

Free-Body Force Diagrams

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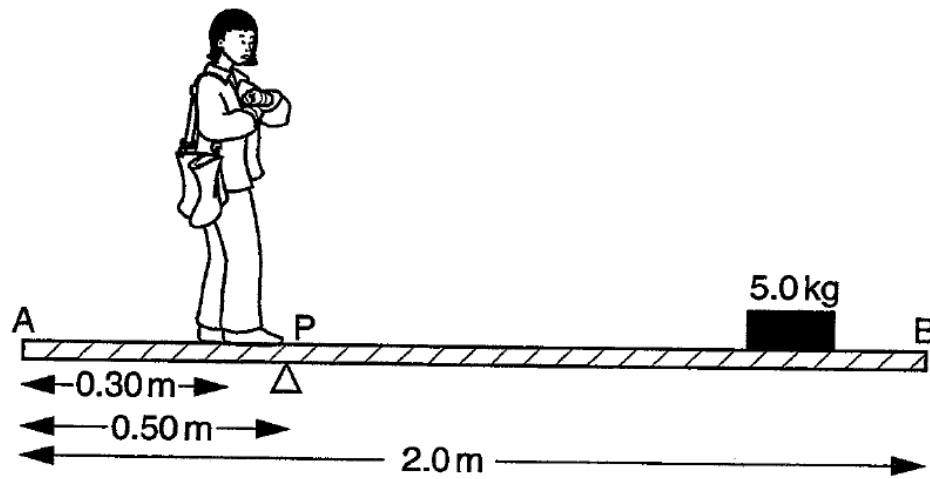
**Figure 1**

Figure 1 shows a student standing at rest on a plank of wood. The plank itself rests on a support at point P.

Draw separate free-body force diagrams showing the forces acting on each of the following objects. Label the forces on your diagrams.

- (a) The student
- (b) The 5.0 kg object

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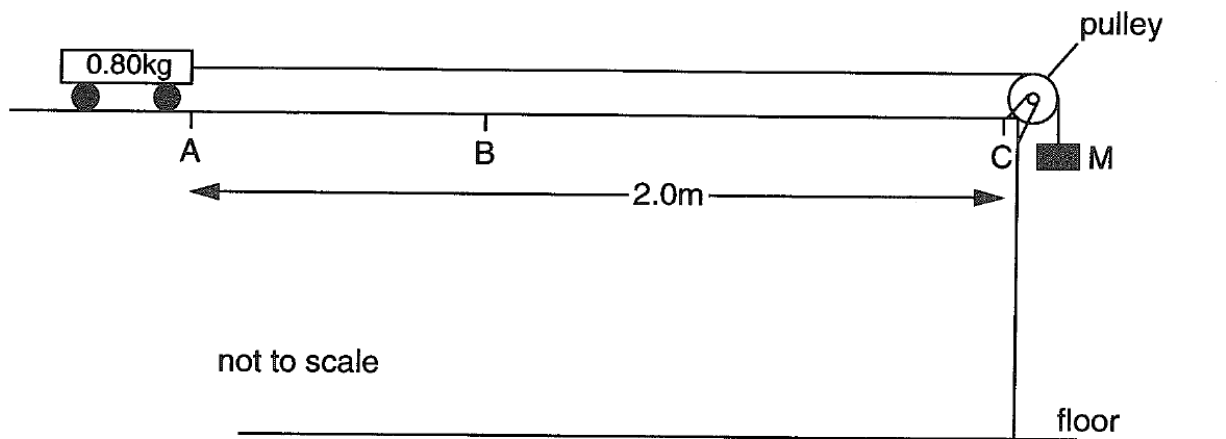


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a trolley which is connected to a mass M by a light string. The string passes over a smooth pulley. The trolley is on a surface above the floor.

Draw separate free-body force diagrams showing the forces acting on each of the following objects. Label the forces on your diagrams.

- (a) The trolley
- (b) The mass M

State where in your diagrams/answers above you used the facts that the string is light and the pulley is smooth.

