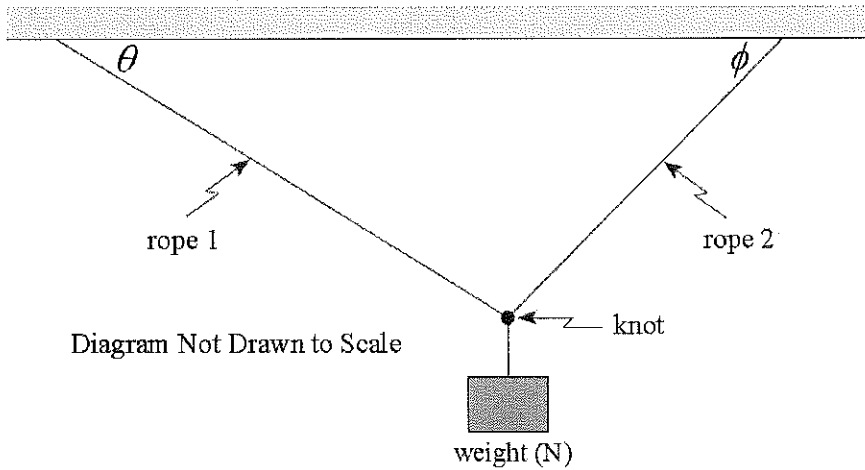


Equilibrium part 1

Short Answer

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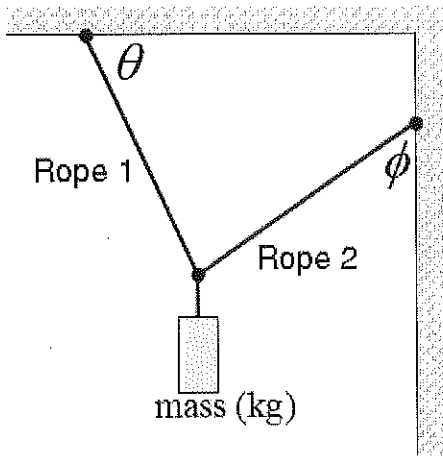
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ANSWER:

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ANSWER:

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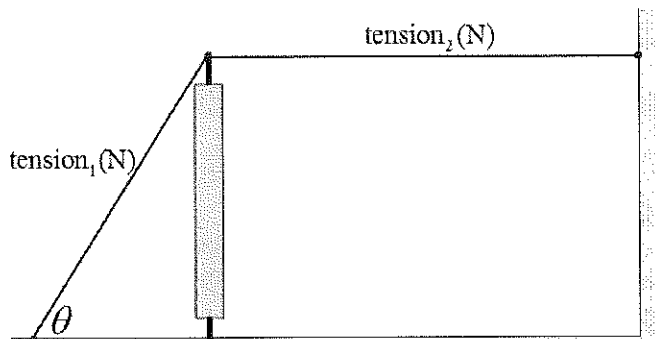
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ANSWER:

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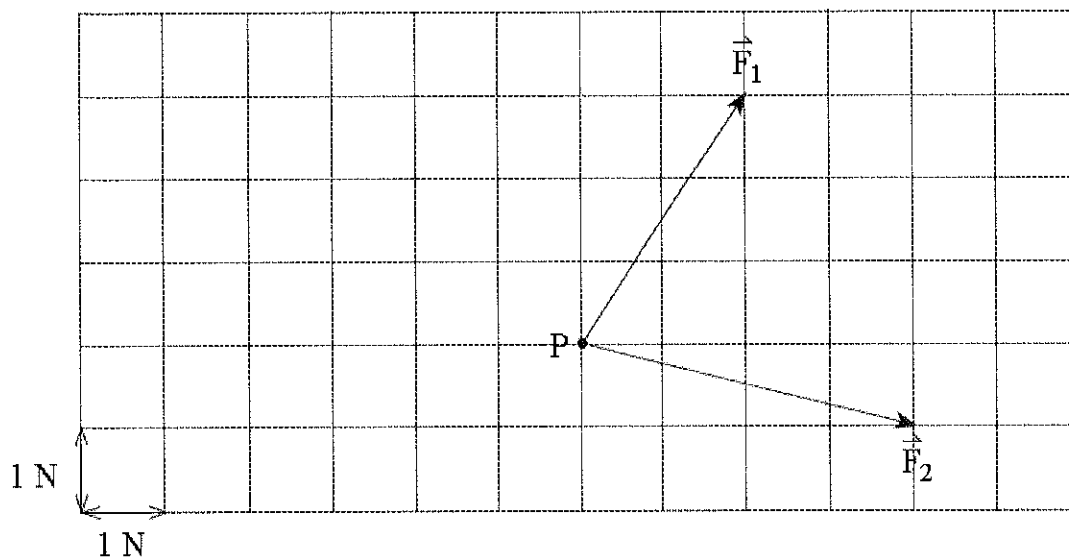
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 $tension_1 = 323N$ $tension_2 = 64N$



