

## Exercise 5C

1 a i  $R(\uparrow)$

$$R - 5g = 0$$

$$R = 5g$$

$$= 49 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore F_{MAX} = \frac{1}{7} \times 49$$

$$= 7 \text{ N}$$

Since the driving force is only 3 N, the friction will only need to be 3 N to prevent the block from slipping, so  $F = 3 \text{ N}$ .

ii Since driving force is equal to frictional force, body remains at rest in equilibrium.

b i  $F_{MAX} = 7 \text{ N}$  (from part a), and driving force is 7 N, so friction will need to be at its maximum value to prevent the block from slipping, i.e.  $F = 7 \text{ N}$ .

ii  $F$  is equal to the driving force of 7 N, so the body remains at rest in limiting equilibrium.

c i  $F_{MAX} = 7 \text{ N}$  (from part a), and driving force is 12 N, so friction will be at its maximum value of 12 N.

ii Since the driving force is greater than the frictional force, there is a resultant force and the body accelerates.

iii  $R(\rightarrow)$

$$F = ma$$

$$12 - 7 = 5a$$

$$a = 1 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

Body accelerates at  $1 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

d i  $R(\uparrow)$

$$R - 14 - 5g = 0$$

$$R = 63 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore F_{MAX} = \mu R$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \times 63$$

$$= 9 \text{ N}$$

Since the driving force is only 6 N, the friction will only need to be 6 N to prevent the block from slipping, so  $F = 6 \text{ N}$ .

ii Since driving force is equal to frictional force, body remains at rest in equilibrium.

e i  $F_{MAX} = 9 \text{ N}$  (from part d), and driving force is 9 N, so friction will need to be at its maximum value to prevent the block from slipping, i.e.  $F = 9 \text{ N}$ .

- 1 e ii  $F$  is equal to the driving force of 9 N, so the body remains at rest in limiting equilibrium.
- f i  $F_{MAX} = 9$  N (from part d), and driving force is 12 N, so friction will be at its maximum value of 12 N.
- ii Since the driving force is greater than the frictional force, there is a resultant force and the body accelerates.
- iii  $R(\rightarrow)$   
 $F = ma$   
 $12 - 9 = 5a$   
 $a = 0.6 \text{ ms}^{-2}$   
 Body accelerates at  $0.6 \text{ ms}^{-2}$
- g i  $R(\uparrow)$   
 $R + 14 - 5g = 0$   
 $R = 35 \text{ N}$   
 $\therefore F_{MAX} = \mu R$   
 $= \frac{1}{7} \times 35$   
 $= 5 \text{ N}$   
 Since the driving force is only 3 N, the friction will only need to be 3 N to prevent the block from slipping, so  $F = 3 \text{ N}$ .
- ii Since driving force is equal to frictional force, body remains at rest in equilibrium.
- h i  $F_{MAX} = 5$  N (from part g), and driving force is 5 N, so friction will need to be at its maximum value to prevent the block from slipping, i.e.  $F = 5 \text{ N}$ .
- ii  $F$  is equal to the driving force of 5 N, so the body remains at rest in limiting equilibrium.
- i i  $F_{MAX} = 5$  N (from part g), and driving force is 6 N, so friction will be at its maximum value of 6 N
- ii Since the driving force is greater than the frictional force, there is a resultant force and the body accelerates.
- iii  $R(\rightarrow)$   
 $F = ma$   
 $6 - 5 = 5a$   
 $a = 0.2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$   
 Body accelerates at  $0.2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

1 j i  $R(\uparrow)$

$$R + 14 \sin 30^\circ - 5g = 0$$

$$R = 42 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore F_{MAX} = \mu R$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \times 42$$

$$= 6 \text{ N}$$

Considering horizontal forces:

$$\text{Driving force} - F_{MAX} = 14 \cos 30^\circ - 6 > 0, \text{ so } F = F_{MAX} = 6 \text{ N}$$

ii Since the driving force is greater than the frictional force, there is a resultant force and the body accelerates.

iii  $R(\rightarrow)$

$$F = ma$$

$$14 \cos 30^\circ - 6 = 5a$$

$$a = 1.22 \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

Body accelerates at  $1.22 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (3 s.f.)

k i  $R(\uparrow)$

$$R + 28 \sin 30^\circ - 5g = 0$$

$$R = 35 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore F_{MAX} = \mu R$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \times 35$$

$$= 5 \text{ N}$$

Considering horizontal forces:

$$\text{Driving force} - F_{MAX} = 28 \cos 30^\circ - 5 > 0, \text{ so } F = F_{MAX} = 5 \text{ N}$$

ii Since the driving force is greater than the frictional force, there is a resultant force and the body accelerates.

iii  $R(\rightarrow)$

$$F = ma$$

$$28 \cos 30^\circ - 5 = 5a$$

$$a = 3.85 \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

Body accelerates at  $3.85 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (3 s.f.)

