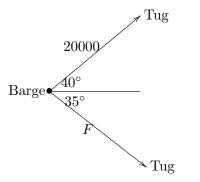
Force is a vector

1. The picture shows two tugs pulling a barge. If one pulls with 20000 Newtons of force what force should the other tug pull with to keep the barge going straight to the right.



<u>Answer:</u> We need the vertical components of the forces to cancel. So, $20000 \sin(40^\circ) = F \sin(35^\circ) \Rightarrow F = \frac{20000 \sin(40^\circ)}{\sin(35^\circ)} \approx 22413.32.$ MIT OpenCourseWare http://ocw.mit.edu

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