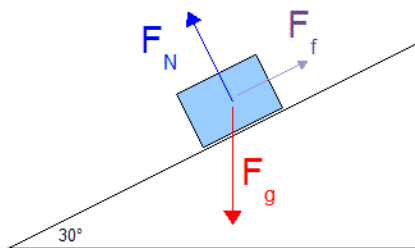


2.8 Inclined Planes

In Trigonometry we studied a little ol' thing called SOH CAH TOA. When analyzing the effects of static and kinetic friction, inclined planes are a good place to start.

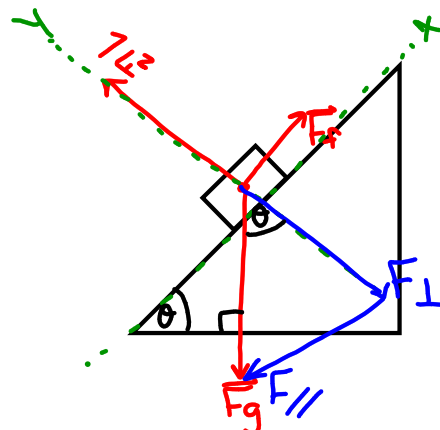
What forces act on a box sitting on an inclined plane?



Things aren't really balancing here because we know that *forces occur in pairs* (Newton's Third Law).



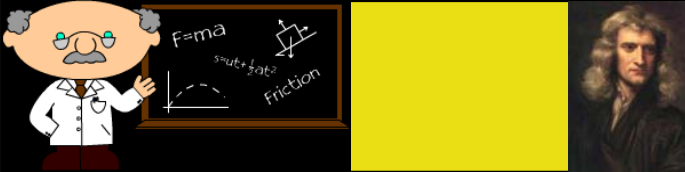
Let's look at a more balanced free-body diagram:



\perp "to the surface"

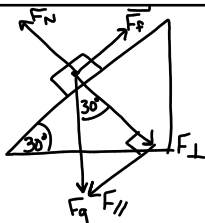
$$\vec{F}_{\perp} = -\vec{F}_f$$

$$\vec{F}_{\parallel} = -\vec{F}_N$$



Ex.) A box weighing 562 N is on an incline of 30°. Find each force acting on the box. (Hint: The direction of the box is "down the ramp.") F_f up

Steps:
 1. Draw the free-body diagram.
 2. Calculate the parallel and perpendicular forces using Trig.

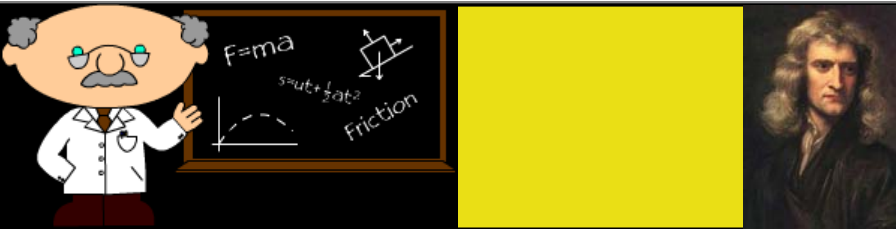


$F_g = -562\text{ N}$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{F_{||}}{F_g} \quad F_{||} = mg \sin \theta$$

$$= -562 \sin 30^\circ = \boxed{-281\text{ N}} \Rightarrow F_f = \boxed{281\text{ N}}$$

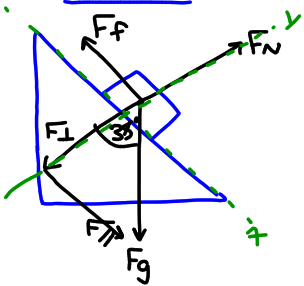
$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{F_{\perp}}{mg} \quad F_{\perp} = mg \cos \theta$$

$$= -562 \cos 30^\circ = \boxed{-487\text{ N}} \Rightarrow F_N = \boxed{487\text{ N}}$$


Ex.) Ryan (mass = 70 kg) has a hickory snowboard and is snowboarding down an incline of 38°.

$\mu = 0.04$ kinetic

a) The snow is dry. What is Ryan's acceleration?



$$\vec{F}_{\text{net } x} = \vec{F}_f + \vec{F}_{||}$$

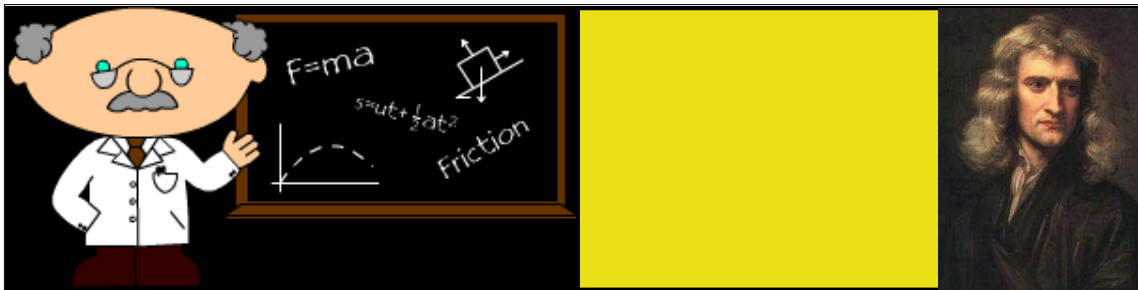
$$m\vec{a} = \mu F_N + mg \sin \theta$$

$$\cancel{m} \vec{a} = \frac{\mu(mg \cos \theta) + mg \sin \theta}{\cancel{m}}$$

$$\vec{a} = \mu g \cos 38^\circ + g \sin 38^\circ$$

$$\vec{a} = (-0.04)(-9.81)(\cos 38^\circ) + (-9.81) \sin 38^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\vec{a} = 5.7 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ [downhill]}}$$



b) The snow melts a little bit and becomes wet, what is the new acceleration?

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= 0.14 & \vec{a} &= -\mu \vec{g} + \vec{g} \sin \theta \\ & & &= (-0.14)(-9.81) + (-9.81)(\sin 38^\circ) \\ & & &= \boxed{5.0 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ [downhill]}} \end{aligned}$$



c) What coefficient due to static friction is needed to keep Ryan at rest?

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{net } x} &= F_{\parallel} + F_f & \text{not moving} & \Rightarrow F_{\text{net } x} = 0 \text{ N} \\ 0 &= mg \sin \theta + \mu F_N \\ 0 &= mg \sin \theta + \mu (-mg \cos \theta) \\ 0 &= mg \sin \theta - \mu mg \cos \theta \\ +\mu mg \cos \theta & & +\mu mg \cos \theta & \\ \frac{\mu mg \cos \theta}{mg \cos \theta} &= \frac{mg \sin \theta}{mg \cos \theta} \\ \mu &= \tan \theta = \tan 38^\circ = \boxed{0.75} \end{aligned}$$

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