

## Friction

### Friction force :

is the force resisting the relative motion of two surfaces in contact

There are two types of friction :

#### Static friction

Static friction is friction between two objects that are not moving relative to each other. For example, static friction can prevent an object from sliding down a sloped surface. The coefficient of static friction, typically denoted as  $\mu_s$ , is usually higher than the coefficient of kinetic friction.

#### Kinetic friction

Kinetic (or dynamic) friction occurs when two objects are moving relative to each other and rub together (like a sled on the ground). The coefficient of kinetic friction is typically denoted as  $\mu_k$ , and is usually less than the coefficient of static friction.

#### The coefficient of friction:

(also known as the **frictional coefficient**) is a dimensionless scalar value which describes the ratio of the force of friction between two bodies and the force pressing them together. The coefficient of friction depends on the materials used; for example, ice on steel has a low coefficient of friction (the two materials slide past each other easily), while rubber on pavement has a high coefficient of friction (the materials do not slide past each other easily). Coefficients of friction range from near zero to greater than one – under good conditions

The **coefficient of friction** is a dimensionless quantity symbolized by the Greek letter(  $\mu$  ) and is used to approximate the force of friction. Friction can be viewed, again as an approximation, as being of two primary types, *static* or *kinetic*.

The coefficient of *static* friction is defined as the ratio of the maximum static friction force (**F**) between the surfaces in contact to the normal (N) force. The coefficient of *kinetic* friction is defined as the ratio of the kinetic friction force (**F**) between the surfaces in contact to the normal force:

$$\mu = \frac{F_f}{N}$$

$\mu$  : coefficient of friction

$F_f$  : Friction force

N : Normal force

Both static and kinetic coefficients of friction depend on the pair of surfaces in contact; their values are usually approximately determined experimentally. For a given pair of surfaces, the coefficient of static friction is *usually* larger than that of kinetic friction; in some sets the two coefficients are equal, such as Teflon-on-Teflon.

**Angle of friction (  $\alpha$  )**

The angle of friction for two surfaces in contact is defined as the angle that the maximum contact force makes with the direction of normal force

$$\mu = \tan(\alpha)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \tan^{-1}(\mu)$$

**EX ( 1 ) :**

In fig. shown ,  $a = 12 \text{ cm}$  ,  $b = 18 \text{ cm}$  ,  $h = 15 \text{ cm}$  ,

$W = 100 \text{ N}$  ,  $\mu = 0.24$  ,  $P = 24 \text{ N}$

Is the body sliding or turning over or stay at rest ?

**Solution :**

$$h_{\max} = \frac{W \cdot a}{2 \cdot P} = \frac{100(12)}{2(24)} = 2.5 \text{ cm}$$

When  $h_{\max} > b$  then the force doesn't effect on the body , therefore , the body is not turnover .

$$F_{\max} = \mu \cdot W = 0.24(100) = 24 \quad , \quad F_{\max} = P$$

Then the body tends to slide and doesn't turnover

**EX ( 2 ) :**

A block with ( 200 N weight rests on a rough horizontal plane , is subjected to the force (  $P = 40 \text{ N}$  ) which inclined (  $25^\circ$  ) . Determine the **coefficient of friction** .

**Solution :**

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$F_f = 40 \cos 25$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

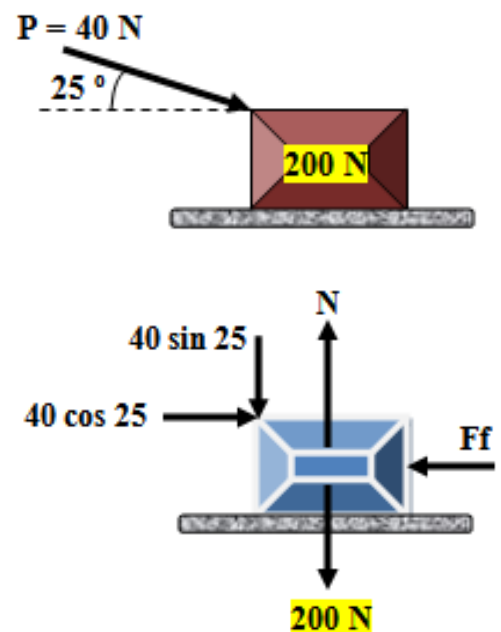
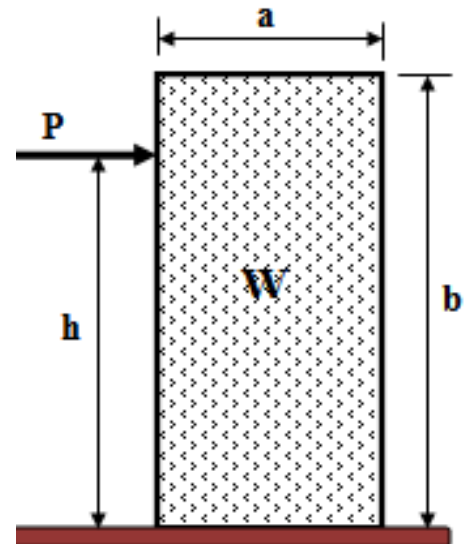
$$N - 40 \sin 25 - 200 = 0$$

