

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

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

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

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

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

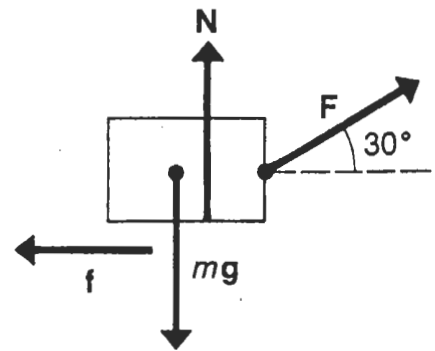
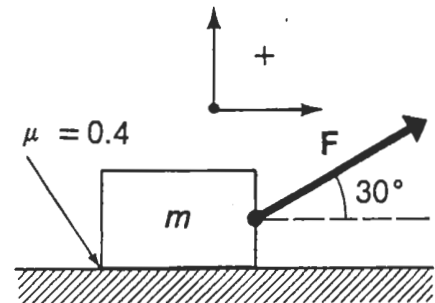
$$F = \frac{0.40 \times 100 \times 9.81}{0.866 + 0.40 \times 0.50} = 368 \text{ N}$$

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

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

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

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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

$$f_1 < \mu_s N$$

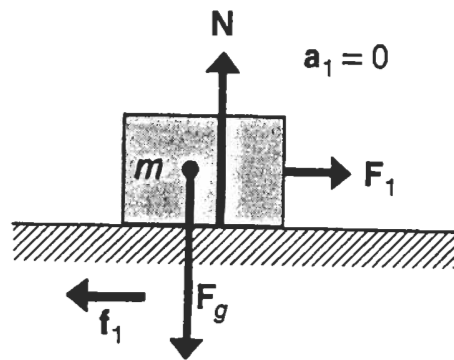
b) Motion impends

$$f_2 = \mu_s N$$

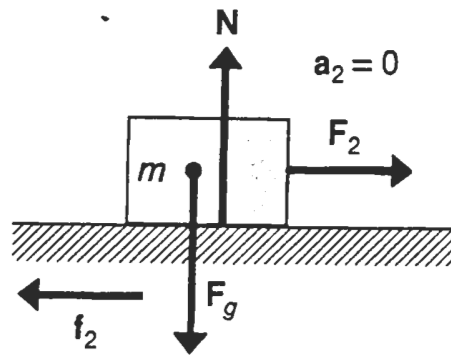
c) Motion exists

$$f_3 = \mu_k N$$

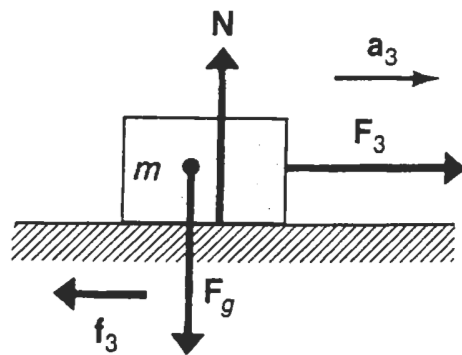
Fig. (a, b) For $f_s < f_{s,max}$, the frictional force exactly balances the applied force; then, there is no acceleration. (c) When a force sufficient to cause motion is applied, the frictional force is equal to $\mu_k N$ and the acceleration is $(F - \mu_k N)/m$.



