



Force And Motion I

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First Law

- **Newton's First Law**
 - A body at rest remains at rest --
 - A body in uniform linear motion (constant velocity) continues to move with the same velocity (ie, same magnitude and direction on that straight line) --
 - UNLESS ACTED UPON BY A FORCE
- **Newton's Laws do NOT hold good for all frames**
 - need a reference frame does NOT accelerate (also called the inertial reference frame)
- **First Law defines Inertia of an object**
- **If the body is at rest OR in uniform linear motion**
 - then the net (vector sum) of all the forces acting on the body is ZERO

Second Law

- **Newton's Second Law**

- If a net (non-zero) force acts on a body, it accelerates in the direction of the net force. Acceleration of the object is proportional to the net force
- If the object has a mass m and acceleration a , the net force is given by

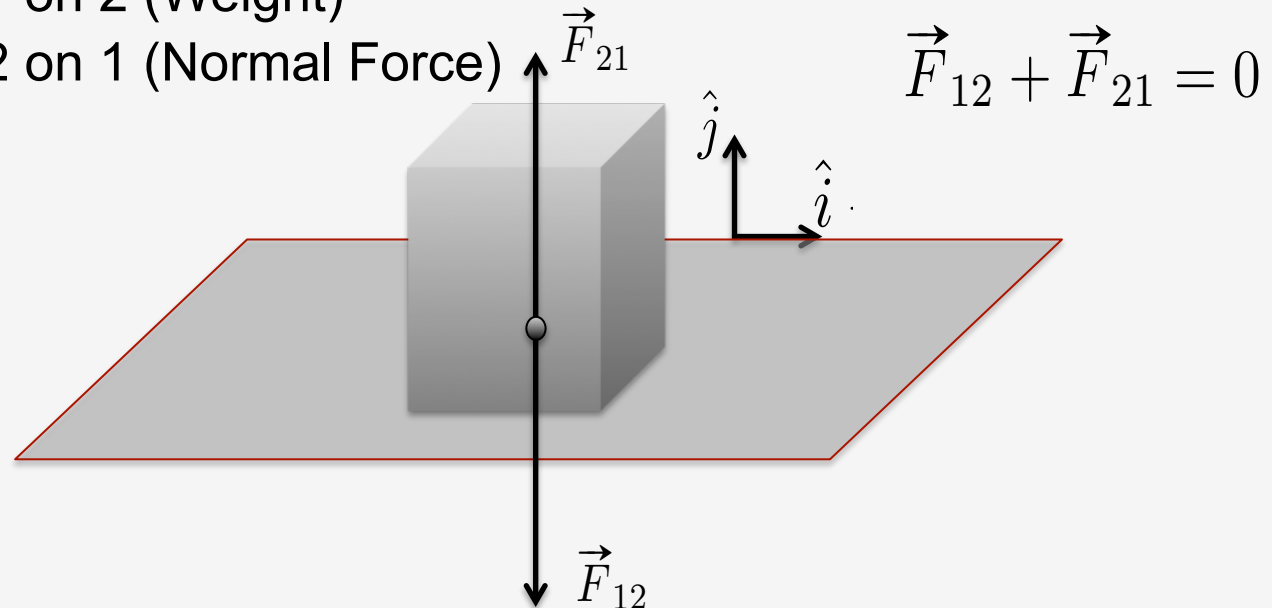
$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \cdots + \vec{F}_N = \sum_{i=1}^{i=N} \vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_{net} = m \vec{a}$$

- **If the acceleration is zero, then**

- The net force is zero
- If there are say 5 forces, each may (or not) be zero, but their vector sum is zero
- The body could be at rest OR the body could be in a uniform linear motion
- $F_1, F_2, F_3 \dots F_N$ are a SYSTEM of forces on that body

Third Law

- Defines “contact” force or the force of “interaction”
 - The forces of interaction between two bodies are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.
 - Force of Action + Force of Reaction = 0
 - The two forces form an “action/reaction pair”
 - 1 = Bottom Surface of the box
 - 2 = Top surface of a table (for example)
 - F_{12} = Force of 1 on 2 (Weight)
 - F_{21} = Force of 2 on 1 (Normal Force)



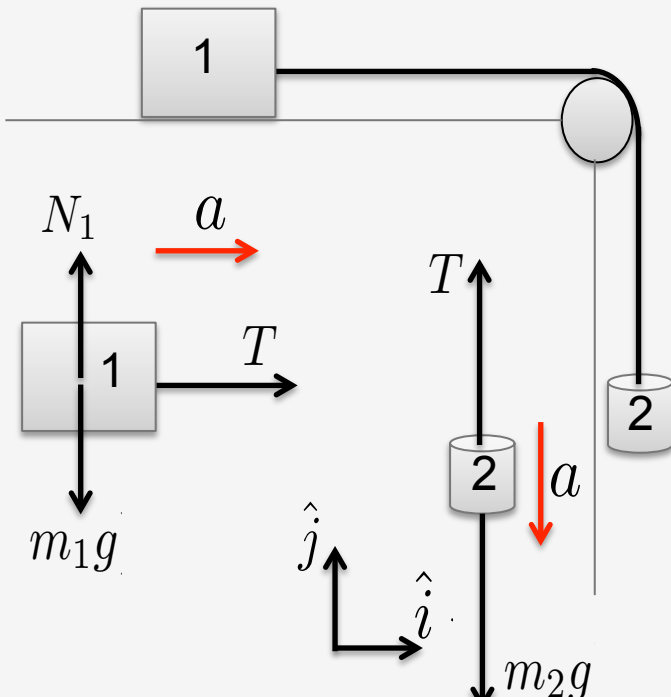
Some Forces

- Force
 - due to Earth's gravitational pull – weight
 - due to surfaces in contact – normal force
 - due to relative motion between surfaces of contact – friction
 - due to rope/string holding (in suspension) a heavy object – tension
- Setting up and solving problems
 - Identify all objects in the system
 - Setup a reference frame
 - Identify forces acting on each object using a Free Body Diagram (FBD)
 - remove/isolate the object from the system
 - indicate forces acting ON the object due to all other objects
 - Apply Newton's Laws (usually 2nd and 3rd laws)
 - Solve for the unknown (forces, acceleration, mass etc)

Example 1

- Assume

- Friction between contact surfaces can be ignored, rope is massless and does not slip on the pulley, pulley's mass is negligible compared to 1 and 2 and 2 is falling (moving downward) with an acceleration



$$T \hat{i} + (N_1 - m_1g) \hat{j} = m_1 a \hat{i}$$

$$(T - m_2g) \hat{j} = -m_2 a \hat{j}$$

$$T = m_1 a, \quad (N_1 - m_1g) = 0, \quad (T - m_2g) = -m_2 a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{m_2 g}{(m_1 + m_2)} \quad T = \frac{m_1 m_2 g}{(m_1 + m_2)}$$