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Examples Friction

Example 1:

Given:

The uniform ladder shown

$$W = 100 \text{ N}$$

$$\mu_s = 0.20 \text{ @ A and B}$$

Reqd.:

minimum P for equilibrium

Soln.:

In the FBD shown,

$$F_A = \mu_s^A N_A = 0.2 N_A$$

$$F_B = \mu_s^B N_B = 0.2 N_B$$

(Note that $F = \mu N$ because of

$P_{min} \Rightarrow$ impending motion)

Notice the direction of F because of the direction of impending motion.

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_{min} + F_A - N_B = 0$$

$$P_{min} + 0.2 N_A - N_B = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$N_A + F_B - 100 = 0$$

$$N_A + 0.2 N_B - 100 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\curvearrowright \Sigma M_B = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$1.5 P_{min} + 100(0.8) - 1.6 N_A + 3 F_A = 0$$

$$1.5 P_{min} - 1.6 N_A + 0.6 N_A + 80 = 0$$

$$1.5 P_{min} - N_A + 80 = 0 \quad (3)$$

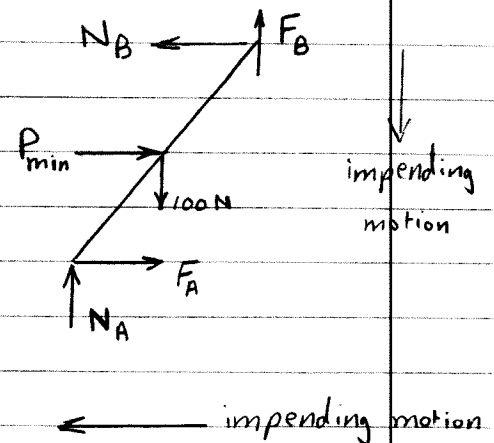
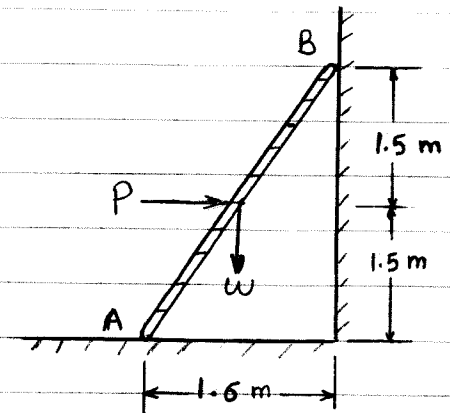
$$\text{From (3), } N_A = 1.5 P_{min} + 80 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (1), } N_B = P_{min} + 0.2 N_A = P_{min} + 0.2(1.5 P_{min} + 80) \quad (5)$$

From (4) and (5) into (2) \Rightarrow

$$(1.5 P_{min} + 80) + 0.2(P_{min} + 0.3 P_{min} + 16) - 100 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_{min} = 9.55 \text{ N} \rightarrow$$



Example 2 :

Given :

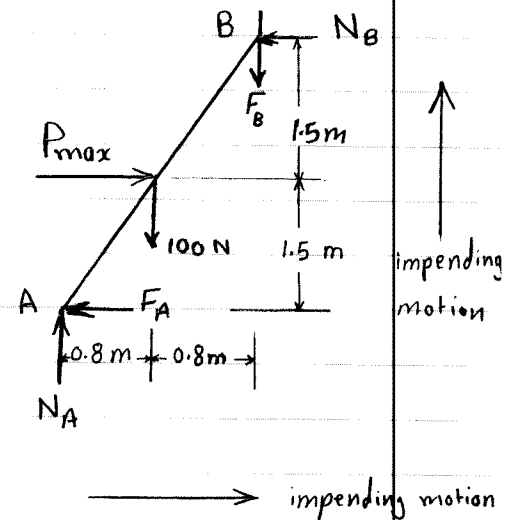
As in Example 1 above

Reqd. :

maximum force P_{max} which can be applied with equilibrium still maintained.

Soln. :

The "major" difference between this problem and the previous one is that impending motion will be in the opposite direction because of max. P. \Rightarrow Friction forces are in the opposite directions as shown in the FBD.



