Chapter 4
Dynamics:
# Newton's Laws of Motion

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4-1 Force

A force is a push or pull. An object at rest needs a force to get it moving; a moving object needs a force to change its velocity.

The magnitude of a force can be measured using a spring scale.
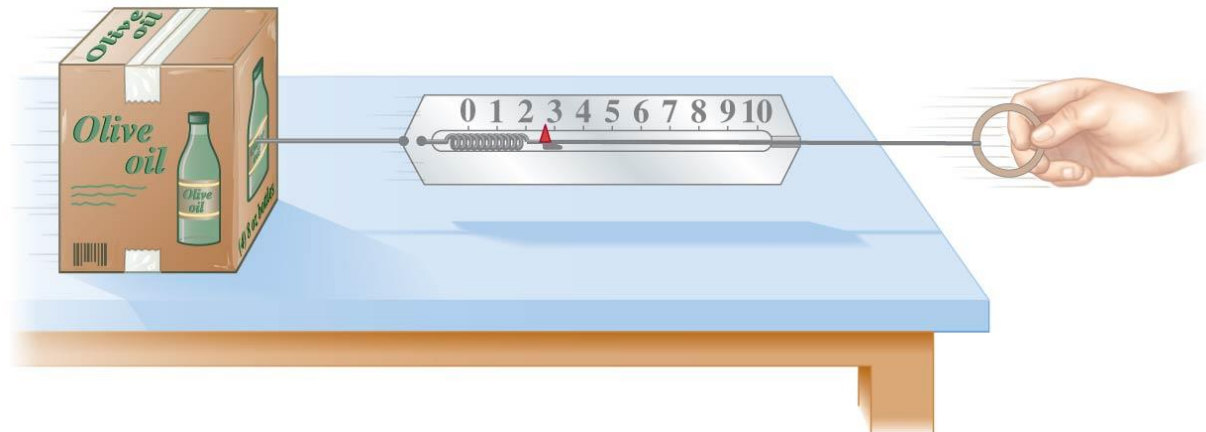
4-2 Newton's First Law of Motion

Newton's first law is often called the <u style="color:red">law of inertia</u>.

Every object continues in its state of rest, or of uniform velocity in a straight line, as long as no net force acts on it.

Question: A school bus comes to a sudden stop, and all of the backpacks on the floor start to slide forward. What causes them to do that?

4-2 Newton's First Law of Motion

Newton's first law does not hold in every reference frame!!!

It is only valid in certain reference frames

(inertial reference frames)

Inertial reference frames:

- An inertial reference frame is one in which Newton's first law is valid.

- This excludes rotating and accelerating frames.

4-3 Mass

Mass is the measure of inertia of an object.

The more mass an object has, the greater the force needed to give it a particular acceleration.

In the SI system, mass is measured in kilograms.

Mass is not weight:

- Mass is a property of an object. Weight is the force exerted on that object by gravity.

- If you go to the moon, whose gravitational acceleration is about 1/6 *g*, you will weigh much less. Your mass, however, will be the same.

4-4 Newton's Second Law of Motion

a net force causes acceleration OR $\Sigma F = ma$

Force is a vector (vector algebra must be used when add forces)

