

## Statics SKMM1203

# Friction

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## **Brief introduction to Friction**

## Principle of dry friction







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- Friction force is independent of surface area of contact but dependent on the roughness of surface area in contact
- Static friction, F is directly proportional to the normal force, N.





Determine magnitude and direction of the friction force.



#### **SOLUTION**







- a. Determine the coefficient of statics friction  $\mu_s$  if the minimum force required to stop the block from sliding down the inclined surface is P = 40 N
- b. If the coefficients of statics and kinetics friction between the block and the surface are  $\mu_s = 0.5$  and  $\mu_k = 0.4$  respectively, and P = 200 N, determine the magnitude and direction of the friction force.



#### **SOLUTION**

#### (a)



 $(+ 7) \Sigma F_x = 0$ 

 $\mu_{\rm s}N - 22(10)(3/5) + 40(4/5) = 0 \dots (1)$ 

 $(+ \nabla) \Sigma F_y = 0$ 

N  $-22(10)(4/5) - 40(3/5) = 0 \dots (2)$ N = 200N

Substitute into (1)  $\mu_s(200) - 22(10)(3/5) + 40(4/5) = 0$  $\mu_s = 0.5$ 





(b)



Assume the direction of friction force F is in + x –dir

 $(+) \Sigma F_x = 0$ 

 $F - 22(10)(3/5) + 200(4/5) = 0 \dots (1)$ F = -28N (Actual direction is opposite to the assumption)

 $(+ \nabla) \Sigma F_y = 0$ 

N  $-22(10)(4/5) - 200(3/5) = 0 \dots (2)$ N = 296N

Maximum static friction  $F_m = \mu_s N$   $F_m = (0.5)(296)$ = 148N

Since  $F < F_m$ , the object is in equilibrium. Thus the magnitude and direction of friction force is 28N  $\swarrow$  (-x direction)





Two blocks A and B of mass 200 kg and 100 kg respectively are placed in contact with each other as shown. Determine the minimum force P required to maintain equilibrium if the coefficient of friction between all contacting surfaces is  $\mu = 0.3$ .



#### **SOLUTION**

#### block A



 $(+\rightarrow) \Sigma F_x = 0$   $N_2 \sin 60^\circ - 0.3 N_2 \cos 60^\circ - N_1 = 0$   $0.866 N_2 - 0.15 N_2 - N_1 = 0$  $N_1 = 0.716 N_2$ 

$$(+\uparrow) \Sigma F_{y} = 0$$

$$N_{2} \cos 60^{\circ} + 0.3 N_{2} \sin 60^{\circ} + 0.3 N_{1} - 100 g = 0$$

$$0.5 N_{2} + 0.26 N_{2} + 0.3 N_{1} - 100 g = 0$$

$$0.76 N_{2} + 0.3(0.716 N_{2}) - 200 g = 0$$

$$N_{2} = 2012 \text{ N}$$





<u>block B</u>



- $((+\uparrow) \Sigma F_y = 0$   $N_3 - N_2 \cos 60^\circ - 0.3 N_2 \sin 60^\circ - 100 g = 0$   $N_3 - 1006 - 523 - 100 g = 0$  $N_3 = 2510 \text{ N}$
- $(+\rightarrow) \Sigma F_{x} = 0$   $P + 0.3 N_{3} + 0.3 N_{2} \cos 60^{\circ} N_{2} \sin 60^{\circ} = 0$  P + 753 + 302 1742 = 0 P = 687 N





Blocks A of mass 14.4 kg and B of mass 7.2 kg are connected by a cable that passes over smooth pulley C. If the coefficient of static friction at all surfaces of contact are  $\mu_s = 0.12$ , determine the smallest value of P for which equilibrium is maintained. Determine also the tension in the cable, T.



#### **SOLUTION**

#### block A



$$(+\rightarrow) \Sigma F_{x} = 0$$

$$N_{1} - N_{2} = 0 \dots \dots (1)$$

$$(+\uparrow) \Sigma F_{y} = 0$$

$$\mu_{s} N_{1} + \mu_{s} N_{2} + T - 14.4(9.8) = 0 \dots \dots (2)$$





### <u>block B</u>



$$(+\uparrow) \Sigma F_y = 0$$
  
T -  $\mu_s N_2 - 7.2(9.8) = 0$  ......(3)

$$(+\rightarrow) \Sigma F_{x} = 0$$
$$N_{2} - P = 0 \dots (4)$$

(3) – (2)

$$-\mu_{s}N_{2} - 7.2(9.8) - \mu_{s}N_{1} - \mu_{s}N_{2} + 14.4(9.8) = 0$$
  
From (1)  $N_{1} = N_{2}$ , thus  
$$-\mu_{s}N_{2} - 7.2(9.8) - \mu_{s}N_{2} - \mu_{s}N_{2} + 14.4(9.8) = 0$$
  
 $3 \mu_{s}N_{2} = 70.56$   
 $N_{2} = 196 N = N_{2}$ 

From (4), 
$$P = N_2 = 196N$$
  
From (3),  
 $T - \mu_s N_2 - 7.2(9.8) = 0$   
 $T = 0.12(196) + 7.2(9.8)$   
 $= 94.08N$