Announcements

- Quiz 1 Next Week!!! (How's your MATLAB skills?)
  - Practice quiz available on PL

❑ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (9/8 – TODAY!)
  - Quiz 1 Sign-up
- Tuesday (9/12)
  - PL HW4
- Thursday (9/14)
  - ME HW5

Recap

- Position vectors
- Dot (scalar) product
- Cross (vector) product

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.

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.

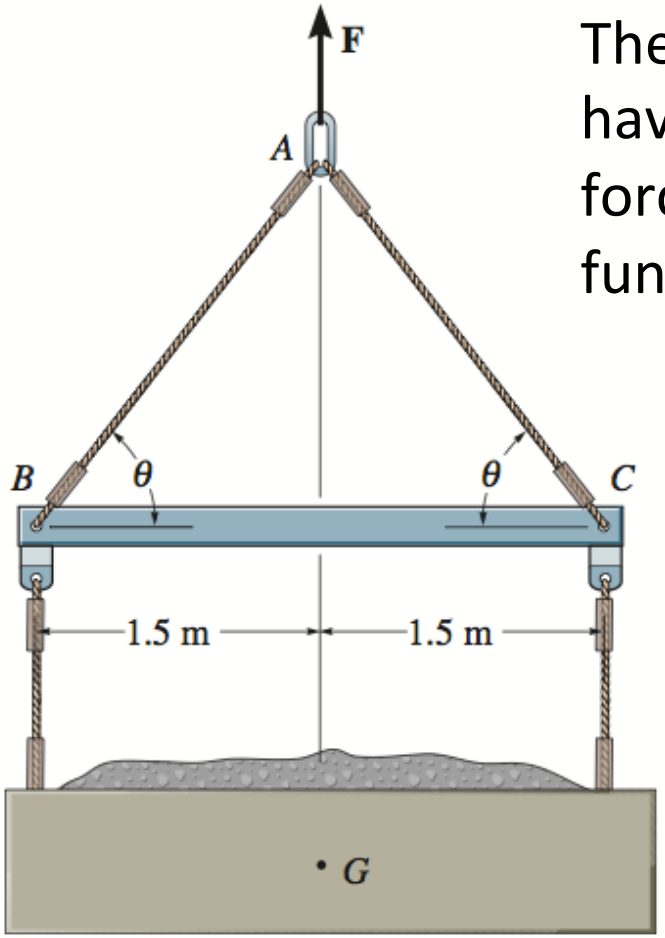
3. Apply principles needed.

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.

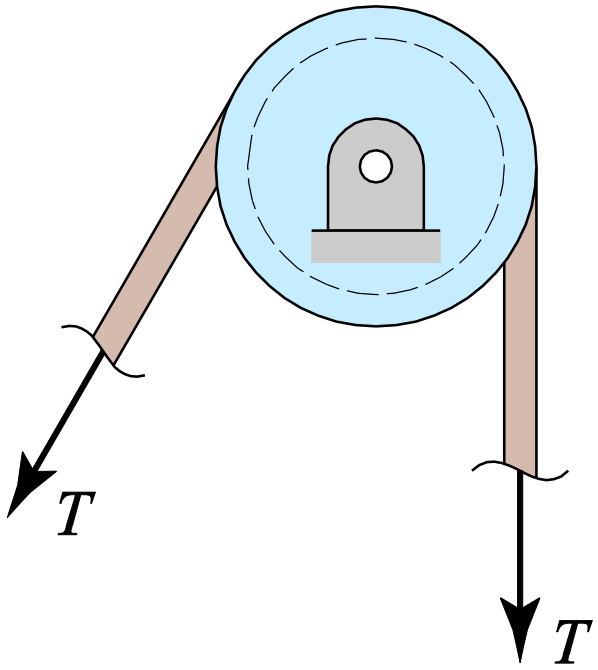
Free body diagram



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 θ.

