

L09 - Newton's Third Law

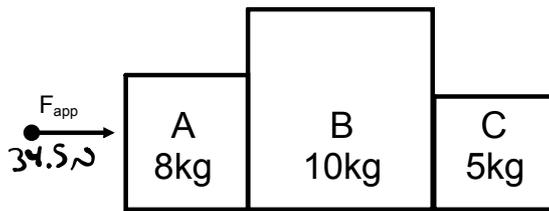
aka "Blocks pushing Blocks"

If object A exerts a force on object B, then B exerts a force on A that is equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.

$$F_{A \text{ on } B} = -F_{B \text{ on } A}$$



my broken hand....
don't punch metal objects!

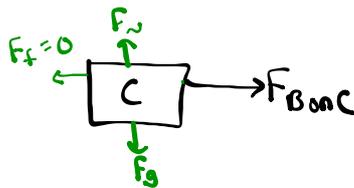
Applying Newton's Third Law to Frictionless Systems

Q1: If the $F_{app} = 34.5\text{N}$ to the right, what is the $F_{C\text{ on }B}$?

Step #1: What is the acceleration of the system?

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_{net} &= \vec{F}_{app} + \vec{F}_f \\ &= (+34.5) + (-0) \\ &= 34.5\text{N}\end{aligned}\quad \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{net}}{m} = \frac{34.5}{23} = 1.5\text{m/s}^2 [R]$$

Step #2: Free-Body Diagram on C



Step #3: $F_{net} = ma$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_{net} &= ma \\ &= (5)(1.5) \\ &= 7.5\text{N}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_{net} &= \vec{F}_{B\text{ on }C} + \vec{F}_f \\ +7.5 &= \vec{F}_{B\text{ on }C} + (-0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{F}_{B\text{ on }C} = 7.5\text{N} [R]$$

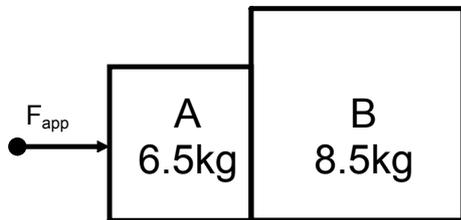
$$\vec{F}_{C\text{ on }B} = 7.5\text{N} [L]$$

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Discussion:

What is the magnitude of the force applied to Box A?

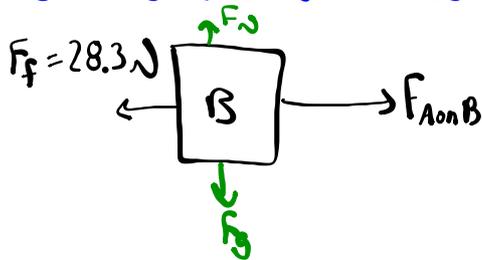
Applying Newton's Third Law to Systems with Friction



Given: $F_{f \text{ on } B} = 28.3 \text{ N}$
 $a_{\text{system}} = 2.6 \text{ m/s}^2$ [Right]

Find: $F_{B \text{ on } A}$

Step #1: Free-Body Diagram on B



Step #2: $f_{\text{net}} = ma$

$$a = 2.6 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ [R]}$$

$$f_{\text{net}} = ma$$

$$= (8.5)(2.6)$$

$$= 22.1 \text{ N [R]}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{A \text{ on } B} + \vec{F}_f$$

$$+22.1 = F_{A \text{ on } B} + (-28.3)$$

$$+28.3 \qquad \qquad +28.3$$

$$50.4 = F_{A \text{ on } B}$$

$$\vec{F}_{A \text{ on } B} = 50.4 \text{ N [R]}$$

$$\vec{F}_{B \text{ on } A} = 50.4 \text{ N [L]}$$

