

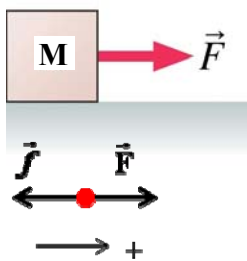
Physics 2211K  
Test # 2  
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TEST VERSION 3

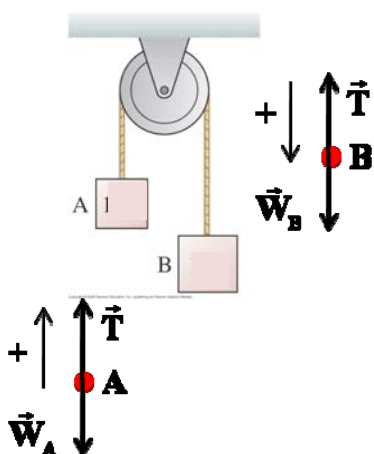
In order to evaluate your progress in this course, I must see how you arrive at your answers. **THEREFORE, YOU MUST SHOW YOUR WORK IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR A QUESTION.** Always circle your answer and show the units. {Unless otherwise instructed, use  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$  for all questions.}

1. In the sketch below, the applied force  $F = 70 \text{ N}$  causes the object of  $M = 14 \text{ kg}$  to slide with constant speed ( $v = 5 \text{ m/s}$ ) on the horizontal surface with friction. Calculate the coefficient of kinetic friction  $\mu_k$ . (10 pts)



$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{net}} &= ma = F - f = F - \mu n = F - \mu mg \\ \text{constant speed} &\Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ \& } F_{\text{net}} = 0 \\ \therefore f &= F = \mu mg, \text{ and} \\ \mu &= \frac{F}{mg} = \frac{70 \text{ N}}{140 \text{ N}} = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

2. In the pulley arrangement below, mass  $A = 8 \text{ kg}$ , mass  $B = 3 \text{ kg}$ , and they are connected by a massless string.
- a. Calculate the *acceleration of each*; (10 pts)

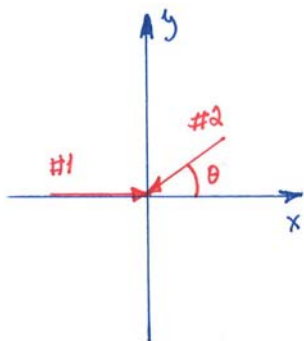


$$\begin{aligned} m_A a &= T - m_A g \\ m_B a &= m_B g - T \\ a &= \frac{(m_B - m_A)g}{(m_A + m_B)} = \frac{(-5 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m/s}^2)}{(11 \text{ kg})} = -4.54 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ (A goes down)} \end{aligned}$$

- b. Calculate the *tension in the string*. (10 pts)

$$\begin{aligned} T &= m_B g - m_B a = (6 \text{ kg})(14.54 \text{ m/s}^2) = 43.6 \text{ N} \\ &\text{(a is negative for the choice of + shown!)} \end{aligned}$$

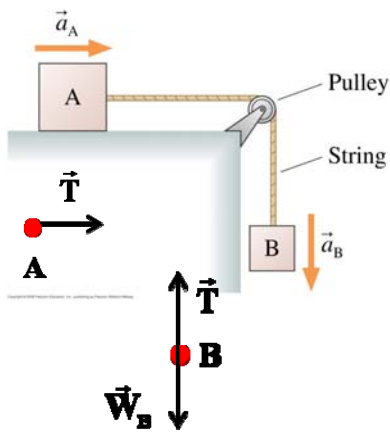
3. As sketched below, Georgia State's  $90 \text{ kg}$  running back (#1) runs at  $8 \text{ m/s}$  across the line of scrimmage. The other team's  $100 \text{ kg}$  linebacker (#2), running at  $6 \text{ m/s}$  ( $\theta = 30^\circ$  as shown) tackles the running back and holds on so they both move together afterwards. Calculate the *magnitude and direction of their velocity immediately after the impact*. (10 pts)



$$\begin{aligned} &\text{For collisions, momentum is conserved immediately before and after contact} \\ &\text{so } \vec{p}_{iT} = \vec{p}_{fT} \\ &\text{Momentum is a vector, so this becomes (note the direction of #2!!!):} \\ x: & (p_{1x} + p_{2x})_i = (p_{1x} + p_{2x})_f \Rightarrow (90 \text{ kg})(8 \text{ m/s}) - (100 \text{ kg})(6 \text{ m/s})\cos 30^\circ = (190 \text{ kg})v_{fx} \\ v_{fx} &= \frac{(720 - 519.6) \text{ kgm/s}}{190 \text{ kg}} = 1.05 \text{ m/s} \\ y: & (p_{1y} + p_{2y})_i = (p_{1y} + p_{2y})_f \Rightarrow 0 - (100 \text{ kg})(6 \text{ m/s})\sin 30^\circ = (190 \text{ kg})v_{fy} \\ v_{fy} &= \frac{(-300) \text{ kgm/s}}{190 \text{ kg}} = -1.58 \text{ m/s} \\ \vec{v}_f &= (1.05\hat{i} - 1.58\hat{j}) \text{ m/s, or } 1.88 \text{ m/s @ } -56.4^\circ \end{aligned}$$

