

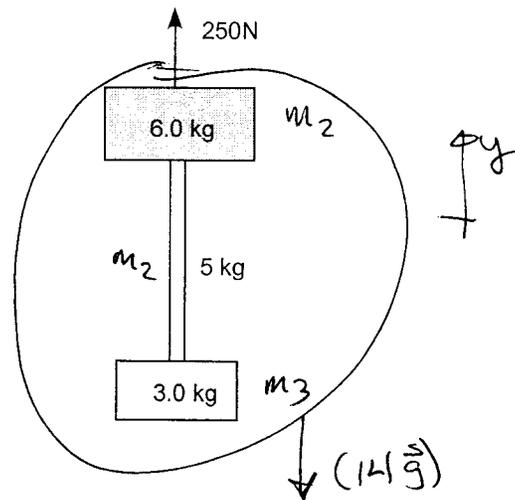
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PHYSICS 4A
WINTER 2013
EXAM 2

PARTIAL CREDIT will be given so do what you can and make sure that you show all work for each problem. **No credit will be given if no work is shown.** The point value of each question is indicated. Express all answers in SI units.

1. The two blocks shown below are connected by a heavy uniform rope with a mass of 5.0 kg. An upward force of 250 N is applied as shown. (15 pts)



- Find the acceleration of the masses.
- Calculate the tension at the top of the rope.
- Calculate the tension at the midpoint of the rope.

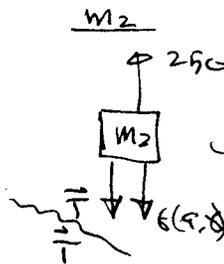
a) $m_1 + m_2 + m_3$

$$\Sigma F_y = 250 - 14(9.8) = 14a$$

$$a = 8.1 \frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 250$$

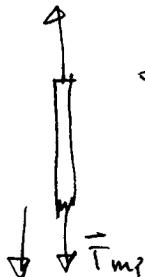
b)



$$\Sigma F_y = 250 - T - 6(9.8) = 6(8.1)$$

$$T = 143 \text{ N}$$

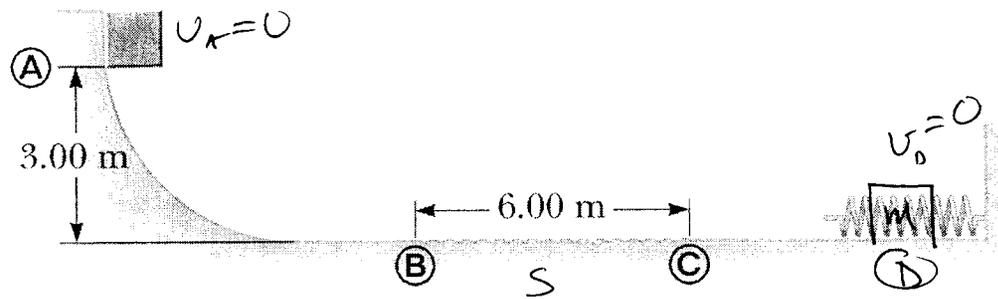
c)



$$\Sigma F_y = T - T_{mp} - (2.5)(9.8) = (2.5)(8.1)$$

$$T_{mp} = 98.3 \text{ N}$$

2. A 10 kg block is released from rest at point A as shown below. The track is frictionless except for the portion between points B and C. The block travels down the track, hits a spring with spring constant 2275 N/m and compresses the spring 35 cm from equilibrium before coming to stop. **Use Work-Energy Methods** to calculate the coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the rough surface between points B and C. **NO CREDIT** will be given if problem is solved any other method not discussed in class. (15 pts)



(A) \rightarrow (D)

$$\Delta K = -f_k S + W_{\text{other}}$$

$$0 = -\mu_k mg S + W_s + W_{\text{fr}} + W_g$$

$$0 = -\mu_k mg S + \frac{1}{2} k x_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} k x_i^2 + mg y_i - mg y_f$$

Free body diagram of the block on the horizontal surface BC:

- Normal force \vec{n} pointing up.
- Weight mg pointing down.
- Spring force \vec{F}_s pointing left.
- Friction force \vec{f}_k pointing right.