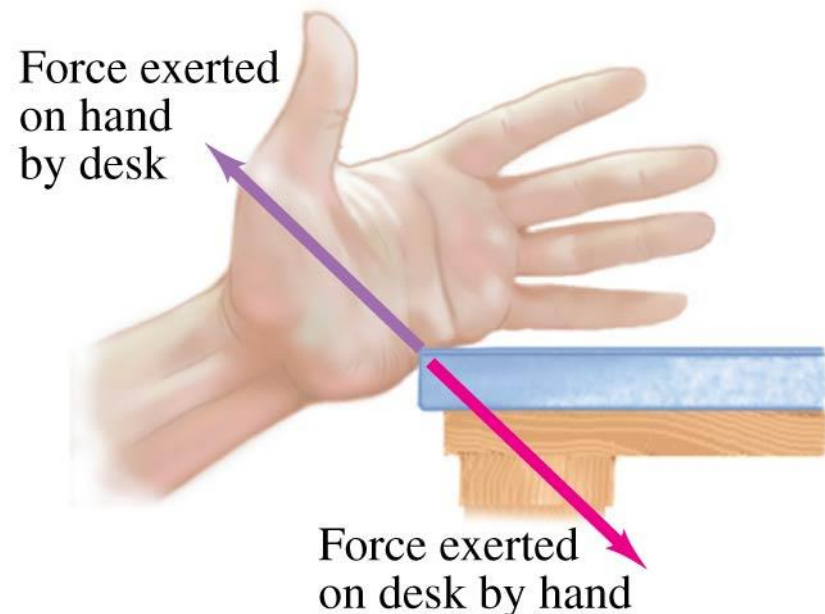$$\sum F_x = ma_x, \sum F_y = ma_y, \sum F_z = ma_z$$

The unit of force in the SI system is the newton (N).
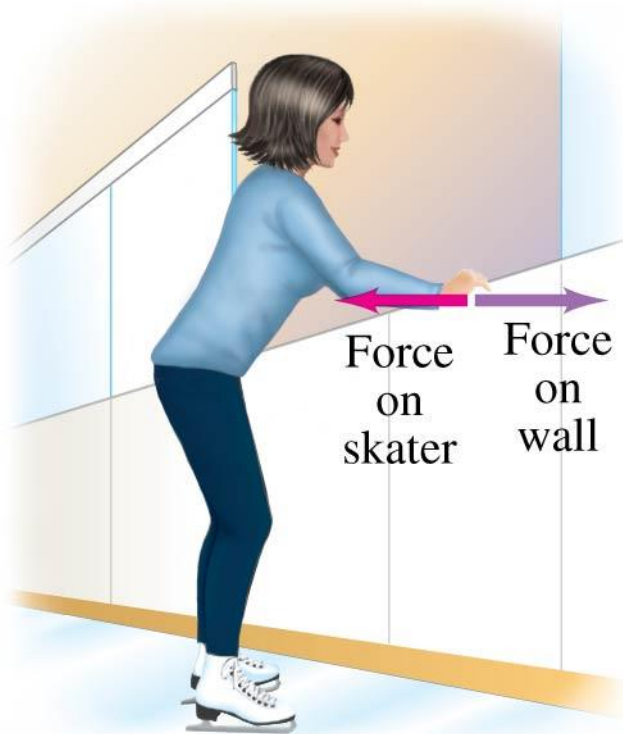
4-5 Newton's Third Law of Motion

Any time a force is exerted on an object, that force is caused by another object.

Newton's third law:

- Whenever one object exerts a force on a second object, the second exerts an equal force in the opposite direction on the first.

Force exerted on hand by desk

Force exerted on desk by hand

4-5 Newton's Third Law of Motion

Force on skater

Force on wall

A key to the correct application of the third law is that *the forces are exerted on different objects*. Make sure you don't use them as if they were acting on the *same* object.

Question: What are the action and reaction forces in case of freely falling object

# 4-6 Weight—the Force of Gravity; and the Normal Force

Weight is the force exerted on an object by gravity. Close to the surface of the Earth, where the gravitational force is nearly constant, the weight is:

$$\vec{\mathbf{F}}_G = m\vec{\mathbf{g}} \qquad (4\text{-}3)$$

Normal Force

Free Body Diagrams FBD

11. (II) A 20.0-kg box rests on a table. (*a*) What is the weight of the box and the normal force acting on it? (*b*) A 10.0-kg box is placed on top of the 20.0-kg box, as shown in Fig. 4–43. Determine the normal force that the table exerts on the 20.0-kg box and the normal force that the 20.0-kg box exerts on the 10.0-kg box.

