

## More force problems

Steps for problem solving:

- Draw free body diagram
- Identify knowns, unknowns, eqns
- Determine net forces
- Rearrange eqns
- Solve

1. Anudja is holding a stuffed dog, with a mass of 0.30 kg, when Sarah decides that she wants it and tries to pull it away from Anudja. If Sarah pulls horizontally on the dog with a force of 10.0 N and Anudja pulls with a horizontal force of 11.0 N, what is the horizontal acceleration of the dog?  $a = 3.3 \text{ m/s}^2$  toward Anudja
2. Taru and Reiko simultaneously grab a 0.75-kg piece of rope and begin tugging on it in opposite directions. If Taru pulls with a force of 16.0 N and the rope accelerates away from her at  $1.25 \text{ m/s}^2$ , with what force is Reiko pulling? **17 N**
3. An air-track glider passes a marker at an initial speed of 0.25 m/s. As it passes the marker, a constant force of 0.40 N is applied to the glider in the same direction as its motion. The glider has a mass of 0.50 kg.
  - a. What is the acceleration of the glider?  $0.80 \text{ m/s}^2$
  - b. It takes the glider 1.3 s to pass a second marker. What is the distance between the two markers? **1.0 m**
  - c. The 0.40-N force is applied by means of a string attached to the glider. The other end of the string passes over a resistance-free pulley and is attached to a hanging mass,  $m$ . How big is  $m$ ?  $4.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg}$
  - d. Derive an expression for the tension,  $F_T$ , in the string as a function of the mass,  $m_g$ , of the glider, the mass,  $m_m$ , of the hanging mass, and  $g$ .  $F_T = m_m g = m_g a$
4. Marcos is playing tug-of-war with his cat using a stuffed toy. At one instant during the game, Marcos pulls on the toy with a force of 22 N, the cat pulls in the opposite direction with a force of 19.5 N, and the toy experiences an acceleration of  $6.25 \text{ m/s}^2$ . What is the mass of the toy? **0.40 kg**

5. When a softball with a mass of 0.18 kg is dropped, its acceleration toward Earth is equal to  $g$ , the acceleration due to gravity. What is the force on Earth due to the ball, and what is Earth's resulting acceleration? Earth's mass is  $6.0 \times 10^{24}$  kg.  $2.9 \times 10^{-25} \text{ m/s}^2$
6. A 50.0-kg bucket is being lifted by a rope. The rope will not break if the tension is 525 N or less. The bucket started at rest, and after being lifted 3.0 m, it is moving at 3.0 m/s. If the acceleration is constant, is the rope in danger of breaking? **Yes, tension = 570 N**
7. A 873-kg (1930-lb) dragster, starting from rest, attains a speed of 26.3 m/s (58.9 mph) in 0.59 s.
- Find the average acceleration of the dragster during this time interval.  $45 \text{ m/s}^2$
  - What is the magnitude of the average net force on the dragster during this time?  $3.9 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$
  - Assume that the driver has a mass of 68 kg. What horizontal force does the seat exert on the driver?  $3.1 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$
  - The dragster completed a 402.3-m (0.2500-mi) run in 4.936 s. If the car had a constant acceleration, what was its acceleration and final velocity?  $33.02 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $163.0 \text{ m/s}$
  - The dragster crossed the finish line going 126.6 m/s. Does the assumption of constant acceleration hold true? What other piece of evidence could you use to determine if the acceleration was constant? **explain**
8. Two blocks, one of mass 5.0 kg and the other of mass 3.0 kg, are tied together with a massless rope as in **Figure 4-24**. This rope is strung over a massless, resistance-free pulley. The blocks are released from rest. Find the following (*Hint: you will need to solve two simultaneous equations.*)
- the tension in the rope **37 N**
  - the acceleration of the blocks  $2.4 \text{ m/s}^2$



■ Figure 4-24