

## Announcements

- Quiz 1 continues
- If you are just joining us – check out the course website for all the logistics you need to know:  
<https://courses.engr.illinois.edu/tam210>
- Complete CATME survey before Sunday (1/27)

### ☐ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (01/25 – TODAY!)
  - Written Assignment #1
- Tuesday (01/29)
  - PL HW

## Chapter 3: Equilibrium of a particle

## Goals and Objectives

- Practice following general procedure for analysis.
- Introduce the concept of a free-body diagram for an object modeled as a particle.
- Solve particle equilibrium problems using the equations of equilibrium.

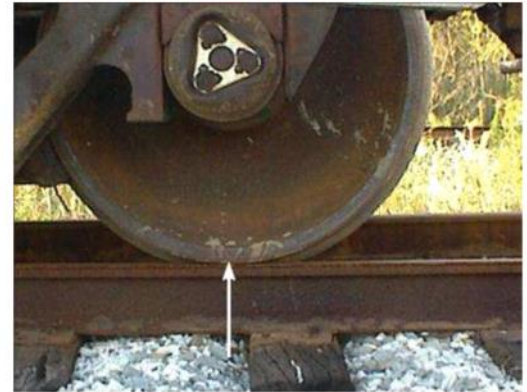
# Fundamental concepts

## Basic quantities:

- Length
- Volume
- Time
- Mass

## Idealizations:

- Particle:  
Has mass but neglect size (no geometry)
- Rigid Body:  
A combination of particles at a fixed distance, no deformation
- Concentrated Force:  
Loading acting at a point



**Understanding and applying these things allows for amazing achievements in engineering! (planes, robotics, etc)**

## Applications

For a spool of given weight, how would you find the forces in cables AB and AC?

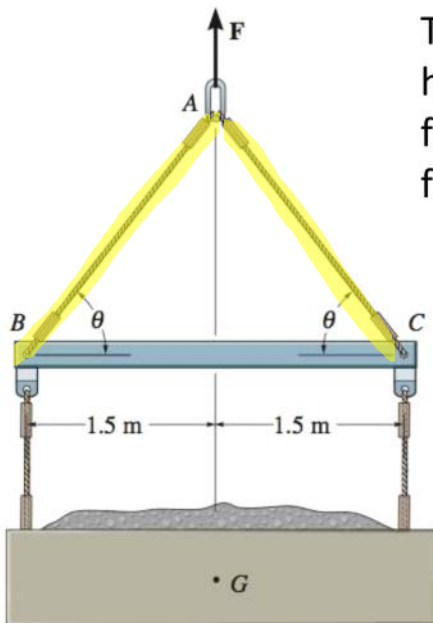
If designing a spreader bar (BC) like this one, you need to know the forces to make sure the rigging (A) doesn't fail.



## General procedure for analysis

1. Read the problem carefully; write it down carefully.
2. MODEL THE PROBLEM: Draw given diagrams neatly and construct additional figures as necessary.
3. Apply principles needed.
4. Solve problem symbolically. Make sure equations are dimensionally homogeneous
5. Substitute numbers. Provide proper units *throughout*. Check significant figures. Box the final answer(s).
6. See if answer is reasonable.

## Free body diagram

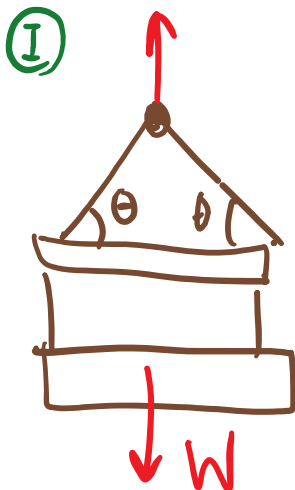


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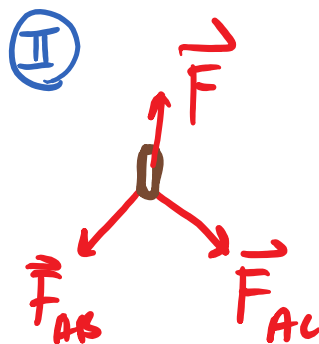
The lift sling is used to hoist a container having a mass of 500 kg. Determine the force in each of the cables  $AB$  and  $AC$  as a function of  $\theta$ .

- Force in the cable = force exerted by the cable
- Bodies where cable exert force on: ring A and bar BC at B.  
→ use these places to find force in cable AB.