10.0 kg

20.0 kg
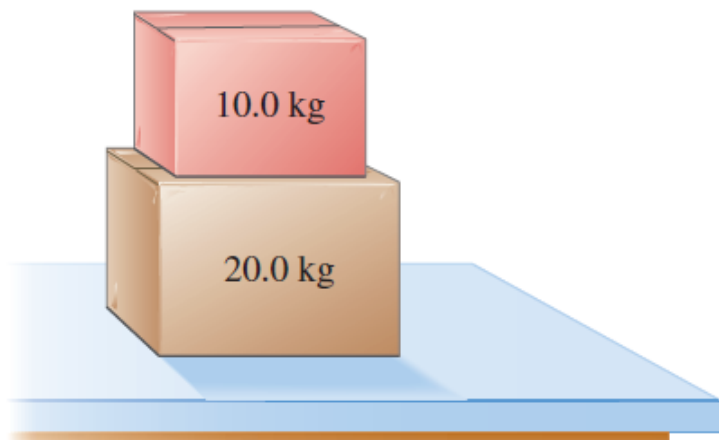
You can hold a box against a rough wall and prevent it from slipping down by pressing hard horizontally. How does the application of a horizontal force keep an object from moving vertically?
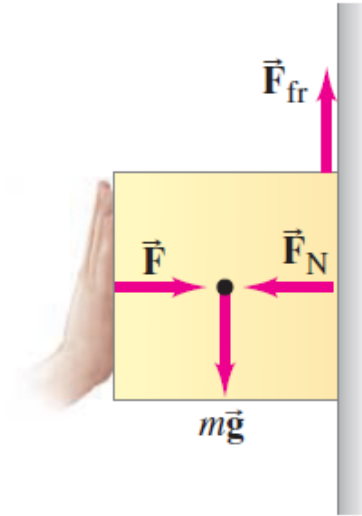
Assume no force of friction exists on either the person or the refrigerator. The person has a mass of 60.0 kg, and the refrigerator has a mass of 1200 kg. The force exerted by the person on the refrigerator is 1800 N [forward]. Calculate the refrigerator's acceleration and the person's acceleration.
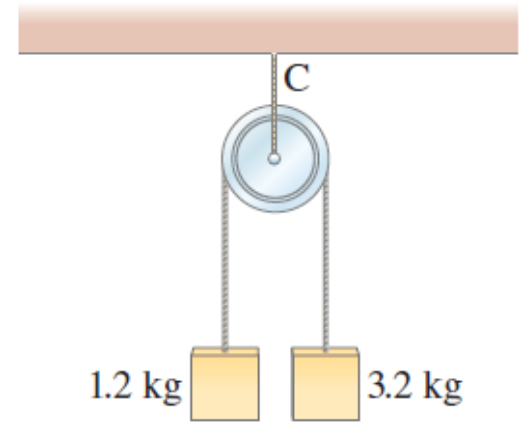

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Arlene is to walk across a "high wire" strung horizontally between two buildings 10.0 m apart. The sag in the rope when she is at the midpoint is 10.0°, as shown in If her mass is 50.0 kg, what is the tension in the rope at this point?
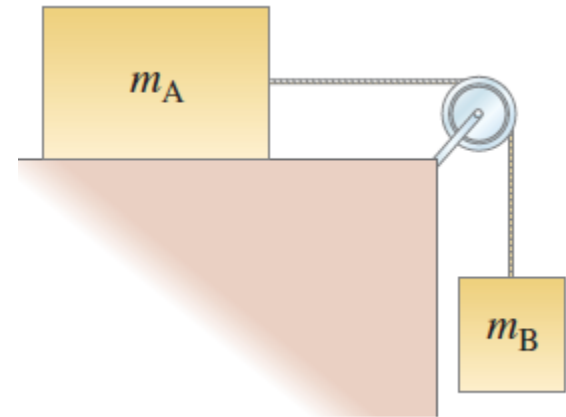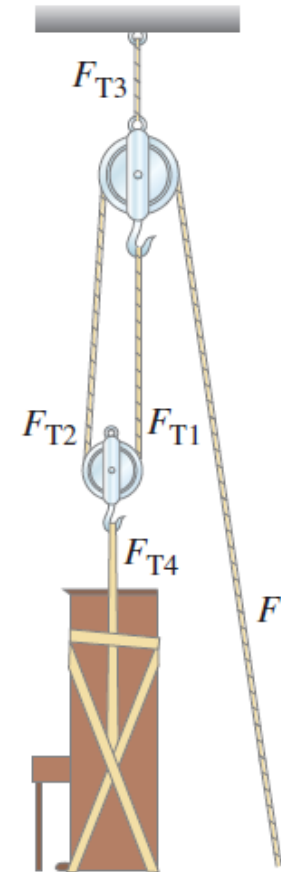

