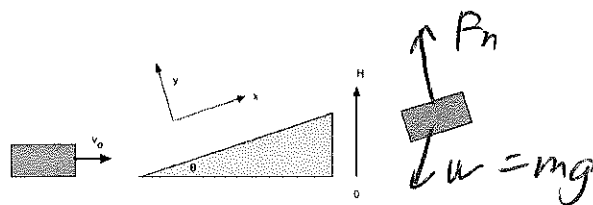


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**PHY203**

**Exam #2**  
**Chapters 4-7**  
**Fri., 10/26/18**

Solutions



1. A block of mass 15.5 kg is sliding along a frictionless floor with a speed of 25.5 m/s. It slides up a frictionless ramp (which makes an angle of  $35.0^\circ$  with the horizontal) until it stops (momentarily).

a. While the block is sliding up the ramp, what are the forces acting on the block?

weight, normal force

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b. On the figure above and to the right draw a free body diagram while the block is sliding up the ramp.

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c. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for the block in both directions while it is sliding up the ramp.

$$x: -mg \sin \theta = ma$$

$$y: F_n - mg \cos \theta = 0$$

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d. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the block while it is on the ramp.

$$a = -g \sin \theta, \quad g \sin \theta = g \sin (35^\circ) \\ = 5.63 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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e. Using forces and kinematics, find the maximum height the block reaches before it starts to slide down again.

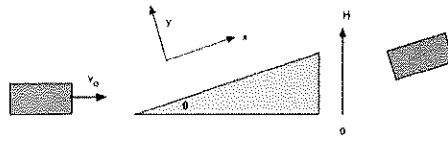
$$0 = (25.5)^2 + 2a \Delta x$$

$$= (25.5)^2 - 2(5.63) \Delta x$$

$$\Delta x = 57.7 \text{ m}$$

$$H = 0 + \sin 35^\circ = 33.1 \text{ m}$$

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2. A block of mass 15.5 kg is sliding along a frictionless floor with a speed of 25.5 m/s. It slides up a frictionless ramp (which makes an angle of  $35.0^\circ$  with the horizontal) until it stops (momentarily).

a. While the block is sliding on the floor, what non-zero form(s) of energy are involved?

kinetic energy

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b. While the block is sliding on the ramp, what non-zero form(s) of energy are involved?

KE, potential energy due to gravity 6

c. Using Conservation of Energy, find the maximum height the block reaches before it starts to slide down again.

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = m g H$$

$$H = \frac{(25.5)^2}{2g}$$

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$$= 33.1 \text{ m}$$

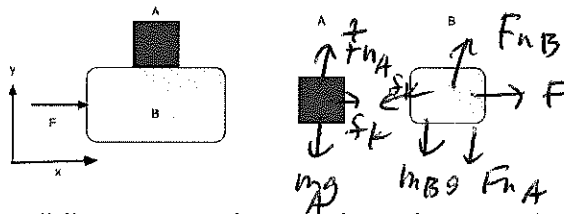
D. Briefly compare and discuss your final answers from Problems 1 and 2.

Answers to problems 1 + 2

should be the same.

Same problem - different methods

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3. Block A (mass  $M_A$ ) is sliding across the rough surface on the top of block B (mass  $M_B$ ) (with the coefficient of kinetic friction between block A and top of block B  $\mu_k$ ). Block B is sliding on a frictionless surface. Block B is being pushed with a force  $F$ .

a. Draw free body diagrams of the blocks on the figure up and to the right.

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b. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for both blocks in both directions. Be sure to label the parameters as A or B when they are different. (Hint: the accelerations of the two blocks are not the same.)

$$A: \quad x: \quad f_k = m_A a_A$$

$$y: \quad F_{nA} - m_A g = 0$$

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$$B: \quad x: \quad F - f_k = m_B a_B$$

$$y: \quad F_{nB} - m_B g - F_{nA} = 0$$

Given  $M_A=5.50$  kg,  $M_B=7.50$  kg,  $F=55.0$  N, and  $\mu_k=0.350$

c. Find the magnitudes of the normal forces on blocks A and B.

$$F_{nA} = (5.50)g = 54.0 \text{ N}$$

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$$F_{nB} = (5.50 + 7.50)g = 128 \text{ N}$$

d. Find the magnitude of the frictional force between blocks A and B.