4. In the system below, mass  $A = 12 \text{ kg}$ , mass  $B = 2 \text{ kg}$ , the horizontal surface is frictionless, and the string is massless.

a. Calculate the acceleration of the objects; (10 pts)



$$\begin{aligned}
 m_A a &= T \\
 m_B a &= W_B - T = m_B g - T = m_B g - m_A a \\
 a &= \frac{m_B g}{m_A + m_B} = \frac{20 \text{ N}}{14 \text{ kg}} = 1.43 \text{ m/s}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

b. Calculate the tension in the string. (10 pts)

$$T = m_A a = (12 \text{ kg})(1.43 \text{ m/s}^2) = 17.1 \text{ N}$$

5. A  $1500 \text{ kg}$  car traveling at  $20 \text{ m/s}$  (approx. 50 mi/hr) approaches an unbanked (circular) curve with radius  $125 \text{ m}$ . If the coefficient of static friction between the car's tires and the road is  $\mu_k = 0.5$ , can the car go around the curve without sliding? (Show calculations to support your yes / no answer!!!) (10 pts)

To travel around the curve, the car needs

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} = (1500 \text{ kg}) \left( \frac{400 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2}{125 \text{ m}} \right) = 4800 \text{ N}$$

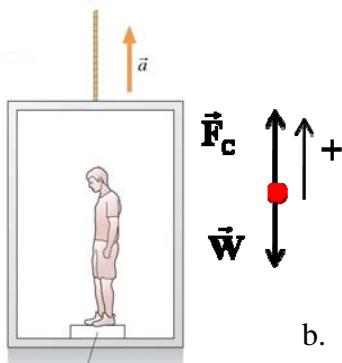
Maximum  $f_s = \mu_s n = \mu_s mg = (0.5)(1500 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m/s}^2) = 7500 \text{ N}$

$\therefore f_s$  can provide more than the necessary force since  $7500 \text{ N} > 4800 \text{ N}$ .

The answer is YES.

6. As sketched below, the  $80 \text{ kg}$  person is in an elevator accelerating upwards at  $3.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

a. How much is the force of contact between his feet and the floor of the elevator? (10 pts)

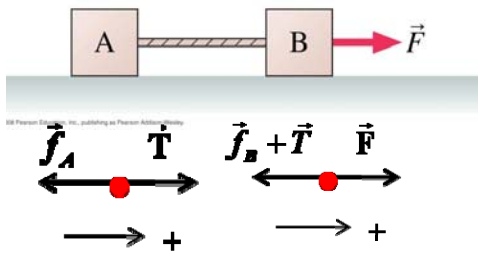


$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\text{net}} &= ma = F_c - mg \Rightarrow F_c = ma + mg = m(a + g) \\
 \text{Up} &\Rightarrow a > 0 \\
 F_c &= (80 \text{ kg})(13.0 \text{ m/s}^2) = 1040 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

b. Calculate the force of contact for the case of the elevator accelerating downwards at  $3.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ . (10 pts)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\text{net}} &= ma = F_c - mg \Rightarrow F_c = ma + mg = m(a + g) \\
 \text{Down} &\Rightarrow a < 0 \\
 F_c &= (80 \text{ kg})(7.0 \text{ m/s}^2) = 560 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

7. In the system below, mass  $A = 8 \text{ kg}$ , mass  $B = 6 \text{ kg}$ , and the string is *massless*. The *coefficient of friction* between  $A$  and the horizontal surface is  $\mu_{kA} = 0.2$ , that for  $B$  is  $\mu_{kB} = 0.4$ ,  $F = 70 \text{ N}$  directed as shown, and the objects are sliding to the right.



- a. Calculate their acceleration; (10 pts)

$$m_A a = T - f_A \Rightarrow f_A = \mu_A m_A g = (0.2)(8 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m/s}^2) = 16 \text{ N}$$

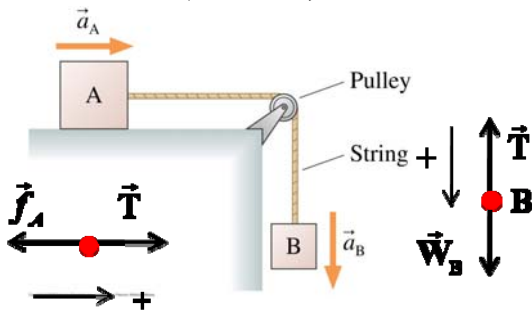
$$m_B a = F - T - f_B \Rightarrow f_B = \mu_B m_B g = (0.4)(6 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m/s}^2) = 24 \text{ N}$$

$$a = \frac{(F - f_A - f_B)}{(m_A + m_B)} = \frac{(70 - 16 - 24) \text{ N}}{(8 + 6) \text{ kg}} = 2.14 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- b. Calculate the tension in the string. (10 pts)

$$T = m_A a + f_A = (8 \text{ kg})(2.14 \text{ m/s}^2) + 16 \text{ N} = 33.1 \text{ N}$$

