

Chapter 5 Homework

Questions

11. Sometimes it is said that water is removed from clothes in a spin dryer by centrifugal force throwing the water outward. Is this correct? Discuss.

No, the water is thrown tangentially.

15. Astronauts who spend long periods in outer space could be adversely affected by weightlessness. One way to simulate gravity is to shape the spaceship like a cylindrical shell that rotates with the astronauts walking on the inside surface. Explain how this simulates gravity. Consider...

The centripetal force of the inside surface may be sufficient to keep a static object at rest in relation to the rotating frame.

(a) how objects fall

If an object were to be left in a rotating hallway, it would likely not tend to approach the inside surface. If the object is held by an astronaut, though, the object, upon release, would follow the tangential path from the astronaut's hands until it collides with the inside surface. From the astronaut's frame of reference, this would likely manifest as falling.

(b) the force we feel on our feet

The force we feel on our feet is the normal force of the ground pushing back on us. A similar experience would occur with the centripetal force of the inside surface.

(c) any other aspects of gravity you can think of

The inverted nature of this scenario lends it well to the opposite of what one might think of as gravitational attraction. Supposing that there is some rotational space station, it would need to have some central rotator. This would be a massive power system which would be massive enough to influence small objects because of universal gravity.

Misconception Questions

3. Which of the following point towards the center of the circle in uniform circular motion?

(a) Acceleration.

7. While driving fast around a sharp right turn, you find yourself pressing against the left car door. What is happening?

(b) The door is exerting a rightward force on you.

9. What supplies the force that keeps a car on the road as it rounds a curve?

(e) A component of the force of the road on the tires that is directed sideways.

10. You are flung sideways when your car travels around a sharp curve because

(a) you tend to continue moving in a straight line.

Problems

1. If the coefficient of kinetic friction between a 26-kg crate and the floor is 0.30, what horizontal force is required to move the crate at a steady speed across the floor? What horizontal force is required if μ_k is zero?

$$\begin{aligned} F_N &= m \times g & F_{fr} &= \mu \times F_N \\ &= 26kg \times 9.8m/s^2 & &= 0.30 \times 255N \\ &= 255N & &= 76.4N \end{aligned}$$

If μ_k is zero:

$$F_{fr} = \mu \times F_N \rightarrow F_{fr} = 0 \times 255N \rightarrow F_{fr} = 0N$$

2. A force of 35.0 N is required to start a 4.0-kg box moving across a horizontal concrete floor.

(a) What is the coefficient of static friction between the box and the floor?

$$\begin{aligned} F_N &= m \times g \rightarrow F_N = 4.0kg \times 9.8m/s^2 \rightarrow F_N = 39.2N \\ F_{fr} &= \mu_s \times F_N \rightarrow \mu_s = \frac{F_{fr}}{F_N} \rightarrow \mu_s = \frac{35.0N}{39.2N} \rightarrow \mu_s = 0.893 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If the 35.0-N force continues, the box accelerates at $0.60m/s^2$. What is the coefficient of kinetic friction?

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &= \frac{\Sigma F}{m} \rightarrow \Sigma F = a_x \times m \rightarrow \Sigma F = 0.60m/s^2 \times 4.0kg \rightarrow \Sigma F = 2.4N \\ \Sigma F &= F - F_{fr} \rightarrow F_{fr} = F - \Sigma F \rightarrow F_{fr} = 35.0N - 2.4N \rightarrow F_{fr} = 32.6N \\ F_{fr} &= \mu_k \times F_N \rightarrow \mu_k = \frac{F_{fr}}{F_N} \rightarrow \mu_k = \frac{32.6N}{39.2N} \rightarrow \mu_k = 0.832 \end{aligned}$$

4. The coefficient of static friction between hard rubber and normal street pavement is about 0.90. On how steep a hill (maximum angle) can you leave a car parked?

16. Police investigators, examining the scene of an accident involving a car and an old truck, measure 72-m-long skid marks for the truck, which nearly came to a stop before colliding with the car at rest. The coefficient of kinetic friction between rubber and the pavement is about 0.80. Estimate the initial speed of the truck assuming a level road.

20. The crate lies on a plane tilted at an angle $\Theta = 25.0^\circ$ to the horizontal, with $\mu_k = 0.19$.

(a) Determine the acceleration of the crate as it slides down the plane.

