

# Chapter 5 Force and Motion

- **Force F**
  - is the interaction between objects
  - is a vector
  - causes acceleration
  - Net force: **vector** sum of all the forces on an object.

$$\vec{F}_{\text{total}} \equiv \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \vec{F}_4 + \dots = m\vec{a}$$

# Force Examples

- Gravitational
- Friction
- tension
- spring
- normal
- momentum change
- electrostatic
- magnetic
- nuclear
- etc.....

# Newton's first law

- **Newton's first law:** If no force acts on a body, then the body's velocity cannot change, that is, the body can not accelerate
  - rest, still rest
  - moving, continue moving with same velocity
- Inertia reference frame is one in which Newton's laws hold

# Mass

- **Definition:** The mass of an object is a measure of its “resistance” to being accelerated.
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- Symbol:  $m$
  - SI Base unit: kg (by the way, the English unit for mass is the “slug”)
  - Scalar quantity
  - Mass is an intrinsic characteristic of an object, however its value does change at high speeds (Special Relativity)  
Has to do with the speed of light being  $c$ .

## Newton's Second Law

- **Newton's second law:** The net force on a body is equal to the product of the body's mass and the acceleration of the body

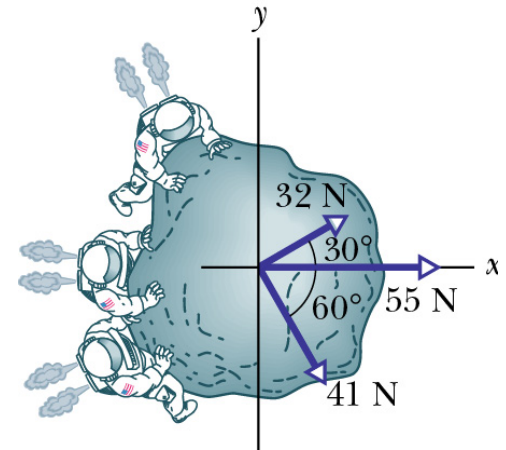
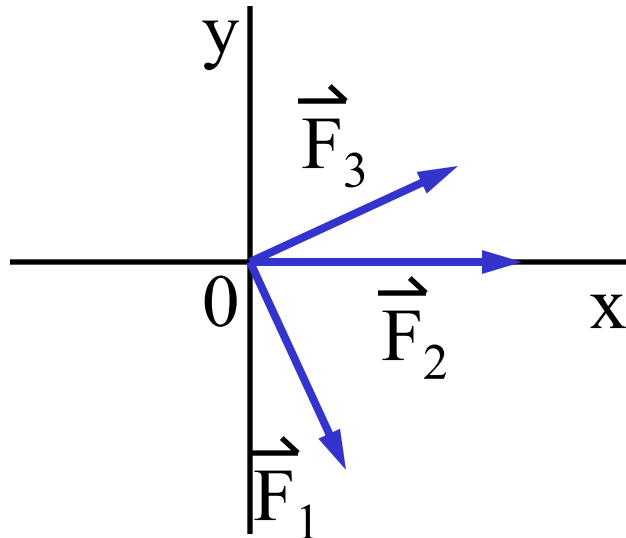
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$\Sigma \vec{F}$  : **vector** sum of **all** the forces that act on **that** body

$$\Sigma F_x = m a_x \quad \Sigma F_y = m a_y \quad \Sigma F_z = m a_z$$

- **Unit:**  $1 \text{ N} = (1\text{kg}) \cdot (1\text{m/s}^2) = 1 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m/s}^2$

- Example: (problem 5-6 in the text book) Three astronauts, propelled by jet backpacks, push and guide a 120 kg asteroid toward a processing dock, exerting forces shown in Fig. What is the asteroid's acceleration (a) in unit vector notation and as (b) a magnitude and (c) a direction



Break problem into x- and y-components

$$\vec{F}_1 = (41\text{N} \cos 60^\circ) \hat{i} + (-41\text{N} \sin 60^\circ) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = (55\text{N}) \hat{i} + (0) \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_3 = (32\text{N} \cos 30^\circ) \hat{i} + (32\text{N} \sin 30^\circ) \hat{j}$$

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$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = (103.2\text{N}) \hat{i} + (-19.51\text{N}) \hat{j}$$

- The gravitational force near the surface of a very large object (i.e., the Earth):

$$F_g = m g$$

- Weight (gravitational force)

$$W = F_g = m g$$

- g varies with location
- **weight and mass are different**, e.g. 7.2 kg ball, same mass on earth and moon, weight 71 N on earth but 12 N on the moon

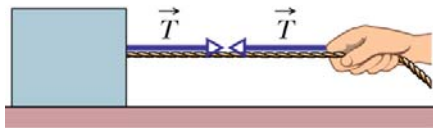
- Suppose you are talking by interplanetary telephone to your friend, who lives on the moon. She tells you that he just won a piece of gold weighing one newton in a contest. Excitedly, you tell her that you entered the Earth version of the same contest and also won a newton of gold! Who is richer?