$$N = 40 \sin 25 + 200 = 217 \text{ N}$$

$$F_f = \mu \cdot N$$

$$36.25 = \mu(217)$$

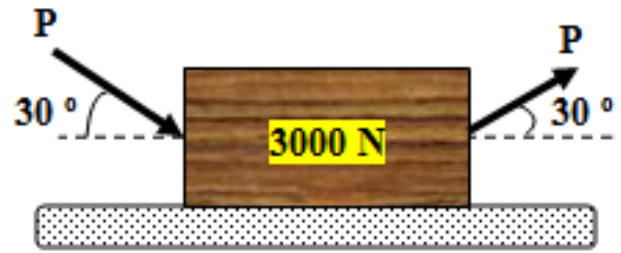
$$\mu = \frac{36.25}{217} = 0.17$$



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**EX (2) :**

A wooden block ( 3000 N ) weight , the **coefficient of friction** between the block and the floor is ( 0.35 ) , Determine whether pushing or pulling process by the force ( P ) is suitable to make the block tend to move to the right with a least force ( P ) , ( i . e , which is easy pushing or pulling )



**Solution :**

**In case of Pushing**

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$P \cos 30 - F_f = 0$$

$$F_f = 0.866 P$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$N - P \sin 30 - 3000 = 0$$

$$N = P \sin 30 + 3000$$

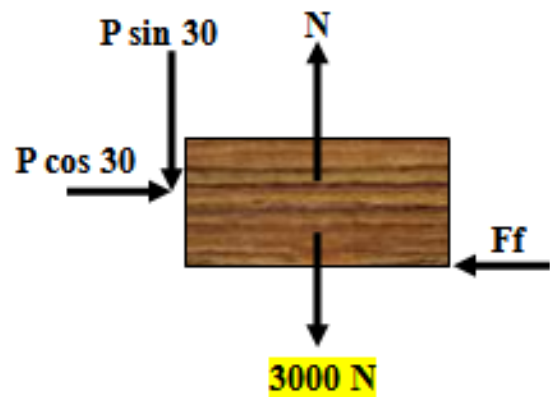
$$F_f = \mu \cdot N$$

$$0.866 P = 0.35 (0.5 P + 3000)$$

$$0.866 P = 0.175 P + 1050$$

$$0.691 P = 1050$$

$$P = \frac{1050}{0.691} = 1519.4 N$$



**In case of Pulling**

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$P \cos 30 = F_f$$

$$F_f = 0.866 P$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$N + P \sin 30 - 3000 = 0$$

$$N = -P \sin 30 + 3000$$

$$N = +3000 - 0.5 P$$

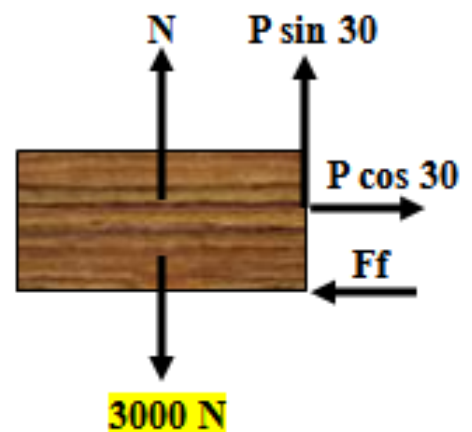
$$F_f = \mu \cdot N$$

$$0.866 P = 0.35 (3000 - 0.5 P)$$

$$0.866 P = 1050 - 0.175 P$$

$$1.041 P = 1050$$

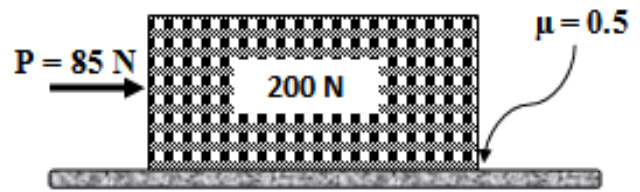
$$P = \frac{1050}{1.041} = 1008.6 N$$



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**EX ( 3 ) :**

The ( 85 N ) force ( P ) is applied to the ( 200 N ) crate . Determine the magnitude and direction of the friction force (  $F_f$  ) exerted by the horizontal surface on the crate .



