

Accelerating Reference Frames

Demo: Rotating chair

To be able to ascribe accelerations to *real* forces, you must be observing the motion from a **constant velocity reference frame**.

Amusement Park Ride

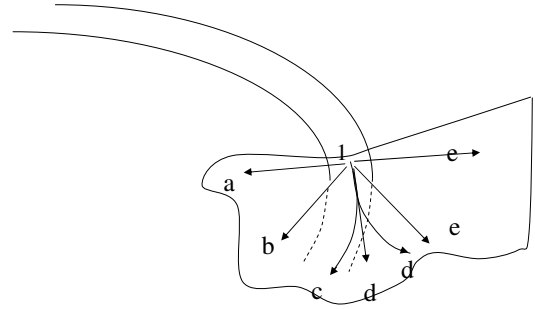
If in an **accelerating** reference frame, we tend to invent **fictitious forces**.

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Q4. A car rounds a curve while maintaining a constant speed. Is there a net force on the car as it rounds the curve?

- No, because its speed is constant.
- No, because the normal force is balanced by gravity.
- Yes, because it's changing direction.
- Could be either yes or no, depending on the sharpness of the curve and the speed of the car.

Q5. A car hits an icy spot on the road at point 1. What is the path of the car if there is no friction on the ice?

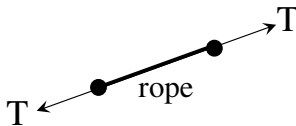


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Ropes and pulleys



When we pull on a rope, we create tension (T) everywhere in it.



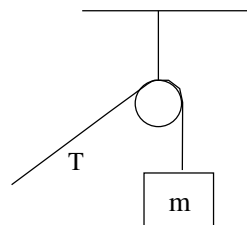
Same on both ends, so no net force on the rope.

Direction of force that a rope exerts on an object?

Role of fixed pulleys

(frictionless, massless)

Tension when mass is not accelerated



Tension with acceleration

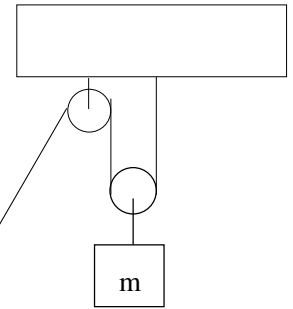
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Moveable pulleys



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(One of six "simple machines")

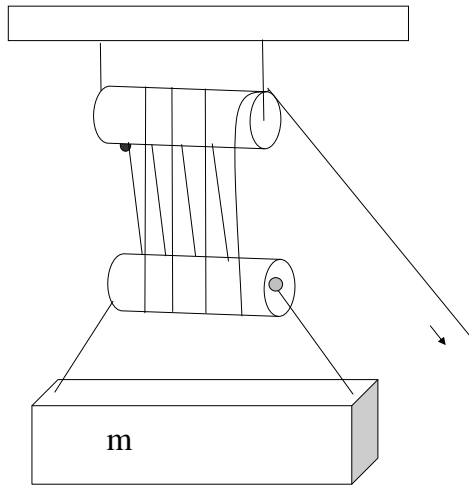


Gives *mechanical advantage*

tension required to hold or slowly lift is lower

- Draw FBD of the moveable pulley
- See how many T -vectors are pulling upward
- Solve Newton's 2nd law

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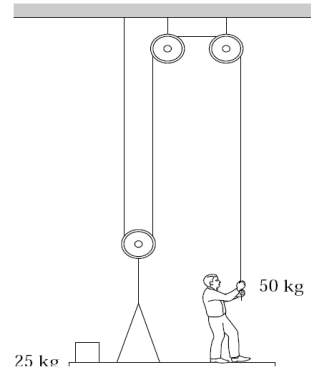
Q6. Assume frictionless, massless string and pulleys, and negligible acceleration. The tension in the string you pull is:

- a. $8 mg$
- b. $4 mg$
- c. mg
- d. $mg/4$
- e. $mg/8$

Demo: Mechanical advantage 6-pulley demo

Q7. A 100-kg man stands on a 25-kg platform. He pulls on the rope that is attached to the platform via the frictionless pulley system shown here. If he pulls the platform up at a **steady rate**, with how much force is he pulling on the rope? Ignore friction and **assume** $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$.

- A. 750 N
- B. 500 N
- C. 250 N
- D. 125 N
- E. 100 N

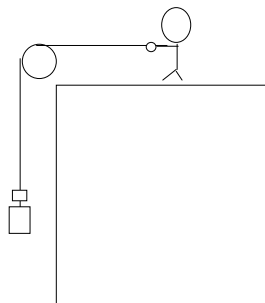


Demo: Equilibrium Paradox

Demo: Atwood machine with airtrack

Worked Problem: Gilbert (100 kg) is lifting the 50 kg group of boxes over a frictionless pulley while on top of a building. He then steps on some frictionless ice.

- a. If we treat Gilbert and the boxes as one group what is the magnitude of the force (from outside) that accelerates the group?

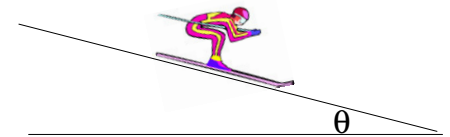


- b. What is the acceleration of the group?
- c. What is the tension in the rope above the two boxes?

Inclined planes!

(another of the “simple machines”)

A skier is on a hill with no friction. What is her acceleration?



Concept first:

- What force is it that accelerates her?
- What is the acceleration?

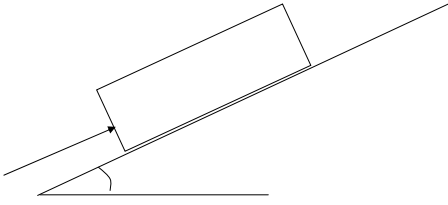
Two extremes:

- level ground
- infinite slope

a for any angle:

Worked Problem:

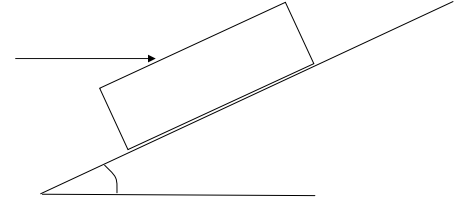
You push with a force of 200 N on a 25 kg frictionless ice block which is on a hill sloping 30° above the horizontal. What is the acceleration of the block?



Same setup:

If you push with the same force, but **horizontally** what will the acceleration be?

(hint: qualitatively, will it be more, less or the same)



Q8. Did you discuss at least half of the discussion quiz questions today with a neighbor?

- a. Yes
- b. No