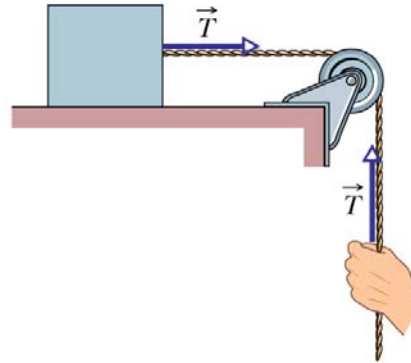
- The normal force:  $\mathbf{F}_N$ 
  - When a body presses against a surface, the surface deforms and pushes on the body with a normal force  $N$  that is **perpendicular** to the surface
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - $\mathbf{F}_N$  does not always equal  $mg$
- Friction:  $\mathbf{f}$ 
  - the resistance force on a body when the body slides or attempts to slide along a surface

- Tension:  $T$

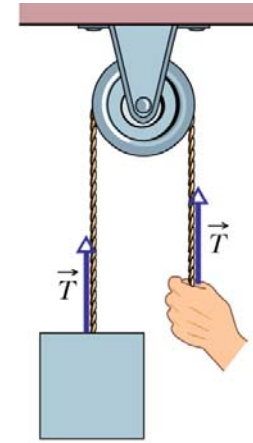
- When a cord is attached to a body and pulled taut, the cord pulls on the body with force  $T$



(a)



(b)



(c)

- CP 5-5: The body in fig (c) has a weight of 75 N, Is  $T$  equal to, greater than, or less than 75 N when the body is
- (a) moving upward at constant speed
  - (b) at increasing speed
  - (c) at decreasing speed?

# Newton's Third Law

- Why would I feel pain if I hit the wall with my fist?
- Newton's third law: When two bodies interact, the forces on the bodies from each other are always equal in magnitude and opposite in direction

$$F_{AB} = - F_{BA}$$

- They do not cancel each other since they act on different bodies

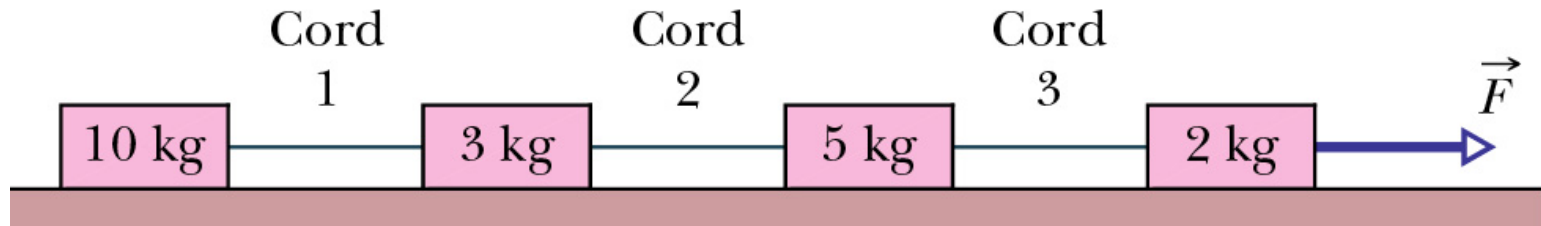
If a sport car collides head-on with a massive truck,

- (a) which vehicle experiences the greater force?
- (b) which vehicle experience the greater acceleration?

**Remember that a modern semi-truck  
has a mass of 25 cars!**

Assume  $F = 20 \text{ N}$ , surface frictionless. What is the acceleration ?

$$F = (m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + m_4)a = (20\text{kg})a = 20\text{N}$$
$$\implies a = 20\text{N}/20\text{kg} = 1.0 \text{ m/s}^2$$



How about  $T_1$ ?

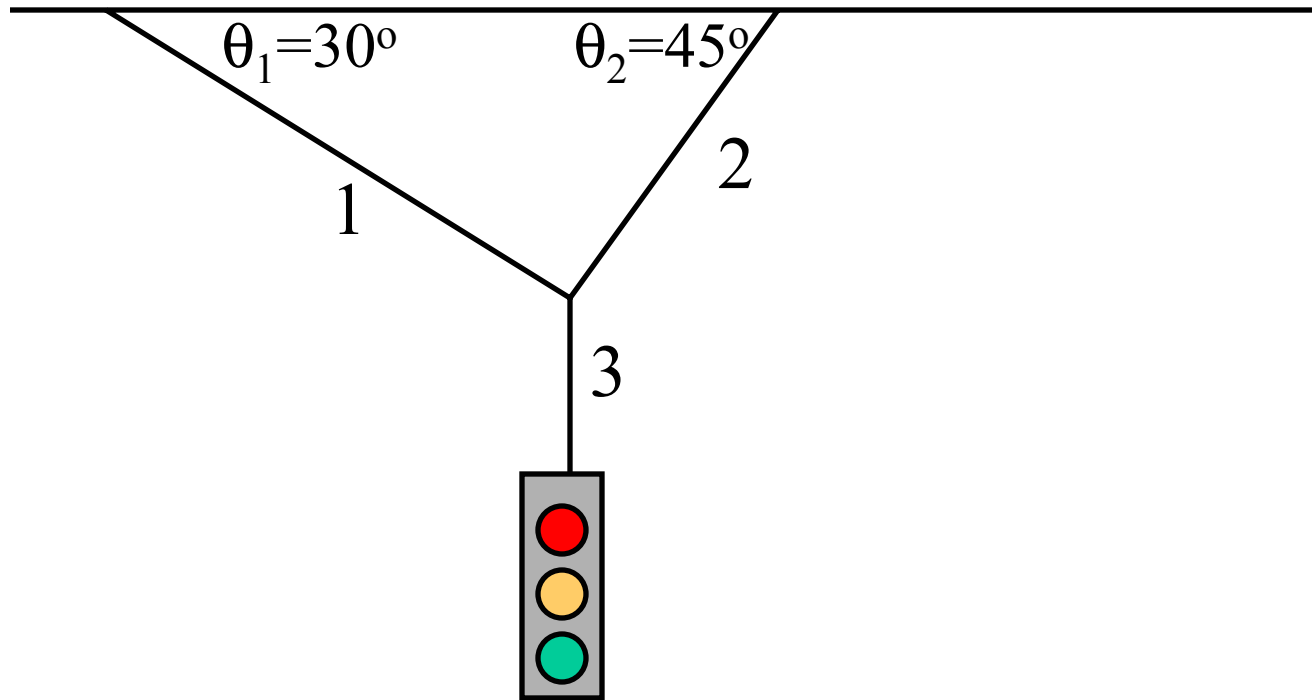
$$T_1 = m_1 a = (10\text{kg})(1.0 \text{ m/s}^2) = 10\text{N}$$

## General scheme for solving Newton's law problems

- Isolate the objects in the problem
- For each object of interest, identify **all the external forces** on that object and draw a **free-body diagram** for this object
- establish a convenient coordinate system **for each object** and find the component of the forces along those axes.
- Apply Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law in the x and y directions for each object. ( e.g.  $\Sigma F_x = ma_x$ ,  $\Sigma F_y = ma_y$ )
- Solve the resulting set of equations.

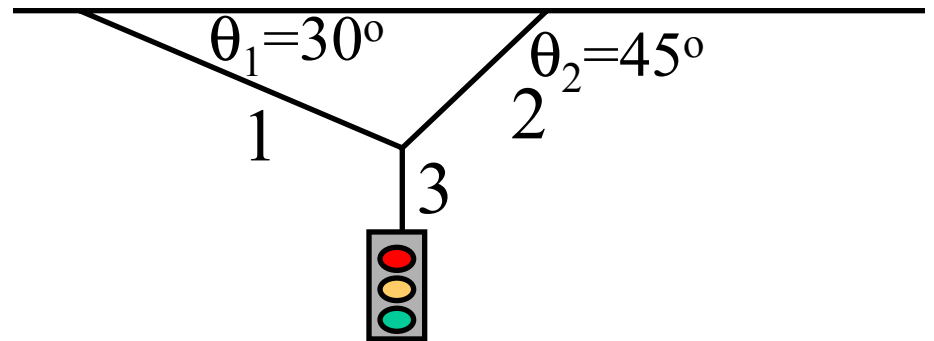
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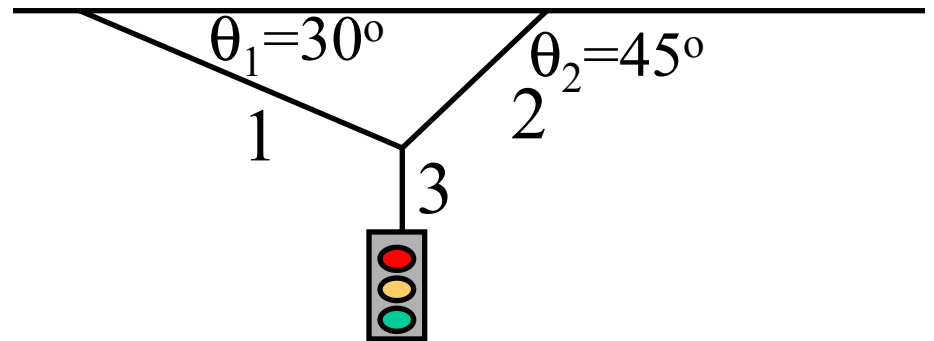


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$$F_x = -F_1 \cos 30^\circ + F_2 \cos 45^\circ = 0$$

$$F_y = F_1 \sin 30^\circ + F_2 \sin 45^\circ - F_3 = 0$$

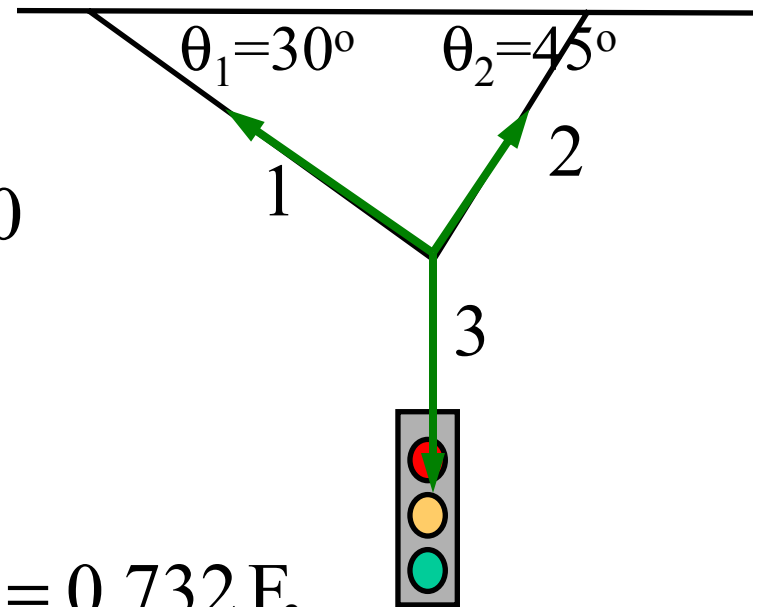
$$F_1 \cos 30^\circ = F_2 \cos 45^\circ$$

$$F_1 \sin 30^\circ + F_2 \sin 45^\circ = F_3$$

$$F_1 = 0.732 F_3$$

$$F_2 = 0.896 F_3$$

$$F_3 = 1.00 F_3$$



# Newton's Laws of Motion

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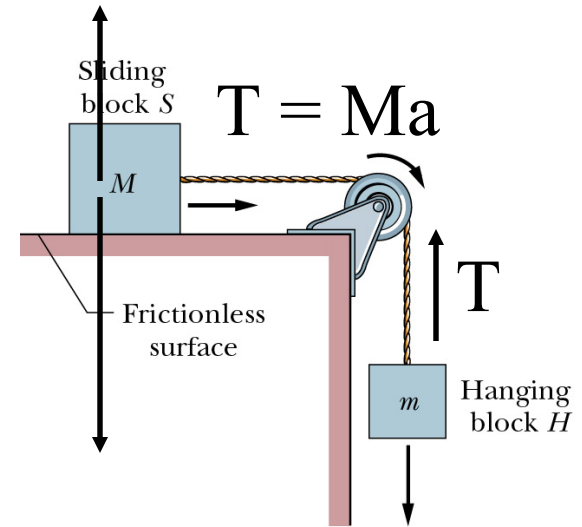
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Sample problem 5-5.

$M = 3.3 \text{ kg}$ ,  $m = 2.1 \text{ kg}$ , frictionless surface

$H$  falls as  $S$  accelerate to the right

(a) What is the acceleration of  $S$ ?



Acceleration  $a$  links the two masses together

$$F_g = mg$$

Forces on  $m$

unbalanced forces on  $M$

$$mg - T = ma$$

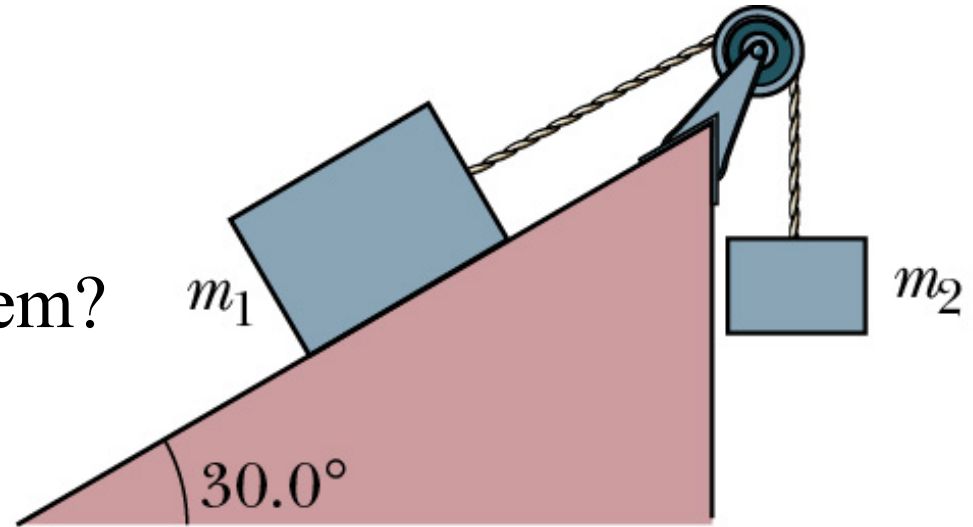
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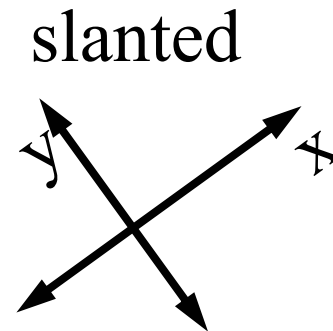
$$a = \frac{m}{M + m} g$$

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How do you set up this problem?



