

Newton's laws of Motion

Lecture Notes

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Foundations of Newtonian Mechanics

Three fundamental quantities:

(i) Mass,

(ii) Motion &

(iii) Force

Excerpts from Newton's Principia (Book 1)

Mass

The quantity of matter is the measure of the same arising from its density and bulk conjointly.

Motion

The quantity of motion is the measure of the same arising from the velocity and quantity of matter conjointly.

Force (Definiton # 1)

The *vis insita*: an innate forces of matter, is a power of resisting, by which every body, as much as in it lies, continues in its present state, whether it be of rest, or of moving uniformly forward in a right line.”

Force (Definition # 2)

An impressed force is an action exerted upon a body, in order to change its state, either of rest, or of moving uniformly forward in a right line.

These definitions gave rise to the famous three laws: known as Newton's laws of motion.

Law 1

Every body continues in it's state of rest or of uniform rectilinear motion except if it is compelled by forces acting on it to change that sate.

Law 2

The change of motion is proportional to the applied force and takes place in the direction of the straight line along which that force acts.

Laws 3

To every action there is always an equal and contrary reaction; or the mutual actions of any two bodies are always equal and oppositely directed along the same straight line.

By solving Newton's laws we shall find $r(t)$.

$r(t) = 0$: implies that the body is in rest for all time.

In general,

$$r(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t)) \text{ or } (r(t), \theta(t), \phi(t))$$

Example

$$r(t) = (v_x t + x_0; 0; v_z t + z_0 - gt^2 / 2)$$

represents uniform motion in the x -direction with v_x as the velocity, in a state of rest in the y -direction and is having a uniform velocity

v_z and a free fall in the gravitational field.

Mechanics of particles

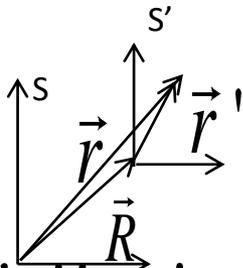
Classical Mechanics	Non-relativistic (Newton's Laws)	Relativistic (Special Theory of Relativity)
Quantum Mechanics	Non- Relativistic (Schroedinger Equation)	Relativistic (Dirac Equation)

Newton's first law of motion

1. Gives a definition of (zero) force
2. Defines an *inertial frame*.

Zero Force: When a body moves with *constant velocity in a straight line*, either there are no forces present or the net force acting on the body is zero $\sum \vec{F}_i = 0$. If the body changes its velocity, then there must be an acceleration, and hence a total non-zero force must be present. Velocity can change due to change in its magnitude or due to change in its direction or change in both.

Inertial frame: If the relative velocity between the two reference frames is constant, then the relative acceleration between the two reference frames is zero, $\vec{A} = \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \vec{0}$ and the reference frames are considered to be *inertial reference frames*. **The inertial frame is then simply a frame of reference in which the first law holds.**



$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r} - \vec{v}t, \quad \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{R}}{dt}$$

Galilean transformation

Is Earth an inertial frame?

The first law does *not hold in an arbitrary frame*. For example, it fails in the frame of a *rotating turntable*.

Newton's Second law of motion:

If any force generates a change in motion, a double force will generate double change in the motion, a triple force will correspond to triple change in the motion, whether that force is impressed altogether and at once or gradually or successively.

Change of motion is described by the change in momentum of body. For a point mass particle, the momentum is defined as $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

Suppose that a force is applied to a body for a time interval Δt . *The impressed force or impulse produces a change in the momentum of the body,*

$$\vec{I} = \vec{F} \Delta t = \Delta \vec{p}$$

The instantaneous action of the total force acting on a body at a time t is defined by taking the mathematical limit as the time interval Δt becomes smaller and smaller,

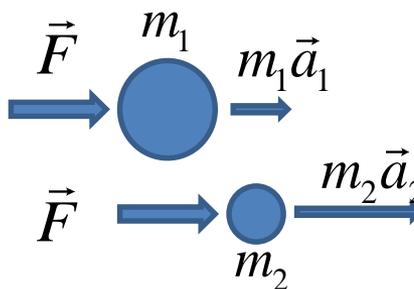


Diagram illustrating Newton's Second Law: A force \vec{F} is applied to two masses, m_1 and m_2 . Mass m_1 has acceleration \vec{a}_1 and mass m_2 has acceleration \vec{a}_2 . The relationship between mass and acceleration is shown as $\frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{a_2}{a_1}$.

