

Good Day!

- There are answer keys to the homework on either side of the room.
- Look at the answers and write the number of the problem that you would most like to see solved on your whiteboard.

Most Requested Problem

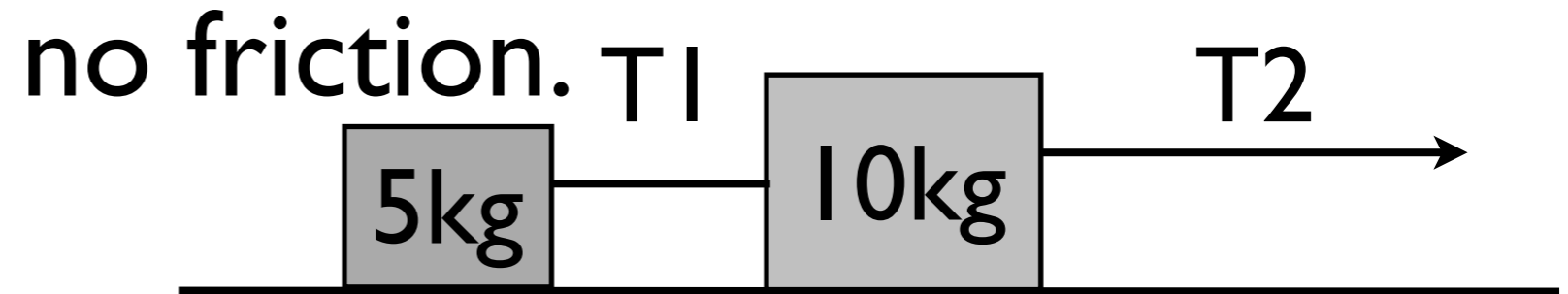
Today

- Problems with multiple tensions.
- Multi-body problems.
- Atwood Machines

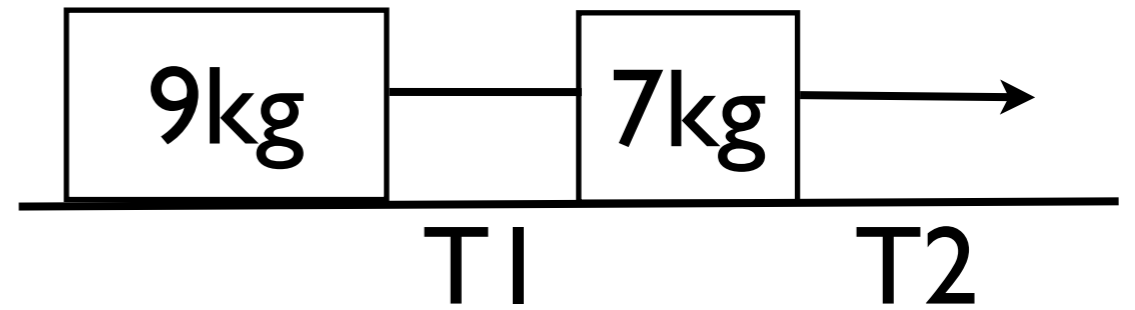
Tension

- If a tension is causing the acceleration of an object, we can apply $F=ma$ to find the tension.
- Until now: we have assumed the total tension in a chord/string to be uniform.
- We can use $F=ma$ to find out the individual tensions on each side of a chord/cable.

The blocks are accelerating at 2.5m/s^2 .
Find the tensions on each string. Assume



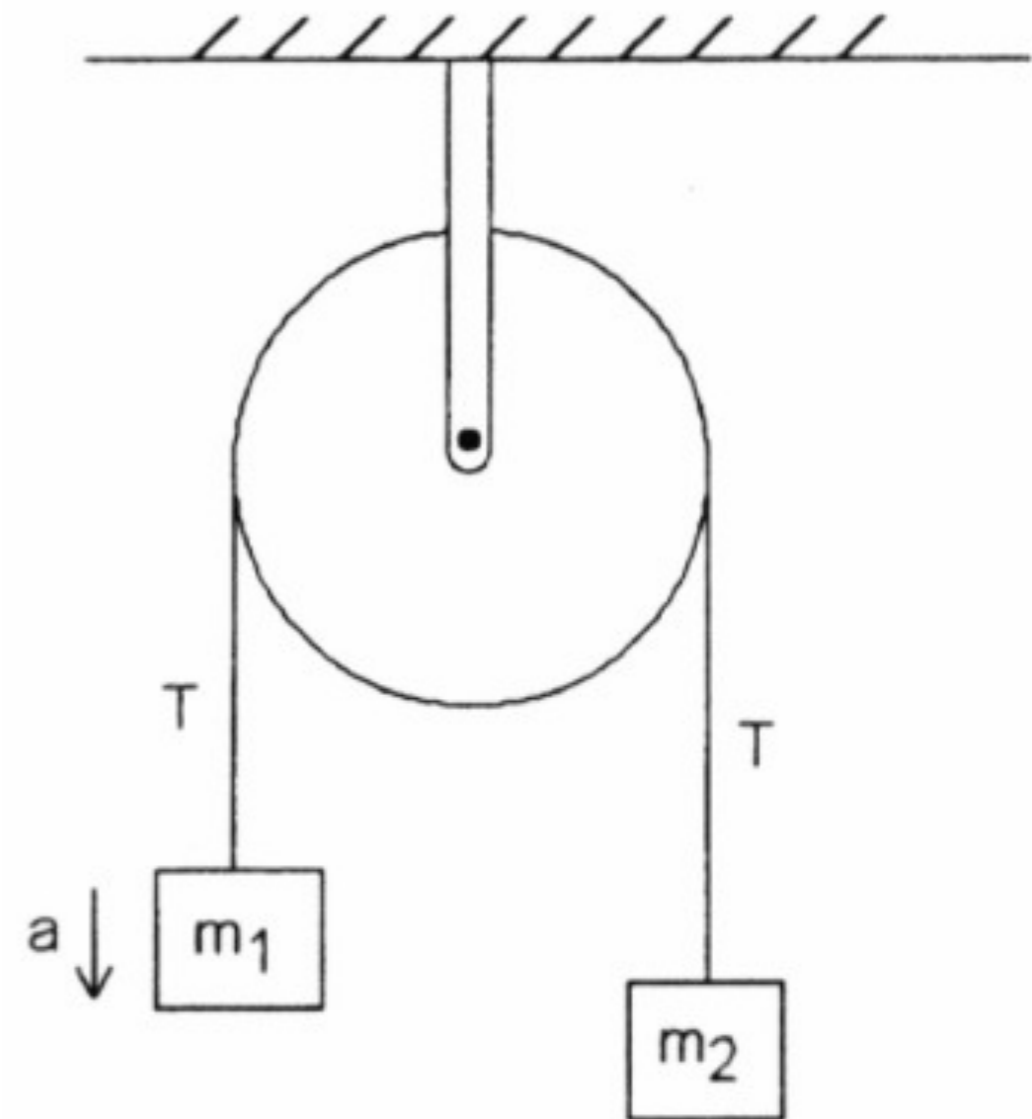
The tension on T_1 is 45N . Find the acceleration of the system and T_2 .