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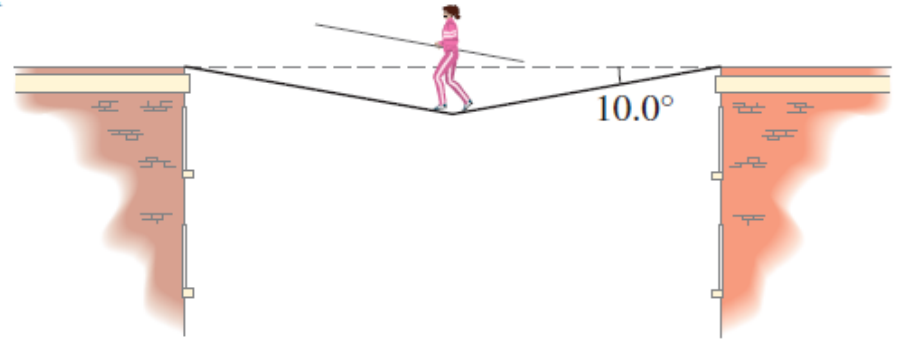
Atwood machine

Determine the tension and acceleration. Ignore the mass of the pulley and cords.
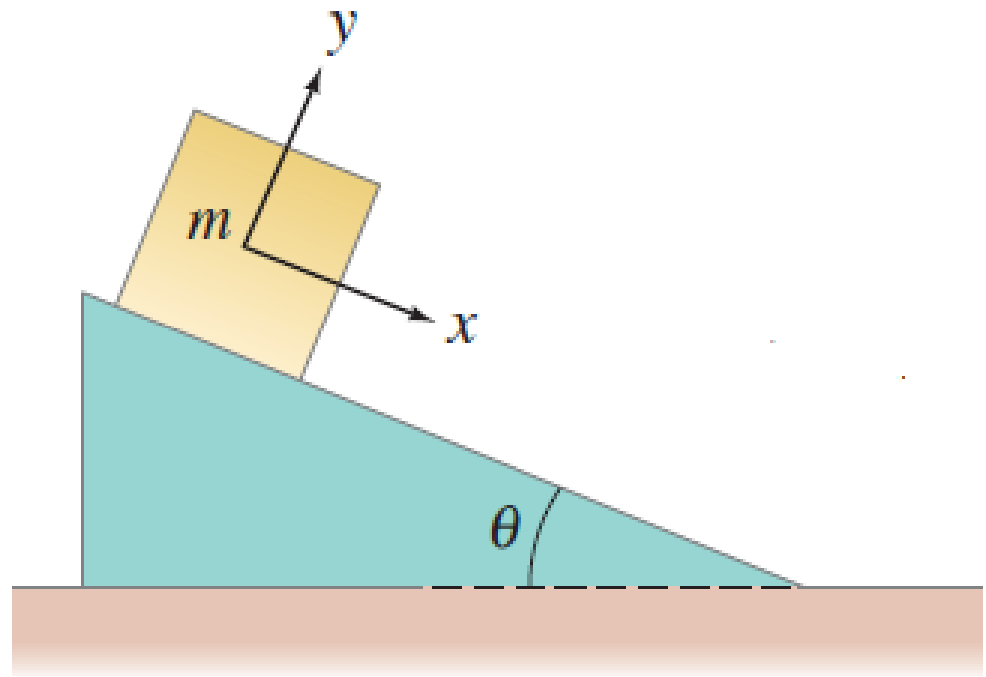