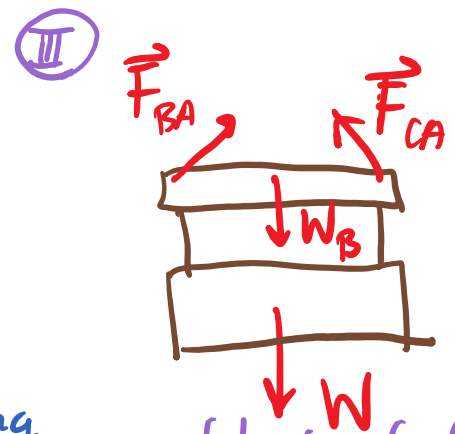
- Possible FBD for this system:



- Not useful for finding forces



- Useful FBD for solving  $\vec{F}_{AB}$  &  $\vec{F}_{AC}$ , if  $\vec{F}$  is a given parameter.



- Useful for finding  $\vec{F}_{BA}$  &  $\vec{F}_{CA}$  if  $W$  is given.

• Not useful for this problem. Forces in cables AB & AC are internal, so they won't show up in the FBD.

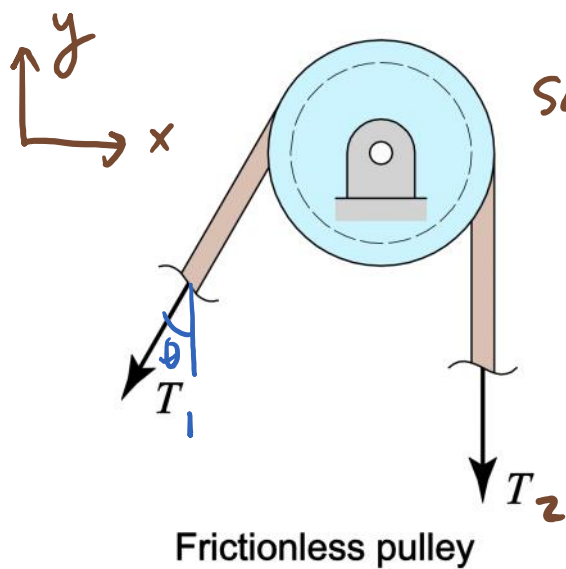
$T_{AB} \approx T_{AC}$ , if  $T$  is a given parameter.

$F_{BA}$  &  $F_{CA}$  if  $w$  and  $w_B$  are the given parameters.



## Idealizations

Pulleys are (usually) regarded as frictionless; then the tension in a rope or cord around the pulley is the same on either side.



same magnitude  $\Rightarrow T_1 = T_2$

→ changes direction

example

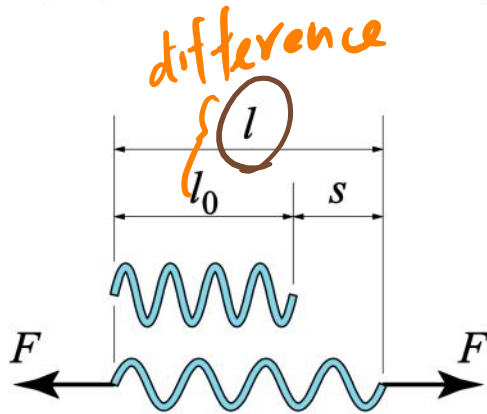
$$\vec{T}_1 = -T_1 \sin \theta \hat{i} - T_1 \cos \theta \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{T}_2 = -T_2 \hat{j}$$

→  $\vec{T}_1$  &  $\vec{T}_2$  have different directions, but same magnitude.

## Idealizations

Springs are (usually) regarded as linearly elastic; then the tension is proportional to the *change* in length  $s$ .



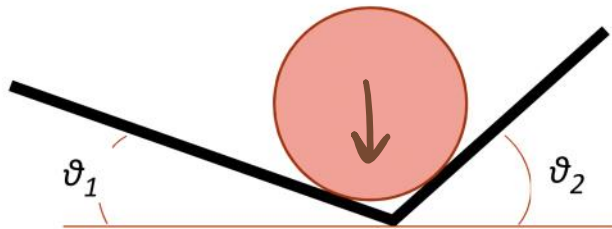
$$F = ks = k(l - l_0)$$

Linearly elastic spring

ex.  $s = 3\text{m}$ ,  $k = 5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$

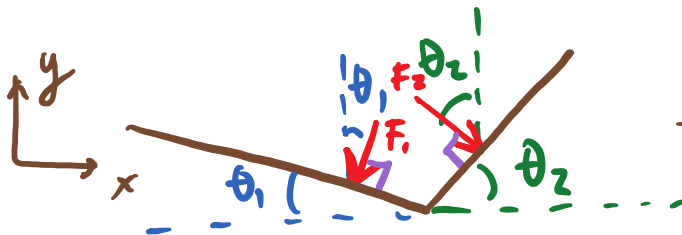
$$\rightarrow F_{\text{spring}} = ks = \left(5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}\right)(3\text{m}) = 15\text{N}$$

