physics

FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

a strategic approach

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Newton’s second law: \( a = \frac{F}{m} \)

Same for both

Huge difference

Don’t confuse cause and effect! The same force can have very different effects.
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Correct answer: B.
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Each block is in static equilibrium, with $F_{\text{net}} = 0$. 

- $T_1$ and $T_2$ are equal, as are $F_{G1}$ and $F_{G2}$.
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Either says that the acceleration vectors point in opposite directions.
QuickCheck 7.10

The top block is accelerated across a frictionless table by the falling mass $m$. The string is massless, and the pulley is both massless and frictionless. The tension in the string is

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Tension has to be less than $mg$ for the block to have a downward acceleration.
Block A is accelerated across a frictionless table. The string is massless, and the pulley is both massless and frictionless. Which is true?

A. Block A accelerates faster in case a than in case b.
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