What is the angle θ ? (3 marks)

ANSWER:

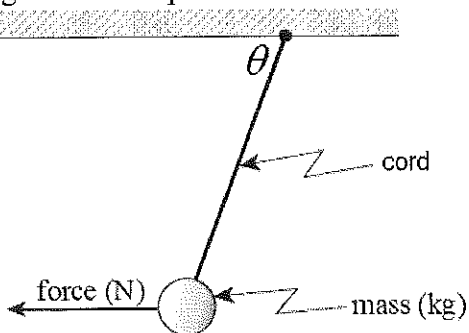
4. Two forces act at point P as shown below.



Find the magnitude of the third force required to achieve equilibrium.

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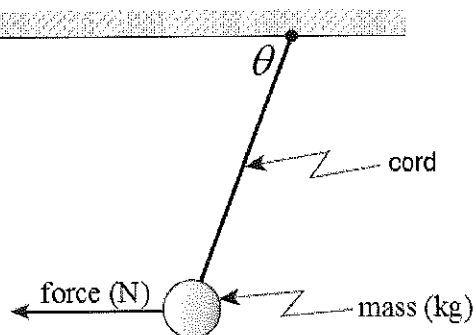
5. A 11kg mass is suspended from a cord at an angle of 23° .



What force is needed to hold it at that angle? (3 marks)

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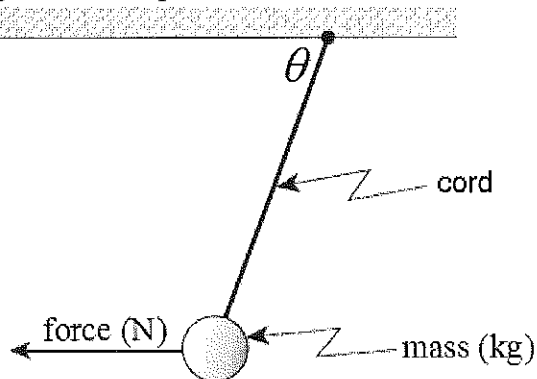
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Find the mass. (3 marks)

ANSWER:

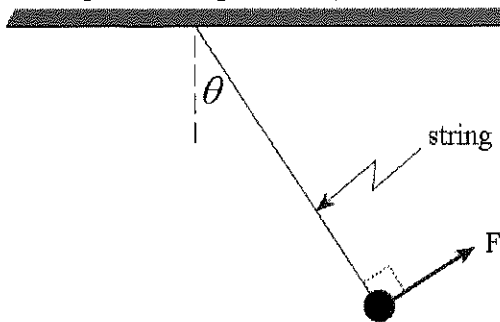
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Find the angle θ . (3 marks)

ANSWER:

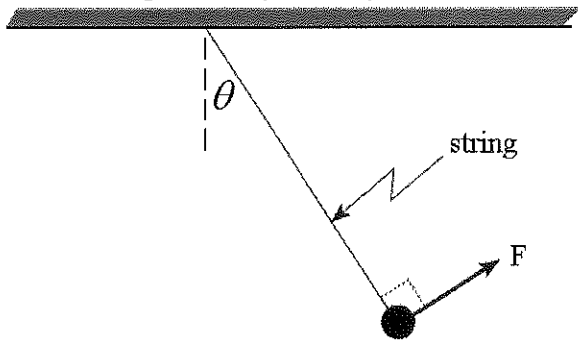
8. A 43kg mass suspended by a string is held 43° from vertical as shown.



Find the force.

ANSWER:

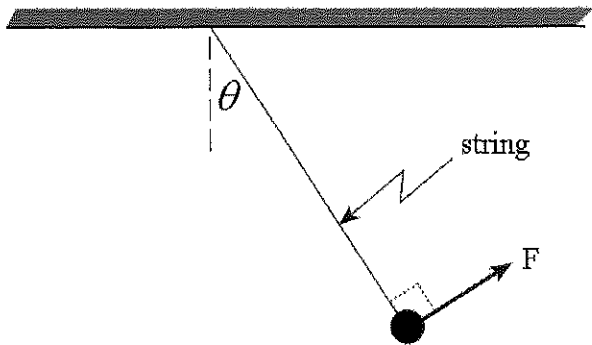
9. A mass suspended by a string is held 39° from vertical by a force of 408 N as shown.