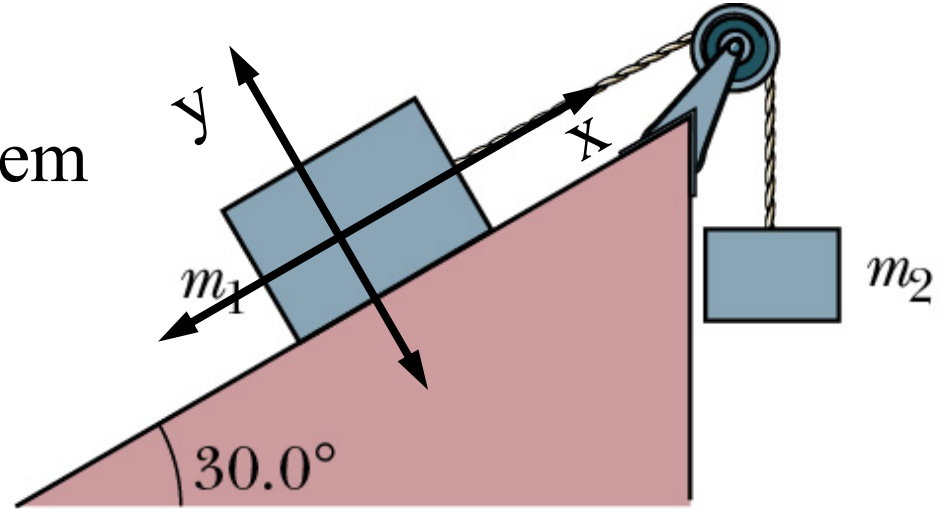
Which Coordinate system?



Easiest because of direction of motion

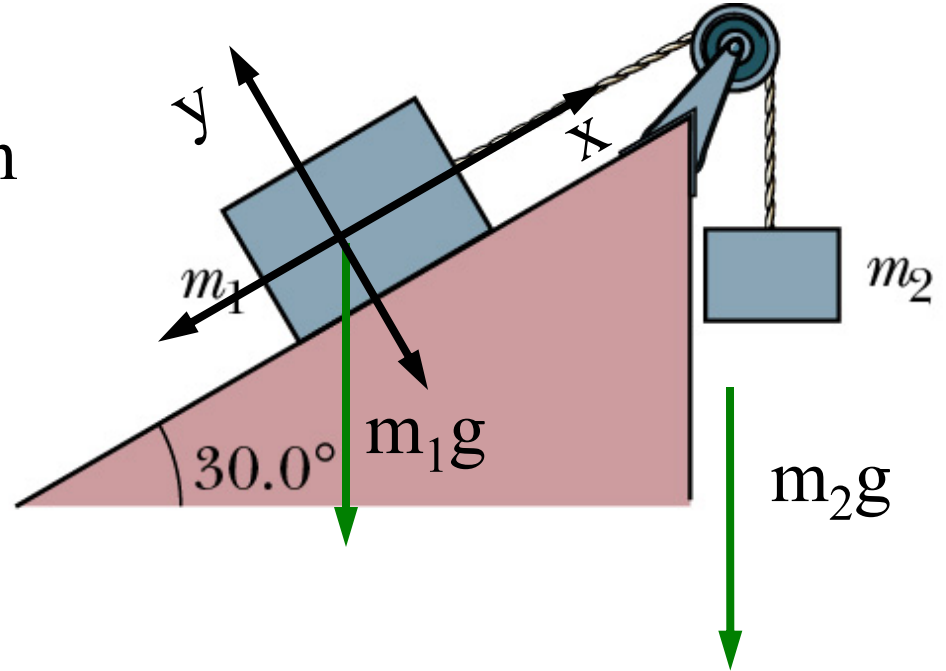
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First set up coordinate system

