Section 9.2. Applications

Note. Consider:



If the load has weight w_L , the wedge has weight w_w , and the coefficient of static friction between surfaces is μ_s , then

$$F = \mu_s w_w + \frac{(1 - \mu_s^2) \tan \alpha + 2\mu_w}{(1 - \mu_s^2) - 2\mu_s \tan \alpha} w_L$$

(see page 460).

Example. Page 465 Number 9.71.

Note. Suppose a rope is wrapped through an angle β around a cylinder where the coefficient of static friction is μ_s . If a force $\vec{T_1}$ is applied as follows, then force $\vec{T_2}$ may be as large as $T_2 = T_1 e^{\mu_s \beta}$ (see page 479).



Notice that if we increase β , then T_2 increases exponentially. This is an example of *belt friction*.

Example. Page 484 Number 9.126.

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