Find the mass.

ANSWER: _____

10. A 11kg mass suspended by a string is held at an angle θ from vertical as shown by a force of 52N.



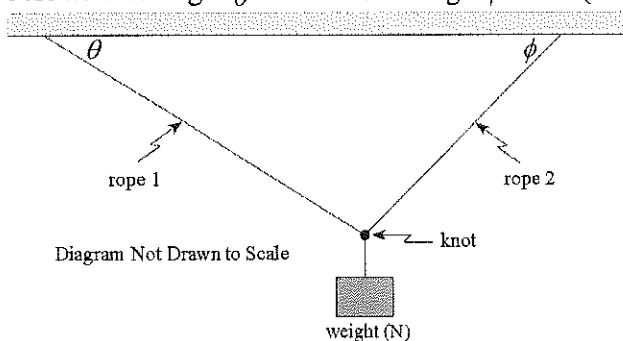
Find the angle.

ANSWER: _____

Equilibrium part 1
Answer Section

SHORT ANSWER

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**ANSWER: (4 marks)**

- a) What is the tension in rope 1? (2 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$-T_{x_1} + T_{x_2} = 0$$

$$-T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \cos(\phi) = 0$$

$$T_2 = \frac{T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta)}{\cos(\phi)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$T_{y_1} + T_{y_2} - W = 0$$

$$T_1 \cdot \sin(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \sin(\phi) = W$$

$$T_1 \cdot \sin(\theta) + \frac{T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta)}{\cos(\phi)} \cdot \sin(\phi) = W$$

$$T_1 \left(\sin(\theta) + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\cos(\phi)} \cdot \sin(\phi) \right) = W$$

$$T_1 = \frac{W}{\left(\sin(\theta) + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\cos(\phi)} \cdot \sin(\phi) \right)} = \frac{228N}{\left(\sin(38) + \frac{\cos(38)}{\cos(22)} \cdot \sin(22) \right)} = \underline{244.1N}$$

- b) What is the tension in rope 2? (2 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$-T_{x_1} + T_{x_2} = 0$$

$$-T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \cos(\phi) = 0$$

$$T_1 = \frac{T_2 \cdot \cos(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$T_{y_1} + T_{y_2} - W = 0$$

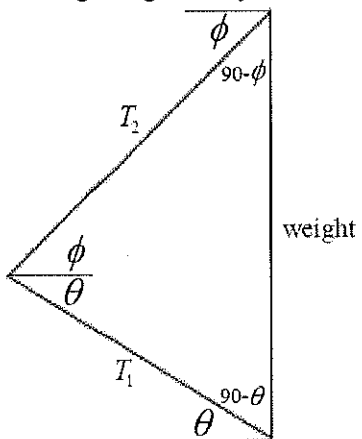
$$T_1 \cdot \sin(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \sin(\phi) = W$$

$$\frac{T_2 \cdot \cos(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)} \cdot \sin(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \sin(\phi) = W$$

$$T_2 \left(\frac{\cos(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)} \cdot \sin(\theta) + \sin(\phi) \right) = W$$

$$T_2 = \frac{W}{\left(\frac{\cos(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)} \cdot \sin(\theta) + \sin(\phi) \right)} = \frac{228N}{\left(\frac{\cos(22^\circ)}{\cos(38^\circ)} \cdot \sin(38^\circ) + \sin(22^\circ) \right)} = \underline{207.46N}$$

OR using the geometry method:



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

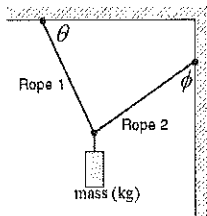
$$\frac{T_1}{\sin(90^\circ - \phi)} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\sin(\theta + \phi)}$$

$$T_1 = \frac{\text{weight} \cdot \sin(90^\circ - \phi)}{\sin(\theta + \phi)} = \frac{228N \cdot \sin(90^\circ - 22^\circ)}{\sin(38^\circ + 22^\circ)} = \underline{\underline{244.1N}}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{\sin(90^\circ - \theta)} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\sin(\theta + \phi)}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{\text{weight} \cdot \sin(90^\circ - \theta)}{\sin(\theta + \phi)} = \frac{228N \cdot \sin(90^\circ - 38^\circ)}{\sin(38^\circ + 22^\circ)} = \underline{\underline{207.46N}}$$