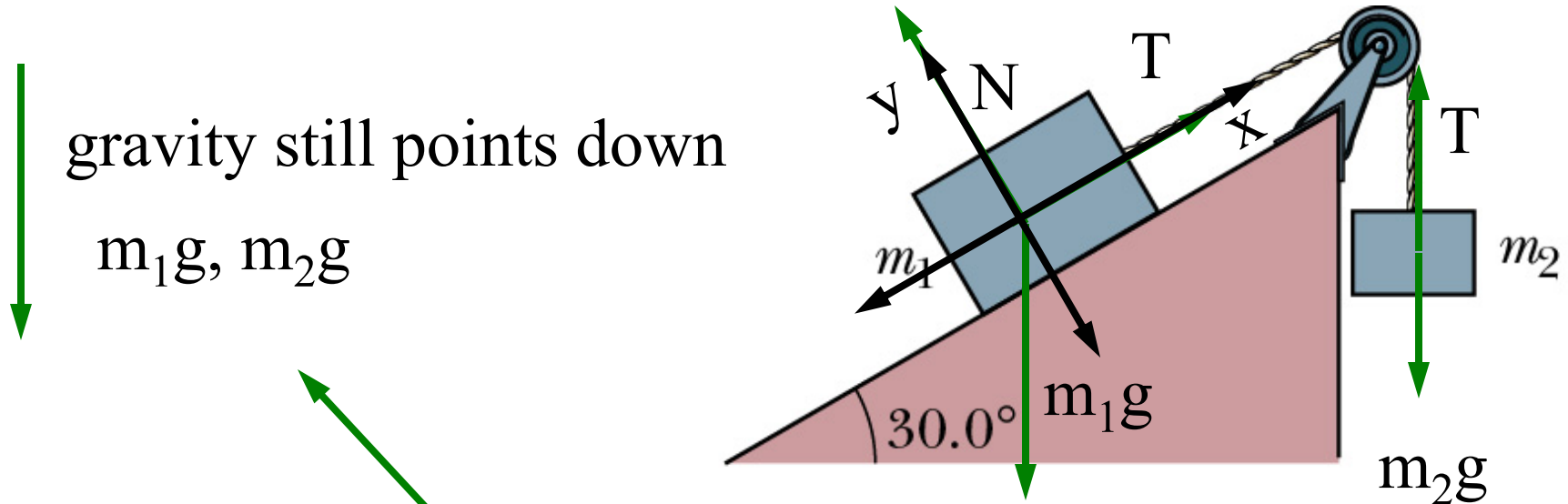


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$m_1g, m_2g$

Normal force is perpendicular to the plane

Tension is along the rope



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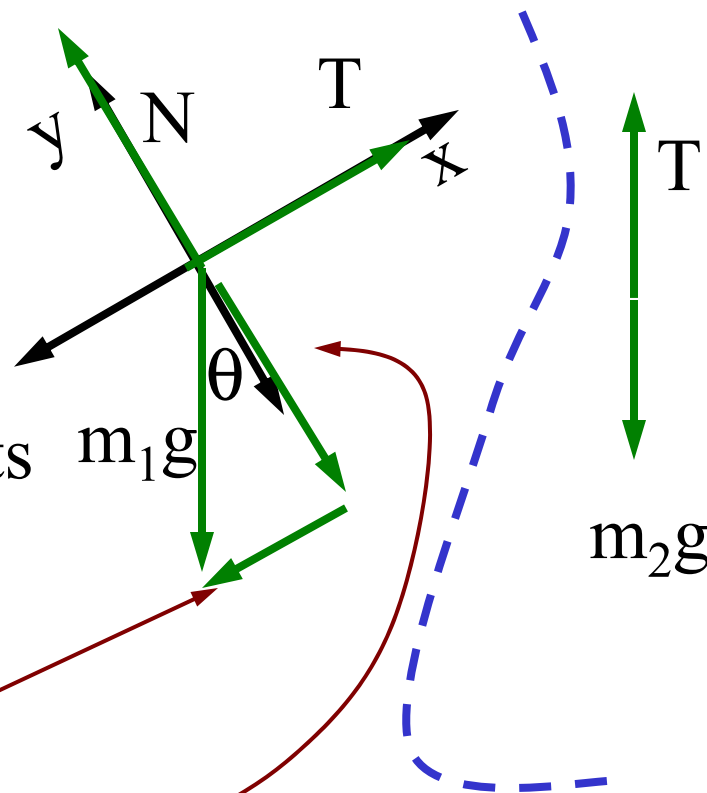
Thus, the free body diagram becomes:

Dissect the forces into components

$$\vec{T} = T\hat{i} + 0\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{N} = 0\hat{i} + N\hat{j}$$

