

# Physics 185F2013 Lecture Four

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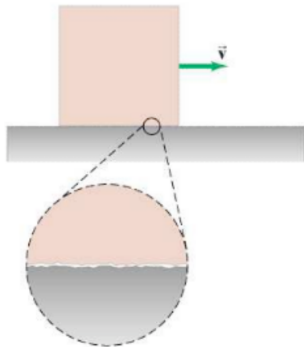
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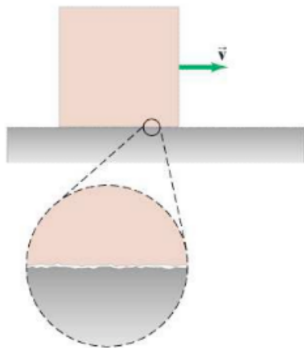
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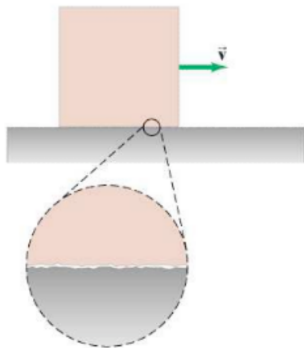
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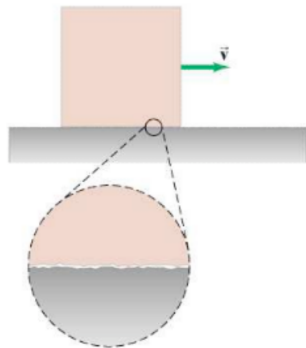


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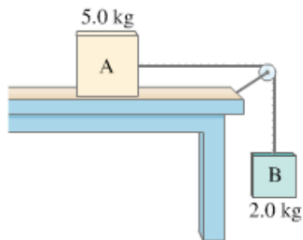
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Kinetic friction is not as strong as static friction. When the objects are in relative motion, there is less time for the molecules to form bonds that must be overcome with force.

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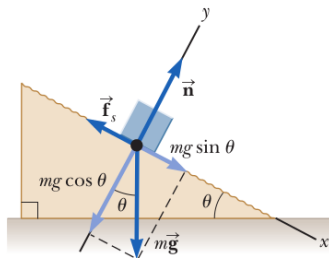
Think about trying to push a heavy object across a floor, and how much easier it is to move it once it is in motion than to actually get it in motion from rest.

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Find the coefficient of friction needed to keep this system in equilibrium if the block has a mass of 2.8 kg.