



## 8.2 Problems Involving Dry Friction

### Types of Friction Problems

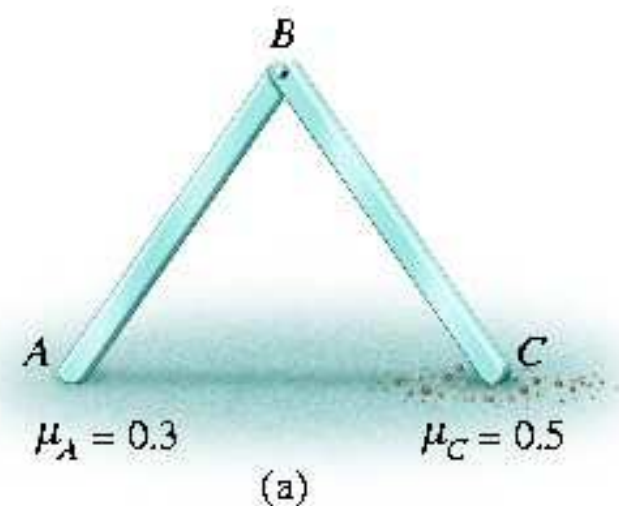
- In all cases, geometry and dimensions are assumed to be known
- Three types of mechanics problem involving dry friction
  - Equilibrium
  - Impending motion at all points
  - Impending motion at some points

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### Types of Friction Problems

#### Equilibrium

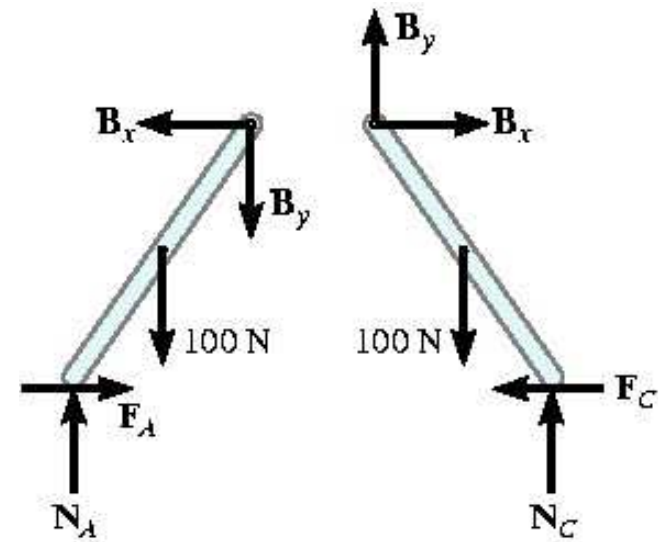
- Total number of unknowns = Total number of available equilibrium equations
- Frictional forces must satisfy  $F \leq \mu_s N$ ; otherwise, slipping will occur and the body will not remain in equilibrium
- We must determine the frictional forces at A and C to check for equilibrium



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- If the bars are uniform and have known weights of 100N each, FBD are shown below
- There are 6 unknown force components which can be determined strictly from the 6 equilibrium equations (three for each member)



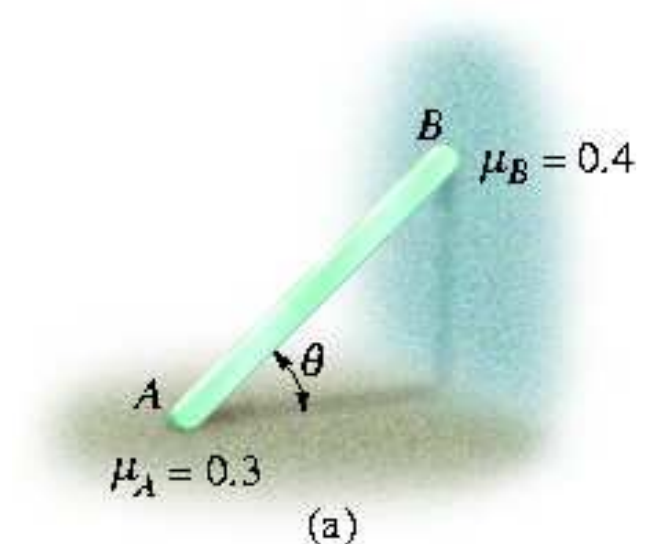
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### Types of Friction Problems

