Physics 211 Exam 3, Question 5

This is not the full exam; this is part 5 of 5. The full instructions are in part 1; read them before you begin.

A skateboarder of mass m is standing on the edge of a drainage channel, as shown. The left side, where the skateboarder starts, is elevated at an angle θ ; the right side is elevated at an angle ϕ . The slopes on either side are smooth, and the skateboard moves over them with essentially no friction, but the flat bottom of width b is covered with a little sand, and the skateboard experiences a small amount of rolling friction there, with μ_r known.



Friction here; width b

The skateboarder starts a distance d up the left-hand side. They roll down the left side, across the sand-filled bottom, and up the right side.

(Give your answers to the first two parts in terms of the variables above, along with g.)

a) Determine the maximum distance d_2 that the skateboarder makes it up the right side. (This is the diagonal distance, not the height.) (10 points)

