

## Announcements – Oct 15, 2009

1. Don't forget to pick up your exams in the boxes near Tutorial Lab

**From last time:** How much energy would you have to provide in order to “shoot” a 100 kg satellite into a near orbit like the ISS, 6712 km from center of earth? (Assume via initial KE)

$$KE_{\text{bef}} + PE_{\text{bef}} = KE_{\text{aft}} + PE_{\text{aft}}$$

$$KE_{\text{bef}} + (-GmM/R_{\text{earth}}) = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{orbital}}^2 + (-GmM/r_{\text{orbital}})$$

$$KE_{\text{bef}} = \mathbf{3.29E9 J}$$

...into a much farther geostationary orbit? (42,157 km) **5.79E9 J**

...to an orbit at the moon's distance? (381,715 km) **6.21E9 J**

**New:** ...into an orbit very far away from the Earth??

*Hints:* What is its orbital velocity? Final potential energy?

**Robert Heinlein: “If you can get into orbit, then you're halfway to anywhere”**

**What is the “escape velocity” of the earth?**

→ velocity needed to “escape”...end up very far away

Answers: 6.26E9 J, 11.2 km/s

## Torque and equilibrium

A force supplies a **torque** on an object when it is applied in such a way that could cause the object to \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:**  $\tau = r_{\perp} F$

**Note:** where do you measure the distance  $r$  from?

If the object is rotating:

If the object is standing still:

Above all, be \_\_\_\_\_

**Positive vs. negative torques:**

Is torque a vector?

**From warmup:** in order to apply the most torque to a screw, you should:

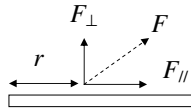
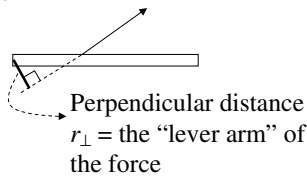
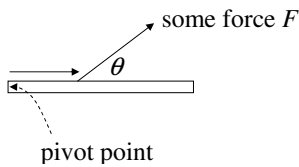
- a. use a wrench with a long handle
- b. use a wrench with a short handle
- c. no difference

**Clicker quiz:** In order to apply the most torque, you should:



- a. apply the force perpendicular to  $r$
- b. apply the force at a  $45^\circ$  angle from  $r$
- c. no difference

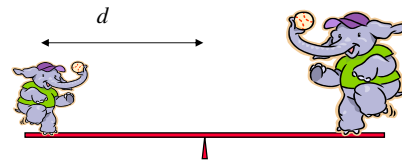
## “Lever Arm”



**Summary:**  $\tau = r_{\perp} F = r F_{\perp} = r F \sin \theta$

→ be careful about which angle is  $\theta$ !

**Note:** If you are familiar with vector cross products, those equations can be summarized in vector form like this:  $\tau = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ .



**From warmup:** Two people sit on a seesaw. They sit in positions such that the seesaw is balanced in a horizontal position. The two people must weigh the same amount.

- true
- false

**Clicker quiz:** Where should the large elephant stand in order to balance the seesaw? (mass = 4 times the little elephant)

- $d$
- $d/2$
- $d/4$
- $d/8$

**Clicker quiz:** When the see-saw is balanced, what is the upwards force from the pivot point? (Or, equivalently, the downward force on the pivot point.)

- $mg/4$
- $mg/2$
- $mg$
- $4mg$
- $5mg$

## Center of mass demos

## Equilibrium

What concepts were involved?

- If an object is not moving (“translational”), then...
- If an object is not *rotating*, then...

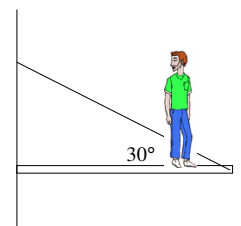
### A new blueprint equation!

In that problem:

In general: think carefully about the p\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_ and the s\_\_\_\_\_ of t\_\_\_\_\_

**Worked problem.** A 1500 N man, 1 meter from the right end, is standing on a board supported by a wall and a rope. The board weighs 800 N and is 4 meters long. What is the tension in the rope?

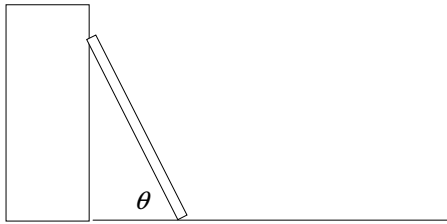
- Draw all of the forces present.  
Note: gravity acts at the *center of mass*
- Divide forces into components
- Use  $\Sigma \mathbf{F}$  blueprint equation(s)
- Use  $\Sigma \tau$  blueprint equation  
→ which pivot point to use?



How to do additional question: what are the horizontal and vertical forces of the wall on the board?

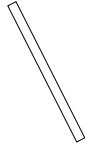
Answers:  $T = 3050 \text{ N}$ ,  $F_x = 2641 \text{ N to right}$ ,  $F_y = 775 \text{ N up}$

**Problem:**



A ladder leans against a **frictionless** wall. The ground has static coefficient of friction  $\mu$ . What's the smallest angle  $\theta$  such that the ladder doesn't slip?

Draw FBD of ladder:



**Clicker quiz:** using the ground contact point as the pivot, the (magnitude of the) *torque* produced by the wall's normal force is \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the torque produced by the weight.

- a. more than
- b. less than
- c. the same

**Clicker quiz:** The ground's frictional *force* is \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the wall's normal force.

- a. more than
- b. less than
- c. the same

**Clicker quiz:** The ground's normal *force* is \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the weight.

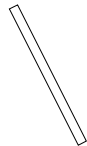
- a. more than
- b. less than
- c. the same

**Solved problem:** use  $\Sigma\tau = 0$ ... about what point??

Answer:  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(1/(2\mu))$   $\mu = 0.5 \rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$ ;  $\mu = 0.7 \rightarrow \theta = 35.5^\circ$ ;  $\mu = 0.9 \rightarrow \theta = 29.1^\circ$

**Modification:** Suppose the wall *also* has friction,  $\mu$ . What's the angle  $\theta$  now? (Think: bigger or smaller?)

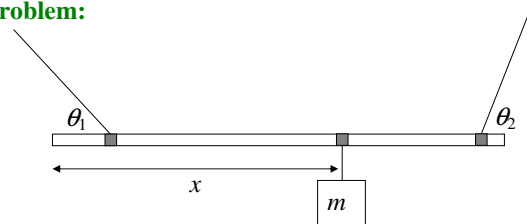
New FBD:



Equations:

Answer:  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2\mu} - \frac{\mu}{2}\right)$   $\mu = 0.5 \rightarrow \theta = 36.9^\circ$ ;  $\mu = 0.7 \rightarrow \theta = 20.0^\circ$ ;  $\mu = 0.9 \rightarrow \theta = 6.0^\circ$

**Problem:**



A 0.4 kg meterstick is suspended from support pillars (not shown) via two strings at  $\theta_1 = 41.4^\circ$  and  $\theta_2 = 60^\circ$ , with tensions of 2 N and 3N. The strings are attached at 10 cm and 5 cm from the two ends of the meterstick. The stick is *not* in equilibrium until an additional mass is hung from a point in the middle. Find the unknown  $x$  and  $m$ .

Answers: 0.171 kg, 38.2 cm