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In order to solve this problem let's write the sum of forces in vector notation

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = 9\text{N} \hat{i} + 7\text{N} \hat{j}$$

The acceleration is then found from

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m} = \frac{9\hat{i} + 7\hat{j}}{6}$$

$$\vec{a} = 1.5\text{m/s}^2 \hat{i} + 1.17\text{m/s}^2 \hat{j}$$

a) We find the magnitude of the acceleration by using the well known relation

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1.5^2 + 1.17^2}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = 1.9\text{m/s}^2$$

b) The direction is found by employing the following relation

$$\tan \theta = \frac{a_y}{a_x} = \frac{1.17}{1.5}$$

Which gives us the angle as

$$\theta = 38^\circ$$

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$$\text{a) } |\vec{a}| = 1.9\text{m/s}^2$$

$$\text{b) } \theta = 38^\circ$$

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Givens:

- $m = 2 \text{ Kg}$
- $a = 12 \text{ m/s}^2$
- $\theta = 30^\circ$ to the y-axis
- $F_1 = 20 \text{ N}$

Assuming that the gravitational force is not affecting the box.

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To solve this equation, we will divide Newton's second law into two sides, $L.H.S.$ and $R.H.S.$

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$$

Where $L.H.S. = m\vec{a}$, and

$$R.H.S. = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$$

Starting with the following:

$$L.H.S. = m\vec{a}$$

We need to calculate the x-component and y-component of the acceleration vector.

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First, we have the acceleration in the third quarter, where x and y are negative, then:

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &= -a \sin \theta \\ &= -(12) \sin 30^\circ \\ &= -6 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_y &= -a \cos \theta \\ &= -(12) \cos 30^\circ \\ &= -10.39 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = -6 \hat{i} - 10.39 \hat{j} \text{ m/s}^2$$

Now, we can calculate the total force, by multiplying the mass by the calculated acceleration:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= m\vec{a} \\ &= (2)(-6 \hat{i} - 10.39 \hat{j}) \\ &= -12 \hat{i} - 20.78 \hat{j} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

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Taking the $R.H.S.$:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 \\ &= 20\hat{i} + (\vec{F}_{2x} + \vec{F}_{2y}) \end{aligned}$$

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Now, we will equate both of the $L.H.S.$ and $R.H.S.$:

$$\begin{aligned} m\vec{a} &= \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 \\ -12\hat{i} - 20.78\hat{j} \text{ N} &= 20\hat{i} + (\vec{F}_{2x} + \vec{F}_{2y}) \text{ N} \\ 20\hat{i} + (\vec{F}_{2x} + \vec{F}_{2y}) + 12\hat{i} + 20.78\hat{j} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Separating the x-components and y-components, we get:

$$(20 + \vec{F}_{2x} + 12)\hat{i} + (\vec{F}_{2y} + 20.78)\hat{j} = 0$$

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That means the sum of forces in the x direction and the Sum of forces in the y direction is zero. Thus, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (20 + \vec{F}_{2x} + 12)\hat{i} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{F}_{2x}\hat{i} &= -20 - 12 = -32\hat{i} \text{ N} \\ \therefore (\vec{F}_{2y} + 20.78)\hat{j} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{F}_{2y}\hat{j} &= -20.78\hat{j} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_2 &= \vec{F}_{2x}\hat{i} + \vec{F}_{2y}\hat{j} \\ &= -32\hat{i} + -20.78\hat{j} \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\vec{F}_2 = -32\hat{i} + -20.78\hat{j} \text{ N}$$

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The magnitude of the force is calculated as below:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \sqrt{(\vec{F}_{2x})^2 + (\vec{F}_{2y})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-32\hat{i})^2 + (-20.78\hat{j})^2} \\ &= 38.16 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

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$$F = 38.16 \text{ N}$$

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The angle can be calculated as below:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_2 &= \tan^{-1} \frac{F_{2y}}{F_{2x}} \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-20.78}{-32} \\ &= 33^\circ \text{ from -ve x-axis}\end{aligned}$$

To get the angle with respect to the +ve x-axis, we sum up 180 to the calculated angle:

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \theta_2 &= 180 + 33 \\ &= 213^\circ\end{aligned}$$

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$$\theta_2 = 213^\circ$$

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In order to solve this problem we will find the velocity and the acceleration of the particle and then we are going to calculate the force at a given moment. Since the motion is one dimensional, we will omit vector symbols. The position of the particle is given as

$$x = -13 + 2t + 4t^2 - 3t^3$$

Now, the velocity is given as

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = 2 + 8t - 9t^2$$

And the acceleration becomes

$$a = 8 - 18t$$

At the moment $t = 2.6\text{s}$ the acceleration has a value

$$a = 8 - 18 \times 2.6 = -38.8\text{m/s}^2$$

Now, by definition, the force acting on the particle is

$$F = ma = 0.15 \times (-38.8)$$

$$F = -5.82\text{N}$$

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$$F = -5.82\text{N}$$

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In order to determine the force with which object acts on the table, we will have to take the sum of all the forces acting on the object and find the force with which table acts on the object. Then, from Newton's third law the force by which the object acts on the table has the same magnitude but the opposite direction.

$$0 = F_N + F_K - F_G$$

$$F_N = F_G - F_K = 4 - 1 = 3\text{N}$$

Then the force acting on the table by the object is

$$F = -F_N = -3\text{N}$$

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$$F = -3\text{N}$$

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Givens:

- Three figures demonstrating three ways of measuring the weight of a salami.

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In this formation, the spring reading equals the weight of the salami, therefore we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= m \cdot g \\ &= 11.0 \times 9.81 \\ &= 108 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Result

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108 N

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In this formation, the scale is under equilibrium due to equal tension in opposite directions, therefore the scale reading is equal to the salami weight:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= m \cdot g \\ &= 11.0 \times 9.81 \\ &= \boxed{108 \text{ N}} \end{aligned}$$

Result

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$$W = 108 \text{ N}$$

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