

Friction

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Surfaces in contact exert two forces on each other:

- i) Normal; force \perp to surfaces.
- ii) Parallel; friction
 - Force of friction always opposes ^{relative} motion or potential relative motion of the surfaces.

Frictional Forces

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- Frictional forces play an important role in the motion of real objects
- Arise from adhesion between atoms in the two surfaces.
- Microscopic level description is very complicated.
- Macroscopic level description is purely empirical (L. da. Vinci)
 - proportional to normal force between surfaces
 - independent of area of contact
 - independent of speed

Kinetic Friction

- Surfaces in relative motion

$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

μ_k = coefficient of kinetic friction ($0 < \mu_k < 1$)

N = contact (normal) force

- \rightarrow proportional to N
- f_k parallel to the surface of contact
- opposite to the direction of motion
- law is approximate and empirical.
- μ_k depends on the nature of the materials.
- μ_k independent of v over wide range

The friction force on each interacting body is opposite in direction to the motion of that body relative to the other.

Example

$$m = 100 \text{ kg}$$

$$\mu_k = 0.40$$

Crate is moved forward at constant speed.

$$\vec{a} \equiv 0.$$

What is F ?

Vertical force components:

$$N + F \sin 30^\circ - mg = 0 \quad (1)$$

Horizontal force components

$$F \cos 30^\circ - f_k = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$f_k = \mu_k N \quad (3)$$

$$F \cos 30^\circ - \mu_k [mg - F \sin 30^\circ] = 0$$

$$F = \frac{\mu_k mg}{\cos 30^\circ + \mu_k \sin 30^\circ}$$

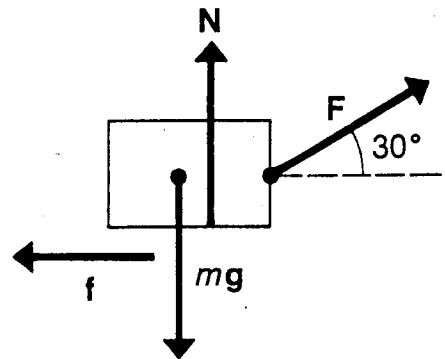
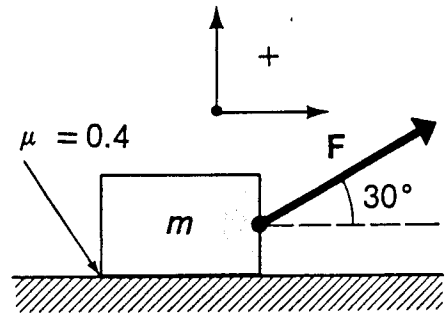
$$F = \frac{0.40 \times 100 \times 9.81}{0.866 + 0.40 \times 0.50} = 368 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ \quad F = 392 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ \quad F = 396 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ \quad F = 981 \text{ N}$$

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Static Friction

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- Frictional forces also act between surfaces that are at rest (no relative motion)
- Objects at rest require a non-zero force to start them moving.

$$f_s \leq \mu_s N$$

μ_s = coefficient of static friction
 N = contact (normal) force

- Force of static friction can have any magnitude between zero (when there is no other force parallel to the surface) up to a maximum value of $\mu_s N$. Equality sign holds when motion is about to start.
- proportional to normal force
- independent of area
- empirical law
- opposite to lateral push that tries to move the body.
- usually $\mu_s > \mu_k$, so that once block starts moving it will take less force to keep it from accelerating.
- μ_s depends on nature and condition of surfaces

Example: Block on Surface.

