



Using Newton's Second Law

PREPARE Sketch a visual overview consisting of

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- A list of values that identifies known quantities and what the problem is trying to find.
- A force-identification diagram to help you identify all forces acting on the object.
- A free-body diagram that shows all the forces acting on the object.

If you'll need to use kinematics to find velocities or positions, you'll also need to sketch

- A motion diagram to determine the direction of the acceleration.
- A pictorial representation that establishes a coordinate system, shows important points in the motion, and defines symbols.

It's OK to go back and forth between these steps as you visualize the situation.

SOLVE Write Newton's second law in component form as

$$F_x = ma_x$$
 and $\sum F_y = ma_y$

You can find the components of the forces directly from your free-body diagram. Depending on the problem, either

- Solve for the acceleration, then use kinematics to find velocities and positions, or
- Use kinematics to determine the acceleration, then solve for unknown forces.

ASSESS Check that your result has the correct units, is reasonable, and answers the question.

Link between force and motion

Two different types of problems

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Mass and Weight

Object of mass m in free fall (neglecting air resistance)



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3. Given a_x , use kinematics equations to find $(v_x)_f$ θ net $t_{f} = ?$ $t_{i} = 0$ $x_f = ?$ $x_i = 0$ $\left(v_{x}\right)_{i} = 0 \qquad \left(v_{x}\right)_{f} = ?$ Normal \vec{n} $a_x = 1.70 \text{ m/s}^2$ $a_x = 1.70 \text{ m/s}^2$ Use $(v_x)_f^2 = (v_x)_i^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$ h with $\Delta x = \frac{h}{\sin \theta} = \frac{50 \text{ m}}{\sin 10^\circ} = 288 \text{ m}$ $\Rightarrow (v_x)_f^2 = 0 + 2(1.70 \text{ m/s}^2)(288 \text{ m}) = 979 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ $\Rightarrow (v_x)_f = 31.3 \text{ m/s}$ 56

Apparent Weight

How does the sensation of weight depend on your acceleration?



DEMO: 1 kg mass with force gauge



Apparent Weight Question



An elevator that has descended from the 50th floor is coming to a halt at the 1st floor. As it does, your apparent weight is

- Α. More than your true weight
- В. Less than your true weight
- C. Equal to your true weight
- D. Zero

Example

A 50 kg student gets in a 1000 kg elevator at rest. As the elevator begins to move, she has an apparent weight of 600 N for the first 3 s. How far has the elevator moved, and in which direction, at the end of 3 s?

Friction

Friction occurs when two surfaces are in contact and (attempt to) slide over one another

Friction tends to prevent the two surfaces from sliding over each other

Friction is due to surfaces not being smooth

DEMOS:

sliding block with force gauge sliding block on inclined plane

Friction increases as the force that pushes the two surfaces against each other increases (actual surface area in contact increases)



Static Friction



Kinetic Friction



Friction and Materials		μ_k	μ_{s}
For nearly all materials,	Rubber on concrete (dry)	0.80	0.90
$\mu_{\rm s}$ > $\mu_{\rm k}$	Steel on steel	0.57	0.74
Static friction > Kinetic friction	Glass on glass	0.40	0.94
This is why drivers are always advised to not lock their wheels in emergency braking situations. Car manufacturers put ABS systems	Wood on leather	0.40	0.50
	Copper on steel	0.36	0.53
	Rubber on concrete (wet)	0.25	0.30
in core for this reason	Steel on ice	0.06	0.10
	Waxed ski on snow	0.05	0.10
	Teflon on	0.04	0.04

Teflon

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Working with Friction Forces



If object is *not moving* relative to the surface it's in contact with: $f_k = 0$ If object is *moving* relative to the surface it's in contact with: $f_s = 0$

Applying 2nd Law (Revisited example with friction)

A 75-kg skier starts down a 50-m high, 10° slope. The coefficients of friction between the skis and the snow are $\mu_s = 0.12$ and $\mu_k = 0.06$. What is the skier's speed at the bottom?

How to approach this problem?

1. Identify all forces acting on the skier (and only those)



- 2. Determine x- and y-components of the net force (using conveniently tilted x- and y-axes) $\Sigma F_x = w \sin 10^\circ - f_k$ $\Sigma F_y = n - w \cos 10^\circ$ but $a_y = 0$, thus $\Sigma F_y = 0$ and $n = w \cos 10^\circ$
- 3. Compute acceleration from the knowledge of the net force and Newton's 2nd law: $a_x = \Sigma F_x / m = [w \sin 10^\circ - \mu_k (w \cos 10^\circ)] / m$
- 4. Given that acceleration, use kinematics equations to determine the skier's velocity: $(v_x)_f^2 = (v_x)_i^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$

Friction Question 1

A block of mass M sits on a horizontal surface having friction. When the block is pulled by a rope under tension T, the block moves with constant speed. If the same tension were applied to a mass of 2M at rest, the block would

- A. remain at rest.
- B. accelerate until the speed is half.
- C. move with the same constant speed.
- D. none of the above.



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Friction Question 2

An automotive engineer suggests increasing the mass of a car to shorten its stopping distance, since the stopping force on a car goes as μ_s mg. Would this work?

- A. Yes, cool idea!
- B. No way!
- C. I need help to answer this...

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It's true that the stopping force is $f_s = \mu_s n = \mu_s mg$, however we need to consider Newton's second law $\Sigma F = ma$

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 $\mu_s mg = ma$
 $\mu_s g = a$

So the car's deceleration is independent of its mass, and the stopping distance is independent of mass Not going to work!

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Friction Problem

A car traveling at 20 m/s stops in a distance of 50 m. Assume that the deceleration is constant. The coefficients of friction between a passenger and the seat are $\mu_s = 0.5$ and $\mu_k = 0.3$. Will a 70-kg passenger slide off the seat if not wearing a seat belt?

How do we solve this problem? What are we asked to find? Where do we start?

We need to think about what is the force that keeps the person in the seat.

Friction Problem

Static friction is the only horizontal force that keeps the passenger in the seat

We need to find out what is the maximum acceleration from static friction and compare that to the acceleration of the car

If the car's acceleration is greater, the person will slide and if it is less then the passenger will remain in the seat

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Max Acceleration from friction

 $\sum F_x = ma$

Acceleration of car

 $\left(v_x\right)_f^2 = \left(v_x\right)_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$

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