

Relationships:  $F_f = \mu F_N$

$$F_f \propto F_N$$

Variable:	$F_f$	$\mu$	$F_N$
Quantity:	Force of friction	Coefficient of friction	Normal Force
Units:	N	none	N
Type:	vector	scalar	vector

1. What does the **coefficient of friction** measure?

Measures the roughness of two surfaces in contact.  
As the roughness increases, so does the coefficient.

2. Why are there two types of coefficients of friction? Compare them.

$\mu_s$  - (static coefficient) - not moving  
is greater than  $\mu_k$  (kinetic coefficient) which  
is moving.

3. What materials on top of one another are the:

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- easiest to start moving?
- hardest to start moving?
- easiest to slide over one another?
- hardest to keep moving?

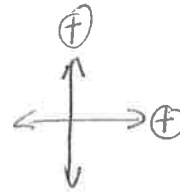
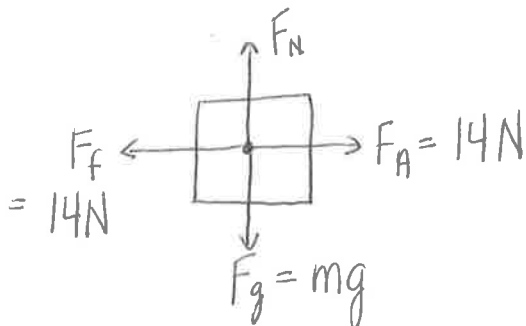
4. What coefficient of friction applies while dragging a wooden crate across a hardwood floor?

5. What coefficient of friction applies when a car skids across a dry asphalt roadway?

6. A 4.0 kg block is being dragged across the floor by a student who finds that he must exert a force of 14.0 newtons to keep the block moving at a constant velocity.

a) Draw and label a free-body diagram for this situation.

$$\Sigma F = 0 \text{ N}$$



b) Determine each force acting on the block.

$$F_f = -14 \text{ N} \quad F_A = 14 \text{ N}$$

$$F_g = -39 \text{ N} \quad F_N = 39 \text{ N}$$

$$(4.0 \text{ kg}) \times (9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})$$

c) Calculate the coefficient of friction ( $\mu$ ) for the block and the floor in this case.

$$|F_f| = \mu_k |F_N|$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{|F_f|}{|F_N|} = \frac{14 \text{ N}}{39 \text{ N}} = 0.36$$

d) If that brick is replaced with one that has a mass of 8.0 kg, which of the following will change? If so, how much?

i) Weight  $W = mg$  weight will double

$$W = (2m)g$$

ii) Normal force

normal force will double

iii) Force of friction

will double

iv) Coefficient of friction

stays the same

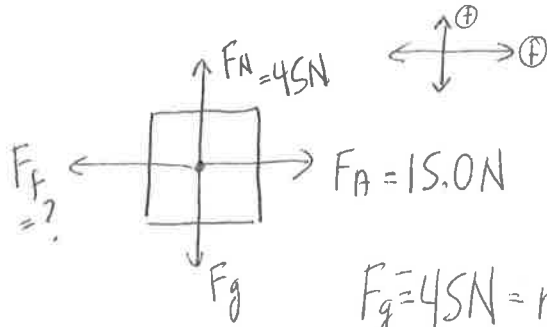
$$F_g = F_N = 45\text{N}$$

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7. A 45 newton sled rests on a frozen pond. A child pulls the sled with a horizontal force of 15.0 newtons and causes it to accelerate at a rate of  $1.50 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

$F_A$

- a) Determine the force of friction.



$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$F_g + F_N + F_A + F_f = ma$$

$$F_f = ma - F_A$$

$$F_f = (4.6\text{kg}) \left(1.50 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) - 15.0\text{N}$$

$$F_f = -8.1\text{N}$$

$$F_g = 45\text{N} = m(-9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})$$

$$m = 4.6\text{kg}$$

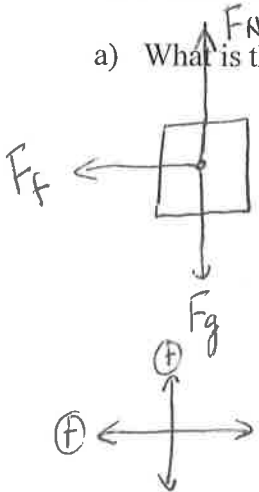
- b) Determine the coefficient of friction.

$$\mu = \left| \frac{F_f}{F_N} \right| = \left| \frac{-8.1\text{N}}{45\text{N}} \right| = 0.18$$

8. A driver slams on the brakes and her  $2.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$  car skids to a stop on a dry asphalt highway.

- a) What is the force of friction stopping the car?

$$\mu_k = 0.8$$



$$F_f = \mu F_N$$

$$F_f = (0.8) \left(2.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}\right) \left(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}\right) = 1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$$

- b) What is the acceleration of the car while it is stopping?

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$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$\Sigma F = F_N + F_g + F_f = ma$$

$$F_f = ma$$

$$a = \frac{1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ N}}{2.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}} = 7.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$