a) No motion

$$f_1 < \mu_s N$$

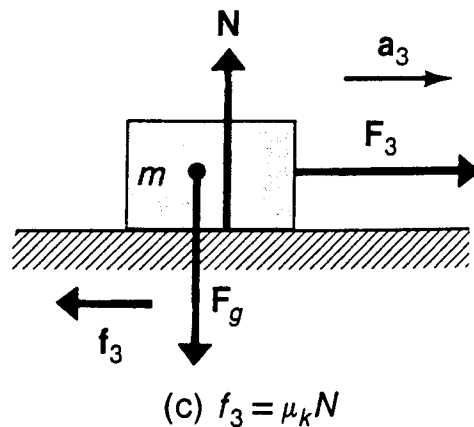
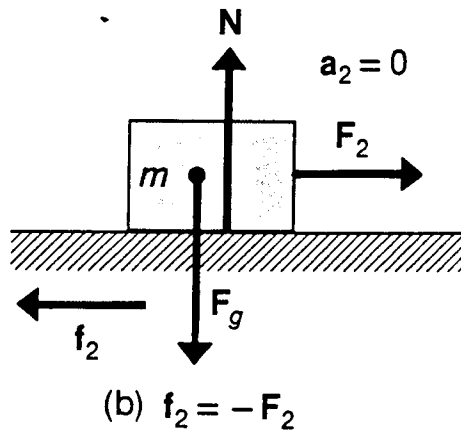
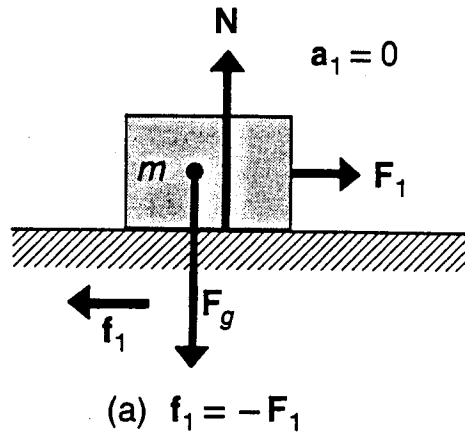
b) Motion impends

$$f_2 = \mu_s N$$

c) Motion exists

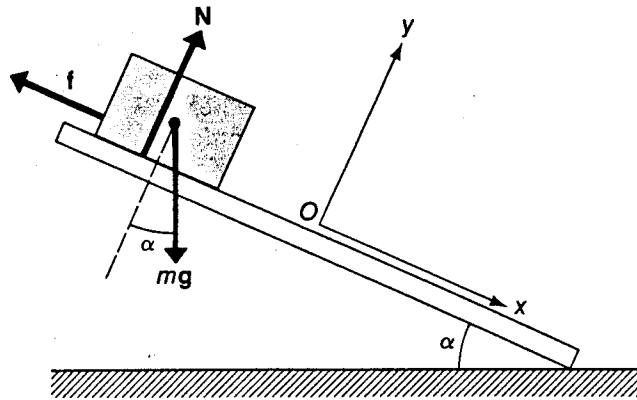
$$f_3 = \mu_k N$$

Fig. (a, b) For $f_s < f_{s,max}$, the frictional force exactly balances the applied force; then, there is no acceleration. (c) When a force sufficient to cause motion is applied, the frictional force is equal to $\mu_k N$ and the acceleration is $(F - \mu_k N)/m$.



Example : Block-on-Plane

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Block starts to slip at $\alpha = 23^\circ$, what is coefficient of static friction, μ_s ?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{(y-axis)} \quad N - mg \cos \alpha = 0 \\ \text{(x-axis)} \quad mg \sin \alpha - f = 0 \end{array} \right\} \vec{a} = 0$$

