



The two objects will move together, so it will be helpful to analyze them as a system, as above.

Solve We can find each of the kinetic friction forces from the normal forces: $f_{k,SA} = \mu_k n_{SA}$, $f_{k,SB} = \mu_k n_{SB}$.

The normal forces can be determined by analyzing the y-motion:

$$n_{SA} - W_{EA} = m_A a_{Ay} = 0 = n_{SA} - m_A g$$

$$\Rightarrow n_{SA} = m_A g$$

and, similarly, $n_{SB} = m_B g$.

$$\text{So } f_{k,SA} = \mu_k m_A g \quad f_{k,SB} = \mu_k m_B g$$

Now look at the x-motion of the system A and B.

$$F_{\text{net},x} = m_{A+B} a_x$$

$$n_{HA} - f_{k,SA} - f_{k,SB} = m_{A+B} a_x$$

$$\Rightarrow a_x = \frac{n_{HA} - \mu_k m_A g - \mu_k m_B g}{m_A + m_B} = 5.06 \text{ m/s}^2$$

b) Looking at object B:

$$F_{\text{net},x} = n_{AB} - f_{k,SB} = m_B a_{Bx}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_{AB} = m_B a_{Bx} + f_{k,SB}$$

$$= m_B a_{Bx} + \mu_k m_B g$$

$$= 32 \text{ N}$$

this is equal in magnitude to n_{BA} , since they are a 3rd law

Reflect If we treat the two as a pair system the internal forces \vec{n}_{SA} and \vec{n}_{AB} don't matter.