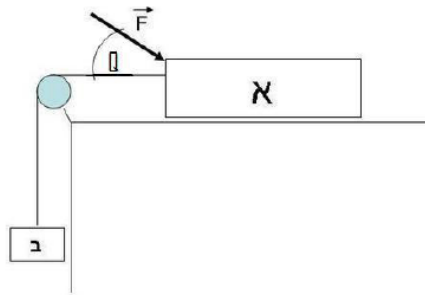


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- a. Choosing the positive direction of the x axis to the left, we have for mass A:

$$\sum F_x^{(A)} = 0 = m_B g - F \cos \theta + f_s$$

Notice that the static friction was selected as positive. Its direction is actually determined by the competition between the other forces in the problem, such that-

$$f_s = F \cos \theta - m_B g$$

may be positive (friction pointing to the left) or negative (friction pointing to the right).

- b. We now demand that the friction is indeed in the static regime:

$$-\mu N \leq F \cos \theta - m_B g \leq \mu N$$

$$\frac{m_B + \mu m_A}{\cos \theta - \mu \cos \theta} g \geq F \geq \frac{m_B - \mu m_A}{\cos \theta + \mu \cos \theta} g$$

Where here we substituted $N = m_A g + F \sin \theta$ from the y axis equation.

CHECK UNITS AND LIMITING CASES!!

- c. We now consider the case where $F = 0$. Newton's law states:

$$\sum F_x^{(A)} = m_A a = m_B g - f_k$$

$$a = \left(\frac{m_B}{m_A} - \mu \right) g$$

Where here we substituted $f_k = \mu m_A g$.

Forces on m :

$$\begin{cases} \sum F_x^{(m)} = ma = F - f_s - mg \sin \alpha \\ \sum F_y^{(m)} = 0 = N_{m-M} - mg \cos \alpha \end{cases}$$

Forces on M :

$$\begin{cases} \sum F_x^{(M)} = Ma = f_s - f_k - Mg \sin \alpha \\ \sum F_y^{(M)} = 0 = N_{surface} - N_{m-M} - Mg \cos \alpha \end{cases}$$

And in addition it is known that $f_k = \mu_k N_{surface}$. Solve for f_s and demand the condition

$f_s \leq \mu_s N_{m-M}$ to get-

$$F \leq F_{\max} = \left(\frac{m}{M} + 1 \right) mg \cos \alpha (\mu_s - \mu_k)$$