2. A 75kg mass is supported by two ropes fastened together by a knot, as shown in the diagram below. The angle $\theta = 59^\circ$ and the angle $\phi = 69^\circ$ shown suspended by two ropes. (4 marks)



ANSWER: (4 marks)

- a) What is the tension in rope 1? (2 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$-T_{x_1} + T_{x_2} = 0$$

$$-T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \sin(\phi) = 0$$

$$T_2 = \frac{T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta)}{\sin(\phi)}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$T_{y_1} + T_{y_2} - W = 0$$

$$T_1 \cdot \sin(\theta) + T_2 \cdot \cos(\phi) = m \cdot 9.8m/s^2$$

$$T_1 \cdot \sin(\theta) + \frac{T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta)}{\sin(\phi)} \cdot \cos(\phi) = m \cdot 9.8m/s^2$$

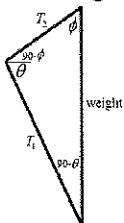
$$T_1 \left(\sin(\theta) + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\phi)} \cdot \cos(\phi) \right) = m \cdot 9.8m/s^2$$

$$T_1 = \frac{m \cdot 9.8m/s^2}{\left(\sin(\theta) + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\phi)} \cdot \cos(\phi) \right)} = \frac{75kg \cdot 9.8m/s^2}{\left(\sin(59) + \frac{\cos(59)}{\sin(69)} \cdot \cos(69) \right)} = \underline{696.77N}$$

- b) What is the tension in rope 2? (2 marks)

$$T_2 = \frac{T_1 \cdot \cos(\theta)}{\sin(\phi)} = \frac{696.77N \cdot \cos(59^\circ)}{\sin(69^\circ)} = \underline{384.39N}$$

OR using the geometry method:



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{\sin(\phi)} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\sin(\theta + 90^\circ - \phi)}$$

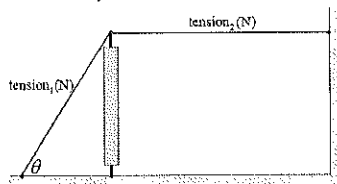
$$T_1 = \frac{m \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \sin(\phi)}{\sin(\theta + 90^\circ - \phi)} = \frac{75 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \sin(69^\circ)}{\sin(59^\circ + 90^\circ - 69^\circ)} = \underline{\underline{696.77 \text{ N}}}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{\sin(90^\circ - \theta)} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\sin(\theta + 90^\circ - \phi)}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{m \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \sin(90^\circ - \theta)}{\sin(\theta + 90^\circ - \phi)} = \frac{75 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \cdot \sin(90^\circ - 59^\circ)}{\sin(59^\circ + 90^\circ - 69^\circ)} = \underline{\underline{384.39 \text{ N}}}$$

3. Two cables support a vertical tower. The tension in each cable is shown.

$$\text{tension}_1 = 323 \text{ N} \qquad \text{tension}_2 = 64 \text{ N}$$



What is the angle θ ? (3 marks)

ANSWER: (3 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$-T_{x_1} + T_2 = 0 \qquad T_{x_1} = T_2$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{T_{x_1}}{T_1} \qquad T_{x_1} = T_2$$

$$\cos(\theta)^{-1} = \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{64 \text{ N}}{323 \text{ N}} = \underline{\underline{78.57^\circ}}$$

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5. A 11kg mass is suspended from a cord at an angle of 23° . What force is needed to hold it at that angle? (3 marks)

ANSWER: (3 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$-F_{x_L} + F_{x_R} = 0 \quad F_{x_L} = F_{x_R}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

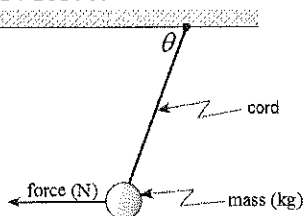
$$F_y - F_g = 0 \quad F_y = F_g \quad \tan(\theta) = \frac{F_y}{F_{x_R}} \quad F_{x_L} = F_{x_R}$$

$$F_y = F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta)$$

$$F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta) = m \cdot g$$

$$F_{x_L} = \frac{m \cdot g}{\tan(\theta)} = \frac{11 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}{\tan(23^\circ)} = \underline{\underline{253.96 \text{ N}}}$$

6. A mass is suspended from a cord at an angle of 64° . The mass is held as shown with a horizontal 498N force.



Find the mass. (3 marks)

ANSWER: (3 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

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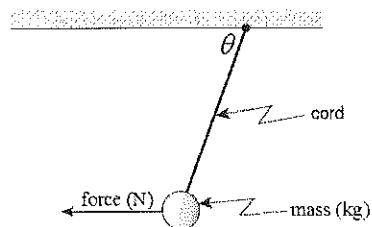
$$\sum F_y = 0$$