(a) $f_1 = -F_1$



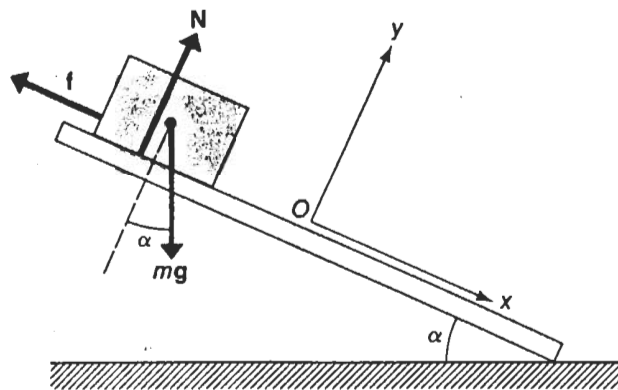
(b) $f_2 = -F_2$



(c) $f_3 = \mu_k N$

Example: Block-on-Plane

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

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

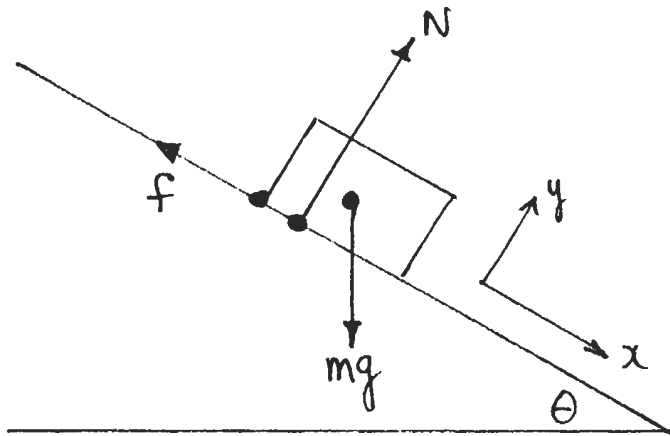
$$\frac{f}{N} = \frac{mg \sin \alpha}{mg \cos \alpha} = \tan \alpha$$

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

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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$$f = \mu_k N$$

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

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

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

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

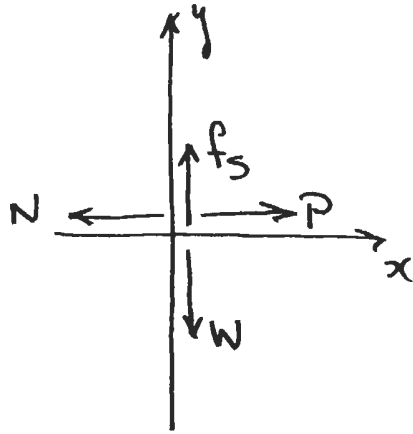
$$a_x = (\sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta) g$$

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

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

\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 $f_s \geq W$

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

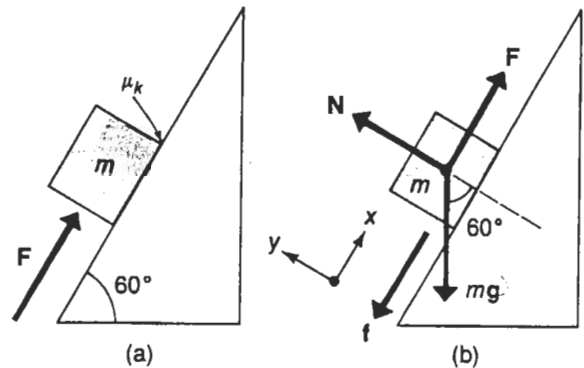
$$P \geq \frac{W}{\mu_s}$$

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

Example: Block-Up-Plane?

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$$\begin{aligned} m &= 5 \text{ kg} \\ F &= 20 \text{ N} \\ \mu_k &= 0.42 \\ a &= ? \end{aligned}$$



Assume upward motion:

$$\text{Along-x} \quad F - f - mg \sin 60^\circ = ma_x$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

change direction of frictional force.

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

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

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

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



- $F_D \sim \text{velocity}$.

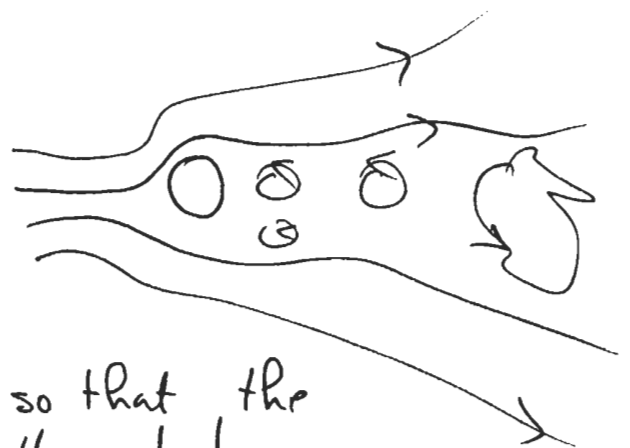
- Stokes law.

