## PHYSICS OF FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS A STRATEGIC APPROACH 4/E

## **Chapter 5 Lecture**



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## **Chapter 5 Force and Motion**

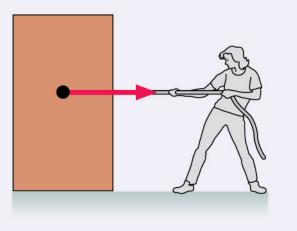


# IN THIS CHAPTER, you will learn about the connection between force and motion.

### What is a force?

The fundamental concept of **mechanics** is force.

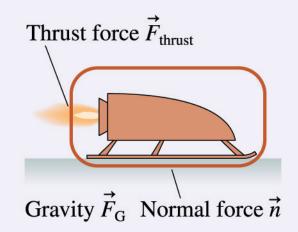
- A force is a push or a pull.
- A force acts on an object.
- A force requires an agent.
- A force is a vector.



### How do we identify forces?

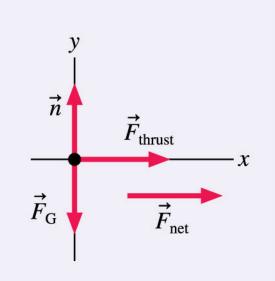
A force can be a contact force or a long-range force.

- Contact forces occur at points where the environment touches the object.
- Contact forces disappear the instant contact is lost. Forces have no memory.
- Long-range forces include gravity and magnetism.



### How do we show forces?

Forces can be displayed on a free-body diagram. You'll draw all forces—both pushes and pulls—as vectors with their tails on the particle. A well-drawn free-body diagram is an essential step in solving problems, as you'll see in the next chapter.

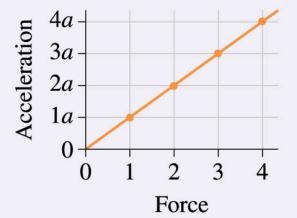


### What do forces do?

A net force causes an object to accelerate with an acceleration directly proportional to the size of the force. This is Newton's second law, the most important statement in mechanics. For a particle of mass m,

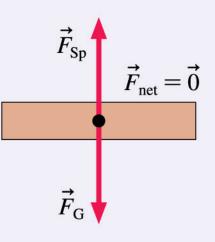
$$\vec{a} = \frac{1}{m}\vec{F}_{ne}$$

**« LOOKING BACK** Sections 1.4, 2.4, and 3.2 Acceleration and vector addition



### What is Newton's first law?

Newton's first law—an object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion continues moving at constant speed in a straight line if and only if the net force on the object is zero—helps us define what a force *is*. It is also the basis for identifying the reference frames—called inertial reference frames—in which Newton's laws are valid.



## What good are forces?

Kinematics describes *how* an object moves. For the more important tasks of knowing *why* an object moves and being able to predict its position and orientation at a future time, we have to know the forces acting on the object. Relating force to motion is the subject of **dynamics**, and it is one of the most important underpinnings of all science and engineering.

## **Chapter 5 Reading Questions**

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## Chapter 5 Content, Examples, and QuickCheck Questions

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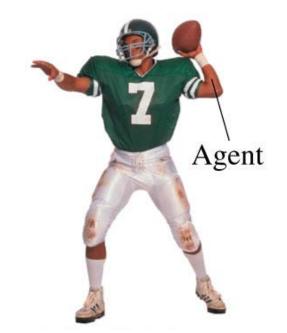
- A force acts on an object.
- Pushes and pulls are applied to something.
- From the object's perspective, it has a force *exerted* on it.



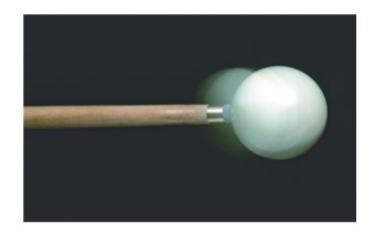


## What Is a Force?

- A force requires an agent, something that acts or exerts power.
- If you throw a ball, your hand is the agent or cause of the force exerted on the ball.



- A force is a vector.
- To quantify a push or pull, we need to specify both magnitude and a direction.



## What Is a Force?

- Contact forces are forces that act on an object by touching it at a point of contact.
- The bat must touch the ball to hit it.

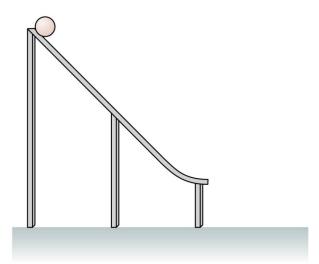


- Long-range forces are forces that act on an object without physical contact.
- A coffee cup released from your hand is pulled to the earth by the long-range force of gravity.



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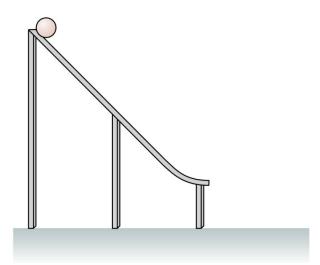
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#### The answer will be deferred until later.

#### **TACTICS BOX 5.1**

#### **Drawing force vectors**

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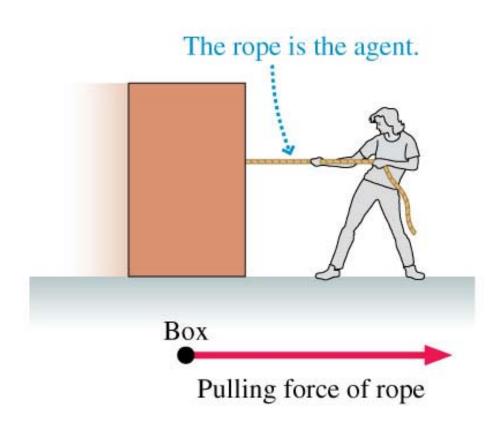
2 Place the tail of the force vector on the particle.....

Oraw the force vector as an arrow pointing in the proper direction and with a length proportional to the size of the force.

