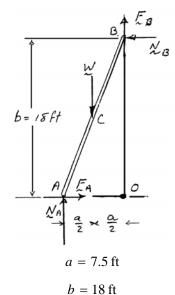


A 19.5-ft ladder AB leans against a wall as shown. Assuming that the coefficient of static friction μ_s is the same at A and B, determine the smallest value of μ_s for which equilibrium is maintained.

SOLUTION

FBD ladder:



Motion impends at both *A* and *B*.

$$F_A = \mu_s N_A \qquad F_B = \mu_s N_B$$

$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \quad F_A - N_B = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad N_B = F_A = \mu_s N_A$$
Then
$$F_B = \mu_s N_B = \mu_s^2 N_A$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad N_A - W + F_B = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad N_A \left(1 + \mu_s^2\right) = W$$

$$\left(\sum M_O = 0: \quad bN_B + \frac{a}{2}W - aN_A = 0\right)$$
or
$$aN_A - b\mu_s N_A = \frac{a}{2}W = \frac{a}{2}N_A \left(1 + \mu_s^2\right)$$

$$\mu_s^2 + \frac{2b}{a}\mu_s - 1 = 0$$

$$\mu_s = -\frac{b}{a} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 + 1} = -2.4 \pm 2.6$$

The positive root is physically possible. Therefore,

 $\mu_s = 0.200 \blacktriangleleft$

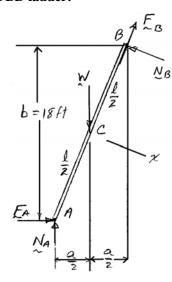


A 19.5-ft ladder AB leans against a wall as shown. Assuming that the coefficient of static friction μ_s is the same at A and B, determine the smallest value of μ_s for which equilibrium is maintained.

 $F_A = \mu_s N_A$ and $F_B = \mu_s N_B$

SOLUTION

FBD ladder:



$$l = 19.5 \text{ ft}$$

$$\frac{a}{l} = \frac{5}{13}$$

$$\frac{b}{l} = \frac{12}{13}$$

 $a = 7.5 \, \text{ft}$

Motion impends at both A and B, so

$$\sum M_A = 0: \ lN_B - \frac{a}{2}W = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad N_B = \frac{a}{2l}W = \frac{7.5 \, \text{ft}}{39 \, \text{ft}}W$$
or
$$N_B = \frac{2.5}{13}W$$
Then
$$F_B = \mu_s N_B = \mu_s \frac{2.5W}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \quad F_A + \frac{5}{13} F_B - \frac{12}{13} N_B = 0$$

$$\mu_s N_A + \frac{12.5}{(13)^2} \mu_s W - \frac{30}{(13)^2} W = 0$$

$$N_A - \frac{W}{(13)^2} \frac{(30 - 12.5\mu_s)}{\mu_s}$$

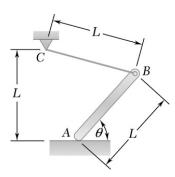
$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad N_A - W + \frac{12}{13} F_B + \frac{5}{13} N_B = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{30 - 12.5\mu_s}{\mu_s} + 30\mu_s + 12.5\right) \frac{W}{(13)^2} = W$$
or
$$\mu_s^2 - 5.6333\mu_s + 1 = 0$$

$$\mu_s = 2.8167 \pm 2.6332$$
or
$$\mu_s = 0.1835 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_s = 5.45$$

The larger value is very unlikely unless the surface is treated with some "non-skid" material.

In any event, the smallest value for equilibrium is $\mu_s = 0.1835$

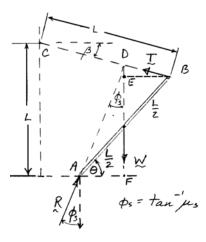


End A of a slender, uniform rod of weight W and length L bears on a horizontal surface as shown, while end B is supported by a cord BC of length L. Knowing that the coefficient of static friction is 0.40, determine (a) the value of θ for which motion is impending, (b) the corresponding value of the tension in the cord.

SOLUTION

FBD rod:

W



(a) Geometry: $BE = \frac{L}{2}\cos\theta$ $DE = \left(\frac{L}{2}\cos\theta\right)\tan\beta$

$$EF = L\sin\theta$$
 $DF = \frac{L}{2}\frac{\cos\theta}{\tan\phi_s}$

So
$$L\left(\frac{1}{2}\cos\theta\tan\beta + \sin\theta\right) = \frac{L}{2}\frac{\cos\theta}{\tan\phi_s}$$

or
$$\tan \beta + 2 \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \phi_s} = \frac{1}{\mu_s} = \frac{1}{0.4} = 2.5$$
 (1)

