Newton's Laws

• Newton's 1st Law (Same as Galileo's law of inertia): No force => no acceleration.

"An object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by a force."

$$\vec{F} = 0 \implies \vec{v} = const$$

- Newton's 2nd Law:
- "Force equals mass times acceleration"
- Newton's 3rd Law:

"Force of action is equal and opposite to Force of counter-action"

$$\vec{F}_{B\to A} = -\vec{F}_{A\to B}$$

Unit of force is called Newton (N)

 $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

$$1N = 1\frac{kg \cdot m}{s^2}$$

Examples of Forces



(Gravitational force, or Weight)

Forces a vectors! The total force is the *vector sum* of all applied forces:

$$\vec{F}_{total} = \vec{N} + \vec{T} + \vec{W}$$
$$\vec{F}_{total} = (F_x, F_y) = (T, N - mg)$$



- 1. Choose the coordinate system.
- 2. Show all forces applied to each object.
- 3. Write 2nd Newton's Law for each object, and each axis.
- 4. Solve equations to find acceleration.



 $x - axis: \qquad T = m_1 a \qquad F \cos \alpha - T = m_2 a$ $y - axis: \qquad N_1 - m_1 g = 0 \qquad N_2 + F \sin \alpha - m_2 g = 0$

$$a = \frac{F\cos\alpha}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Homework

Problem 1

Starting with Newton's Laws show that mass is additive. That is, mass of an object is equal to the sum of masses of its parts.

Problem 2

Find acceleration of block "1" in both cases in the Figure. All pulleys are weightless and rotate without friction.