#### Impending Motion at All Points

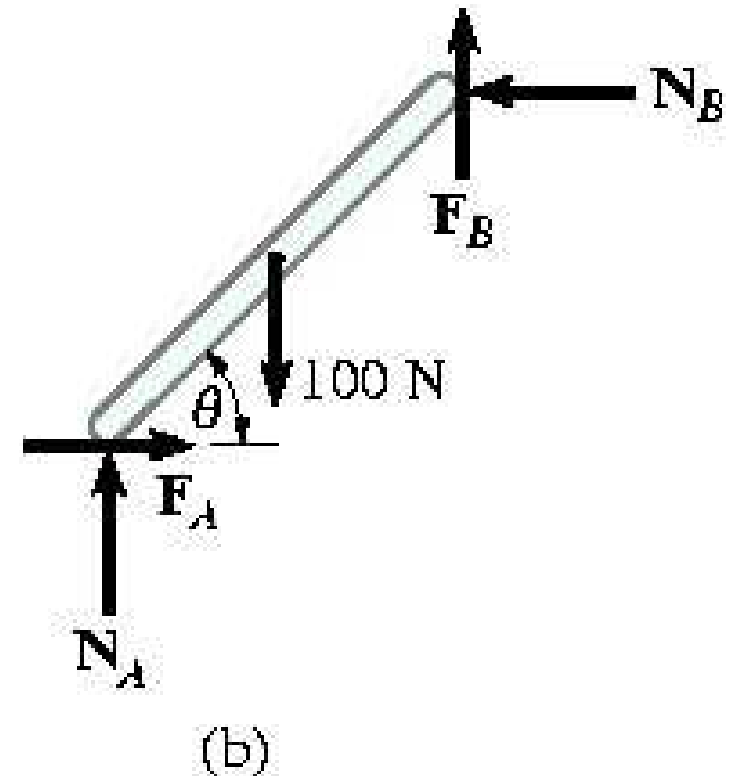
- Total number of unknowns = Total number of available equilibrium equations and available frictional equations
- If the motion is impending at the points of contact,  $F_s = \mu_s N$
- If the body is slipping,  $F_k = \mu_k N$
- Consider angle  $\theta$  of the 100N bar for no slippage



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- FBD of the 100N bar
- 5 unknowns and 3 equilibrium equations and 2 static frictional equations which apply at both points of contact





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### Types of Friction Problems

#### Impending Motion at Some Points

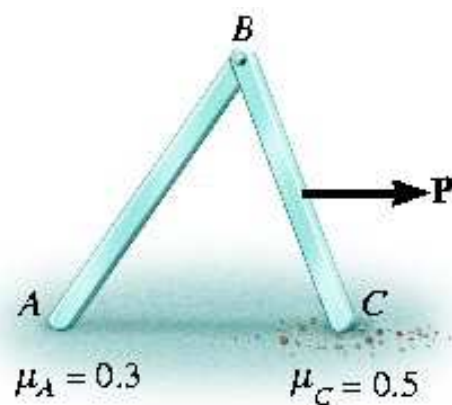
- Total number of unknowns  $<$  total number of available equilibrium equations and the frictional equations or conditional equations for tipping
- As a result, several possibilities for motion or impending motion will exist

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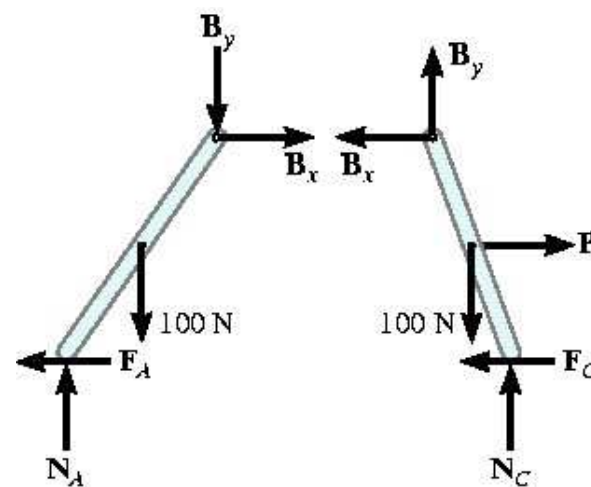
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#### Example

- Consider 2-member frame to determine force **P** needed to cause movement
- Each member has a weight of 100N



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- 7 unknowns
- For unique solution, we must satisfy 6 equilibrium equations (three for each member) and only one of the two possible static frictional equations
- As  $P$  increases, it will either cause slipping at A and no slipping at C or slipping at C and no slipping at A





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### Types of Friction Problems

- Actual situation can be determined by choosing the case for which  $P$  is smaller
- If in both cases, same value of  $P$  is obtained, slipping occur simultaneously at both points and the 7 unknowns will satisfy 8 equations



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### Equilibrium Versus Frictional Equations