**Solution :**

Assume equilibrium

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

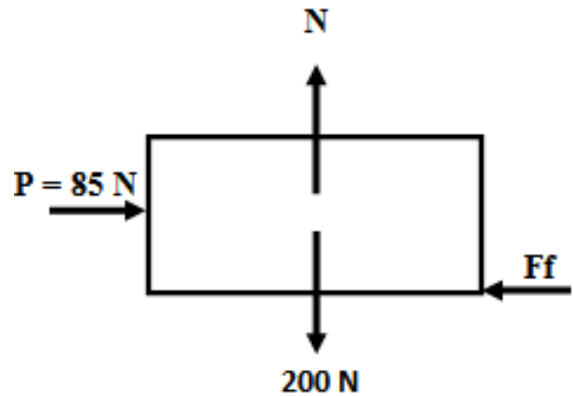
$$F_f = P = 85N$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$N = 200N$$

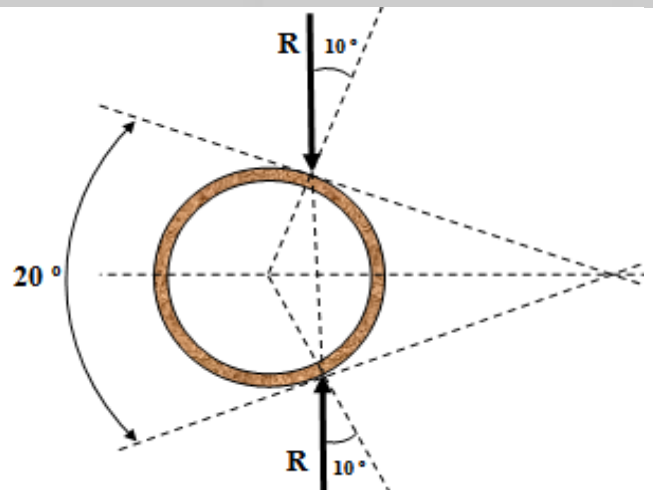
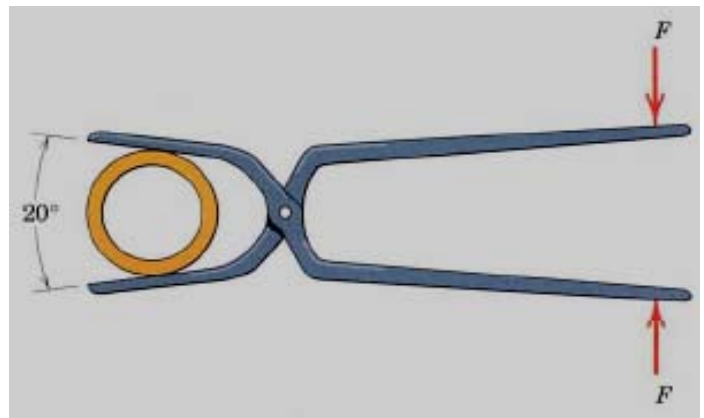
$$F_{f \text{ max}} = \mu \cdot N = 0.5(200) = 100N$$

$$F < F_{f \text{ max}}, \text{ assumption valid , } F = 85 N$$



**EX ( 4 ) :**

The tongs are designed to handle hot steel tubes which are being heat- treated in an oil bath , for a ( 20° ) jaw opening . What is the maximum coefficient of friction between the jaws and the tube which will enable the tongs to grip the tube without slipping.



**Solution :**

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\min} &= \tan \phi \\ &= \tan 10 \\ &= 0.176 \end{aligned}$$

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**EX (5) :**

The magnitude of the force ( P ) is slowly increased .Does the homogeneous box of mass ( m ) slip or tip first ? State the value of ( P ) which would cause each occurrence . Neglect any effect of the size of the small feet .