Idealizations

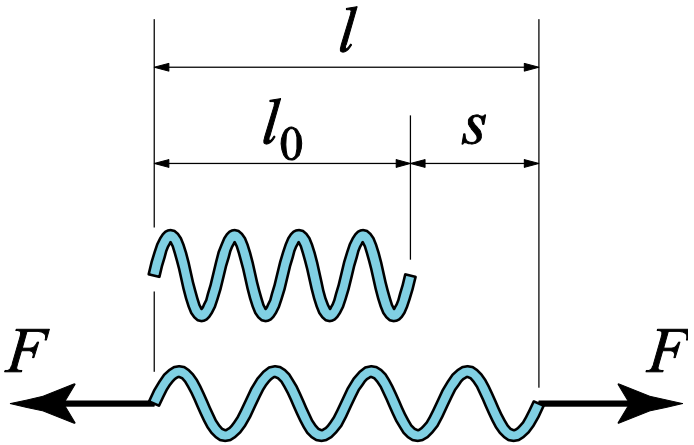
Pulleys are (usually) regarded as frictionless; then the tension in a rope or cord around the pulley is the same on either side.



Frictionless pulley

Idealizations

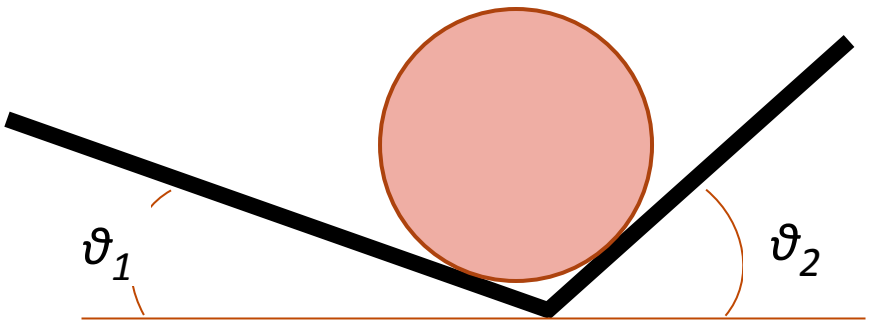
Springs are (usually) regarded as linearly elastic; then the tension is proportional to the *change* in length *s*.



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

Linearly elastic spring

Idealizations



Contact force in smooth surface:

Equilibrium of a particle

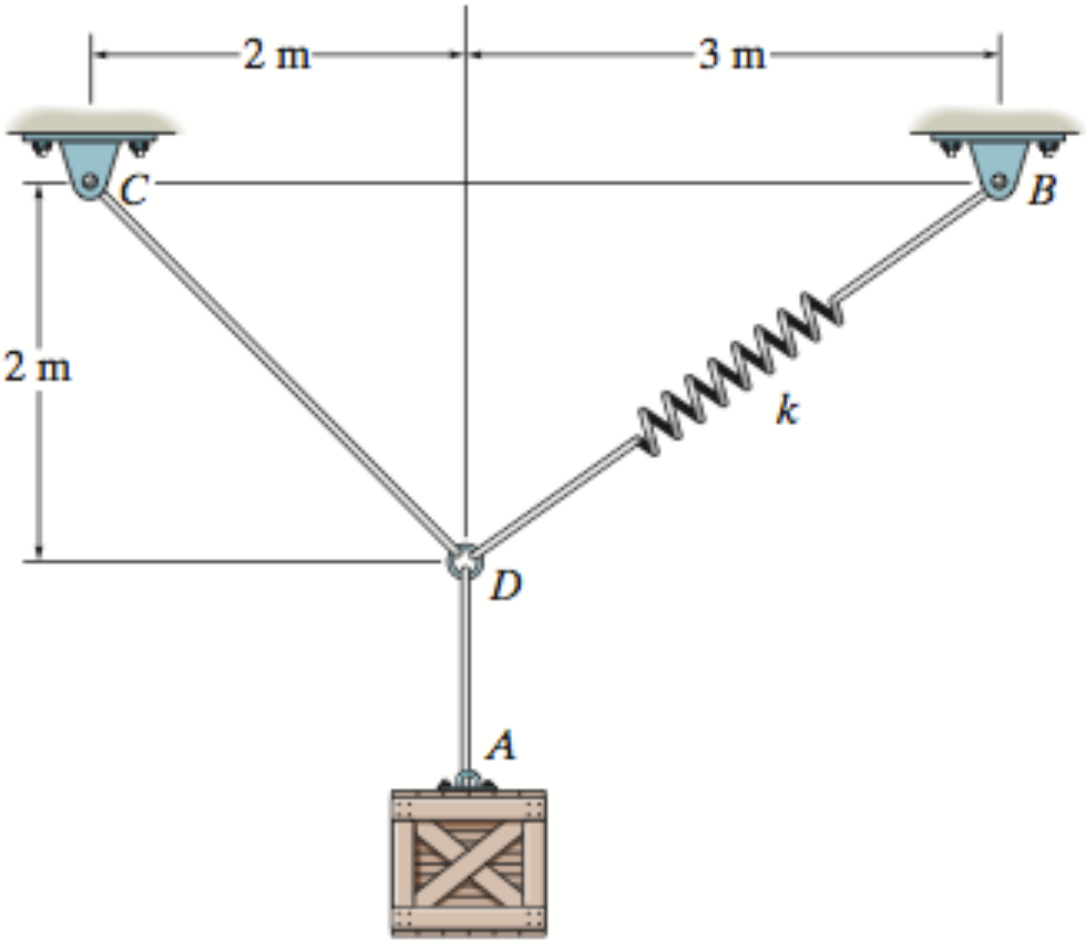
According to Newton's first law of motion , a particle will be in **equilibrium** (that is, it will remain at rest or continue to move with constant velocity) if and only if