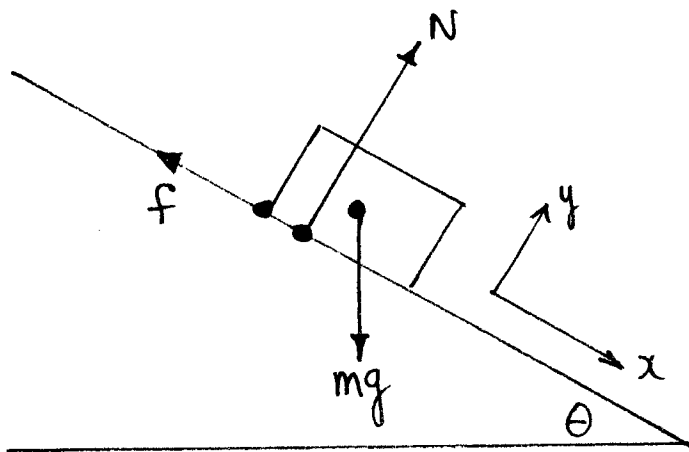
$$\frac{f}{N} = \frac{mg \sin \alpha}{mg \cos \alpha} = \tan \alpha$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{N}\right)_{\max} = \mu_s = \tan 23^\circ = 0.424$$

Maximum angle is called the angle of repose.
It is independent of the mass of the block.

Example: Block-down-Plane

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$$f = \mu_k N$$

$$(x\text{-Axis}) \quad mg \sin \theta - f = m a_x$$

$$(y\text{-Axis}) \quad N - mg \cos \theta = m a_y = 0$$

$$\therefore N = mg \cos \theta$$

$$mg(\sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta) = m a_x$$

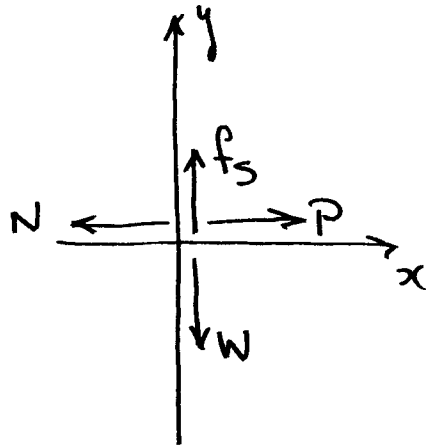
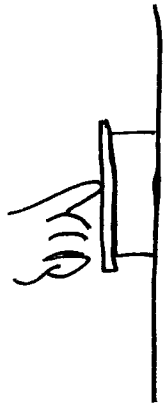
$$a_x = (\sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta) g$$

$$\text{If } a_x = 0$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

\Rightarrow angle at which object will move down the plane at constant velocity for a given μ_k . Measure of μ_k .

Example



$$\sum F_x = P - N = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_y = f_s - W = 0 \quad (2)$$

From (2) $f_s = W$

(1) $P = N$

$$f_s \leq \mu_s P$$

For no slipping $f_s \geq W$

$$\therefore \mu_s P \geq W$$

$$P \geq \frac{W}{\mu_s}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{\mu_s} \equiv \text{minimum push needed.}$$

Example: Block-Up-Plane?

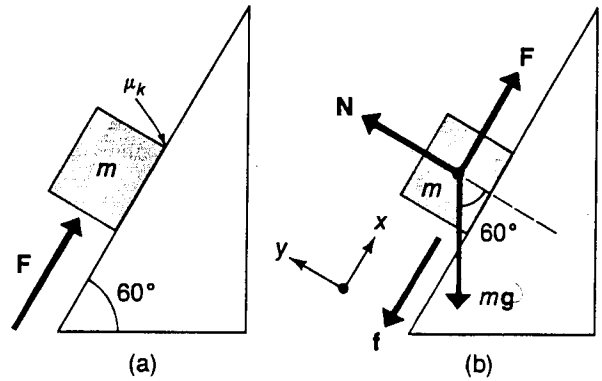
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$$m = 5 \text{ kg}$$

$$F = 20 \text{ N}$$

$$\mu_k = 0.42$$

$$a = ?$$



Assume upward motion:

Along-x $F - f - mg \sin 60^\circ = ma_x$

Along-y $N - mg \cos 60^\circ = 0$ (No acceleration)

$$\therefore N = mg \cos 60^\circ$$

$$f = \mu_k N = \mu_k mg \cos 60^\circ$$

$$a_x = \frac{F - mg \sin 60^\circ - \mu_k mg \cos 60^\circ}{m}$$

$$= \frac{F}{m} - g \sin 60^\circ - \mu_k g \cos 60^\circ$$

$$= \frac{20}{5} - 9.81 \times 0.866 - 0.42 \times 9.81 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -6.55 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad \left[\text{Block moves down plane.} \right]$$

[Need to redo.]

change direction of frictional force.

