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The Frictional Force:

The frictional force is also one component of the force that a surface exerts on an object with which it is in contact, namely, the component **PARALLEL** to the surface.

- The magnitude of the frictional force is related to the **Normal force** (how hard two objects push against one another).
- The magnitude of the frictional force also depends on whether or not the object is already in motion. It is more difficult to accelerate a stationary object than it is to accelerate an object already in motion when there is friction.

Magnitude of "static" frictional force $f_s^{MAX} = \mu_s F_N$

Magnitude of "kinetic" frictional force $f_k = \mu_k F_N$

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The following *empirical* laws hold true about friction:

- ⇒ Friction force, f , is proportional to normal force, n .

$f_s \leq \mu_s n$

$f_k = \mu_k n$

- ⇒ μ_s and μ_k : coefficients of static and kinetic friction, respectively
- ⇒ Direction of frictional force is opposite to direction of relative motion
- ⇒ Values of μ_s and μ_k depend on nature of surface.
- ⇒ μ_s and μ_k don't depend on the area of contact
- ⇒ μ_s and μ_k don't depend on speed.

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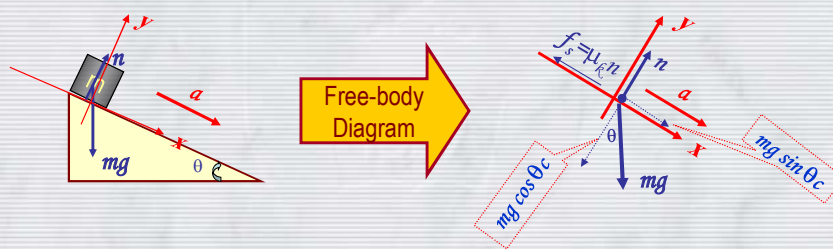
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Example

وضعت كتلة على سطح خشن مائل بالنسبة إلى الأفقي. إذا زادت زاوية الميل حتى تبدأ الكتلة في الحركة. أثبت أنه من خلال قياس هذه الزاوية الحرجة ، θ_c ، يمكن للمرء تحديد معامل الاحتكاك الساكوني ، μ_s ،



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Net force $\sum \vec{F} = m a$

x component $\sum F_x = m g \sin \theta_c - f_s = 0$ (1) *Just to start or move with constant velocity*

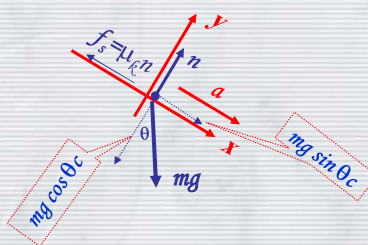
y component. $\sum F_y = n - m g \cos \theta_c = 0 \Rightarrow n = m g \cos \theta_c$ (2)

Eq. (1) becomes;

$$\therefore f_s = \mu_s n$$

$$m g \sin \theta_c - \mu_s m g \cos \theta_c = 0$$

$$\mu_s = \frac{m g \sin \theta_c}{m g \cos \theta_c} = \tan \theta_c$$



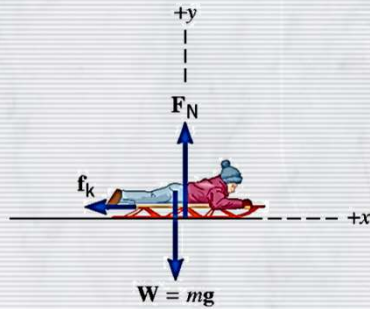
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How far will the sled go before stopping?

If the initial velocity is 4 m/s and $\mu_k = 0.05$

What are the forces acting on the sled?



Net force in y-direction is zero!