$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_{max} - F_A - N_B = 0$$

$$P_{max} - 0.2 N_A - N_B = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$N_A - F_B - 100 = 0$$

$$N_A - 0.2 N_B - 100 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\curvearrowright \Sigma M_B = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$1.5 P_{max} - 1.6 N_A - 3 F_A + 100(0.8) = 0$$

$$1.5 P_{max} - 1.6 N_A - 0.6 N_A + 80 = 0$$

$$1.5 P_{max} - 2.2 N_A + 80 = 0 \quad (3)$$

Solving the three eqs. above gives

$$P_{max} = 122.2 \text{ N} \rightarrow$$

\Rightarrow From Examples 1 and 2, $9.55 \leq P \leq 122.2 \text{ N}$

What can you conclude if $P_{min} \leq 0$?

What is P_{max} (theoretically) if end A or B is hinged?

Example 3:

Given:

The crate resting on the incline shown
 $\mu_s = 0.3$ between the crate and incline

Req'd.:

The range of P for which the crate will be in statical equilibrium.

Soln.:

First, calculate P_{\min} to prevent the crate from sliding down. \Rightarrow FBD ①

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0 \quad (\text{x may be chosen along the incline})$$

$$P_{\min} - N \cos 60^\circ + F \cos 30^\circ = P_{\min} + N(-\cos 60^\circ + 0.3 \cos 30^\circ) = 0 \quad \text{①}$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-200 + N \sin 60^\circ + F \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$-200 + N \sin 60^\circ + 0.3 N \sin 30^\circ = 0 \quad \text{②}$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 200 / (\sin 60^\circ + 0.3 \sin 30^\circ) = 196.8 \text{ N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{From ①, } P_{\min} = -196.8 (-\cos 60^\circ + 0.3 \cos 30^\circ) = 47.3 \text{ N}$$

Second, determine P_{\max} which is the force needed to just start the crate to move up.

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_{\max} - N \cos 60^\circ - F \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$P_{\max} + N(-\cos 60^\circ - 0.3 \cos 30^\circ) = 0 \quad \text{③}$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-200 + N \sin 60^\circ - F \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$-200 + N(\sin 60^\circ - 0.3 \sin 30^\circ) = 0 \quad \text{④}$$

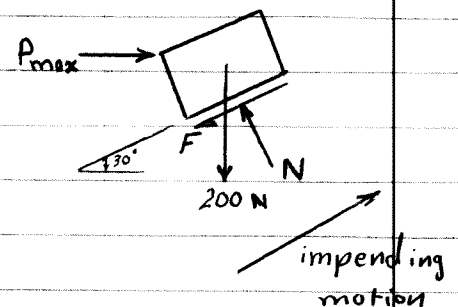
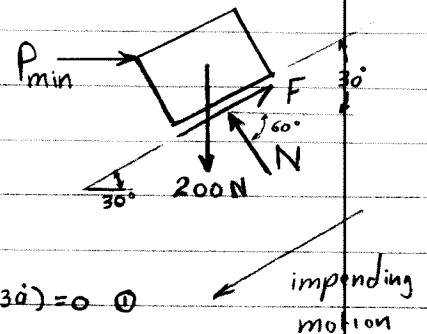
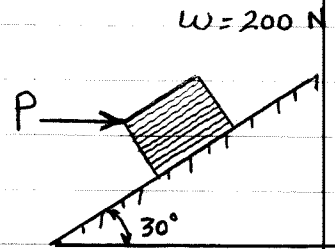
$$\Rightarrow N = 200 / (\sin 60^\circ - 0.3 \sin 30^\circ) = 279.3 \text{ N}$$

\Rightarrow From ③,

$$P_{\max} = -279.3 (-\cos 60^\circ - 0.3 \cos 30^\circ) = 212 \text{ N}$$

Thus, The crate will be in stable statical equilibrium for values of P satisfying the following

$$47.3 < P < 212 \text{ N}$$



Example 4:

Given:

The load applied to the refrigerator shown

$$\mu_s = 0.4$$

Reqd.:

Can the refrigerator be in statical equilibrium?

Soln.:

Two "motions" are possible:
sliding (slipping) and tipping.