In three dimensions, equilibrium requires:

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.



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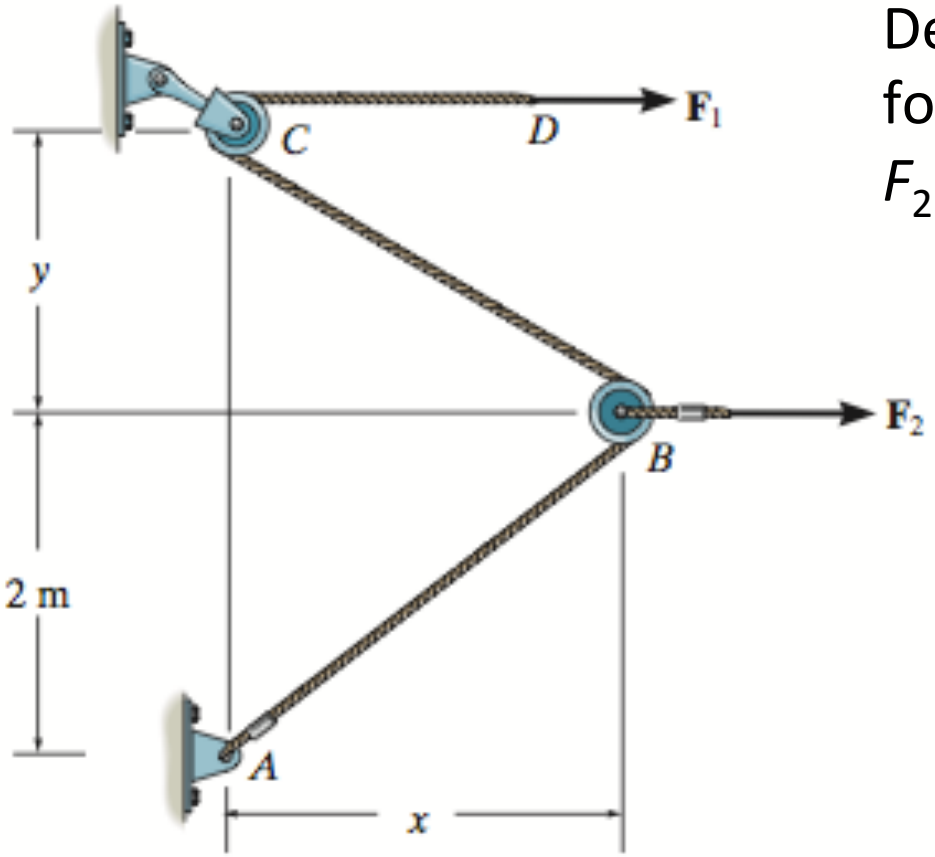

Determine the distances x and y for equilibrium if F_1 = 800 N and F_2 = 1000 N.