

- 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.

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

Important hint: the accelerations of two blocks in the case (b) are not the same! Imagine that you move block "2" by distance x upward. How much did the block "1" moved? This consideration will allow you to find the relationship between the two accelerations.



Problem 2

Construct Free Body Diagrams, and find the accelerations of all the blocks (no friction):