**4** Give the vector an appropriate label.

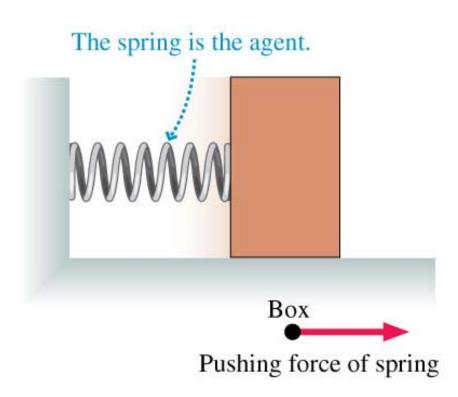
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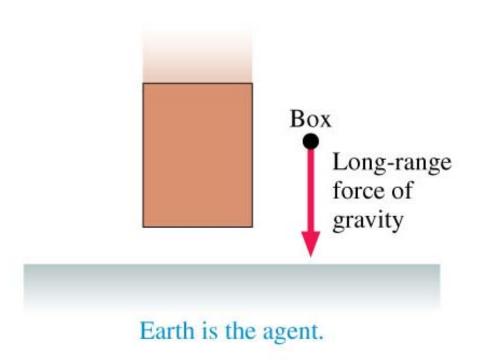
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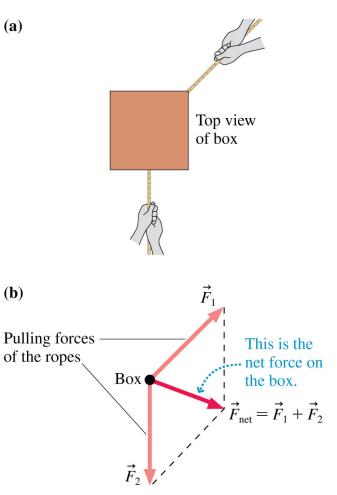


## Combining Forces

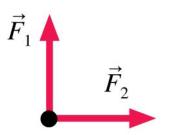
- A box is pulled by two ropes, as shown.
- When several forces are exerted on an object, they combine to form a **net force** given by the *vector* sum of *all* the forces:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{N} \vec{F}_{i} = \vec{F}_{1} + \vec{F}_{2} + \cdots + \vec{F}_{N}$$

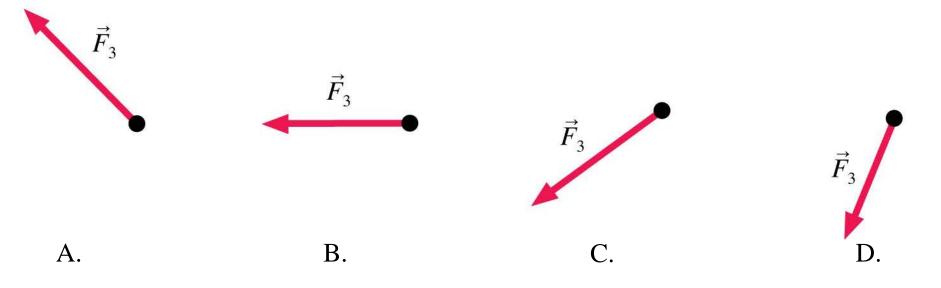
This is called a superposition of forces.



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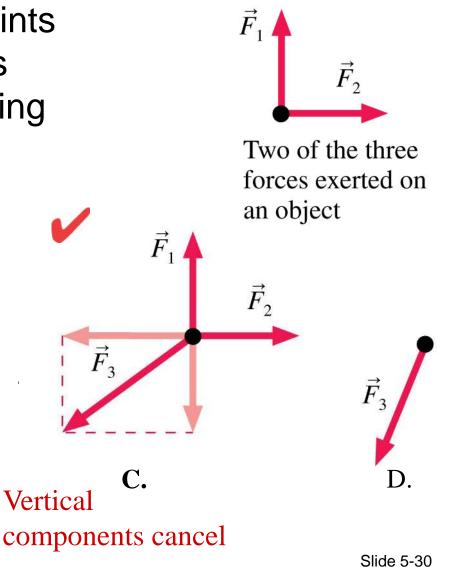
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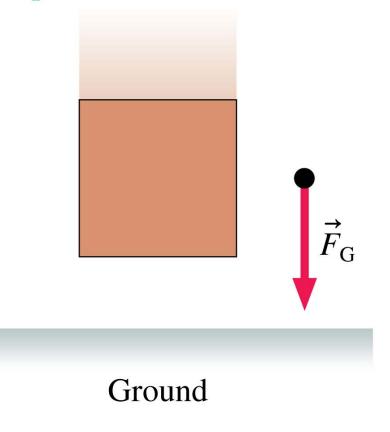
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## Gravity

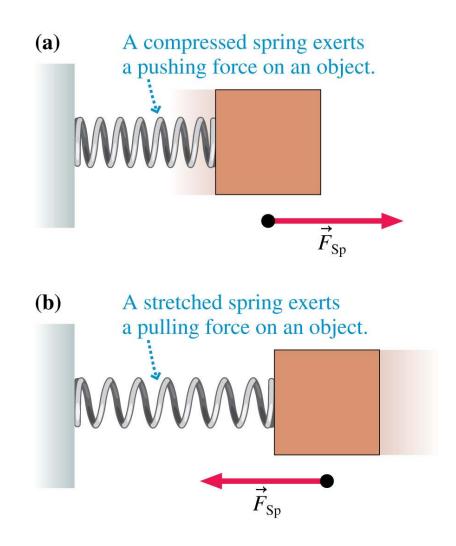
- The pull of a planet on an object near the surface is called the gravitational force.
- The agent for the gravitational force is the entire planet.
- Gravity acts on *all* objects, whether moving or at rest.
- The gravitational force vector always points vertically downward.

# The gravitational force pulls the box down.



## **Spring Force**

- A spring can either push (when compressed) or pull (when stretched).
- Not all springs are metal coils.
- Whenever an elastic object is flexed or deformed in some way, and then "springs" back to its original shape when you let it go, this is a spring force.



## **Tension Force**

- When a string or rope or wire pulls on an object, it exerts a contact force called the tension force.
- The tension force is in the direction of the string or rope.

The rope exerts a tension force on the sled.

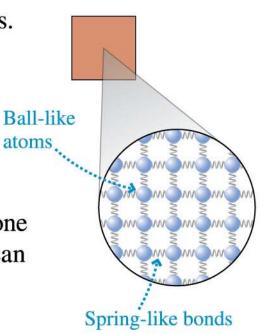
## **Ball-and-Spring Model of Solids**

#### MODEL 5.1

#### Ball-and-spring model of solids

Solids consist of atoms held together by molecular bonds.

- Represent the solid as an array of balls connected by springs.
- Pulling on or pushing on a solid causes the bonds to be stretched or compressed. Stretched or compressed bonds exert spring forces.
- There are an immense number of bonds. The force of one bond is very tiny, but the combined force of all bonds can be very large.
- Limitations: Model fails for liquids and gases.



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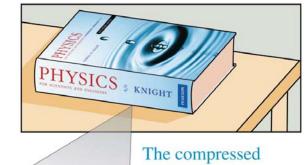
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A book rests on a horizontal table. Gravity pulls down on the book. You may have learned something in a previous physics class about an upward force called the "normal force." Deep in your heart, do you really believe the table is exerting an upward force on the book?

- A. Yes, I'm quite confident the table exerts an upward force on the book.
- B. No, I don't see how the table can exert such a force.
- C. I really don't know.