8. In the system below, mass  $A = 10 \text{ kg}$ , the friction between it and the horizontal surface is characterized by  $\mu_k = 0.6$ , and the string is *massless*. If the masses move at constant speed ( $v = 3 \text{ m/s}$ ), calculate the mass of  $B$ . (10 pts)



$$m_A a = T - f_A$$

$$m_B a = T - W_B$$

Constant speed  $\Rightarrow a = 0$ , so

$$T = f_A, \text{ and}$$

$$T = W_B, \text{ so } f_A = W_B, \text{ and}$$

$$m_B = \frac{f_A}{g} = \frac{\mu_A m_A g}{g} = \mu_A m_A = (0.6)(10 \text{ kg}) = 6.0 \text{ kg}$$

9. Newton's law of gravitation states that  $F_G = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$ . If the gravitational acceleration at the surface of the earth is  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  ( $R_E = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ ;  $M_E = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ ), what is the acceleration at an altitude above the surface equal to  $R_E$  ( $2 \times R_E$  from the center of the earth)? (Think about it--do you really need to know the values of  $R_E$  and  $M_E$ ?) (10 pts)

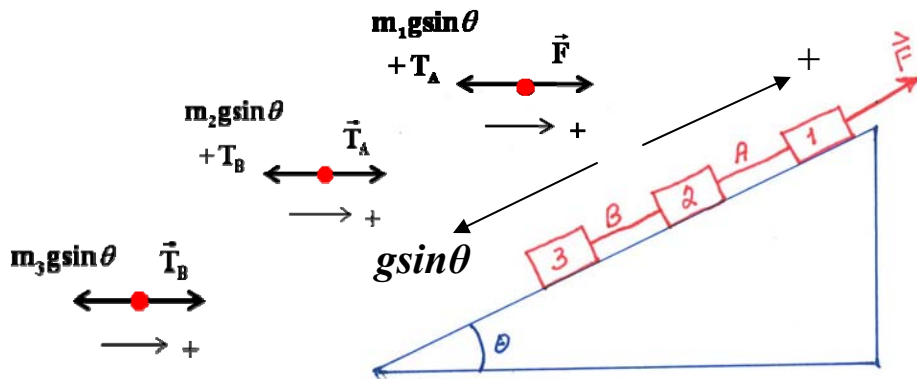
Reasoning : As  $r \rightarrow 2r$ ,  $F_G \rightarrow \frac{F_G}{4}$ ; so  $mg \rightarrow \frac{mg}{4}$  &  $g \rightarrow \frac{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}{4} = 2.45 \text{ m/s}^2$

Formally, @ the surface of the earth,  $mg = G \frac{mM_E}{R_E^2} = m \left( G \frac{M_E}{R_E^2} \right)$

so  $\left( G \frac{M_E}{R_E^2} \right) = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  and  $\left[ G \frac{M_E}{(2R_E)^2} \right] = \frac{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}{4} = 2.45 \text{ m/s}^2$

**Extra credit.** You may earn up to 10 additional points for success with this problem. *Do not attempt it until you have done your best on the rest of the exam.*

10. In the system sketched below, the three masses slide upwards on the frictionless incline and are connected by *massless strings A and B*. Mass 1 = 8 kg, mass 2 = 4 kg, mass 3 = 2 kg,  $\theta=30^\circ$ , and the tension in string A = 50 N up the incline. (Use  $g=10 \text{ m/s}^2$ )



**Basic relations :**

$$m_1 a = F - T_A - m_1 g \sin \theta$$

$$m_2 a = T_A - T_B - m_2 g \sin \theta$$

$$m_3 a = T_B - m_3 g \sin \theta$$

- a. What is the *acceleration* of the objects?

Because  $T_A$  is the given force, note that  $a$  can be obtained from the  $m_2$  and  $m_3$  relations :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} m_2 a = T_A - T_B - m_2 g \sin \theta \\ m_3 a = T_B - m_3 g \sin \theta \end{array} \right\} a = \frac{T_A - m_2 g \sin \theta - m_3 g \sin \theta}{(m_2 + m_3)} = 3.33 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- b. How much is the *applied force F*?

With the solution for  $a$ , then  $F$  can be obtained from the  $m_1$  relation :

$$m_1 a = F - T_A - m_1 g \sin \theta \Rightarrow F = m_1 a + T_A + m_1 g \sin \theta$$

$$\text{so, } F = 112.0 \text{ N}$$