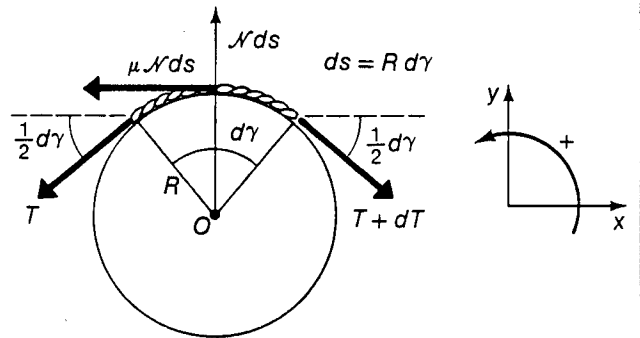
$$F - mg \sin 60^\circ + f = ma_x$$

$$N - mg \cos 60^\circ = 0$$

Solve $a = -2.43 \text{ m/s}^2$ [Direction consistent with assump.]

Ropes and Posts

Rope is wrapped around a rough post. We want to relate the forces at the ends of a rope to the length of rope wrapped around the post if the coefficient of static friction is μ .



- Assume no slipping occurs.
- Section of rope makes an angle $d\gamma$ at center.
- Let normal force on the rope be N per unit length at any point.

For a length of rope ds , the normal force is $N ds$.

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad N ds - (T + dT) \sin\left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right) - T \sin\left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (T + dT) \cos\left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right) - T \cos\left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right) - \mu N ds = 0 \quad (2)$$

For small angles $\cos\left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right) \sim 1$

$$\sin\left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right) \sim \left(\frac{d\gamma}{2}\right)$$

also $dT \ll T$

$$T dx = N ds \quad \text{From Eq. ①}$$

$$T \left(\frac{dx}{ds} \right) = N \quad \text{③}$$

$$dT = \mu N ds \quad \text{From Eq. ②}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dT}{ds} = \mu N \quad \text{④}$$

Note: Alternate for Eq. ④

Take torques about center at O.

$$\sum \tau_o = 0 \quad \mu N R ds + TR - (T + dT) R = 0$$

$$\frac{dT}{ds} = \mu N$$

$$\text{④/③} \quad \frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dx} = \mu$$

Integrating from $x' = 0$ to x and $T' = T_0$ to T

$$\int_{T'=T_0}^T \frac{dT'}{T'} = \mu \int_{x'=0}^x dx'$$

$$\ln \frac{T}{T_0} = \mu x$$

or $T = T_0 e^{\mu x}$

↑ Angle around post in radians
↑ Coefficient of static friction

When object is first started at $t=0$, $v=0$ and resistive force is zero.

