

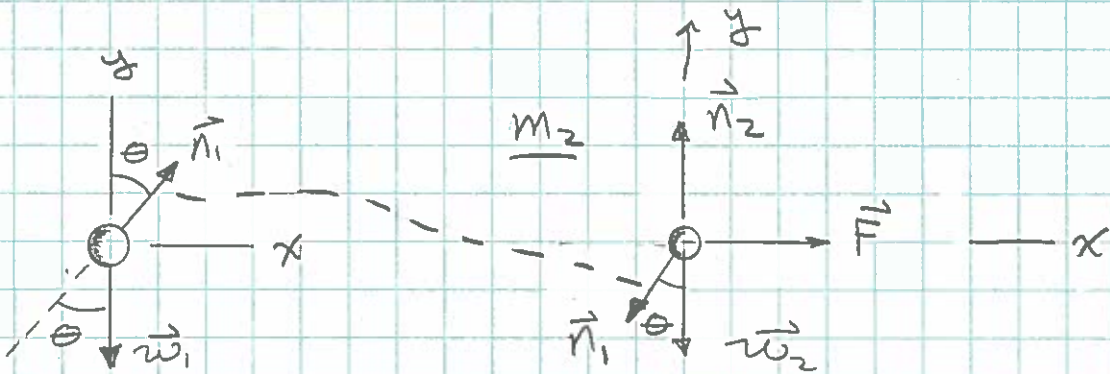
No friction

$m_1$  will not slip if its horizontal acceleration is the same as  $m_2$ 's.

i.e.  $a_{1x} = a_{2x} = a$

FBD

$m_1$



For  $m_1$ :

$$\Sigma F_x = n_1 \sin \theta = m_1 a_{1x} \quad (1)$$

$$\Sigma F_y = n_1 \cos \theta - w_1 = m_1 a_{1y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 = \frac{m_1 g}{\cos \theta}$$

Put  $n_1$  in eqn (1):

$$m_1 g \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = m_1 a_{1x} \Rightarrow a_{1x} = g \tan \theta = a$$

Now, for  $m_2$ : where:  $a_{2x} = a_{1x} = a$

$$\Sigma F_x = F - n_1 \sin \theta = m_2 a_{1x} = m_2 a$$

So:

$$F - \frac{m_1 g}{\cos \theta} \sin \theta = m_2 g \tan \theta$$

$$F = m_1 g \tan \theta + m_2 g \tan \theta$$

or,

$$\underline{F = (m_1 + m_2) g \tan \theta}$$