$$\vec{F}^{\text{total}} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{p}}{\Delta t} \equiv \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \quad \vec{F}^{\text{total}} = \frac{d}{dt} (m\vec{v}) = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

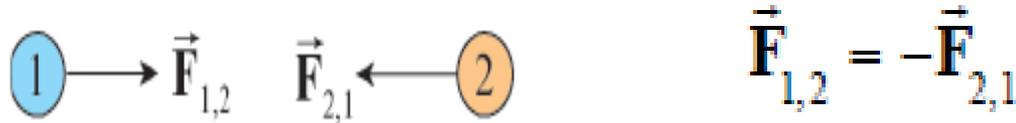
Inertial mass

$$\vec{F}^{\text{total}} = m\vec{a}$$

Inertial mass \equiv Gravitational mass

Newton's third law of motion:

Consider two bodies engaged in a mutual interaction. Label the bodies 1 and 2 respectively. Let $\vec{F}_{1,2}$ be the force on body 1 due to the interaction with body 2, and $\vec{F}_{2,1}$ be the force on body 2 due to the interaction with body 1.



Gravitational force: $\vec{F}_{12} = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{12}$ $\hat{r}_{12} = -\hat{r}_{21}$

Coulomb force: $\vec{F}_{12} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \hat{r}_{12}$ $\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$

All real Forces arise due to interaction!

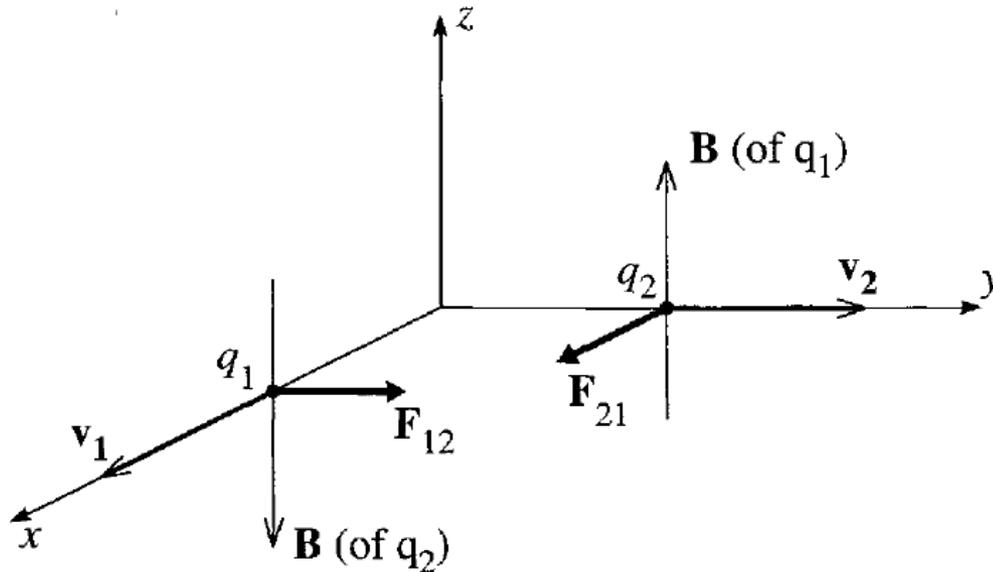
If the acceleration of a body is the result of an outside force, then somewhere in the universe there must be an equal and opposite force acting on another body. The interaction may be a complicated one, but as long as the forces are equal and opposite, Newton's laws are satisfied.

Newton's 3rd law emphasizes Conservation of Momentum

Validity of Newton's laws

- **Validity of the first two laws**
 - The first law is always valid (add a pseudo force).
 - The second law $\mathbf{F} = \dot{\mathbf{p}}$ holds but \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{p} have different expressions in the relativistic limit.
- **The 3rd law is not valid in the relativistic limit. Why????**

Consider two positive charges



Each of the positive charges q_1 and q_2 produces a magnetic field that exerts a force on the other charge. The resulting magnetic forces \mathbf{F}_{12} and \mathbf{F}_{21} do not obey Newton's third law.