# **Normal Force**

- When an object sits on a table, the table surface exerts an upwar contact force on the object.
- This pushing force is directed perpendicular to the surface, and thus is called the normal force.

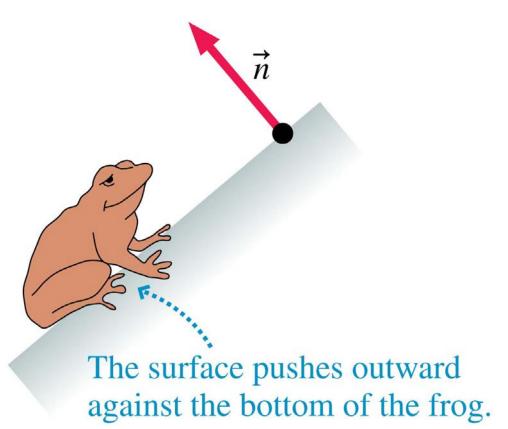


The compressed molecular bonds push upward on the object.

- A table is made of *atoms* joined together by *molecular bonds* which can be modeled as springs.
- Normal force is a result of many molecular springs being compressed ever so slightly.

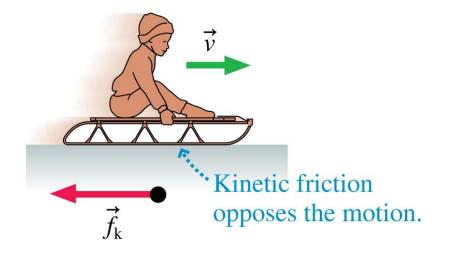
## **Examples of Normal Force**

- Suppose you place your hand on a wall and lean against it.
- The wall exerts a horizontal normal force on your hand.
- Suppose a frog sits on an inclined surface.
- The surface exerts a tilted normal force on the frog.



# **Kinetic Friction**

- When an object slides along a surface, the surface can exert a contact force which opposes the motion.
- This is called sliding friction or kinetic friction.



- The kinetic friction force is directed *tangent* to the surface, and opposite to the velocity of the object relative to the surface.
- Kinetic friction tends to slow down the sliding motion of an object in contact with a surface.

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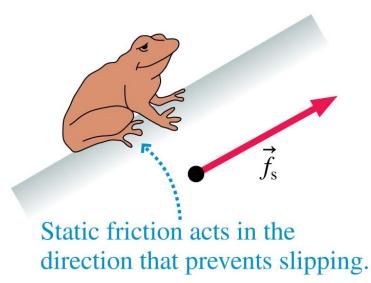
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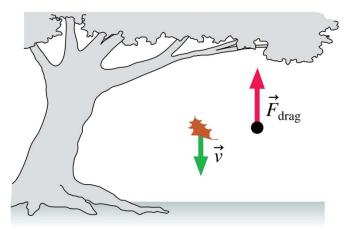
- Static friction is the contact force that keeps an object "stuck" on a surface, and prevents relative motion.
- The static friction force is directed *tangent* to the surface.
- Static friction points opposite the direction in which the object *would* move if there were no static friction.





- Kinetic friction is a resistive force, which opposes or resists motion.
- Resistive forces are also experienced by objects moving through fluids.

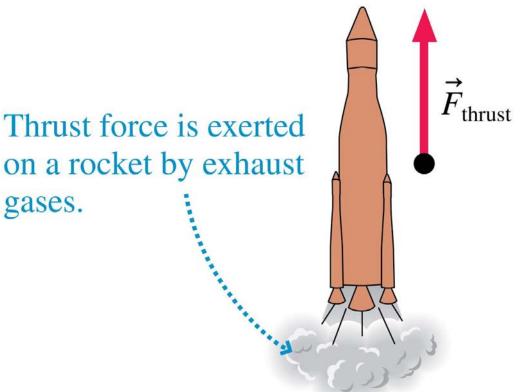
Air resistance points opposite the direction of motion.



- The resistive force of a fluid is called drag.
- Drag points opposite the direction of motion.
- For heavy and compact objects in air, drag force is fairly small.
- You can neglect air resistance in all problems unless a problem explicitly asks you to include it.

### Thrust

- A jet airplane or a rocket has a thrust force pushing it forward during takeoff.
- Thrust occurs when an engine expels gas molecules at high speed.
- This exhaust gas exerts a contact force on the engine.
- The direction of thrust is opposite the direction in which the exhaust gas is expelled.



## **Electric and Magnetic Forces**

- Electricity and magnetism, like gravity, exert longrange forces.
- We will study electric and magnetic forces in detail in Part VI.
- Atoms and molecules are made of charged particles (electrons and protons) and what we call a molecular bond is really an electric force between these particles.
- Forces such as the normal force, tension force, and friction are, at the most fundamental level, actually electric forces between the charged particles in the atoms.

## Symbols for Forces

Force	Notation
General force	$\vec{F}$
Gravitational force	$ec{F}_{ m G}$
Spring force	$ec{F}_{ ext{Sp}} \ ec{T}$
Tension	$ec{T}$
Normal force	$\vec{n}$
Static friction	$ec{f}_{ m s}$
Kinetic friction	$ec{f}_{ m k}$
Drag	$\vec{F}_{ m drag}$
Thrust	$\vec{F}_{\mathrm{thrust}}$

## **Tactics: Identifying Forces**

#### TACTICS BOX 5.2

#### **Identifying forces**

- **1** Identify the object of interest. This is the object you wish to study.
- **2** Draw a picture of the situation. Show the object of interest and all other objects—such as ropes, springs, or surfaces—that touch it.
- **Oraw a closed curve around the object.** Only the object of interest is inside the curve; everything else is outside.
- 4 Locate every point on the boundary of this curve where other objects touch the object of interest. These are the points where *contact forces* are exerted on the object.
- One force at each point of contact; there may be more than one. When necessary, use subscripts to distinguish forces of the same type.
- **ONAME and label each long-range force acting on the object.** For now, the only long-range force is the gravitational force.

