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A child is pulling a m kg box of toys across the floor with a rope extending upward at an angle of θ degrees. The child is pulling with a force of T N, the coefficient of kinetic friction between the floor and the box is μ_k and the box starts at rest.

How much power is supplied by the child when time t s?

(Assume $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$)

given $m, g, \theta, T, \mu_k, t$

Find P

Force Equilibrium

$$\sum F_x = ma_x = T \cos \theta - F_f$$

$$(1) \quad a_x = \frac{T \cos \theta - F_f}{m}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 = T \sin \theta + N - mg$$

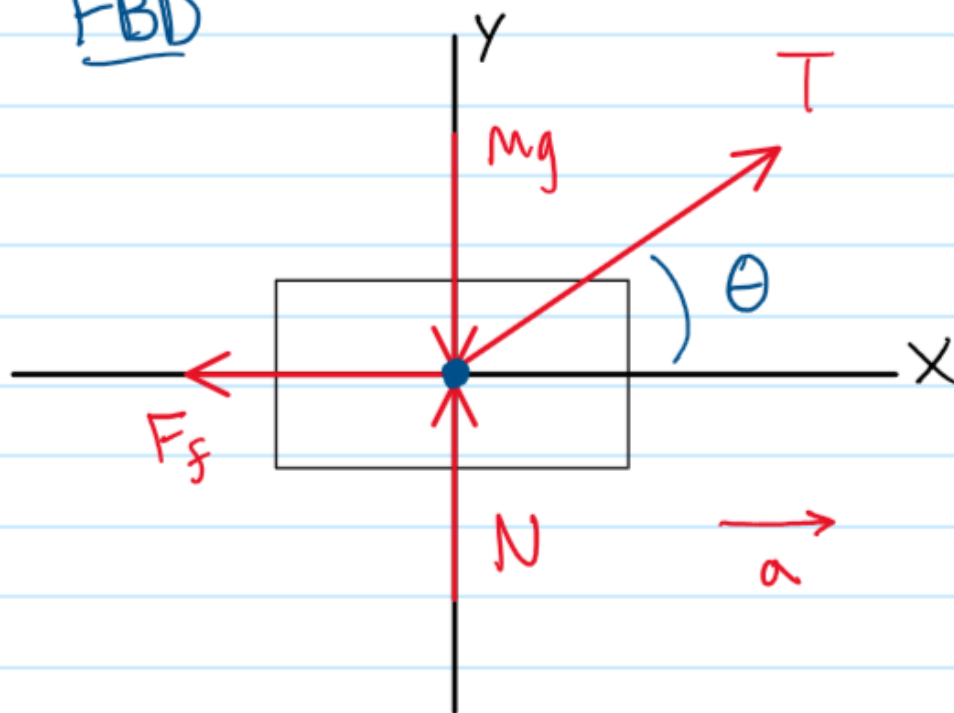
$$(2) \quad N = mg - T \sin \theta$$

$$(3) \quad \underline{F_f = \mu_k N}$$

$$[(2) \rightarrow (3)] \rightarrow (1)$$

$$a_x = \frac{T \cos \theta - \mu_k (mg - T \sin \theta)}{m}$$

FBD



Velocity at t

$$v = \cancel{v_0^0} + a_x t$$

Power supplied by child at t

$$\underline{P = T \cdot v}$$