

Force Problems – Set 2

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A block rests on an incline plane that makes an angle θ with the horizontal. The coefficient of static friction between the block and the plane is μ_s and the coefficient of kinetic friction is μ_k .

a) Find an expression for the maximum angle of the incline before the block slips.

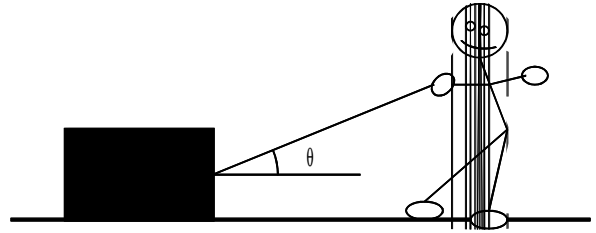
*HINT: The equation for the force of static friction ($F = \mu_s N$) represents the **maximum** force that friction can provide.*

b) Assuming that the block is in motion, find an expression for the acceleration of the block in terms of θ and μ_k .

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While standing on a rough surface, Stickman is pulling an ice block to the right with a tension T .

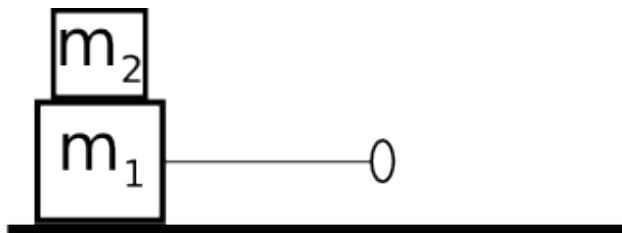


- Draw a freebody diagram of Stickman. (He does not slide)
- Draw a freebody diagram of the ice block. (It's frictionless)
- Assume that the Box is frictionless and calculate the velocity of the box after it has traveled a distance d starting from rest. Your velocity should be in terms of m, F_p (Force of Stickman's pull), θ , and d .

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Two blocks with masses m_1 and m_2 are stacked up as shown in the picture below. A rope with a handle is attached to m_1 as shown. There is no friction between m_1 and the table. The coefficient of static friction between m_2 and m_1 is μ_s .



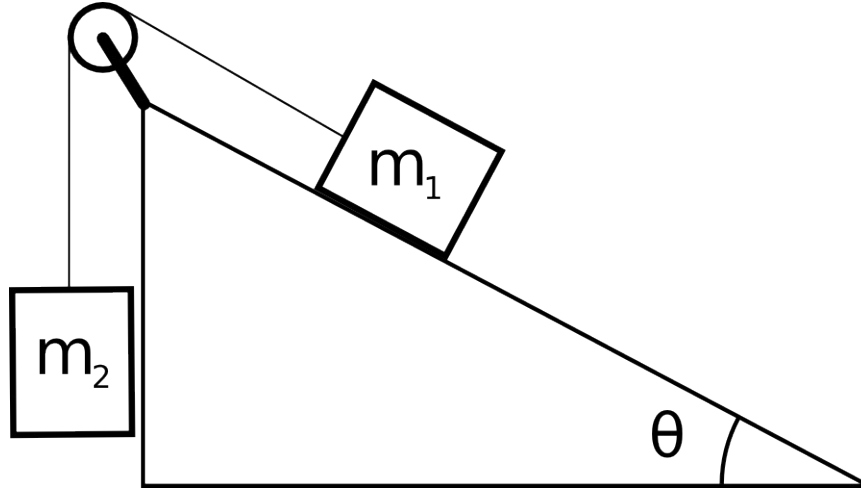
- Draw free body diagrams for m_1 and m_2 .
- Find an expression for the maximum force that can be applied to the rope on m_1 without m_2 slipping.
- Find an expression for the reaction force of the floor acting on m_1 in terms of g , m_1 , and m_2 .

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In the picture below, the coefficient of kinetic friction between the ramp and m_1 is μ_k . A rope connecting m_1 and m_2 passes over a massless frictionless pulley.

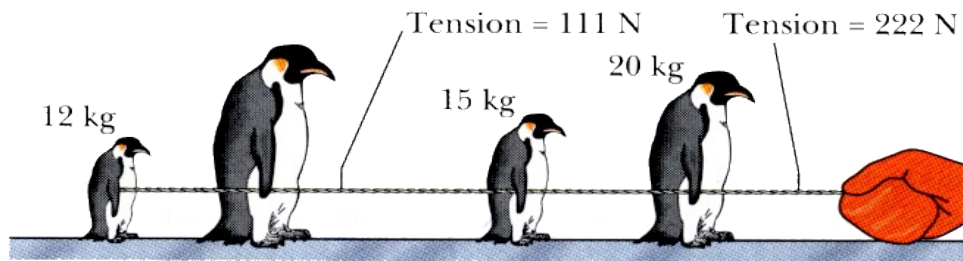
Calculate the acceleration of the system.



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Four penguins are being playfully pulled along a very slippery (frictionless) ice by a zoo keeper. The masses of the first, second, and third penguins and two cord tensions are shown below. Find the mass of the third penguin.

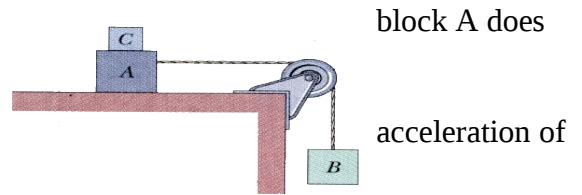


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A and B are blocks with weights of 44 N and 22 N respectively. The coefficient of friction between the table and the block is 0.20.

- Determine the minimum weight of block C so that block A does not slide.
- If block C is suddenly lifted off of A, what is the acceleration of A?



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One end of a rope is connected to a mass $M_1=10\text{kg}$. The rope passes over a massless frictionless pulley and the other end is connected to a mass $M_2 = 5\text{kg}$. M_2 is initially resting on the ground and M_1 is suspended 3m above the ground. The system is initially at rest.

If M_1 is released and allowed to hit the ground, what is the maximum height that M_2 will reach?

*HINT: When M_1 hits the ground, M_2 will still have an upward velocity. M_2 will **continue** upward until its velocity is zero.*