1 1 i  $R(\uparrow)$ 

$$R - 56 \cos 45^\circ - 5g = 0$$

$$\therefore R = 88.6 \text{ N (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\therefore F_{MAX} = \mu R$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \times 88.6$$

$$= 12.657 \text{ N}$$

Considering horizontal forces:

$$\text{Driving force} - F_{MAX} = 56 \sin 45^\circ - 12.657 > 0, \text{ so } F = F_{MAX} = 12.7 \text{ N (3 s.f.)}$$

ii Since the driving force is greater than the frictional force, there is a resultant force and the body accelerates.

iii  $R(\rightarrow)$ 

$$F = ma$$

$$56 \sin 45^\circ - 12.657 = 5a$$

$$5a = 26.941$$

$$a = 5.388 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

So the acceleration is  $5.39 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  (3 s.f.)

2 a  $R(\uparrow)$ 

$$R + 20 \sin 30^\circ - 10g = 0$$

$$R = 88 \text{ N}$$

 $R(\rightarrow)$ 

$$F = ma$$

$$20 \cos 30^\circ - \mu \times 88 = 10 \times 1$$

$$\mu = 0.083 \text{ (2 s.f.)}$$

b  $R(\uparrow)$ 

$$R + 20 \cos 30^\circ - 10g = 0$$

$$R = 80.679 \dots \text{ N}$$

 $R(\rightarrow)$ 

$$F = ma$$

$$20 \cos 60^\circ - \mu \times 80.679 = 10 \times 0.5$$

$$\mu = 0.062 \text{ (2 s.f.)}$$

c  $R(\uparrow)$ 

$$R - 20\sqrt{2} \sin 45^\circ - 10g = 0$$

$$R = 118 \text{ N}$$

 $R(\rightarrow)$ 

$$20\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ - \mu \times 118 = 10 \times 0.5$$

$$\mu = 0.13 \text{ (2 s.f.)}$$

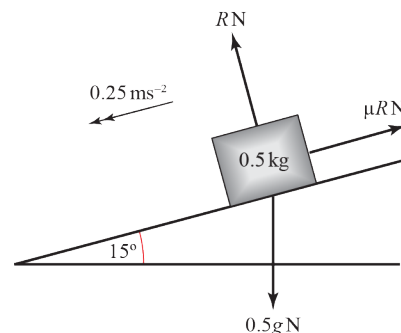
3 R( $\perp$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 0.5g \cos 15^\circ \\ &= 0.5 \times 9.8 \cos 15^\circ \\ &= 4.7330\dots \end{aligned}$$

Using Newton's second law of motion and R( $\parallel$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} F &= ma \\ 0.5g \sin 15^\circ - \mu R &= 0.5 \times 0.25 \\ \mu R &= (0.5 \times 9.8 \sin 15^\circ) - 0.125 \\ \mu &= \frac{1.2682\dots - 0.125}{4.7330\dots} \\ &= 0.24153\dots \end{aligned}$$

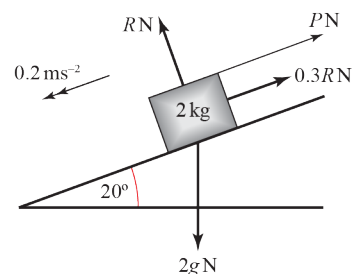
The coefficient of friction is 0.242 (3s.f.).

4 R( $\perp$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 2g \cos 20^\circ \\ &= 2 \times 9.8 \cos 20^\circ \\ &= 18.418\dots \end{aligned}$$

Using Newton's second law of motion ( $F = ma$ ) and R( $\parallel$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} 2g \sin 20^\circ - 0.3R - P &= 2 \times 0.2 \\ (2 \times 9.8 \sin 20^\circ) - (0.3 \times 18.418\dots) - 0.4 &= P \\ P &= 0.7782\dots \end{aligned}$$

The force  $P$  is 0.778 N (3s.f.).5 R( $\perp$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 5g \cos 30^\circ + P \sin 30^\circ \\ &= \frac{49\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{P}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Using Newton's second law of motion and R( $\parallel$ ):

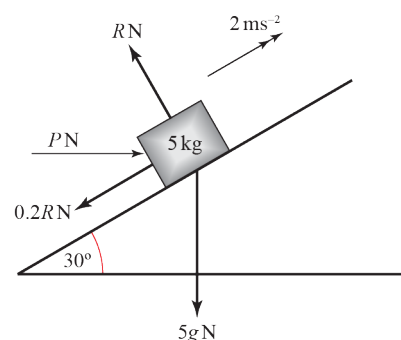
$$P \cos 30^\circ - 5g \sin 30^\circ - 0.2R = 5 \times 2$$

$$P \cos 30^\circ = 10 + 5g \sin 30^\circ + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{P}{2} + \frac{49\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{10} \right) P = 10 + \frac{5 \times 9.8}{2} + \frac{49\sqrt{3}}{10}$$

$$(5\sqrt{3} - 1)P = 100 + 245 + 49\sqrt{3}$$

$$P = \frac{429.8704896}{7.6602\dots} = 56.117\dots$$

The force  $P$  is 56.1 N (3 s.f.).

