

Normal Force

the force produced by a solid object, that prevents acceleration INTO the object

Keeps solid objects from moving through each other

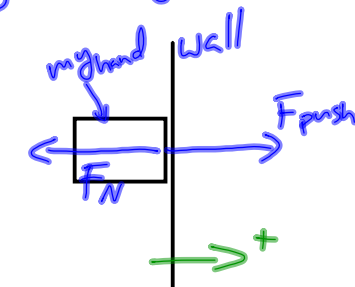
$$a_x = 0$$

$$a_x = \frac{\sum F_x}{m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0$$

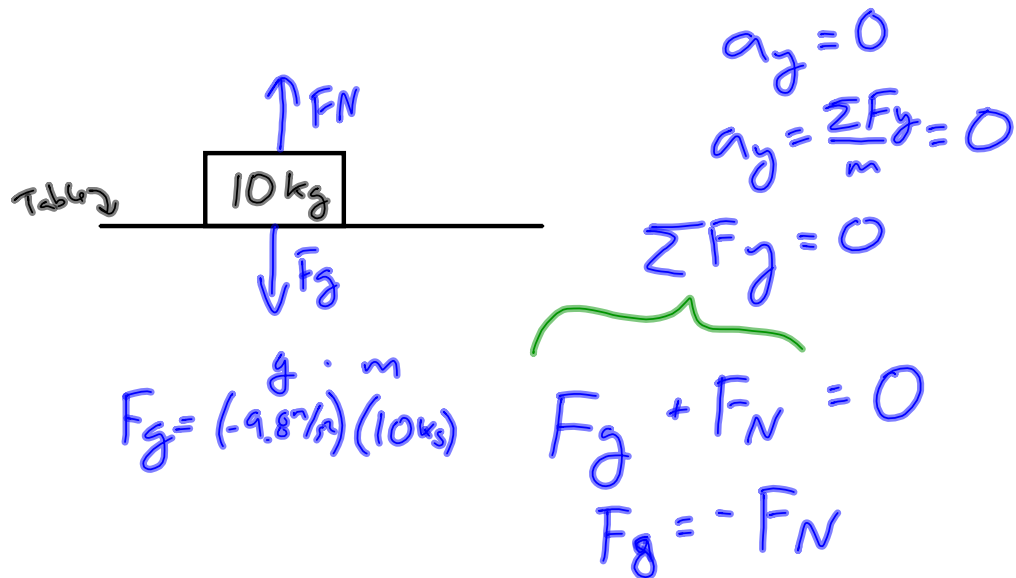
$$F_{push} + (-F_N) = 0$$

$$F_{push} = F_N$$

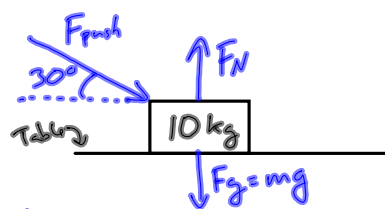


equal but opposite

Object on a table



What if I also push on the object @ an angle?

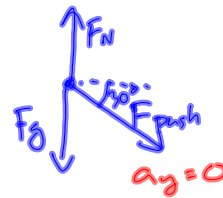


Look in the y direction

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$F_g + F_N + F_{push \cdot y} = 0$$

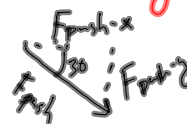
$$F_g + F_{push \cdot y} = -F_N$$



$$a_y = 0$$

$$a_y = \frac{\sum F_y}{m} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_y = 0$$



Normal force, must be larger than the force of gravity in order to compensate for the added force downward.

Normal forces can only act perpendicular to the surface.

Ramps

F_N allows it to accelerate to the right
 $F_g \neq F_{Ny}$
 because $\sum F_y = 0$

Setting the axis to match the acceleration

FBD

$a_y = 0 = \frac{\sum F_y}{m}$
 $\sum F_y = 0$

$F_N + F_{oy} = 0$
 $F_N = -F_{oy}$
 $F_N = -F_g \cos 30^\circ$

$F_{oy} = F_g \cos 30^\circ$
 $F_{ox} = F_g \sin 30^\circ$

X - direction

$$F_{Nx} = 0$$

$$F_{gx} = F_g \sin(30)$$

$$a_x = \frac{\sum F_x}{m}$$

$$a_x = \frac{F_g \sin(30)}{m}$$

What direction is that?
Along the ramp