Week 5 Tutorial

Tutorial Section

Tutorial Time

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Question 1

3. When a cow swats a mosquito with its tail in mid-air,

(a) compare the size of the forces that the tail and the mosquito feel from each other. /2

(b) compare the size of accelerations that the collision between the cow's tail and the mosquito produces for both the tail and the mosquito. /2

Problem Solving Framework

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Template for teaching and assessment of problem solving in introductory physics

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1. Framing

Visual Representation

Assumptions and Simplifications

Relevant Concepts

Information Needed

Similar Problems

2. Planning

Solution Plan

Rough Estimate

3. Execution

Carry-out Plan for solving
- Work in algebra/symbols until the BITTER end
- Plug in numbers at the LAST step

4. Answer Checking

Compare to Estimate

Units Check

Limits Test

Getting (UnStuck)

Reference: Template for teaching and assessment of problem solving in introductory physics

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2. Planning

3. Execution

4. Answer Checking

1. Framing

- Visual representation: Draw free body diagrams to show the forces being applied on the cow and the mosquito.
- Assumptions and simplifications: Only consider 1-D.
- Relevant concept: Newton’s third law.
- Information needed: Forces being applied on the cow and the mosquito by each other. How do their masses compare?
- Similar problems: Any problem that involves drawing free body diagrams.

2. Planning

- Rough estimate: Visualize the free body diagram. How do the mass of the mosquito and the cow's tail compare? F=ma
- Solution plan: Determine how the two objects exert force on each other. Determine how different masses affect the acceleration.

3. Execution

- See solution on slide 10.

4. Answer Checking

Compare to estimates: Does this make sense based on your FBD?

Units: Not applicable

Limits: Not applicable

Getting (UnStuck)? ...

Solution

3. When a cow swats a mosquito with its tail in mid-air,

(a) compare the size of the forces that the tail and the mosquito feel from each other.

$F_{tm} = F_{mt}$ (1pt) /2

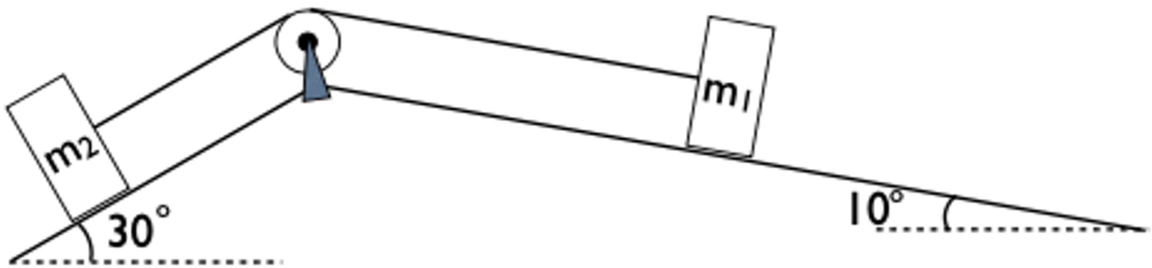
Newton's third law. (1pt.)

(b) compare the size of accelerations that the collision between the cow's tail and the mosquito produces for both the tail and the mosquito. /2

$m_m << m_t$ so $m_t a_t = m_m a_m$

The mosquito accelerates much more. (1pt.) $\frac{a_m}{a_t} = \frac{m_t}{m_m} >> 1$ (1pt.)

Question 2



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1. Framing

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1. Framing

- Visual representation: Look at the diagram and draw relevant FBD’s.
- Assumptions and simplifications: Frictionless surface. Acceleration of m1 and m2 are due to each other.
- Relevant concept: Newton’s laws of motion.
- Information needed: Acceleration of mass 1 and mass 2, FBD’s, Newton’s second law equations.
- Similar problems: 1-D block on a slope, etc.

2. Planning

- Rough estimate: How do you expect the system to react?
- Solution plan: Draw FBD's for each mass. Substitute equations into FBD to determine acceleration of the system.

3. Execution

- See solution on next slide. Carry out the calculation, plug in the numbers at the last step.

4. Answer Checking

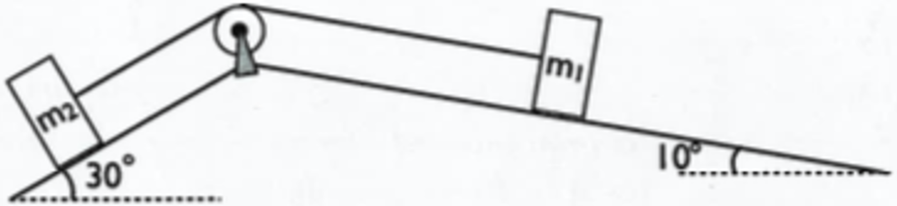
Compare to estimates: Is this what you expected?

Units: Check your units. Do they make sense?

Limits: Not applicable.

Getting (UnStuck)? …

Solution



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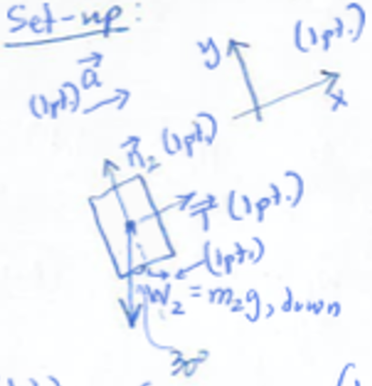
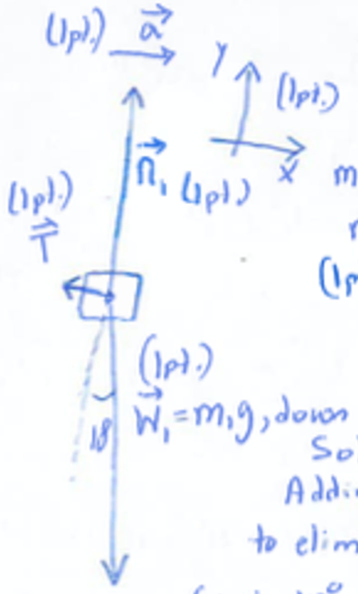
Set-up:



(1pt.) (1pt.) (1pt.)
$T - m_2 g \sin 30° = m_2 a$ (1)
(or W_2)

$n_2 - m_2 g \cos 30° = 0$
(1pt.) (1pt.)



(1pt.) (1pt.) (1pt.)
$m_1 g \sin 10° - T = m_1 a$ (2)
$n_1 - m_1 g \cos(10°) = 0$
(1pt.) (1pt.)

Solve:
Adding equations (1) and (2)
to eliminate T: (1pt.)
$(m_1 \sin 10° - m_2 \sin 30°) g = (m_1 + m_2$

$$a = g\left(\frac{m_1 \sin 10° - m_2 \sin 30°}{m_1 + m_2}\right)$$

$$= g\left(\frac{10\text{kg} \sin 10° - 1\text{kg} \sin 30°}{11\text{ kg}}\right) = 0.11 g$$

g: 9.8 m/s^2

$= 1.1$ m/s^2. (1pt.)