Momentum conservation is not valid

Application of Newton's laws: Prescription

Step 1: Divide a composite system into constituent systems each of which can be treated as a point mass.

Step 2: Draw free body force diagrams for each point mass.

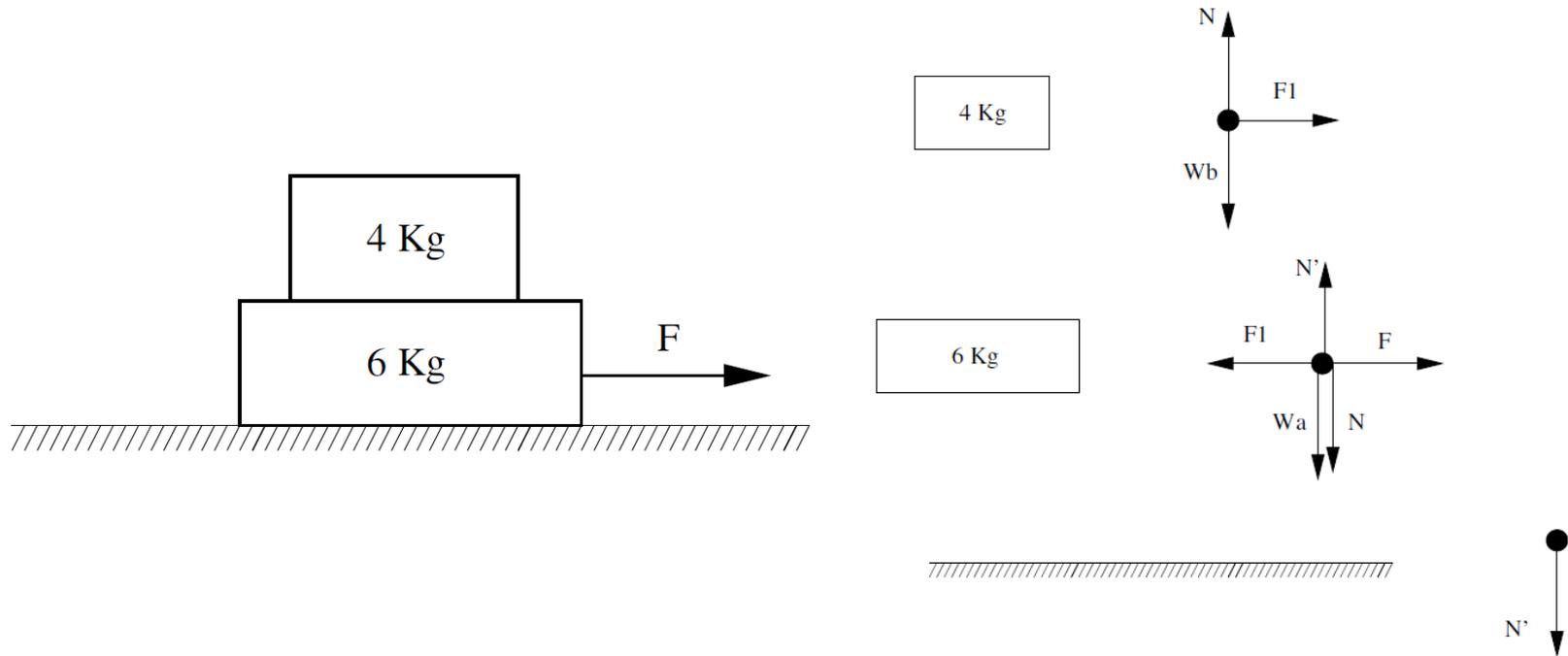
Step 3: Introduce a coordinate system, the inertial frame, and write the equations of motion.

Step 4: Motion of a body may be constrained to move along certain path or plane. Express each constraint by an equation called constraint equation.

Step 6: Identify the number of unknown quantities. There must be enough number of equations (Equations of motion + constraint equations) to solve for all the unknown quantities.