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1.2 kg   3.2 kg

Two blocks are connected by a massless string that passes over a frictionless pulley. Calculate T and a if the surface is frictionless. $m_A = 3kg, m_B = 2kg$

What minimum force *F* is needed to lift the piano? what is the tension in each string?

Inclined planes

An object is hanging by a string from your rearview mirror. While you are decelerating at a constant rate from to rest in 6.0 s, (*a*) what angle does the string make with the vertical, and (*b*) is it toward the windshield or away from it?

A woman stands on a bathroom scale in a motionless elevator. When the elevator begins to move, the scale briefly reads only 0.75 of her regular weight. Calculate the acceleration of the elevator, and find the direction of acceleration.

A 7180-kg helicopter accelerates upward at while lifting a 1080-kg frame at a construction site (a)What is the lift force exerted by the air on the helicopter rotors? (b) What is the tension in the cable (ignore its mass) which connects the frame to the helicopter? (c) What force does the cable exert on the helicopter?

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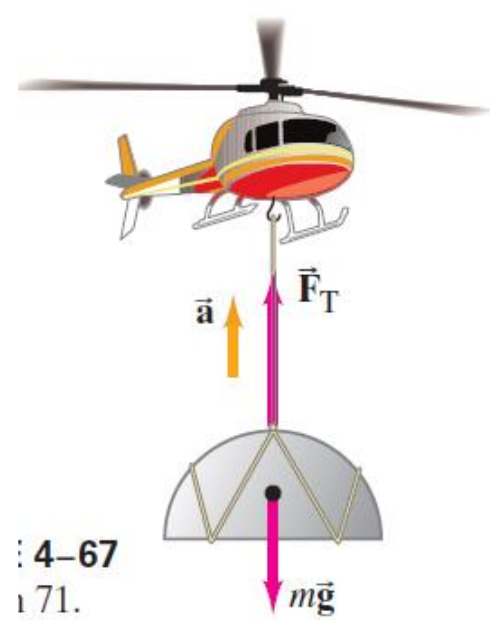
4-8 Problems Involving Friction, Inclines
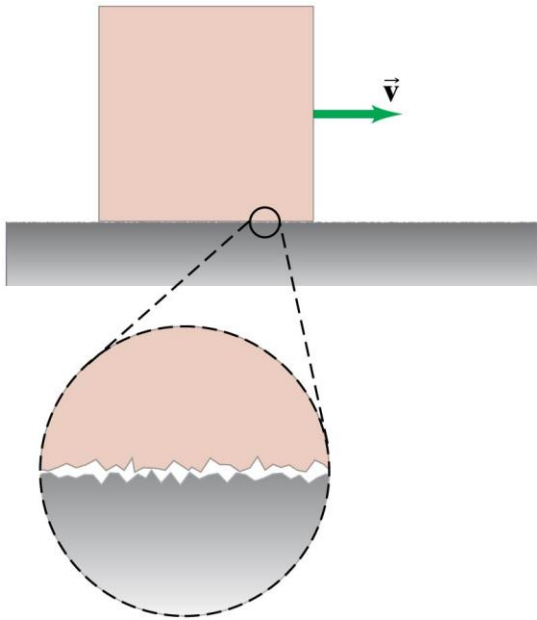
On a microscopic scale, most surfaces are rough. The exact details are not yet known, but the force can be modeled in a simple way.