# Idealizations

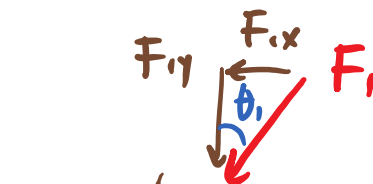


Contact force in smooth surface:

Force direction  $\perp$  to surface



$$\vec{F}_2 = F_2 \sin \theta_2 \hat{i} - F_2 \cos \theta_2 \hat{j}$$



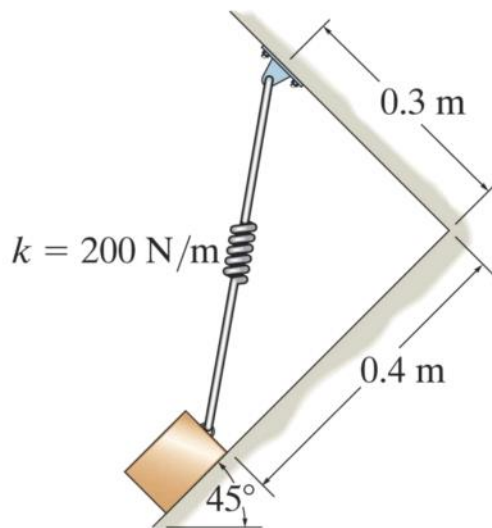
example

$$F_{1,x} = -F_1 \sin \theta_1$$

$$F_{1,y} = -F_1 \cos \theta_1$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = -F_1 \sin \theta_1 \hat{i} - F_1 \cos \theta_1 \hat{j}$$

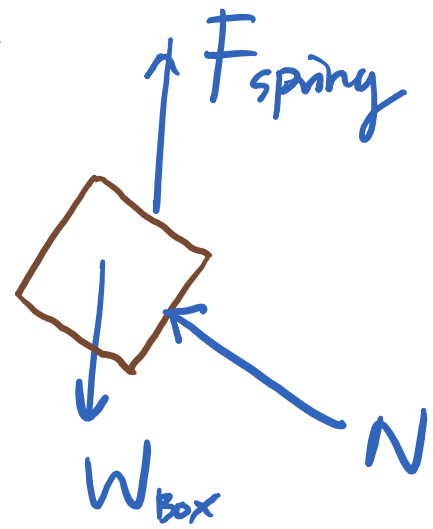
## Free Body Diagram Example



Given :  $s$  ( $l - l_0$  of spring)

Find :  $W_{\text{Box}}$

FBD:



$$F_{\text{spring}} = ks$$

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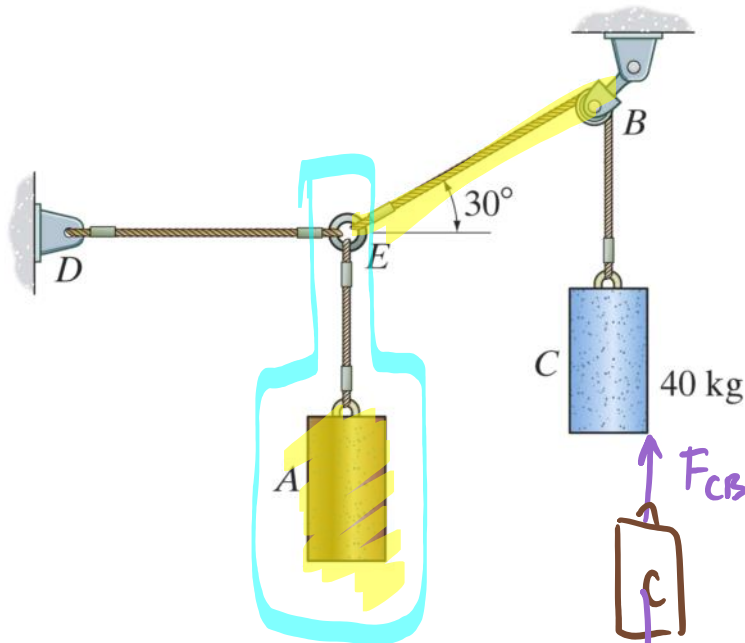
Side note = we will

ignore friction  
force (between  
box & ground)

for now.

