



Friction



Chapter 8



Overview

- Dry Friction
- Wedges
- Flatbelts
- Screws
- Bearings
- Rolling Resistance







- Friction is defined as a force of resistance acting on a body which prevents slipping of the body relative to a second body
- Empirical evidence shows that frictional forces act tangent to the contacting surface in a direction opposing the relative motion or tendency for motion.
- Equilibrium: F = P, N = W, and $W^*x = P^*h$.



- Assume that tipping does not occur (i.e., "h" is small or "a" is large).
- As we gradually increase the magnitude of the force P. the friction force F varies with P,



- The *maximum friction force* is attained just before the block begins to move (a situation that is called "impending motion").
- The value of the force is found using $F_s = \mu_s N$, where μ_s is called the coefficient of static friction. μ_s depends on the two materials in contact.
- Once the block begins to move, the frictional force typically drops and is given by $F_k = \mu_k N$. The value of μ_k is the coefficient of kinetic friction and is less than μ_s .



- It is important to note that the friction force may be less than the maximum friction force.
- If the object is not moving, don't assume the friction force is at its max. value of $F_s = \mu_s N$ unless you are told or know motion is impending



Determing μ_s

• on the verge of sliding, the block just begins to slip, the maximum friction force is $F_s = \mu_s N$

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• Thus, N and F_s combine to create a resultant R_s



• From the figure, tan ϕ_s = (F_s / N) = (μ_s N / N) = μ_s

Determing μ_s - Inclined Plane

• Analysis of the block just before it begins to move gives (using $F_s = \mu_s N$):

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$$\checkmark$$
 + $\sum F_y = N - W \cos \theta_s = 0$

•
$$\nearrow + \sum F_x = \mu_s N - W \sin \theta_s = 0$$

• $\mu_s = (W \sin \theta_s) / (W \cos \theta_s) = \tan \theta_s$



Impending Tipping Versus Slipping

- how can we determine if the block will slide or tip first?
- In this case, we have four unknowns (F, N, x, and P) and only three E-of-E.
- we have to make an assumption to give us another equation (the friction equation!). Then we can solve for the unknowns
- Finally, we need to check if our assumption was correct.



Impending Tipping Versus Slipping

• Assumption: Slipping occurs Known: $F = \mu_s N$ Solve for: x, P, and N Check: $0 \le x \le b/2$



• Assumption: Tipping occurs Known: x = b/2Solve for: P, N, and F Check: $F \le \mu_s N$





WEDGES AND FRICTIONAL FORCES ON FLAT BELTS

- Wedges are used to adjust the elevation or provide stability for heavy objects
- Belt drives are commonly used for transmitting the torque developed by a motor to a wheel attached to a pump, fan or blower.





- A wedge is a *simple machine* in which a small force P is used to lift a large weight W
- First we draw the free body diagram of the wedge, noting that
- 1) the friction forces are always in the *direction opposite to the motion*,
- 2) the friction forces are along the contacting surfaces; and,
- the normal forces are perpendicular to the contacting surfaces



- Next, we look at the object on top of the wedge noting
- at the contacting surfaces between the wedge and the object the forces are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction to those on the wedge; and,
- all other forces acting on the object should be shown.
- 3) $\sum F_x = 0$ and $\sum F_y = 0$, for the wedge and the object Also, for *the impending motion frictional equation*, $F = \mu_s N$.



 Start by analyzing the free body diagram in which the number of unknowns are less than or equal to the number of equations of equilibrium and frictional equations



- If the object is to be lowered, then the wedge needs to be pulled out.
- If the value of the force P needed to remove the wedge is positive, then the wedge is *self-locking*, i.e., it will not come out on its own.



Analysis of Flat Belt

- Consider a flat belt passing over a fixed curved surface with the total angle of contact equal to β (in radians)
- If the belt slips or is just about to slip, then T_2 must be larger than T_1 plus the motion resisting friction forces. Hence, T_2 must be greater than T_1 .



Analysis of Flat Belt

It can be shown that

 $T_2 = T_1 e^{\mu\beta}$

where μ is the coefficient of static friction between the belt and the surface. [see text for proof]

 Remember to use radians when using this formula!!







Analysis of Screws



- Screws are used as fasteners or to transmit power or motion from one machine part to another
- Screws can be classified by the *thread*. E.g. *squarethreaded screw*, *V-thread*
- A screw is considered a cylinder called a *barrel* or *shaft*, with the *thread* wrapped around it.







Analysis of Screws

 If we unwind the thread by one revolution, the slope or *lead angle* is given by

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{l}{2\pi r} \right)$$

I is called the *lead* of the screw, and is the distance advanced by turning the screw one revolution



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Upward Impending Motion

- Consider a square-threaded screw subject to impending motion due to an applied torque M.
- The free body diagram of the entire unraveled thread through can be represented as follows where W is the vertical force on the or the axial force on the shaft, and R is the reaction of the groove on the thread. R has frictional and normal components



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Upward screw motion (a)

Upward Impending Motion

- The horizontal force associated with the couple moment *M* is *M/r*.
- The frictional component $F=\mu_{
 m s}N$
- The angle of static friction

$$\phi_{s} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{F}{N}\right) = \tan^{-1}\mu_{s}$$



$$\rightarrow \sum F_x = 0; \ \frac{M}{r} - R\sin(\phi_s - \theta) = 0$$

$$\uparrow \sum F_y = 0; \ R\cos(\phi_s + \theta) - W = 0$$

$$\frac{M}{r} = rW\tan(\phi_s + \theta)$$



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Upward screw motion (a)