$$f_k = \mu_k F_n = (0.350)(54.0) = 18.9 \text{ N}$$

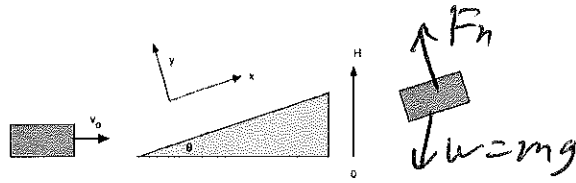
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e. Find the magnitudes of the accelerations of the blocks.

$$a_A = \frac{f_k}{m_A} = \frac{18.9}{5.5} = 3.44 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_B = \frac{F - f_k}{m_B} = \frac{55.0 - 18.9}{7.50} = 4.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

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1. A block of mass 17.5 kg is sliding along a frictionless floor with a speed of 20.5 m/s. It slides up a frictionless ramp (which makes an angle of  $35.0^\circ$  with the horizontal) until it stops (momentarily).

a. While the block is sliding up the ramp, what are the forces acting on the block?

weight, normal force

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b. On the figure above and to the right draw a free body diagram while the block is sliding up the ramp.

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c. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for the block in both directions while it is sliding up the ramp.

$$x: -mg \sin \theta = ma$$

$$y: F_n - mg \cos \theta = 0$$

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d. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the block while it is on the ramp.

$$|a| = g \sin \theta = g \sin (35.0) \\ = 5.63 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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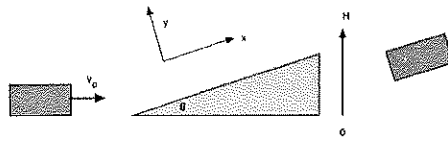
e. Using forces and kinematics, find the maximum height the block reaches before it starts to slide down again.

$$0 = 20.5^2 - 2(5.63)(\Delta x)$$

$$\Delta x = 37.3 \text{ m}$$

$$H = \Delta x \sin \theta = 21.7 \text{ m}$$

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2. A block of mass 17.5 kg is sliding along a frictionless floor with a speed of 20.5 m/s. It slides up a frictionless ramp (which makes an angle of  $35.0^\circ$  with the horizontal) until it stops (momentarily).

a. While the block is sliding on the floor, what non-zero form(s) of energy are involved?

Kinetic Energy

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b. While the block is sliding on the ramp, what non-zero form(s) of energy are involved?

KE, potl. energy due to gravity

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c. Using Conservation of Energy, find the maximum height the block reaches before it starts to slide down again.

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = m g H$$

$$H = \frac{v^2}{2g} = \frac{20.5^2}{2g}$$

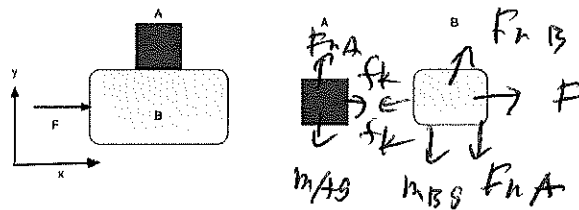
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$$= 21.7 \text{ m}$$

d. Briefly compare and discuss your final answers from Problems 1 and 2.

Should have same answers  
to #1 and #2,  
Different methods.

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3. Block A (mass  $M_A$ ) is sliding across the rough surface on the top of block B (mass  $M_B$ ) (with the coefficient of kinetic friction between block A and top of block B  $\mu_k$ ). Block B is sliding on a frictionless surface. Block B is being pushed with a force  $F$ .
- a. Draw free body diagrams of the blocks on the figure up and to the right. 4

- b. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for both blocks in both directions. Be sure to label the parameters as A or B when they are different. (Hint: the accelerations of the two blocks are not the same.)

$$A: x: f_k = m_A a_A$$

$$y: F_{NA} - m_A g = 0$$

$$B: x: F - f_k = m_B a_B$$

$$y: F_{NB} - m_B g - F_{NA} = 0$$

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Given  $M_A = 6.50$  kg,  $M_B = 8.50$  kg,  $F = 65.0$  N, and  $\mu_k = 0.250$

- c. Find the magnitudes of the normal forces on blocks A and B.

$$F_{NA} = (6.50)g = 63.8 \text{ N}$$

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$$F_{NB} = (6.50 + 8.50)g = 127 \text{ N}$$

- d. Find the magnitude of the frictional force between blocks A and B.

$$f_k = \mu_k F_n = (0.250)(63.8) = 16.0 \text{ N}$$

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- e. Find the magnitudes of the accelerations of the blocks.

$$A: a = \frac{f_k}{m_A} = \frac{16.0}{6.50} = 2.46 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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$$B: a = \frac{F - f_k}{m_B} = \frac{65.0 - 16.0}{8.50} = 5.76 \text{ m/s}^2$$