Also,
$$L\sin\theta + L\sin\beta = L$$

or
$$\sin \theta + \sin \beta = 1$$
 (2)

Solving Eqs. (1) and (2) numerically $\theta_1 = 4.62^{\circ}$ $\beta_1 = 66.85^{\circ}$

$$\theta_2 = 48.20^{\circ}$$
 $\beta_2 = 14.75^{\circ}$

Therefore.

$$\theta = 4.62^{\circ}$$
 and $\theta = 48.2^{\circ}$



$$\phi_s = \tan^{-1} \mu_s = \tan^{-1} 0.4 = 21.801^{\circ}$$

and

$$\frac{T}{\sin \phi_s} = \frac{W}{\sin \left(90 + \beta - \phi_s\right)}$$

or

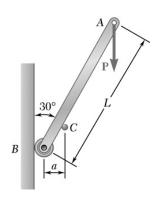
$$T = W \frac{\sin \phi_s}{\sin (90 + \beta - \phi_s)}$$

For

$$\theta = 4.62^{\circ}$$
 $T = 0.526W$

T = 0.374W

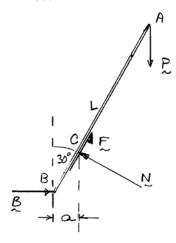
$$\theta = 48.2^{\circ}$$



A slender rod of length L is lodged between peg C and the vertical wall and supports a load \mathbf{P} at end A. Knowing that the coefficient of static friction between the peg and the rod is 0.25 and neglecting friction at the roller, determine the range of values of the ratio L/a for which equilibrium is maintained.

SOLUTION

FBD rod:



$$\left(\sum M_B = 0: \frac{a}{\sin 30^\circ} N - L \sin 30^\circ P = 0\right)$$

$$N = \frac{L}{a}\sin^2 30^{\circ} P = \frac{L}{a}\frac{P}{4}$$

Impending motion at C: down $\to F = \mu_s N$ $\sup \to F = -\mu_s N \} F = \pm \frac{N}{4}$

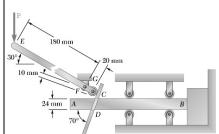
$$\pm \frac{L}{a} \frac{P}{16} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{L}{a} \frac{P}{4} \frac{1}{2} = P$$

$$\frac{L}{a} \left[\frac{1}{8} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{32} \right] = 1$$

$$\frac{L}{a} = \frac{32}{4 \pm \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{L}{a} = 5.583$$
 and $\frac{L}{a} = 14.110$

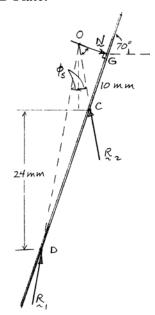
$$5.58 \le \frac{L}{a} \le 14.11$$



The basic components of a clamping device are bar AB, locking plate CD, and lever EFG; the dimensions of the slot in CD are slightly larger than those of the cross section of AB. To engage the clamp, AB is pushed against the workpiece, and then force \mathbf{P} is applied. Knowing that $P=160~\mathrm{N}$ and neglecting the friction force between the lever and the plate, determine the smallest allowable value of the static coefficient of friction between the bar and the plate.

SOLUTION

FBD Plate:



DC is three-force member and motion impends at C and D (for minimum μ_s).

$$\angle OCG = 20^{\circ} + \phi_s$$
 $\angle ODG = 20^{\circ} - \phi_s$

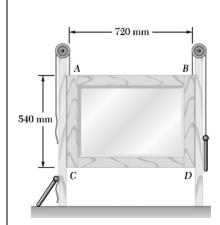
$$\overline{OG} = (10 \text{ mm}) \tan(20^\circ + \phi_s) = \left(\frac{24 \text{ mm}}{\sin 70^\circ} + 10 \text{ mm}\right) \tan(20^\circ - \phi_s)$$

or
$$\tan(20^{\circ} + \phi_s) = 3.5540 \tan(20^{\circ} - \phi_s)$$

Solving numerically $\phi_s = 10.565^{\circ}$

Now $\mu_s = \tan \phi_s$

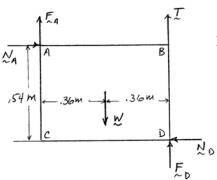
so that $\mu_{\rm c} = 0.1865 \blacktriangleleft$



A window sash having a mass of 4 kg is normally supported by two 2-kg sash weights. Knowing that the window remains open after one sash cord has broken, determine the smallest possible value of the coefficient of static friction. (Assume that the sash is slightly smaller that the frame and will bind only at points A and D.)

