

Quiz 5

Name: _____

(1) Suppose you are standing on a train accelerating at 0.20 g .

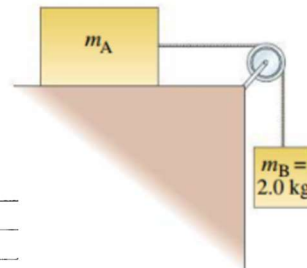
What is the *minimum coefficient of static friction* required between your feet and the floor to prevent slipping?

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_s F_N &= F_{fr} \geq ma \\ \mu_s F_N &= \mu_s mg \geq ma \\ \mu_s &\geq \frac{ma}{mg} = \frac{a}{g} = \frac{0.20g}{g} \\ \therefore \mu_s &\geq 0.20 \end{aligned}$$

(2) In the system shown in the figure, the coefficient of static friction between mass m_A and the table is 0.40 , and the coefficient of kinetic friction is 0.30 .

(a) What is the *minimum value* of m_A that will keep the system from starting to move?

(b) What value(s) of m_A will keep the system moving at *constant speed*?



23) (a)

In the horizontal direction, Newton's 2nd law (no acceleration) m_A at rest

$$F_{fr} - F_T = ma = 0$$

$$F_{fr} = F_T \rightarrow F_{fr} \geq F_T$$

at least m_A remains at rest

$$F_{fr} = \mu_s F_N (= \mu_s m_A g) \geq F_T (= m_B g)$$

$$\therefore \mu_s m_A g \geq m_B g \rightarrow m_A \geq \frac{m_B}{\mu_s} = \frac{2.0\text{ kg}}{0.40}$$

$$= 5.0\text{ kg} \quad \text{the minimum mass}$$

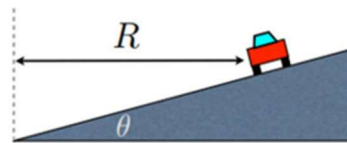
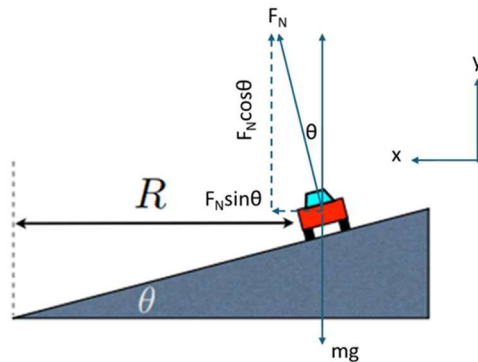
Still $F_{fr} = F_T = ma$ but $ma = 0$
 (since now it moves at constant speed)

$$F_{fr} = F_T \rightarrow \cancel{m_A g} = m_B g$$

$$m_A = \frac{m_B}{\mu_k} = \frac{2.0 \text{ kg}}{0.30} = \boxed{6.7 \text{ kg}}$$

(3) A car of mass m is running on a banked circular track where the banked surface has an angle θ with respect to the horizontal line. The car moves with a horizontal radius R from the symmetric axis of the circular track, as shown in the figure. Assume negligible friction between the tires and the surface. The car runs at a constant speed. Find the speed v of the car in terms of the given variables and relevant physical constants.

Solution



$$\text{In } y, F_n \cos \theta = mg \rightarrow F_n = mg / \cos \theta$$

$$\text{In } x, F_n \sin \theta = ma_c = m (v^2 / R)$$

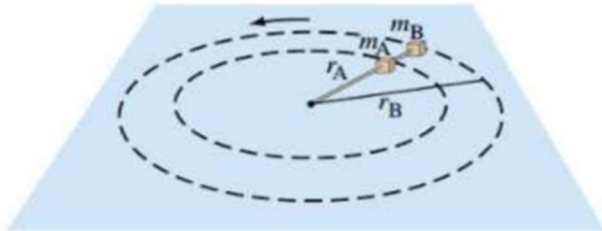
$$\text{From } F_n = mg / \cos \theta, (mg / \cos \theta) \sin \theta = m (v^2 / R)$$

$$g \tan \theta = v^2 / R,$$

$$\text{Solving for } v, v = \sqrt{R g \tan \theta}$$

(4) Two blocks, with masses m_A and m_B , are connected to each other and to a central post by cords, as shown in the figure. They rotate about the post at frequency f (revolutions per second) on a frictionless horizontal surface at distances r_A and r_B from the post.

Derive an algebraic expression for the *tension in each segment* of the cord (assumed massless).



Two tensions we need to find

Tension on A

T_{AB} : Tension between m_A and m_B

F_{PA} : Tension between the post and m_A

F_{PB} : Tension on B by the post

$F_{TA} = F_{TB} = T_{AB}$

F_{TP} : Tension on A by the post

$F_{TB} = m_B \frac{v_B^2}{r_B} = T_{AB}$

$F_{PA} - F_{TA} = m_A \frac{v_A^2}{r_A}$

$\therefore F_{PA} = F_{TA} + m_A \frac{v_A^2}{r_A} = m_B \frac{v_B^2}{r_B} + m_A \frac{v_A^2}{r_A}$

Further analysis for v (speed):

$v = f \left(\frac{\text{rev}}{\text{sec}} \right) = f (2\pi r)$

$T_{AB} = m_B \frac{(f 2\pi r_B)^2}{r_B} = 4\pi^2 r_B f^2 m_B$

$F_{PA} = 4\pi^2 r_B f^2 m_B + m_A \frac{(f 2\pi r_A)^2}{r_A} = 4\pi^2 f^2 (m_B r_B + m_A r_A)$