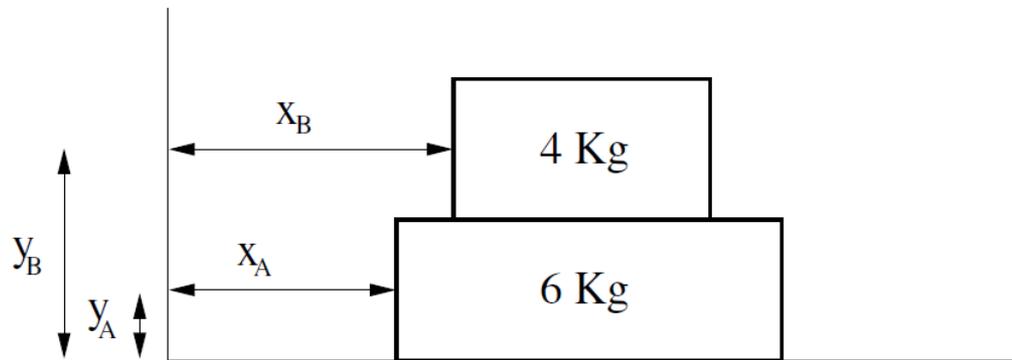
Example 1

A 4 Kg block rests on top of a 6 Kg block, which rests on a frictionless table. Coefficient of friction between blocks is 0.25. A force $F = 10N$ is applied to the lower block.



Identify the constraints

Fix the coordinate system to the table.



$$y_A = \text{const}$$

$$y_B = \text{const}$$

$$x_A = x_B + \text{const}$$

EOM in x and y-directions

Equations of Motion in Y direction.

$$m_A \ddot{y}_A = N' - W_A - N$$

$$m_B \ddot{y}_B = N - W_B$$

Constraints

$$\ddot{y}_A = 0$$

$$\ddot{y}_B = 0$$

Solution

$$N' = W_A + W_B$$

$$N = W_B$$

Equations of Motion in X direction.

$$m_A \ddot{x}_A = F - F_1$$

$$m_B \ddot{x}_B = F_1$$

Constraints

$$\ddot{x}_A = \ddot{x}_B$$

Solution

$$\ddot{x}_A = \ddot{x}_B = \frac{F}{m_A + m_B} = 1 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$F_1 = m_B \ddot{x}_B = 4 \text{ N}$$

The force $F_1 < \mu N = 10 \text{ N}$, the maximum frictional force between the blocks. Hence the solution is consistent with assumption.

What would be the motion if $F = 40 \text{ N}$?

Velocity and acceleration in cylindrical polar coordinates :

$$\vec{r} = \rho \cos \phi \hat{i} + \rho \sin \phi \hat{j} + z \hat{k} = \rho \hat{\rho} + z \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\hat{z} = \hat{k}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\rho}} = \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial \rho} \dot{\rho} + \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial \phi} \dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial z} \dot{z} = \hat{\phi} \dot{\phi}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\phi}} = \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \rho} \dot{\rho} + \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial \phi} \dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial \hat{\phi}}{\partial z} \dot{z} = -\hat{\rho} \dot{\phi}$$

$$\dot{\hat{z}} = \frac{\partial \hat{z}}{\partial \rho} \dot{\rho} + \frac{\partial \hat{z}}{\partial \phi} \dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial \hat{z}}{\partial z} \dot{z} = 0$$

$$\vec{v} = \dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{\rho} \hat{\rho} + \rho \dot{\hat{\rho}} + \dot{z} \hat{z} + z \dot{\hat{z}} = \dot{\rho} \hat{\rho} + \phi \rho \dot{\phi} + \dot{z} \hat{z}$$

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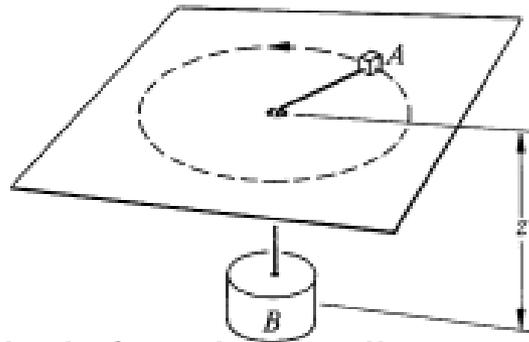
$$\vec{a} = \dot{\vec{v}} = \dot{\rho} \dot{\hat{\rho}} + \rho \ddot{\rho} + \dot{\phi} \rho \dot{\phi} + \phi \dot{\rho} \dot{\phi} + \phi \rho \ddot{\phi} + \dot{z} \dot{\hat{z}} + z \ddot{\hat{z}}$$

$$= \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{\rho} + \rho \ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\phi}^2 + \phi \dot{\rho} \dot{\phi} + \phi \rho \ddot{\phi} + \dot{z} \hat{z}$$

