) \Rightarrow a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}(a_2 + a_3) \quad \blacksquare$$



$$\begin{cases} T_1 - m_1 g = m_1 a_1 \\ T_2 - m_2 g = m_2 a_2 \\ T_3 - m_3 g = m_3 a_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2T - m_1 g = -\frac{m_1}{2} (a_2 + a_3) \\ T - m_2 g = m_2 a_2 \\ T - m_3 g = m_3 a_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_2 = -\frac{4m_2 m_3 + m_1 (m_2 - 3m_3)}{m_1 (m_2 + m_3) + 4m_2 m_3} g \\ a_3 = -\frac{4m_2 m_3 + m_1 (m_3 - 3m_2)}{m_1 (m_2 + m_3) + 4m_2 m_3} g \\ T = \frac{4m_1 m_2 m_3}{m_1 (m_2 + m_3) + 4m_2 m_3} g \end{cases} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{1}{2} (a_2 + a_3) = \frac{4m_2 m_3 - m_1 (m_2 + m_3)}{m_1 (m_2 + m_3) + 4m_2 m_3} g \quad \blacksquare$$

Example: Two masses on inclined plane

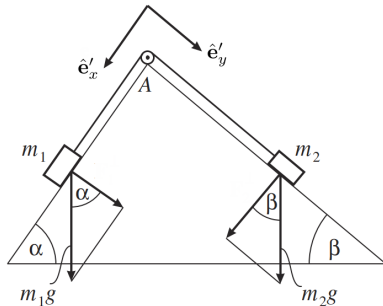
- Two masses m_1 and m_2 are lying each on one of two joined inclined planes with angles α and β with the horizontal. Both inclined planes and the horizontal make a right-angle triangle. The two masses are connected by a massless and inextensible string running over a massless and fixed pulley. The coefficients of kinetic friction of both planes are μ_k .

- Inextensible string:

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = a \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_x, \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = -a \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_y$$

- Massless string and pulley:

$$\mathbf{T}_1 = -T \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_x, \quad \mathbf{T}_2 = -T \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_y$$

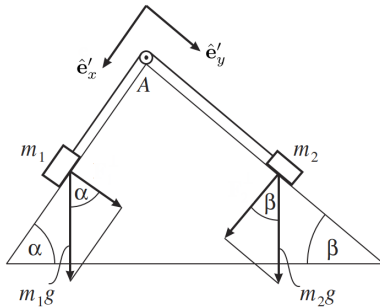


EXERCISE 2.2: Find the acceleration of the masses.

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = (m_1 g \sin \alpha - T - \mu_k N_1) \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_x + (m_1 g \cos \alpha - N_1) \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_y$$

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = m_1 \mathbf{a}_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} m_1 g \sin \alpha - T - \mu_k N_1 = m_1 a \\ m_1 g \cos \alpha - N_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

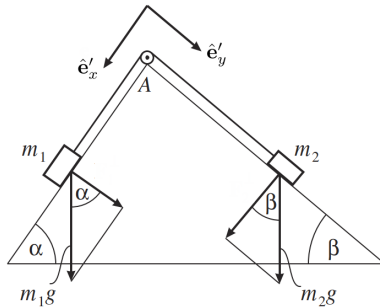
$$\Rightarrow \quad m_1 g \sin \alpha - T - \mu_k m_1 g \cos \alpha = m_1 a \quad \blacksquare$$



$$\mathbf{F}_2 = (m_2 g \cos \beta - N_2) \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_x + (m_2 g \sin \beta - T + \mu_k N_2) \hat{\mathbf{e}}'_y$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = m_2 \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} m_2 g \cos \beta - N_2 = 0 \\ m_2 g \sin \beta - T + \mu_k N_2 = -m_2 a \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad m_2 g \sin \beta - T + \mu_k m_2 g \cos \beta = -m_2 a \quad \blacksquare$$



$$\begin{cases} m_1 g \sin \alpha - T - \mu_k m_1 g \cos \alpha = m_1 a \\ m_2 g \sin \beta - T + \mu_k m_2 g \cos \beta = -m_2 a \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = \frac{(m_1 \sin \alpha - m_2 \sin \beta) - \mu_k (m_1 \cos \alpha + m_2 \cos \beta)}{m_1 + m_2} g \\ T = \frac{m_1 m_2 g}{m_1 + m_2} [(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta) - \mu_k (\cos \alpha - \cos \beta)] \end{cases} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\mu_k \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a \rightarrow \frac{m_1 \sin \alpha - m_2 \sin \beta}{m_1 + m_2} g \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a \rightarrow \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g \quad \blacksquare$$