



A box with mass  $m$  kg is being pulled by a force  $F$ , at an angle  $\theta$  above the horizontal, such that it slides at a constant velocity to the right. If the static coefficient of friction is  $\mu_s$  and the kinetic coefficient of friction is  $\mu_k$ , find the magnitude of the force  $F$ .

What is the ratio of friction force magnitude to normal force magnitude in this scenario?

Since the box is moving,  $\mu_k$

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$$+ \uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \rightarrow N + F \sin(\theta) - mg = 0$$

Since the box is moving,  $F_{\text{friction}} = \mu_k N$

$$+ \rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0 \rightarrow F \cos(\theta) - F_{\text{friction}} = 0 \rightarrow F \cos(\theta) - \mu_k N = 0$$

Combining both equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &= mg - F \sin(\theta) \\
 \rightarrow F \cos(\theta) &= \mu_k (mg - F \sin(\theta)) \\
 \Rightarrow F &= \frac{\mu_k \cdot mg}{\cos(\theta) + \mu_k \sin(\theta)}
 \end{aligned}$$