**Solution :**

Slips

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$- F_B - F_C + P \cos 30 + 0$$

$$F_B = \mu.N_B \quad , \quad F_C = \mu.N_C$$

$$- \mu.N_B - \mu.N_C + P \cos 30 = 0$$

$$P \cos 30 = \mu.N_B + \mu.N_C \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$N_B + N_C - mg + P \sin 30 = 0$$

$$N_B = -N_C + mg - P \sin 30 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

subst. (2) in (1):

$$P \cos 30 = \mu(mg - N_C - P \sin 30) + \mu.N_C$$

$$P \cos 30 = \mu.mg - \mu.N_C - \mu.P \sin 30 + \mu.N_C$$

$$P \cos 30 = \mu.mg - \mu.P \sin 30$$

$$P \cos 30 + \mu.P \sin 30 = \mu.mg$$

$$P(\cos 30 + \mu.\sin 30) = \mu.mg$$

$$P = \frac{\mu.mg}{\cos 30 + \mu.\sin 30}$$

$$= \frac{0.5 * mg}{0.866 + 0.5 * 0.5} = 0.44mg = P(\text{slip})$$

Tips

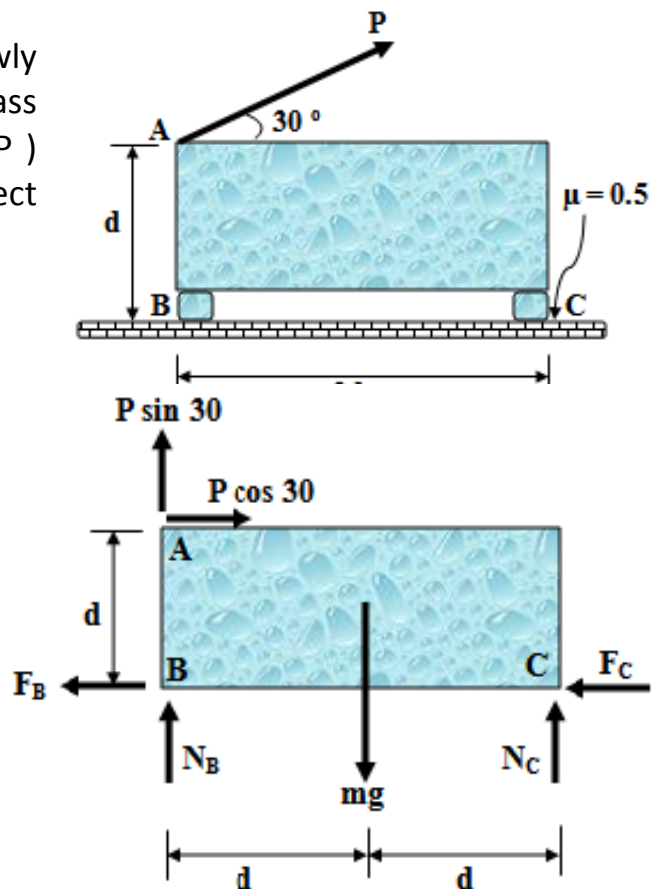
$$\sum M(C) = 0$$

$$P \cos 30 * d + P \sin 30 * 2d - mg * d = 0$$

$$P = \frac{mg}{\cos 30 + 2 \sin 30} = 0.53mg = P(\text{tip})$$

$$\because P(\text{slip}) < P(\text{tip})$$

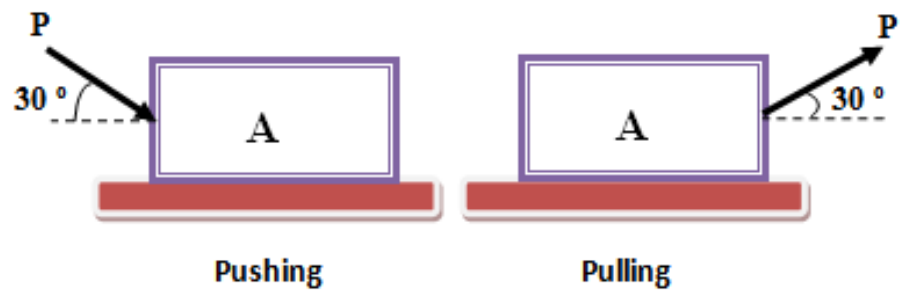
then, Slipping will occur



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**EX (6) :**

The body ( A ) is to be tend to move to the right by the inclined force ( P ) which is ( 25 N ) in case of pushing and it is ( 10 N ) in case of pulling , Determine the weight of the body and the coefficient of friction between the body and the floor .