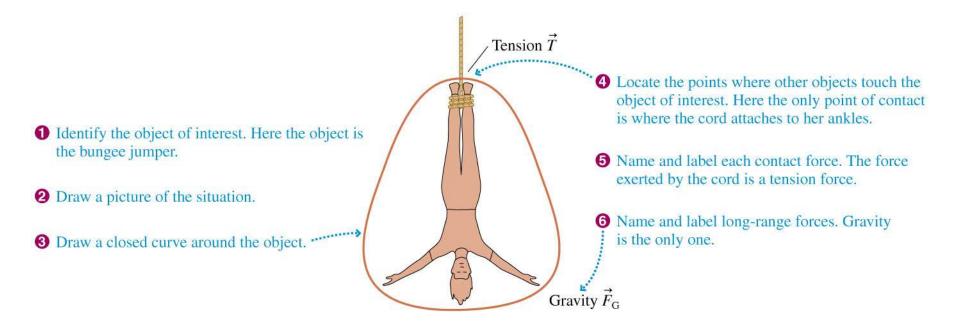
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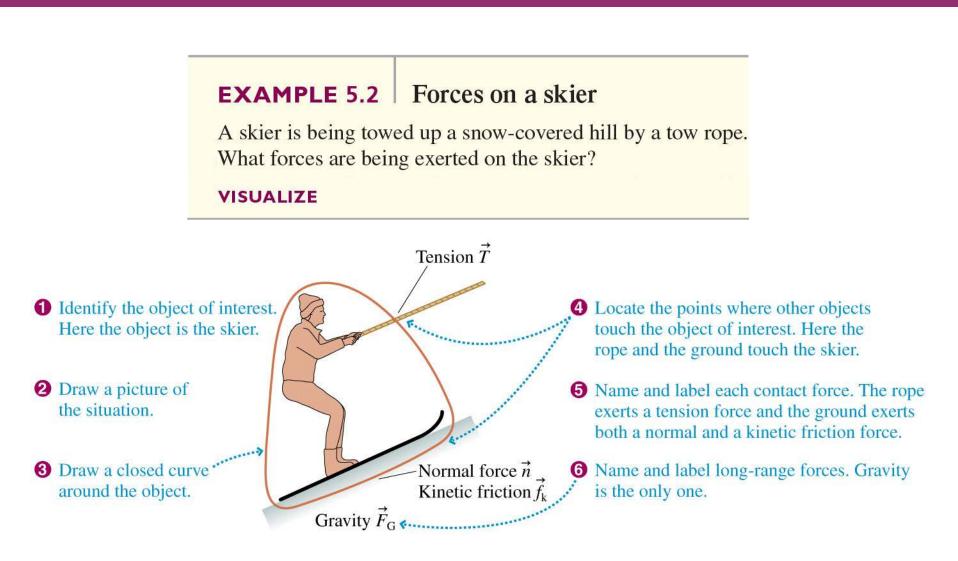
#### **EXAMPLE 5.1** Forces on a bungee jumper

A bungee jumper has leapt off a bridge and is nearing the bottom of her fall. What forces are being exerted on the jumper?

#### VISUALIZE



### EXAMPLE 5.2 Forces on a Skier

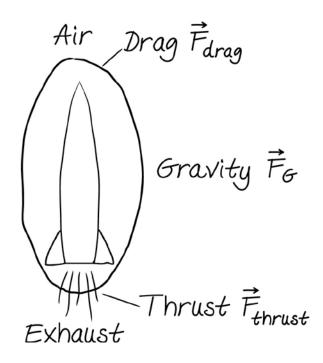


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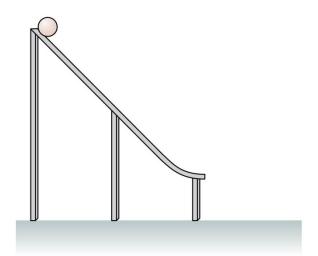
A rocket is being launched to place a new satellite in orbit. Air resistance is not negligible. What forces are being exerted on the rocket?

**VISUALIZE** This drawing is much more like the sketch you would make when identifying forces as part of solving a problem.



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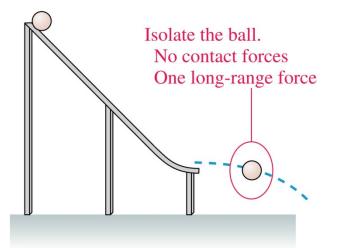
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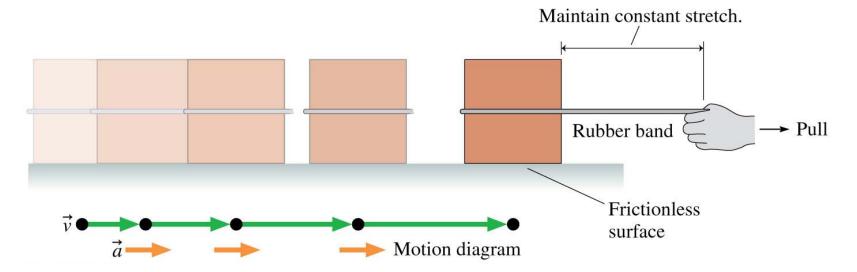
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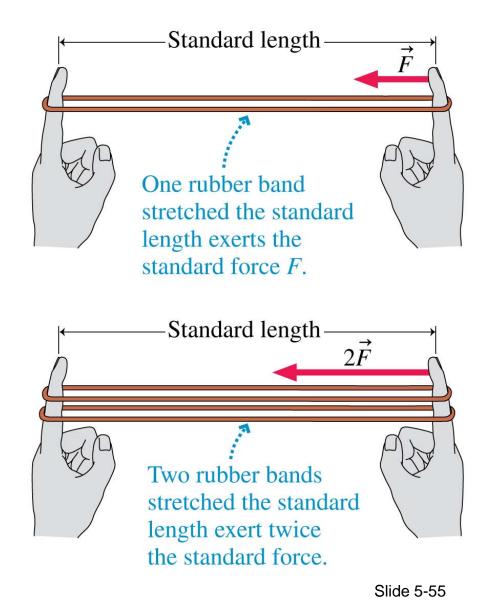
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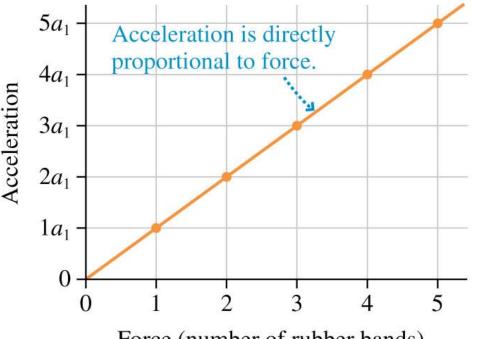
- Attach a stretched rubber band to a 1 kg block.
- Use the rubber band to pull the block across a horizontal, frictionless table.
- Keep the rubber band stretched by a fixed amount.
- We find that the block moves with a constant acceleration.