- Frictional force always acts so as to oppose the relative motion or impede the motion of the body over its contacting surface
- Assume the sense of the frictional force that require  $F$  to be an “equilibrium” force
- Correct sense is made after solving the equilibrium equations
- If  $F$  is a negative scalar, the sense of  $\mathbf{F}$  is the reverse of that assumed



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### Procedures for Analysis

#### FBD

- Draw the necessary FBD and unless it is stated that impending motion or slipping occurs, always show the frictional forces as unknown
- Determine the number of unknowns and compare with the number of available equations
- If there are more unknowns than the equations of equilibrium, apply frictional equations at points of contact



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### Procedures for Analysis

#### FBD

- If the equation  $F = \mu N$  is used, show **F** acting in the proper direction on the FBD

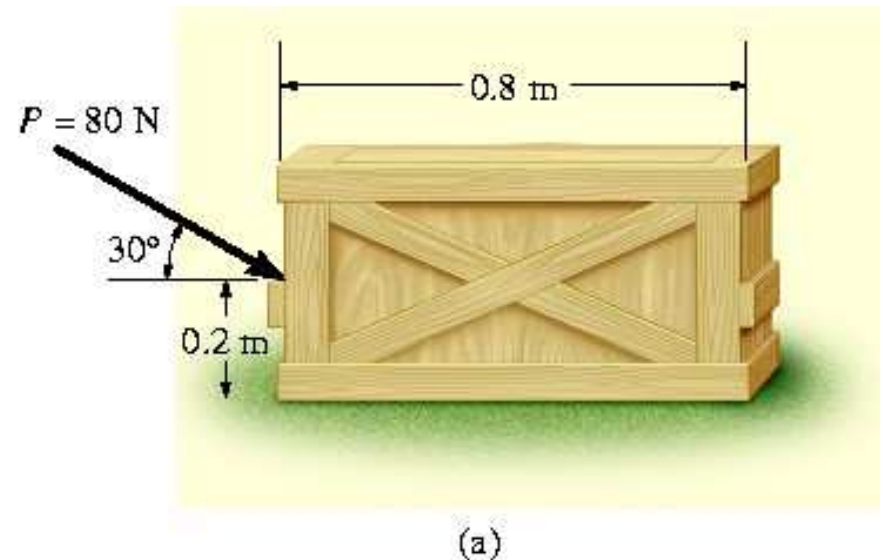
#### Equations of Equilibrium and Friction

- Apply the equilibrium equations and the necessary frictional equations and solve for unknowns
- If the problem is 3D, apply the equations using Cartesian coordinates

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### Example 8.1

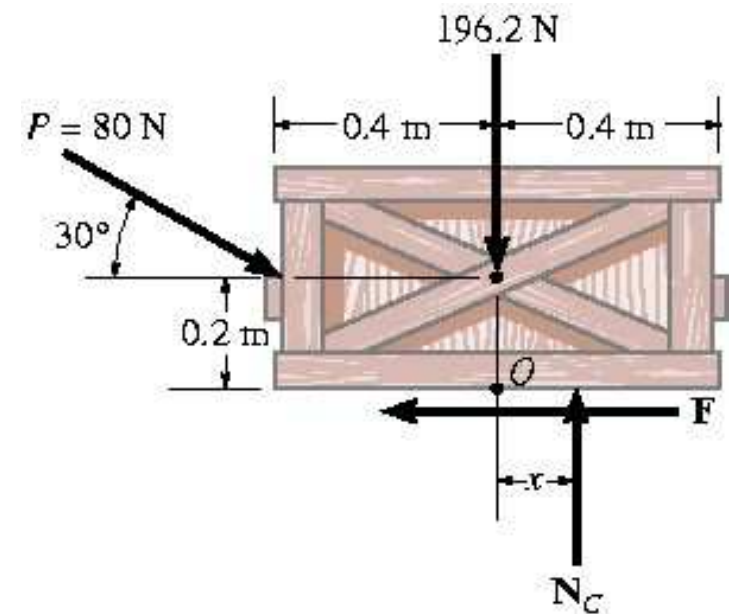
The uniform crate has a mass of 20kg. If a force  $P = 80\text{N}$  is applied on to the crate, determine if it remains in equilibrium. The coefficient of static friction is  $\mu = 0.3$ .