Net force in x-direction:

$$F_x = \mu_k \times F_N$$

$$F_x = \mu_k \times m \times (-a_{\text{grav}})$$

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$$a_x = \frac{F_x}{m} = \frac{-(0.0500)(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(m)}{m}$$

$$a_x = -0.49 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v_x^2 = v_{0,x}^2 + 2ax$$

$$x = \frac{v_x^2 - v_{0,x}^2}{2a} = 16.3 \text{ m}$$

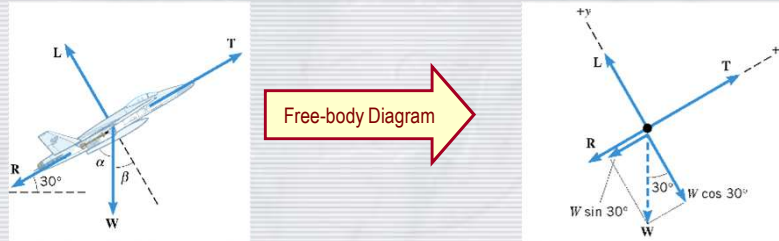
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Example:

A jet travels with constant speed at an angle of 30 degrees above the horizontal. The plane has a weight whose magnitude is $W=86,500$ N. The engine provides a forward thrust of magnitude $T=103,000$ N. A lift force from the air (like a normal force) acts on the plane in a direction perpendicular to the wings. A drag force (like a kinetic friction) acts on the plane in a direction opposite the motion. Find the magnitude of the lift force and the drag force.

Constant Velocity \rightarrow No Acceleration \rightarrow Net Force is Zero



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Example (continued)

$$\sum F_x = 0 = T - R - W \sin 30^\circ$$

$$R = T - W \sin 30^\circ$$

$$= 59750 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = L - W \cos 30^\circ$$

$$L = W \cos 30^\circ$$

$$= 74900 \text{ N}$$

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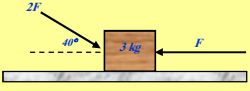


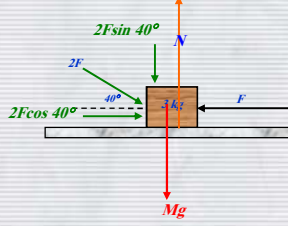
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Previous Exams problems

The horizontal surface on which the block slides is frictionless. If $F = 30\text{ N}$ and $m = 3\text{ kg}$, what is the magnitude of the acceleration of the block?

(a) 6.4 m/s^2
 (b) 5.7 m/s^2
 (c) 6.1 m/s^2
 (d) 5.3 m/s^2
 (e) 2.8 m/s^2





$$\sum F = ma$$

$$2F \cos \theta - F = ma$$

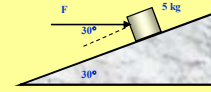
$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{m} (2F \cos \theta - F) = 5.32\text{ m/s}^2$$

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A 5 kg box is pushed up a 30° rough incline by a 50N force (as shown). If the box moves 5 m at a constant speed, calculate

- 1) Show all the forces acting on the box.
- 2) Force of gravity.
- 3) The coefficient of friction between the box and the incline
- 4) The friction force



$$(2) W_g = mg \sin \theta = 24.5 \text{ N}$$

$$(3) \sum F_x = ma, \quad v = \text{constant} \Rightarrow a = 0$$

$$F \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta - f_k = 0$$

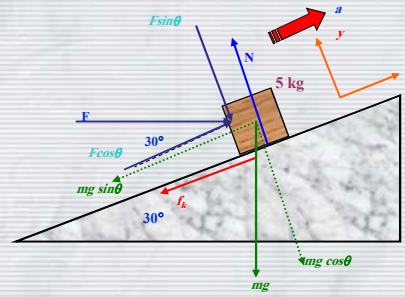
$$\therefore f_k = F \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta = \mu_k N$$

$$\text{but } \sum F_y = N - F \sin \theta - mg \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\therefore N = F \sin \theta + mg \cos \theta = 67.435 \text{ N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_k = \frac{F \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta}{N} = 0.279$$

$$(4) f_k = \mu_k N = 18.8 \text{ N}$$



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