Self-Locking Screw

- A screw is *self-locking* if it remains in place under any axial load **W** when the moment **M** is removed.
- In this case **R** acts on the other side of **N**.
- If , $\phi_s = \theta$ then **R** will act vertically to balance **W**, and the screw will be on the verge of winding downwards



Self-locking screw ($\theta = \phi_s$) (on the verge of rotating downward)

(b)

Downward Impending Motion

- If a screw is self-locking, a couple M' must be applied in the opposite direction to wind the screw downward
- $\phi_s > \theta$
- This causes a horizontal force in the reverse direction that will push the thread downwards
- Using the previous procedure it can be shown that

$$M' = rW \tan(\theta - \phi_s)$$



(c)

Downward Impending Motion

- If the screw is not self-locking it is necessary to apply a moment M" to prevent the screw from winding downwards
- $\phi_s < \theta$
- A horizontal force M"/r is required to push against the thread to prevent it from sliding downwards
- The magnitude of the moment required to this unwinding is

$$M'' = rW\tan(\phi_s - \theta)$$

Downward screw motion $(\theta < \phi_s)$ (d)









Pivot & Collar Bearings

- *Pivot* and *collar bearings* are used in machines to support an axial load on a rotating shaft
- In the absence of lubrication, the laws of dry friction may be applied to determine the moment needed to turn the shaft as it supports the axial load.







Pivot & Collar Bearings: Analysis

• If **P** is the axial force, and the contact area is $\pi(R_2^2-R_1^2)$, then the normal pressure

$$p = \frac{P}{\pi (R_2^2 - R_1^2)}$$

 Consider an infinitesimally small area of collar subjected to normal force dN and its associated frictional force dF

$$dA = (rd\theta).(dr), \qquad dN = p \, dA$$

$$dF = \mu_s \, dN = \mu_s \, p \, dA = \frac{\mu_s P}{\pi (R_2^2 - R_1^2)} \, dA$$



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Pivot & Collar Bearings: Analysis

- The frictional force creates a moment about the z-axis dM = r dF
- For impending motion

$$\sum M_z = 0; \quad M - \int r dF = 0$$

 Substituting for *dF*^A and *dA* and integrating over the entire bearing area



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$$M = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} \int_{0}^{2\pi} r \left[\frac{\mu_s P}{\pi (R_2^2 - R_1^2)} \right] (rd\theta \, dr) = \frac{\mu_s P}{\pi (R_2^2 - R_1^2)} \int_{R_1}^{R_2} r^2 dr \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\theta$$
$$2 \left(R_2^3 - R_1^3 \right)$$

$$M = \frac{2}{3} \mu_s P \left(\frac{R_2^2 - R_1^2}{R_2^2 - R_1^2} \right)$$

Pivot & Collar Bearings: Analysis

- If the shaft is rotating at constant speed, substitute μ_k for μ_s
- For a pivot bearing $R_2 = R$ and $R_1 = 0$, so

$$M=\frac{2}{3}\mu_{s}PR$$

- Note that the above equation are based on constant (uniform) pressure on the bearing surfaces.
- If that is not the case a function relating pressure and bearing area must ne determined before integrating







Journal Bearings

- When a shaft or axle is subjected to lateral loads , a journal bearing is used for support.
- In the absence of lubrication we can apply the laws of dry friction





Journal Bearings: Analysis

- Consider the journal bearing support shown
- If the shaft is subjected to a vertical force, resulting in a reactive force at A,
- the moment needed to maintain constant rotation about the z-axis can be found from

$$\sum M_z = 0; \qquad M - (R \sin \phi_k)r = 0$$
$$M = Rr \sin \phi_k$$



Journal Bearings: Analysis

Where ϕ_s is the angle of kinetic friction, and

 $\tan\phi_k = F / N = \mu_k N / N = \mu_k$

• From diagram it can be seen that

 $r\sin\phi_k = r_f$

- The dashed circle with radius r_f is called the friction circle and R will always be tangent to it
- If there is some lubrication $\sin \phi_k \approx \tan \phi_k \approx \mu_k$
- And the moment needed to overcome the friction becomes

$$M \approx Rr\mu_k$$



Journal Bearings: Analysis

- In practice journals are prone to rapid wear due to friction between shaft and bearing.
- In engineering design this is overcome by incorporating ball bearings or rollers in the journal bearing to reduce frictional losses











Rolling Resistance

- Consider a *rigid* cylinder rolling at constant velocity over a *rigid* surface.
- Now if the rigid cylinder rolls over a softer surface, it deforms the material of the surface in front of it.
- The reaction of the surface on the cylinder retards its forward motion.
- The material at the rear of the cylinder however rebounds and pushes the cylinder forward



Rigid surface of contact (a)



Soft surface of contact

(b)

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Rolling Resistance

- The deformation force always exceeds the restoration/ rebound force, hence the resistance to rolling.
- The force required to maintain the motion at that constant velocity is

 $P \approx \frac{Wa}{M}$

r



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Rolling Resistance

- Rolling resistance is significantly lower than sliding resistance
- Also for a given body, the harder the surface the less the rolling resistance
- The above explain why rollers or ball bearings can be used to minimize friction between moving part of machines





Comments & Questions