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### Solution

- Resultant normal force  $\mathbf{N}_C$  act a distance  $x$  from the crate's center line in order to counteract the tipping effect caused by  $\mathbf{P}$
- 3 unknowns to be determined by 3 equations of equilibrium



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### Solution

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0;$$

$$80 \cos 30^\circ N - F = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0;$$

$$-80 \sin 30^\circ N + N_C - 196.2N = 0$$

$$\sum M_o = 0;$$

$$80 \sin 30^\circ N(0.4m) - 80 \cos 30^\circ N(0.2m) + N_C(x) = 0$$

### Solving

$$F = 69.3N, N_{C=236N, x=-0.00908m=-9.08mm}$$



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### Solution

- Since  $x$  is negative, the resultant force acts (slightly) to the left of the crate's center line
- No tipping will occur since  $x \leq 0.4\text{m}$
- Maximum frictional force which can be developed at the surface of contact

$$F_{\max} = \mu_s N_C = 0.3(236\text{N}) = 70.8\text{N}$$

- Since  $F = 69.3\text{N} < 70.8\text{N}$ , the crate will not slip though it is close to doing so



## 4.2 Problems Involving Dry Friction

### Example 8.2

It is observed that when the bed of the dump truck is raised to an angle of  $\theta = 25^\circ$  the vending machines begin to slide off the bed. Determine the static coefficient of friction between them and the surface of the truck

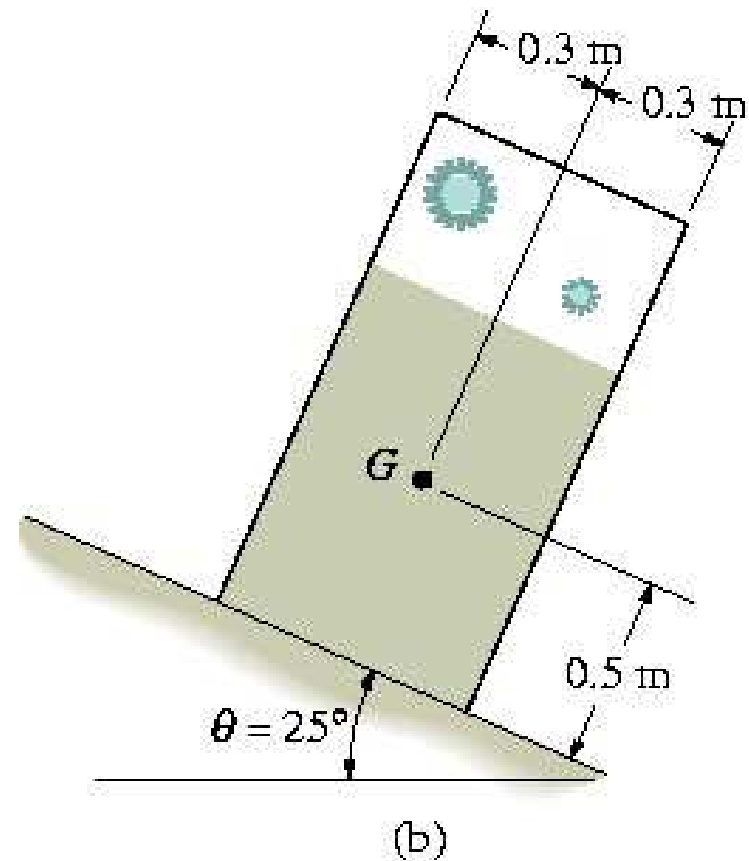


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### Solution

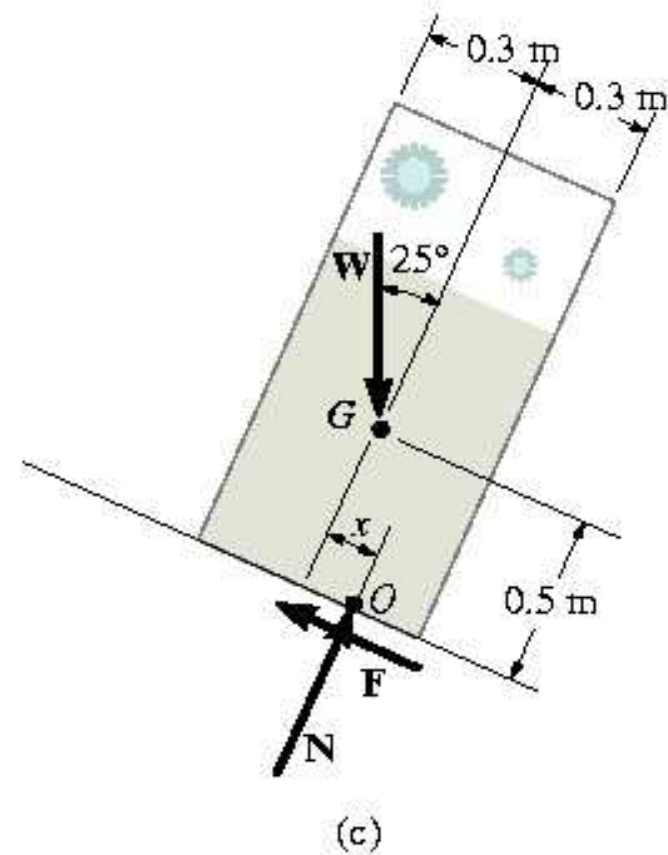
- Idealized model of a vending machine lying on the bed of the truck
- Dimensions measured and center of gravity located
- Assume machine weighs  $W$