- A standard rubber band can be stretched to some standard length.
- This will exert a reproducible spring force of magnitude F on whatever it is attached to.
- N side-by-side rubber bands exert N times the standard force:  $F_{net} = NF$



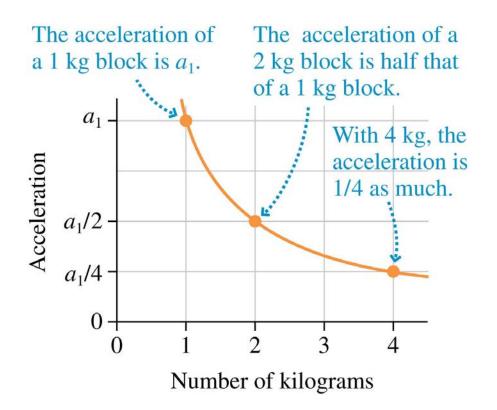
- When a 1 kg block is pulled on a frictionless surface by a single elastic band stretched to the standard length, it accelerates with constant acceleration a<sub>1</sub>.
- Repeat the experiment with 2, 3, 4, and 5 rubber bands attached side-by-side.



Force (number of rubber bands)

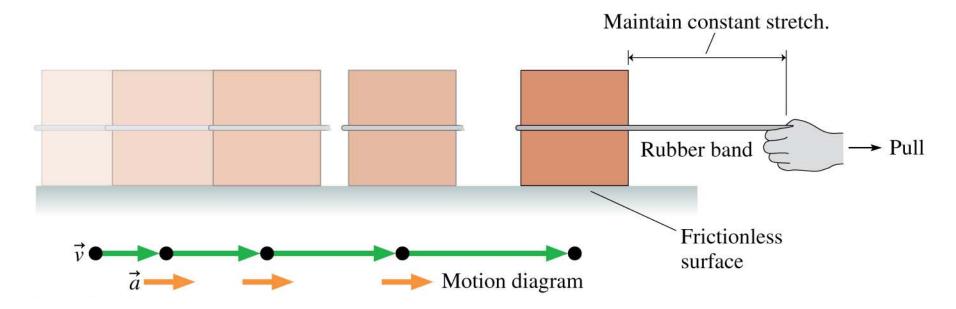
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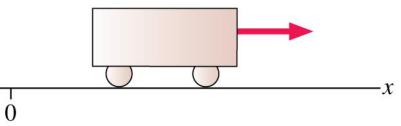


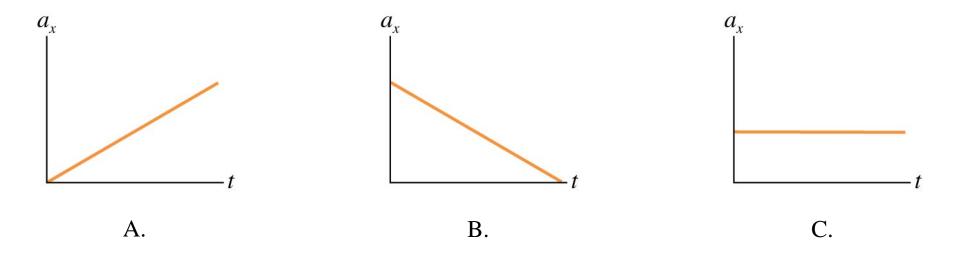
 The acceleration is inversely proportional to the mass.

- Force causes an object to accelerate!
- The result of the experiment is  $a = \frac{T}{m}$
- The basic unit of force is the **newton** (N).
- $1 N = 1 kg m/s^2$

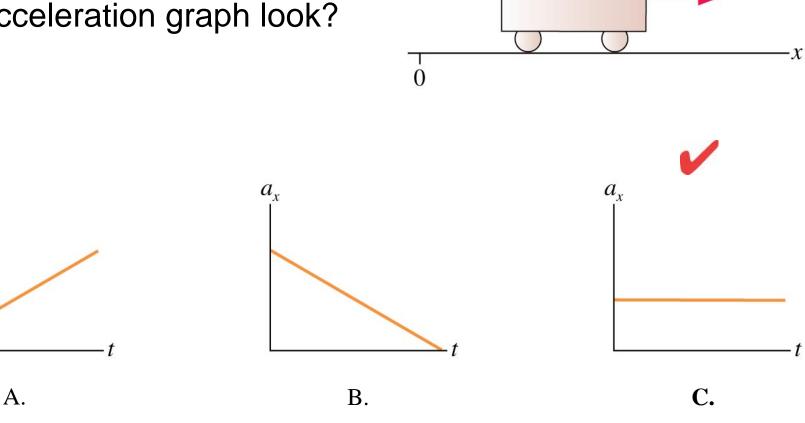


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 $a_x$ 

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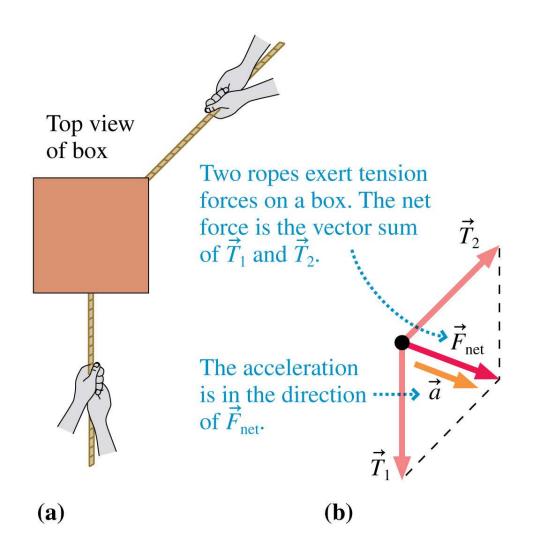
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Force	Approximate magnitude (newtons)
Weight of a U.S. quarter	0.05
Weight of 1/4 cup sugar	0.5
Weight of a 1 pound object	5
Weight of a house cat	50
Weight of a 110 pound person	500
Propulsion force of a car	5,000
Thrust force of a small jet engine	50,000

- An object with twice the amount of matter accelerates only half as much in response to the same force.
- The more matter an object has, the more it resists accelerating in response to the same force.
- The tendency of an object to resist a *change* in its velocity is called **inertia**.
- The mass used in a = F/m is called **inertial mass**.

## Newton's Second Law

• When more than one force is acting on an object, the object accelerates in the direction of the net force vector  $\vec{F}_{net}$ .



**Newton's second law** An object of mass *m* subjected to forces  $\vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2, \vec{F}_3, \ldots$  will undergo an acceleration  $\vec{a}$  given by

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{net}}}{m}$$

where the net force  $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \cdots$  is the vector sum of all forces acting on the object. The acceleration vector  $\vec{a}$  points in the same direction as the net force vector  $\vec{F}_{net}$ .

- An object responds only to the forces acting on it at this instant.
- The object has no memory of forces that may have been exerted at earlier times.
- This idea is sometimes called Newton's zeroth law.