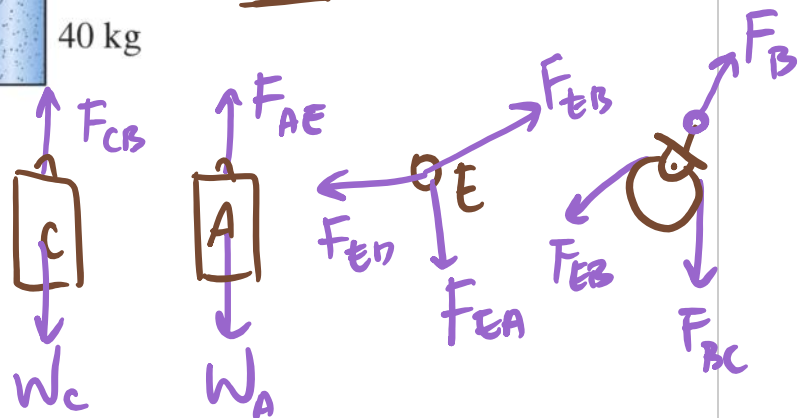
always include a  
coordinate system  
with FBD

# Free Body Diagram Example



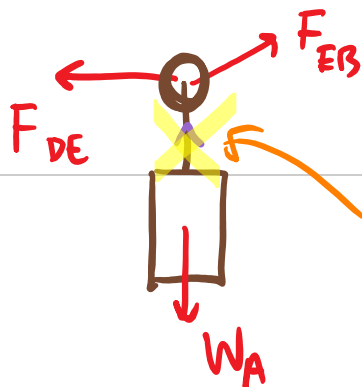
Given:  $W_A, W_C$   
 Find:  $\vec{F}_{EB}$

FBD



$$F_{EB} = F_{EC}$$

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internal force  
 should not be  
 included in FBD

## Equilibrium of a particle

According to Newton's first law of motion, a particle will be in **equilibrium** (that is, it will remain at rest or continue to move with constant velocity) if and only if

$$F = ma, \text{ if } a = 0, \text{ then } F = 0$$

in space:  $\sum \vec{F} = 0$   
In three dimensions, equilibrium requires:

$$\underline{\sum F_x = 0} \quad \underline{\sum F_y = 0} \quad \underline{\sum F_z = 0} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} a_x = 0 \\ a_y = 0 \\ a_z = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

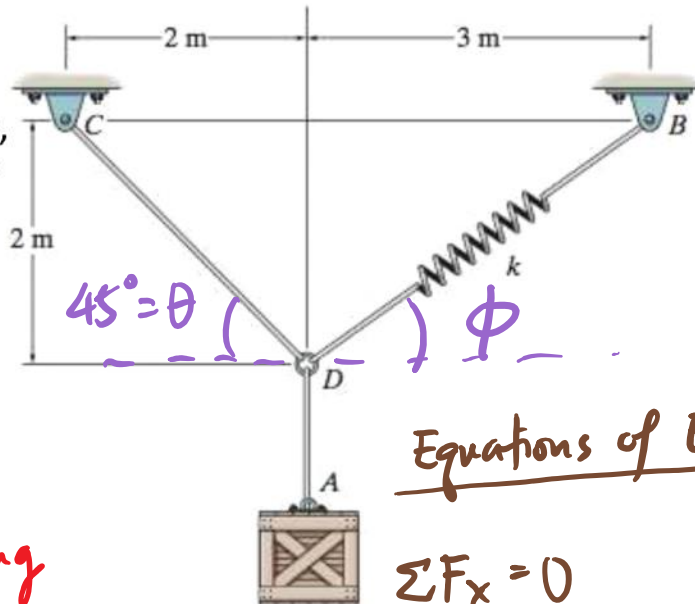
*Egns of Equilibrium*

**Coplanar forces:** if all forces are acting in a single plane, such as the "xy" plane, then the equilibrium condition becomes

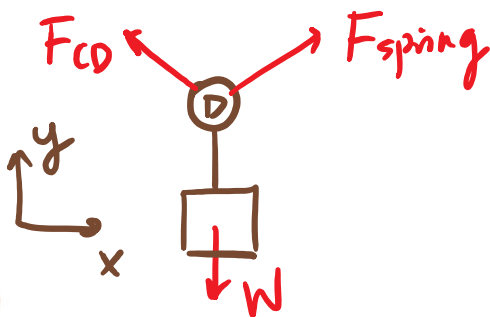


## Example

If the spring  $DB$  has an unstretched length of 2 m, determine the stiffness of the spring to hold the 40-kg crate in the position shown.



FBD



Equations of Equilibrium

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = F_{CDx} + F_{spring,x}$$

$$\sum F_y = F_{CDy} + F_{spring,y} + W$$

$$F_{CD,x} = -F_{CD} \cos 45^\circ$$

$$F_{spring,x} = k s \cos \phi$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F_{CD,x} = -F_{CD} \cos 45^\circ \\ F_{spring,x} = k s \cos \phi \end{array} \right\} \sum F_x = -F_{CD} \cos 45^\circ + k s \cos \phi$$