# Course Code: ESC106A Course Title: Construction Materials and Engineering Mechanics

Lecture No. 47:
Block Friction and Related Problems

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## **Lecture Intended Learning Outcomes**

#### At the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- Draw Free Body diagrams of Blocks in the given problems
- Evaluate frictional forces or weight of the block or find tension in the string connecting the blocks by assuming impending state of the block

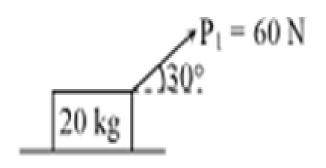


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Numerical problems on block friction

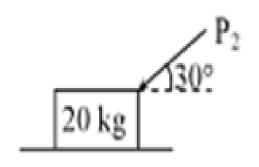


**Example:** A 60N pulling force P1 acting at 30° w.r.t. the horizontal is required to the pull the 20kg block to the right. Hence find  $\mu$  between the block and the surface.( $\mu$ =0.313)



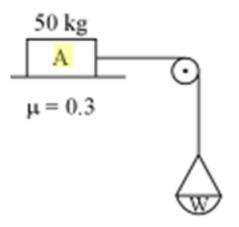


The block in the previous problem is to be pushed to the left by a force P<sub>2</sub> as shown in the figure. All conditions are same as the previous problem. Find P<sub>2</sub>





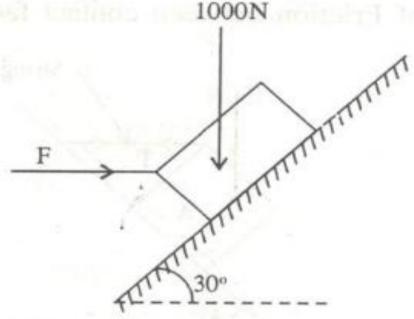
Weights are gradually increased in the pan suspended over a smooth pulley. If  $\mu$  between the block A and the surface is 0.3, find the value of W at which motion would impend. The mass of the block A is 50kg.





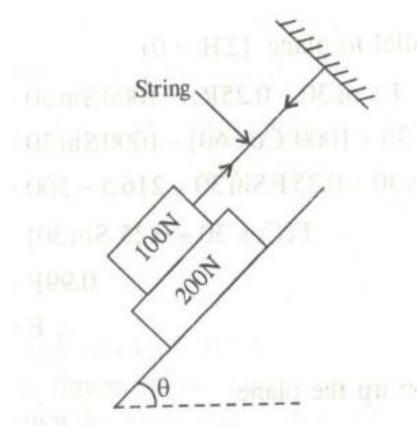
**Example:** A small block of 1000N is placed on a 30' inclined with coefficient of friction of 0.25 as shown in Figure. Determine the horizontal force to be applied for

- 1. The impending motion down the plane and
- 2. The impending motion up the plane.



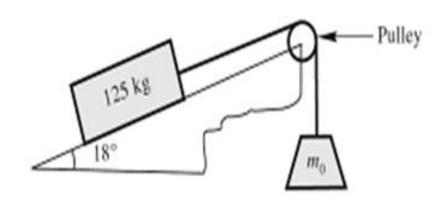


**Example:** What should be the value of angle  $'\theta'$  so that motion of the block 200N impends down the plane take  $\mu=0.3$  For all contact surface. Figure shown below.



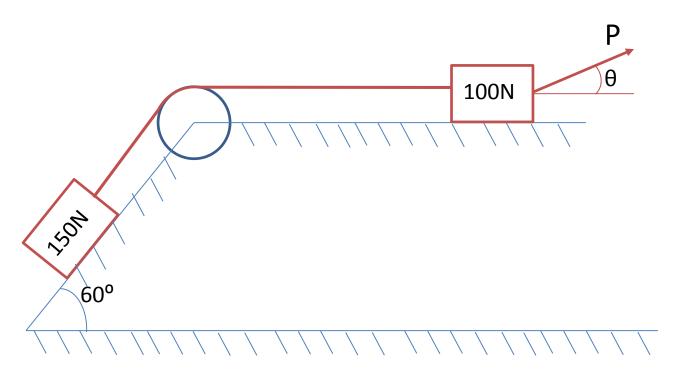


Determine the range of mass 'm<sub>0</sub>' so that 125kg block shown in the fig will neither start moving up the plane nor slip down the plane. Take  $\mu_s$  =0.25.





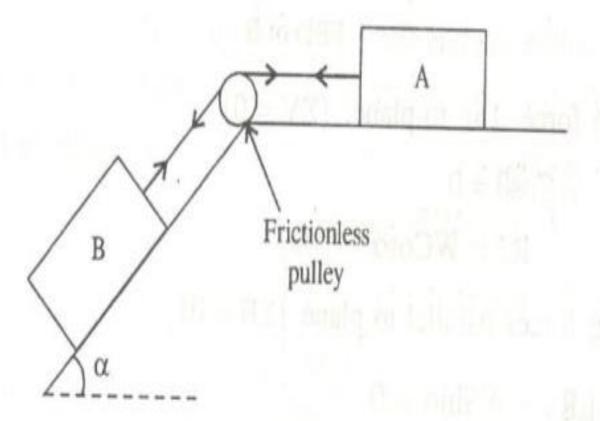
**Example:** Determine the least value of the force P to cause motion to impend rightwards. Assume the co-efficient of friction under the blocks to be 0.2 and pulley to be frictionless.



 $\Theta = 11.31^{\circ}$ P=161.88N



**Example:** Two blocks A and B weighing W1 and W2 are connected as shown in figure. If W1=W2 And if  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction for all contact surfaces. Find the angle of inclination of Inclined plane  $\alpha$  at which the motion of the system will impend





## **Summary**

- Friction is the force resisting the relative motion of solid surfaces,
   fluid layers and material elements sliding against each other
- Based on the concept of friction, the sliding problems are solved