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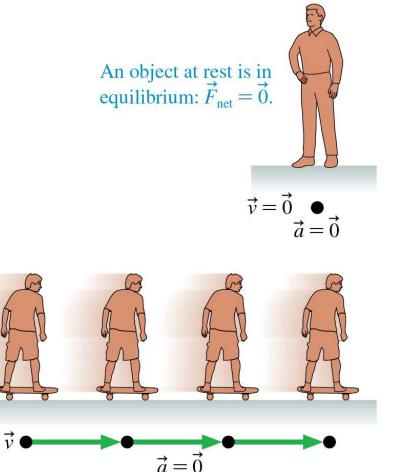
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- E.  $16 \text{ m/s}^2$

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A.  $1 \text{ m/s}^2$  **B.**  $2 \text{ m/s}^2$   $a = \frac{I}{n}$ C.  $4 \text{ m/s}^2$ D.  $8 \text{ m/s}^2$  **Newton's first law** An object that is at rest will remain at rest, or an object that is moving will continue to move in a straight line with constant velocity, if and only if the net force acting on the object is zero.

- Newton's first law is also known as the law of inertia.
- If an object is at rest, it has a tendency to stay at rest.
- If it is moving, it has a tendency to continue moving with the same velocity.

- An object on which the net force is zero—and thus is either at rest or moving in a straight line with constant velocity is said to be in mechanical equilibrium.
- As the figure shows, objects in mechanical equilibrium have no acceleration.



An object moving in a straight line at constant velocity is also in equilibrium:  $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{0}$ .

An object on a rope is lowered at constant speed. Which is true?



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- C. The rope tension is less than the object's weight.
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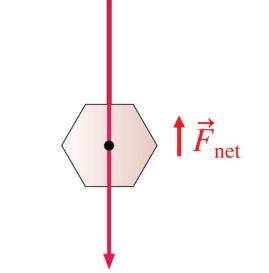


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# QuickCheck 5.9

An object on a rope is lowered at a steadily decreasing speed. Which is true?

Decreasing downward velocity Acceleration vector points  $\underline{up}$  $\vec{F}_{net}$  points up



### A. The rope tension is greater than the object's weight.

- B. The rope tension equals the object's weight.
- C. The rope tension is less than the object's weight.
- D. The rope tension can't be compared to the object's weight.

- If a car stops suddenly, you may be "thrown" forward.
- You do have a forward acceleration *relative to the car*.
- However, there is no force pushing you forward.

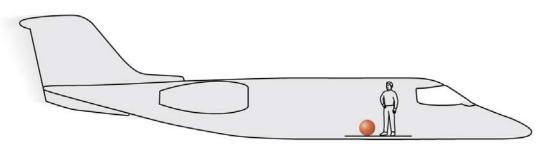


This guy thinks there's a force hurling him into the windshield. What a dummy!

- We define an inertial reference frame as one in which Newton's laws are valid.
- The interior of a crashing car is *not* an inertial reference frame!

## **Inertial Reference Frames**

- A physics student cruises at a constant velocity in an airplane.
- A ball placed on the floor stays at rest relative to the airplane.

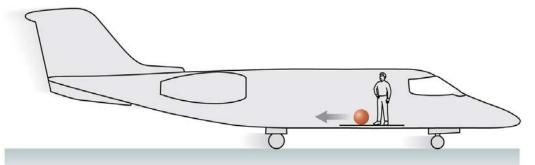


The ball stays in place; the airplane is an inertial reference frame.

- There are no horizontal forces on the ball, so  $\vec{a} = 0$  when  $\vec{F}_{net} = 0$ .
- Newton's first law is satisfied, so this airplane is an inertial reference frame.

# **Inertial Reference Frames**

- A physics student is standing up in an airplane during takeoff.
- A ball placed on the floor rolls toward the back of the plane.



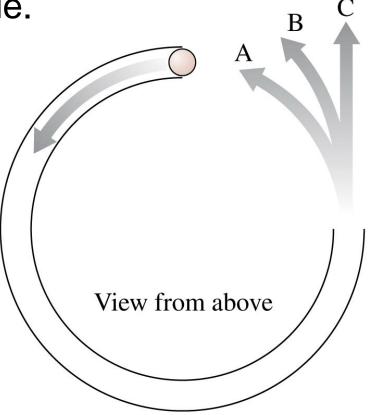
The ball accelerates toward the back even though there are no horizontal forces; the airplane is *not* an inertial reference frame.

- There are no horizontal forces on the ball, and yet the ball accelerates in the plane's reference frame.
- Newton's first law is violated, therefore this airplane is not an inertial reference frame.
- In general, accelerating reference frames are not inertial reference frames.

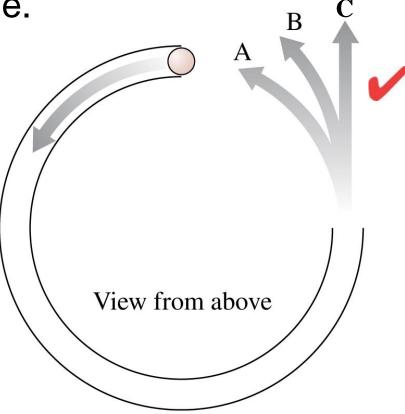
- Every force has an agent which causes the force.
- Forces exist at the point of contact between the agent and the object (except for the few special cases of long-range forces).
- Forces exist due to interactions happening *now*, not due to what happened in the past.
- Consider a flying arrow.
- A pushing force was required to accelerate the arrow as it was shot.
- However, no force is needed to keep the arrow moving forward as it flies.
- It continues to move because of inertia.



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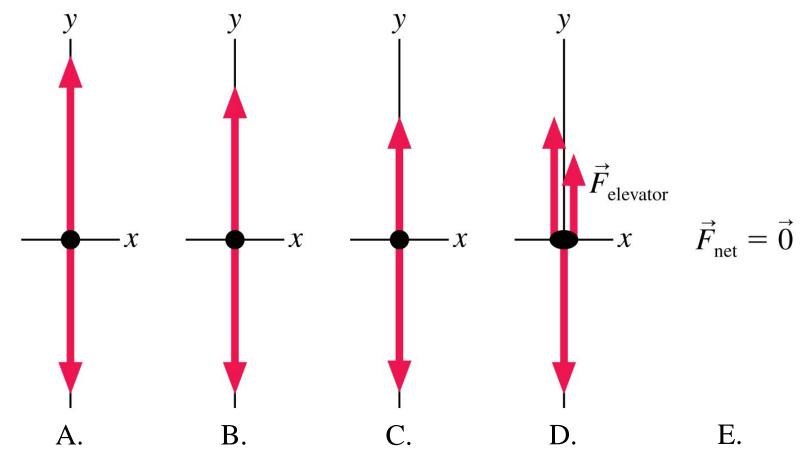
## Tactics: Drawing a Free-body Diagram