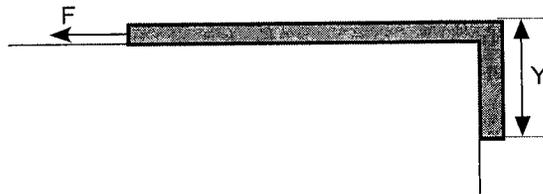
$$\mu_k mg S = mg y_i - \frac{1}{2} k x_f^2$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{mg y_i - \frac{1}{2} k x_f^2}{mg S} = \boxed{0.26}$$

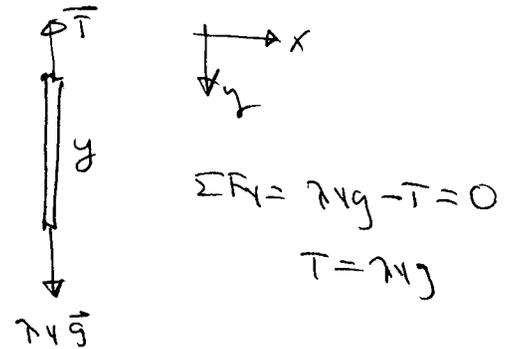
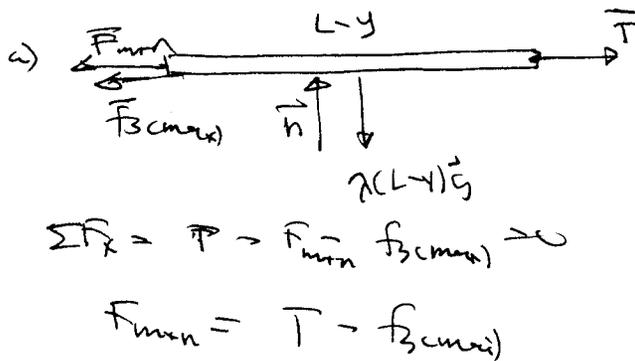
$$W_g = \vec{F}_g \cdot \vec{S} = F_g S \cos \theta$$

$$= mg y_i - mg y_f$$

3. A uniform noodle with linear mass density $\lambda = \frac{M}{L}$ has an amount 'y' dangling over a table with coefficient of kinetic and static friction μ_k and μ_s respectively. (15 pts)

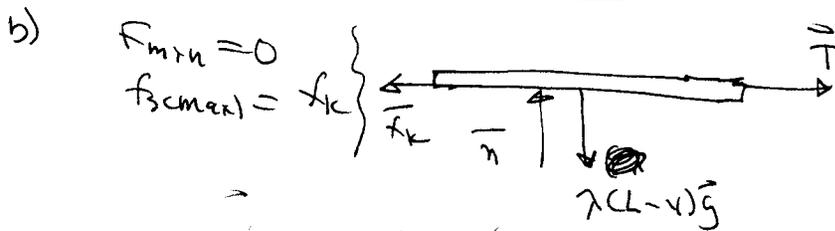


- a) Assuming the noodle slides off the table-top if released from rest, find the minimum force F_{\min} to keep noodle from sliding off the table.
 b) If noodle is now released from rest, find the acceleration of the noodle.
 c) If $\mu_k = 0$, find the work required to pull the hanging part back onto the table-top.



$$F_{\min} = \lambda y g - \mu_s \lambda (L-y) g$$

$$F_{\min} = \lambda g [y - \mu_s (L-y)]$$



$$\Sigma \vec{F}_x = T - f_k = \lambda (L-y) a = \lambda L a - \lambda y a$$

$$\Sigma \vec{F}_y = \lambda y g - T = \lambda y a$$

$$\lambda y g - \mu_k \lambda (L-y) g = \lambda L a$$

same.

$$\Sigma \vec{F}_y = \lambda y g - T = \lambda y a$$

c)

$$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \vec{T} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int \lambda y g dy$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \lambda g y^2 \right]_{y=0}^{y=L}$$