

Resolving Forces 2i

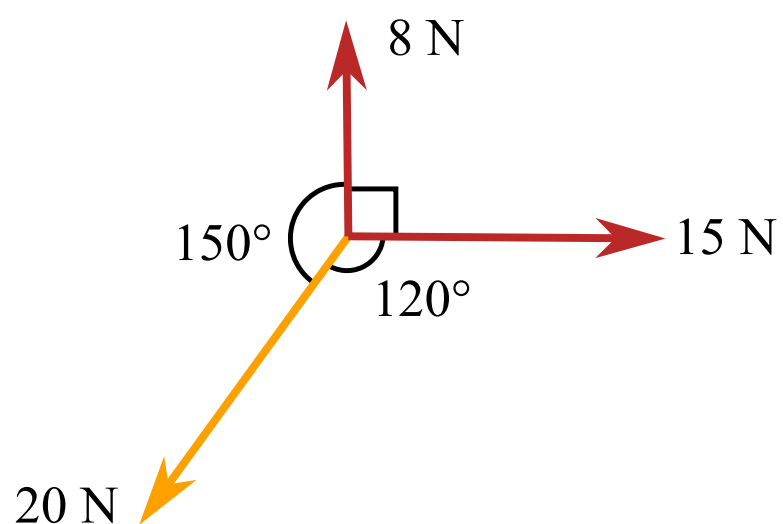


Figure 1: Three horizontal forces of magnitudes 8 N, 15 N and 20 N acting at a point

Three horizontal forces of magnitudes 8 N, 15 N and 20 N act at a point. The 8 N and 15 N forces are at right angles. The 20 N force takes an angle of 150° with the 8 N force and an angle of 120° with the 15 N force.

Part A Resultant force

Calculate the component of the resultant of the three forces, along the direction of the 15 N force.

Calculate the component of the resultant of the three forces, along the direction of the 8 N force. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part B Magnitude and angle

Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force to 3 significant figures.

Calculate the angle it makes with the direction of the 8 N force to 3 significant figures.

Part C Greatest and least

The directions in which the three horizontal forces act can be altered.

State the greatest possible magnitudes of the resultant force to 2 significant figures.

State the least possible magnitudes of the resultant force.

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Resolving Forces 1i

Three coplanar forces of magnitudes 5.00 N, 8.00 N and 8.00 N act at the origin O of rectangular coordinate axes. The directions of the forces are as shown in **Figure 1**.

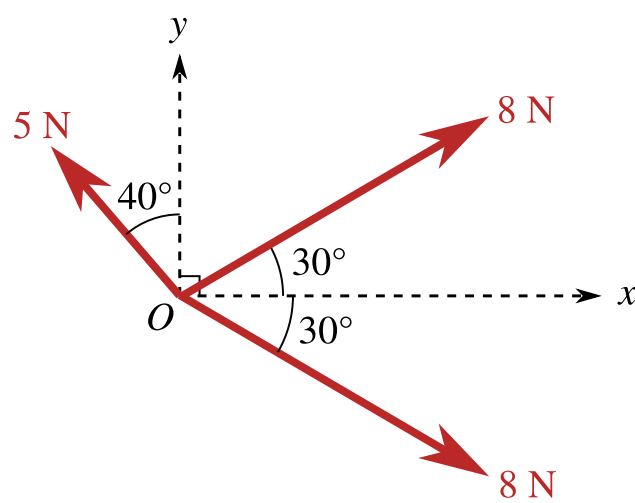


Figure 1: The magnitudes and directions of the three forces.

Part A The x component

Find the component of the resultant of the three forces in the x -direction.

Part B The y component

Find the component of the resultant of the three forces in the y -direction.

Part C The magnitude

Find the magnitude of the resultant.

Part D The direction

Find the direction of the resultant, as an anti-clockwise angle from the positive x -axis. Give your answer in degrees to 3 significant figures

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Friction 2ii

A block B of mass 0.8 kg is pulled across a horizontal surface by a force of 6 N inclined at an angle of 60° to the upward vertical. The coefficient of friction between the block and the surface is 0.2 .

Part A Vertical component

Calculate the vertical component of the force exerted on B by the surface. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part B Acceleration of B

Calculate the acceleration of B correct to 3 significant figures.

Part C Time taken for B

The 6 N force is removed when B has speed 4.9 m s^{-1} .

Calculate the time taken for B to decelerate from a speed of 4.9 m s^{-1} to rest. Give your answer correct to 2 significant figures.

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General Contact Force 1ii

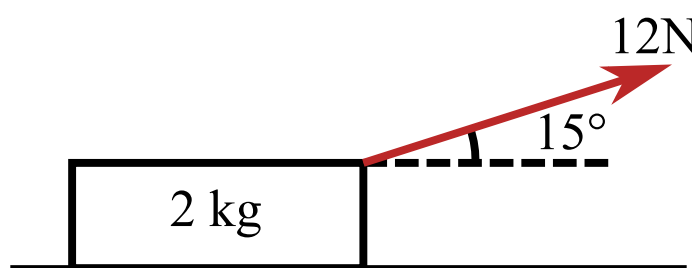


Figure 1: A block resting on a rough horizontal plane acted on by a force of 12 N at an angle of 15° to the horizontal.

A block of mass 2 kg is at rest on a rough horizontal plane, acted on by a force of magnitude 12 N at an angle of 15° upwards from the horizontal.

Part A Frictional component

Find the frictional component of the contact force exerted on the block by the plane. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part B Magnitude of normal component

Find the magnitude of the normal component of the contact force exerted on the block by the plane, correct to 3 significant figures.

Part C Coefficient of friction

It is given that the block is on the point of sliding.

Find the coefficient of friction between the block and the plane.

Part D Acceleration of block

The force of magnitude 12 N is now replaced by a horizontal force of magnitude 20 N . The block starts to move.

Assuming that the frictional force due to the rough plane has the same coefficient of friction as that found in Part C, find the acceleration of the block correct to 3 significant figures.

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General Contact Force 1i

A particle P of mass 0.6 kg is projected up a line of greatest slope of a plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal. P moves with deceleration 10 m s^{-2} and comes to rest before reaching the top of the plane.

Part A Frictional force

Calculate the frictional force acting on P to 3 significant figures.

Part B Finding μ

Calculate the coefficient of friction between P and the plane to 3 significant figures.

Part C P in motion

For when P is **in motion**, find the magnitude of the contact force exerted on P by the plane. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

For when P is **in motion**, find the angle between the contact force and the upward direction of the line of greatest slope. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part D *P* at rest

For when *P* is **at rest**, find the magnitude of the contact force exerted on *P* by the plane. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

For when *P* is **at rest**, find the angle between the contact force and the upward direction of the line of greatest slope. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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Motion on Inclined Planes 1i



A and B are two points on a line of greatest slope of a plane inclined at 45° to the horizontal and $AB = 2.0 \text{ m}$. A particle P of mass 0.40 kg is projected from A towards B with speed 5.0 m s^{-1} . The coefficient of friction between the plane and P is 0.20 .

Part A Speed of P

Given that the level of A is above the level of B , calculate the speed of P when it passes through the point B .

Part B Time taken by P

What is the time taken for P to travel from A to B ?

Part C P reaching B

Given instead that the level of A is below that of B , will P reach B ?

- ☐ Yes, it reaches B with a speed of 2 m s^{-1} .
- ☐ No, it does not reach B . It only travels 1.5 m up the incline.
- ☐ No, it does not reach B . It only travels 0.5 m up the slope.
- ☐ Yes, it just reaches B , but no further.



Friction on Inclined Planes 1i

A Level



A board is fixed so that it makes an angle of 11° with the horizontal. A block of mass 0.2 kg is placed on the board and then set in motion with an initial speed of 2 m s^{-1} down a line of greatest slope of the board. The block comes to rest in 4 s . The coefficient of friction between the block and the board is μ .

Part A Deceleration

Find the deceleration of the block.

Part B Frictional force

Find the frictional force on the block while the block is in motion. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part C Finding μ

Find the value of μ to 3 significant figures.

Part D Finding α 1

With the block at rest on the board, the inclination of the board is gradually increased. The angle that the board makes with the horizontal is α .

Find α when the block starts to slide. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part E Finding α 2

Find α when the block is moving with acceleration of $g(1 - \mu) \cos \alpha$.

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Friction on Inclined Planes 3i

A Level



A sledge of mass 25 kg is on a plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the sledge and the plane is 0.2 .

Part A Tension in cable

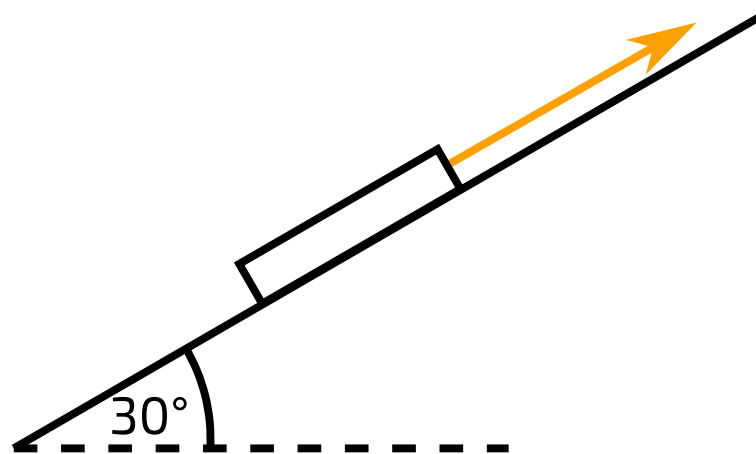


Figure 1: A sledge being pulled up an inclined plane.

The sledge is pulled up the plane, with constant acceleration, by means of a light cable which is parallel to a line of greatest slope. The sledge starts from rest and acquires a speed of 0.8 m s^{-1} after being pulled for 10 s .

Ignoring air resistance, find the tension in the cable correct to 3 significant figures.

Part B Least value of P

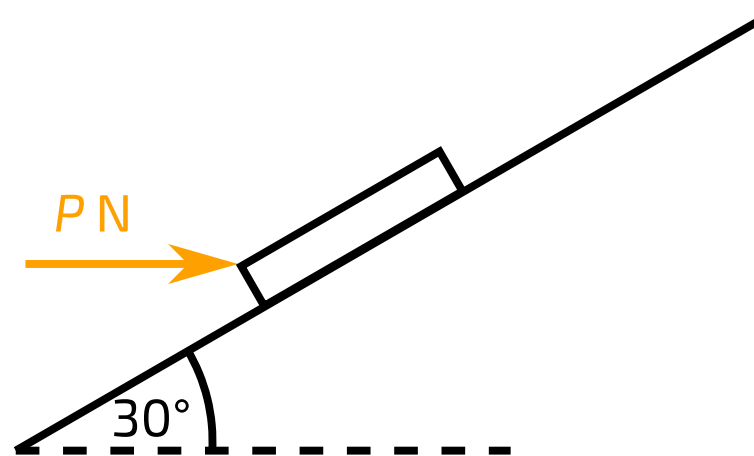


Figure 2: A sledge held at rest by a horizontal force on an inclined plane.

On a subsequent occasion the cable is not in use and two people of total mass 150 kg are seated in the sledge. The sledge is held at rest by a horizontal force of magnitude P newtons, as shown in Fig. 2.

Find the least value of P which will prevent the sledge from sliding down the plane. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

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