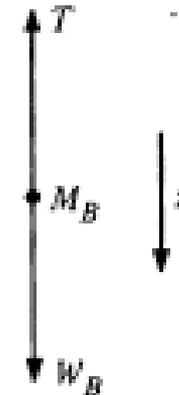
$$\boxed{\vec{a} = \dot{\rho}(\dot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\phi}^2) + \dot{\phi}(\rho \dot{\phi} + 2 \dot{\rho} \phi) + \dot{z} \hat{z}}$$

Example 2

A horizontal frictionless table has a small hole in its center. Block A on the table is connected to block B hanging beneath by a string of negligible mass which passes through the hole. Initially, B is held stationary and A rotates at constant radius r_0 with steady angular velocity ω_0 . If B is released at $t = 0$, what is its acceleration immediately afterward?



Two movable bodies and their free body diagrams:



Cylindrical polar coordinate system.

Equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} -T &= M_A(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) && \text{Radial} \\ 0 &= M_A(r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}) && \text{Tangential} \\ W_B - T &= M_B\ddot{z} && \text{Vertical.} \end{aligned}$$

Constraint equations: $r + z = l. \quad \rightarrow \quad \ddot{r} = -\ddot{z}.$

Unknowns: $a_r, a_\theta, \ddot{z}, T$ Four unknowns and four equations.

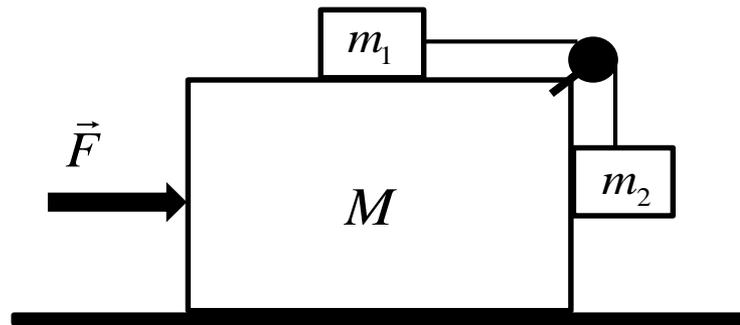
$$\ddot{z} = \frac{W_B - M_A r \dot{\theta}^2}{M_A + M_B}.$$

Immediately after B is released $r = r_0$ and $\dot{\theta} = \omega_0$

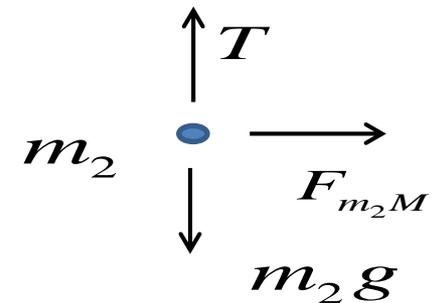
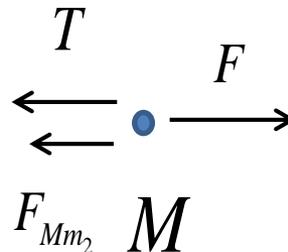
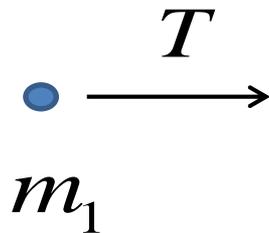
$$\ddot{z}(0) = \frac{W_B - M_A r_0 \omega_0^2}{M_A + M_B}.$$