$$m_1\vec{g} = m_1g \sin \theta(-\hat{i}) + m_1g \cos \theta(-\hat{j})$$



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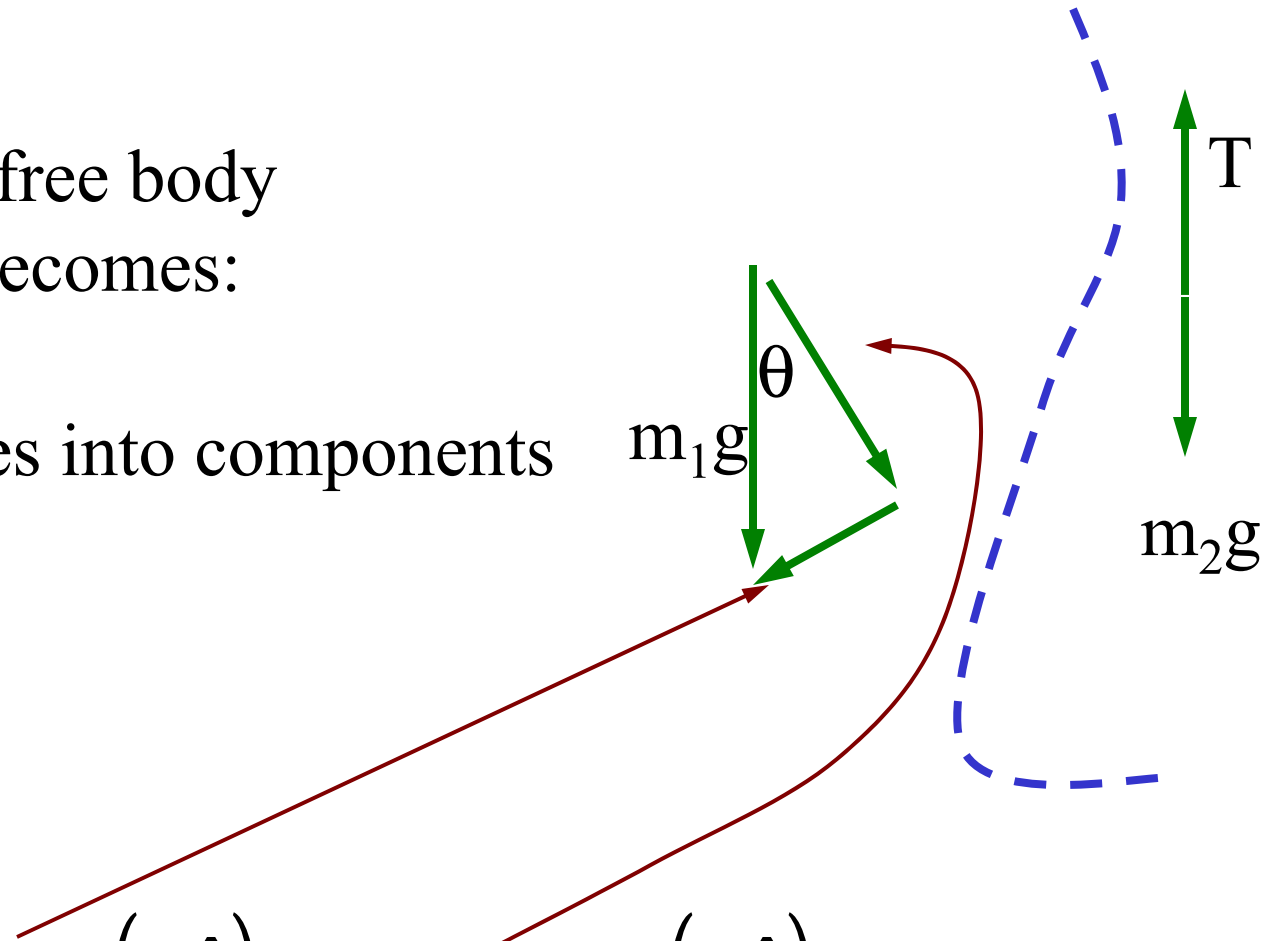
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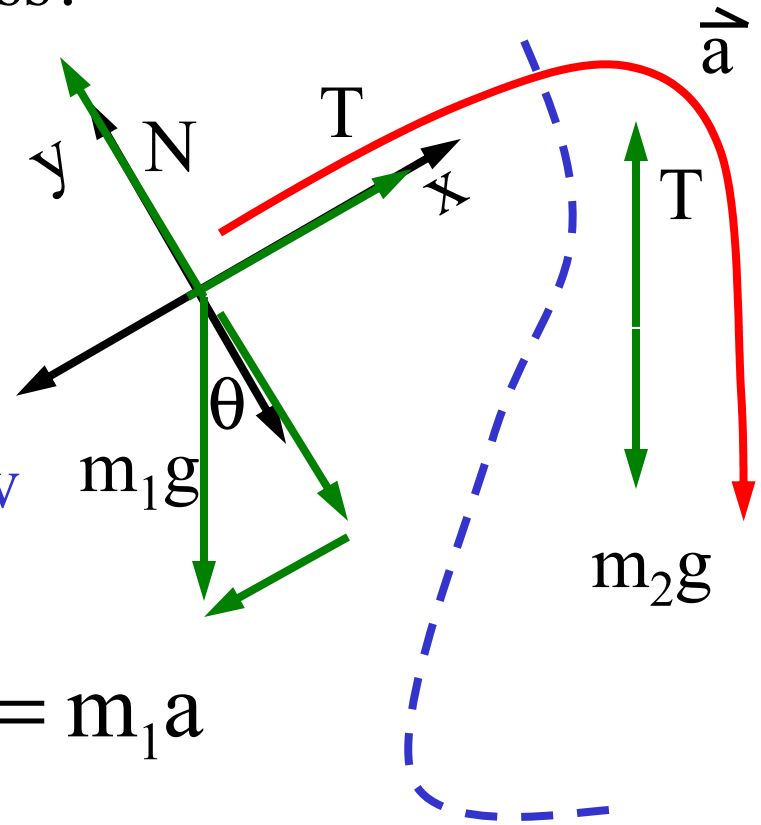
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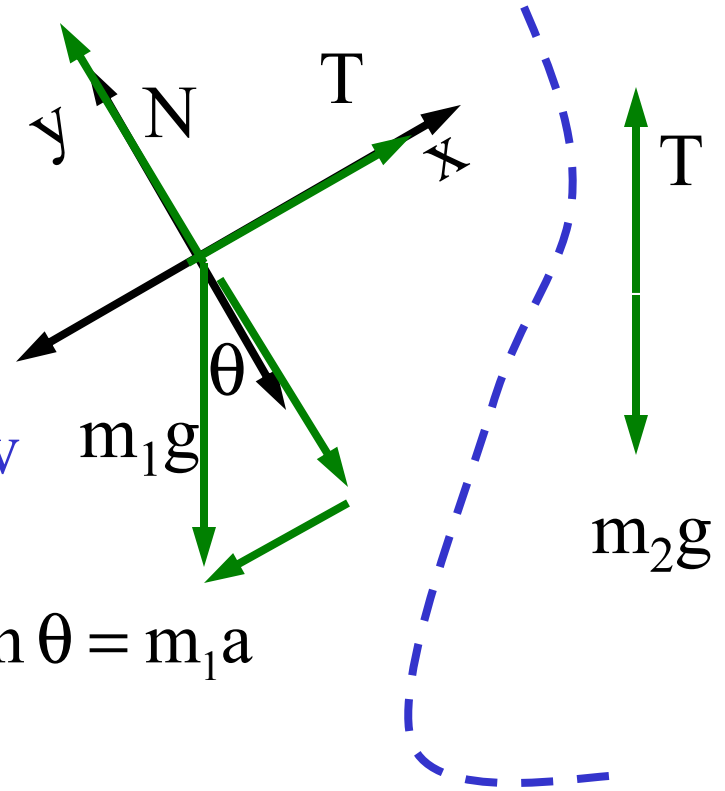
$$x: \quad \sum F_{x_i} = T - m_1 g \sin \theta = m_1 a$$