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma F_x : mgsin\Theta - F_{fr} &= ma & \Sigma F_y : F_N - mgcos\Theta &= 0 \\ & & F_N &= mgcos\Theta \\ \frac{mgsin\Theta}{m} - \frac{0.19(mgcos\Theta)}{m} &= \frac{ma}{m} \\ (9.8)sin(25) - 0.19(9.8)cos(25) &= a \\ 2.45m/s^2 &= a\end{aligned}$$

(b) If the crate starts from rest 8.75 m up the plane from its base, what will be the crate's speed when it reaches the bottom of the incline?

$$\begin{aligned}v^2 &= v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x \\ v^2 &= 0 + 2(2.45m/s^2)(8.75m) \\ v &= \sqrt{42.875m^2/s^2} \\ v &= 6.55m/s\end{aligned}$$

35. What is the maximum speed with which a 1200-kg car can round a turn of radius 90.0m on a flat road if the coefficient of static friction between tires and road is 0.65?

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma F_x : F_{fr} &= ma & \Sigma F_y : F_N - mg &= 0 \\ \mu \times F_N &= ma & F_N &= mg \\ \mu \times mg &= ma & F_N &= 11,760N \\ \mu \times g &= a\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{v^2}{r} = a \rightarrow \frac{v^2}{r} &= \mu \times g \rightarrow v = \sqrt{\mu \times g \times r} \\ v &= \sqrt{(0.65)(9.8m/s^2)(90.0m)} \rightarrow v = 23.9m/s\end{aligned}$$

Is this result independent of the mass of the car?

Yes. The mass of the object cancels out in the algebra.

39. How large must the coefficient of static friction be between the tires and the road if a car is to round a level curve of radius 85m at a speed of 95km/h?

$$\begin{aligned}v^2 &= \mu gr & \frac{95km}{h} \times \frac{(1000m)(1h)}{(1km)(3600s)} &= 26.38m/s \\ \mu &= \frac{v^2}{gr} \\ \mu &= \frac{(26.38m/s)^2}{(9.8m/s^2)(85m)} \\ \mu &= 0.84\end{aligned}$$

80. A coffee cup on the horizontal dashboard of a car slides forward when the driver decelerates from 45km/h to rest in 3.5s or less, but not if he decelerates in a longer time. What is the coefficient of static friction between the cup and the dash? Assume the road and the dashboard are level (horizontal).

$$\begin{aligned}\mu \times g &= a & v &= v_0 + at \\ \mu &= \frac{a}{g} & v - v_0 &= at \\ & & \frac{v - v_0}{t} &= a \\ & & \frac{45km}{h} \times \frac{(1000m)(h)}{(3600s)(km)} \rightarrow \frac{12.5m/s}{3.5s} &= a \\ & & 3.57m/s^2 &= a \\ \mu &= \frac{3.57m/s^2}{9.8m/s^2} \\ \mu &= 0.364\end{aligned}$$

85. In a "Rotor-ride" at a carnival, people rotate in a vertical cylindrically walled "room." If the room radius is 5.5m, and the rotation frequency 0.50 revolutions per second when the floor drops out, what minimum coefficient of static friction keeps the people from slipping down? People on this ride said they were "pressed against the wall." Is there really an outward force pressing them against the wall? If so, what is its source? If not, what is the proper description of their situation (besides nausea)?[Hint: Draw a free-body diagram for a person.]

$$\Sigma F_x : F_N = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$\Sigma F_y : F_{fr} - mg = 0$$

$$\mu \times F_N - mg = 0$$

$$\mu \times F_N = mg$$

$$F_N = \frac{mg}{\mu}$$

$$m \frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{mg}{\mu}$$

$$A = (2)(\pi)(5.5m)$$

$$\frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{g}{\mu}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}A = 5.5\pi m$$

$$\mu = \frac{Rg}{v^2}$$

$$v = \frac{5.5\pi m}{s}$$

$$\mu = \frac{(5.5m)(9.8m/s^2)}{(5.5\pi m/s)^2}$$

$$\mu = 0.18$$

There is no outward force. The people were experiencing the sensation of the Normal Force from the wall pushing on their back.