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### Solution

- Dimension  $x$  used to locate position of the resultant normal force **N**
- 4 unknowns





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### Solution

$$\Sigma F_x = 0;$$

$$W \sin 25^\circ N - F = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0;$$

$$N - W \cos 25^\circ N = 0$$

$$\Sigma M_o = 0;$$

$$-W \sin \theta (0.5m) + W \cos \theta (x) = 0$$

**Slipping occurs at  $\theta = 25^\circ$**

$$F_s = \mu_s N; W \sin 25^\circ = \mu_s (W \cos 25^\circ N)$$

$$\mu_s = \tan 25^\circ = 0.466$$



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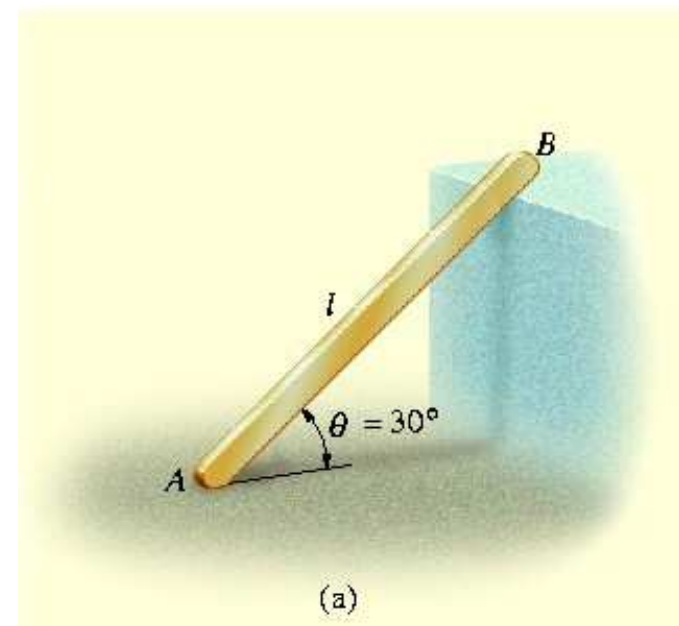
### Solution

- Angle  $\theta = 25^\circ$  is referred as the angle of repose
- By comparison,  $\theta = \Phi_s$
- $\theta$  is independent of the weight of the vending machine so knowing  $\theta$  provides a method for finding coefficient of static friction
- $\theta = 25^\circ$ ,  $x = 0.233\text{m}$
- Since  $0.233\text{m} < 0.5\text{m}$  the vending machine will slip before it can tip as observed

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### Example 8.3

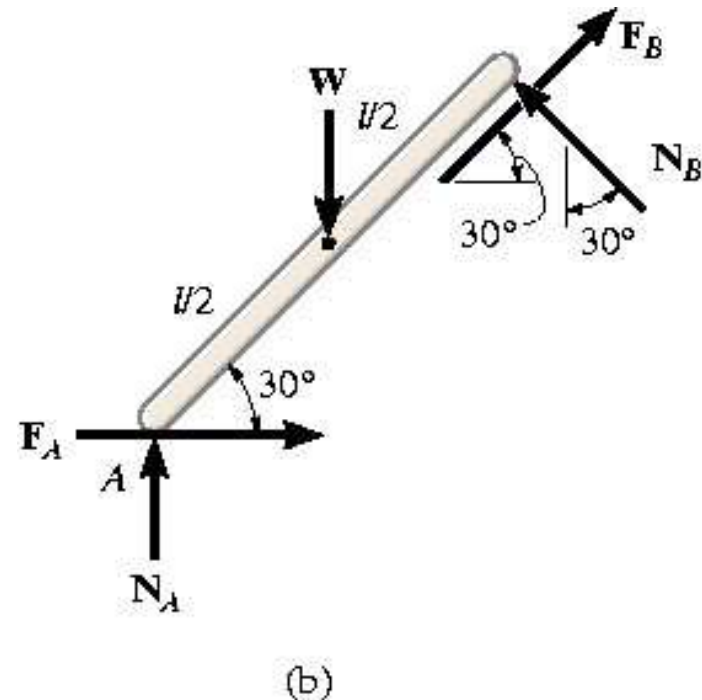
The uniform rod having a weight of  $W$  and length  $l$  is supported at its ends against the surfaces  $A$  and  $B$ . If the rod is on the verge of slipping when  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , determine the coefficient of static friction  $\mu_s$  at  $A$  and  $B$ . Neglect the thickness of the rod for calculation.