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

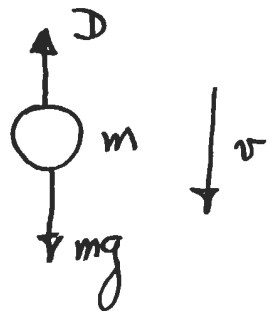
b : constant which depends on medium and on shape of object. For a sphere $b \propto r$. (kg/s)

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]

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

Initial acceleration

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

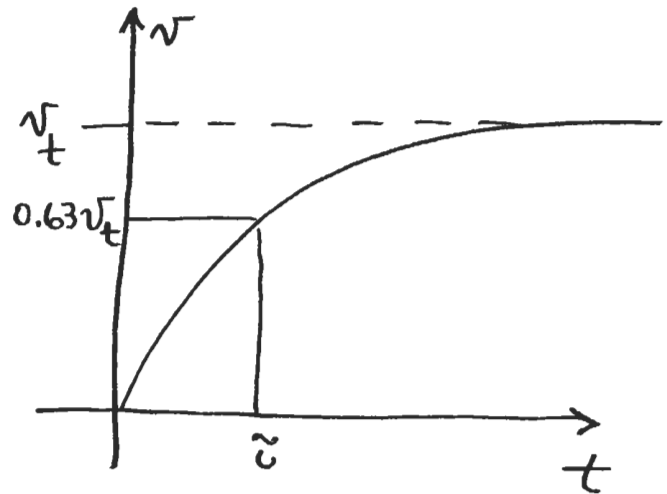
As t increases, v increases, and resistive force increases and acceleration decreases.

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.]

Falling Bodies in Air.

Drag Force

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

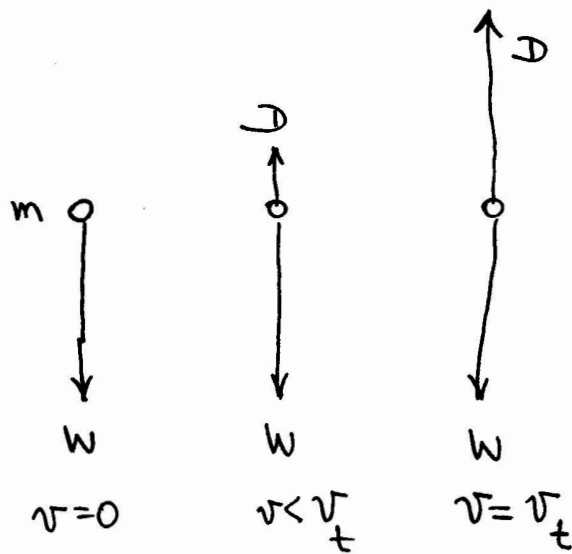
Force is proportional to (velocity)².

- 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 $D = mg$.

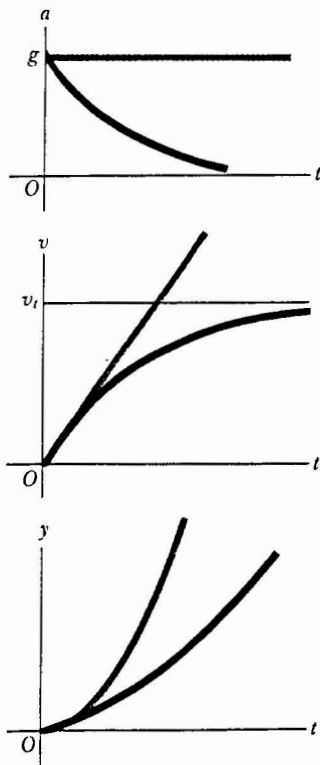
$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} C \rho A v_t^2 = mg$$

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



For high terminal speeds:

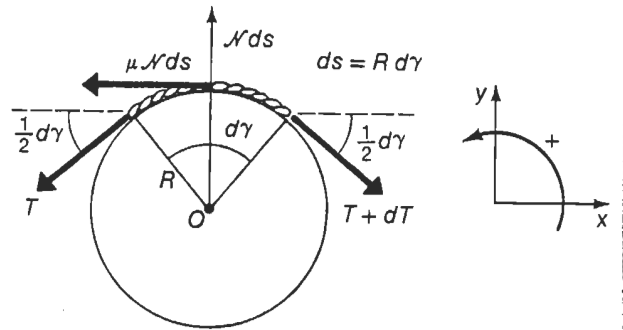
- Reduce effective area
- Reduce drag coefficient \rightarrow streamlining.



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.

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 $dT \ll T$

$$\bar{T} d\gamma = \mathcal{N} ds$$

From Eq. ①

$$\bar{T} \left(\frac{d\gamma}{ds} \right) = \mathcal{N}$$

③

$$d\bar{T} = \mu \mathcal{N} ds$$

From Eq. ②

$$\therefore \frac{d\bar{T}}{ds} = \mu \mathcal{N}$$

④

Note: Alternate for Eq. ④

Take torques about center at O.

$$\sum \bar{\tau}_O = 0 \quad \mu \mathcal{N} R ds + \bar{T} R - (\bar{T} + d\bar{T}) R = 0$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}}{ds} = \mu \mathcal{N}$$

$$\text{④/③} \quad \frac{1}{\bar{T}} \frac{d\bar{T}}{d\gamma} = \mu$$

Integrating from $\gamma' = 0$ to γ and $\bar{T}' = \bar{T}_0$ to \bar{T}

$$\int_{\bar{T}' = \bar{T}_0}^{\bar{T}} \frac{d\bar{T}'}{\bar{T}'} = \mu \int_{\gamma' = 0}^{\gamma} d\gamma'$$

$$\ln \frac{\bar{T}}{\bar{T}_0} = \mu \gamma$$

or

$$\bar{T} = \bar{T}_0 e^{\mu \gamma}$$

\uparrow Angle around post in radians
 \uparrow Coefficient of static friction

Consider a rope of length l wrapped around the post. 27-23

$$R\gamma = l$$

$$T = T_0 e^{\mu l/R}$$

Ex: Rope goes once around the post.

ie. $\gamma = \frac{l}{R} = 2\pi$ and $\mu = 0.40$

$$T = T_0 e^{0.40 \times 2\pi}$$

$$T = 12.3 T_0 \quad [\text{Tremendous Advantage}]$$

$$T = T_0 e^{\mu \gamma}$$

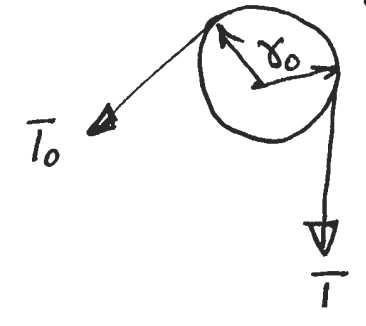
$$T_0 = T e^{-\mu \gamma}$$

let $\gamma_1 = \gamma_0$

$$T_{01} = T e^{-\mu \gamma_1}$$

let $\gamma_2 = \gamma_0 + 2\pi$

$$T_{02} = T e^{-\mu \gamma_2}$$



[1-Extra Turn of Rope]

$$\gamma = \frac{T_{01}}{T_{02}} = \frac{e^{-\mu \gamma_1}}{e^{-\mu \gamma_2}} = e^{2\pi \mu}$$

μ	γ	
0.1	1.87	40N
0.2	3.51	↓
0.3	6.59	24N
0.4	12.34	↓
0.5	23.14	13N

(2π)

initially

$$\gamma \sim \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 2.36$$

$$\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 2.09$$

$$T_0 = 24N$$

$$T = 40N$$

$$\frac{T}{T_0} = \frac{40}{24} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = 1.667.$$

μ	$T/T_0 \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$	$\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$
0.2	1.60	1.52
0.4	2.57	2.31
0.6	4.12	3.50