### TACTICS BOX 5.3

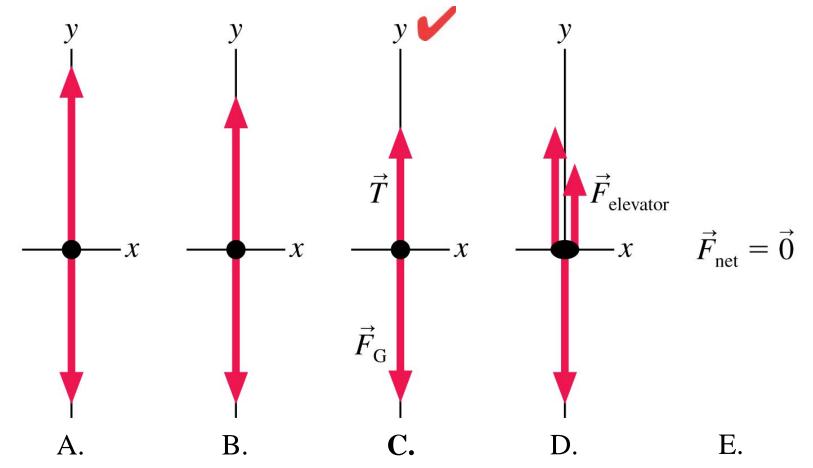
### Drawing a free-body diagram

- **1** Identify all forces acting on the object. This step was described in Tactics Box 5.2.
- **2** Draw a coordinate system. Use the axes defined in your pictorial representation.
- **3** Represent the object as a dot at the origin of the coordinate axes. This is the particle model.
- **Oraw vectors representing each of the identified forces.** This was described in Tactics Box 5.1. Be sure to label each force vector.
- **(3)** Draw and label the *net force* vector  $\vec{F}_{net}$ . Draw this vector beside the diagram, not on the particle. Or, if appropriate, write  $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{0}$ . Then check that  $\vec{F}_{net}$  points in the same direction as the acceleration vector  $\vec{a}$  on your motion diagram.

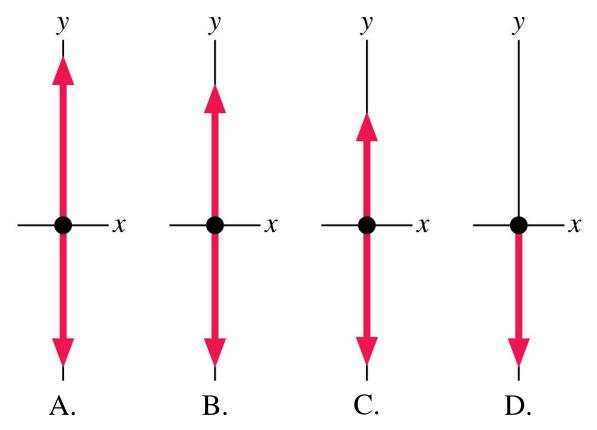
An elevator, lifted by a cable, is moving upward and slowing. Which is the correct free-body diagram?



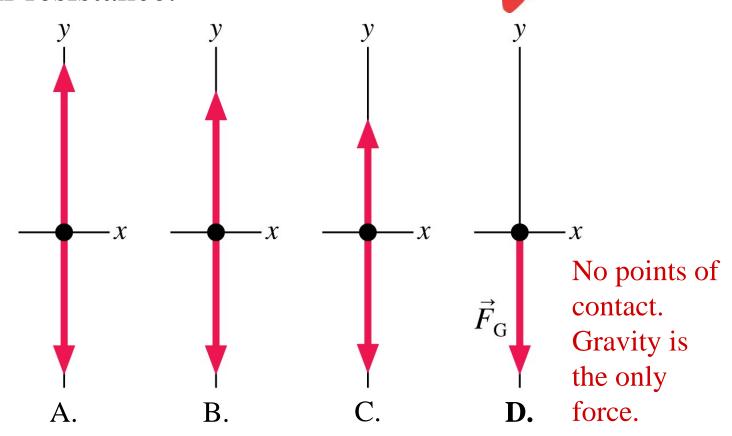
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A ball has been tossed straight up. Which is the correct free-body diagram just after the ball has left the hand? Ignore air resistance.



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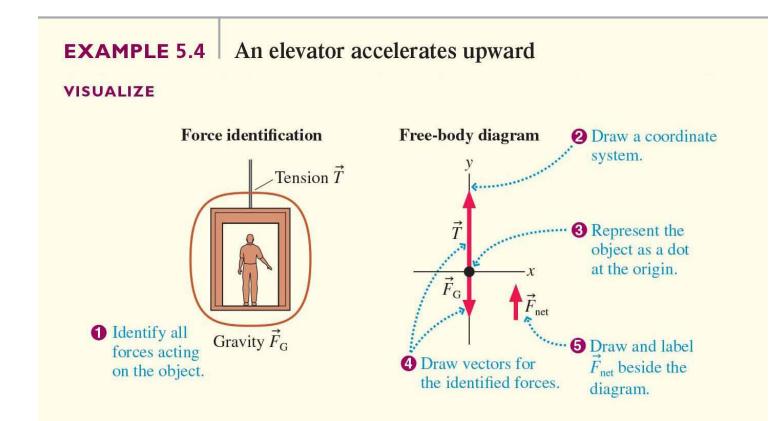
## **EXAMPLE 5.4 An Elevator Accelerates Upward**

### **EXAMPLE 5.4** An elevator accelerates upward

An elevator, suspended by a cable, speeds up as it moves upward from the ground floor. Identify the forces and draw a free-body diagram of the elevator.

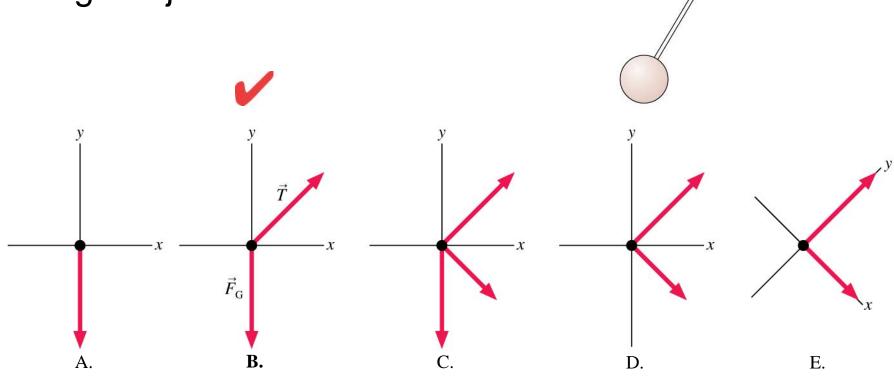
**MODEL** Model the elevator as a particle.