SOLUTION

FBD window:



$$W = (4 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 39.24 \text{ N}$$

$$T = (2 \text{ kg})(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 19.62 \text{ N} = \frac{W}{2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \qquad N_A - N_D = 0 \qquad N_A = N_D$$

$$N_A - N_D = 0 \qquad N_A = N_D$$

Impending motion:
$$F_A = \mu_s N_A$$
 $F_D = \mu_s N_D$

$$(\Sigma M_D = 0: (0.36 \text{ m})W - (0.54 \text{ m})N_A - (0.72 \text{ m})F_A = 0$$

$$W = \frac{3}{2}N_A + 2\mu_s N_A$$

$$N_A = \frac{2W}{3 + 4\mu_s}$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad F_A - W + T + F_D = 0$$

$$F_A + F_D = W - T$$

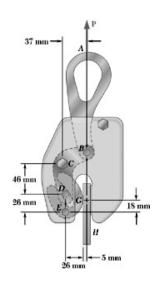
$$=\frac{W}{2}$$

Now
$$F_A + F_D = \mu_s (N_A + N_D) = 2\mu_s N_A$$

Then
$$\frac{W}{2} = 2\mu_s \frac{2W}{3 + 4\mu_s}$$

or

 $\mu_s = 0.750 \blacktriangleleft$



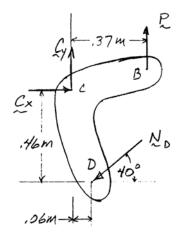
The steel-plate clamp shown is used to lift a steel plate H of mass 250 kg. Knowing that the normal force exerted on steel cam EG by pin D forms an angle of 40° with the horizontal and neglecting the friction force between the cam and the pin, determine the smallest allowable value of the coefficient of static friction.

SOLUTION

FBDs:

BCD:

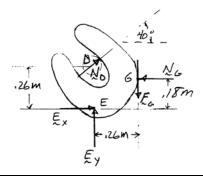
(Note: **P** is vertical as AB is two force member; also P = W since clamp + plate is a two force FBD)



or

$$(\Sigma M_C = 0: (0.37 \text{ m})P - (0.46 \text{ m})N_D \cos 40^\circ$$
$$-(0.06 \text{ m})N_D \sin 40^\circ = 0$$
$$N_D = 0.94642P = 0.94642W$$

EG:



$$(\Sigma M_E = 0: (0.18 \text{ m}) N_G - (0.26 \text{ m}) F_G - (0.26 \text{ m}) N_D \cos 40^\circ = 0$$

Impending motion: $F_G = \mu_s N_G$

Combining $(18 + 26\mu_s)N_G = 19.9172N_D$

= 18.850W

PROBLEM 8.27 CONTINUED

Plate:

From plate:

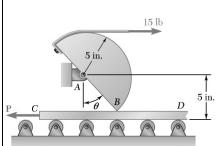
Then

$$F_G = \frac{W}{2}$$
 so that $N_G = \frac{W}{2\mu_s}$

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$$(18 + 26\mu_s)\frac{W}{2\mu_s} = 18.85W$$

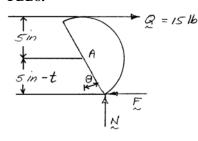
 $\mu_s = 0.283 \blacktriangleleft$



The 5-in.-radius cam shown is used to control the motion of the plate CD. Knowing that the coefficient of static friction between the cam and the plate is 0.45 and neglecting friction at the roller supports, determine (a) the force \mathbf{P} for which motion of the plate is impending knowing that the plate is 1 in. thick, (b) the largest thickness of the plate for which the mechanism is self-locking, (that is, for which the plate cannot be moved however large the force \mathbf{P} may be).

SOLUTION

FBDs:



From plate: $\longrightarrow \Sigma F_r = 0$: F - P = 0 F = P

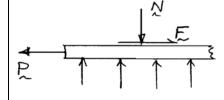
From cam geometry:
$$\cos \theta = \frac{5 \text{ in.} - t}{5 \text{ in.}}$$

$$\left(\sum M_A = 0: \left[(5 \text{ in.}) \sin \theta \right] N - \left[(5 \text{ in.}) \cos \theta \right] F - (5 \text{ in.}) Q = 0$$

Impending motion:

$$F = \mu_s N$$

$$N\sin\theta - \mu_s N\cos\theta = Q = 15 \text{ lb}$$



$$N = \frac{Q}{\sin \theta - \mu_s \cos \theta}$$

$$P = F = \mu_s N = \frac{\mu_s Q}{\sin \theta - \mu_s \cos \theta}$$

(a)
$$t = 1 \text{ in.} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{4 \text{ in.}}{5 \text{ in.}} = 0.8; \sin \theta = 0.6$$

$$P = \frac{(0.45)(15 \text{ lb})}{0.6 - (0.45)(0.8)} = 28.125 \text{ lb}; \mathbf{P} = 28.1 \text{ lb} \blacktriangleleft \blacktriangleleft$$

$$(b) P \to \infty: \sin \theta - \mu_s \cos \theta = \frac{\mu_s Q}{P} \longrightarrow 0$$

Thus
$$\tan \theta \rightarrow \mu_s = 0.45$$
 so that $\theta = 24.228^{\circ}$

But
$$(5 \text{ in.})\cos\theta = 5 \text{ in.} - t$$
 or $t = (5 \text{ in.})(1 - \cos\theta)$

 $t = 0.440 \, \text{in}$.

