



UNIT 3-LAWS OF MOTION

GREETINGS Students, This class we are going to discuss about impulse, Kinetic Friction. **Impulse**

If a very large force acts on an object for a very short duration, then the force is called impulsive force or impulse.

If a force (F) acts on the object in a very short interval of time (Δt), from Newton's second law in magnitude form

$$F \Delta t = \Delta p$$

$$\int_i^f dp = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} F dt$$

$$p_f - p_i = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} F dt$$

p_i = initial momentum of the object at time t_i

p_f = final momentum of the object at time t_f

$p_f - p_i = \Delta p$ = change in momentum of the object during the time interval $t_f - t_i = \Delta t$.

The integral $\int_{t_i}^{t_f} F dt = J$ is called the impulse and it is equal to change in momentum of the object.

If the force is constant over the time interval, then

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_f} F dt = F \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt = F(t_f - t_i) = F \Delta t$$

$$F \Delta t = \Delta p \quad (3.24)$$

Equation (3.24) is called the 'impulse-momentum equation'.

For a constant force, the impulse is denoted as $J = F \Delta t$ and it is also equal to change in momentum (Δp) of the object over the time interval Δt .

Impulse is a vector quantity and its unit is Ns.

The average force acted on the object over the short interval of time is defined by

$$F_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} \quad (3.25)$$

Integrating over time from

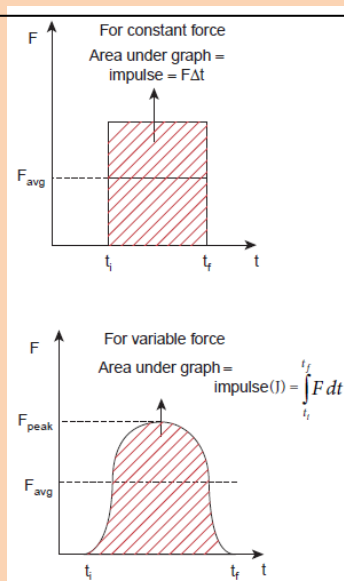
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final time t_f , we get Δp on the object is greater if Δt is smaller. Whenever the momentum of the body changes very quickly, the average force becomes larger.

The impulse can also be written in terms of the average force. Since Δp is change in momentum of the object and is equal to impulse (J), we have

$$J = F_{\text{avg}} \Delta t$$



Illustration

1. When a cricket player catches the ball, he pulls his hands gradually in the direction of the ball's motion. Why?

If he stops his hands soon after catching the ball, the ball comes to rest very quickly. It means that the momentum of the ball is brought to rest very quickly. So the average force acting on the body will be very large. Due to this large average force, the hands will get hurt. To avoid getting hurt, the player brings the ball to rest slowly.

2. When a car meets with an accident, its momentum reduces drastically in a very short time. This is very dangerous for the passengers inside the cars since they will experience a large force. To prevent this fatal shock, cars are designed with airbags in such a way that when the car meets with an accident, the momentum of the passengers will reduce slowly so that the average force acting on them will be smaller.

3. The shock absorbers in two wheelers play the same role as airbags in the car. When there is a bump on the road, a sudden force is transferred to the vehicle. The shock absorber prolongs the period of transfer of force on to the body of the rider. Vehicles without shock absorbers will harm the body due to this reason.

4. Jumping on a concrete cemented floor is more dangerous than jumping on the sand. Sand brings the body to rest slowly than the concrete floor, so that the average force experienced by the body will be lesser.

FRICTION

Introduction

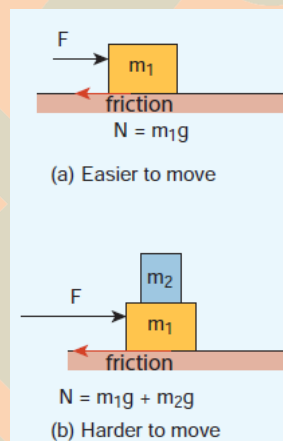
- If a very gentle force in the horizontal direction is given to an object at rest on the table, it does not move. It is because of the opposing force exerted by the surface on the object which resists its motion.



- This force is called the **frictional force which always opposes the relative motion between an object and the surface where it is placed**. If the force applied is increased, the object moves after a certain limit.
- **Relative motion**: when a force parallel to the surface is applied on the object, the force tries to move the object with respect to the surface. This 'relative motion' is opposed on the object in a direction opposite to applied force.
- Frictional force always acts on the object parallel to the surface on which the object is placed. There are two kinds of friction namely
- 1) Static friction and 2) Kinetic friction.