Initial acceleration

$$a(t=0) = \frac{dv}{dt} = g \quad [\text{Reasonable}]$$

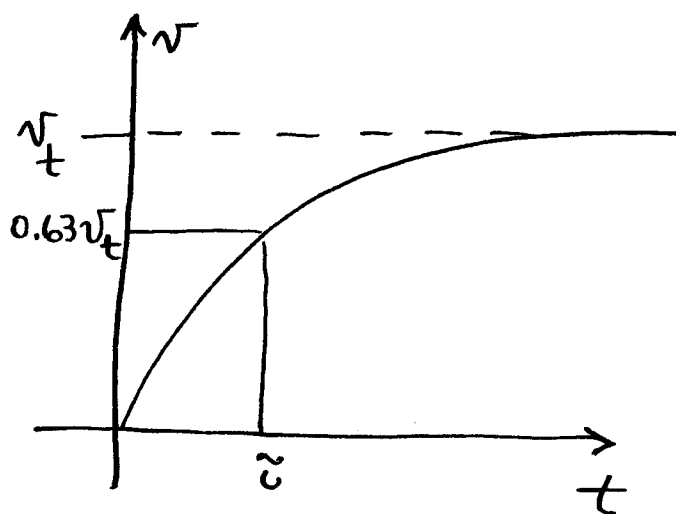
As t increases, v increases, and resistive force increases and acceleration decreases.

When resistive force equals weight the acceleration becomes zero. Body continues to move at its terminal velocity with no acceleration.

$$\text{let } a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$

$$mg - bv_t = 0$$

$$v_t = \left(\frac{mg}{b}\right)$$



Solve d.e.

$$v = \frac{mg}{b} (1 - e^{-bt/m}) = v_t (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$\tau = m/b$ is the time-constant. i.e. time for object to reach 63% of its terminal velocity.

[Prob.: show solution satisfies d.e.]

TENSIONS

Ratio of tensions, T/T_0 for ends of a rope wrapped N turns around a post or rod.

Assume $\mu_s = 0.4$

| | T/T_0 | | |
|----------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| $\gamma(\text{rad})$ | 2π | 4π | 6π |
| $N(\text{turns})$ | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| T/T_0 | 12.3 | 152.4 | 1881 |

It takes only a few turns to obtain an enormous mechanical advantage.

Resistive Forces: Drag

$$F_r \sim v^n$$

n : complicated in general.

Two special cases:

(i) $F_r \sim v^1$

- objects falling slowly through a fluid
- dust particles in air

(ii) $F_r \sim v^2$

- large objects in free fall
- skydiver
- high speeds

Drag Force and Terminal Speed

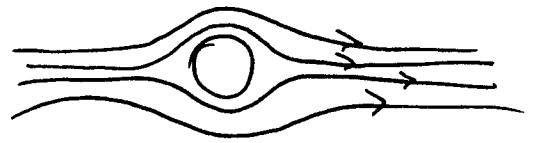
- objects moving through a fluid (air, water, etc) give rise to a drag force which retards the motion
- Complicated problem in detail.
- Two distinct regions of fluid flow around object.

1. Laminar Flow

- Smooth Flow around object
- Small particles in fluids

• $F_D \sim \text{velocity}$.

- Stokes law.

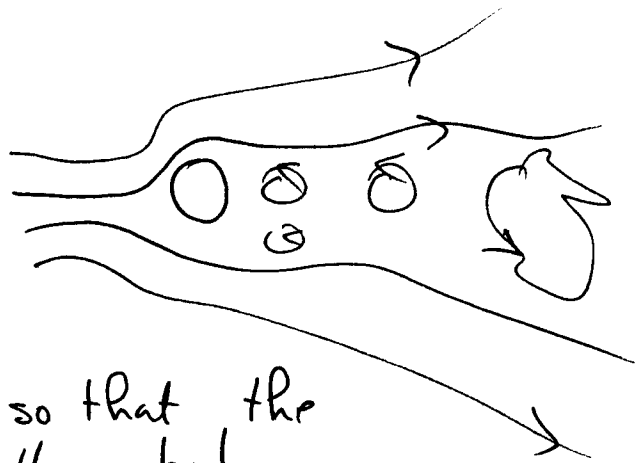


2. Turbulent Flow

- baseball (42m/s)
- parachutist (5m/s)
- object sinking in water.

$F_D \sim \text{velocity}^2$

- Speed is high enough so that the flow of air behind falling body is turbulent. Particles in the fluid fluctuate in a random manner, causing disordered whirling and eddying of the fluid.



