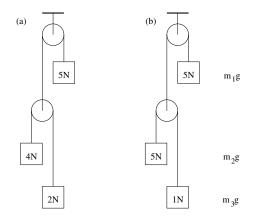
[mex9] Atwood machine

Consider two Atwood machines with different weights. The pulleys and ropes have negligible mass. All weights and pulleys are initially at rest. Use $g \simeq 9.8 \text{ms}^{-2}$. Determine whether the lower pulley will start to move up or down in each case. Calculate the tensions T_1 and T_2 in the upper and lower ropes, respectively. State the final results in SI units with two digits accuracy.



Solution: