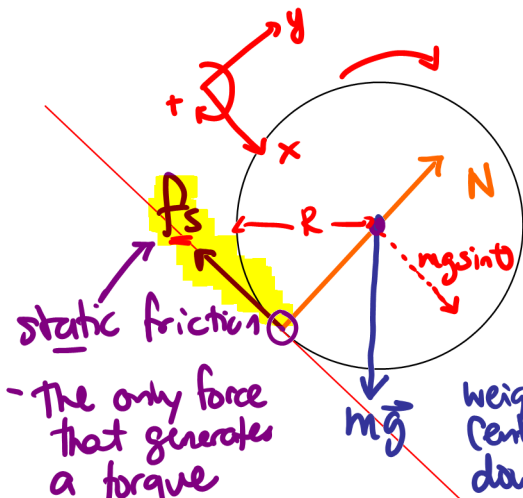


# BALL ROLLING DOWN AN INCLINE WITHOUT SLIPPING

- assume rigid body  $\rightarrow$  no deformation



normal force acts normal to the contact point.

weight acts at the center of mass. downward

static friction

- The only force that generates a torque (neither  $N$  nor  $mg$  generate torque)
- without  $f_s$ , the ball slides down instead.

grade 11 problem!!

$$\sum F_x = mgsin\theta - f_s = ma$$

$$\sum F_y = N - mgcos\theta = 0 \leftarrow \text{this may not have any effect}$$

$$\sum \tau = f_s \cdot R = I\alpha$$

- if the ball does not slip.

$$\begin{cases} a = \alpha R \\ v = \omega R \end{cases}$$

- torque

$$f_s \cdot R = \left(\frac{2}{5}mR^2\right)\left(\frac{a}{R}\right)$$

depends on what is rolling down. e.g. for a solid sphere  $I = \frac{2}{5}mR^2$

do not yet know whether this exceeds  $f_{s,max} = \mu N$

$$f_s = \frac{2}{5}ma$$

now we can relate friction to translational motion.

put this in the  $F_x$  equation

$$mgsin\theta - \frac{2}{5}ma = ma$$

$$mgsin\theta = \frac{7}{5}ma \rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{5}{7}gsin\theta}$$

- $\rightarrow$  sliding case without friction
- $\rightarrow$  rotating without slipping

$$a = gsin\theta$$

$$a = \frac{5}{7}gsin\theta \leftarrow \text{smaller value}$$

need a sanity check: is  $\frac{2}{5}ma > f_{s,max} ??$

$$\frac{2}{5}m\left(\frac{5}{7}gsin\theta\right) > \mu mgcos\theta$$

$$\frac{2}{7}sin\theta > \mu cos\theta$$

if this is satisfied, then kinetic friction. the ball slip.