$$y: \quad \sum F_{y_i} = N - m_1 g \cos \theta = 0$$

$$m_2: \quad -T + m_2 g = m_2 a$$

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$$m_2g - m_1g \sin \theta = (m_1 + m_2)a$$

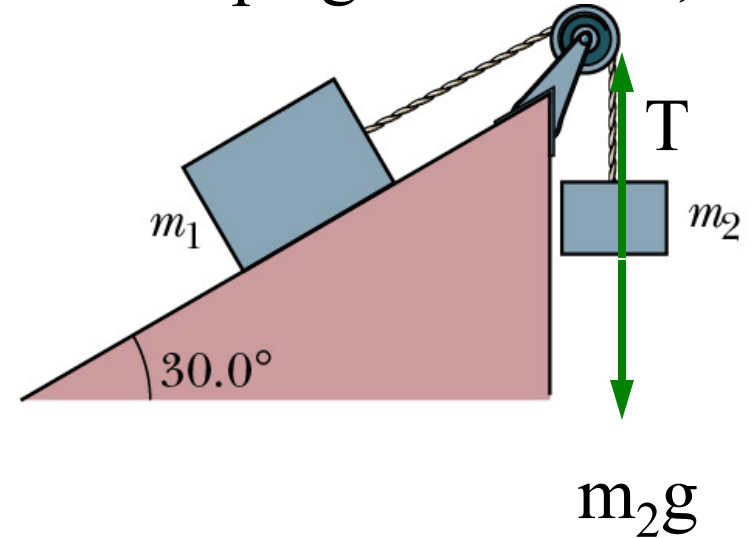
$$a = \frac{m_2g - m_1g \sin \theta}{(m_1 + m_2)} \Rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{m_2g - m_1g \sin \theta}{(m_1 + m_2)} (\hat{i})$$

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$$y: N = m_1g \cos \theta$$

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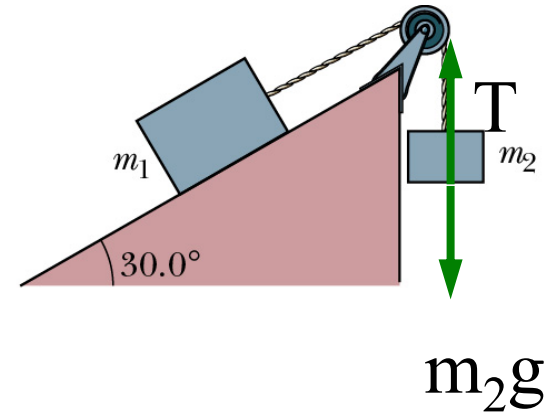
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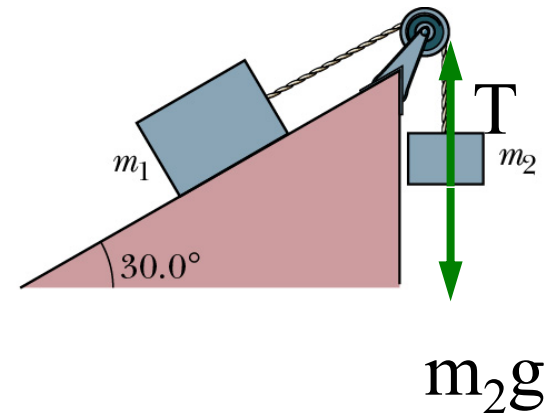
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