Resistive Force Proportional to Velocity

- Objects falling through a fluid
- Small objects (dust particles) in air.

$$\text{Resistive Force } \vec{D} = -b\vec{v}$$

\vec{v} : velocity of object

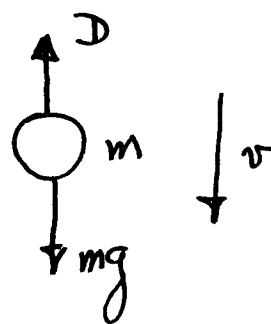
b : constant which depends on medium and on shape of object. For a sphere $b \sim r$. (kg/s)

Consider dropping a sphere of mass m in a fluid.

Forces which act:

mg = weight (corrected for buoyant force)

$-bv$ = resistive force.



Applying Newton's Second Law

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$mg - bv = m \left(\frac{dv}{dt} \right)$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = g - \frac{b}{m} v$$

[Differential Equation]

Falling Bodies in Air.

Drag Force

$$D = \frac{1}{2} C \rho A v^2$$

Force is proportional to (velocity)².

A: effective cross-sectional area of falling body

ρ : density of air

v: speed of fall

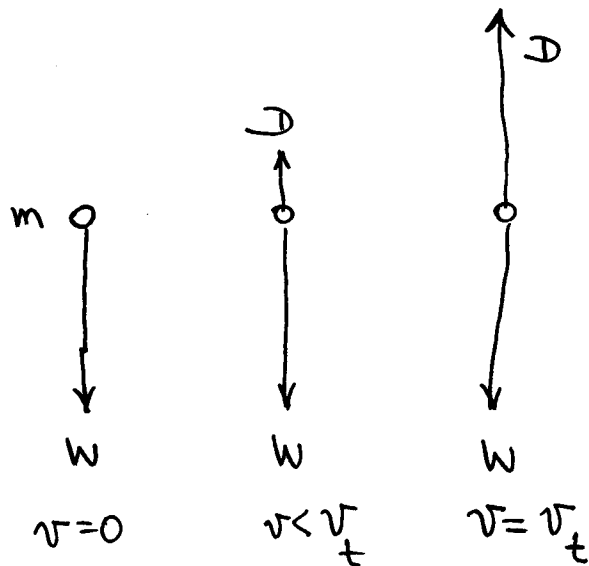
C: dimensionless drag coefficient — depends on shape of object (usually $C = 0.5 \rightarrow 1.0$).

- When body is released it has no velocity and drag force is zero.
- Velocity increases and drag force increases up to point where it equals weight of body.
- At this point acceleration is zero and body falls at constant velocity.

- At terminal speed $D = mg$.

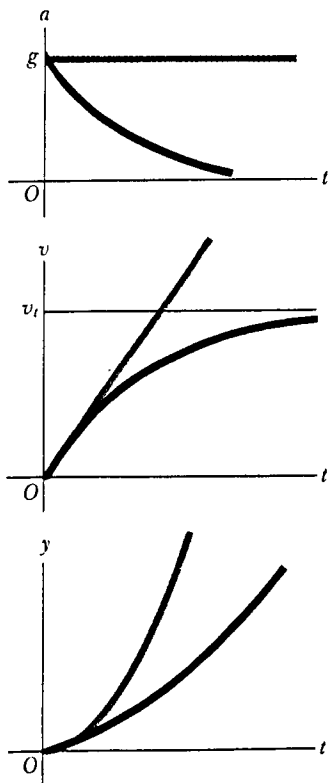
$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} C \rho A v_t^2 = mg$$

$$\therefore v_t = \sqrt{\frac{2mg}{C \rho A}} \quad \text{m/s.}$$



For high terminal speeds:

- Reduce effective area
- Reduce drag coefficient \rightarrow streamlining.



Graphs of acceleration, velocity, and position versus time for a body falling in a viscous fluid, shown as solid color curves. The light color curves show the corresponding relations if there is *no* viscous friction.