Example 3

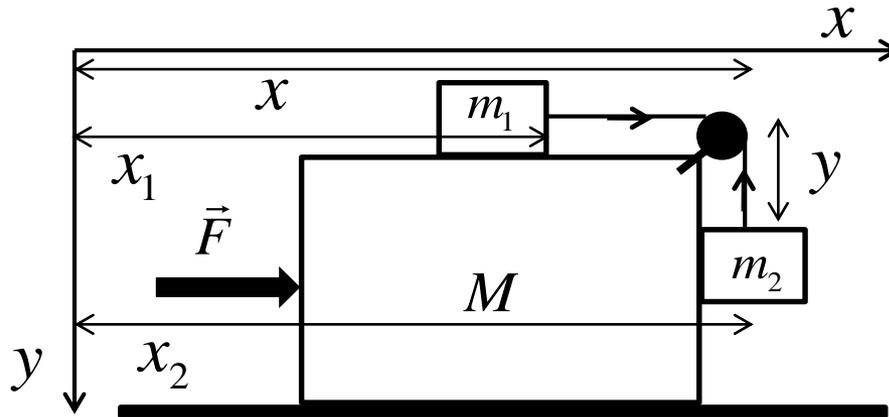
Determine the acceleration vectors of all mobile bodies in the following situation which are always in contact. All surfaces are frictionless, pulley is massless, and the string of length L is massless and inextensible.



Free body diagrams:



Specification of coordinates:



Equations of motion:

$$m_1 a_{1x} = T$$

$$F - T - F_{Mm_2} = M a_x$$

$$F_{m_2M} = m_2 a_{2x}$$

$$m_2 g - T = m_2 a_{2y}$$

3rd law of motion:

$$F_{Mm_2} = F_{m_2M}$$

Constraint equations:

$$x = x_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_x = a_{2x}$$

$$x - x_1 + y = L \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_x - a_{1x} + a_{2y} = 0$$

Unknowns: $T, F_1, F_2, a_x, a_{1x}, a_{2x}, a_{2y}$

There are seven equations and seven unknowns.

Accelerations:

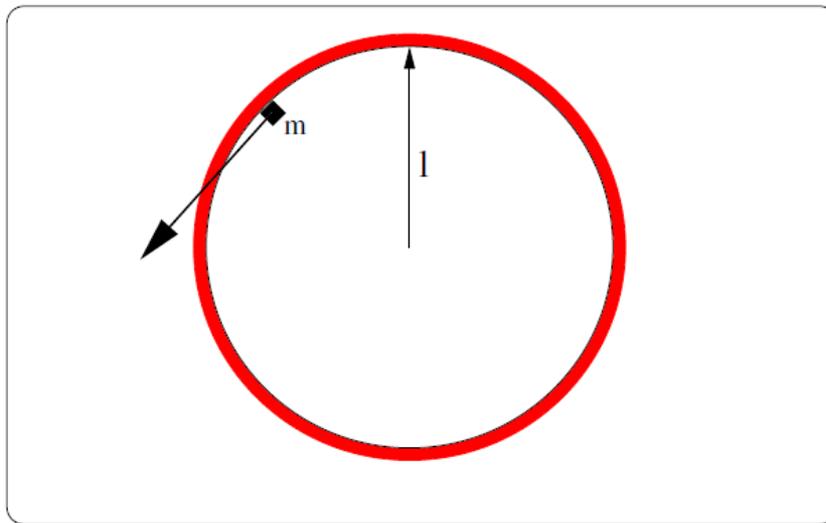
$$a_{1x} = \frac{m_2 [F + (M + m_2)g]}{(M + m_2)(m_1 + m_2) + m_1 m_2}$$

$$a_x = a_{2x} = \frac{F(m_1 + m_2) - m_1 m_2 g}{(M + m_2)(m_1 + m_2) + m_1 m_2}$$

$$a_{2y} = \frac{m_2 (M + m_1 + m_2)g - m_2 F}{(M + m_2)(m_1 + m_2) + m_1 m_2}$$

Example 4

A block of mass m slides on a frictionless table. It is constrained to move inside a ring of radius l fixed to the table. At $t = 0$ the block is touching the ring and has a velocity v_0 in tangential direction.



Find the velocity of the mass at subsequent times.

Constraint Equation is $r = l$, that is $\dot{r} = \ddot{r} = 0$.

Equations of Motion

$$m \left(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 \right) = -ml\dot{\theta}^2 = -N$$

$$m \left(r\ddot{\theta} - 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} \right) = mr\ddot{\theta} = -f$$

Eliminating N , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\theta} &= -\mu\dot{\theta}^2 \\ v(t) &= l\dot{\theta} \\ &= \frac{v_0}{1 + \mu v_0 t / l} \end{aligned}$$