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### Solution

- 5 unknowns
- 3 equilibrium equations and 2 frictional equations applied at A and B
- Frictional forces must be drawn with their correct sense so that they oppose the tendency for motion of the rod





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### Solution

#### Frictional equations

$$F = \mu_s N;$$

$$F_A = \mu_s N_A, F_B = \mu_s N_B$$

#### Equilibrium equations

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0;$$

$$\mu_s N_A + \mu_s N_B \cos 30^\circ - N_B \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0;$$

$$N_A - W + N_B \cos 30^\circ + \mu_s N_B \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$\sum M_A = 0;$$

$$N_B \ell - W \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \cos 30^\circ = 0$$





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**Solution**

**Solving**

$$N_B = 0.4330W$$

$$\mu_s N_A = 0.2165W - (0.3750W)\mu_s$$

$$N_A = 0.6250W - (0.2165W)\mu_s$$

**By division**

$$0.6250\mu_s - 0.2165\mu_s^2 = 0.2165 - 0.375\mu_s$$

$$\mu_s^2 - 0.4619\mu_s + 1 = 0$$

**Solving for the smallest root**

$$\mu_s = 0.228$$

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### Example 8.4

The concrete pipes are stacked in the yard. Determine the minimum coefficient of static friction at each point of contact so that the pile does not collapse.

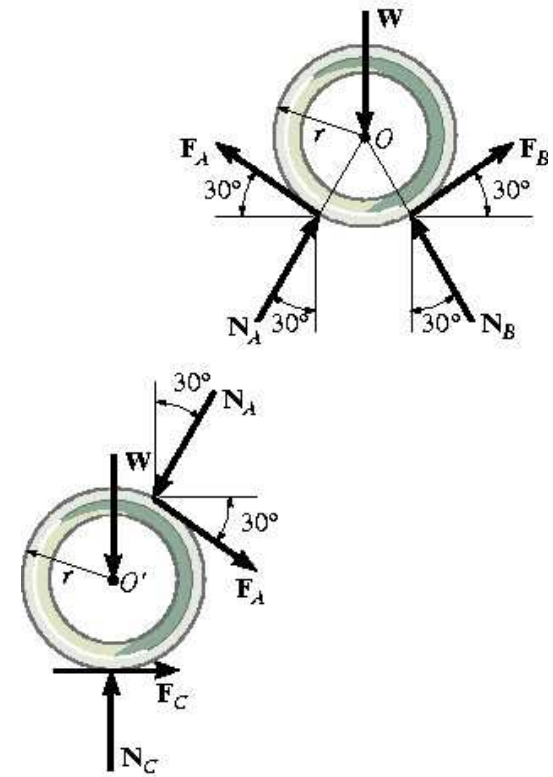


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### Solution

- Coefficient of static friction between the pipes A and B, and between the pipe and the ground, at C are different since the contacting surfaces are different
- Assume each pipe has an outer radius  $r$  and weight  $W$
- 6 unknown, 6 equilibrium equations
- When collapse is about to occur, normal force at D = 0



(b)



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### Solution

For the top pipe,

$$\sum M_O = 0;$$

$$-F_A(r) + F_B(r) = 0; F_A = F_B = F$$


$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0;$$

$$N_A \sin 30^\circ - F \cos 30^\circ - N_B \sin 30^\circ + F \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$N_A = N_B = N$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0;$$

$$2N \cos 30^\circ + 2F \sin 30^\circ - W = 0$$



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### Solution

For the bottom pipe, using  $F_A = F$  and  $N_A = N$ ,

$$\sum M_O = 0;$$

$$F_C(r) - F(r) = 0; F_C = F$$

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0;$$


$$- N \sin 30^\circ + F \cos 30^\circ + F = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0;$$

$$N_C - W - N \cos 30^\circ - F \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

Solving,

$$F = 0.268N$$



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### Solution

Between the pipes,

$$(\mu_s)_{\min} = \frac{F}{N} = 0.268$$

$$N = 0.5W$$

$$N_c - W - (0.5W) \cos 30^\circ - 0.2679(0.5W) \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$N_c = 1.5W$$