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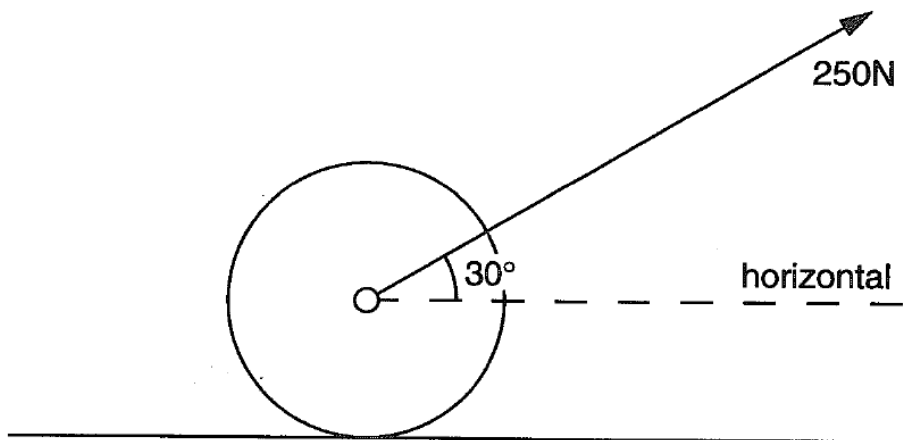


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows a garden roller being pulled with a force of 250 N at an angle of 30° to the horizontal.

Draw a free-body force diagram showing the forces acting on the garden roller. Label the forces on your diagram.

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Figure 4.1

Figure 4.1 shows a ball at rest, hanging on a vertical thread from a fixed support, S.

Draw a free-body force diagram showing the forces acting on the ball. Label the forces on your diagram.

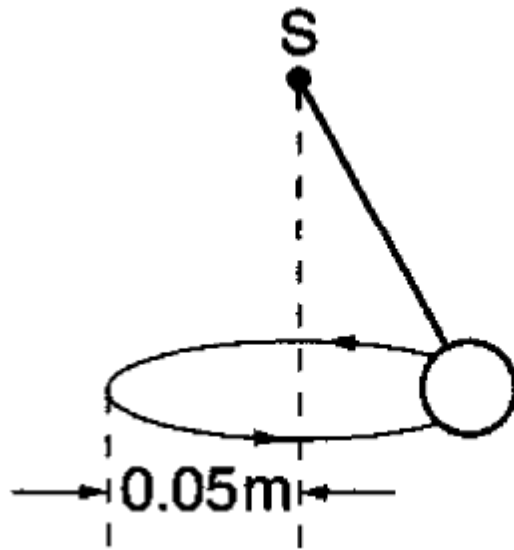


Figure 4.2

Figure 4.2 shows the ball moving on a horizontal circle about a vertical axis through S.

Draw a free-body force diagram showing the forces acting on the ball while it is moving. Label the forces on your diagram.

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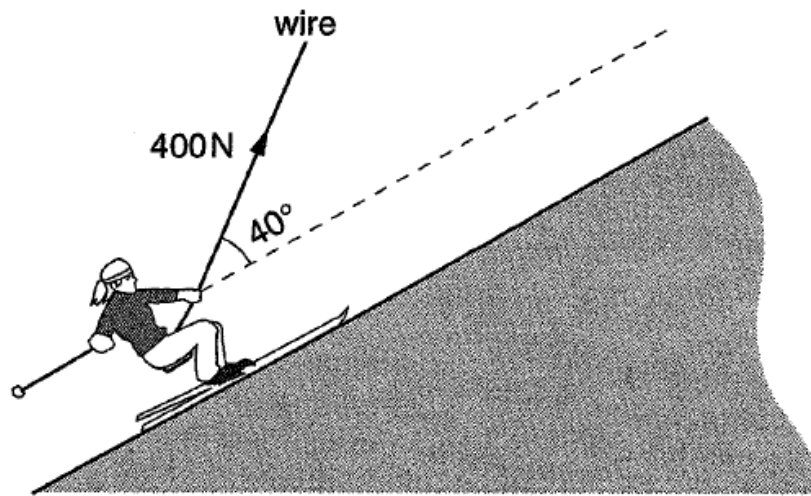


Figure 5

Figure 5 shows a skier being pulled up a slope.