Static Friction (f_s)

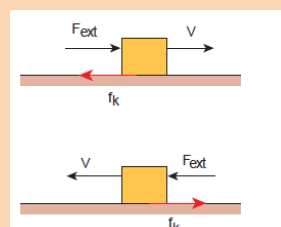
- Static friction is the force which opposes the initiation of motion of an object on the surface. When the object is at rest on the surface, only two forces act on it. They are the downward gravitational force and upward normal force. The resultant of these two forces on the object is zero.



$$0 \leq f_s \leq \mu_s N,$$

Kinetic Friction

If the external force acting on the object is greater than maximum static friction, the object begins to slide. When an object slides, the surface exerts a frictional force called **kinetic friction** f_k (also called sliding friction or dynamic friction). To move an object at constant velocity we must apply a force which is equal in magnitude and opposite to the direction of kinetic friction.





Experimentally it was found that the magnitude of kinetic friction satisfies the relation,

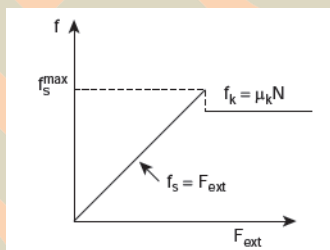
$$f_k = \mu_k N$$

where μ_k is the coefficient of kinetic friction and N the normal force exerted by the surface on the object,

$$\mu_k < \mu_s$$

more difficult than maintaining it. The salient features of static and kinetic friction

Table 3.2 Salient Features of Static and Kinetic Friction	
Static friction	Kinetic friction
It opposes the starting of motion	It opposes the relative motion of the object with respect to the surface
Independent of surface area of contact	Independent of surface area of contact
μ_s depends on the nature of materials in mutual contact	μ_k depends on nature of materials and temperature of the surface
Depends on the magnitude of applied force	Independent of magnitude of applied force
It can take values from zero to $\mu_s N$	It can never be zero and always equals to $\mu_k N$ whatever be the speed (true $v < 10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$)
$f_s^{\max} > f_k$	It is less than maximum value of static friction
$\mu_s > \mu_k$	Coefficient of kinetic friction is less than coefficient of static friction



To Move an Object - Push or pull? Which is easier?

- When a body is pushed at an arbitrary angle (0 to $\pi/2$), the applied force F can be resolved into two components as $F \sin \theta$ parallel to the surface and $F \cos \theta$ perpendicular to the surface.
- The total downward force acting on the body is $mg + F \cos \theta$. It implies that the normal force acting on the body increases.
- Since there is no acceleration along the vertical direction, the normal force N is equal to

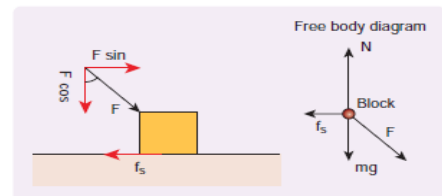


$$N_{push} = mg + F \cos \theta \quad (3.29)$$

As a result the maximal static friction also increases and is equal to

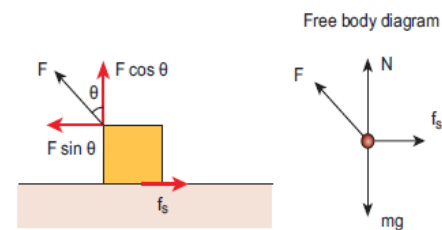
$$f_s^{max} = \mu_s N_{push} = \mu_s (mg + F \cos \theta) \quad (3.30)$$

Equation (3.30) shows that a greater force needs to be applied to push the object into motion.

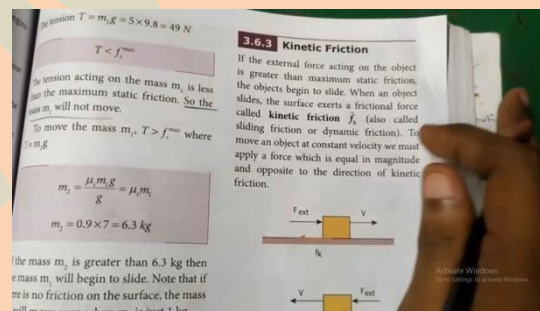


When an object is pulled at an angle θ , the applied force is resolved into two components. The total downward force acting on the object is

$$N_{pull} = mg - F \cos \theta \quad (3.31)$$



Then the normal force is less than N_{push} . From equations (3.29) and (3.31), it is easier to pull an object than to push to make it move.



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