First, check sliding:

In the FBD shown,

$$\rightarrow \Sigma F_x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$0.5 - F = 0 \Rightarrow F = 0.5 \text{ kN}$$

$$\uparrow \Sigma F_y = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$N - 1.3 = 0 \Rightarrow N = 1.3 \text{ kN}$$

maximum friction force = F_m

$$F_m = \mu_s N = 0.4(1.3) = 0.52 \text{ kN}$$

Since $F = 0.5 \text{ kN} < F_m = 0.52$,
the refrigerator will not slide

Second, check tipping:

$$\curvearrowright \Sigma M_o = 0$$

(o is the point where the resultant of the normal force N applies.)

$$\Rightarrow 1.3x - 1.16(0.5) = 0$$

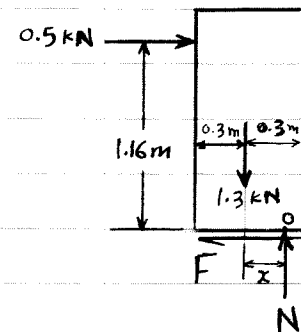
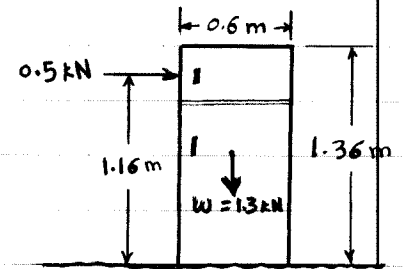
$$\Rightarrow x = 0.446 \text{ m} > 0.3 = \frac{b}{2}$$

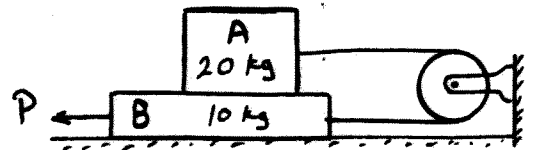
\Rightarrow impossible

Since $x = 0.446 \text{ m} > 0.3 \text{ m}$, the refrigerator will tip.

Thus,

The refrigerator can not be in statical equilibrium as it will tip.



Example 5:

Given:

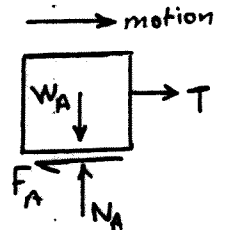
The figure shown; $\mu = 0.20$ at all surfaces of contact

Reqd.:

The force P required to move block B to the left

Soln.:

The pulley is assumed "smooth" (frictionless).

Draw FBD's for A and B separately. (Why?)

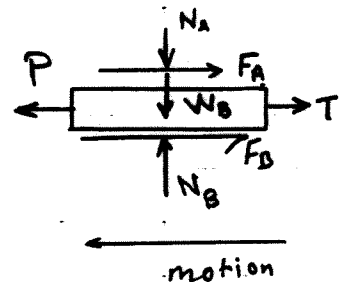
Block A

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \sum F_y = 0 &\Rightarrow N_A = 20(9.81) \\ &= 196.2 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Since we are looking for P required to move B to the left, A must also move to the right. \Rightarrow "impending" motion

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F_A = \mu N_A &= 0.2(196.2) \\ &= 39.24 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow T = 39.24 \text{ N}$$



Block B

In the FBD, N_A and F_A are equal and opposite of those on A

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \sum F_y = 0 &\Rightarrow N_B - N_A - W_B = 0 \\ \Rightarrow N_B &= 196.2 + 10(9.81) \\ &= 294.3 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{"impending" motion} &\Rightarrow F_B = \mu N_B \\ &= 0.2(294.3) = 58.86 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 &\Rightarrow \\ T + F_A + F_B - P &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow P &= 39.24 + 39.24 + 58.86 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P = 137.34 \text{ N}}$$

⊕ Rework the problem but without the cable and pulley.

 \Rightarrow ??

Example 6 :

Given:

The figure shown
Smooth pulleys at D and E

Req.d :

The largest force
P which can be
applied without causing
any kind of motion

Soln.:

1 C will not slide
or tip alone. (Why?)

2 Sliding of B (with C).

FBD ① is drawn.