For smallest required coefficient of static friction,

$$(\mu'_s)_{\min} = \frac{F}{N_c} = \frac{0.2679(0.5W)}{1.5W} = 0.0893$$



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### Solution

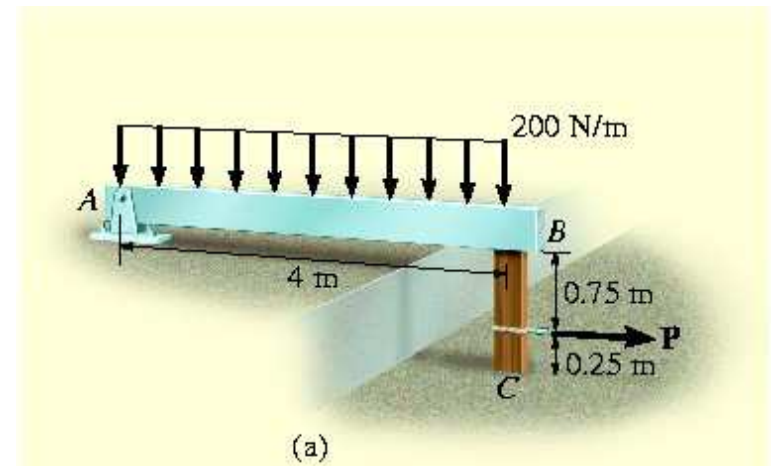
- A greater coefficient of static friction is required between the pipes than that required at the ground
- It is likely that the slipping would occur between the pipes at the bottom
- If the top pipe falls downwards, the bottom two pipes would roll away

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### Example 8.5

Beam AB is subjected to a uniform load of 200 N/m and is supported at B by post BC. If the coefficients of static friction at B and C are  $\mu_B$  and  $\mu_C = 0.5$ , determine the force **P** needed to pull the post out from under the beam.

Neglect the weight of the members and the thickness of the post.

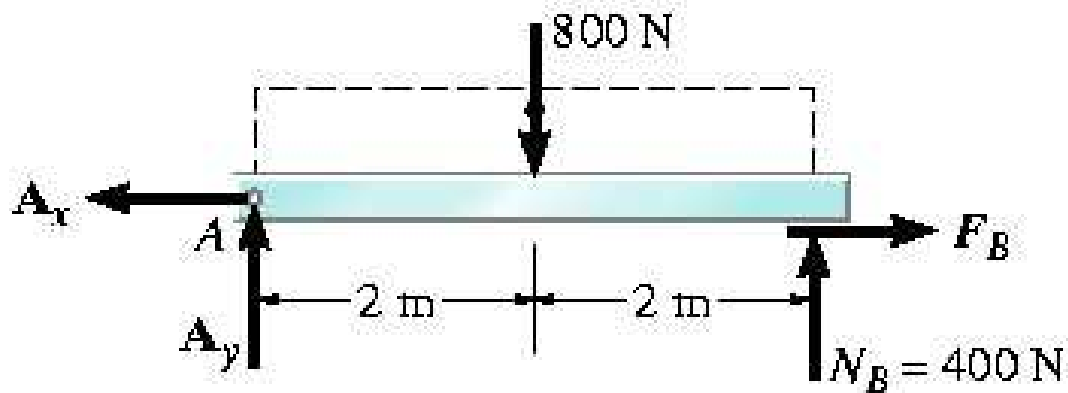




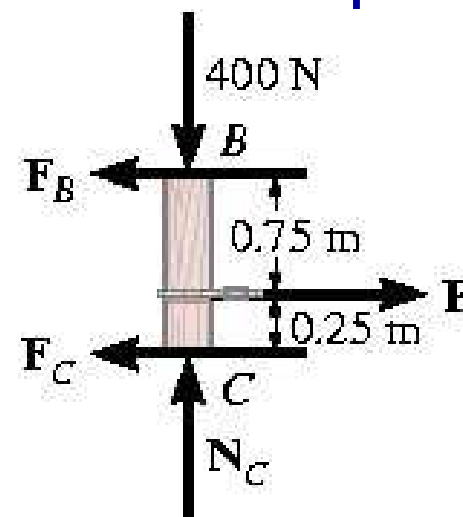
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### Solution

- FBD of beam AB and the post
- Apply  $\sum M_A = 0$ ,  $N_B = 400\text{N}$
- 4 unknowns
- 3 equilibrium equations and 1 frictional equation applied at either B or C



(b)



(c)