6 Resolving vertically:

$$R + P \sin 45^\circ = 10g$$

$$P \sin 45^\circ = 10g - R \quad (1)$$

Resolving horizontally and using  $F = ma$ :

$$P \cos 45^\circ - 0.1R = 10 \times 0.3$$

$$P \cos 45^\circ = 3 + 0.1R \quad (2)$$

Since  $\sin 45^\circ = \cos 45^\circ$ , we can equate (1) and (2):

$$10g - R = 3 + 0.1R$$

$$1.1R = 10g - 3$$

$$R = \frac{(10 \times 9.8) - 3}{1.1}$$

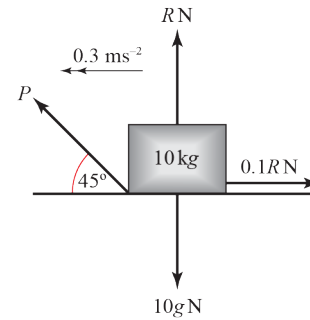
$$= 86.3636\dots$$

Sub  $R = 86.36$  into (1):

$$P \sin 45^\circ = 10g - 86.36$$

$$P = \frac{(10 \times 9.8) - 86.36}{\sin 45^\circ} = 16.45\dots$$

The force  $P$  is 16.5 N (3 s.f.).



7 a  $v = 0 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ,  $u = 20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ,  $t = 30 \text{ s}$ ,  $a = ?$

$$v = u + at$$

$$0 = 20 + 30a$$

$$a = -\frac{20}{30} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

Resolving vertically:

$$R = mg$$

Since the wheels lock up, the force which causes the deceleration is the maximum frictional force between the wheels and the track.

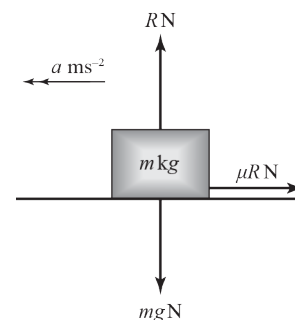
Resolving horizontally and using Newton's second law:

$$-\mu R = -\frac{2}{3}m$$

$$-\mu mg = -\frac{2}{3}m$$

$$\mu g = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\mu = \frac{2}{3g}$$



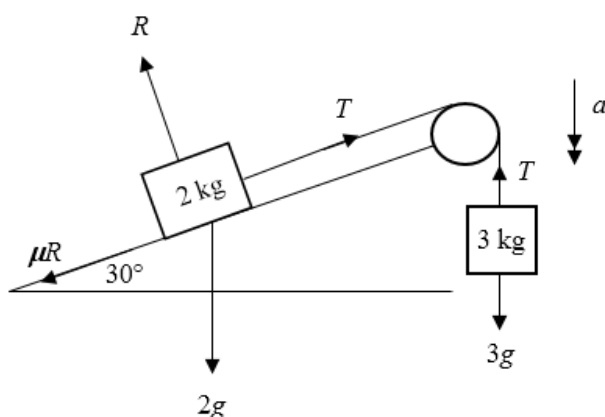
- 7 b Suppose there is an added constant resistive force of air resistance,  $A$ , where  $A > 0$   
Resolving horizontally and using Newton's second law:

$$\mu mg + A = \frac{2}{3}m$$

$$\mu = \frac{2}{3g} - \frac{A}{mg} < \frac{2}{3g}$$

So the coefficient of friction found by the second model is less than the coefficient of friction found by the first model.

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For the 3 kg mass

$$R(\downarrow) \quad 3g - T = 3a \quad (1)$$

For the 2 kg mass

$$R(\nearrow) \quad R = 2g \cos 30 = g\sqrt{3}$$

$$R(\searrow) \quad T - \mu R - 2g \sin 30 = 2a$$

Since  $\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$$T - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times g\sqrt{3} - 2g \times \frac{1}{2} = 2a$$

$$T - 2g = 2a \quad (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2) gives

$$3g - T + T - 2g = 5a$$

$$5a = g$$

$$a = \frac{1}{5}g \quad (\text{m s}^{-2})$$

### Challenge

R( $\nearrow$ ):

$$R = mg \cos \alpha$$

Using Newton's second law of motion and R( $\searrow$ ):

$$mg \sin \alpha - \mu R = ma$$

$$mg \sin \alpha - \mu mg \cos \alpha = ma$$

$$g(\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha) = a$$

Since  $m$  does not appear in this expression,  $a$  is independent of  $m$ .