One force acting on the skier is shown in the diagram.

Draw a free-body force diagram showing all the forces acting on the skier. Label the forces on your diagram.

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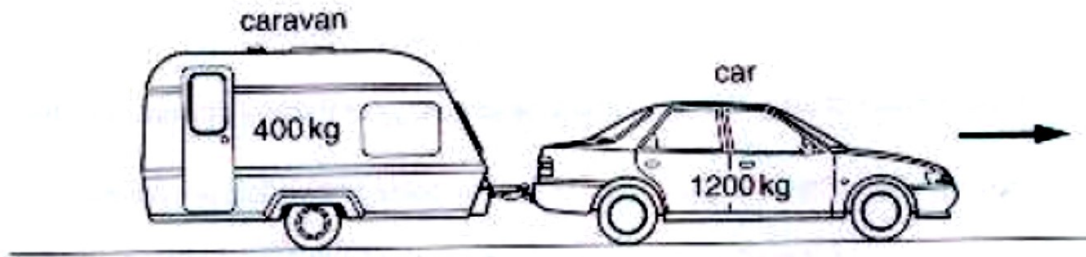


Figure 6

Figure 6 shows a car pulling a caravan.

Draw separate free-body force diagrams showing the forces acting on each of the following objects. Label the forces on your diagrams.

- (a) The car
- (b) The caravan

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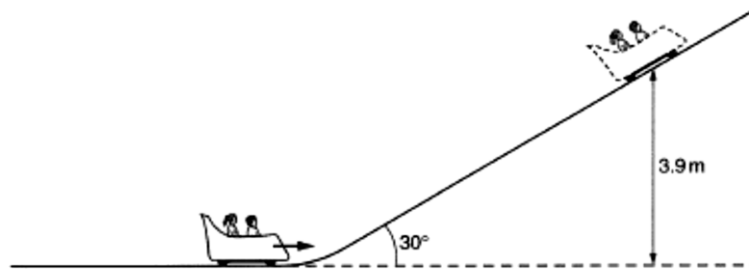
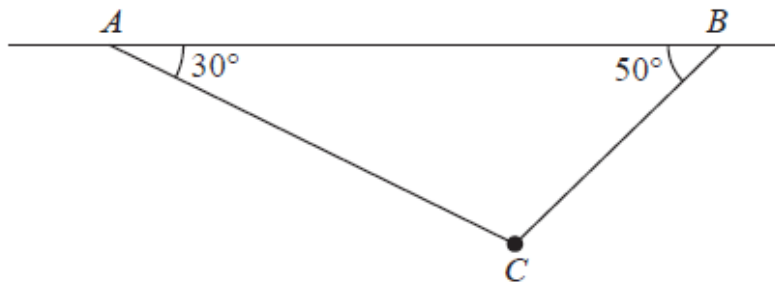


Figure 7

Figure 7 shows part of a fairground ride with a carriage on rails.

Draw separate free-body force diagrams showing the forces acting on the carriage on each of the positions marked A and B.

