

# Laws of Motion Friction

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#### Last time

- objects moving together
- pulleys
- Atwood machines

# **Overview**

• friction

## Friction

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The force caused by small-scale roughness of surfaces or even electrostatic attractions between surfaces. It dissipates energy and resists motion.

#### Friction opposes the motion of one surface relative the other.



#### **Friction**

Kinetic friction is the friction force that acts on moving objects. It is given by:

$$f_k = \mu_k |\vec{\mathbf{n}}| = \mu_k n$$

Static friction is the friction force that acts on objects that are at rest:

$$f_s \leqslant \mu_s n$$
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 $f_{s,\max} = \mu_s n$ 

#### **Friction**



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To get the sled moving  $F_{app} \ge f_s$ 

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= (0.14)(10 kg)g  
= 13.7 N

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$$F_{app} - \mu_k mg = ma$$

$$a = \frac{F_{app}}{m} - \mu_k g$$

$$= 0.39 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

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#### **Incline with Friction**

Given a block of mass m = 1 kg on an incline of  $\theta = 30^{\circ}$  with a coefficient of static friction of  $\mu_s = 0.3$ , will the block slide?



# **Incline with Friction**



If the net force is not zero, it will be downward parallel to the slope. x-direction:

$$F_{\text{net},x} = mg\sin\theta - f_s$$

Block will slip if:

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$$\begin{array}{rcl} mg\sin\theta - f_{s,\max} &> & 0\\ mg\sin\theta - \mu_s(mg\cos\theta) &\stackrel{?}{>} & 0\\ (1\ \mathrm{kg})g(\frac{1}{2} - 0.3\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) &\stackrel{?}{>} & 0\\ \mathrm{N}, \ \mathrm{downward\ along\ the\ incline} &> & 0 \Rightarrow \ \mathrm{Yes,\ it\ slides.} \end{array}$$

# Sliding Blocks with Friction: #103, page 149



Between m and M is friction, coefficient  $\mu_k$ .

How long does it take for the little block to reach the end of the long block?

How far did the long block move?

# Summary

• friction

#### First Test Monday, 10 Feb.

# (Uncollected) Homework Serway & Jewett,

- Work through Example 5.13 on page 134 and understand it.
- Ch 5, onward from page 136. Obj.Q 1; Problems: 61, 65, 89, 103
- Ch 6, onward from page 169. Probs: 1, 5 (can try these now)