Static friction

Static friction is the frictional force between two surfaces that are not moving along each other. Static friction keeps objects on inclines from sliding, and keeps objects from moving when a force is first applied.

Kinetic friction

Kinetic friction is the frictional force between two surfaces that are moving along each other.

4-8 Problems Involving Friction, Inclines

This table lists the measured values of some coefficients of friction. Note that the coefficient depends on both surfaces.

TABLE 4–2 Coefficients of Friction[†]

Surfaces	Coefficient of Static Friction, μ_s	Coefficient of Kinetic Friction, μ_k
Wood on wood	0.4	0.2
Ice on ice	0.1	0.03
Metal on metal (lubricated)	0.15	0.07
Steel on steel (unlubricated)	0.7	0.6
Rubber on dry concrete	1.0	0.8
Rubber on wet concrete	0.7	0.5
Rubber on other solid surfaces	1–4	1
Teflon® on Teflon in air	0.04	0.04
Teflon on steel in air	0.04	0.04
Lubricated ball bearings	<0.01	<0.01
Synovial joints (in human limbs)	0.01	0.01

[†] Values are approximate and intended only as a guide.

4-8 Problems Involving Friction, Inclines

The static frictional force increases as the applied force increases, until it reaches its maximum. Then the object starts to move, and the kinetic frictional force takes over.
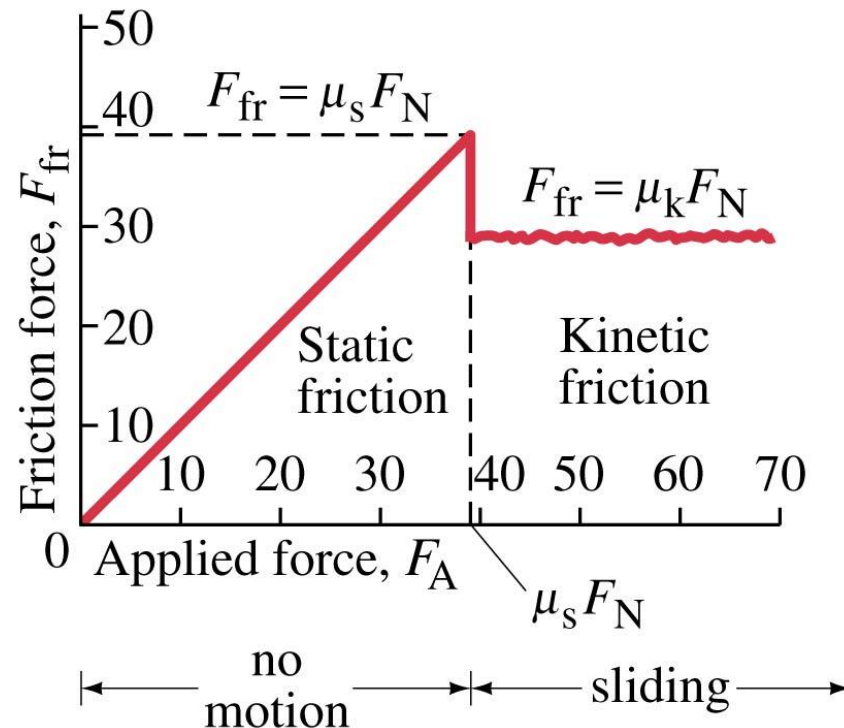
36. (I) A force of 35.0 N is required to start a 6.0-kg box moving across a horizontal concrete floor. (a) What is the coefficient of static friction between the box and the floor? (b) If the 35.0-N force continues, the box accelerates at 0.60 m/s^2. What is the coefficient of kinetic friction?

37. (I) Suppose you are standing on a train accelerating at $0.20\,g$. What minimum coefficient of static friction must exist between your feet and the floor if you are not to slide?