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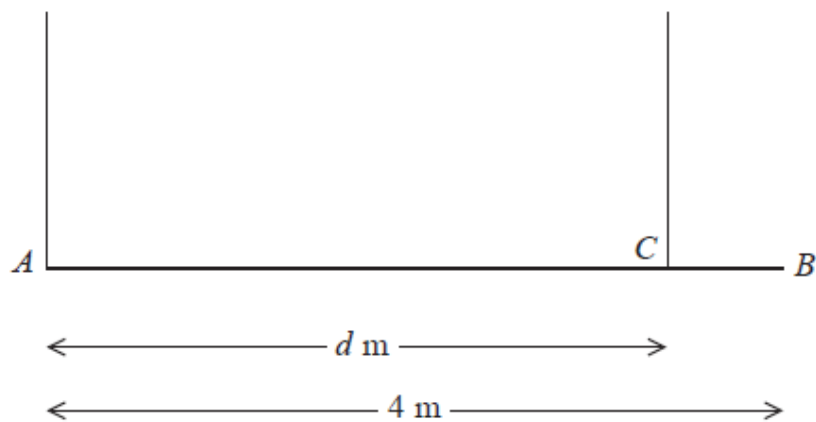


A particle of weight W newtons is attached at C to two light inextensible strings AC and BC . The other ends of the strings are attached to fixed points A and B on a horizontal ceiling.

Draw a free body force diagram for the particle attached at C .



9.



A beam AB has weight W newtons and length 4 m. The beam is held in equilibrium in a horizontal position by two vertical ropes attached to the beam. One rope is attached to A and the other rope is attached to the point C on the beam, where $AC = d$ metres, as shown in Figure 3. The beam is modelled as a uniform rod and the ropes as light inextensible strings. The tension in the rope attached at C is double the tension in the rope attached at A .

Draw a free body force diagram for the beam.

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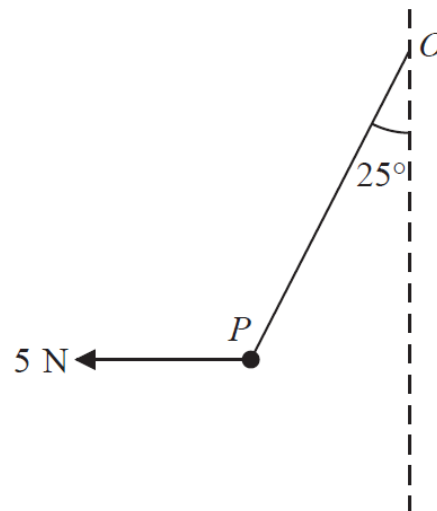


Figure 10

A particle P of weight W newtons is attached to one end of a light inextensible string. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . A horizontal force of magnitude 5 N is applied to P . The particle P is in equilibrium with the string taut and with OP making an angle of 25° to the downward vertical, as shown in Figure 10.

Mark on the diagram and label with suitable letters all the forces that act on the particle P .

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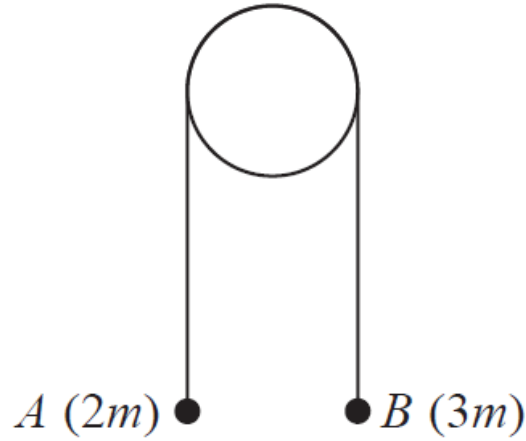
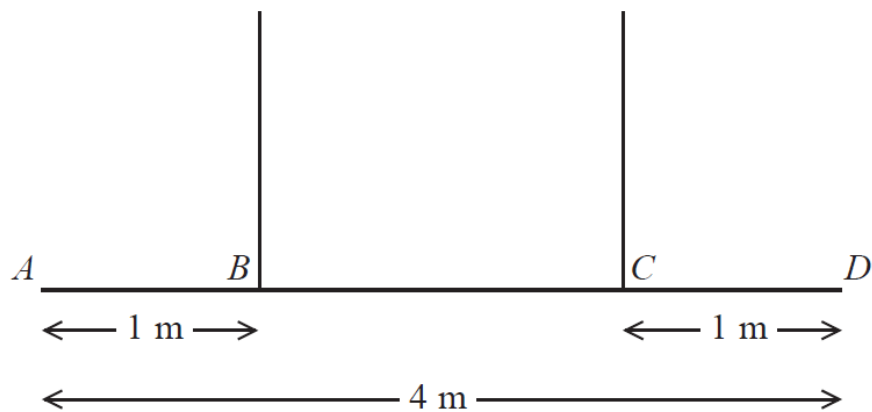