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### Solution

$$+ \rightarrow \sum F_x = 0;$$

$$P - F_B - F_C = 0$$

$$+ \uparrow \sum F_y = 0;$$

$$N_C - 400N = 0$$

$$\sum M_O = 0;$$

$$- P(0.25m) + F_B(1m) = 0$$

### Post slips only at B

$$F_C \leq \mu_C N_C$$

$$F_B = \mu_B N_B; F_B = 0.2(400N) = 80N$$



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### Solution

### Solving

$$P = 320N, F_C = 240N, N_C = 400N$$

$$F_C = 240N > \mu_C N_C = 0.5(400N) = 200N$$

Post slips only at C

$$F_B \leq \mu_B N_B$$

$$F_C = \mu_C N_C; F_C = 0.5N_C$$

### Solving

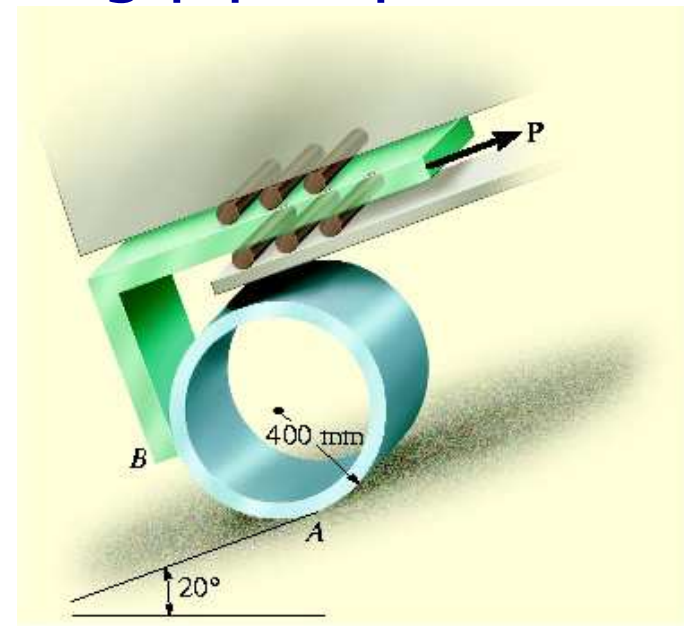
$$P = 267N, N_C = 400N, F_C = 200N, F_B = 66.7N$$

Choose second case as it requires a smaller value of P

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### Example 8.6

Determine the normal force  $P$  that must be exerted on the rack to begin pushing the 100kg pipe up the  $20^\circ$  incline. The coefficients of static friction at points of contact are  $(\mu_s)_A = 0.15$  and  $(\mu_s)_B = 0.4$ .



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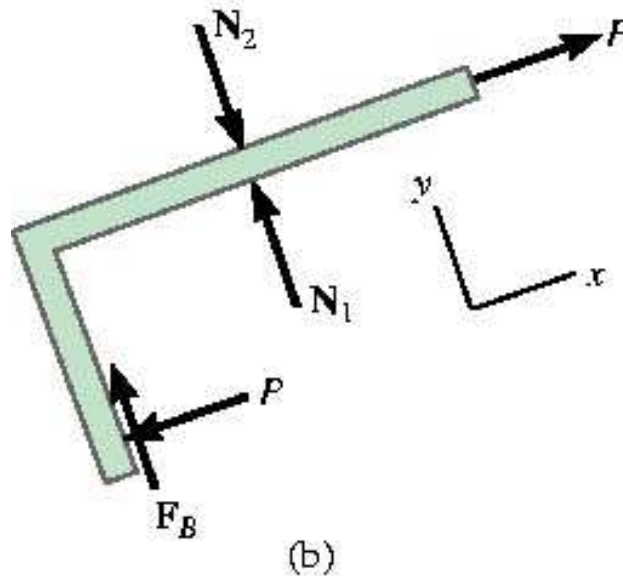
### Solution

- The rack must exert a force  $P$  on the pipe due to force equilibrium in the  $x$  direction
- 4 unknowns
- 3 equilibrium equations and 1 frictional equation which apply at either A or B
- If slipping begins to occur at B, the pipe will roll up the incline
- If the slipping occurs at A, the pipe will begin to slide up the incline

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### Solution

- FBD of the rack





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### Solution

$$\sum F_x = 0;$$

$$-F_A + P - 981 \sin 20^\circ = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0;$$

$$N_A - F_B - 981 \cos 20^\circ = 0$$


$$\sum M_O = 0;$$

$$F_B(400\text{mm}) - F_A(400\text{mm}) = 0$$

### Pipe rolls up incline

$$F_A \leq 0.15N_A$$

$$(F_S)_A = (\mu_S)_A; 224\text{N} \leq 0.15(1146\text{N}) = 172\text{N}$$



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### Solution

Inequality does not apply and slipping occurs at A

Pipe slides up incline

$$P \leq 0.4N_B$$

$$(F_s)_A = (\mu_s)_A N_A;$$

$$F_A = 0.15N_A$$

### Solving

$$N_A = 1085N, F_A = 163N, F_B = 163N, P = 498N$$

Check: no slipping occur at B

$$F_B \leq (\mu_s)_B P;$$

$$163N \leq 0.4(498N) = 199N$$