45. (II) In Fig. 4–56 the coefficient of static friction between mass m_A and the table is 0.40, whereas the coefficient of kinetic friction is 0.20. (a) What minimum value of m_A will keep the system from starting to move? (b) What value(s) of m_A will keep the system moving at constant speed? [Ignore masses of the cord and the (frictionless) pulley.]
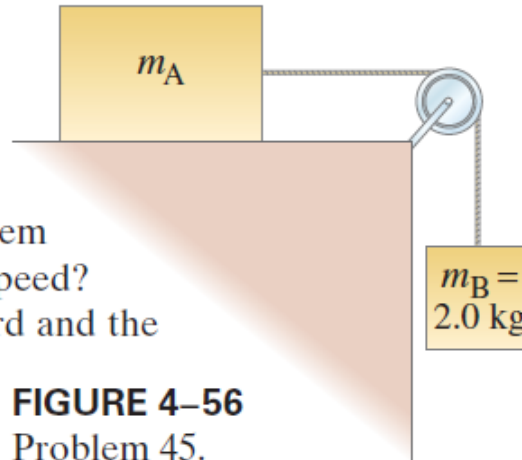
m_A

$m_B = 2.0$ kg

FIGURE 4–56
Problem 45.

47. (II) Two crates, of mass 65 kg and 125 kg, are in contact and at rest on a horizontal surface (Fig. 4–57). A 650-N force is exerted on the 65-kg crate. If the coefficient of kinetic friction is 0.18, calculate (*a*) the acceleration of the system, and (*b*) the force that each crate exerts on the other. (*c*) Repeat with the crates reversed.

650 N

65 kg | 125 kg

FIGURE 4–57
Problem 47.

60. (III) Two masses $m_A = 2.0\,\text{kg}$ and $m_B = 5.0\,\text{kg}$ are on inclines and are connected together by a string as shown in Fig. 4–61. The coefficient of kinetic friction between each mass and its incline is $\mu_k = 0.30$. If m_A moves up, and m_B moves down, determine their acceleration. [Ignore masses of the (frictionless) pulley and the cord.]
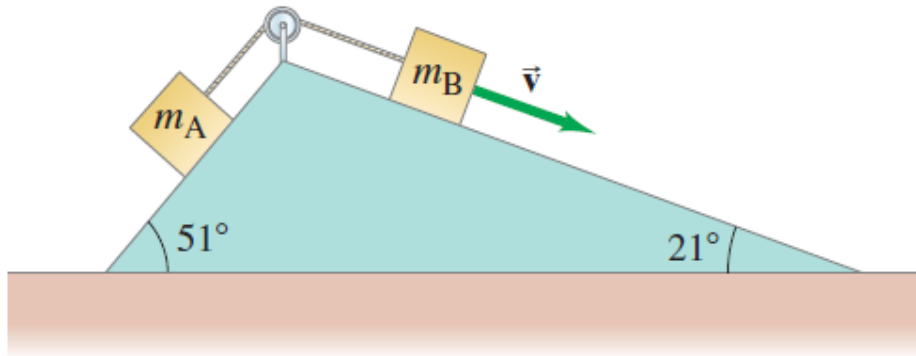

FIGURE 4–61 Problem 60.

Two workers move a 50 kg crate by sliding it across the floor. Worker 1 can exert a force of 380 N, and worker 2 can exert a force of 270 N. One worker must push on the crate below the horizontal and the other must pull at the same angle above the horizontal . Determine the acceleration of the crate. Assume that the coefficient of kinetic friction is μ_k =0.52 and the angle is 30.

Summary of Chapter 4

- Newton's first law: If the net force on an object is zero, it will remain either at rest or moving in a straight line at constant speed.

- Newton's second law: $\Sigma \vec{F} = m\vec{a}.$ (4-1)

- Newton's third law: $\vec{F}_{GP} = -\vec{F}_{PG}$ (4-2)

- Weight is the gravitational force on an object.

- The frictional force can be written $F_{fr} = \mu_k F_N$ (kinetic friction) or $F_{fr} \leq \mu_s F_N$ (static friction)