What is the effect of the 60°-angle ?!

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow N_B = 50 + 80 = 130 \text{ N}$$

$$F_B \equiv F_{max} = \mu N_B = 0.25 (130) = 32.5 \text{ N} \text{ (Why?)}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow P - 10 - 32.5 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{P_1 = 42.5 \text{ N}}$$

3 Tipping of B (with C): FBD ①

$$x \equiv 150 \text{ mm} \text{ (Why?)}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum M_o = 0 \Rightarrow 10(400) - 400 P_2 + 130(150)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{P_2 = 58.75 \text{ N}}$$

4 Sliding of A (with B and C)

FBD ② is drawn.

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow N_A = 50 + 80 + 60 = 190 \text{ N}$$

$$F_A \equiv F_{max} = \mu N_A = 0.2 (190) = 38 \text{ N} \text{ (Why?)}$$

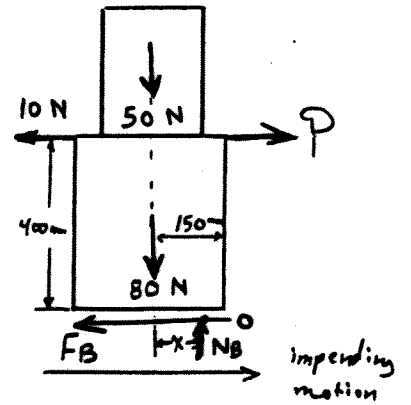
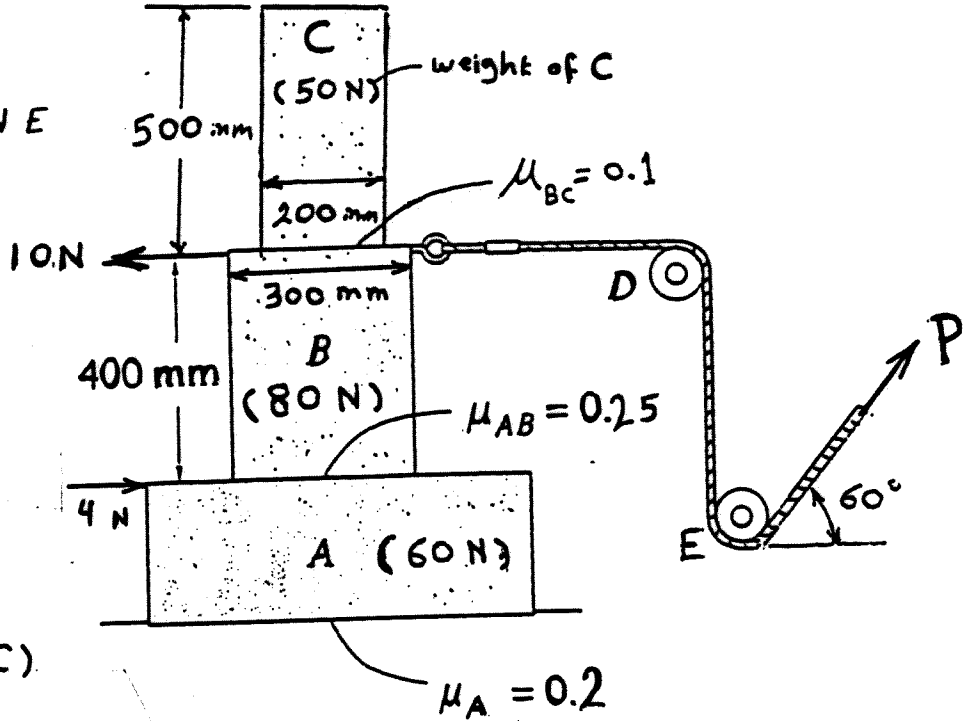
$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow P_3 - 10 - 38 + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{P_3 = 44 \text{ N}}$$

Tipping of A is not considered. (Why?!)

* Note that other motions (e.g., moving to the left \leftarrow) are not possible. Why??!!

$$\Rightarrow P_{max} = \min(P_1, P_2, P_3) \text{ (Why??!!)} \Rightarrow \boxed{P_{max} = 42.5 \text{ N}}$$



FBD ①