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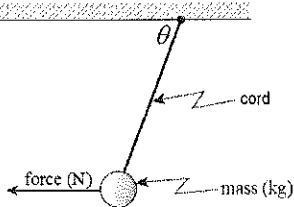
$$F_y = F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta)$$

$$F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta) = m \cdot g$$

$$m = \frac{F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta)}{g} = \frac{498 \text{ N} \cdot \tan(64^\circ)}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2} = \underline{\underline{104.19 \text{ kg}}}$$



7. A 21kg mass is suspended from a cord. The mass is held as shown with a horizontal 163N force.



Find the angle θ . (3 marks)

ANSWER: (3 marks)

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$-F_{x_L} + F_{x_R} = 0 \quad F_{x_L} = F_{x_R}$$

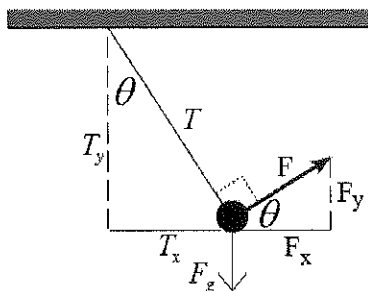
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$$F_y = F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta)$$

$$F_{x_L} \cdot \tan(\theta) = m \cdot g$$

$$\tan(\theta)^{-1} = \frac{m \cdot g}{F_{x_L}} = \frac{21\text{kg} \cdot 9.8\text{m/s}^2}{163\text{N}} = \underline{51.62^\circ}$$



8.

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$T_y + F_y - F_g = 0$$

$$T \cos \theta + F \sin \theta - mg = 0$$

Isolate T

$$T = \frac{mg - F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$-T_x + F_x = 0$$

$$-T \sin \theta + F \cos \theta = 0$$

Isolate T

$$T = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{mg - F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Solve for F

$$\frac{mg}{\cos \theta} - \frac{F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

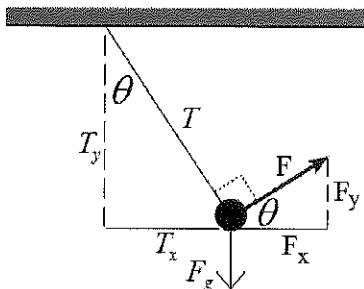
$$\frac{mg}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{factor out } F$$

$$F \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$$

$$F \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{Trigonometry Identity: } \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$F \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{Cancel the cosine } \theta$$

$$F = \sin \theta \cdot mg = \sin 43^\circ \cdot 43 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = \underline{\underline{287.39 \text{ N}}}$$



9.

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$T_y + F_y - F_g = 0$$

$$T \cos \theta + F \sin \theta - mg = 0$$

Isolate T

$$T = \frac{mg - F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$-T_x + F_x = 0$$

$$-T \sin \theta + F \cos \theta = 0$$

Isolate T

$$T = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{mg - F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Solve for m

$$\frac{mg}{\cos \theta} - \frac{F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

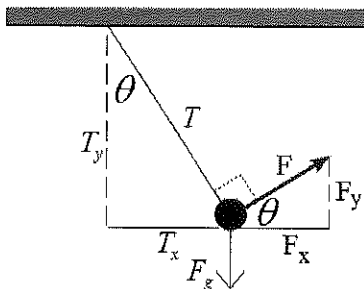
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$$F \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{Cancel the cosine } \theta$$

$$m = \frac{F}{g \sin \theta} = \frac{408 \text{ N}}{\sin 39^\circ \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2} = \underline{\underline{66.15 \text{ kg}}}$$



10.

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$T_y + F_y - F_g = 0$$

$$T \cos \theta + F \sin \theta - mg = 0$$

Isolate T

$$T = \frac{mg - F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$-T_x + F_x = 0$$

$$-T \sin \theta + F \cos \theta = 0$$

Isolate T

$$T = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{mg - F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

Solve for θ

$$\frac{mg}{\cos \theta} - \frac{F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\frac{mg}{\cos \theta} = \frac{F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{F \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

factor out F

$$F \left(\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$$

$$F \left(\frac{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$$

Trigonometry Identity: $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$

$$F \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} \right) = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$$

Cancel the cosine θ

$$\sin \theta = \frac{F}{mg} = \frac{52N}{11kg \cdot 9.8m/s^2}$$

$$\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{52N}{11kg \cdot 9.8m/s^2} \right) = \underline{\underline{28.84^\circ}}$$