

Lecture 3

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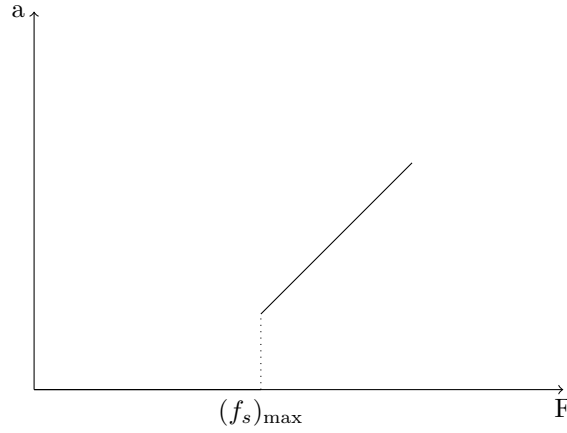
1 Friction

Friction is an adaptive force, which inhibits the
Experimentally, it is observed that $(f_s)_{\max} \propto N$

$$(f_s)_{\max} \doteq \mu_s N$$
$$f_k \doteq \mu_k N$$

It is observed that for most pairs of materials, $f_k < f_s$
Hence, against an external force F ,

$$f = \begin{cases} F; & F \leq (f_s)_{\max} \\ \mu_k N; & F > (f_s)_{\max} \end{cases}$$



1.1 Body on a rough inclined plane

For the body to be in static equilibrium,

$$f \leq \mu_s N$$
$$\leq \mu_s mg \cos \theta$$
$$f = mg \sin \theta$$
$$\therefore mg \sin \theta \leq \mu_s mg \cos \theta$$
$$\therefore \mu_s \geq \tan \theta$$

1.2 Two bodies across a pulley

$$N = m_1 g$$
$$T = m_1 a$$
$$m_2 g - T = m_2 a$$

Solving the above equations,

$$m_2 g = (m_1 + m_2) a$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$$

1.3 Two bodies across 2 pulleys

$$m_1 g = N$$

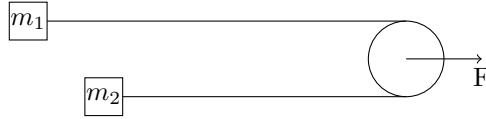
$$T_1 = m_1 a_1$$

$$m_2 g - T_2 = m_2 a_2$$

$$T_2 - 2T_1 = (0)(a_2) = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a_1}{2}$$

1.4 2 bodies and a pulley in horizontal plane



If the pulley moves by a distance x_3 , m_1 moves by x_1 , and m_2 moves by x_2 . The length of the rope is constant.

$$\therefore x_1 + x_2 = 2x_3$$

$$\therefore x_3 = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_3 = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}$$

1.5 Body on another body with pulley

1.5.1 Case I: No relative motion

$$(m_1 + m_2) a = F$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{F}{m_1 + m_2}$$

1.5.2 Case II: Relative motion exists

$$m_1 a = \frac{F}{2} + f$$

$$m_2 a = \frac{F}{2} - f$$

No relative motion will persist as long as

$$f < (f_s)_{\max} = \mu_s N_{12} = \mu_s m_2 g$$

1.6 2 Bodies and 3 pulleys

For m_1 ,

$$\hat{y} : N_{\text{floor}} = m_1 g + T$$

$$\hat{x} : 2T - N = m_1 a_1$$

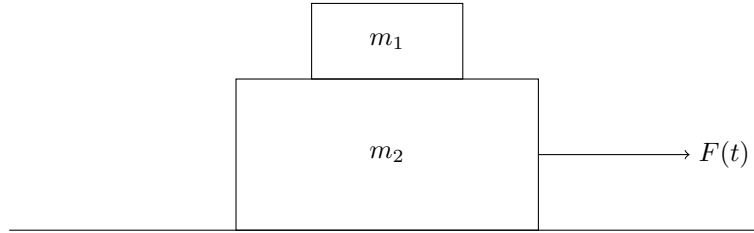
For m_2 ,

$$\hat{y} : m_2 g - T = m_2 a_2 \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{x} : N = m_2 a_1 \quad (2)$$

$$a_2 = 2a_1 \quad (3)$$

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Given : The force varies as $F = bt; b > 0$, and the coefficients of friction between all surfaces are μ_s, μ_k .

Stage I: No movement

No movement will occur till $f = \mu_s N_{\text{floor}} = \mu_s (m_1 + m_2)g$

If movement starts at say t_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned} f &= F(t_0) = bt_0 \\ \therefore \mu_s (m_1 + m_2)g &= bt_0 \\ \therefore t_0 &= \frac{\mu_s (m_1 + m_2)g}{b} \end{aligned}$$

Stage II: m_1 and m_2 move together

$$\begin{aligned} bt - \mu_k N_{\text{floor}} &= (m_1 + m_2)a \\ \therefore bt - \mu_k (m_1 + m_2)g &= (m_1 + m_2)a \\ \therefore a &= \frac{b}{m_1 + m_2}t - \mu_k g \end{aligned}$$

For m_1 ,

$$\hat{x} : f_{12} = m_1 a$$

$$\hat{y} : N_{12} = m_1 g$$

For m_2 ,

$$\hat{x} : F - f - f_{12} = m_2 a$$

$$\hat{y} : N_{\text{floor}} = N_{12} + m_2 g$$

At $t = t_1$,

$$f_{12} = \mu_s n_{12} = \mu_s m_1 g$$

Therefore,

$$t_1 = \frac{(\mu_s + \mu_k)g(m_1 + m_2)}{b}$$

Stage III: m_1 and m_2 are in relative motion

For m_1 ,

$$\hat{x} : \mu_k N_{12} = m_1 a_1$$

$$\hat{y} : N_{12} = m_1 g$$

For m_2 ,

$$\hat{x} : bt - \mu_k N_{\text{floor}} - \mu_k n_{12} = m_2 a_2$$

$$\hat{y} : N_{\text{floor}} = N_{12} + m_2 g$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{\mu_k N_{12}}{m_1} \\ &= \frac{\mu_k m_1 g}{m_1} \\ &= \mu_k g \\ a_2 &= \frac{b}{m_2} t - \frac{\mu_k}{m_2} (m_1 g + m_2 g) - \frac{\mu_k m_1 g}{m_2} \\ &= \frac{b}{m_2} t - \mu_k g \left(2 \frac{m_1}{m_2} + 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

At $t = t_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{b}{m_2} t_1 - \mu_k g \left(2 \frac{m_1}{m_2} + 1 \right) \\ &= \mu_s g + \frac{m_1}{m_2} (\mu_s - \mu_k) g \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for $t > t_1$

$$a_2 > a_1$$