PHYS121 Notes

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1 Chapter 5

1.1 Friction

There are three kinds of friction:

- Static friction: $\vec{f_s} \leq \mu_s n$. Applies when object is not moving. It adjusts itself so that the net force is 0, but it can only increase to $\mu_s n$ at most.
- Kinetic friction: $\vec{f}_k = \mu_r n$. Applies when object is moving.
- Rolling friction: $\vec{f_r} = \mu_r n$. Applies when object is rolling.

Interacting Objects

According to Newton's Third Law:

- Every force occurs as one member of an action/reaction pair of forces.
- The two forces act on different objects.
- The two forces point in opposite directions and have the same magnitude.

1.2 Ropes and Pulleys

Ropes