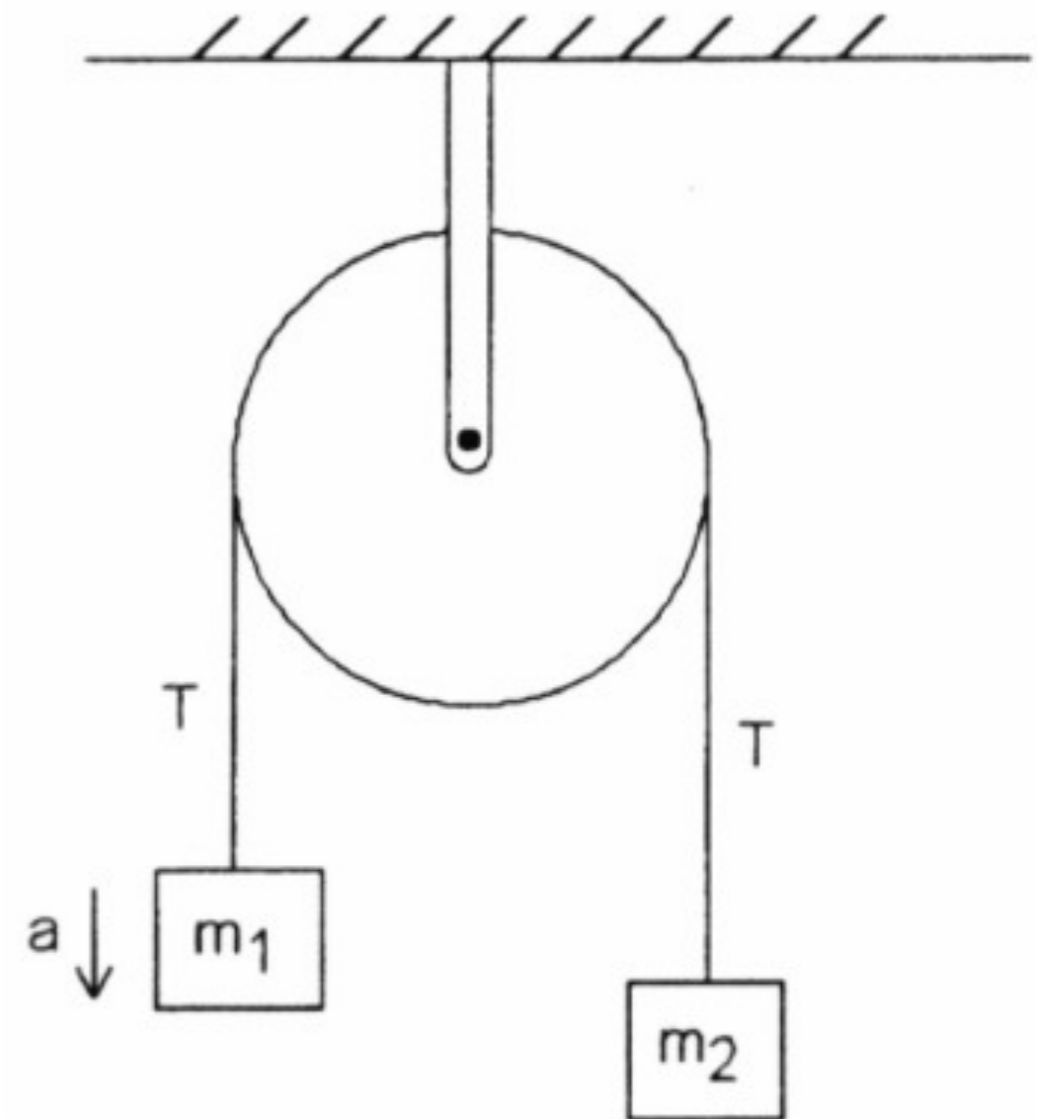
Atwood's Machine

- Two masses hung over a pulley.
- We assume that the pulley is massless and frictionless. The rope is massless.
- Calculate the acceleration in the system and the tension on the rope.
- We need to pick a positive direction.

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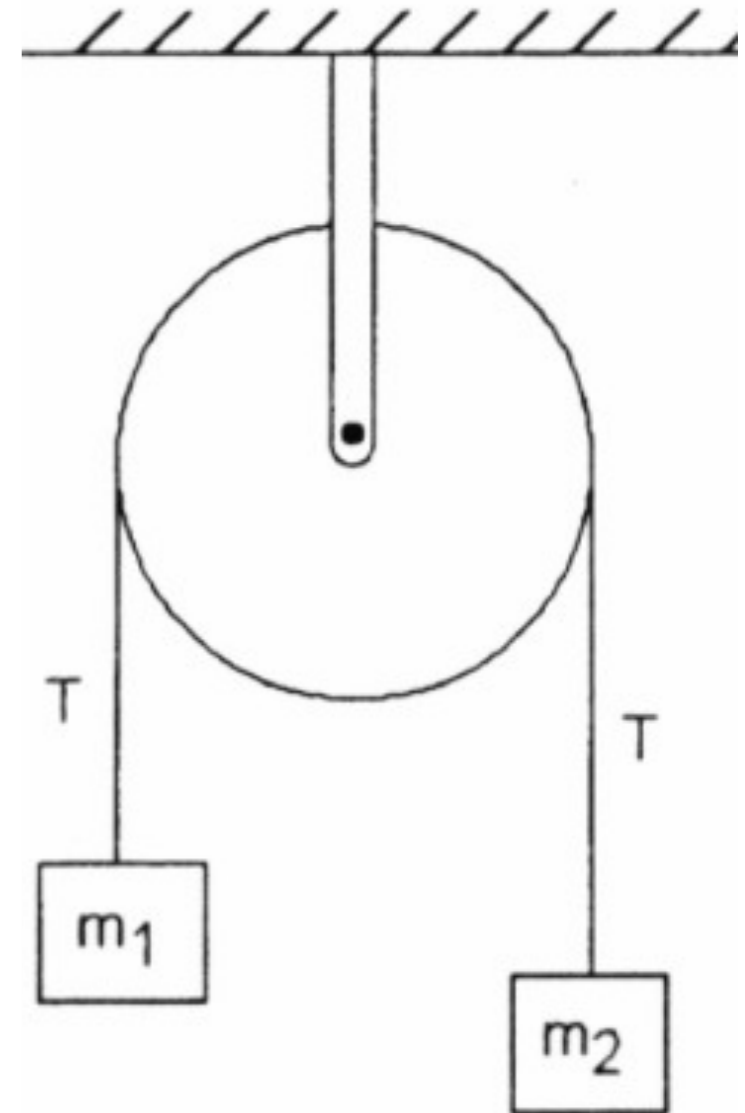
Serious Force



MIT Physics Demo -- Low Friction Atwood Machine

Video Atwood

$m_1 = 0.55\text{kg}$. $m_2 = 0.56\text{kg}$. Find the acceleration of the system.



Does this agree with the kinematics answer? $V_i=0\text{m/s}$. $\Delta x=1\text{m}$. $t=4.79\text{s}$. $a=?$



Multiple Tension on One Rope

- We know that the total tension on a rope is equal to the mass of the **system** times the acceleration of the system.
- The tension on either side of a rope can actually be different.
- That tension is the tension needed to accelerate each object at the same rate.

$m_1 = 5\text{kg}$. $m_2 = 3\text{kg}$. Find the tension of the rope **at** each block. Find the total tension in the chord.