**Solution :**

In case of Pushing

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$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow F_f = 25 \cos 30 = 21.65 N$$

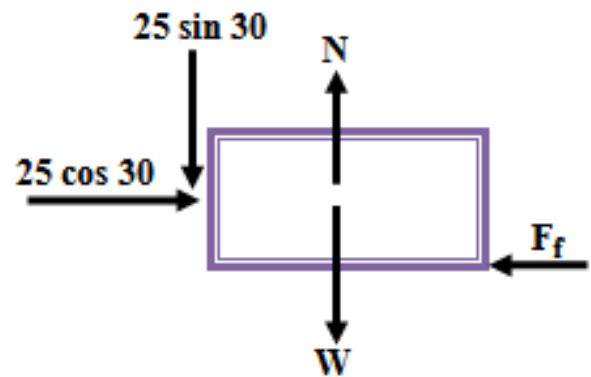
$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$N - 25 \sin 30 - W = 0$$

$$N = 25 \sin 30 + W = 12.5 + W$$

$$F_f = \mu.N \Rightarrow 21.65 = \mu.(12.5 + W)$$

$$\mu = \frac{21.65}{12.5 + W}$$



In case of Pulling

**In case of Pulling**

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow F_f = 10 \cos 30 = 8.66 N$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow N + 10 \sin 30 - W = 0$$

$$N = -10 \sin 30 + W = W - 5$$

$$F_f = \mu.N \Rightarrow 8.66 = \mu.(W - 5)$$

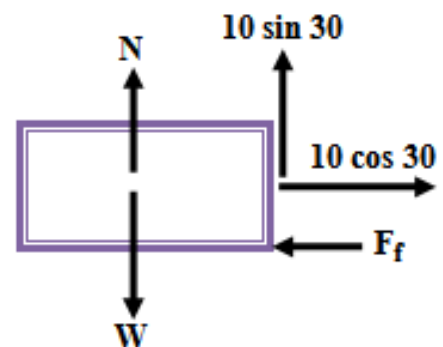
$$\mu = \frac{8.66}{W - 5}$$

$$\frac{21.65}{12.5 + W} = \frac{8.66}{W - 5}$$

$$8.66(12.5 + W) = 21.65(W - 5)$$

$$W = 16.65 \quad \text{ans}$$

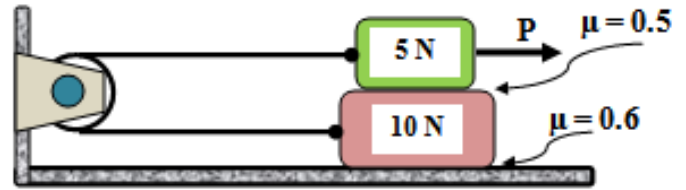
$$\mu = \frac{8.66}{W - 5} = \frac{8.66}{16.65 - 5} = 0.74 \quad \text{ans}$$



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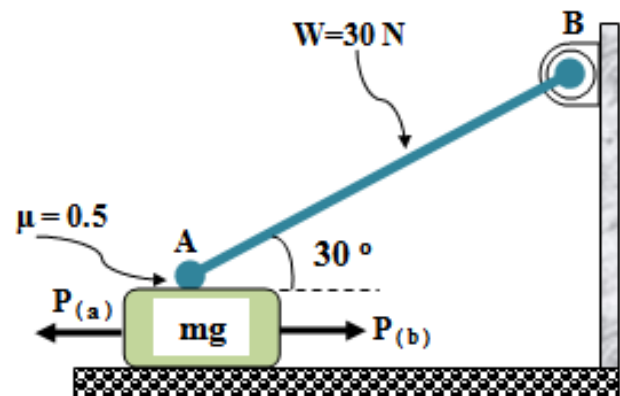
**PROBLEMS**

1 - The system of two blocks , cable and fixed pulley is initially at rest . Determine the horizontal force ( P ) necessary to cause motion , then determine the corresponding tension ( T ) in the cable .



2 -Determine the magnitude ( P ) of the horizontal force required to initiate motion of the block of mass ( m ) for the cases :

- a – P is applied to the right .
- b – P is applied to the lift .



3 – The sliding glass door rolls on the two small lower wheels ( A ) and ( B ) . Under normal conditions the upper wheels don't touch their horizontal guide .

- a – compute the force ( P ) required to slide the door at a steady speed if the wheel ( A ) becomes " frozen " and does not turn in its bearing .
- b – Rework the problem if wheel ( B ) becomes " frozen " instead of wheel ( A ) . if the coefficient of friction between a frozen wheel and supporting surface is ( 0.3 ) , and the center of mass of the ( 140 N ) door is at its geometric center . Neglect the small diameters of the wheel