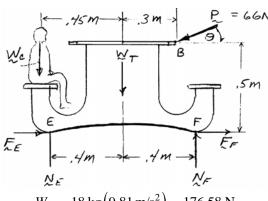
300 mm 450 mm-500 mm _ 400 mm_

PROBLEM 8.29

A child having a mass of 18 kg is seated halfway between the ends of a small, 16-kg table as shown. The coefficient of static friction is 0.20 between the ends of the table and the floor. If a second child pushes on edge B of the table top at a point directly opposite to the first child with a force P lying in a vertical plane parallel to the ends of the table and having a magnitude of 66 N, determine the range of values of θ for which the table will (a) tip, (b) slide.

SOLUTION

FBD table + child:



$$W_C = 18 \text{ kg} (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 176.58 \text{ N}$$

$$W_T = 16 \text{ kg} (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) = 156.96 \text{ N}$$

(a) Impending tipping about E, $N_F = F_F = 0$, and

$$(\Sigma M_E = 0: (0.05 \text{ m})(176.58 \text{ N}) - (0.4 \text{ m})(156.96 \text{ N}) + (0.5 \text{ m})P\cos\theta - (0.7 \text{ m})P\sin\theta = 0$$

$$33\cos\theta - 46.2\sin\theta = 53.955$$

Solving numerically

$$\theta = -36.3^{\circ}$$
 and $\theta = -72.6^{\circ}$

Therefore

$$-72.6^{\circ} \le \theta \le -36.3^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$

Impending tipping about *F* is not possible

(b) For impending slip:
$$F_E = \mu_s N_E = 0.2 N_E \qquad F_F = \mu_s N_F = 0.2 N_F$$

$$\rightarrow$$
 $\Sigma F_x = 0$: $F_E + F_F - P\cos\theta = 0$ or $0.2(N_E + N_F) = (66 \text{ N})\cos\theta$

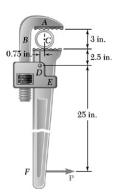
$$\Sigma F_{v} = 0$$
: $N_E + N_F - 176.58 \text{ N} - 156.96 \text{ N} - P \sin \theta = 0$

$$N_E + N_F = (66\sin\theta + 333.54) \,\mathrm{N}$$

So
$$330\cos\theta = 66\sin\theta + 333.54$$

Solving numerically,
$$\theta = -3.66^{\circ}$$
 and $\theta = -18.96^{\circ}$

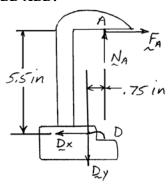
Therefore,
$$-18.96^{\circ} \le \theta \le -3.66^{\circ} \blacktriangleleft$$



A pipe of diameter 3 in. is gripped by the stillson wrench shown. Portions AB and DE of the wrench are rigidly attached to each other, and portion CF is connected by a pin at D. If the wrench is to grip the pipe and be self-locking, determine the required minimum coefficients of friction at A and C.

SOLUTION

FBD ABD:



$$\sum M_D = 0$$
: $(0.75 \text{ in.}) N_A - (5.5 \text{ in.}) F_A = 0$

Impending motion:

$$F_A = \mu_A N_A$$

Then

$$0.75 - 5.5\mu_A = 0$$

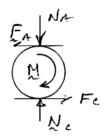
or

$$\mu_A = 0.13636$$

 $\mu_A = 0.1364 \blacktriangleleft$

$$\longrightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0: \quad F_A - D_x = 0 \qquad D_x = F_A$$

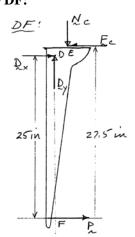
Pipe:



$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0: \quad N_C - N_A = 0$$

$N_C = N_A$

FBD DF:



$$\sum M_F = 0$$
: $(27.5 \text{ in.}) F_C - (0.75 \text{ in.}) N_C - (25 \text{ in.}) D_x = 0$

Impending motion: $F_C = \mu_C N_C$

Then $27.5\mu_C - 0.75 = 25 \frac{F_A}{N_C}$

But $N_C = N_A$ and $\frac{F_A}{N_A} = \mu_A = 0.13636$

So $27.5\mu_C = 0.75 + 25(0.13636)$

 $\mu_C = 0.1512$