

# Static Equilibrium - 1

**Push-up (1):**

$$d_1 m g = (d_1 + d_2) F_2, \quad d_1 F_1 = d_2 F_2.$$

**Static Equilibrium between Two Blocks (2):**  $T_2$  is determined by  $M_2$  and gravity. Then,

$$T_3 \cos(\theta) = T_2, \quad T_1 = T_3 \sin(\theta), \quad T_1 = M g \mu_s.$$

**Two Scales and Three Blocks (3).** Note that the weight of block  $X$  contributes with  $d = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  to scales  $A$  and  $B$  as follows:

$$A = \frac{d_2 + d_3}{d} X + \dots \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{d_1}{d} X + \dots$$

Treat the weights of the other blocks correspondingly.

## Static Equilibrium - 2

**Horizontal Bar (4).** With  $T_{y\max} = T_{\max} \sin(\theta)$  solve the torque equation

$$L T_{y\max} = x W_M + \frac{L}{2} W_L$$

for  $x$ . Then,  $T_{x\max} = ?$  and  $F_y = ?$  at  $A$ .

**Painter on a Ladder (5).** Replace ladder and painter by a weightless ladder with one weight added at its top and a second at its bottom. Write the upper weight vector as a sum of the tension down the ladder and a vector perpendicular towards the wall. Then deal with the lower end of the ladder. Draw all vectors involved at the upper as well as at the lower end.

**Pole on an Incline (6):**

$$\mu_s F_{\text{per}} = F_{\text{par}},$$

where  $F_{\text{per}}$  is the force perpendicular and  $F_{\text{par}}$  the force parallel to the incline (acting where the pole touches the incline).

## Static Equilibrium - 3

**Wheel on an Incline (7).** Consider an infinitesimal movement by  $ds$  of the wheel down the incline. Calculate the corresponding potential energy differences for (a) the cm of the the wheel, and (b) the mass  $m$ . Calculate the mass  $m$  for which the summed up potential energy difference is zero.