Figure 11

Two particles A and B have masses $2m$ and $3m$ respectively. The particles are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth light fixed pulley. The system is held at rest with the string taut. The hanging parts of the string are vertical and A and B are above a horizontal plane, as shown in Figure 11.

- (a) Mark on the diagram and label with suitable letters, the forces acting on the particle A
- (b) Mark on the diagram and label with suitable letters, the forces acting on the particle B .

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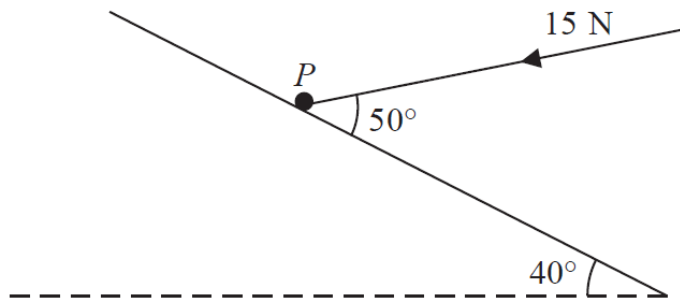


A non-uniform beam AD has weight W newtons and length 4 m . It is held in equilibrium in a horizontal position by two vertical ropes attached to the beam. The ropes are attached to two points B and C on the beam, where $AB = 1\text{ m}$ and $CD = 1\text{ m}$ as shown in the figure.

The tension in the rope attached to C is double the tension in the rope attached to B . The beam is modelled as a rod and the ropes are modelled as light inextensible strings.

Mark on the diagram and label with suitable letters, the forces acting on the beam AD.

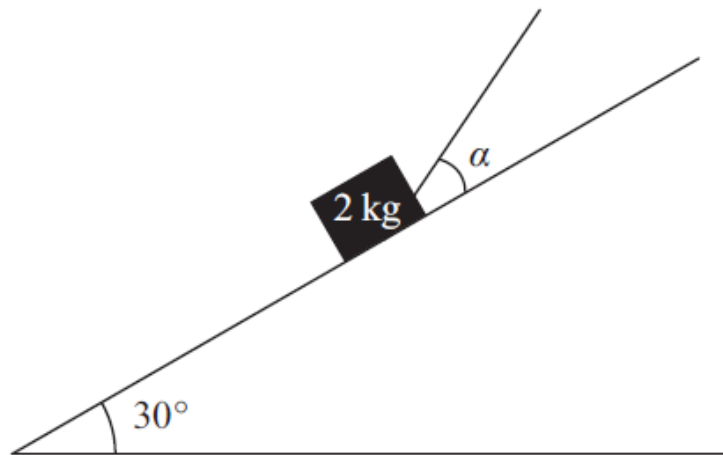
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A particle P of mass 2.7 kg lies on a rough plane inclined at 40° to the horizontal. The particle is held in equilibrium by a force of magnitude 15 N acting at an angle of 50° to the plane, as shown in the figure. The force acts in a vertical plane containing a line of greatest slope of the plane.

Mark on the diagram and label with suitable letters, the forces acting on the particle P .

14.



A box of mass 2 kg is held in equilibrium on a fixed rough inclined plane by a rope. The rope lies in a vertical plane containing a line of greatest slope of the inclined plane. The rope is inclined to the plane at an angle α , where $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$, and the plane is at an angle of 30° to the horizontal, as shown in the figure.

Mark on the diagram and label with suitable letters, the forces acting on the box.