# **EXAMPLE 5.4 An Elevator Accelerates Upward**



**ASSESS** The coordinate axes, with a vertical y-axis, are the ones we would use in a pictorial representation of the motion. The elevator is accelerating upward, so  $\vec{F}_{net}$  must point upward. For this to be true, the magnitude of  $\vec{T}$  must be larger than the magnitude of  $\vec{F}_{G}$ . The diagram has been drawn accordingly.

A ball, hanging from the ceiling by a string, is pulled back and released. Which is the correct free-body diagram just after its release? B D E. A ball, hanging from the ceiling by a string, is pulled back and released. Which is the correct free-body diagram just after its release?



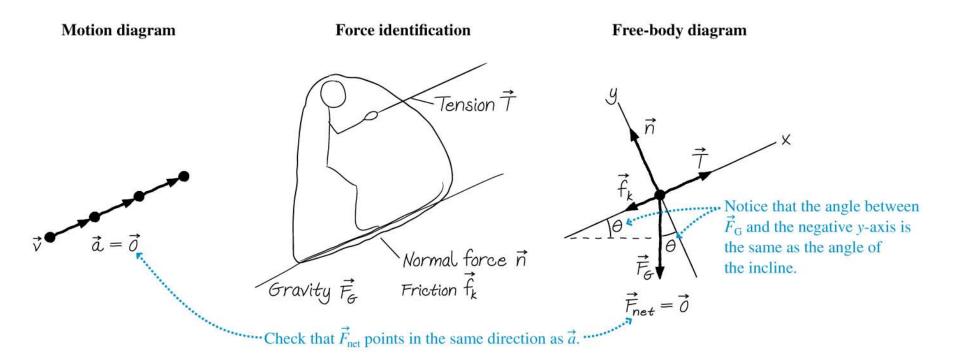
# EXAMPLE 5.6 A Skier Is Pulled up a Hill

#### **EXAMPLE 5.6** A skier is pulled up a hill

A tow rope pulls a skier up a snow-covered hill at a constant speed. Draw a pictorial representation of the skier.

**MODEL** This is Example 5.2 again with the additional information that the skier is moving at constant speed. The skier will be

modeled as a particle in *mechanical equilibrium*. If we were doing a kinematics problem, the pictorial representation would use a tilted coordinate system with the *x*-axis parallel to the slope, so we use these same tilted coordinate axes for the free-body diagram.

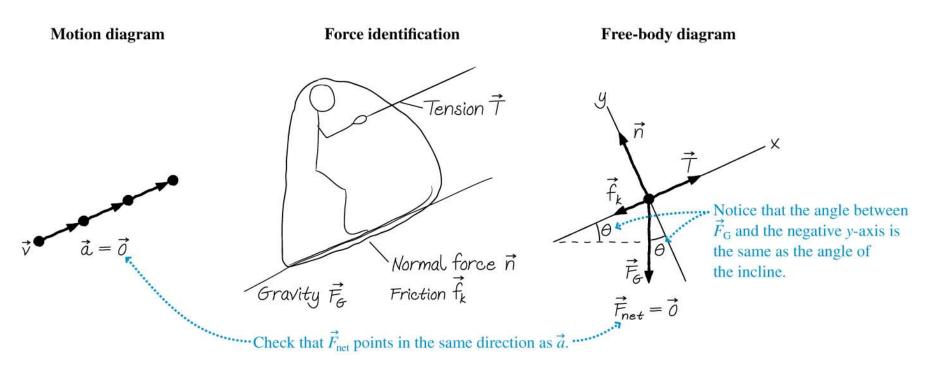


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**ASSESS** We have shown  $\vec{T}$  pulling parallel to the slope and  $\vec{f}_k$ , which opposes the direction of motion, pointing down the slope.  $\vec{n}$  is perpendicular to the surface and thus along the *y*-axis. Finally, and this is important, the gravitational force  $\vec{F}_G$  is *vertically* downward, *not* along the negative *y*-axis. In fact, you should convince yourself from the geometry that the angle  $\theta$  between the  $\vec{F}_G$  vector

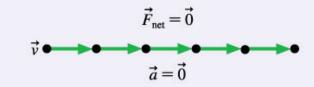
and the negative y-axis is the same as the angle  $\theta$  of the incline above the horizontal. The skier moves in a straight line with constant speed, so  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  and, from Newton's first law,  $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{0}$ . Thus we have drawn the vectors such that the y-component of  $\vec{F}_G$  is equal in magnitude to  $\vec{n}$ . Similarly,  $\vec{T}$  must be large enough to match the negative x-components of both  $\vec{f}_k$  and  $\vec{F}_G$ .



## **Chapter 5 Summary Slides**

#### **Newton's First Law**

An object at rest will remain at rest, or an object that is moving will continue to move in a straight line with constant velocity, if and only if the net force on the object is zero.



The first law tells us that no "cause" is needed for motion. Uniform motion is the "natural state" of an object.

### **General Principles**

### **Newton's Zeroth Law**

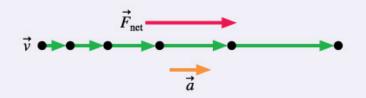
An object responds only to forces acting on it at this instant.

### **Newton's Second Law**

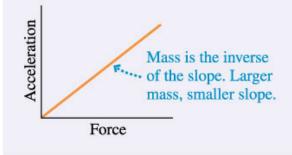
An object with mass m has acceleration

$$\vec{a} = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}_{\text{net}}$$

where  $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \cdots$  is the vector sum of all the individual forces acting on the object.



The second law tells us that a net force causes an object to accelerate. This is the connection between force and motion. Acceleration is the link to kinematics. From  $\vec{F}_{net}$ , find  $\vec{a}$ . From a, find v and x.  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  is the condition for equilibrium. An object at rest is in equilibrium. So is an object with constant velocity. Equilibrium occurs if and only if  $\vec{F}_{net} = \vec{0}$ . **Mass** is the resistance of an object to acceleration. It is an intrinsic property of an object.

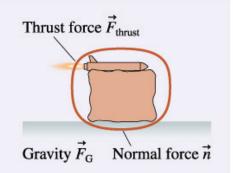


Force is a push or a pull on an object.

- Force is a vector, with a magnitude and a direction.
- Force requires an agent.
- Force is either a contact force or a longrange force.

### **Identifying Forces**

Forces are identified by locating the points where other objects touch the object of interest. These are points where contact forces are exerted. In addition, objects with mass feel a long-range gravitational force.



### **Free-Body Diagrams**

A free-body diagram represents the object as a particle at the origin of a coordinate system. Force vectors are drawn with their tails on the particle. The net force vector is drawn beside the diagram.

