

Newton's Second Law

$F = ma$

Student Practice

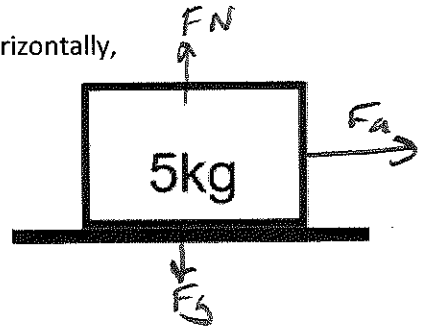


1. A 50kg block is hanging from a wire. What is the tension on the wire?

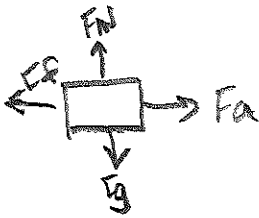
$50 \cdot 10 = \boxed{500N}$

2. A 5kg block is pushed on a frictionless surface with a 10N force horizontally,
 a. Draw all force vectors
 b. Calculate the acceleration of the block.

$a = \frac{\Sigma F}{m} = \frac{10}{5} = \boxed{2 \text{ m/s}^2}$



3. A block is sliding cross a rough surface level surface.
 a. Draw all forces acting on the block.
 b. Using the variables, F_a , M , g , μ , derive a formula for the acceleration of the block.



$\Sigma F = ma$
 $a = \frac{\Sigma F}{m}$
 $a = \frac{F_a - F_f}{m}$
 $a = \frac{F_a - FN\mu}{m}$
 $a = \frac{F_a - Mg\mu}{m}$



4. A block is pulled along as shown in the picture below on a frictionless surface.

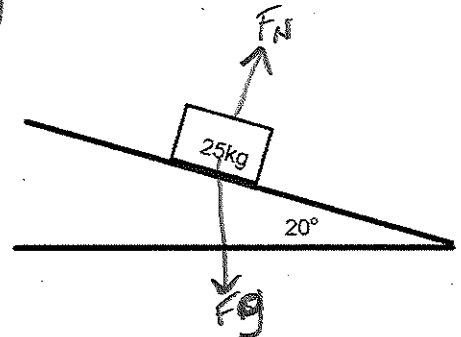
Using variables, M , g , F_a and trig functions derive a formula for the acceleration of the block.

$\Sigma F = m \cdot a$
 $a = \frac{\Sigma F}{m} = \frac{F_x}{m} = \frac{F_a \cos(\theta)}{m}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{F_a}$
 $F_a \cdot \cos \theta = x$

5. A block is sliding down a frictionless surface as seen in the picture below.

- a. What is the weight of the block? $25 \cdot 10 = 250N$
 b. Draw all force vectors on the block
 c. Calculate the force normal.
 d. Calculate the force ramp.
 e. Calculate the acceleration down the ramp



$\cos \theta = \frac{F_N}{F_g}$
 $F_g \cdot \cos \theta = F_N$
 $250 \cdot \cos(20) = 234N$

$\sin(20) \cdot 250 = 85N$

$a = \frac{\Sigma F}{m} = \frac{85}{25} = \boxed{3.4 \text{ m/s}^2}$